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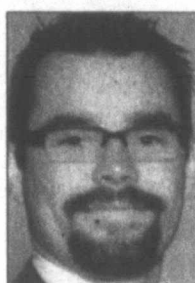
■ City was incorporated on Feb. 17, 1912; Pingel to sign proclamation at meeting

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Pampa mayor Brad Pingel will be signing a very special proclamation at today's City Commission meeting.

"It's the proclamation of the city's centennial, representing a hundred years of us being a unified city," Pingel said. "It's a pretty big deal for us."
Pampa, according to city secretary Karen Price, was first incorporated

on Feb. 17, 1912. Today's proclamation is the first public commemoration of the centennial from City Hall, with the a citywide celebration for later in the summer.



Pingel

"I think everybody should be proud. They should be proud that we live in a town that's still a strong town, still second largest in the Panhandle.

— Brad Pingel

Pampa's mayor on the commemoration of the Pampa's centennial at today's City Commission meeting

The proclamation, Price said, will **CENTENNIAL** cont. on page 10

Agriculture conference on Thurs.

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The Gray County AgriLife extension will host its annual Ag Conference at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 29 at the Gray County Extension Office. Registration for the event, which has a drought management theme, will begin at 9:30 a.m. and cost \$10 per person. Lunch will be provided.

"We're still in a drought and have almost no moisture," said Brandon McGinty, AgriLife Extension Agent. "We'll go over practices management-wise, feed-wise and understanding range ecology. Basically it'll be how to make management decisions to keep the cattle that they have and to make more potentially profitable management decisions to keep them in business."

Topics at the conference include nutrition and feeding supplements with speaker Dr. Ted McCollum, AgriLife beef cattle specialist, compliance with the Environmental Protection Agency deadline for Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure with Mark McElroy, environmental specialist for Total Energy and Environmental Management Company, and laws and regulations with Levon Harman of the Texas Department of Agriculture. **CONFERENCE** cont. on page 10

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staff photo by Mollie Bryant

Kenneth Bagley, operator of Pampa's recycling center, sorts paper to be baled at the center. Since Dec. 1, the city has baled 36,644 pounds of paper and cardboard using its new baler.

PHS basketball coach Miller resigns to take job with city

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Pampa High School head basketball coach Dustin Miller resigned from the position on Monday morning to become the city's new assistant community services director.

Miller, who has helmed the boys for the last seven years and led the school's boys basketball team to the bi-district round last year, will start for the City of Pampa in June.

"Basically, I will oversee anything that has to do with public things," Miller said. "The golf course, the water park, the library and that type of deal. Financing and budgeting and those type of things."

Miller's title was newly created by the city. Shane Stokes, assistant city manager, said Miller's post isn't a newly budgeted position, but one created through reorganization.



Miller

"We had a couple of people work in the community services division," Stokes said. "We just changed those positions."

Pampa basketball has always been something important, Miller said, but moving into the city's employ will allow him to best take care of his family and stay committed to Pampa for the long haul.

"It's financial stability and job security," Miller said. "Coaching isn't the best job security job. It's a tough deal sometimes. This is where we want to be. This where we want to retire. We want our kids to graduate from here. It allows that to happen."

In seven seasons, Miller posted a 117-91 record leading the Harvesters to three postseason appearances including a run to the regional finals in 2011.

Stuart Smith, Pampa ISD athletic director said it's a

sad day for Pampa athletics but wished Miller the best.

"He had a great opportunity to pursue," Smith said. "He made the decision he felt was best for him professionally and his family."

Smith said Miller did a wonderful job with the high school program.

"In a relatively short period of time there wasn't much consistency in coaches," Smith said. "He was given time to build the program. He accomplished that and got it back to being a perennial district contender. He did a fabulous job and will be sorely missed."

Miller said building the program was his greatest accomplishment.

"The greatest accomplishment to me is just restoring the program to some respectability and competing for championships," Miller said.

The head coach said it was a tough decision but felt it was time. **MILLER** cont. on page 10

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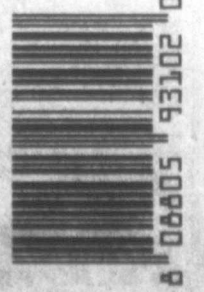
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PAMPA FORECAST

| Today | Wednesday | Thursday |
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| High 67 Low 33 | High 63 Low 36 | High 70 Low 34 |

Today: A 20 percent chance of showers before 9 a.m. Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming sunny, with a high near 67. Very windy, with a south wind 20 to 25 mph becoming west southwest between 35 and 40 mph. Winds could gust as high as 55 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 33. Wind chill values between 24 and 29. Windy, with a west wind 25 to 30 mph decreasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 63. Northwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 36. South southwest wind around 10 mph.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 70. Breezy, with a west southwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 34. West wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Obituaries

Faye Edmondson, 87

Faye Edmondson, 87, died February 26, 2012, in Pampa.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, February 29, 2012, at Memory Gardens Cemetery, with Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor of Briarwood Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Edmondson was born September 28, 1924,

in Evening Shade, Ark. She attended school at Sydney, Ark. She married Leslie Edmondson on August 9, 1947, in Little Rock, Ark. He preceded her in death on January 3, 1988. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1951. Faye worked at Highland General Hospital and the Coca Cola Bottling Company for several years. She was a former member of Harrah Methodist Church and attended Briarwood Church. In her spare time, she enjoyed cooking, crocheting and singing, but most of all she loved taking care of her family.

Survivors include three sons, Eugene Edmondson of Dallas, Dennis Edmondson and wife Jan of Pampa, and Randy Edmondson of Dexter, Mo.; a sister, Alva Crafton of Pampa; three grandsons, Andy Edmondson and wife Shannon of Coppell, Michael Edmondson and wife Kristy of Waxahachie, and Greg Edmondson of Pampa; a granddaughter, Angie Brunson and husband Timothy of Amarillo; five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Vena Hightower and Louise Hediger; and a brother, John Pierce.

Memorials may be made to Pampa Meals on Wheels, P.O. Box 939, Pampa, TX 79066-0939, or the American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, TX 79065.



Edmondson

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Rodney Eugene Fortenberry, 86

Rodney Eugene Fortenberry, 86, died February 23, 2012, in Pampa.

Services are today, Tuesday, February 28, 2012, 10:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Columbia, Miss. with Rev. Keith Gaugh officiating.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Columbia, Miss.

Mr. Fortenberry was born August 14, 1925, in Hub,

Miss. to Rodney Eugene Fortenberry Sr. and Ada Sims Fortenberry. He attended High School in Hub, Miss., and Pearl River Jr. College in Poplarville, Miss. He was in the U.S. Navy, and served during the American and Asiatic Pacific Campaign. Mr. Fortenberry married Hilpa Louise McCraime, on March 16, 1955. She preceded him in death. He was employed by the State of Mississippi L.P. as a safety inspector, lifetime member of the First United Methodist Church, Columbia, Miss., Exchange Club and the Lions Club. Mr. Fortenberry enjoyed hunting and fishing, spending time with family, especially his grandsons, he also loved to just ride around.

Survivors include his son, Rodney E. Fortenberry III and wife Sherri of Pampa; two grandsons, Jareth Fortenberry of Amarillo and Colden Fortenberry of Pampa; two sisters, Dorothy Cook and Carolyn Hurst; and one brother, Edgar Fortenberry, all of Columbia, Miss.

He was preceded in death by his wife; parents, Rodney E. Fortenberry Sr. and Ada Sims Fortenberry; one brother, Harold Fortenberry; and one sister, Kathryn Robbins.



Fortenberry

For the record

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 72 hour period ending Monday, Feb. 27 at 7 a.m.

Pampa PD reported 52 traffic related incidents.

Animal Control agents and the Pampa PD reported 24 animal related incidents.

Pampa EMS and the Pampa Fire Department responded to 15 medical calls.

Friday, Feb. 24

A suspicious persons was reported at the 500 block of South Finley.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 2200 block of North Hobart.

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

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 1900 block of Dogwood.

An assault was reported. Disorderly conduct occurred at the 200 block of West Craven.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 300 block of North Faulkner.

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

Harassment was reported.

An accident occurred at the 500 block of North Hobart.

A burglary occurred at Lefors and Browning.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1100 block of North Christine.

Disorderly conduct occurred at Anne and Beryl.

Identity theft was reported at the 900 block of North Christine.

A suspicious person was reported at the 200 block of West Kingsmill.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 700 block of East Frederic.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 1500 block of North Christy.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1000 block of South Nelson.

Suspicious vehicles were reported at the 1400 block of West Boyd and the 1100 block of West Coronado.

Disorderly conduct occurred at McCullough and Prairie.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 100 block of East Harvester.

Phone harassment was reported at the 1800 block of North Holly.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 900 block of South Nelson.

A TABC violation occurred at the 100 block of East Craven.

Saturday, Feb. 25

An accident occurred at 22nd and Beech.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 100 block of South Starkweather.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 700 block of North Dwight.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the intersection of McCullough and Prairie and at the 700 block of North Dwight.

