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Wilson Elementary to celebrate 80 years

BY DAVID BOWSER
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Wilson Elementary School will celebrate its 80th birthday this month. A planning committee set the celebration for Friday, 2 p.m., Jan. 29, at the school, according to Principal Melissa True.

While there are still details to be ironed out, the planning committee was out today tracking down old photos from which they can make posters and veteran teachers and students to invite to the celebration.

The school, which opened in January 1929, is now in its 81st year educating Pampa's children. Those years have seen a lot of changes, school officials said.

Originally named East Ward Elementary, the name was later changed to Wilson Elementary in honor of former President Woodrow Wilson.

In 1932, the school was the first elementary school in Texas to have a uniformed and organized band.

While the school had only 10 classrooms, it had an enrollment of 300. Four additional classrooms were added in 1933. Six more classrooms, a gymnasium-auditorium and a cafeteria were built in 1951, and in 1989, four more classrooms were added.

Completely renovated in 1997-98, the school now has about 365 students and 26 classrooms along with the gymnasium-auditorium and cafeteria.

It also has central heating and air conditioning and the internet. Things that were unheard of when the school was first built.

The school boasts of 32 certified teachers, a speech therapist, counselor and principal. They also have a part time nurse and part time diagnostician.

There will be a week of events leading up to the celebration on Jan. 29, True said. The planning committee will meet at 5:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 18, on the school library to finalize the celebration schedule.

Extreme cold expected Wednesday, Thursday

The National weather service has predicted an arctic cold front will move into our area on Wednesday, bringing the coldest temperatures of the season.

Temperatures Wednesday should reach the 30s and 40s, but fall in the afternoon as the cold front moves through. Low temperatures Wednesday night are expected to be between 5 and 15 degrees, but north winds of 25 to 30 mph, with higher gusts will bring the wind-chill to as low as -15 degrees.

There is also a 20 percent chance of snow in the Pampa area, with any accumulations predicted of less than one inch.

State March 2 primary election battles set

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The ballot is set, and the dash to the March 2 Texas primary election is under way.

Leading the lineup for the eight intense weeks of campaigning are the two major Republican contenders for governor, Gov. Rick Perry and U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison.

Cow wash



January is the month for livestock shows in Pampa. John Baggerman (standing) and Ty Baggerman groom their mini-Herford for last weekend's Top of Texas Livestock Show at the Clyde Carruth Pavilion at Recreation Park. It will be followed by 4-H shows and the Gray County Livestock Shows later this month.

Texas GOP has new leader

The Republican Party of Texas starts the New Year off with a new leader. Chairman Cathie Adams has selected Jesse Lewis to become the Party's next Executive Director. Mr. Lewis comes to the Party having served here before, as a Field Representative, a Statewide Field Director and its Deputy Political Director from 1999 to 2003. His extensive background includes everything from grassroots work training thousands of candidates, campaign managers and volunteers, to serving on the executive staff of a large state agency, overseeing 90 employees. He also served as Chief of Staff to Texas House

Members Arlene Wohlgenuth and Sid Miller.

"Jesse is a remarkable Texan, a remarkable Republican and he'll be a remarkable leader for our Party," said Chairman Adams. "Having him at the helm as we enter the crucial 2010 election means that we will have a sure hand who has steadily led many winning campaigns, and whose experience covers every aspect of state politics. We're excited to have him bring his knowledge and enthusiasm to the Republican Party of Texas."

Past Party Executive Directors see Mr. Lewis as the perfect choice to lead the party today. "Jesse Lewis has

worked with everyone from our elected officers to local activists, and everyone who has worked with him holds him in the highest regard. His record of leadership and accomplishment in Texas politics is nearly unmatched," said former RPT Executive Director Chad Wilbanks. Adds former Executive Director Wayne Hamilton: "Jesse is exactly what the Party needs right now: He's smart, experienced and ready to lead from the first minute he'll be on the job."

Jesse Lewis assumes the Republican Party of Texas Executive Director's office January 11.

Local conservation district taking tree and shrub orders

The Gray County Soil & Water Conservation District is now accepting orders for windbreak and wildlife tree seedlings and shrubs. The conservation tree program is designed to offer tree seedlings at a nominal cost to cover tree price, shipping and handling with the aim being to protect cropland, feedlots, and buildings, and to control erosion and enhance wildlife.

A wide variety of one-year old tree seedlings are available this year including Arborvitae, Austrian Pine, Co. Blue Spruce, Pinyon Pine, Ponderosa Pine, Rocky Mtn. Juniper, American

Elm, Bur Oak, Caragana, Chinkapin Oak, Chokecherry, Cotoneaster, Gambel Oak, Golden Willow, Green Ash, Hackberry, Honeylocust, Hybrid cottonwood, Lilac, Lombardy Poplar, Nanking Cherry, Native Plum, Sandcherry, Sawtooth Oak, Shumard Oak, Siberian Elm and Sumac. The tree seedlings will arrive at the District Office at the end of March. District representatives suggest that tree orders be placed early as many species sell out very quickly. The deadline for ordering the free seedlings is March 22, 2010. In addition to the tree seedlings, the

District will also have a wide variety of larger trees available including hardwoods, fruit trees, evergreens and shrubs in 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, and 15 gallon sizes. The larger trees can be ordered through the middle of April with an expected delivery date at the end of April. Anyone interested may obtain an order form at the Gray Co. SWCD Office located in the Gray Co. Annex Building at 12125 East Frederic (Highway 60 East), or by calling the District Office at (806) 665-1751, Ext. 102.

Democratic opponents Monday, instead making references to Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst's re-election bid. She characterized herself as an underdog against Dewhurst, a "comfortable millionaire," and said supporters talked her into running to help

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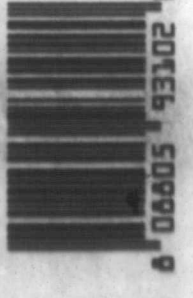
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Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 25. Wind chill values between 18 and 23. South wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of snow after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 40. Wind chill values between 16 and 26. Windy, with a north northwest wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 30 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a low around 10. Wind chill values between -8 and 2. Windy, with a north wind between 25 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

Thursday: Partly sunny, with a high near 20. Windy, with a north wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 6. North northeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 27. Northeast wind around 5 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 10. East northeast wind around 5 mph becoming south southwest.

