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## Prospective 'animal welfare facility' presented

**City Commission hears from architect; approval would be subject to election**

**MOLLIE BRYANT**  
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The city commission heard a presentation from Brian Thomas, architect of GH2 Architects, on a prospective new

animal shelter facility at its meeting yesterday afternoon. Thomas outlined several goals for the new facility, including that it be inviting, safe, efficient, healthy for animals, staff and the community, and have an ability to expand in the future.

The 12,800 square foot facility in Hobart Street Park would have a dog park with outdoor exercise areas, a break room and food prep area, an outdoor interaction area, a temperament room and a euthanasia suite with a walk-in cooler. It would also have 50 indoor dog kennels and 52 cat condos.  
 "Both these systems that we're proposing allow you to put an animal in there, and the staff does not have to remove the animal to clean it, feed it and take care of

it," said Thomas.  
 Animal health and safety would be a priority with the new facility, which will have a pressure washing system said to reduce health issues by 60 to 80 percent.  
 "We have a nasty virus that we're battling at the shelter right now, and that just kind of slams home the need for a new facility," said Shane Stokes, assistant city manager.  
 The general atmosphere of the facility  
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## HAPPY 100 YEARS, PAMPA



**BRAD PINGEL**  
 MAYOR

photo by Mollie Bryant

Mayor Brad Pingel reads a proclamation recognizing Pampa's 100 years of incorporation at Tuesday afternoon's City Commission meeting. The proclamation's signing has been postponed to today so all four City Commissioners could sign.

## Missing man located near residence

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A Pampa man who had been missing since about 10:30 a.m. on Sunday was found yesterday near his home.

Joseph Lee Crotwell, 43, was reported missing after telling his family that he was going on a walk at approximately 10:45 a.m. on Sunday. The family issued a flyer that said Crotwell "recently was in an auto accident, and



**Crotwell**

may have had a strange reaction to his medication and may be confused."  
 Around 1 p.m. yesterday, Crotwell's wife, Kaye Crotwell, discovered her husband in a trailer in the driveway of their home. He was found in a responsive condition, and transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center for treatment, where he remained at time of publication.

Through their trying experience, members of Crotwell's family said they received much community support in their search.

"The people of Pampa have been really wonderful," said Kim Ma, Crotwell's niece. "We want to thank them from the bottom of our hearts."

## Commission increases Pampa H2O admission fees

**Aquatic center gate price to rise \$1 for daily admission, \$25 for individual season passes**

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At its regular meeting on Tuesday at the City Commission Chamber of City Hall, the City Pampa Commission decided to increase admission fees for Pampa H2O Aquatic Center's next season. Rates will increase from \$5 to \$6 for kids, and from \$6 to \$7 for adults.

Season passes will rise from \$125 to \$150, and family season passes will now be \$350, up from \$300. The city expressed a need to raise the rates in order to

keep up with costs of maintaining the water park.

"We didn't account for having to pay the state sales tax on the gate fee, so everybody who came in was paying \$5, and then we were having to send 45 cents of that or so to the state for the sales tax," said Shane Stokes, assistant-city manager. "(The rate increase) would be enough for us to allow for sales tax, plus I think it would close that gap between revenues and expenditures a little bit."  
 Stokes had initially brought up the issue of the



**Stokes**

aquatic park's fees at the City Commission's Jan. 24 regular meeting. H2O's revenues, Stokes told the commission, were about \$30,000 short of its expenditures due to unforeseen expenditures associated with the first year of opening and operating the park. Those expenses included lane markers for pools and furniture for the offices.

In other business, the commission:  
 • approved an amended Drought Contingency Plan;  
 • approved an ordinance ordering and providing notice of a general and special election to be held on May 12, 2012 for the City of Pampa;  
 • approved the lease-purchase of 40 golf cars to replace the existing fleet of golf cars;  
 • approved the consent agenda;  
 • approved the List of Disbursements from January 31, 2012.

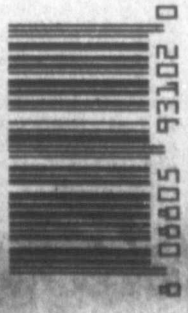
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**PAMPA FORECAST**

| Today             | Friday            | Saturday          |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                   |                   |                   |
| High 65<br>Low 36 | High 73<br>Low 36 | High 50<br>Low 24 |

**Today:** Sunny, with a high near 65. Wind chill values between 25 and 35 early. West northwest wind around 10 mph becoming south southwest.

**Tonight:** Clear, with a low around 36. Wind chill values between 28 and 33. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 73. West southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Thursday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 36. Southwest wind around 15 mph becoming north northwest. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 50. North northeast wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Friday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 24. North northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.

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**Seven accused of massive health fraud**

DALLAS (AP) — A Texas doctor has been charged with running a massive health fraud care scheme with thousands of fraudulent patients and intermediaries allegedly offering cash, food stamps or free groceries, to bilk Medicare and Medicaid of nearly \$375 million.

A federal indictment unsealed Tuesday charges Jacques Roy, a doctor who owned Medistat Group Associates in DeSoto, Texas, and six others in an alleged scheme to bill Medicare for home health services that were not properly billed, not medically necessary or not done.

The scheme was the largest dollar amount by a single doctor uncovered by a task force on Medicare fraud, authorities said.

U.S. Attorney Sarah Saldana accused Roy of "selling his signature" to home health agencies that rounded up thousands of patients' names and billed Medicare and Medicaid for five years.

The indictment alleged that from January 2006 through November 2011, Roy or others certified 11,000 Medicare beneficiaries for more than 500 home health service agencies — more patients than any other medical practice in the U.S. More than 75 of those agencies have had their Medicare payments suspended.

Roy, 54, is charged with several counts of health care fraud and conspiracy to commit health care fraud. He faces up to 100 years in prison if convicted on all counts.

He appeared briefly in court Tuesday and is scheduled to have a detention hearing Wednesday. Authorities also moved to seize cash in Roy's bank accounts, cars and two sailboats.

His attorney, Patrick McLain, said authorities had contacted Roy months ago. McLain said it was too soon to comment on the case because prosecutors hadn't provided him with most of the evidence yet. Phone messages and emails left with Medistat, located just south of Dallas, were not immediately returned Tuesday.

The attorney for one of the home health agency owners, Cynthia Stiger, alleged to be part of the scheme called the charges and the dollar amounts listed overblown. Stiger pleaded not guilty Tuesday.

"They're not anywhere close to accurate," said Jeffrey Grass, Stiger's attorney.

Investigators for the U.S. Health and Human Services department noticed irregularities with Roy's practice about one year ago, officials said.

Roy had "recruiters" finding people to bill for home health services, said Saldana, the top federal prosecutor in Dallas. Some of those alleged patients, when approached by investigators, were found working on their cars and clearly not in need of home healthcare, she said.

Medicare patients qualify for home health care if they are confined to their homes and need care there, according to the indictment.

Saldana said Roy used the home health agencies as "his soldiers on the ground to go door to door to recruit Medicare beneficiaries."

"He was selling his signature," she said.

For example, authorities allege Charity Eleda, one of the home health agency owners charged in the scheme, visited a Dallas homeless shelter to recruit homeless beneficiaries staying at the facility, paying recruiters \$50 for each person they found. A message was left Tuesday at Eleda's Dallas-based company, Charry Home Care Services, Inc.

Others indicted are accused of offering free health care and services such as food stamps to anyone who signed up and offered their Medicare number.

Roy would "make home visits to that beneficiary, provide unnecessary medical services and order unnecessary durable medical equipment for that beneficiary," the indictment alleged. "Medistat would then bill Medicare for those visits and services."

The indictment says Roy's business manager — identified only by his initials — recorded conversations between the two in January 2006. The business manager heard Roy describe his alleged scheme and refuse to market for patients in a legitimate way, the indictment said.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services also announced SKINNER cont. on page 11

**Obituaries**

**Olivia Ruth Howard**

Olivia Ruth Howard peacefully passed on to a glorious beginning on Saturday February 25, 2012, in Canton, Ga., with loving family by her side.

Born in Lubbock, on March 13, 1947, and spending 31 years in Minnesota, Olivia joins her mother, Helen Gertrude Kirby, and father, Richard Lee Brantley in heaven. The Yellow Rose of Texas won the battle with amazing grace and humility, divine blessings that were witnessed and will be passed on by those you touched so deeply. A true angel, it is time to use your wings. Thank you for inspiring us, for uniting a family, we are forever humbled and grateful to have been graced by you. Your laugh is infectious, you lift us up, your spirit, unbreakable and always present, you are our air and you give us flight. You live on in our hearts, we feel you every day, and we will see you soon. When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet (Proverbs 3:24).

Olivia is survived by Robert Howard; brother, Louis Brantley; sons, Brantley and Kirby Howard; and four



Howard

beautiful grandchildren, Aubreigh, Andersen Capper, Isabella, and Caleb. We love you Mom, thank you, you give us life.

**Neva J. Bowles Davis, 60**

Neva J. Bowles Davis, 60, died February 27, 2012, in Amarillo.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 1, 2012, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor of Briarwood Church, and Raymond Bowles, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Ms. Davis was born July 19, 1951, in Borger and had been a lifelong resident of Pampa. She worked for DCP Midstream as a measurement technician for 33 years. Neva played softball for many years and enjoyed going to the lake.