A violation of city ordinance occurred at the 1100 block of South Varnon.

A prowler was reported at the 500 block of North Somerville.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1800 block of North Sumner.

A burglary occurred at Hobart and Rham.

A suspicious person was reported at the 300 block of East Craven.

Disorderly conduct was reported.

A domestic disturbance was reported.

A theft was reported.

A missing person was reported at the 600 block of North Faulkner.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1000 block of South Love.

Sunday, Feb. 26

Suspicious persons were reported at the intersection of McCullough and Huff and the 800 block of South Sumner.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 800 block of North Nelson.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1100 block of North Russell.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 200 block of Anne.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 600 block of East Jordan.

A burglary of a motor vehicle occurred at the 1100 block of East Browning.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1000 block of South Love.

A burglary occurred at the 400 block of North Crest.

A burglary of a motor vehicle was reported.

A burglary of a motor

vehicle occurred at the 900 block of North Christine.

Identity theft was reported at the 1200 block of North Wells.

Disorderly conduct occurred at Juniper and Rosewood.

A missing person was reported.

A suspicious person was reported at the 200 block of East Foster.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 400 block of North Carr.

A prowler was reported at the 1600 block of North Faulkner.

A burglary of a motor vehicle occurred at the 1500 block of North Nelson.

A suspicious person was reported at the 800 block of South Sumner.

Monday, Feb. 27

A suspicious person was reported at the 1000 block of Huff.

Suspicious vehicles were reported at the 1000 block of West Harvester and the 300 block of East Brown.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 72 hour period ending Monday, Feb. 27 at 7 a.m.

Friday, Feb. 24

Dennis Ross Gray, 21 was arrested by deputies on a bond to surrender regarding possession of marijuana.

Lauren Ashley Cortez, 26, was arrested by police on charges of interfering with public duties and disorderly conduct regarding language.

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Texans with health care to rise

AUSTIN (AP) — State officials told lawmakers that the percentage of Texans with health insurance would rise from 74 percent to 91 percent under new federal health care rules.

State Medicaid Director Billy Millwee also said the state is prepared for new laws, whether the U.S. Supreme Court declares them constitutional or not.

The House Public Health and Insurance Committees met at the Capitol on Monday to hear about how the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will affect the state.

The Texas Legislature only meets in odd-numbered years, but the committees hold hearings when they are out of session.

The Republican-controlled Legislature has repeatedly complained about the changes in health care law. Lawmakers also heard testimony on the rising cost of health care and the difficulties in paying for government programs.

S. Texas school rolls out iPads

McALLEN (AP) - A South Texas school district betting big on the educational potential of tablet computers and other Apple touch devices will begin distributing them to students.

The McAllen school district on Monday will begin distributing 6,800 devices - mostly iPads along with several hundred iPod Touch devices - in the first phase of what the district believes is the largest public school effort in the country.

Select students and teachers have been working with the devices since fall, but by next spring the district hopes to have the devices in the hands of about 25,000 students at a cost of more than \$20 million.

Kindergartners through second-graders are getting the iPod Touches, while the iPads will go to students in third grade through 12th.

Murder-suicide in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) - Houston police say they have not yet determined what led a man to shoot and kill his 11-year-old daughter and wound his wife and 14-year-old daughter before killing himself.

Police say Jacqueline Shaikh was killed Sunday afternoon after being shot multiple times. Police say 43-year-old Maria Isabel Gorena and 14-year-old Vivian Shaikh were taken to Ben Taub General Hospital in critical condition Sunday. A hospital spokeswoman had no information on them Monday.

Police say 47-year-old Sardar Shaikh killed himself. Police say Gorena called 911, saying her husband shot her and their children and that she believed he'd also shot himself.

Upon arriving at the family's condominium, officers found the suspect dead in front of the home.

Police say the mother was paralyzed after being shot in the back.

Sites sued over soldier's photo

DALLAS (AP) - Two dating websites are being sued for allegedly using a fallen soldier's photo in their ads "Military Man Searching for Love."

Army Lt. Peter Burks' parents have sued PlentyofFish.com and True.com. They say his photo was used in ads without their permission.

True.com President Ruben Buell said Monday that he hasn't seen the lawsuit.

The parents' attorney says Burks' photo was taken days before he was killed in Iraq in 2007. It's on another website that provides supplies to troops.

Burks' photo apparently was removed from the dating ads recently. But the lawsuit says the companies misled customers and commercially benefitted while hurting his family.

Burks' parents filed the lawsuit Monday in Dallas, where True.com is based. PlentyofFish Media is based in Vancouver and didn't immediately comment.

Oscar telecast ratings up

NEW YORK (AP) — Ratings for the Academy Awards are up 4 percent over last year in a preliminary Nielsen measurement.

The ratings company said Monday that the Oscars had a 25.5 rating and 38 share in its overnight count of the nation's 56 largest media markets. Nielsen's estimate of how many people watched the telecast nationally was expected out later Monday.

Although top picture winner "The Artist" wasn't a big box office draw, the Oscars may have been helped by the return of longtime host Billy Crystal.

Each rating point represents 1 percent of the nation's estimated 114.7 million TV homes. The 38 share means that 38 percent of TVs being watched during the telecast were tuned to the Oscars.

Teen arrested for stabbing

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — San Antonio police have arrested a 15-year-old accused in the stabbing death of his mother's boyfriend after an argument between the boyfriend and mother.

Police say the 35-year-old man, whose name has not been released, was stabbed in the chest Saturday night.

A San Antonio police spokesman tells the San Antonio Express-News that the teen was in custody Sunday and faces a murder charge. As a juvenile, his name is not being released.

Pipeline plan now from Okla. to Texas

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Canadian company said Monday it will build an oil pipeline from Oklahoma to Texas after President Barack Obama blocked the larger Keystone XL pipeline from Canada.

Calgary-based TransCanada says the new project does not require presidential approval, since it does not cross a U.S. border. The shorter pipeline is expected to cost about \$2.3 billion and be completed next year, the company said.

The Obama administration had suggested development of an Oklahoma-to-Texas line to alleviate an oil glut at a Cushing, Okla., storage hub.

Press secretary Jay

Carney said Obama welcomed the announcement.

"Moving oil from the Midwest to the world-class, state-of-the-art refineries on the Gulf Coast will modernize our infrastructure, create jobs, and encourage American energy production," Carney said in a statement. "We look forward to working with TransCanada to ensure that it is built in a safe, responsible and timely manner, and we commit to take every step possible to expedite the necessary federal permits."

TransCanada said Monday it still hopes to build the full 1,700-mile Keystone XL pipeline, which would carry oil derived from tar sands in

Alberta, Canada to refineries along the Texas Gulf Coast. The proposed \$7 billion pipeline would run through Montana, South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas before reaching Oklahoma.

The company is working with Nebraska officials to find a route that avoids the environmentally sensitive

Sandhills region.

Obama rejected the Keystone XL pipeline last month, in large part because of the uncertainty over the Nebraska route. Obama said there was not enough time for a fair review before a looming deadline forced on him by Republicans. The action

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Border smuggling packs get younger

DEMING, N.M. (AP) — Border drug smuggling operations have turned to small packs of young, aggressive men who are increasing using the remote Texas-New Mexico desert, federal agents say.

Agents said some of the illegal immigrants carry 50 pounds of drugs for several days, travel in groups of two to five, and evade capture by heading quickly to mountain canyons along the Texas-New Mexico border, the Las Cruces Sun-News (<http://bit.ly/y9j5E1>) reported Sunday.

The area includes a cavernous maze where the stone ground makes it harder to follow tracks and rocky terrain blocks smugglers from view.

Bobby Stephens, a U.S. Customs and Border Protection agent, said the groups are a significant change from the families, including women and children, that often made the trek north.

"With family groups, they knew they were caught, they did everything they were told," he said. "There were no problems at all. Now there is a lot more risk."

The younger groups of illegal immigrants tend to fight and resist capture, he said.

The change came as smugglers try to adjust to beefed-up security along the border that has resulted in large drops in the number of arrests since 2006.

An increase in agents — from 11,000 to 21,000 nationwide since 2005 — a border fence, and more advanced tracking technology in urban areas have left only the fittest segment of immigrants willing to venture to the least populated areas of the border for a push into the U.S., agents said.

The race to the mountain canyons is becoming increasingly familiar to agents in the El Paso sector area that last year saw 45,000 pounds of illicit drugs confiscated.

Stephens said agents are using horse patrols to combat the smaller groups.

"With horses we can go a lot faster, and can bring it to a law enforcement conclusion a lot quicker," said Stephens, who is stationed in Deming. "We don't have as many people getting away from us with the horses."

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Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 28, 1942, the heavy cruiser USS Houston and the Australian light cruiser HMAS Perth came under attack by Japanese forces during the World War II Battle of Sunda Strait; both were sunk shortly after midnight. (The Houston lost 693 men while the Perth lost 353.)

