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County plans rainwater harvest system

BY DAVID BOWSER
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While the county is planning to replace the roof on the Clyde Carruth Pavilion in Recreation Park, Gray County Agent Brandon McGinty is planning to put that roof to work catching snow and rainwater.

The water that runs off the roof will be captured and routed to a 250,000 gallon tank for washing animals at livestock shows in Pampa, wetting down streets or wetting down the nearby rodeo arena.

While the water won't be used for human consumption, it will be treated to keep down bacteria and algae, McGinty said. Right now, the rainwater harvest system is still in the planning stages. The county is using insurance money to replace the roof on the pavilion that was damaged in last

May's hailstorm, but McGinty said the rainwater system is pretty much a volunteer effort. He envisions it primarily as providing water for the pavilion and saving money on the county's water bill, but McGinty said it will also demonstrate what can be done with rainwater. Rainwater harvesting is an old concept and is used in other areas, but it's not widely used in the panhandle, something he hopes he can help change. According to his calculations, rain off the pavilion could produce several hundred thousand gallons of water a year. But there are costs. Right now, he said he's trying to find a tank that can be placed next to the pavilion in order to store the rainwater that runs off the new roof. The Paphandle Groundwater Conservation District and extension RAINWATER cont. on page 3

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Area contestants score at Top 'O Texas show

BY DAVID BOWSER
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John Baggerman placed first and second in the Mini-Herford Division of the Gray County Top O' Texas Junior Livestock Show. Baggerman also had the Reserve Breed and the Grand Champion and the Reserve Grand Champion award in the Mini-Herford Division. He also placed eighth in Class 6 of the Exotic Division. Held last weekend at the Clyde Carruth Bull Barn at Recreation Park, the Gray County 4-H results in the steer show included Lariat Lowrey, who won first in Class 8 of the Exotic Division and placed second in Class 9 of the Exotic Division and second place in the Senior Division Showmanship.

London Lowrey placed first in Class 9 of the Exotic Division and fourth in Class 10 of the Exotic Division. London Lowrey had the Grand Champion steer, Breed Champion in the Exotic Division and third in Junior Division Showmanship. Tyler Payne placed third in Class 9 of the Exotic Division and fifth in Class 8 of the Exotic Division. Blake Chisum placed fourth in Class 7 of the Exotic Division and fifth in Class 9 of the Exotic Division. Ty Baggerman placed sixth in Class 8 of the Exotic Division. Cody Jacoby placed sixth in Class 7 of the Exotic

Division. Laura Kirkland placed seventh in Class 4 of the English Division and sixth in Class 10 of the Exotic Division. In the barrow show, Remington Didway placed fourth in Class 16 of the York Division and 11th in Class 23 of the Cross Division. Austin Hendricks placed sixth in Class 3 of the Duroc Division. Korbin Payne placed seventh in Class 12 of the Spots and Poland Division and 10th in Class 20 of the Cross Division. Tyler Payne placed seventh in Class 21 of the Cross Division. Dalton Riggs placed seventh in Class 22 of the

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Bama and Texas: Blue bloods play for the title

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Mack Brown wore a gray suit. Nick Saban was in navy. The two men shook hands in front of the national championship trophy, looking as much like candidates for governor before election day as football coaches getting ready for the big game. Then again, they probably could run for governor, given what football means in their respective states. Saban coaches Alabama, where the Crimson Tide makes news 365 days a year. Brown coaches Texas, where football on every level is often larger than life. The undefeated Crimson Tide and Longhorns will each try to add another championship to their

considerable pedigrees Thursday night. It's a meeting of two old-line programs from the South — Roll Tide vs. Hook 'em Horns — where football, on many days, is the biggest thing going. "Everyone that sees that 'A' and sees the Longhorn knows the programs," Brown said, "and that's what makes this game so special." The game will pit All-American quarterback Colt McCoy of Texas against the player who beat him for the Heisman Trophy, running back Mark Ingram of Alabama. In his third year in Tuscaloosa, Saban has led a quick rebuilding program, aiming to bring the TITLE cont. on page 3