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Pump prices on pace to top 2009 high by weekend

MARK WILLIAMS
AP Energy Writer

The cost of filling up the car is rising in the wake of soaring crude and by this weekend, pump prices may race past the highs for all of 2009.

Tracing the ascension of crude, up 14 percent since mid-December, energy prices across the board are catching up.

It part economic and part meteorologic.

Vicious pockets of cold stretched from the Northeast to the South, where farmers in the Florida panhandle tried to save tomato and strawberry crops. Four deaths in Tennessee were blamed on low temperatures.

That has squeezed heating oil supplies in some areas in a year when demand had been very weak.

Falling supplies in recent weeks have contributed to prices driven higher by the falling dollar. When the dollar falls, investors holding stronger currency can essentially buy more dollar-based crude and they have, doubling oil prices last year.

In just one week heating oil, which is processed from crude, rose 3 percent on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Prices are 13 percent high-

er than in mid-December.

Futures prices yesterday ran past last year's highs and experts believe spot prices for heating oil will hit \$3 per gallon this month. That's a dollar more than prices over the Christmas holiday.

One of the breaks consumers got in 2009 was cheap energy. It's too soon to tell if the rising prices right now will stick, though Peter Beutel of Cameron Hanover called sharply higher heating oil prices an "ominous sign for the year ahead."

Pump prices rose less than a penny overnight to \$2.667 a gallon Tuesday, according to auto club AAA, Wright Express and Oil Price Information Services.

By the weekend, a gallon on average will hit \$2.70, higher than the peak for 2009, predicted OPIS' Tom Kloza.

"Some back of the envelope arithmetic puts the current U.S. fuel bill at about \$1.066 billion each day," Kloza wrote. "A year ago, that daily outlay was about \$625 million."

Already, gas costs \$1 more a gallon than a year ago, and that's costing a typical motorist about \$50 more a month.

Obituaries

Ramona Rueda Portillo, 92

Pampa—Ramona Rueda Portillo, 92, died January 5, 2010, Pampa, Texas.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Portillo was born November 22, 1917 in Santa Rosalia Camargo, Chihuahua, Mexico. She married David Portillo in 1933 in Santa Rosalia Camargo. After the passing of her husband, she moved to Pampa to be with her family. She will be

greatly missed by her family and friends.

Survivors include three sons, Mario Portillo Rueda and wife Ramona and Ramon Portillo and wife Evangelina, all of Pampa, and Blas Portillo and wife Hortencia of Mexico; seven daughters, Maria Estrada and husband Edilverto, Guadalupe Sanchez and husband Jose, Silvia Diaz and husband Ruperto, and Pora Alvarado and husband Jesus, all of Roswell, New

Mexico, Gloria Deleon and husband Delfino and Isabel Portillo, all of Pampa, and Rosa Martell and husband Jose of Mexico; 60 grandchildren, 153 great-grandchildren, 46 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by 2 brothers: Isabel Rueda and Julia Ruedo, a sister: Irene Rueda; and a nephew: Antonio y Blas Portillo Sabrino.



Portillo
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Doris Ann (King) Breeding, 74

Doris Ann (King) Breeding, 74, of Sherwood passed away Thursday, December 31, 2009. She was a retired school teacher, a member of North Little Rock Women's Club, Daughters of the American Revolution, a member of Park Hill Baptist Church and active in the "Heart Strings" musical group.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Lisa Breeding, of Fayetteville; daughter

and son-in-law, Heidi and John Bettis, of Benton; two brothers, John T. King, of Pampa, Texas and Albert King, of Tennessee; and five grandchildren, Weslee, Nathan, Samuel, Sarah and Jacob. She was preceded in death by her husband, of 39 years, Kenneth Wright Breeding; son, Kenneth Brian Breeding and grandson, Noah Wright Bettis.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Arkansas Children's

Hospital, P.O. Box 2222, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m., Thursday at Park Hill Baptist Church. Burial will be in Pinecrest Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Wednesday at North Little Rock Funeral Home, 1921 Main St., 758-1170.

Online obituary and guest register at www.nrfh.com.



Breeding

EMERGENCY SERVICES

FIRE

The Pampa Fire Department reported to following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

2:38 p.m. one unit and three personnel responded to the 600 block of E. Francis on an odor investigation. Nothing found.

reported in the 800 block of South Banks.

Lost property was reported to police.

A theft was reported to police.

Fire officials launched an investigation in the 600 block of West Francis.

Officers assisted an agency at Tuke and Ballard.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 400 block of North Christy.

A theft was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

Criminal mischief was reported to police.

Lost property was reported in the 1200 block of North Williston.

Forgery was reported in the 200 block of East Francis.

A 911 hangup call was reported in the 2800 block of North Charles.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at Barnes and Brunow.

Officers assisted another agency in the 700 block of East Francis.

A runaway was reported in the 2000 block of North Duncan.

An alarm was reported in the 600 block of East

Frederic.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1500 block of Dogwood.

Tuesday, Jan. 5.

Suspicious persons were reported at Faulkner and Alcock, Hobart and Cook, Foster and Starkweather, in the 1100 block of East Kingsmill and 1100 block of East Foster.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at 25th and Evergreen.

An alarm was reported in the 400 block of North Ballard.

SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

Monday, Jan. 4.

Mandy Mitchell Stephen, 30, White Deer, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on a Potter County warrant charging her with theft.

Jimmy Eugene Lewis, 47, Amarillo, was arrested by Gray County deputies on a warrant charging him with speeding.

Atziri Aris Murgado, 18,

Scagville, was arrested by deputies in connect with a criminal trespass charge.

Rodolfo Ponce Dedrano, 53, was arrested by deputies on charges of public intoxication.

Tuesday, Jan. 5.

John Allen Jeffries, 19, McLean, was arrested by deputies on two charges of assault in connection with family violence.

Bear Julius Raymo, 21, was arrested by police on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility, displaying an expired registration and possession of marijuana under two ounces.

PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police Department reported to following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

Officers reported six traffic-related stops and one accident.

Animal control reported eight animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS reported seven medical runs. Lefors Volunteer Ambulance Service reported one medical run.

Monday, Jan. 4.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 2200 block of North Williston.

An alarm was reported in the 200 block of East Browning.

A sewer choke was

2 men struck, killed while walking in Bryan

BRYAN, Texas (AP) — Bryan police say two men walking along a highway died after being struck by an SUV.

Police on Tuesday identified the victims as 29-year-old Timothy Errin Cross of Clarksville and 19-year-old Brandon Scott Sali of Tomball. Both were hit

Monday afternoon while walking on the side of Texas 21.

Officer Jason James says the driver of the Ford Expedition was not hurt. His name was not released.

James says police are investigating witness reports that the driver may have fallen asleep. He says

the accident is not believed to be alcohol related.

James told The Associated Press that the victims had dropped off a pickup, to have the vehicle fitted with a hitch, and were walking to a restaurant or a gas station when they were struck.

Gov. Dem challenger hit south Texas

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — Democratic gubernatorial candidate Bill White is campaigning in the Rio Grande Valley.

The former Houston mayor won't be the only candidate in the area Tuesday.

Texas Governor Rick Perry is scheduled to announce state funding for emerging technologies at the University of Texas-

Pan American on Tuesday afternoon. Some in the White campaign are calling that more than a coincidence.

White started a day of campaign events with a breakfast event in McAllen hosted by U.S. Rep. Ruben Hinojosa. He criticized Perry's record on education.

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Ten challenge to addition to governor's mansion

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Ten former members of the Texas Historical Commission are objecting to a proposed addition to the fire-damaged governor's mansion.

Their letter says the expansion would "irrevocably alter the view the public had historically had from the Capitol."

A June 2008 fire, during renovation, is blamed on arson and remains unsolved. The commission is in charge of issuing a permit for any addition.

The letter is from Gail Loving Barnes of

Odessa, Jane Cook Barnhiull of Brenham, Shirley Caldwell of Albany, Lareatha Clay of Dallas, Jean Ann Ables-Flatt of Terrell, Frank Gorman of El Paso, Alberet Hauser of San Antonio, Dr. Eileen Johnson of Lubbock, Juan Sandoval of El Paso and Linda Valdez of Rockport.

Supporters say the mansion needs more living space, must meet building and fire codes and should be more accessible to the disabled.

Battles

bring out the Democratic voter base.

"They said I was the candidate that could do it, and they finally convinced me that I could," said Chavez-Thompson, who lives in San Antonio and remains a prominent labor union figure. She was a super-delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 2008. She has never held elected office.

Another Democratic statewide filing Monday was by former state Sen. Hector Uribe, who opted to run for land commissioner. Republican Jerry Patterson is the incumbent in that office seeking re-election.

Democratic Party spokeswoman Kirsten Gray said her party is fielding well-qualified candidates who will provide strong competition to Republicans in the November general election.

"We're prepared, united and ready to throw our full support behind our

Democratic candidates after our voters cast their ballots in the primary," she said.

Meanwhile, Texas Republican Party spokesman Bryan Preston showed enthusiasm of his own.

"We feel that we're going to come out like gangbusters this year," Preston said. "So we're fired up."

A notable filing for the GOP ballot the final day was by Leon County Republican Chairman Marva Beck, who filed to run for the state representative seat held by Democrat Jim Dunnam of Waco, the outspoken leader of his party's caucus in the Texas House.

Texas Democrats have been trying to work their way back into statewide political contention for a decade. Republicans have held all statewide offices since 1999 and both chambers of the Legislature since 2003.

Entrenched Republican

incumbents have filed for re-election for several lower-level statewide posts. For instance, in addition to Patterson for land commissioner, Attorney General Greg Abbott, Comptroller Susan Combs and Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples are all running again in 2010. A number of Texas incumbents in Congress from both parties also filed for re-election.

Longtime U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee of Houston drew a Democratic primary challenge Monday from Houston City Councilman Jarvis Johnson, who was just sworn in for another council term.

Dewhurst and Abbott had been considered potential candidates for higher offices, but Hutchison's decision to stay in the U.S. Senate until after the primary meant the anticipated political scramble never happened.

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Dallas police aim to help, not jail, prostitutes

JEFF CARLTON
ASSOCIATED PRESS
WRITER

DALLAS (AP) — It was nearly midnight in a cramped mobile courtroom in the back of an 18-wheeler, and a prostitute in a Tweety Bird shirt was apologizing to a judge for falling asleep during her hearing.

She hadn't slept for three days and was coming down from a crack high, she explained. The combination left her too impaired to make a choice that only Dallas offers prostitutes: Go to rehab or go to jail.

With those options, the city is taking a new approach to the world's oldest profession. Police treat prostitutes as sex crime victims, offering many a chance to clean up and get off the streets.

The program's advocates acknowledge its success has been limited — about half of the 375 women have chosen rehab, and just 21 have turned their lives around. But authorities say they're gaining the women's trust and have gotten leads on unsolved crimes.

The program could soon spread beyond Dallas. More than 200 law enforcement agents from the U.S. and Canada attended the National Prostitution Diversion conference here in November. Since then, groups from Edmonton, Atlanta and Fort Worth have asked for more information about the program.

"We are the pioneers, I suppose," said Renee Breazeale, program director for Homeward Bound, a nonprofit detoxification and counseling center

in Dallas. "It's the only police-led program and represents a change of culture for law enforcement."

The program starts with a monthly roundup of prostitutes in an area health officials consider the national epicenter of syphilis. Dallas vice police have identified more than 1,300 prostitutes working four truck stops that serve more than 2,000 big rigs a day.

"Truckers were conducting counter-surveillance for prostitutes," Dallas police Sgt. Louis Felini said. "They let them use CB radios to advertise prostitution and drugs. As soon as a squad car entered the lot, every truck driver along I-20 knew how many cops and where they were."

Arresting prostitutes accomplished little. Many considered going to jail part of the cost of doing business and were back at the truck stops within 48 hours, Felini said.