On this date:

In 1844, a 12-inch gun aboard the USS Princeton exploded as the ship was sailing on the Potomac River, killing Secretary of State Abel P. Upshur, Navy Secretary Thomas W. Gilmer and several others.

In 1849, the California gold rush began in earnest as regular steamship service started bringing gold-seekers to San Francisco.

In 1861, the Territory of Colorado was organized.

In 1911, President William Howard Taft nominated William H. Lewis to be the first black Assistant Attorney General of the United States.

In 1951, the Senate committee headed by Estes Kefauver, D-Tenn., issued an interim report saying at least two major crime syndicates were operating in the U.S.

In 1953, scientists James D. Watson and Francis H.C. Crick announced they had discovered the double-helix structure of DNA, the molecule that contains the human genes.

In 1960, a day after defeating the Soviets at the Winter Games in Squaw Valley, Calif., the United States won its first Olympic hockey gold medal by defeating Czechoslovakia's team, 9-4.

In 1972, President Richard M. Nixon and Chinese Premier Zhou Enlai issued the Shanghai Communiqué, which called for normalizing relations between their countries, at the conclusion of Nixon's historic visit to China.

In 1975, more than 40 people were killed in London's Underground when a subway train smashed into the end of a tunnel.

In 1986, Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme was shot to death in central Stockholm. (The killing remains unsolved.)

In 1993, a gun battle erupted at a compound near Waco, Texas, when Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents tried to serve warrants on the Branch Davidians; four agents and six Davidians were killed as a 51-day standoff began.

In 1997, in North Hollywood, Calif., two heavily armed and armored robbers bungled a bank heist and came out firing, unleashing their arsenal on police, bystanders, cars and TV choppers before they were killed.

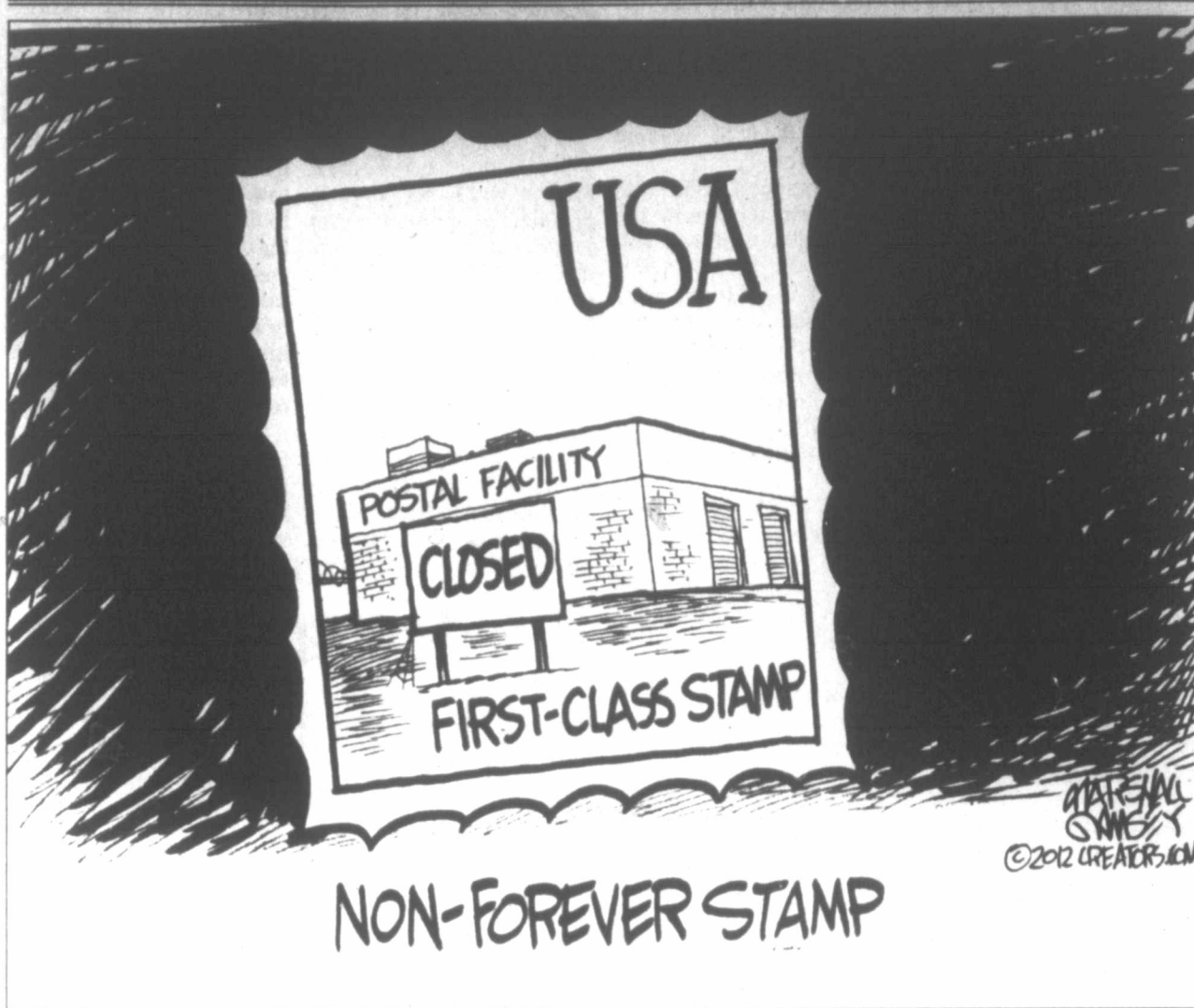
Ten years ago: The body of a young girl found outside San Diego was positively identified as that of seven-year-old Danielle van Dam, who'd disappeared from her bedroom about a month earlier; a neighbor, David Westerfield, was later convicted of her murder and sentenced to death. Hindus in western India retaliated for a train attack that claimed some 60 lives by setting fire to Muslims' homes, then keeping firefighters away for hours. Soap opera actress Mary Stuart, who had starred in "Search for Tomorrow" for some 35 years, died in New York at age 75.

Five years ago: A federal judge in Miami ruled that suspected al-Qaida operative Jose Padilla was competent to stand trial on terrorism support charges, rejecting arguments that he was severely damaged by 3- Ω years of interrogation and isolation in a military brig. Wall Street rebounded fitfully from the previous session's 416-point plunge in the Dow industrials as investors took comfort from comments by Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke that he still expected moderate economic growth. Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr. died in New York at age 89.

One year ago: The United States and European allies intensified efforts to isolate Libya's Moammar Gadhafi, redoubling demands for him to step down, questioning his mental state and warning that those who stayed loyal to him risked losing their wealth and facing prosecution for human rights abuses. Actress and World War II pin-up bombshell Jane Russell died in Santa Maria, Calif., at age 89. French actress Annie Girardot died in Paris at age 79.

Today's Birthdays: Producer Saul Zaentz is 91. Actor Charles Durning is 89. Architect Frank Gehry is 83. Actor Gavin MacLeod is 81. Actor Don Francks is 80. Actor-director-dancer Tommy Tune is 73. Hall of Fame auto racer Mario Andretti is 72. Singer Joe South is 72. Actor Frank Bonner is 70. Actress Kelly Bishop is 68. Actress Stephanie Beacham is 65. Writer-director Mike Figgis is 64. Actress Mercedes Ruehl is 64. Actress Bernadette Peters is 64. Energy Secretary Steven Chu is 64. Actress Ilene Graff is 63. Nobel Prize-winning economist Paul Krugman is 59. Comedian Gilbert Gottfried is 57. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Adrian Dantley is 56. Actor John Turturro is 55. Rock singer Cindy Wilson is 55. Actress Rae Dawn Chong is 51. Actress Maxine Bahns is 43. Actor Robert Sean Leonard is 43. Rock singer Pat Monahan is 43. Author Daniel Handler (AKA "Lemony Snicket") is 42. Actor Rory Cochrane is 40. Actress Ali Larter is 36. Country singer Jason Aldean is 35. Actor Geoffrey Arend is 34. Actress Michelle Horn is 25. Actor Bobb'e J. Thompson is 16.

Thought for Today: "If we are to survive, we must have ideas, vision, and courage. These things are rarely produced by committees. Everything that matters in our intellectual and moral life begins with an individual confronting his own mind and conscience in a room by himself." - Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr. (1917-2007).



Time to note success of federal policy

Of Margaret Thatcher's British administration, this compliment was paid: "The government has a heroic commitment to hard-nosed pragmatism — by which each policy was judged not on its philosophical roots, but instead by whether or not the intended practical results were achieved by that policy."

The difference between a pragmatist, one who is driven by results, and an ideologue, the proponent of an abstract, usually dogmatic ideology, is simple: The ideologue believes what is right works, while the pragmatist believes what works is right.

Fortunately, most Americans are pragmatists. Take this question asked in 2009 and again just recently by the respected pollsters at the Pew Research Center: "The government also gave loans to General Motors and Chrysler. ... Do you think that was mostly good or mostly bad for the economy?"