Survivors include two daughters, Dana Davis and Lori Taylor, both of Pampa; two sisters, Jannis Schoonover and Karen Jones, both of Pampa; four brothers, Raymond Bowles of Houston, Delmer Bowles and Conley Bowles, both of Amarillo, and Phillip Bowles of Pampa; four grandchildren, Devin Zipp, Gatlin Taylor and Garrett Taylor, all of Pampa, and Baylee Bowles of Amarillo. Neva was preceded in death by her parents, Chester and Lillian Bowles.

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

**For the record**

cont. from Tuesday

**Sheriff's Office**

Edgar Robles, 17, was arrested by police on capias pro fine warrants regarding curfew violation and minor in possession of tobacco.

Luis Andrez Cano, 27, was arrested by deputies on holding for Hemphill County.

**Saturday, Feb. 25**  
 Douglas Wayne Andrews, 31, was arrested by police on probation violations regarding driving while intoxicated.

**Sunday, Feb. 26**  
 Joshua Duane Brown, 32, was arrested by DPS officers for driving while intoxicated.

Eduardo Enrique Quesadam 21m was arrested by police on a capias pro fine warrant.

Julio Cesar Salas, 27, was arrested by deputies on a bond to surrender regarding possession of a firearm by a felon.

Andrew Chambers, 18, was arrested by police on charges of possession of a prohibited weapon and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Miguel Angel Garcia, 18, was arrested by police for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Michael David Harris, 27, was arrested by DPS officers on a warrant of theft of services greater than \$500 but less than \$1,500.

Angela Jenice Vallejos, 23, was arrested by DPS on a Hemphill County warrant regarding assault causing bodily injury.

Michael Eugene Horton, 50, was arrested by police on a warrant of theft under \$50.

**Police Department**

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24 hour period ending Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 7 a.m. Pampa PD reported 10

traffic related incidents.

Animal Control agents reported eight animal related incidents.

Pampa EMS responded to five medical calls.

**Monday, Feb. 27**  
 Harassment was reported at the 1200 block of North Wells.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 4000 block of North Bad Cattle Company.

Harassment was reported.

A burglary occurred at the 1400 block of West Somerville.

An assault occurred at the 1400 block of North Russell.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 900 block of East Barnard.

A burglary of a motor vehicle occurred at the 2100 block of North Wells.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Phone harassment was reported.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 300 block of West Foster.

Suspicious persons were reported at the 900 block of Denver and the 400 block of South Hughes.

A theft was reported. Suspicious vehicles were reported at the 100 block of North Cuyler and the 1900 block of North Chestnut.

**Tuesday, Feb. 28**  
 A suspicious person was reported at the 900 block of East Kingsmill.

**Sheriff's Office**

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrest for the 24 hour period ending Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 7 a.m.

**Tuesday, Feb. 28**  
 Justin Billy Adams, 29, was arrested by deputies on a warrant regarding a charge of possession of a controlled substance, in an amount greater than four grams but less than 200 grams.

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## New chairman for TRC

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texas agency that oversees oil and gas drilling in the state has elected a new chairman who will oversee a thorough review ordered by the Legislature.

Barry Smitherman was elected Tuesday chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission. He replaces Elizabeth Ames Jones who recently resigned.

The Railroad Commission approves oil and gas drilling permits, and oversees other aspects of the state's energy field. It does not oversee railroads.

Smitherman says he will ensure the agency uses scientific standards in decision-making, because "we must not let the political appointees in Washington kill our economic engine and kill our jobs."

Texas often opposes federal regulation over drilling and environmental issues.

He will also oversee the thorough review of the agency's operations, rules and regulations by the Sunset Advisory Commission.

## Group to protest Okla. bill

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A group of Oklahomans opposed to bestowing personhood to fertilized eggs is planning to rally at the state Capitol.

Oklahomans Against the Personhood Act is planning to rally Tuesday afternoon at the state Capitol in opposition to the state Senate's passage of a bill that grants the rights of personhood to fertilized human eggs.

Tulsa Republican Sen. Brian Crain, who wrote the bill, says the intent isn't to ban abortions, but to instead send a message that Oklahomans believe life begins at conception.

He says the bill is modeled after a 1986 Missouri law that was later determined by the U.S. Supreme Court to be constitutional.

But critics include doctors and others who say the measure could jeopardize reproductive medicine and outlaw certain forms of birth control.

## AG: Gov't prepared for spill trial

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Eric Holder told Congress on Tuesday that the Justice Department is prepared to go to trial against companies involved in the Gulf oil spill if ongoing negotiations do not result in a settlement.

At a hearing before a House appropriations subcommittee, the attorney general vowed that the federal government will hold people accountable in both a civil trial in federal court in New Orleans, if necessary, and in a criminal investigation.

Under questioning by Republican Rep. Jo Bonner of Alabama, Holder agreed that the accident was the worst environmental disaster in U.S. history.

On Sunday, a judge called for a one-week delay in the start of the civil trial while negotiations continue. The trial had been scheduled to begin Monday.

On Tuesday on Capitol Hill, Holder declined to elaborate on the discussions.

In late January, Alabama Attorney General Luther Strange said that the Justice Department led a meeting in Washington among the states in an effort to formulate an agreement that would satisfy federal government and state claims, including penalties and fines.

Strange also indicated at the time that if there is a settlement that officials were discussing what to do with the \$20 billion fund set up by BP to pay victims, with one option being folding the fund and allowing the money to be used as part of any settlement.

## Couple accused of beating child

WESLACO, Texas (AP) — A South Texas couple accused of repeatedly beating their 3-year-old daughter and tying her up with a rope have been arrested.

Twenty-year-old Maria A. Zuniga and 23-year-old Jose Luis Reyes have been charged with serious bodily injury to a child, a first-degree felony. Both remained in jail Tuesday on bonds of \$100,000 each.

A jail official did not have attorney information for them.

The Hidalgo County sheriff's office says they were contacted Friday by staff at McAllen Medical Center after a 3-year-old patient was discovered to have extensive bruising and a skull fracture.

The parents live near Weslaco.

The McAllen Monitor reports that if convicted, they could face up to life in prison and a fine up to \$10,000.

## Teen accused in death held

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — A Bexar County juvenile judge has ordered a 15-year-old boy accused of stabbing his mother's boyfriend to death to be held in a juvenile detention center.

The judge Monday ordered the teen held until a hearing March 8. The teen faces a murder charge in connection with the death of the 35-year-old man.

The boyfriend died Saturday after being stabbed at the home where he lived with his girlfriend and her children.

The San Antonio Express-News reports that police say that before the stabbing, the mother and her boyfriend had argued.

Two other children — ages 10 and 7 — were home at the time. A Child Protective Services spokeswoman says they have been placed in the care of relatives and the agency is now investigating the family.

# Federal court issues new political maps

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Clearing the way for the twice-delayed Texas primaries to finally land in May, a federal court on Tuesday handed the state new voting maps for the 2012 elections that satisfied Republicans who flexed their majority but soured Democrats who wanted more seats.

The political repercussions rippled across the state almost instantly. Candidates dropped out of races, incumbents resigned themselves to difficult reelection bids, and GOP leaders renewed hope that Texas may have a say in deciding the Republican presidential nominee after all.

A May 29 primary date is still not guaranteed. But barring any appeals by a coalition of minority rights groups that sued the state over the original Republican-drawn maps, the chances of the Texas primaries falling into June or later appeared to dim.

Democrats expressed frustration, but there were no immediate vows that the maps would be challenged. The contentious Texas redistricting clash has dragged on since last summer, reaching all the

way to the U.S. Supreme Court in a political battle that has national ramifications because the state was awarded four new congressional seats based on the 2010 census.

Who wins those seats could alter the balance of power in the U.S. House. Under the congressional map unveiled by the court Tuesday, Democrats and Republicans were poised to split the four new seats.

The new interim maps issued late today are a substantial improvement from maps previously issued by the San Antonio court,"

Texas Attorney General Gregg Abbott said. "As a result of the U.S. Supreme Court's unanimous, clear direction to the district court, these new interim maps more accurately reflect the decisions of elected Texas legislators."

Minorities made up 89 percent of the population growth in the state, and the

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# Emails shine light on Stratfor

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Private intelligence firm Stratfor was paid by Coca-Cola to gauge the threat of Olympic protesters, provided Dow Chemical information on environmental activists, and sells what clients and subscribers consider some of the best geopolitical analysis that money can buy.

Now the Texas-based think tank is the latest target of WikiLeaks chief Julian Assange, who says his anti-secrecy group has more than 5 million of Stratfor's emails and is promising to release damaging material in the coming weeks.

The first, small batch published Monday contained little that was particularly scintillating — but revealed clients that Stratfor has long safeguarded and refused to disclose. They range from local universities to megacorporations like Coca-Cola, which apparently worried about animal-rights supporters crashing and disrupting the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver, Canada.

"To what extent will US-based PETA supporters travel to Canada to support activism?" a Coca-Cola manager asked a Stratfor analyst in a 2009 email.

An initial examination of the emails turned up a mix of the innocuous and the embarrassing. But Assange has accused Stratfor of serious deeds, such as funneling money to informants through offshore tax havens, monitoring activist groups on behalf of big corporations and making

investments based on its secret intelligence.

"What we have discovered is a company that is a private intelligence Enron," Assange told London's Frontline Club, referring to the Texas energy giant whose spectacular bankruptcy turned it into a byword for corporate malfeasance.

Stratfor denied there was anything improper in the way it dealt with its contacts.

"Stratfor has worked to build good sources in many countries around the world, as any publisher of global geopolitical analysis would do," the company said in a statement. "We have done so in a straightforward manner and we are committed to meeting the highest standards of professional conduct."