Deciding to try something new, he found five of the worst-off women spots in Homeward Bound. All eventually gave up prostitution, and Felini had an idea.

"If we were able to do that for the worst of the worst, then maybe we could do that on a much larger scale," he said. His brainstorm became the Prostitution Diversion Initiative. Police set up a staging area once a month in a vacant lot near the truck stops. Four mobile command trucks surround folding tables and chairs where social service workers set up shop. The action usually begins about 7 p.m. and runs until 3 a.m.

Police confiscate the prostitutes' property and interview them for information about criminal activity, such as whether pimps are running underage prostitutes out of area motels. Then social service workers assess the women's drug, alcohol and mental health counseling needs. The women get STD tests and other medical care at a mobile health clinic.

The last stop of the night is the mobile courtroom. If the women have no felony warrants and seem sincere, the judge gives them the opportunity to avoid jail and enter rehab. After 45 days of inpatient counseling, they receive help with education, child care and housing.

Even though the program's rate of success is modest at best, there is long-term value in cultivating prostitutes as sources, Felini said. Police have developed leads on a couple of unsolved homicides, and the women are learning to trust officers.

"Maybe a year from now, I might hear from one who says, 'You might want to take a look at this person,'" Felini said.

The prostitutes range in age from their teens to their 60s. More than half have children. Nearly all abuse drugs.

Karen Green, 47, works as an advocate for the prostitutes. "People think they are criminals, but they are victims," Green said. "They've never had a break. They don't know what living right is."

Musicians sing praises of East Texas guitar shop

BRIAN PEARSON

Tyler Morning Telegraph
HAWKINS, Texas (AP) — Carrie Fussell got misty-eyed when she picked up the Taylor acoustic guitar and strummed it for the first time.

Fussell, who sings and plays guitar in a band called Calliope Musicals, an indie folk act, had come all the way from Austin to the small town of Hawkins, north of Tyler, just to buy a guitar.

"It is so pretty," Fussell said. "When I was standing there playing it, I almost cried."

Sitting in a room at Action Sound in the downtown retail district of this community of about 1,100 people, Fussell, 21, a Henderson native studying linguistics at The University of Texas, launched into a song as if performing for a nightclub full of adoring fans.

Outside the room, Action Sound owner Kelly Barber put his wiry frame to good use as he scaled a wall of shelves to pull down a used drum set a customer had come all the way from Kilgore to purchase.

In addition to being one of the nation's largest dealers of the Taylor line, considered to be the Lexus of guitars, Action Sound sells myriad brands of new and used guitars, basses, drums and various musical accessories. The business also repairs guitars and offers private lessons.

But the real pulse of Action Sound can be found in the clientele, many of whom are professional musicians, some with major recording contracts.

"This is a musician's music store," Barber said.

Barber, 53, grew up in Hawkins. After graduating from high school in 1975, he went straight to the oil patch, just as others in his family did.

"We were all born into the oilfield," he said.

While growing up, the building where Barber has his business was a grocery store, and he worked there as a stocker to earn money to buy a drum set.

In the early 1980s, he saw a need for a guitar-repair shop, so he learned everything he could about fixing guitars and launched a business out of his house. He soon expanded into a two-story garage in Liberty City.

"It just took off," he said of the business. "It was like wild fire. I quickly outgrew that (garage). There was a very big need for repairs."

Barber then opened up another shop in Liberty City and stayed there for 18 years.

When the opportunity to buy the old grocery store came up, he couldn't resist and moved his business there about six months ago.

Already, the new digs look like they're busting at the seams.

Its wall-to-wall guitars hanging on one side of the store. On the other, shelves stretching all the way to the tin ceiling are packed with drums, recording equipment, mixers and other music accessories.

Amplifiers cover much of the floor, and parts of guitar lie everywhere. A stringless guitar leans against one wall of the bathroom, which also is stuffed with music accessories.

The crowded counter supports a hodgepodge of guitar picks, strings and other items.

But perhaps the most impressive part of the store is what the customers can't see.

For starters, there are two truckloads of music items awaiting their turn on the floor.

Barber also has stored away an eye-popping collection of guitars, which are labeled and stacked like cordwood.

Barber is a walking encyclopedia of all things guitar. He knows what guitars famous players have picked and strummed. He knows the history of each guitar in storage and even knows the history of the companies that made them.

Some guitars in his collection are rare prototypes, while others are the only one of their kind ever made, custom built for a musician. Some old guitars are kept on hand so they can be cannibalized for parts.

But one of Barber's most prized possessions is a standup bass that Elvis Presley bought for one of his musicians, and Barber has the documentation to prove it.

Professional guitarist Shannon Baker, 43, came aboard about a year ago and handles private lessons.

Baker's book, "Learn to Play Guitar and Play it Simple," is for sale at the front counter.

He said musicians of all ages come from as far away as Overton and Longview to learn guitar here.

While sales make up a big part of the operation, Barber said fixing guitars is his store's financial bread and butter.

"All I do all day, day after day, is sling guitars," he said as his long, gray-peppered hair whipped around as he hustled a guitar from the back of the store to the front.

Richard Raines, 44, a professional musician who plays in the classic-rock band Shinebox, works part-time at the store.

Raines said many of the area's professional guitarists will take their instruments in need of repair to no one but Barber.

"He's known as the guy to go to when you need your guitar fixed," Raines said. "He's not about the money end of it as he is doing it right."

Explosion damages Lake Jackson bank

LAKE JACKSON, Texas (AP) — A Lake Jackson bank is open for business after an explosive device damaged a drive-thru teller's window.

The FBI is investigating the blast at First National Bank and checking security surveillance video.

Police say nobody got into the bank and no money was stolen. No alarms went off.

The bank was empty at the time of the explosion around 1 a.m. Monday. A customer who stopped to use the night deposit slot noticed a hole in the window before the bank opened.

Lt. Rick Park says a motive for the blast is sought. Park says pieces of the explosive indicate it might have been a homemade pipe bomb.

Former congressional press secretary Bill Maddox dies of cancer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Bill R. Maddox, who spent nine years as a congressional press secretary appointed by the late U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, has died. He was 71.