Search is on for Miss Pampa 2010

If you have never been married or given birth, and are between the ages of 19 - 29 years old, applications are now being accepted for the title of 2010 "Miss Pampa International". Miss Pampa International will represent her area at the Miss Texas International Pageant, March 26 - 28, 2010, in San Antonio, Texas. The young woman ultimately selected as "Miss Pampa International 2010" will become an ambassador from the Gray County area and receive an official title and sash. The young lady crowned Miss Texas International will receive a prize package valued at over \$15,000 and the opportunity to represent Texas at the 2008 Miss International Pageant in Chicago. The American Heart Association is the official charity of the Miss Texas International Pageant. In 2008, the International Pageants joined the American Heart Association's Go Red For Women movement and each state titleholder will champion heart disease

as a national platform in addition to promoting their own platform throughout the year. Go Red for Women captures the energy, passion, and intelligence of women, to work collectively to wipe out heart disease — the No. 1 killer of women. While 1-in-30 American women die of breast cancer, almost 1-in-3 will die from cardiovascular disease. Our passion is to unite women in this fight, even at an early age. Our involvement in the movement can help save lives. For more information go to www.GoRedForWomen.org. The current reigning "2009" Miss Texas International is Jade Monfils of Dallas, Texas. Jade dedicated her reign, as Miss Texas International, to the "Positive Effects of Mentoring and After School Programs". Throughout her reign, she has worked with numerous programs including Big Brothers and Sisters, Bea's Kids, The Boys & Girls Clubs, and Stand Up for Kids. She speaks on the importance of education MISS cont. on page 3

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Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 6. Wind chill values between -9 and 1. North northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.		
Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 26. Wind chill values between -10 and zero. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.		
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 9. Wind chill values between -4 and 6. Calm wind becoming south between 10 and 15 mph.		
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 38. South wind around 10 mph becoming northeast.		
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 16. East northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southwest.		
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 45. South southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.		
Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 24. South wind around 10 mph becoming northwest.		

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WBU hosts comedy, music

The Wayland Baptist University Association of Former Students and the Senior Adult Ministry of First Baptist Church of Plainview will sponsor a joint appearance of Christian humorist Dennis Swanberg and gospel recording artist Larry Ford at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, in Wayland's Harrah Auditorium.

Tickets are \$20 each and can be ordered by calling 291-3603; E-mailing andrewsd@wbu.edu; writing to Swanberg-Ford Concert, 1900 W. Seventh, CMB 437, Plainview, TX 79072; or purchased at the Advancement Offices at Wayland, 901 Utica (north entrance). Checks should be made to Wayland Baptist University. Credit card purchases also will be accepted.

Proceeds will benefit the general scholarship fund at Wayland.

"We are thrilled to be able to present two incredibly talented men like Dennis Swanberg and Larry Ford on the same program," said Danny Andrews, director of Alumni Development.

Swanberg, who lives in West Monroe, La., had his own television programs, "Swan's Place" on Fam.

Net affiliates and "The Dennis Swanberg Show" on the Trinity Broadcasting Network for several years. He has produced about 15 videos and 10 books.

Swanberg, known as "America's Minister of Encouragement," is a Grammy-winning gospel recording artist. He is a graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and pastored Baptist churches for about 20 years.

Ford, a native of Levelland who trained in classical music privately and at Eastern New Mexico University, lives in Fort Myers, Fla. He is seen on most Gaither Homecoming videos.

Known as one of America's foremost tenors in gospel music, Ford has recorded many albums, including a highly-acclaimed patriotic CD. A pastor and evangelist for two decades, he formerly sang with the Dixie Echoes and the James Blackwood Quartet.

Two of his most famous recordings have been "Little Is Much If God Is In It" and "O, What a Savior." More information is available by contacting Andrews at 291-3603 or at andrewsd@wbu.edu

Teacher aide charged with zip tying student quits

SAN JUAN, Texas (AP) — School district officials say a 25-year-old south Texas teacher's aide charged with illegally restraining a student using zip-ties has quit.

Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Independent School District Superintendent Daniel King says Jose Manuel Martinez resigned Dec. 15, the day the boy's mother reported the incident.

Martinez, who was originally identified mistakenly as a teacher, allegedly used the plastic ties to bind an 11-year-old boy's hands at Austin Middle School.

Another aide who witnessed the incident told police that the boy had used vulgar language and became violent, refusing to do his work.

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Obituaries

Billy W. "Bill" Roberts, 75

Pampa—Billy W. "Bill" Roberts, 75, died January 5, 2009, in Amarillo, Texas. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, January 8, 2010, at Memory Gardens Mausoleum, with Tim Roberts, his son, and Capt. Mark Martin of the Salvation Army Church, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Roberts was born April 13, 1934 in Wheeler County to Thomas Dewey and Laura Jana Roberts. They moved to Pampa while Billy was a boy. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army, serving during the Korean Conflict. He loved to help with the projects

of the VFW and Freedom Museum USA. Billy loved his fellow veteran brothers. He was very patriotic and proud to have served his country. We, too, are very proud of his service and theirs.

Billy married Shirley Williamson, and they had a son, Tim Roberts. He later married Nancy Joslyn who died in an automobile accident in 1964 that left Billy partially paralyzed. He also married Lorraine Schutt, and they had a son, Darrell Roberts.