Three years ago, by a decisive three-to-two margin, Americans answered Washington's loans to the car companies had been "mostly bad" (54 percent) rather than "mostly good" (37 percent).

But in the Pew survey, completed less than two weeks ago, the evidence of General Motors' comeback — once again the world's largest automaker, with record 2011 net income of \$9.19 billion — and Chrysler's own fourth-quarter profit of \$225 million in 2011 — the company's first year out of the red since 2005 — had totally reversed public opinion.

Now, a healthy majority (56 per-

cent) judges that Washington's loans to Detroit have been "mostly good" for the economy, while just 38 percent says "mostly bad."

Note that this represents a 35 percent turnaround in public opinion in support of the federal loans in just three years.

Let us remember that the original federal assistance to the U.S. automakers was made by Republican President George W. Bush in the closing weeks of his administration. The big decision to commit \$80 billion of public money to save Detroit, of course, was made by the new Democratic president, Barack Obama.

In the spirit of full disclosure, the trusted Gallup Poll got a less positive response to its recent question on the auto loans, which was phrased differently: "Now looking back to one of the major actions taken by the federal government in the last four years, would you say you approve of disapprove of the financial bailout for U.S. automakers that were in danger of failing?"

I frankly think the word "bailout" suggests an unearned benefit and triggers a negative reaction, while there is no mention of practical effect on the nation's economy.

Forty-four percent approved and 51 percent disapproved in the Gallup



MARK SHIELDS

poll. It is now time for Republicans in general and the four remaining GOP presidential candidates to "cowboy up," to stop whining and to take responsibility by publicly acknowledging the reality of success — that this federal policy has worked.

Because of the U.S. loan to the auto companies, the country is stronger, more prosperous and more confident than it was before those loans were made.

Face the truth, Mr. Romney and Mr. Santorum, and just admit, reluctantly, that the American auto industry is once again robust.

In the last 33 months, U.S. auto companies have hired an additional 207,000 workers. Be happy, fellows, that 47,500 GM autoworkers will begin in March to earn profit-sharing checks of up to \$7,000 because the taxpayers of this country and the federal government in Washington, D.C., made the bold, risky and right decision to save the industry from dismemberment.

And the feds did a lot more than write a check. Washington demanded that GM and Chrysler make the painful, difficult reforms necessary to once again compete.

It's time for Republicans to outgrow their dogmatic ideology — being that the U.S. government not do anything well or wisely to become realistic pragmatists and able to celebrate this wonderfully American success story!

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ASK B-FROG...

A column focusing on Texas and Southwestern trivia



B-Frog, are you an honest-to-goodness frog, or are you some other sort of animal? — Just Curious

Funny...that's the same thing I asked Mom. Technically, I am a horned lizard. What looks like horns on my skull is actually part of my cranium bone. This allows me to think a-head.

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Hello, B-Frog: Do you know when professional football first came to Texas? — Curious

It's been 60 years since pro football arrived in this state. Several people bought a National Football League franchise known as the New York Yanks. The team didn't do well, and the league bought back the franchise at the end of the year.

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Dear B-Frog: I keep hearing about the elections coming up in November, and how certain states are famous for being first caucus or primary states in the nation or region. Is Texas known for something during election years? — Big Texas Fan

Yes we are! Texas hosted the first ever Vice-Presidential debates on October 15, 1976. They were held at Houston's Alley Theater between then-senators Bob Dole of Kansas and Walter Mondale of Minnesota.

The event was hosted by the League of Women Voters, and was broadcast to an audience of 43 million viewers.

You can find out about other bragging rights in the book "Braggin' on Texas" by Sherrie S. McLeRoy published by TCU Press.

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Popular payroll tax cut will cost Americans later

TERRY SAVAGE
Creator's Syndicate

Earlier this month, Congress passed the "Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012." The law has a great name, designed to appeal to all voters. Neither the conservatives who worried about the cost nor liberals who wanted more benefits could stand in the way of its "bipartisan" appeal — especially in an election year!

(The new law also extends unemployment benefits and makes sure that physicians receive appropriate reimbursement for treating Medicare payments. Those important issues really have nothing to do with either "middle class tax relief" or "job creation" — but they were thrown in as part of the political process.)

The real attraction for all smart politicians was the extension of the payroll tax cut. The Joint Committee on Taxation has estimated that approximately 170 million wage earners and self-employed individuals will benefit from the payroll tax reduction in 2012, an estimated average \$1,000 increase in take-home pay in 2012. That's the kind of action that really attracts votes.

But what will happen to Social Security? That's an issue that should worry young and old alike.

Because that's what the "payroll tax" is: the money taken out of your paycheck to pay for your future Social Security benefits. Or at least, that's how the plan was first described when Social Security was enacted back in 1935.

Now here's the accounting legerdemain that the politicians agreed to last week when they passed this bill, according to a tax briefing by the independent analysts at CCH:

Lawmakers agreed not

to require the \$93.2 billion estimated cost for the payroll tax cut extension to be offset by revenue-raising provisions. ... Both parties agreed to offset the cost through transfers from the general fund of the Treasury to the Social Security's Old-Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance (OASDI) trust fund.

Wait a minute. What "general fund" of the Treasury? They're already running a deficit. Will they just borrow more money to make this "transfer"?

And, does anyone still believe there is really a Social Security "trust fund"? Yes, that's the term that has been used since 1939 to describe the money being "set aside" to pay promised benefits.

But since 1969, the trust fund has been part of a "consolidated budget" — meaning that any surpluses in the trust fund are allowed to offset deficits in government spending.

The Savage Truth on money

Yes, we're already using the "assets" of the "trust fund" to partially offset the huge deficits the government is running every year.

Even more interesting, the law requires all money in the Social Security trust fund to be invested in "interest-bearing obligations of the United States or in obligations guaranteed as to both principal and interest by the United States."

According to Social Security's own website: "Since the assets in the Social Security trust fund consists of Treasury securities, this means that the taxes collected under the

Social Security payroll tax are in effect being lent to the federal government to be expended for whatever present purposes the government requires."

So the political solution of "transfers from the Treasury's general fund to the Social Security OASDI trust fund" to pay for this payroll tax extension is just accounting baloney!

People believed in Social Security when it was first created. My dad, who thankfully is approaching his 91st birthday, knows that the check he receives every month, and has since age 65, is a return of his original lifetime "contributions" to Social Security, made through the payroll tax. And more. That was the promise.

It's the next generation — the baby boomers — who will first feel the impact of this current "payroll tax cut," as well

as the impact of longevity on the Social Security system. There's simply no way we boomers will receive the benefits that my dad is reaping from Social Security.

The system will become "means tested" — meaning those who also saved money in retirement accounts will certainly have their Social Security benefits reduced, or taxed away. The retirement age will be raised, in a desperate attempt to extend the belief that meaningful benefits can be paid to those who "contributed" over their working lives — despite the current "payroll tax cut."

We are not fooling anyone among the generation under 50. Of course they'll be inclined to vote for politicians who give them a "payroll tax cut extension." It's paycheck money they can spend now

— not unfunded promises for the future. That math is so simple that despite our educational system, today's young people get it.

We are creating our own future Generation Warfare.

All the generous titles in the world, including the "Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012," cannot hide the fact that our politicians on both sides of the aisle are spending our money to buy our votes — and destroying our future in the process. And that's The Savage Truth!