Headquartered on the fourth floor of a bank building in downtown Austin, Stratfor might be one of the smallest targets on which WikiLeaks has set its sights. Founded in 1996, the company was reported to have the equivalent of around 40 full-time employees in Austin in 2008 and regularly plucks interns from the nearby University of Texas campus.

According to one internal Stratfor document released by WikiLeaks, the company boasted having 292,000 paid subscribers but also acknowledged that the actual number of people reading its products is far fewer. Stratfor uses analysts to scour the Internet for open-source informa-

tion, which they then use to determine where the world's next crisis might strike.

But the company also pays for information. One email released by WikiLeaks described a \$6,000-a-month payment made to a Middle Eastern source, and another carried bits of gossip dropped by a retired spy. In December, Stratfor founder George Friedman gave advice on handling sources to one of his analysts gathering information on the health

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 29, the 60th day of 2012. There are 306 days left in the year. This is Leap Day.

### Today's Highlights in History:

On Feb. 29, 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson's National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders (also known as the Kerner Commission) warned that racism was causing America to move "toward two societies, one black, one white — separate and unequal." The discovery of a "pulsar," a star which emits regular radio waves, was announced by Dr. Jocelyn Bell Burnell in Cambridge, England. At the Grammy Awards, the 5th Dimension's "Up, Up and Away" won record of the year for 1967, while album of the year honors went to The Beatles' "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band."

### On this date:

In 1504, Christopher Columbus, stranded in Jamaica during his fourth voyage to the West, used a correctly predicted lunar eclipse to frighten hostile natives into providing food for his crew.

In 1792, composer Gioachino Antonio Rossini was born in Pesaro, Italy.

In 1796, President George Washington proclaimed Jay's Treaty, which settled some outstanding differences with Britain, in effect.

In 1892, the United States and Britain agreed to submit to arbitration their dispute over seal-hunting rights in the Bering Sea. (A commission later ruled in favor of Britain.)

In 1904, President Theodore Roosevelt appointed a seven-member commission to facilitate completion of the Panama Canal.

In 1908, the artist Balthus was born in Paris.

In 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a second Neutrality Act as he appealed to American businesses not to increase exports to belligerents.

In 1940, "Gone with the Wind" won eight Academy Awards, including best picture of 1939; Hattie McDaniel won for best supporting actress, the first black performer so honored.

In 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower announced he would seek a second term of office.

In 1960, the first Playboy Club, featuring waitresses clad in "bunny" outfits, opened in Chicago.

In 1984, Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau announced he was stepping down after more than 15 combined years in power.

In 1996, Daniel Green was convicted in Lumberton, N.C., of murdering James R. Jordan, the father of basketball star Michael Jordan, during a 1993 roadside holdup. (Green and an accomplice, Larry Martin Demery, were sentenced to life in prison.) A Peruvian Boeing 737 crashed on approach to Arequipa, killing all 123 people on board.

**Twelve years ago (2000):** George W. Bush won Republican presidential primaries in Virginia, Washington state and North Dakota, defeating John McCain; Vice President Al Gore crushed fellow Democrat Bill Bradley in Washington state. Six-year-old Kayla Rolland was fatally shot by a fellow first-grader at Buell Elementary School in Mount Morris Township, Mich. Sparky Anderson was elected to the baseball Hall of Fame along with Turkey Stearnes of the Negro leagues and 19th-century second baseman Bid McPhee. Kathie Lee Gifford announced her intention to leave the syndicated morning show "Live with Regis & Kathie Lee."

**Eight years ago (2004):** Facing rebellion, Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide resigned and left for exile in the Central African Republic. (Aristide returned to Haiti in March 2011.) "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" won a record-tying 11 Academy Awards, including best picture; Sean Penn took the best-actor prize for "Mystic River" and Charlize Theron won best actress for "Monster."

**Four years ago (2008):** Democratic presidential hopeful Barack Obama accused rival Hillary Rodham Clinton of trying to "play on people's fears to scare up votes" with a TV ad showing sleeping children and asking who would be more qualified to answer a national security emergency call at 3 a.m.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actress Michele Morgan is 92. Former All-Star baseball player Al Rosen is 88. Actor Joss Ackland is 84. Actor Alex Rocco is 76. Former space shuttle astronaut Jack Lousma is 76. Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I of Constantinople is 72. Actor Dennis Farina is 68. Actress Phyllis Frelich is 68. Motivational speaker Tony Robbins is 52. Actor Antonio Sabato Jr. is 40. Rapper Ja Rule is 36.

**Thought for Today:** "Well, it has happened again. The Earth has circled four times around the sun, astronomers have designated this a leap year and anxious bachelors won't answer their telephones until midnight." — David O'Reilly, American journalist.



## God, the devil and Rick Santorum

If you watched the movie "The Exorcist," you know that the Catholic Church believes there is an active evil in the world that at times must be confronted. Thus, the Church trains certain priests to perform rites that expel evil from troubled human beings. Exorcisms are rare, but they happen.

Enter Rick Santorum, a devout Catholic who sometimes uses his faith-based beliefs to define public policy. That is causing fear and loathing among the secular press, for whom all religious-based judgments are the very definition of evil.

Speaking at a Catholic university in 2008, Santorum laid many of America's social problems directly at the devil's doorstep: "The father of lies has his sights on what you would think the father of lies would have his sights on. A good, decent, powerful, influential country: the United States of America. If you were Satan, who would you attack in this day and age? There is no one else to go after other than the United States."

Santorum then went on to say that secularism is overwhelming



**BILL O'REILLY**

overtly religious man ever elected. Jimmy Carter embraced Christianity, but not to the extent that Santorum does. Most of the other presidents paid lip service to the deity, but rarely invoked Satan as an enemy of the nation.

As a fellow Catholic, Santorum's spiritual opinions don't bother me. But I do understand why some Americans find him over the top. We the people value individualism and the freedom to design our own lives. Nobody likes to be judged, and Jesus himself warned against doing that. As for Satan, he is best kept at bay, for sure, but blaming

Judeo-Christian values and even Protestant religions are "a shambles."

Of course, there are many Americans who believe the way Santorum does, but if he were to win the presidency, he might be the most

MTV on him might be a bit simplistic.

Santorum will likely be branded a male Church Lady (the "SNL" character played by Dana Carvey who often said, "Could it be Satan?") by the secular press if he continues doing well in the campaign. Already, New York Times columnist Maureen Dowd and others are painting him as a fringe revival-type player, an honest Elmer Gantry. They see him as a threat to gays, women and atheist editors. The hysteria is growing.

But all Santorum is really doing is what Billy Joel once sang about: keeping the faith. He believes what he believes, and he sees the world through that prism. Voters obviously know that and will make their decisions about the former senator based upon his well-reported resume. They don't need Satan or the liberal press to define him. Santorum speaks for himself and very clearly.

*Veteran TV news anchor Bill O'Reilly is host of the Fox News show "The O'Reilly Factor" and author of the book "Pinheads and Patriots: Where You Stand in the Age of Obama."*

## To Gingrich, cheap gasoline is good

Newt Gingrich presented a stark contrast between Republicans and Democrats on gasoline prices Saturday at the California GOP convention in Burlingame. Gingrich promised that if elected, he would bring gasoline prices below \$2.50 per gallon.

A day earlier, in a signature speech on energy, President Barack Obama told the University of Miami that there "are no silver bullets short term when it comes to gas prices." Indeed, the problem of gasoline price spikes "won't be solved in one year; it won't be solved in one term; it may not be completely solved in one decade." (Just what you wanted to hear. Even given two terms, Obama doesn't expect to do much about high gasoline prices.)

Obama scoffed at Republicans' "three-point plan for \$2 gas": "Step one is to drill. Step two is to drill. And then step three is to keep drilling." That's how savvy this president is; many Americans have paid more than \$4 per gallon for gasoline this month, yet he mocked the common-sense notion that more product would lower prices.

To Obama, more domestic oil production is a "gimmicky" fix.

Democrats have been arguing that gas price spikes happen — and they have a point. But so did Gingrich when he charged that high gasoline prices are part of a "deliberate strategy of the left to punish the American people and get them to drive the kind of cars they want you to." Gingrich charged that Obama "believes in small cars" and "high prices" and "government control."

Though the president gave lip service Friday to "an all-of-the-above energy strategy," he always has been contemptuous of old-school fossil fuels. One minute, he argues that America can't drill its way to lower gasoline prices. The next minute, he talks up the stimulative effects of experimental energy technologies. If algae-based fuels can replace imported oil, Obama said



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where he declared, "The true engine of economic growth will always be companies like Solyndra." Last year, after receiving \$528 million in taxpayer funds, Solyndra filed for bankruptcy.

The president's \$787 billion 2009 stimulus project included \$500 million to train workers for those much-ballyhooed jobs of the future. Last fall, the Department of Labor's inspector general released an audit that found that of the participants trained by June 30, only 2 percent — 1,336 participants — had held jobs for six months or longer.

Last month, Obama denied the Keystone XL pipeline, which would have created an estimated 6,500 construction jobs. Last week, Obama was talking up algae.

As Gingrich said in a campaign video, "it's almost as though anything which succeeds, anything which enables Americans to have a better life, with more income, with less expensive energy, is somehow bad."

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# FWorship

## Why is it that we can't see God?

"We cannot see God because he needs his privacy," says Patrick, 10. Patrick probably doesn't want anyone coming into his room without knocking first.

Megan, 8, thinks God likes to be alone. "If everybody saw him, they would always crowd around him."