Billy worked in the oil-field before his accident. He was born again and baptized at Barrett Baptist Church in Pampa in 1965. He served God at the Salvation Army Church in

Pampa until he was called home. Billy made his journey home under the loving care of the angels working at BSA Hospice in Amarillo. Billy was preceded in death by his parents; his three wives; a sister, Veta Crocker and two brothers-in-law, Q. D. Crocker and J. P. Wright.

Survivors include two sons, Tim Roberts and wife Ginger of Pampa, and Darrell Roberts and wife Gayle of White Lake, Michigan; a sister, Wanda Wright of Pampa; six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, several nieces, nephews and cousins and very special friends and neighbors, including: Howard



Roberts
"Blackie" Adamson and wife Mattie.

MEMORIALS: BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, Texas 79105, or Freedom Museum USA, 600 N. Hobart, Pampa, Texas 79065.
Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whately.com

Juanita Jean Hoggins Baird

Juanita Jean Hoggins Baird passed away from this earth to join her Heavenly Father on Tuesday, January 5, 2010. She was a devoted friend, loving wife, mother, and mamaw.

Services will be held 11 a.m. Friday, January 8, 2010 at First Baptist Church with Dr. Bob McCartney officiating and Rev. Howard Chapman assisting. Burial will be in Crestview Memorial Park under the direction of Lunn's Colonial Funeral Home.

Juanita was born August 18, 1933 in Archer City, TX to T.C. and Jewell Hoggins. She attended Archer City, TX schools, graduating in 1950.

She and William E. (Bill) Baird were married

in Archer City, TX on September 24, 1953. Juanita worked for the Wichita Falls Independent School District, primarily Rider High School, for 23 years, retiring in 1989.

Her Lord, First Baptist Church, and family were of utmost importance to her. Her love for children was demonstrated through her 45 years of devoted service in the 4th grade Sunday school department at First Baptist Church.

Her five grandchildren were among her greatest joys. She adored and made each feel very special. She proudly attended countless performances, ceremonies, and sporting events throughout the years.

Juanita is survived by her husband, Bill, of 56 years; her son, Stephen

and wife, Amy, their children Landon of Dallas and Maddison; son, Terry and wife Susan and their children Courtney, Parker, and Caroline; her brother, Floyd Hoggins and wife, Helen of Archer City; and numerous nieces, nephews and many dear friends.

The family will be at the funeral home Thursday evening 5:30-6:30 p.m. for visitation.

Juanita was an inspiration to so many throughout her long, courageous battle with cancer. She will forever be remembered for her unselfish affection for others, contagious smile and heartfelt hugs. She is loved by so many because she loved so many. We will all dearly miss her, but are comforted by the knowledge of her presence



Baird
with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church Building Fund, 1200 Ninth St., Wichita Falls, TX 76301 or Hospice of Wichita Falls, 4909 Johnson Rd., Wichita Falls, TX 76310.
Tributes may be sent to the family at www.lunnscolonial.com

Friday Perry Todd

Friday Perry Todd of Waco passed away Tuesday, January 5, 2010, at his home. Services will be at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, January 7, at Wilkison-Hatch-Bailey Chapel with Dr. Lynn Parks officiating. Graveside services will be 2:00 p.m., Friday, January 8, at Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean, TX.

Friday was born February 26, 1932, in McLean, TX, the ninth and last child of Walter and Elizabeth Todd. He attended schools in Lefors, TX, and played football for the Pirates. He joined the Air Force in 1950 and served his country as an airplane mechanic until 1962. He married Arlean Jones on April 9, 1960, in Amarillo, TX, and they had one daughter, Cindy. After leaving the Air Force, he operated service stations in the Amarillo area. In 1979, he moved to Fritch, TX, to operate an auto parts store with his brother and to enjoy the fishing on nearby Lake Meredith. His life changed when he suffered a debilitating stroke at the age of 56. He showed great strength and courage during the years after his stroke.

He was preceded in death by his parents, siblings, and former wife, Arlean, who provided tremendous help in caring for him after his stroke.

He is survived by his daughter, Cindy, and grand dog Colby of Waco; and nieces and nephews, Marvin Todd of White

Deer, TX, Arthur James Dwyer and Jerry Dwyer of Canyon, TX, Walter Todd of Fredericksburg, TX, Carolynne Howe and Peggy Finney of Lefors, TX, and Josephine Sullivan and Elaine Baxter of Rio Linda, CA.

The family would like to thank Mrs. Effie Dawson Hilliard of Waco's Visiting Angels for her tender loving care, her reading from Scripture to comfort him, and the many beautiful prayers she prayed over Mr. Todd.