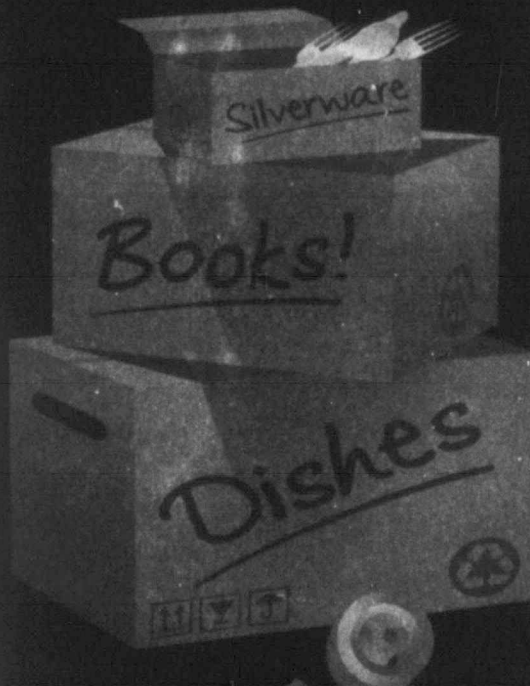
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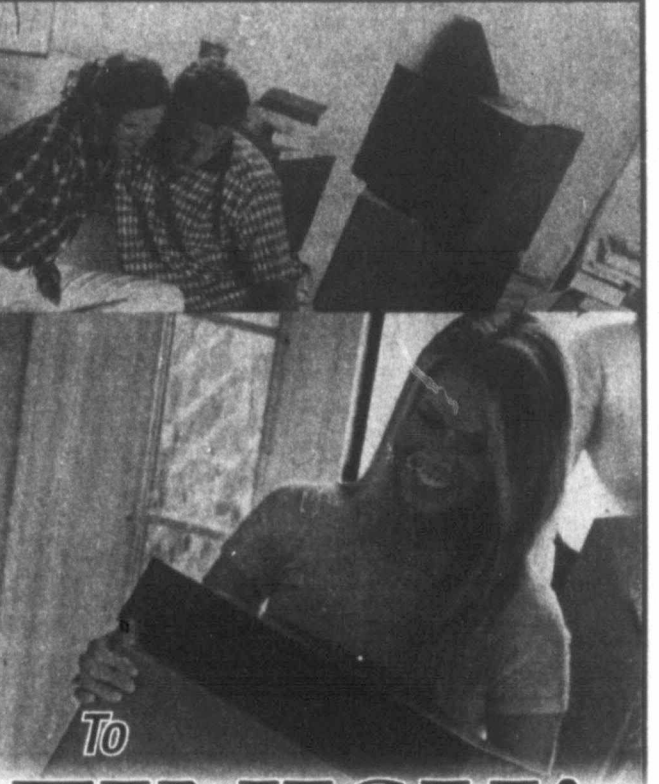
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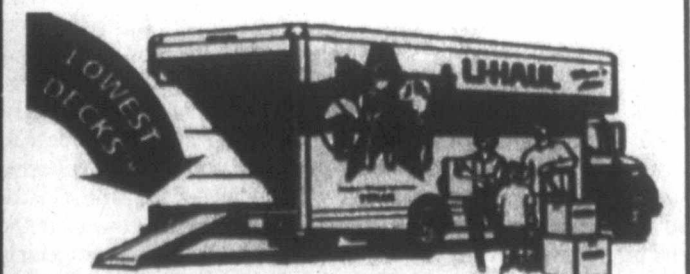
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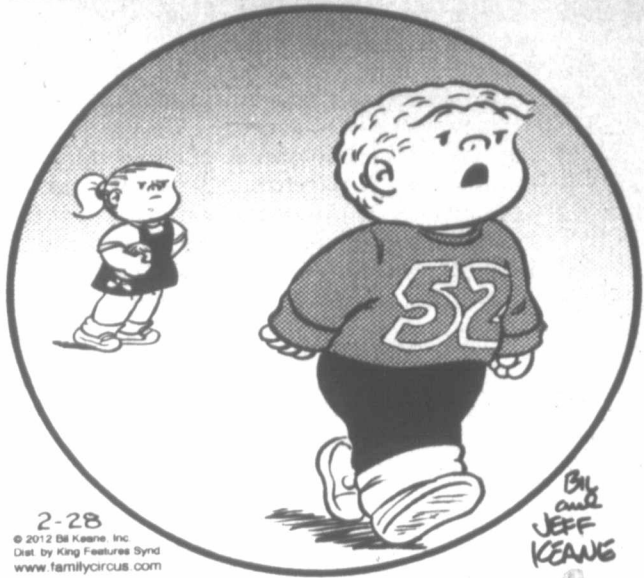
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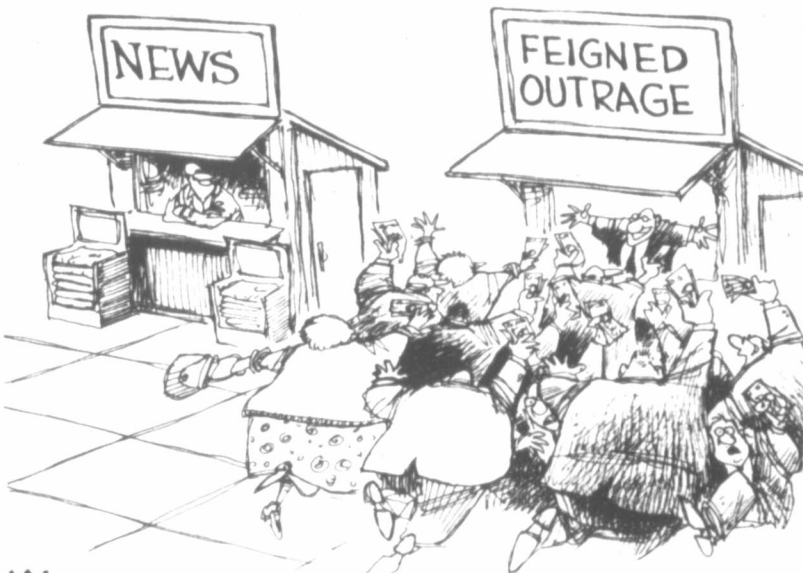
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"My life would be simpler if everybody liked the same things I do."

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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Feb. 29, 2012:

Often, you will say one thing but do another. Others scratch their heads and wonder what might be going on, as you are sending out mixed messages. This tendency could be unique to this year. If you are single, your interactions could reflect this tendency and cause a problem in your dating life. Be more aware of your behavior. If you are attached, the two of you will emphasize your domestic life. Tame the free spirit within! GEMINI can be charming.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Confusion surrounds an issue. Give yourself time. Unexpected insights will head your way. Tension remains high and causes you to pull back frequently to see what is going on. Tonight: Chatting with a friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You know what is happening. A friend has the ability to mire up the works, which could cause you to shake your head. Use caution, should this person approach you about a financial deal. You know how to say "no" without hurting anyone's feelings. Tonight: Treat a friend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Getting grounded could take some work this morning, but you will do it. Surprising news will energize you, and before you know it, you are in your element. You display a certain skill when dealing with the unpredictable. Tonight: All smiles. Why not?

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★ Know when to back off and get started on a personal project. Sometimes, interactions with others might give you a jolt. Of all the signs, you display a finetuned sensitivity. You also occasionally need to pull away from others. Tonight: Distance yourself from others, just for now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You know when you are in good standing with the universe. Seize the moment to further a long-term desire. Be aware that some people could be shocked, as you seem absorbed in a project they might have known very little about. Tonight: Loving the moment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You assume the role of leader. Others might be too confused to know what to do. An associate surprises you with his or her brevity and insight, which leaves you deep in thought. Tension could build if you lose your focus. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Keep reaching out for someone at a distance who means a lot to you. What you hear demonstrates what your imagination can create. A close associate or loved one intrigues you with his or her unpredictability. You wonder: What gives? Tonight: Think "vacation" or "mini-trip."

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might want to move in another direction or try something totally different. You could be closer to a child or loved one than you realize. Events in the near future will point to the depth of this person's attachment. Tonight: Just you and another person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Forget about having any say. Someone interjects his or her opinions and kisses up to the boss. You know better, but you have little choice. Let go and play. Make the most of the moment, and take part of the day off. Hook up with a loved one. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Focus on your goals, and get as much done as possible, despite the fact that there is uproar on the home front. By now, you might be getting used to this electrifying energy. Tension builds if you hold yourself back from saying what you think. Tonight: Squeeze in a stress-buster.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You like excitement, and you have it. This energy could surround a loved one or child. On the other hand, it could surround jolting news. Regardless, be sure that this wave of excitement will take you in a new direction. Tonight: Come on, be spontaneous.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You could see some wild swings take place financially. Your bank could make a mistake, or you might buy a lottery ticket. Before you decide whether you are lucky, make sure the bank clears the check or the events are real. Tonight: Order in.