She's got a point. During Jesus' ministry on Earth, crowds followed him everywhere. Once, by the Sea of Galilee, crowds thronged around him so tightly he could hardly speak to them. Often, Jesus got up early in the morning just to spend some time alone with his heavenly Father.

If we want to see God, we need to put up our antennae, says Laia, 14. "It's kind of like a human holding a very small bug. The bug knows something is out there, but because his vision is limited, it's hard for him to see the human. God is so much bigger. We can't see his form, but he's out there."

I hadn't thought of that, Laia. Just as some things are too small for us to see, others are too big.

After you're bug-eyed from considering a bug's eye view, just breathe slowly, says Andrea, 11. "God is spirit. You believe in God like you would believe in air. You cannot see it, but you know it is there."

All right, God is invisible. But is seeing God with our eyes necessary to knowing him?

Put on your detective's hat, Sherlock, and get to work, says Jacoba, 10. Clues are everywhere. "We see God every time we see a tree, flower, animal or even a person. God shows himself to us through all his wonderful creations all around us."

Jacoba, that sounds like something the apostle Paul wrote in his letter to Roman Christians. Paul wrote that people who ignore what God shows us about himself in creation claim to be wise, but they're really fools (Romans 1:18-23).

Now close your eyes. You won't need them. There's a way of seeing God without our physical eyes, according to Katherine, 8. "Lots of people know who the



**CARY KINSOLVING**

### KIDS talk about GOD

real God is without seeing him."

Katherine, I think I know what you mean, but let's get some help from James, 11. "We can't see God because it's easy for you to see somebody and believe he or she is real.

God wants us to be strong and not see but still believe and for us to have faith in him."

Yes, the eyes of faith! Thanks, James.

Thank you, friends, for showing us how God has revealed himself in so many ways. These things we can see speak plainly about the God we can't see. Thinking about seeing God reminds me of something Jesus once said, "He who has seen me has seen the Father."

Now here's the difficult issue. How does sin figure into seeing or not seeing God?

William, 12, will never be accused of being a diplomat: "We can't see God because man is a sinner. God is perfect, and a sinner and God don't mix."

A holy God and unholy people. Hmm. Now there's a problem not even the United Nations can solve.

Amanda, 10, found the solution. "When we go to heaven, Jesus is between us and God so that God will not see our sins."

Think about this: God clothed himself in human flesh.

Memorize this truth: "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).

Ask this question: Have you seen God today?

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### CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

## Redeemer Pampa to start meeting on North Cuyler

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Redeemer Pampa will soon have a more permanent residence, as it will purchase the building of the Sands Fabric and Needle Craft Store on the 200 block of N. Cuyler Street.

"We will close on that in a couple of days," Jeremy Buck, lead pastor of Redeemer Pampa said.

Buck said he's excited about the new building, adding it won't change the ministry.

"Our praise team is really excited because we've had to move sound equipment every Sunday," Buck said. "It honestly doesn't change

much about what we do. It's a different location. The AmericInn was a great place. They were generous hosts. It will be nice to have a place we'll have access to more often."

Buck said he hopes that this Sunday will be the first service.

"It will almost be like having a groundbreaking," Buck said. "It will give people a chance to see it for what it is. We look at it as an opportunity to redeem and restore a building that is older. It's almost a biblical representation of what we are praying is happening spiritually."

Redeemer Pampa meets at 10:45 a.m. Sunday.

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Tim Elmore tells the story about a man who was shipwrecked years ago on an uncharted island. He was sailing alone on his boat when he hit a storm and was driven upon the reefs of an isolated island. His boat was broken up and he managed to get some of his valuables: His survival kit, some food, and got into his inflatable raft. He floated to the beach. He now waits and prays for rescue. For days he watched and waited, but saw no ship or plane



**DAVID BOULTER**

passing over. He had consumed most of his food and had begun to ration it. He began to get depressed, hungry, and afraid. During those days he had built a crude hut to protect himself.

One day after going hunting for food and water, he returned to find his hut had caught fire and gone up in flames. Apparently the fire started when wind had blown a spark from the coals of his small fire near the hut.

Our lives really take on meaning when we learn to trust Jesus Christ. No matter what our circumstances, He loves us and desires to help us if we will reply upon Him. Peter tells us, "Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you" (1 Peter 5:7). Knowing this we realize life is not out to break us but to make us.

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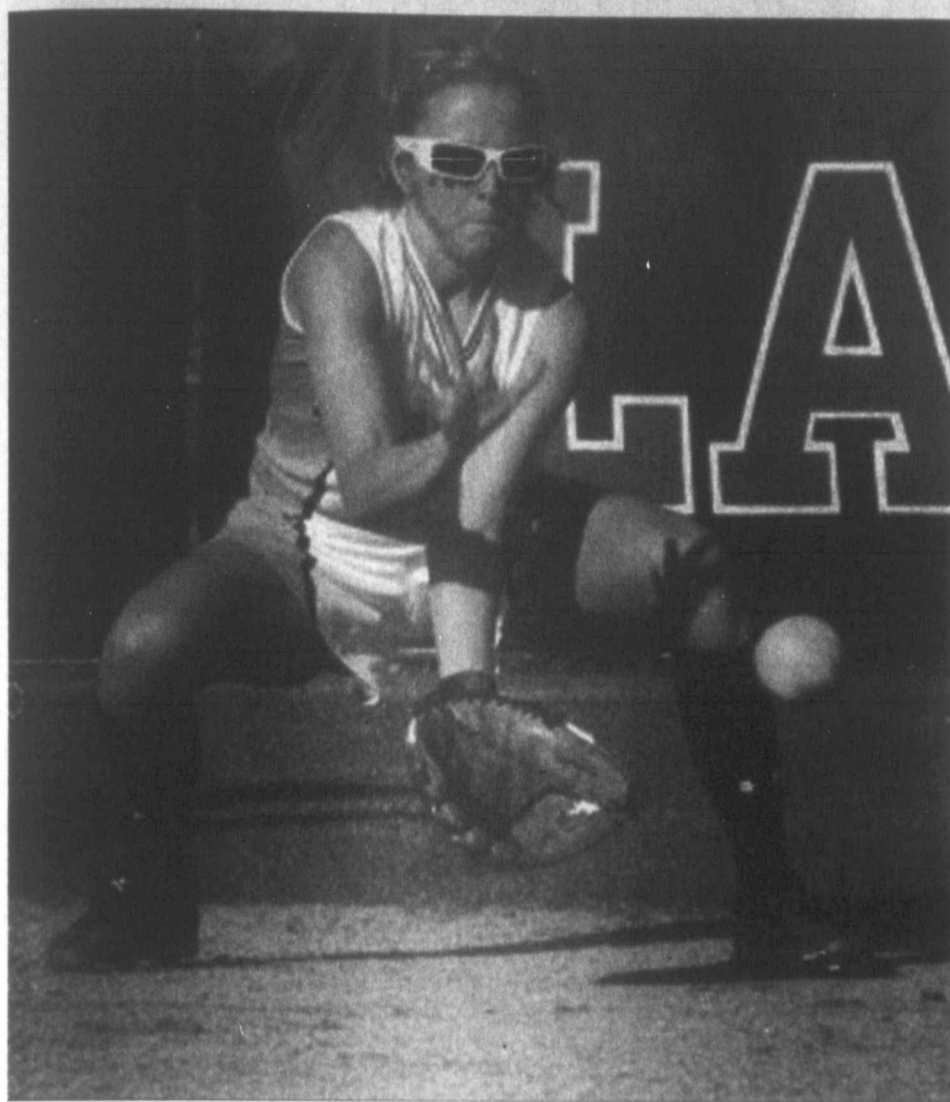


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Senior McKinlee Stokes fields a grounder in warm-ups during the Burk Burnett Tournament last weekend. Pampa competes at Little Elm Thursday through Saturday.

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After finishing in the top third at Burk Burnett, the Lady Harvesters softball team hopes to continue their success at Little Elm when they play from Thursday through Saturday.

"I'm really excited about it," junior center fielder Claire Hopkins said. "We did good in Burk Burnett and we're hoping to do better here. We're hoping to finish in the top four."

Pampa competed in the tournament in 2010 and finished 2-3. Three of their five opponents made the playoffs that season, including Little Elm, who advanced to the regional quarterfinals.

Senior Heather Coffee said it will be a good test for the team.

"It will be a good learning experience for us," Coffee said. "It will help get us prepared."

Hopkins said it will help prepare them

for district and playoffs.

"We know we will face tough competition in playoffs," Hopkins said.

Head coach Bobbi Gill said she is looking forward to how her team plays.

"We will be going against 4A and 5A schools down there," Gill said. "Hopefully, we will compete well there too."

The Lady Harvesters (5-2) went 4-2 in the Burk Burnett tournament last weekend. Coffee and Hopkins said the team is confident.

"It gave us a lot that we figured out what we need to work on," Coffee said. "It gave us a lot of areas we need to fix."

"We have tons here we have to work on," Hopkins said. "I feel like we are going to try hard and do our best."

The Lady Harvesters haven't played since their last game in the Burk Burnett game on Saturday. They were supposed to play Amarillo High at home on Tuesday, but the game was canceled due to high wind.