Honorary pallbearers are nephews, Marvin Todd, A.J. Dwyer, Jerry Dwyer, Walter Todd, brother-in-law, Henry Jones, and close friends, Ben Frits and Ned Kessler.

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rials may be made to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, TX, 79174-0001, or First Baptist Church of Waco ESL Ministry, 500 Webster, Waco, TX 76706.
The family invites you to leave a message or memory in our "Memorial Guestbook" at www.wilkisonhatchbailey.com

EMERGENCY SERVICES

SHERIFF

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

Wednesday, Jan. 6.

Paula Gail Johnson, 43, was arrested by deputies on charges of forgery.

Marte Carlos David Hernandez, 21, of Coram, New York, and Charles Gregory Eden, 20, of Chester South Carolina, were arrested by deputies on possession of marijuana charges.

PAMPA PD

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

Officers reported nine traffic-related calls and one accident.

Animal control officers reported 14 animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS reported five ambulance runs.

Wednesday, Jan. 6.

A theft was reported in the 200 block of Craven.

A theft was reported in the 1100 block of

Cinderella.

A forgery was reported to police.

A fire alarm was reported in the 300 block of West 30th.

Carbon monoxide was reported in the 1700 block of Chestnut.

Harassment was reported in the 100 block of West 30th.

A suspicious person was reported in the 200 block of West Brown.

Officials launched a fire investigation in the 600 block of East Browning.

A runaway was reported in the 400 block of South

Graham.

An alarm was reported in the 1000 block of Prairie.

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

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1600 block of East U.S. Highway 60.

Thursday, Jan. 7.

An alarm was reported in the 1700 block of North Hobart.

An alarm was reported in the 100 block of South Cuyler.

EPA replacing Bush smog limit with stricter rule

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency is setting stricter health standards for smog.

Hundreds more counties nationwide will likely be in violation. The EPA says it will cost tens of billions of dollars annually to reduce pollution to meet the limits.

Smog irritates the lungs and can lead to asthma attacks and other respiratory illnesses. It's long been a problem in parts of Texas,

California and along the northeastern coast. However, the new standards could also affect counties in Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, the Dakotas, Kansas, Minnesota and Iowa for the first time based on EPA data.

The stricter standards are expected to reduce emergency room visits, premature deaths and missed work and school days. The EPA said children particularly will enjoy better health. The proposed range was what scientists had recommended during the Bush administration. However,

former President George W. Bush personally intervened and set the standard above what was advised after protests from electric utilities and other industries.

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Rainwater

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sion engineers from Lubbock and Amarillo are working on plans for the system. There are also other county agents that are helping with the planning.

McGinty said he's gotten a local plumbing company to help. They won't be able to donate all the labor and equipment needed, but they are cutting their costs and donating a lot.

Rainwater harvest-

ing systems can lighten the load on the Ogallala Aquifer beneath the panhandle, the aquifer that provides most of the water for municipalities and agriculture in the region.

He said such a system probably will never replace irrigation for crops, but it could be used for watering lawns, cooling buildings and providing water for animals.

McGinty said that it could become a very important part of a system to help conserve water.

Work on the roof of Clyde Carruth Pavilion is scheduled to begin in April. McGinty said he hopes to start on the rainwater system before then.

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first championship to the school since 1992, when Gene Stallings — a protégé of the late, great Bear Bryant — roamed the sidelines.

"We have a tremendous amount of respect for the tradition and the passion that our fans have," Saban said.

But, he said, tradition doesn't win ball games. Players like Ingram and 350-pound defensive lineman Terrence Cody do. So, Saban has tried to ignore the hype and has gone about doing what he did six years ago when he led LSU to the BCS title: recruit top prospects, coach them up, try to turn them into good players, students and citizens.

"The rest of it really doesn't affect that," Saban insisted.

Brown grew up in small-town Tennessee and saw Bryant as the larger-than-life figure he was, the same way anyone of a certain age from that part of the country would.

Now, he's at Texas. Once derisively known as "Coach February" — the guy who could recruit all the talent but never cash in come January — Brown has won seven of his last eight bowl games, led the Longhorns (13-0) to one national title and can easily be mentioned in the same breath as their own legendary coach, Darrell Royal.

He tells his players to focus on the "three Fs."

"I wasn't the smartest guy in the world, so one day I said it's full of 'Fs' — it's fast, have fun, be physical," Brown said. "They all laughed. Some of them didn't get it. That bothered me more."

Kidding aside, Brown used Wednesday's news conference to continue a

theme he's been building on all month — that the two best teams are meeting at the Rose Bowl and a true national champion will come out of the game.