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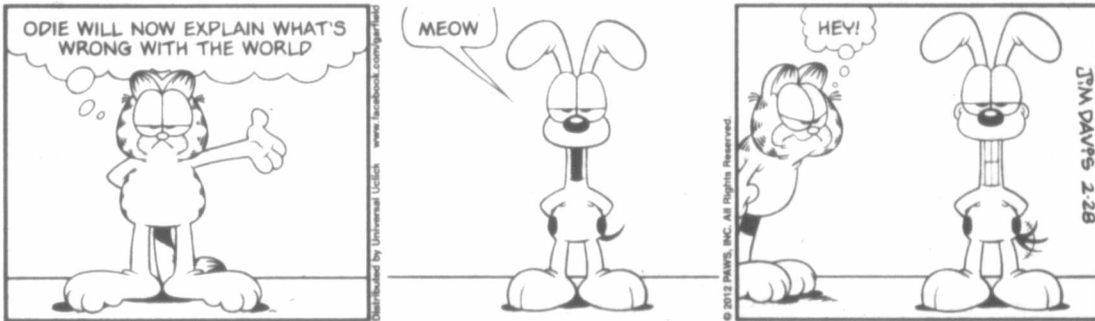
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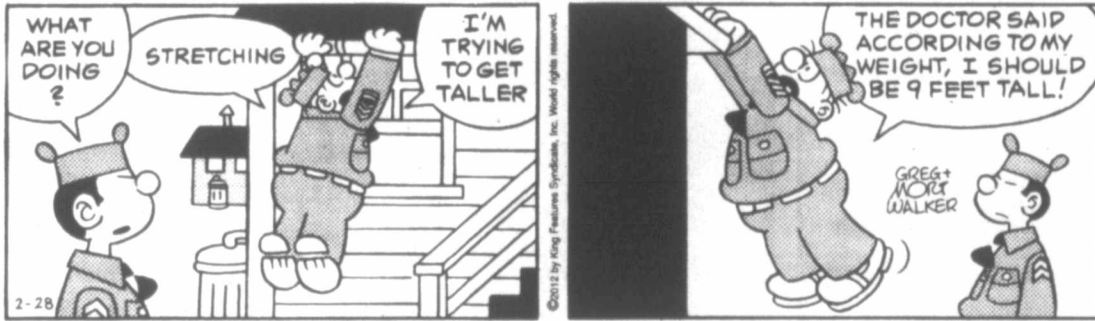
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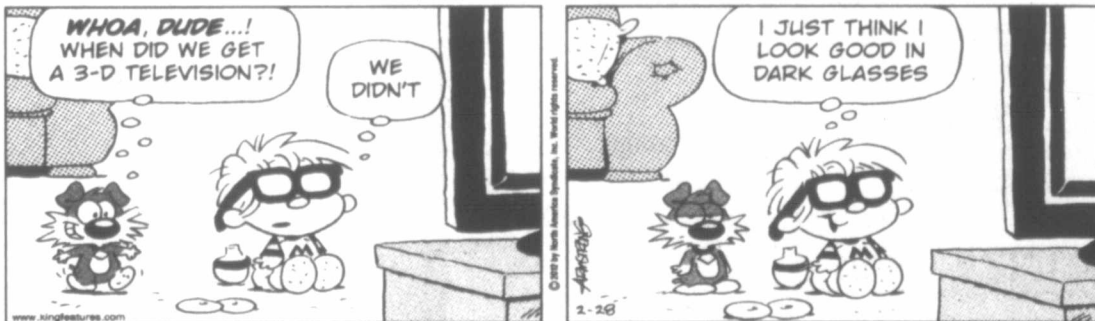
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Committee hears health care testimony

AUSTIN (AP) — The percentage of Texans with health insurance would rise from 74 percent to 91 percent under the new federal health care law, a state official told lawmakers Monday.

State Medicaid Director Billy Millwee also said the state is prepared to implement the new rules regardless of whether the U.S. Supreme Court declares them constitutional. Texas, along with a number of other states, has challenged the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act in court.

"I think we're going to be well-positioned, whether it's found to be constitutional or not," Millwee said.

The law for the first time requires all Americans to obtain health insurance or pay a penalty. Democrats say the law will make the nation's health care more efficient, while Republicans complain it allows the government to overstep its authority.

The House Public Health and Insurance Committees met at the Capitol to hear about how the new federal law will affect the state. Rep. Lois Kolkhorst, chairwoman of the public health committee, said she was concerned that

small and medium-sized businesses may not be prepared to the new requirements on them to offer health insurance to employees.

Katrina Daniel, an associate commissioner at the Texas Department of Insurance, said the agency was working on developing model health plans for the state. She said the federal law requires insurers to provide policy information in a standardized template that will help individuals and companies to compare plans and choose one best for them.

The Republican-controlled Legislature has repeatedly complained about the changes in health care law and has failed to pass legislation that would allow the state to set comply with it. Much of Monday's hearing was taken up with testimony about how the costs of all health care programs, including Medicare and Medicaid, are rising at an unsustainable rate.

The Texas Legislature only meets in odd-numbered years, but the committees hold hearings when they are out of session to monitor government agencies.

Defense rests at financier Stanford's trial

HOUSTON (AP) — Attorneys for Texas tycoon R. Allen Stanford rested their case on Monday without having the once high-flying businessman testify at his fraud trial on charges he bilked investors out of more than \$7 billion.

The jailed financier's attorneys told U.S. District Judge David Hittner that Stanford would not take the witness stand in his own defense. With both defense attorneys and prosecutors having finished presenting their cases, closing arguments were set for Wednesday in the trial, which is in its sixth week.

Stanford, 61, is accused of orchestrating a 20-year scheme that took billions through the sale of certificates of deposit from his bank on the

Caribbean island nation of Antigua. They also allege Stanford, whose financial empire was headquartered in Houston, lied to depositors by telling them their funds were being safely invested but instead spent it on his businesses and his lavish lifestyle.

Defense attorneys tried to show the financier was a savvy businessman whose business empire was legitimate. They have blamed Stanford's ex-chief financial officer, who was the prosecution's star witness, for the alleged fraud. They have told jurors he was trying to consolidate his businesses to pay back investors when authorities seized his companies.

At the start of the trial, Stanford's attorneys had told jurors the financier would testify. But there apparently

had been an internal debate between Stanford and his defense team about whether he should take the stand.

A gag order in the case is preventing prosecutors and defense attorneys from discussing the case. But Stanford's mother, Sammie Stanford, said that her son was alone in wanting to testify.

"I think nobody wanted him to (testify) but him," she said. "I think he bowed to the majority."

Sammie Stanford, 82, who was allowed to speak with her son in a back room before the final decision was announced, said her son had been ill and was probably not up to testifying. The financier had been sneezing and coughing last week during the trial.

Packs

Horses have been assigned to 61 agents to patrol the El Paso sector, which covers 268 linear miles of the international boundary. It includes all of New Mexico; 88 miles along the Rio Grande between Santa Teresa and Fort

Hancock, Texas; and 180 miles of land boundary between Lordsburg and Santa Teresa.

There are 2,700 agents in 11 border patrol stations in the sector.

Along the Southwest border, agents arrested more than a million illegal

immigrants in 2006. That number dropped to 327,577 last year.

In the El Paso sector, agents stopped 122,256 illegal entries in 2006. Last year's number was a little more than 10,000, according to federal numbers.

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Pipeline

did not kill the project but — for the second time in three months — put off a tough choice on the pipeline project, which has become the focus of a heated political fight.

Pipeline supporters — including congressional Republicans and many business and labor leaders — call the project a key job creator, while opponents say it would transport "dirty oil" that requires huge amounts of energy to extract. They

also worry about a possible spill. Carney said that Obama's Jan. 18 decision "in no way prejudged future applications" by TransCanada for the full, 1,700-mile project.

"We will ensure any project receives the important assessment it deserves, and will base a decision to provide a permit on the completion of that review," he said.

Russ Girling, TransCanada's presi-

dent and CEO, said the Oklahoma-to-Texas pipeline will transport growing supplies of U.S. crude oil to meet refinery demands in Texas.

"Gulf Coast refineries can then access lower cost domestic production and avoid paying a premium to foreign oil producers," he said, adding that the project should reduce U.S. dependence on crude from outside North America.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend has proposed. I love him very much, but I'm worried about my kids. I look at his children — his son is 23 and barely made it out of high school. He got a girl pregnant at 17, has been in jail a few times and is an alcoholic. His 15-year-old daughter is immature for her age and constantly getting into trouble at school. Their mother is an alcoholic and a drug user. Are my concerns for my children valid? — WORRIED IN WEST VIRGINIA

DEAR WORRIED: Yes, they are, because your children will be exposed to all of the negative influences that his children will bring with them into your blended family. Be smart and hold off marrying your boyfriend until your children are old enough not to be influenced by his children. Your first concern must be for your children's well-being.

DEAR ABBY: I read your answer to "Thrilled in San Jose" (Dec. 28), the couple who want to celebrate paying off their mortgage, on the same day I read an article about how middle-class Americans have sabotaged themselves by abandoning

thrifty habits like saving and ... paying off their mortgages!

I disagree with your answer that the couple should celebrate privately. A generation of Americans now has no idea that paying off a mortgage is even possible. So I say to that couple: Celebrate tastefully and publicly in the same thrifty way that enabled you to pay off that mortgage. And while you're at it, be prepared to share the tips and habits that enabled you to achieve this wonderful success. Who knows? Your party might educate and inspire. — I'D LIKE AN INVITATION

DEAR I'D LIKE: I was surprised at the number of readers who were fired up over my answer to "Thrilled" about burning the mortgage. Most said that this is a milestone that should be celebrated. My readers comment:

DEAR ABBY: I think it's great to throw a mortgage-burning party to celebrate paying off a home mortgage. Today we go overboard not to offend. True friends would be happy when something good happens and not jealous. How self-centered is that attitude? People need to start feeling happy for the success of others. — LORI IN GIG HAR-

BOR, WASH.

DEAR ABBY: I believe "Thrilled" and her husband should have their mortgage-burning party. Achievements like this should be celebrated. Too often in our country people have piled on debt they couldn't afford and made decisions purely to keep up with "the Joneses." By sharing their success story, including any struggles they may have overcome, they can be an inspiration for the loved ones in their lives to follow. — DEBBIE IN THE SOUTHWEST

DEAR ABBY: Please advise "Thrilled" not to ACTUALLY burn the mortgage. In California the lender has to provide a release document in the form of a Deed of Reconveyance or Satisfaction of Mortgage that must be recorded with the county recorder's office in order to remove the lien of the loan from the chain of title for the house. If the lender doesn't record it, then the borrower must do so — copies don't count; originals do. If "Thrilled" decided to sell the house and the release has not been recorded, or if she doesn't have the original, it could delay the sale by months. — LINDA IN SAN FRANCISCO

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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13 Meryl Streep movie

15 Bunny move

16 Sort

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28 Lotion additive

29 Prepare to drive

31 Meryl Streep movie

32 Folded snacks

34 Ozone, for one

37 Puppy sound

38 Phone bug

41 Meryl Streep movie

44 Singer Mars

45 Recluse

46 Fencing sword

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Sports

Miller more than a coach to players and supporters

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Over the last seven years, Pampa High School basketball players learned fundamentals from head coach Dustin Miller. To them and Harvester supporters, Miller taught more than just basketball.