## EYES ON THE BALL

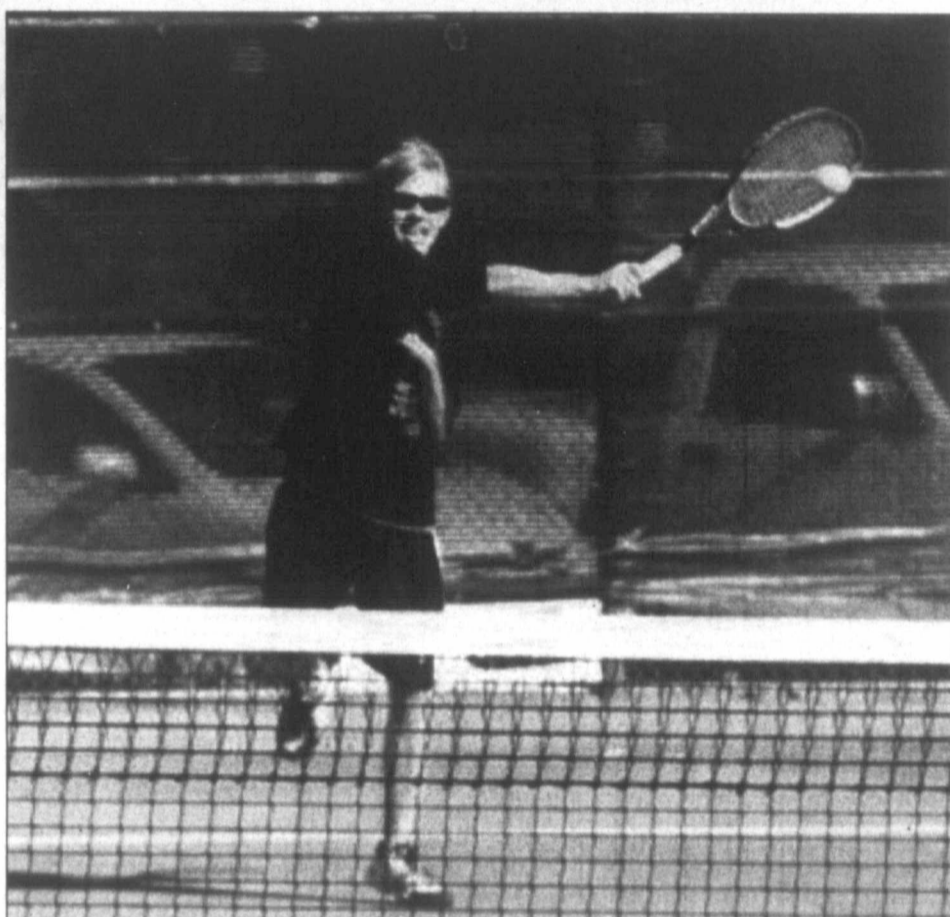


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Junior Nick Nelson connects on a ball against Plainview Saturday. Nelson won all four of his matches. Pampa competes in team regionals Friday and Saturday at Wichita Falls.

## Texas Tech coach Tuberville accused of investment fraud

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Texas Tech coach Tommy Tuberville has been sued in federal court, accused of defrauding investors out of more than \$1.7 million in Alabama following his tenure at Auburn.

A federal lawsuit filed Friday in U.S. District Court in Montgomery, Ala., names Tuberville, John David Stroud and eight investment entities as defendants, claiming the two men "employed devices, schemes, and artifices to defraud" seven plaintiffs from Arkansas, Alabama and Tennessee.

The lawsuit said Tuberville and Stroud misappropriated assets, and falsified client statements and fund performance reports as they "unjustly enriched themselves" at the expense of the investors.

Tuberville, who spent two seasons away from coaching after leaving Auburn in 2008, did not immediately return a message left with Texas Tech seeking comment.

A woman who answered the phone at Stroud's home in Auburn said he wasn't there and she didn't know how he could be reached. Plaintiffs' attorneys declined comment Tuesday.

Tuberville and Texas Tech agreed to a five-year, \$11 million contract after last season that included a \$500,000-a-year raise.

The lawsuit, which seeks unspecified compensatory and punitive damages, said Tuberville told Baron Lowe and Glen Williams in late September that all of

the investors' funds would be returned to them, and that Stroud indicated that they'd get their money back before Oct. 7, 2011. Most of them have requested return of their money in writing but haven't been repaid, the suit said.

The suit contends that Tuberville and Stroud "intentionally or recklessly made untrue statements of material facts and omitted to state material facts ... to induce plaintiffs to purchase interests in the hedge fund or funds operated and managed by defendants."

Tuberville and Stroud cofounded TS Capital Management, according to the suit, which said Tuberville was "responsible for the investment direction, capital raising, and the day-to-day oversight of business decisions of TSCM."

Tuberville and Stroud, who were described as equal partners in the firm, didn't file federal or state income tax returns in a timely fashion and weren't registered to do business in Alabama, according to the suit.

The suit said that John and Priscilla Abrams of Wetumpka, Ala., invested more than \$745,000 and that Baron and Melanie Lowe put more than \$532,000 into the funds, including the college accounts of their two children worth some \$61,000.

Debra Clark of Lake Village, Ark., (\$284,345), Fredrick Williams (\$120,005) and Kristy Williams (\$18,921) of Auburn are the other defendants.

### Boys and Girls Soccer vs. Borger

The recaps of the Pampa varsity boys and girls soccer games will be in Thursday's edition.

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# 'Texas 7' member set to be executed

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — An inmate already saddled with 17 life prison terms told a jury he deserved death for organizing the largest-ever jailbreak from a Texas prison and then killing a suburban Dallas police officer while a fugitive with six others who escaped with him.

Prosecutors insisted George Rivas actually was trying to manipulate jurors and use reverse psychology on them to avoid the death chamber. But if that was the prisoner's plan, it didn't work. Jurors decided he should die, and now the 41-year-old Rivas is set for lethal injection Wednesday evening in Huntsville.

Rivas was the first of his prison-break gang, which became known as the "Texas 7," to be tried for the fatal shooting of Irving police officer Aubrey Hawkins on Christmas Eve of 2000. All of the inmates received death sentences for the killing.

With his appeals exhausted, Rivas has seen his request for clemency rejected by the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles. He's acknowledged he's ready to die for the killing.

"It's bittersweet," he told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram from death row. "Bitter because I hurt for my family ... Sweet because it's almost over." He declined an interview with The Associated Press.

Former Dallas County assistant district attorney Toby Shook told the AP that Hawkins' wife is not expected to be at Rivas' execution. Shook said she asked him to attend. Some of her husband's former colleagues also will be witnesses.

"She can't go through that anymore," said Shook, who prosecuted Rivas for capital murder. "She wants the cases obviously to move forward. She's frustrated it's taken a long time on appeal."

On Dec. 13, 2000, Rivas' gang overpowered workers at a prison in Kenedy, about 60 miles south of San Antonio. They stole the workers' clothes, broke into the prison armory to get guns and drove away in a prison truck. They committed several robberies, including two in Houston, more than 200 miles to the east.

Then, 11 days later on Christmas Eve, they gunned down the 29-year-old Hawkins another 200 miles to the north. The officer, who had been on the force just more than a year, interrupted their holdup of a sporting goods store. He was shot 11 times, with some of the gunfire being from Rivas, and was run over with a stolen SUV driven by Rivas.

The escaped inmates stole \$70,000 in cash from store, 44 firearms and ammunition, and winter clothing. They also took jewelry and wallets from store workers who were closing up for the evening.

The fugitives were caught a month later in Colorado, where one of them, Larry Harper, killed himself rather than surrender.

Rivas will be the second member of the gang to be executed by the state. Michael Rodriguez, 45, volunteered for lethal injection and was executed in 2008.

"We all knew it would end up here eventually," Rivas' trial lawyer, Wayne Huff, told the AP. "They killed a police officer and that kind of makes you a poster boy for the death penalty."

# China dinnerware serves as family treasure

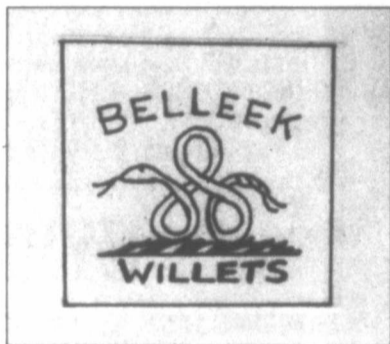
Q: My mother gave this lovely china set to me many years ago. She received the set as an engagement gift in the 1920s. The pattern is "Victoria," and it was made in Czechoslovakia. The number "299" is marked on most of the dishes. It is a seven-piece place setting service for 12 and includes 10 serving dishes. It has not been used in 40 years and is in perfect condition.

Can you tell me the value of my china?

A: Victoria Porcelain Factory in Czechoslovakia made your dinnerware. Porcelain dinnerware was not always marked with the name of the pattern. Numbers were sometimes used to identify a design.

Your service for 12 and set of dinnerware would probably be worth \$500 to \$700.