Phyllis Blakeley of the Hilliard Funeral Home in Van said Maddox died Saturday after a long battle with cancer.

Maddox served as press secretary for the Congressional Joint Economic Committee and the U.S. Senate Finance Committee.

He had a 15-year Texas newspaper career that start-

ed in 1961 and included Port Arthur, where he stints in Irving, Tyler, served as executive editor. Marshall, Texarkana and

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 5, the fifth day of 2010. There are 360 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 5, 1925, Nellie T. Ross became governor of Wyoming; she was the first female governor in U.S. history. (She succeeded Frank E. Lucas, who had served as acting governor following the death of Ross' husband, William B. Ross.)

On this date:

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

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

'Wisdom is divided into two parts: (a) having a great deal to say, and (b) not saying it.'

— Anonymous

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

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

In 1933, the 30th president of the United States, Calvin Coolidge, died in Northampton, Mass., at age 60.

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

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

In 1970, Joseph A. Yablonski, an unsuccessful candidate for the presidency of the United Mine Workers of America, was found murdered with his wife and daughter at their Clarksville, Pa., home. (UMWA President Tony Boyle and seven others were convicted or entered guilty pleas in the killings.) The soap opera "All My Children" premiered on ABC-TV.

In 1994, Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill, former speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, died in Boston at age 81.

In 1998, Sonny Bono, the 1960's pop star-turned-politician, was killed when he struck a tree while skiing at the Heavenly Ski Resort on the Nevada-California state line; he was 62.

Ten years ago: Touching off angry protests by Cuban-Americans in Miami, the U.S. government decided to send 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez back to Cuba. (After a legal battle, and the seizure of Elian from the home of his U.S. relatives, the boy was returned to Cuba.) Democratic presidential candidates Al Gore and Bill Bradley engaged in a feisty debate in Durham, N.H.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush opened a new drive for caps on medical malpractice awards, contending the limits would lower health care costs. The bodies of 18 young Iraqi Shiites taken off a bus and executed in December 2005 were found in a field near Mosul. Cpl. Wassef Ali Hassoun, a Marine charged with desertion in Iraq after mysteriously disappearing from his post was again declared a deserter — this time for failing to report to his U.S. base. (He remains missing.)

One year ago: President-elect Barack Obama met with congressional leaders, declaring the national economy was "bad and getting worse" and predicting lawmakers would approve a mammoth revitalization package within two weeks of his taking office. Steelers linebacker James Harrison was named winner of the Associated Press Defensive Player of Year award. Former Attorney General Griffin B. Bell died in Atlanta at age 90. Retired Lt. Gen. Harry W.O. Kinnard, a paratroop officer who suggested the famously defiant answer "Nuts!" to a German demand for surrender during the World War II Battle of the Bulge, died in Arlington, Va. at age 93. Former Universal Pictures and Paramount chairman Ned Tanen died in Santa Monica, Calif. at age 77.

Today's Birthdays: Former Vice President Walter F. Mondale is 82. Actor Robert Duvall is 79. Pro Football Hall of Fame coach Chuck Noll is 78. King Juan Carlos of Spain is 72. Talk show host Charlie Rose is 68. Actress-director Diane Keaton is 64. Actor Ted Lange is 62. Rhythm-and-blues musician George "Funky" Brown (Kool and the Gang) is 61. Rock musician Chris Stein (Blondie) is 60. Former CIA Director George Tenet is 57. Actress Pamela Sue Martin is 57. Actor Clancy Brown is 51. Singer Iris Dement is 49. Actor Ricky Paull Goldin is 45. Actor Vinnie Jones is 45. Rock musician Kate Schellenbach (Luscious Jackson) is 44. Dancer-choreographer Carrie Ann Inaba is 42. Actress Heather Paige Kent is 41. Rock singer Marilyn Manson is 41. Actor Bradley Cooper is 35. Actress January Jones is 32. Actress Brooklyn Sudano is 29.

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FINGER-POINTING



New Year's Resolutions, Fed-style

BY TOM PURCELL
Get this: The federal government is offering tips on New Year's resolutions.

I stumbled upon its "Popular New Year's Resolutions" page on usa.gov, the official Web portal of the United States government.

"Lose Weight" is one. When I clicked the link there, it took me to the page for the Weight-control Information Network (WIN), a government agency tasked with keeping the public informed about obesity, weight control, physical activity and nutrition.

WIN's advice: "To lose weight you need to take in fewer calories than you use" and "create a healthy eating plan."

Excited by such groundbreaking information, I moved along to "Manage Debt" — something the government surely knows plenty about.

Its link took me to the Federal Trade Commission's Consumer Protection page. There I was advised that if I'm knee-deep in debt, I'll

want to develop a budget and contact my creditors. I was also warned to be leery of debt-restructuring agencies.

So useful was that advice, I couldn't wait to move on to "Save Money." Its link took me to a page that offered 66 ways to save.

I clicked on "Credit Cards" and was informed that, to avoid a late fee, I ought to send in my payment five to 10 days before the bill is due. I also learned that I can avoid interest charges if I pay off my balance each month!

Since I own some rental properties, I was curious to see what money-saving tips the government is giving to prospective renters.

To wit: Renters are encouraged to shop around for the best deal — or find a building they want to live in and contact the building manager to see if there is availability.

And before signing a lease, renters should be cautious: "Remember that signing a lease probably obligates you to make all monthly payments for the term of the agreement."

Probably? I've written a few leases in my day. I've been careful to keep "probably" out of the final drafts.

Nonetheless, the government offers two other useful suggestions: "Drink Less Alcohol" and "Quit Smoking Now."

The first link brought me to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism page. The existence of this government agency struck me as ironic.

Our government is doing so much to cause us to drink — spending, deficits, debt — that it has to establish another government entity to help us stop?

The smoking link took me to another government Web site, smokefree.gov, where I learned that smoking isn't good for you. I was able to get live online help from a federal employee at the National Cancer Institute.

Though I don't smoke, I was so delighted by the "free" government support, I'm looking into starting.