It was a legitimate debate five weeks ago when the BCS pairings came out and there were five undefeated teams — Alabama, Texas, Cincinnati, TCU and Boise State. Since then, Cincinnati got blown out 51-24 by Florida in the Sugar Bowl and TCU lost 17-10 to Boise State in the Fiesta Bowl. It leaves the Broncos as the only team with an argument — one they undoubtedly won't win.

Alabama (13-0) comes into the game as a four-point favorite, in part because the Tide was so much more impressive than Texas in its last game.

Led by Ingram on offense and a stifling defense anchored by Cody and linebacker Rolando McClain, the Tide shut down Tim Tebow in a 32-13 crushing of Florida in the Southeastern Conference title game.

Texas, meanwhile, beat Nebraska 13-12 in the Big 12 championship game, after officials put a second back on the clock following a pass McCoy threw out of bounds. It allowed Hunter Lawrence to kick the winning field goal, even though McCoy's sloppy game management at the end nearly cost Texas a chance to win it all.

Even though both teams won, those games essentially sealed the Heisman race. McCoy threw for 184 yards, three interceptions and got sacked nine times. Ingram ran for 113 yards and three touchdowns to become Alabama's first Heisman winner.

Which sets up a very

similar scenario as the last time Texas played at the Rose Bowl.

Back then, it was the Longhorns against Southern California in the weeks after Texas quarterback Vince Young lost the Heisman to USC's Reggie Bush.

"They weren't showing us no kind of respect at all, so we just kind of used that all as motivation until game-time came," said Young, who is expected on the sideline Thursday night.

Young had one of the best performances in college football history in a 41-38 win over USC — passing for 267 yards, running for 200 more and transforming himself into something more than just another great player to Texas fans, who have seen their share.

That's the kind of thing that can happen to a player who leads his team a national title in Texas or Alabama, two states where football and life always intersect.

"You're under the microscope," said Longhorns left tackle Adam Ulatoski, who played at high school powerhouse Southlake Carroll near Fort Worth. "But it's a little different when it's a town watching you and the state of Texas watching you. It's a little bit of pressure, but it's a whole lot of fun."

In Alabama, too.

"They tend to maybe idolize people who play football here, even though we're just regular people," said Alabama kicker Leigh Tiffin, a native of Muscle Shoals whose dad, Van, kicked for the Tide in the '80s. "Something like this is probably the most exciting thing that happens in Alabama the entire year."

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Cross Division. Weston Hendricks placed ninth in Class 3 of the Duroc Division and participated in Class Nine of the Hamp Division.

Riley Didway placed 10th in Class 3 of the Duroc Division.

Delaney Riggs placed

11th in Class 4 of the Duroc Division.

Lexington Didway participated in Class 24 of the Cross Division and placed ninth in Class 26 of the Cross Division.

Madison Davis participated in Class 10 of the Hamp Division and placed

11th in Class 20 of the Cross Division.

Nique Johnson participated in Class 10 of the Hamp Division and 13th in Class 26 of the Cross Division.

In the goat show, Austin Hendricks placed second and third in Class 1.

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and shares the message that "anything is possible, if you only dream".

Growing up, Jade had two working parents, and had many friends that were "latch key kids". She has seen, firsthand, the dangers of gang violence and the importance of mentoring and after school programs. Boys and girls who are involved in after school programs are 50 percent less likely to drop out of high school, and 2.5 times more likely to go on to further education. For more information on after school programs or how you can become a mentor, visit: www.bca.com, www.bbbs.org, and www.beaskids.org.

Labor, elected leaders urge president to seek affordable health care

WASHINGTON (AP) — Labor leaders, elected officials and progressives are urging President Barack Obama and Congress to make health insurance more affordable for low-income Americans.

In a letter Thursday, more than 750 religious leaders, elected officials and health care administrators from across the country said the House version of the health care bill covers more uninsured. They also said the bill sets premiums and out-

Contestants will compete in Interview, Fitness Wear, Fun Fashion Wear and Evening Gown. (There is no talent or swimsuit competition and no experience necessary.)

Young ladies living, working, or attending school in Pampa interested in applying should write for an application: Miss Texas International Pageant, 14427 Brookhollow, Suite 197, San Antonio, TX 78232; or call, E-mail, or visit our website for more information: (210) 403-0589, Kristin@TexasInternationalPageants.com, www.misstexasinternational.com.

of-pocket costs at levels that low-income families could handle.

Obama has been working with leaders from the House and Senate on a final version of the legislation that he hopes to sign as early as next month.

Those signing the letter stopped short of endorsing either bill, but called on Obama and Congress to take the best of each in the final measure.