Q: This mark is on the bottom of a porcelain pitcher that belonged to my



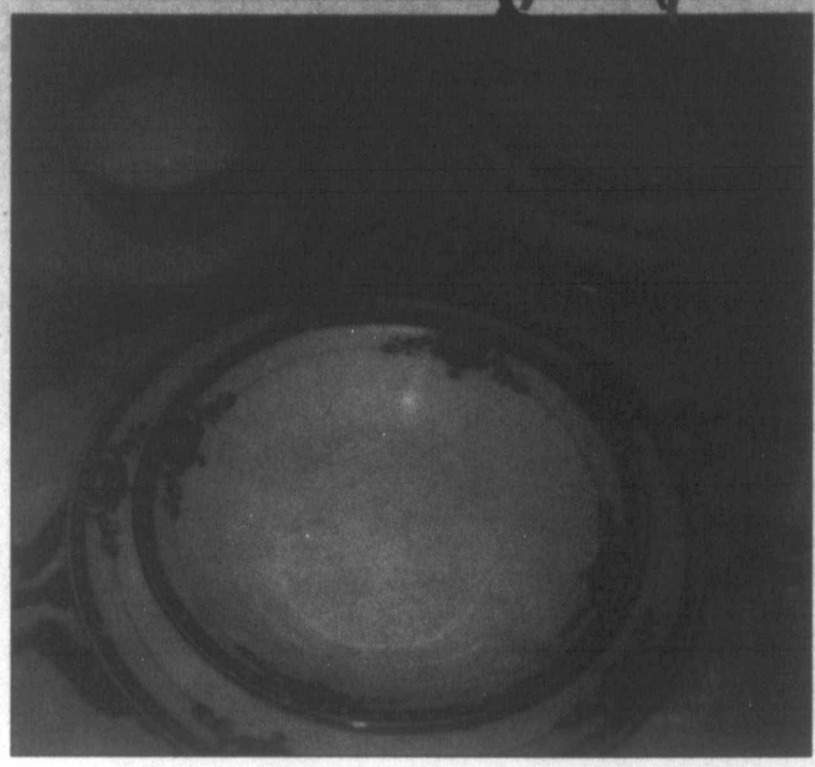
American Belleek was made by Willets Manufacturing Co. in New Jersey.

great grandmother. It stands 14 inches tall, is cylinder shaped and decorated with hand-painted berries, blossoms and tendrils. There is gold trim on the top rim and handle. My mother told me my great grandmother always kept it in a china cabinet and only brought it out for special occasions.

I treasure my pitcher and plan to pass it along to my daughter. Any information you can provide on its history and value will be greatly appreciated.

A: Because of the height and shape of your pitcher, it is known

Antique OR JUNQUE?



Victorian Porcelain Factory was located in Czechoslovakia.

as a tankard. You have an example of American Belleek porcelain that was made by Willets Manufacturing Co. Three Willets brothers established their porcelain factory in Trenton, N.J., in 1879. They developed a formula for porcelain to compete with Irish Belleek. Willets employed highly trained and skilled designers and decorators who created exceptional porcelain. Due to several economic factors, the company went into receivership in 1909.

Your tankard is a very desirable antique and was made around 1890. Similar tankards often fetch from \$1,000 to \$1,400 in antiques shops.

Q: I have a cut glass vase that my mother had in our home for as long as I can remember. I am 87, so it has to be much older than that. It is 6 inches tall, has a sawtooth edge and is in flawless condition.

I could not find a manufacturer's mark, so have no idea who made it. Can you tell what it is worth?

A: Some of the most beautiful pieces of cut glass were made around the turn of the last century. Many factories did not mark their pieces, making it extremely difficult to identify the origin.

Your vase was made in the first quarter of the 20th century and would probably be worth \$125 to \$225.

Address your questions to Anne McCollam, P. O. Box 247, Notre Dame, IN 46556. Items of a general interest will be answered in this column. Due to the volume of inquiries, she cannot answer individual letters.

## Maps

Legislature's map would have led to only one new minority elected to Congress from Texas. Minority rights groups accused the Legislature of drawing maps that discriminated against them, and Democrats hardly cheered what the court delivered Tuesday.

"These maps may be slightly better than those passed by a radical Legislature, but they still grossly misrepresent the demographics of our state," the Texas Democratic Party said in a statement.

The judges released the maps without an opinion but said one would be forthcoming. Trey Martinez Fischer, chairman of the Mexican American Legislative Caucus, said the lack of an opinion for now made it difficult for his group to consider its next move.

"Make no mistake we believe that any map, even an interim plan, must acknowledge 3.7 million new minority Texans," Martinez Fischer said.

The Republican Party of Texas celebrated the fact that there were maps and that a May 29 primary remained possible.

The Texas primaries originally loomed as the biggest prize of next week's Super Tuesday before the redistricting fallout forced the state to push the back the primary date. Texas has the most delegates of any state besides California, and the state wants the chance to play kingmaker in the Republican presidential primary before the race is settled.

"This is what we've been waiting on for about three months now," party spokesman Chris Elam said Tuesday. "We've been anxiously awaiting maps, and this is a great step forward in finally moving ahead with the primary."

Analyzing the changes the court made to the state House map was harder to discern. Texas Democrats did not get as many seats in the 150-member House as it expected. The court made no changes to districts in the

Dallas-Fort Worth area, but made significant changes in Houston that appeared to aid Democrats.

Based on past voting patterns, out of 150 districts, Republicans could expect to win 85, Democrats will likely win 50 and 15 are up grabs.

In the Dallas-Fort Worth area, the court fundamentally redrew the Legislature's congressional map to create a majority Hispanic Congressional District 33, which runs through the center of the Metroplex. Republican Rep. Joe Barton's District 6 creates a right-handed hook through the mid-cities that separate Dallas and Fort Worth.

The court did make significant changes to Republican Rep. Quico Canseco's Congressional District 23, which stretches from El Paso to the western suburbs of San Antonio. The changes reflected those requested by Hispanic groups, but it was unclear if they were enough to hurt Canseco's election chances.

In the Austin area, the court kept the Legislature's map of dividing heavily-Democratic Travis County into five districts from the existing three, virtually guaranteeing that an Austin Democrat could not win re-election. The only potentially Democratic district, Congressional District 35, has the majority of residents living in the San Antonio area.

The court-drawn map made no change to the congressional districts in the Corpus Christi area, where Hispanic groups complained their votes were being diluted.

Under the Legislature's map, Hispanics were expected to be able to elect a candidate of their choice in one out

of the four new districts. In the court-drawn map, they appeared to pick up at least two.

Time is running out for Texas to hold primaries, and the maps are intended to get Texas through the 2012 election cycle. The fight over redistricting has already seen the Texas primaries delayed from March 6 to April 3 and now May 29. The last day Texans could vote is June 26.

The latest maps come after months of legal wrangling in three federal courtrooms, including the U.S. Supreme Court. The court threw out the last set of maps the San Antonio judges drew saying they did not adhere closely enough to the maps originally drawn by the Legislature.

The ruling does not resolve the two court cases still pending, but is only an interim measure. The San Antonio court must still make a decision on whether the original maps drawn by Republicans last year discriminates against minorities and needs to be changed. That decision is dependent on separate lawsuit in the Washington, D.C., federal court on whether the original maps are legal under the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

The Washington court said it would probably issue a ruling sometime in March.

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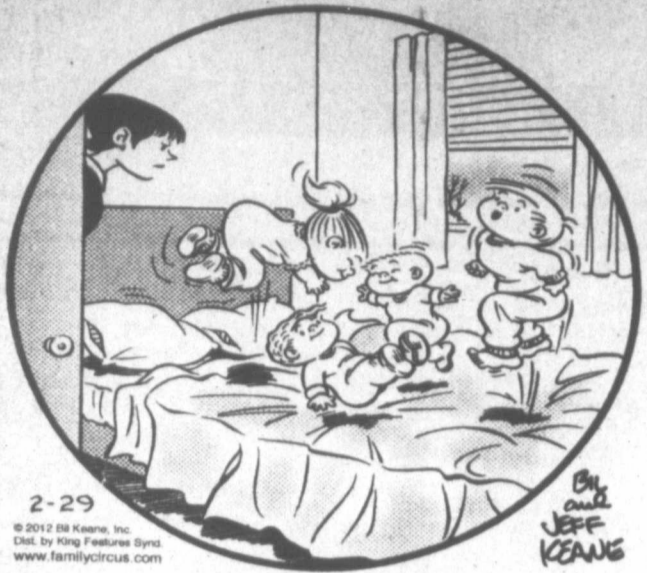
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### Non Sequitur

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### Nest Heads



## daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Thursday, March 1, 2012:

This year you open up because of a willingness to go within. Your ability to communicate also is heightened. Be careful when handling what you might consider to be difficult feelings, but do not run away from them. Try to express hurt before it evolves into anger. If you are single, developing a stable relationship this year could be challenging. If you are attached, you and your significant other often find yourselves at odds. Understand your feelings rather than interpret your sweetie's. Don't worry as much. VIRGO can express his or her anger through pickiness.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
★★★★ You might know a little too much. Be discreet, and keep your observations to yourself. Communication excels. You know what to say and when to say it. You understand others' motives better than they do. Few like to be read that well. Tonight: Hang out with your buddies.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
★★★ Deal with finances directly. An emotional risk or monetary gamble could easily backfire and be the source of an argument. The smart move is to do nothing. Find an outlet for your feelings and your self-expression. Tonight: Your treat!