"He was an even better mentor off the court," said Braydon Barker, one of Miller's first players and now assistant girls athletic coach at PHS. "I will always consider Coach Miller as one of my best friends and I really appreciate what he has done for the program."

Miller turned in his resignation Monday morning, less than a week after Pampa was eliminated in the 3A state playoffs. Junior forward Tyler Powell said he had mixed emotions when he found out.

"I was happy for (Miller) getting something else that would benefit him and his family," Powell said. "From a coaching perspective, you can't beat him. He teaches you a lot more than basketball. I was sad that he was going to be away from it."

Junior Derrek Pollard said he was pretty sad about that but is focused on next season.

"You just have to move on and play the same game," Pollard said. "I'm just going to have to play hard as I would for any other coach."

Kristy Powell, mother of Tyler and Ryan, (who played JV baseball for Miller) said Miller exemplifies a man of great character, morals and values.

"He teaches them about real life and how to handle what life throws at them in a respectful and positive way," Powell said. "As a parent, I couldn't ask for anything more in a coach."

Tyler said Miller will be there for anything they need.

"It's going to be pretty much the same," Powell said. "He will be there if I need him, but won't be coaching."

The last four years, Miller got to coach his son, Reid. The younger Miller said it was a huge deal to get to play under him.

"It meant the world to me," Reid said. "Most people never get this opportunity. It definitely had its ups and downs but I wouldn't trade it for the world."

Dustin said those seasons were enjoyable.

"It was so fun sharing those times with (Reid)," Miller said. "Definitely had some rough spots, but we had a great time together."

Garrett Ericson, 2011 Pampa graduate said he will always remember last season's run to the regional finals.

"It was incredible," Ericson said. "I couldn't think of anyone better to share it with. (Miller) is very deserving of it and was a great leader during that time."

Junior Ty Hutto said the team will just have to take what comes next year.

"We need to work as hard as we can," Hutto said. "Don't show doubt and work hard."

Assistant coach Matt Embry said he hopes to stay on the staff and is interested in the head coach job.

"We will see how everything plays out," Embry said. "I don't know what will happen. I know I will be helping running this spring offseason and get ready for next year. ... Me and my wife love Pampa and this community and won't want to go anywhere."



Hutto



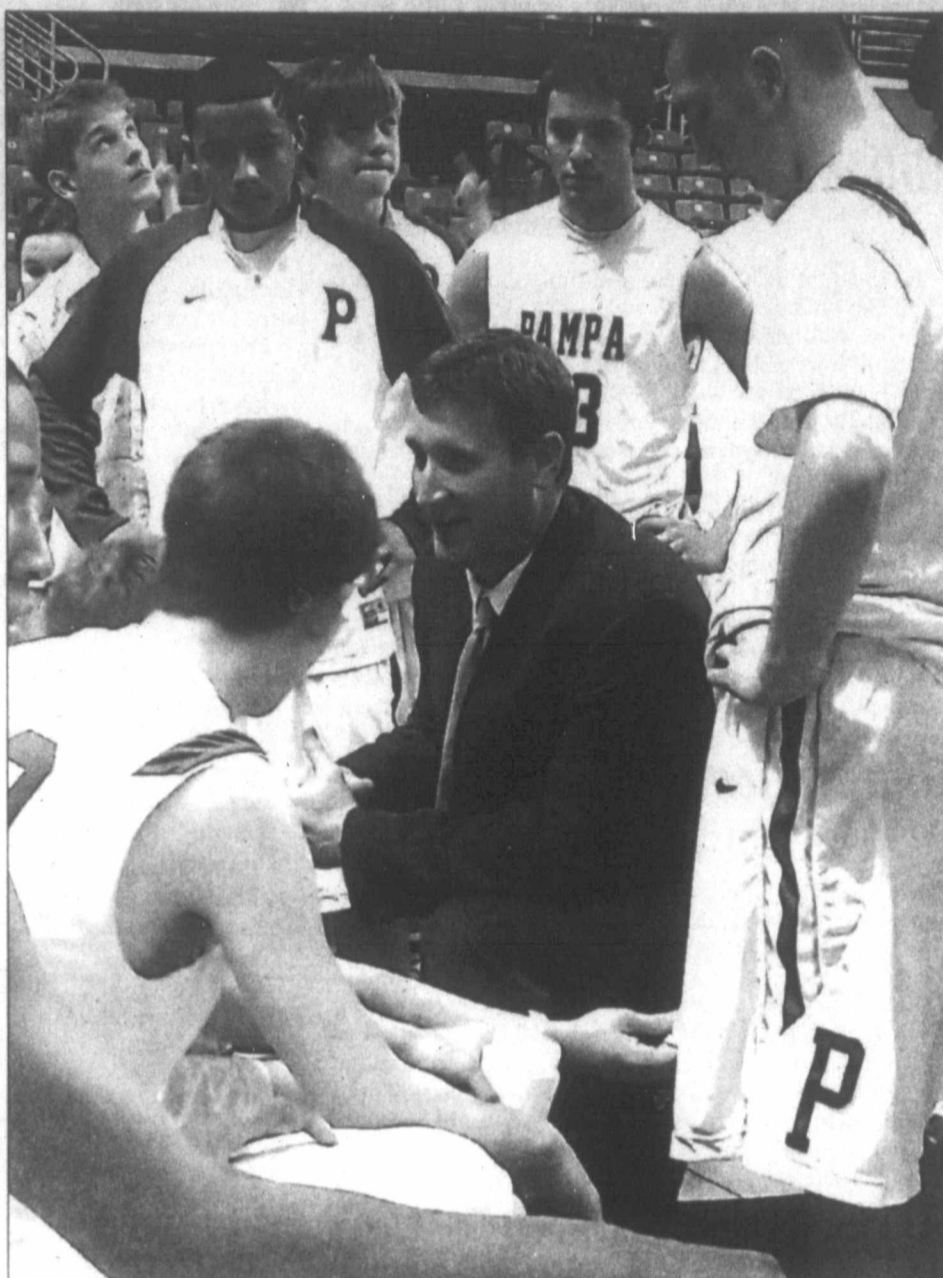
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Pollard



Embry



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Head coach Dustin Miller gives his team a pep talk before the fourth quarter of the regional semifinals in 2011. Miller's players learned more than just basketball. Miller resigned on Wednesday.

Hamilton hopes his latest alcohol relapse will be his last

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Slugger Josh Hamilton openly acknowledges he'll be an addict for life. As far as slip-ups are concerned, he prays they will be few and far between along his path to sobriety.

And pray is truly what the Texas star does. Every day. Especially since an alcohol relapse last month.

Hamilton hopes he is done for good discussing the incident and there won't be any more mistakes down the line to derail his progress.

"You know what, I've got a lot of weaknesses, guys," Hamilton said Friday. "For me it's communication. I'm on all the time. A lot of these guys are. When you get home it's very easy to shut down, therefore your relationship with your wife, your relationship with your kids suffers from that because you want to go to shut-down mode. It's about me being able to open up all the time and realizing my commitment needs to be to them first rather than everybody else. The priorities there need to be flipped."

Hamilton insists he's in a much better place emotionally and spiritually just in the past three weeks. He has apologized

and shown remorse for his Jan. 30 dinner in Dallas during which he had several drinks and continued drinking later that night. It was the second known relapse with alcohol in the past three years for the recovering drug addict.

"I don't like continuing to make mistakes, it jumps up and bites me," he said, noting he needs to take back control of his choices and actions.

The 2010 AL MVP heads into spring training with the two-time reigning AL champion Rangers encouraged since beginning both solo counseling and sessions with his wife.