Feds: High rates of sex abuse at juvenile centers

WASHINGTON (AP) —

A government study issued Thursday finds 13 juvenile detention facilities around the country have high rates of sex abuse and victimization, with nearly 1 out of every 3 inmates reporting some type of victimization.

The Justice Department study found that nationwide, about 12 percent of youths held in state-run, privately run, or local facilities reported some type of sexual victimization — but those rates varied widely from place to place. Six sites had reported victimization rates of 30 percent or higher.

"What those numbers say to me is that there are failures in hiring, training, supervision and response and accountability around this issue," said Linda McFarlane, deputy executive director of Just Detention International, which fights to end sexual abuse of those who are detained.

About 10 percent of youths surveyed reported incidents involving facility staff people, and nearly all of those complaints were against female staffers. About 2 percent of the reported incidents involving other young inmates.

McFarlane called the level of staff abuse shocking.

"Many of these are already the most vulnerable and traumatized youth from all of our communities and they're placed for custody because they're considered to be a danger," she said. "If sexually abused in those very institutions that are supposed to help them prepare for life in the community then it's just an incredible travesty."

About 26,550 juveniles are held in such facilities around the country, and the survey — conducted for the government by Westat, a company based on Rockville, Md. — collected information from about 9,000 of them.

The study identified six facilities where the survey found at least 3 out of every 10 inmates said they were sexually victimized while in custody: Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility in Indiana; Corsicana Residential Treatment Center in Texas; Backbone Mountain Youth Center in Swanton, Md.; Samarkand Youth Development Center in Eagle Springs, N.C.; Cresson Secure Treatment Unit in Pennsylvania; and the Culpeper Juvenile Correctional Center, Long Term, in Mitchells, Va.

At Pendleton, the rate of incidents was double the national average for such facilities.

Another seven sites reported nearly as high levels of sexual abuse or victimization: Victory Field Correctional Academy in Vernon, Texas; Indianapolis Juvenile Correctional Facility; Shawono Center in Grayling, Michigan; Woodland Hills Youth Development Center in Nashville, Tenn.; L.E. Rader Center in Sand Springs, Okla.; Bon Air Juvenile Correctional Center in Virginia; New Jersey Training School in Monroe Township, N.J.

At those 13 facilities, most reports of sexual victimization involved non-consensual sex acts with another youth or serious sex acts with facility staff.

Bruce Twyman, spokesman for the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice, said the agency was shocked that it had two facilities listed in the report. He said the department had stepped up its efforts to combat sexual abuse in the last year and a half with increased training for staff and upgraded video surveillance.

"It's not something that we're proud of," he said. "We look at it from this standpoint: Any sexual victimization is one too many so we want to be very aggressive about rooting it out, there's no question about that."

Twyman didn't immediately have details on disciplinary actions taken at the two Virginia facilities.

"Every time that we have been made aware of any victimization in our facilities we've investigated and taken appropriate steps," he said.

Staff sexual misconduct was higher in state-run facilities than in privately or locally operated sites, the study found, and smaller facilities tended to have fewer incidents of sexual victimization.

Nearly 80 percent of the victims said at least one incident took place in a common area, such as a classroom or office, while about half said at least one incident happened in the shower, and half of the victims said they had been victimized by staff in their room or sleeping areas.

Most of the abuse took place in the evening, between 6 p.m. and midnight, the study found.

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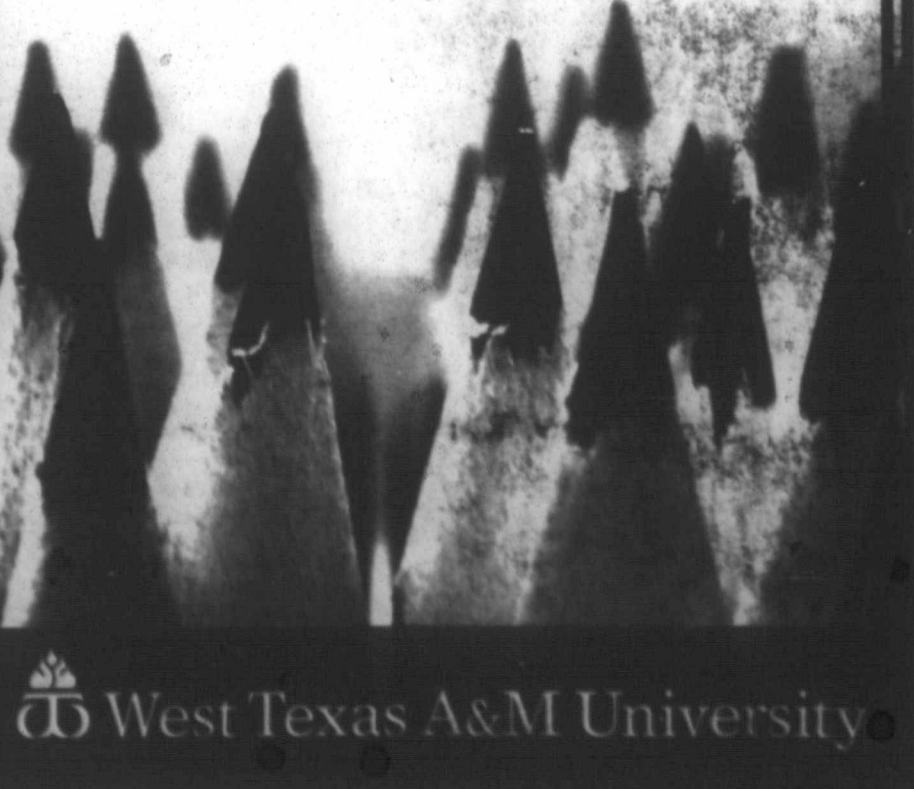
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Today in History