"Reduce Stress Overall" was another resolution sug-

gestion. The link took me to MedlinePlus, an online encyclopedia of health information. It is a service of another government entity, the U.S. National Library of Medicine.

There I learned that long-term stress isn't good — that to address it, one must get to its underlying causes.

Well, here are some underlying causes.

Our government has gotten so bloated, it is offering tips on New Year's resolutions — and directing us to government agencies to help us keep them?

If any entity should be making resolutions, shouldn't it be the federal government — and shouldn't its resolutions be based on the will and direction of the people?

Of course the birds in charge are ramming through legislation regardless of our will.

It's enough to drive a man to drink.

When I break that resolution, the last place I'll go for support is the federal government.



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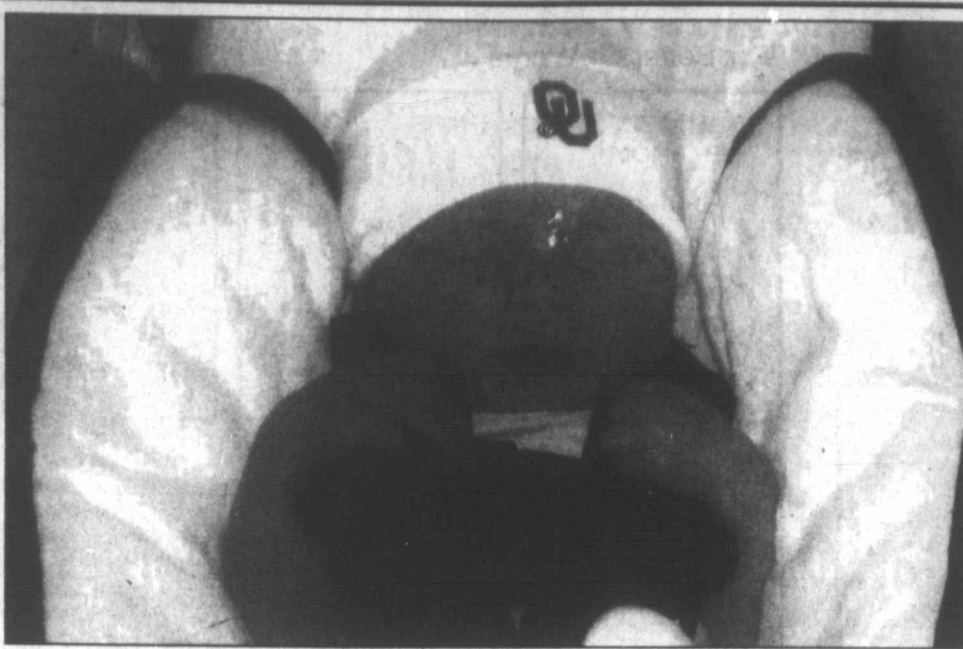
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Connor Zerek Alva was welcomed by his parents, Christin Nichole Dyer and Mario Alva of Pampa Dec. 17, 2009. Connor weighed 5 pounds, 14 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long at birth.

Grandparents are Brent and Kim Dyer of Pampa, Mario and Keri Alva of Fargo, ND and Mary Jane Alva of Pampa.



TDEM ice storm preparedness: Supplies and special needs

Emergency supplies you will need for an ice storm are similar to supplies you will need in any emergency — but there are some additional items. These include kitty litter or sand to keep sidewalks and steps clear of ice, a windshield scraper for the car, warm clothes and extra blankets.

Ice storms pose a major challenge to anyone with special health care needs, especially if you use equipment that requires electricity. If you require dialysis, an oxygen tank or other intensive treatment, make emergency health care plans now. Coordinate with a neighbor who can check on you daily. Individuals who require daily medications should have at least one week's worth of medicine on hand. Plan what you will do for medications that need to be refrigerated if the power is out.

Winterize your vehicle before a storm. Keep the gas tank full to prevent the fuel line from freezing. In a severe ice storm, lines may

be down and power out for a week or more.

Here is a check list that will serve you well in emergencies:

- One-week supply of non-perishable food, one gallon of bottled water per person, per day, coolers for food and ice storage
- Credit cards and cash (banks and ATMs may not have power)
- Battery-operated radio, NOAA Weather Radio and extra batteries or hand crank radio, cell phones and chargers
- First-aid kit, seven-day supply of prescription medications, copies of prescriptions, special medical items, hearing aids and batteries, eye glasses
- Supplies for a service animal including food, identification tags, proof of up-to-date vaccinations and veterinarian contact
- Manual can opener, knife, tools, booster cables, fire extinguisher, duct tape, tarp, rope, flashlight with extra batteries
- Supplies for babies, the

elderly, family members with special health care needs, and food and supplies for pets

- Medical equipment and assistive devices (catheters, augmentative communication devices, cane, wheelchair, scooter, walker, dressing aids, oxygen, tubing, feeding supplies, drinking straws), extra batteries and chargers, hygiene supplies
- List of model numbers or serial numbers of medical devices and equipment

• Medical alert tags or bracelets and written description of your disability-related or health care conditions

• Medications and copies of all prescriptions, including a list of the prescription name, dosage, frequency, doctor and pharmacist

• Phone numbers and names of physicians and health care providers, health insurance information, emergency contact information including your support network