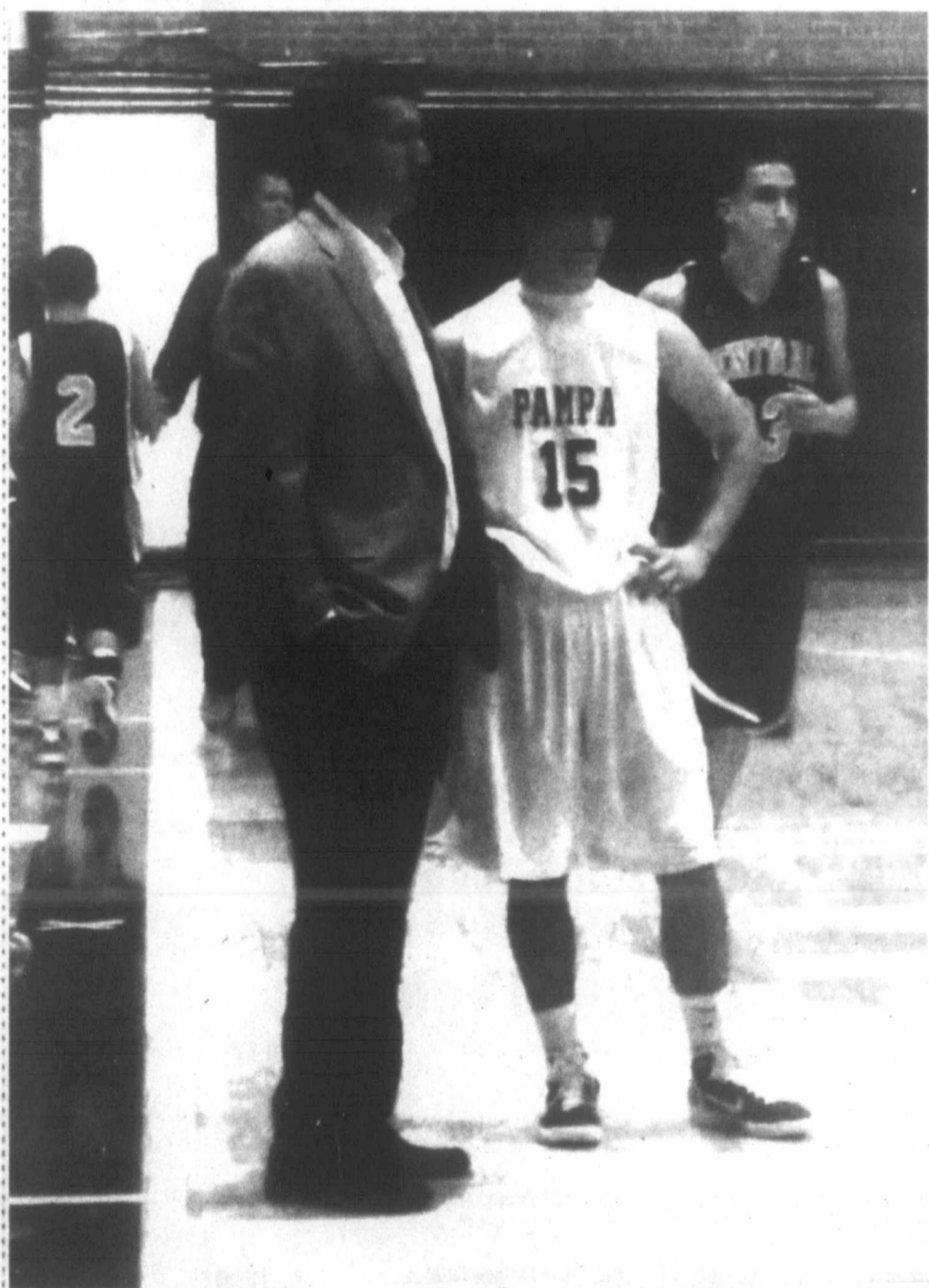
In a nearly 37-minute news conference outside the clubhouse Friday, Hamilton held a stack of notes and a Bible, recited a half-dozen verses that have influenced him recently and said he will no longer throw a "Band-

Aid" over his addiction and communication issues but rather look for a long-term solution.

"Don't get me wrong, this is going to be an ongoing process until the day I die," Hamilton said. "So it's never going to stop. The relationships in my house with my kids, my wife, all those things, have gotten 100 times better just in three weeks. I see where I want to be."

He said he also understands why the Rangers have tabled talks about a contract extension. Hamilton described negotiations as "on hold" and said his unsettled status won't be addressed during the season.

Hamilton, who is eligible for free agency after this season, said it's up to the front office to decide whether he deserves a long-term contract.



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Head coach Dustin Miller gives son Reid some advice during a November 2010 game. Dustin and Reid enjoyed the seasons they had together.

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GOP candidate Paul holds town hall meeting in Detroit

DETROIT (AP) — Ron Paul brought his limited-government message to the Democratic stronghold of Detroit on the eve of the Michigan Republican presidential primary, where he hoped to continue his strategy of earning delegates in states that hold non-winner-take-all nominating contests.

Polls show Paul and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich trailing front-runners Mitt Romney and Rick Santorum ahead of Tuesday's primary. But the Texas congressman said after Monday's event at Little Rock Baptist Church that his goal is to "whittle away" at the total number of delegates available.

Paul hasn't won any states early in the primary



Paul

season, but the idea is to amass delegates and earn a significant role in the Republican Party's national convention this summer.

About 2,000 students cheered him at a Monday afternoon rally at Michigan State University in East Lansing. Lauren Kubert, a 19-year-old sophomore from Novi, said she was excited to cast her first-ever vote for Paul on Tuesday.

"So far I like everything that he stands for," she said. Students loudly chanted "President Paul!" and "End the Fed!" several times during Paul's speech in a packed auditorium.

The candidate planned a stop Monday evening in Dearborn to wrap up his three-day swing through the state.

Paul said he was proud of his decision to stop in Detroit, which has not traditionally been a destination point for his fellow GOP presidential hopefuls.

"Everybody knows I'm not a conventional Republican," he said.

That's precisely why Paul Sherbeck, a retired middle school math teacher, showed up for the event.

"He's like a rock star," the 57-year-old from suburban Northville said of Paul, whom Sherbeck said

attracts supporters via his "message of economic and personal freedom."

Hundreds of college students attended a Paul campaign rally Saturday in Mount Pleasant, and some couldn't get in because the auditorium reached capacity. That wasn't the case Monday at Little Rock Baptist, where pews were not filled to hear the candidate speak.

Still, he earned raucous applause after some lines and a standing ovation after describing as "not fair" statistics that indicate minorities disproportionately are arrested, convicted and imprisoned in the United States.

Supporters stood on the steps of the historic church an hour in advance of Monday's event, waving signs and eliciting more than a few honks from passing motorists on Woodward Avenue, a major north-south artery through Detroit.

Once inside, Paul's appearance lasted about 45 minutes. He talked about the economy, education, foreign policy and drugs before taking questions from students at Riverside Preparatory School, which is dedicated to helping those who have struggled to complete their educations turn things around and earn diplomas.

The town-hall style event was called "Solving Detroit's Crises" and was held not far from Henry Ford Hospital, where Paul completed his medical residency in 1962.

Miller

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"It's been a lot of thought and time and tears put into it," Miller said.

The team found out this morning. The head coach said they took it as well as they could.

"They wished me well," Miller said. "Some took it emotionally. For the most part it's been positive."

Miller said he wishes whoever takes over the best and will be watching.

"Hopefully it will be a good run for someone else," Miller said. "I'll be getting season tickets."

Mayor Brad Pingel said he is excited about working with Miller.

"I'm sad for Pampa High School that they are going to lose a great coach," Pingel said. "I'm excited for the City of Pampa. He's a great man of character. I think he is going to be a great asset to our team."

Conference

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Doak Elledge will also discuss alternative grazing management systems during drought conditions.

"It'll go over management on the range if they have grass left, things like rotational grazing and trying to prolong grass until we get late winter or early spring moisture," said McGinty.

J.R. Bell, who retired from DuPont, will discuss range ecology and brush/weed pressures, focusing on potential population and species changes during drought.

"If it does start raining, (ranchers) could see issues due to dry conditions, and weeds could be one of those first issues," said McGinty. "Some weeds help grazing, but there are some toxic weeds out there."

Dr. Steve Amosson, Economist with AgriLife Extension, will discuss options for tax deferral.

"When ranchers sell livestock, they have to pay taxes, and they have tax deferral options, especially if they plan to restock in the future or are having higher feed costs," said McGinty.

People interested in attending the conference are encouraged to RSVP with the Extension Office at 669-8033.

Centennial

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include some basic facts on the city's history and original incorporation, including the number of people who voted for it, the population, when the first election was held and how the city got its name.

For his part, Pingel said that he was looking forward to being the person who gets to sign the centennial proclamation.

"It is an honor to get to serve as mayor in the hundredth year," Pingel said. "It's been a great ride and I've enjoyed it."

He added that the centennial is a milestone that every Pampa resident should recognize.

"I think everybody should be proud," Pingel said. "They should be proud that we live in a town that's still a strong town, still second largest in the Panhandle. We should hang our hats on that, that we've survived this long, and that we hope to do more."

The mayor also expressed his confidence that the city will continue to grow and, eventually, celebrate its 200th birthday.

"There's not a doubt in my mind Pampa will continue to live on and move on," Pingel said. "Obviously, we're going to have to diversify a bit in our industry, get into the wind energy and things like that the way the times are moving us now. Oil and gas is still a vital part of Pampa, and without that, I think it definitely would hurt us. But being able to diversify and get some different kinds of business in here, I think that's what it's going to take for us to continue to grow, but I think that we're headed in the right direction."

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