Today is Thursday, Jan. 7, the seventh day of 2010. There are 358 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Jan. 7, 1610, astronomer Galileo Galilei began observing three of Jupiter's moons, which he initially took to be stars; he spotted a fourth moon almost a week later. (Another astronomer, Simon Marius, who claimed to have spotted the moons before Galileo did, later named the Jovian satellites Io, Europa, Ganymede and Callisto.)

On this date:
In 1608, an accidental fire devastated the Jamestown settlement in the Virginia Colony.

In 1789, the first U.S. presidential election was held. Americans voted for electors who, a month later, chose George Washington to be the nation's first president.

'there may be peace without joy and joy without peace, but the two combined make happiness.'

— John Buchan, 1st Baron Tweedsmuir, Scottish author

In 1800, the 13th president of the United States, Millard Fillmore, was born in Summerhill, N.Y.

In 1927, commercial trans-Atlantic telephone service was inaugurated between New York and London.

In 1942, the Japanese siege of Bataan began during World War II.

In 1949, George C. Marshall resigned as U.S. Secretary of State; President Harry S. Truman chose Dean Acheson to succeed him.

In 1972, Lewis F. Powell Jr. and William H. Rehnquist were sworn in as the 99th and 100th members of the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1979, Vietnamese forces captured the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh, overthrowing the Khmer Rouge government.

In 1989, Emperor Hirohito of Japan died in Tokyo at age 87; he was succeeded by his son, Crown Prince Akihito.

In 1999, for the second time in history, an impeached American president went on trial before the Senate. President Bill Clinton faced charges of perjury and obstruction of justice; he was acquitted.

Ten years ago: U.S. Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., subpoenaed Elian Gonzalez to testify before Congress in a bid to keep Elian in the United States for at least another month while courts decided whether the 6-year-old should be returned to Cuba. (Elian never testified.)

Five years ago: A military jury at Fort Hood, Texas, acquitted Army Sgt. 1st Class Tracy Perkins of involuntary manslaughter in the alleged drowning of an Iraqi civilian, but convicted him of assault in the January 2004 incident. (Perkins was sentenced to six months in prison.) Rosemary Kennedy, the oldest sister of President John F. Kennedy and the inspiration for the Special Olympics, died at a Fort Atkinson, Wis. hospital at age 86. Brad Pitt and Jennifer Aniston announced they were separating after 4½ years of marriage.

One year ago: President-elect Barack Obama met at the White House with America's four living presidents: George W. Bush, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter. Russia shut off all its gas supplies to Europe through Ukraine in a price and payment dispute; the cutoff lasted nearly two weeks.

Today's Birthdays: Author William Peter Blatty is 82. Country singer Jack Greene is 80. Pop musician Paul Revere is 72. Magazine publisher Jann Wenner is 64. Singer Kenny Loggins is 62. Singer-songwriter Marshall Chapman is 61. Latin pop singer Juan Gabriel is 60. Actress Erin Gray is 60. Actor Sammo Hung is 58. Actor David Caruso is 54. "CBS Evening News" anchor Katie Couric is 53. Country singer David Lee Murphy is 51. Rock musician Kathy Valentine (The Go-Go's) is 51. Actor David Marciano is 50. Sen. John Thune (R-S.D.) is 49. Actress Hallie Todd is 48. Actor Nicolas Cage is 46. Singer-songwriter John Ondrasik (Five for Fighting) is 45. Actor Doug E. Doug is 40. Actor Kevin Rahm is 39. Actor Jeremy Renner is 39. Country singer-musician John Rich is 36. Actor Dustin Diamond is 33. Actor Robert Richardson is 27. Actor Liam Aiken is 20. Actress Camryn Grimes is 20. Actor Max Morrow is 19.