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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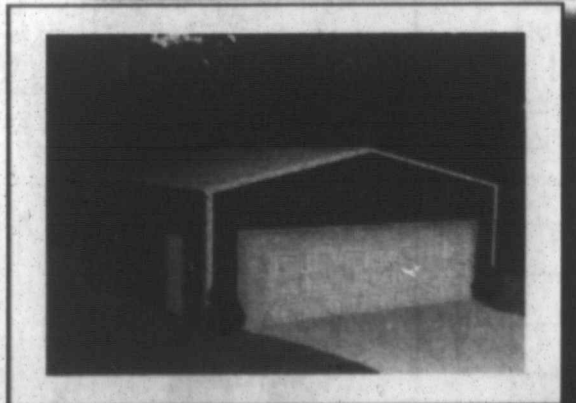
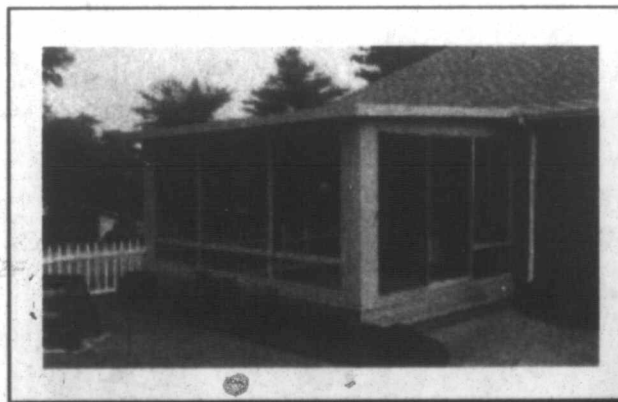
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: My mom has recently retired and is spending a lot of time at our home. She's constantly doing things — emptying the washer, drying dishes. Anything that is untouched for a few minutes she'll get into. She also reorganizes our drawers and cabinets and thinks her way is best.

She even remakes the children's beds, which is part of their chores. She feels a bed needs to "air" for an hour after its occupant wakes up. When I tell her she doesn't need to do it, she says she doesn't mind — but she's missing the point.

Mom is hurt because she feels I don't appreciate her, and I am hurt that she doesn't respect my rules. I'm grateful for everything she does, but I would like her to visit with her grandchildren and enjoy her retirement while she's at our home. What should I do? — FRUSTRATED IN AUDUBON, PA.

DEAR FRUSTRATED: The problem isn't that your mother doesn't respect your rules. I suspect it's that she has worked all her life and isn't used to being idle. She may also feel so at home in your house that she automatically behaves as though she were in hers.

Have a chat with her and try to reach a compromise. Your drawers and cabinets should be off limits, and the children should be permitted to fulfill their chores. But if emptying the washer and drying the dishes makes her happy, let her do it and thank her for her efforts.

Your mother appears to be full of energy and have a lot of time on her hands. So why not encourage her to volunteer some of it at her church, a thrift store or a charity of her choosing? It will help her develop outside interests, meet new people and form some new

friendships — all of which will allow her less time to be "helping" you.

DEAR ABBY: My father died last year. Shortly after his funeral I sold his car to a friend in need for \$200. Her husband let it slip a couple of days ago that they had discovered a cane tucked beneath the front seat with more than \$300 stuffed inside. The bills had rotted, but they were able to take them to the bank and exchange them for new ones. They have spent the money.

I am torn. Shouldn't they have told me and perhaps offered to split that money? Or, since they bought the car, were all of its contents theirs? They got the car AND made \$100 on the deal. — FUMING IN WASHINGTON STATE

DEAR FUMING: You call these people friends? This isn't a matter of what would be right under the law. If they were true friends, they would have told you they had found the cane, in case it had sentimental value — and offered you the contents as well.

DEAR ABBY: When someone I'm talking to starts to cry in front of me, I never know what to do. I often feel helpless. Should I hug the person? I usually end up just sitting there waiting for them to collect themselves. How can I comfort someone like this? — FEELING HELPLESS IN FLORIDA

DEAR FEELING HELPLESS: Unless you know someone well, I do not recommend hugging. However, if there's a tissue available, it would be a kindness to hand it over and tell the person you're sorry he or she is hurting and if he or she needs to talk, you're willing to listen.

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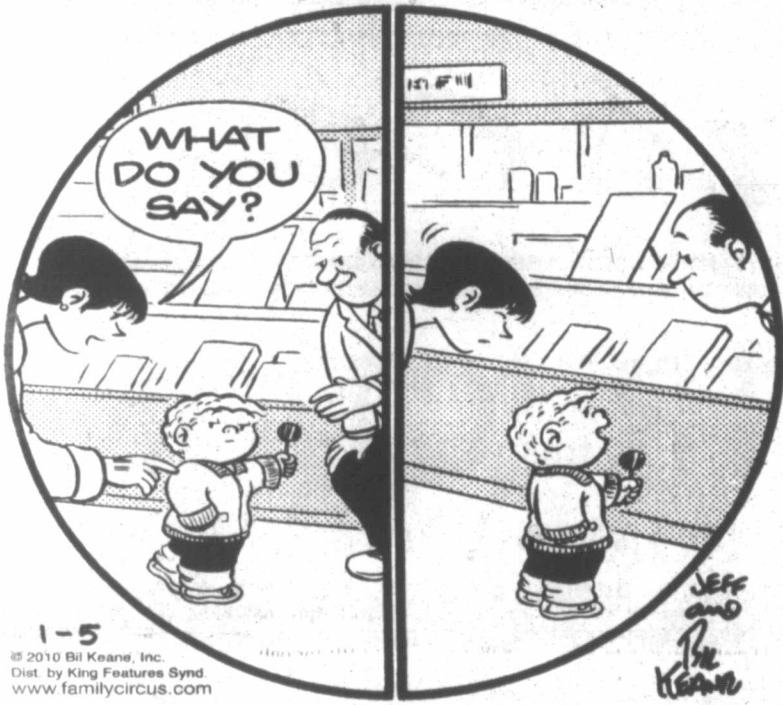
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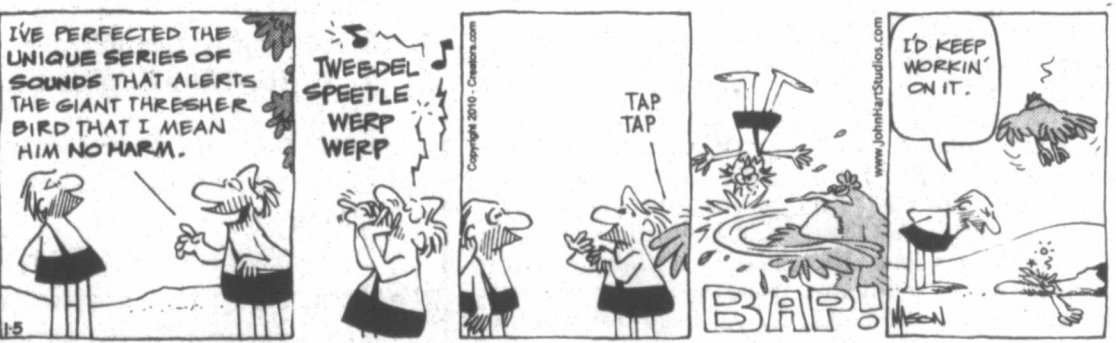
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Daily Crossword Puzzle

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Frosh girls cast out Demons for seven wins in a row

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters freshmen basketball team jumped out to an early lead and never trailed in a 35-27 win over the Dumas Demonettes Monday in the Mpac gym at Pampa High School.