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
★★★★ There is an underlying sense of dissatisfaction that keeps bubbling up from out of nowhere. You know what is going on, and you know where you are heading, with the exception of a property-related issue or domestic matter. Tonight: Discuss this issue with the other party involved.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
★★ You might be taken aback by the harshness of your words, even in a simple conversation. You might wonder what is going on within. Stop and root out some rather strong feelings, even if you are uncomfortable. Otherwise, you might not have the control you desire. Tonight: Soul-searching.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
★★★★ Zero in on your priorities in meetings and discussions. You could overspend without intending to cause yourself a problem. You can justify your spending, but still be careful. Someone you know very well starts you in any way, shape or form, so it seems. Tonight: Let your hair

down.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
★★★★ Without intending to, you could be sarcastic and cop an attitude out of the blue. Your smile draws many people, and you do not want to push them away. Think about a boss or parent. Look at a problem from this person's point of view. Tonight: Burning the midnight oil.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
★★★★ Your ability to detach from a situation could earmark your ability to get to the root of a problem. Use intellect rather than emotion, and you will succeed. Be careful with pent-up anger. It could pop out at any given moment. Tonight: Put on music and relax.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
★★★★ You are driven to succeed, but you need to work or brainstorm with a key associate or partner. Together, you are more likely to pull off the impossible. You also manage to get the support of others, even if there is an angry exchange at the beginning. Tonight: An intense conversation.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
★★★★ Others continue to run the show. Someone could be irate or angry with you. You might try to straighten out the issue or choose to let it sit for a while. Sooner or later, you will be told what is going on. Make this day special, and make it yours. Tonight: So many choices.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
★★★ You might not be very stable right now. Part of the problem is that new information makes you aware of misinformation or how someone created his or her own version of the story. Detach rather than get angry. Tonight: Go for an escape.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
★★★★ You can do nothing with a partner or associate who decides to go on the warpath. You gregarious nature possibly triggered some of the problem, but there is another issue on another level. Let your imagination and intellect merge when dealing with issues. Tonight: Be a wild thing.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
★★★ You are focused on a personal matter and become even more distracted because of your interactions with others. In fact, a key associate or partner could be spouting too much anger for you to handle. You do not know what to do. Tonight: Be unavailable.

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### Mother Goose and Grim



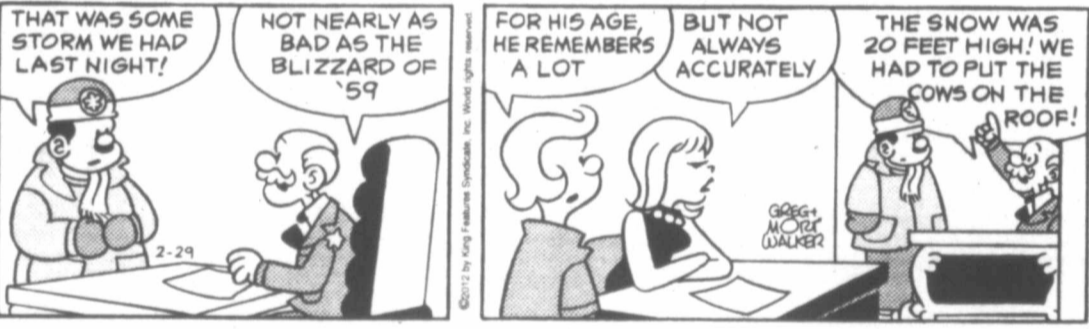
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### Beetle Bailey



### Marvin



### Hagar The Horrible



### Peanuts



### Blondie





## Fraud

the suspension of an additional 78 home health agencies associated with Roy. The agencies were collecting about \$2.3 million a month, said Peter Budetti, CMS' deputy administrator for program integrity.

The alleged fraud went unnoticed for several years. After CMS suspended Medicare provider accounts belonging to Roy and Medistat last July, Medistat's employees allegedly started billing Medicare under a different provider number under Roy's supervision, authorities said.

Until recently, HHS could not effectively track data to identify the kind of fraud now linked to Roy, who was billing beneficiaries

"off the charts" for more than five years, officials said. The department's inspector general, Dan Levinson, told reporters the department's technology "has not come online as quickly as we'd like to see."

The department is now beefing up its data analysis and tracking other cases, Levinson said. It has also established task forces in several U.S. cities to track Medicare fraud, officials said.

"We're now able to use those data analytic tools in ways — in 2012 and 2011 — that no, we really could not have done in years past," Levinson said.

A spokesman for Trailblazer

Health Enterprises, which paid home health claims through a contract with federal authorities, did not return a phone message Tuesday.

Health care fraud is estimated to cost the government at least \$60 billion a year, mainly in losses to Medicare and Medicaid. Officials say the fraud involves everything from sophisticated marketing schemes by major pharmaceuticals encouraging doctors to prescribe drugs for unauthorized uses to selling motorized wheelchairs to people who don't need them.

"These are public programs, and we must protect them for future generations," Saldana said.

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## Stratfor

of Venezuela President Hugo Chavez.

"If this is a source you suspect may have value, you have to take control (of) him. Control means financial, sexual or psychological control to the point where he would reveal his sourcing and be tasked," the email read. "This is difficult to do when you are known to be affiliated with an intelligence organization."

Stratfor Vice President of Intelligence Fred Burton bragged in other emails about his "trusted former CIA cronies" and promises to "see what I can uncover" about a classified FBI investigation.

Messages left for Burton weren't immediately returned. Stratfor has speculated that some of the leaked emails may have been altered or forged, although the firm did not provide any evidence of tampering. Anonymous

said in a Twitter message that the suggestion of forgery was "pathetic."

Bobby Inman, former director of the National Security Agency and former deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency, called Stratfor's paid intelligence service competent and said the company has delivered "high-quality" analysis in the past.

Inman said Monday that the leaked list of clients would almost "certainly be damaging" to Stratfor's business for now.

"If you think who might find that information useful, it would be a competitor out there looking for clients," he said.

Some clients are already facing questions. Among the emails are reports apparently compiled for The Dow Chemical Co. on activists who have targeted the company over its links to the Bhopal gas

leak disaster, which killed thousands of Indians and spawned a long-running legal battle.

Dow said in a written statement that "major companies are often required to take appropriate action to protect their people and safeguard their facilities," adding that it operated within the law.

Coca-Cola also defended reaching out to Stratfor before the 2010 Olympics, releasing a statement Monday that read, "We consider it prudent to monitor for protest activities at any major event we sponsor, as such activities may affect our partners, customers, consumers or employees."

How WikiLeaks got the company's emails remains unclear. Assange refused to answer questions about the matter Monday, but Stratfor said the messages appeared to be the same ones stolen by hackers in

December. That breach, claimed by the Internet activist group Anonymous, ravaged the company's servers and led to the disclosure of thousands of credit card numbers and other information.

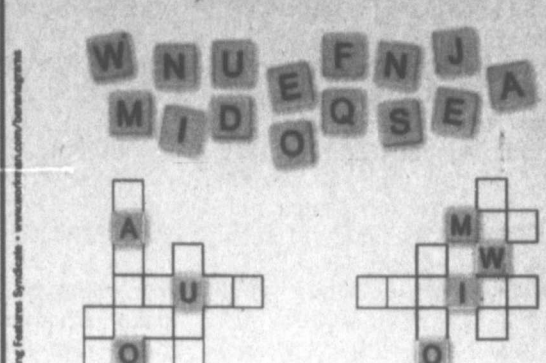
Wired magazine quoted an unnamed member of Anonymous as saying that the stolen data had been transferred to WikiLeaks, which allegedly acknowledged receiving the transfer using a coded message on Twitter. Anonymous appeared to confirm that account, pointing to the cryptic message "rats for donavon," which WikiLeaks posted Dec. 30.

Several media groups, including Rolling Stone magazine and German broadcaster NDR, said they have been offered advance access to the emails and will publish stories based on the documents if appropriate.

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## BANAGRAMS!

Use the 15 tiles in this bunch to create words that fit into the grids below. To get you started, a few tiles from the bunch have been placed. Reuse the 15 tiles in the bunch for each grid.



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Level: Intermediate



## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a 19-year-old student taking courses at a community college. One of my classes is taught by a great professor who also works at a state college teaching other teachers.

After an evening class with him one night, I returned to the classroom because I forgot something and ended up walking with him back to the parking lot. While putting stuff into my car I saw him get into another student's car. I waited a while without them realizing I was there and ended up seeing my professor and this student smoking weed and fooling around.

I feel angry and betrayed knowing he would put his career in danger. They are both consenting adults, but I don't know whether I should report it or not. What do you think? — BETRAYED STUDENT ON THE WEST COAST

DEAR STUDENT: Unless you have ABSOLUTE PROOF that your professor was smoking something other than tobacco, I think you should keep your mouth shut. As you said, he was with another consenting adult. Are you sure your feelings of anger and betrayal aren't jealousy? Because you asked what I think, I'll tell you: Mind your own business.

DEAR ABBY: A year ago my husband and I met a nice couple on a cruise. We had so much fun with them we invited them to our home for a visit.

While they were here I showed them the photo album I had made with our cruise pictures. They were in most of them. It has been three months since their visit and we can't find the album. A few weeks ago, while talking to the wife on the phone

I mentioned it. She said we didn't show the album to them but she wished we had. Abby, we know we did!

Should I mention it again or just make a new one and never invite them back? — MISSING MORE THAN THE PICTURES?

DEAR MISSING: You appear to be seeing the picture clearly now. While the couple may have been charming, they're not nearly as "nice" as you assumed. If you want a record of your cruise, by all means create a second album. (Surely you don't need me to advise you to never invite them back.)

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I have been together for 19 years. We have three children and from the outside looking in, you would think we have a wonderful life. But my boyfriend has been unfaithful numerous times, which has caused me to have trust issues and insecurities. I took him back because I wanted our children to be raised in a two-parent home, which is hard to find these

days.

The problem is, two years ago I cheated on him. He found out by tracking my phone, bugging the house and monitoring my calls and emails. He "reminds" me of it every day and we argue constantly. I'm sorry it happened, but I still have trust issues because I can't see what he has been up to. I guess my question is — is this a relationship worth saving? — GOOD FOR THE GANDER — GOOD FOR THE GOOSE

DEAR GOOSE: Let's review your letter. Nineteen years as a couple, three kids and he's a serial cheater. You cheated too, and your complaint is that you can't monitor your boyfriend's activities the way he is scrutinizing yours?