Coach Alan Segura said it was a pretty good perfor-

mance and didn't have too many complaints about it.

"We ran the offense well," Segura said. "This is the first time we've seen a 1-2-1 or a 1-3-1 zone and we did really well against it."

The Lady Harvesters scored quickly in the first quarter going on a 9-2 run to open the ball game.

Dumas cut the lead to three after making a free throw and a three-pointer. Taylor Morgan hit a three and Hannah Baker made a two to expand Pampa's lead to 14-6. The Lady Harvesters led 14-8 after the first quarter.

In the second quarter, the Demonettes hit a three-pointer to cut Pampa's

lead to 14-11. The Lady Harvesters expanded their lead to 19-11. Pampa outscored Dumas 8-5 to lead at halftime 22-13. In the third quarter, Pampa started pulling away. The Lady Harvesters opened the quarter with a 6-2 run to expand their advantage to 28-15. The Lady Harvesters outscored the

Demonettes 8-7 for a 30-20 third quarter lead.

In the final quarter, the Lady Harvesters maintained their lead. Pampa didn't allow Dumas to get closer than eight. The Demonettes outscored the Lady Harvesters 7-5 in the fourth. Taylor Morgan led the team in scoring with 11. Hannah Baker and

Bailey Beck scored nine, and Robin Doan, Elizabeth Woody and Dakota Watson each scored two.

The Lady Harvesters (10-2, 3-0) visit Caprock 10 a.m. Saturday. The last time the two teams played Pampa shutout the Lady Longhorns 59-0 in Caprock November 30.



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Taylor Morgan (5) attempts a shot against Dumas Monday. Pampa won 35-27.

Frosh boys exorcise Demons in district opener

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The Pampa Harvesters freshmen boys basketball team won their first district game of the season after defeating the Dumas Demons 48-36 Monday in the Mpac Gym.

Coach Del Smith thought his team played well in their district opener.

"They've gradually been getting better," Smith said. "So just keep working at it and see what happens."

In the first quarter, the Demons had an early advantage taking a 5-2 lead. Pampa tied it up at five later in the quarter. Dumas took the lead back and led 7-5 after the first

quarter. In the second quarter, Dumas opened with a 7-3 run to expand their lead to 14-8. However, the Harvesters would take the momentum. Pampa went on a 6-0 run to tie the game at 14. The teams were tied at 16 at halftime.

Just like the first two quarters, Dumas started the third with a 7-2 run to take a 23-18 lead. But that was when Pampa would take over the game. The Harvesters went on an 11-0 to take the lead for good at 29-23. Pampa out-scored Dumas 15-9 in the third quarter to lead 31-25 after three. Smith said this was the turning point in the game.

"It was a tied game at halftime," Smith said. "In the third quarter we pressed and that gave us more energy on the defensive end. Then we got some turnovers and opened up a lead."

In the fourth quarter, Dumas would play close early, getting within three twice but Pampa would pull away in the middle of the quarter leading 34-31. The Harvesters went on a 12-2 run to gain their largest lead of the game at 13. Pampa out-scored Dumas 17-11 in the fourth quarter.

The Harvesters will play at Caprock 11:30 a.m. on Saturday.



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Ryan Smith (5) attempts a jumper against Dumas Monday. Pampa won 48-36.

Pampa boys JV drops two in Perryton Tourney

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The Pampa Harvesters junior varsity basketball team lost two games in the Perryton junior varsity tournament Saturday in Perryton.

The Harvesters lost to the Perryton Rangers 61-42. Joe Mechelay and

Derek Pollard led the team in scoring with 10 points each. Pampa lost 56-36 to the Borger Bulldogs. Collin Killgo led the team in scoring with seven points and Trace Carter had six. Coach Matt Embry said the Christmas break affected his team.

"By the team we reached

the second and third quarter we ran out of gas," Embry said. "No one did their running (during the break) like they were supposed to. We made that up in practice."

The Harvesters visit Dumas tonight at 6 p.m. to open district. Pampa hosts Caprock at 6 p.m. Friday.

Broncos win Fiesta Bowl

GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Boise State coach Chris Petersen stayed out of the national title debate after his sixth-ranked Broncos defeated No. 3 Texas Christian 17-10 in a Fiesta Bowl duel of unbeaten BCS busters on Monday night.

It's clear he thinks his spunky team can play with anyone.

"I just know that these kids have the most unbelievable heart," Petersen said.

Petersen and his staff are known for their gadget plays, and they stunned the Horned Frogs with one called "Riddler" — a gutsy fake punt with game tied 10-10 in the fourth quar-

ter and the Broncos facing a fourth-and-9 on their own 33-yard line.

Punter Kyle Brotzman hit wide-open Kyle Efav with a 30-yard strike, and four plays later, Doug Martin scored the decisive touchdown on a 2-yard run.

For the second time in four years, the Broncos (14-0) won the Fiesta Bowl with a YouTube-worthy play.

"I think that's what they expect us out of us, so we're happy to deliver," Petersen said.

TCU coach Gary Patterson said the Horned Frogs (12-1) had worked on the fake in practice, but they were caught flat-footed.

"The fake punt was a great call," Patterson said. "They outcoached us on that play."

The trickery evoked memories of Boise State's BCS debut three years ago, when it pulled out a passel of gadget plays to defeat Oklahoma on the same field.

"Our coaches are creative and they dial stuff up and it works a lot of the time," said Efav, whose team became the second in modern history to go 14-0, joining Ohio State in 2002.

Unlike the thriller against OU, this game offered little drama for the first three quarters.

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