Although you say you're staying together for the children, a household filled with anger and suspicion isn't healthy for them or for you. This is not a relationship worth saving in my book.

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is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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# GOP's Romney, Santorum collide in Michigan primary

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican rivals Mitt Romney and Rick Santorum collided Tuesday in a rancorous Michigan presidential primary that tested the clout of the GOP establishment against conservative and tea party rebels as well as the candidates themselves.

Arizona Republicans voted in the second primary of the night, and Romney was favored by far in that race that drew less attention.

Two other candidates in the race for the GOP nomination, Newt Gingrich and Ron Paul, made little effort in either Michigan or Arizona, pointing instead to next week's 10-state collection of Super Tuesday primaries and caucuses.

As Romney's home state, Michigan held outsized importance in the campaign to pick a Republican presidential candidate, a place where he won the primary in 2008 and could ill afford to lose this year.

Not even the opening of polls around the state brought an end to the squabbling. Romney accused Santorum of trying to hijack a victory by courting Democratic votes through automated telephone calls and suggested his rival was appealing to Michigan conservatives by making the kind of "incendiary" statements he would not.

"I'm not willing to light my hair on fire to try and get support," Romney said. "I am what I am."

Santorum brushed aside the allegations of hijacking, saying Romney had appealed for support from independents in earlier states.

"We're going to get voters that we need to be able to win this election. And we're going to do that here in Michigan today," Santorum said, referring to blue collar voters with a history of swinging between the parties.

If nothing else, the unexpected clash on Romney's home field dramatized that two months into the campaign season — after nearly a dozen primaries and caucuses — the GOP race to pick an opponent for President Barack Obama was as unsettled as the day it began.

The lengthening GOP nomination struggle has coincided with a rise in Obama's prospects for a new term. A survey released during the day showed consumer confidence at the highest level in a year, and other polls show an increase in voters saying they believe the country is on the right track.

Unopposed for renomination, Obama timed a campaign-style appearance before United Auto Workers Union members in Washington for the same day as the Michigan primary. Attacking Republicans, he said assertions that union members profited from a taxpayer-paid rescue of the auto industry in 2008 are a "load of you know what."

All of the Republicans running for the White House opposed the bailout, but even in the party's Michigan primary a survey of voters leaving polling places showed about four in ten supported it.

A plurality of Republican voters in both Michigan and Arizona said the most important factor to them was that a candidate be able to beat Obama in November.

About one in four Michigan primary voters said they most wanted a candidate with the right experience, and the same percentage cited a strong moral character as most important. Santorum was preferred among both groups.

The polls surveyed both Election Day and absentee or early voters. Interviews were conducted at 30 polling places in each state. Early results from Arizona's poll included interviews with 1,617 voters, including 601 absentee or early voters interviewed by phone. In Michigan it was 1,631 interviews including 412 absentee or early voters interviewed by telephone. The margin of sampling error for both polls was plus or minus 4 percentage points.

Michigan loomed as a key test for Romney as



Romney



Santorum

he struggled to reclaim his early standing as front-runner in the race. The first of the industrial battleground states to vote in the nominating campaign, it is also the place

where the former Massachusetts governor was born and where he won a primary when he first ran for the party nomination four years ago.

But Santorum, a former Pennsylvania senator, rolled into the state on the strength of surprising victories on Feb. 7 in caucuses in Minnesota and Colorado plus a non-binding primary in Missouri. He quickly sought to stitch together the same coalition of conservatives and tea party activists that carried him to a narrow victory in the Iowa caucuses that opened the campaign nearly two months ago.

The Michigan primary was open to Republicans or any voter who declared they were Republican for the purpose of voting, and there was precedent for an influx of outsiders influencing the outcome.

A dozen years ago, John McCain defeated the heavily favored George W. Bush, relying on the support of Michigan independents and Democrats. Exit polls then showed that Bush won 66 percent of Republican votes, while McCain won 82 percent of self-described Democrats and 67 percent of independents. Together, the non-Republican voters accounted for more than half the electorate.

In a measure this year of the state's importance to the battle for the nomination, the two leading candidates and the super PACs that support them spent about \$6 million on television advertisements, and Romney and Santorum spent much of the past 10 days crisscrossing the state in search of support.

Arizona was Romney's to lose, judging by the behavior of his rivals, who spent little time campaigning in the state and no money advertising on its television airwaves.

In all, there were 59 delegates at stake in the two states.

Arizona awarded all 29 of its delegates to the winner of the statewide vote.

In Michigan, by contrast, 30 delegates were apportioned according to the popular vote. Two were set aside for the winner of each of the state's 14 congressional districts. The remaining two delegates were likely to be divided between the top finishers in the statewide vote.

Romney entered the night the delegate leader in The Associated Press count.

He had 123, compared to 72 for Santorum, 32 for Gingrich and 19 for Paul. It takes 1,144 to win the nomination at the Republican National Convention in Tampa next summer.

There are 40 delegates at stake in Washington caucuses on Saturday, followed by 419 on Super Tuesday.

Santorum campaigned heavily for the support of tea party activists and other non-establishment Republicans, appearing in churches at times and often dwelling on social issues, as is his custom. In a string of attention-gathering remarks in the race's final days, he said Obama was a snob who wanted everyone to attend college, said he nearly threw up over a speech that candidate John F. Kennedy gave in 1960 about the separation of church and state, and said Romney was uniquely unqualified to defeat Obama because the two men shared so much in common on issues like health care.

The former Massachusetts governor made a play for tea party support, too, at a pair of appearances, but

for the most part campaigned on his pledge to use his background as a successful businessman to help create jobs and fix the economy. Last week, he issued a call for 20 percent across-the-board cuts in personal income tax rates.

But he was hampered by off-the-cuff comments that reinforced his difficulty in reaching out to struggling voters in a state with 9.3 percent unemployment. He said at one point that his wife drives a couple of Cadillacs, and at another that he was friends with some of the owners of NASCAR teams.

At a rare news conference after the polls opened on Tuesday, he conceded that his own mistakes had hurt his campaign.

The primaries in Michigan and Arizona were the first contests since Romney squeaked out a victory over Paul in the Maine caucuses on Feb. 11, a lull of two and a half weeks.

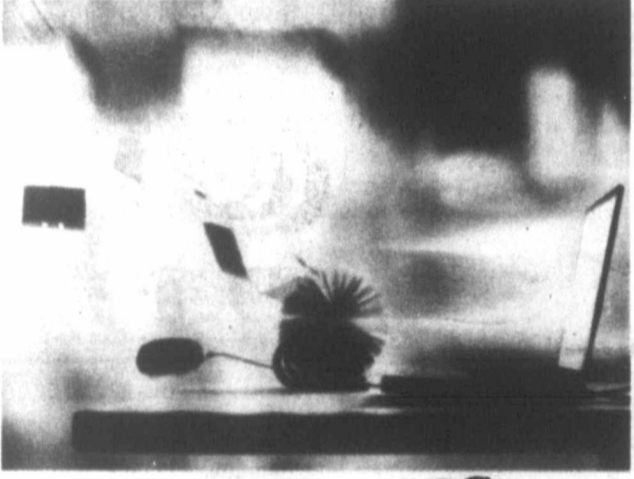
Except for a debate in Arizona last Wednesday and a brief burst of campaigning in the hours before and after, Romney and Santorum have focused their time and campaign money on Michigan.

Polls showed Santorum racing to a large advantage after his victories on Feb. 7, before the weight of attack ads by a Romney-aligned super PAC and the candidate himself began to narrow and finally erase the gap in many surveys.

In the end, the combination of Romney and the outside group accounted for about \$3.8 million in TV ads, compared to about \$2.2 million for Santorum and a super PAC supporting him.

While that gave Romney an advantage, it wasn't nearly as lopsided as in some of the earlier states.

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"The words 'shelter,' 'control,' have some negative kind of associations to (them), so one of the things is to introduce the name for the facility to be the City of Pampa Animal Welfare Facility, to make sure the idea behind the facility is about the welfare of the animals," said Thomas.

The facility would include two rooms, called "get acquainted rooms," where people can meet the animals they are considering adopting.

"That's where you get to get acquainted with your new family member," said Thomas. "The rooms (are) about eight by eight (feet) in size, they're very light and airy, but they're a very relaxing environment in which you can take an animal, interact with it, and get to know it."

The new shelter would also include a community room for meetings or events.

"It starts to become a hub," said Thomas. "It could be puppy training classes. It could be further education classes on how to feed, how to interact with your animals. Getting (animals) adopted is half the process, but it's a resource for the commu-

nity to come back (to) and call their own."

GH2 Architects estimates that the facility would cost \$2.9 million, which includes everything down to the furniture,

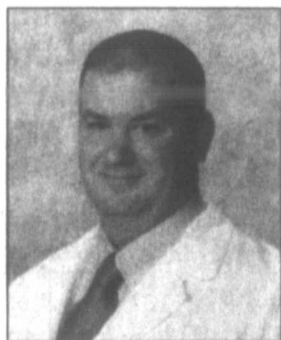
equipment and security in the building. Stokes said that the cost of facility would not mean an increase in taxes.

"Over the next few years, our debt service is

lowering, so we'll be able to include this in there without increasing the tax rate," said Stokes.

Approval for the facility will be subject to the results of a bond election.

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