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Analysis: 2009 transformed US racial dynamics

JESSE WASHINGTON
AN AP NEWS ANALYSIS

The year began with a harmonious glow at the inauguration of the first black president, as America marked a stunning victory over its racial demons.

"That lasted about a day," President Barack Obama said two months later. He attributed that to the economic calamity threatening all Americans, but his statement also applied to the notion that all our racial problems had been solved.

The dynamics of race were transformed in 2009 because the most powerful person on Earth was no longer white. But despite that potent symbol — and sometimes because of it — race remained a volatile and often divisive subject.

"It felt like an evolution to me, something that created a paradigm shift," says Dr. Joy DeGruy, a black author and speaker who focuses on racial healing. "We moved a quantum leap forward."

Conservative radio host Mike Gallagher calls the change "profound" and says there were fewer racial controversies last year than in almost any other during his 30-plus years of radio.

"I get the sense from my audience collectively that there is a sigh of relief, that we've made progress this year," says Gallagher, who is white. "Because I truly believe that good people don't want to be mired in racial conflict."

One sign of that progress was Elwin Wilson. Inspired by reaction to the inauguration, he sought out U.S. Rep. John Lewis. They had last met in 1961, when Wilson and other white racists brutally beat Lewis during a Freedom Ride civil rights protest in South Carolina.

Wilson apologized, and Lewis accepted. "I think it will lead to a great deal of healing," the black congressman said.

The year held many milestones. George Lopez became the first Latino host of a late-night TV show. Ursula Burns became the first black woman to lead a Fortune 500 company, Xerox. The Indian model Padma Lakshmi starred in commercials for shampoo and hamburgers.

More than 2 million people clicked on a humorous but perceptive YouTube ad for Red House Furniture in High Point, N.C., "where white people and black people buy furniture."

There were signs that the elusive American "conversation on race" gained a foothold last year.

Jen Wang, co-founder of the race and culture blog Disgrasian, said she used to be discouraged by the reluctance to discuss race.

"Something shifted the day that Obama took office," she says. "There's something in the conversation that tells me readers feel like if we discuss it, there's a chance that there will be some change or progress, or at least you will be heard."

But there was pain amid the progress.

The disorderly conduct arrest of black scholar Henry Louis Gates by a white officer after he forced open the jammed front door of his home seemed like a throwback to an earlier, divided era.

The issue was inflamed when Obama slipped from his race-neutral stance and said that police who arrested Gates had "acted stupidly." Obama's poll numbers among whites plunged; he then invited the cop and the professor to meet at the White House.

In May, three white teens in Shenandoah, Pa., were acquitted of the most serious charges in the beating death of Luis Ramirez, an illegal Mexican immigrant. The case became a rallying cry for Latino activists who called it part of a rising tide of anti-Hispanic hate crimes. Federal hate-crime charges were filed against two of the teens in December.

Latino groups also demanded the ouster of CNN host Lou Dobbs for his anti-immigration rhetoric, and he resigned in November. Another resignation was a white justice of the peace in Louisiana who had refused to marry an interracial couple, citing concern for their future children.

Asian groups were angered after teen star Miley Cyrus was photographed pulling her eyes into a slanted position, then said people were trying to make "something out of nothing."

After Sonia Sotomayor was nominated in May to be the first Hispanic on the Supreme Court, critics called her racist for a past "wise Latina" statement about the role judges' backgrounds can play in their work.

The remark dominated her contentious confirmation hearings. Race had once again become a wedge — but with a new twist, as white senators voiced fears of unfair treatment at the hands of a powerful Puerto Rican.

The idea was connected to an argument that gained traction this year: That Obama's election proved the playing field had finally been leveled, and that the biggest remaining barrier to black progress was black attitudes.

"It is not white racism that plays the deciding role in success among minorities anymore," says Edward Blum, a fellow at the American Enterprise Institute who studies civil rights policy issues.

The Supreme Court appeared to agree in June, when it ruled 5-4 that a group of white firefighters were unfairly denied promotions because no blacks performed well enough on the exam. (Sotomayor had ruled against the white firefighters on a lower court, citing precedent that said a test is discriminatory if it had a disparate racial impact.)

"This is just proof positive that people should be treated as individuals and not statistics," said Frank Ricci, the firefighter whose name was on the lawsuit.

But statistics on high black unemployment were the primary evidence used by the Congressional Black Caucus in December when it demanded that Obama provide special assistance to jobless blacks.

Obama responded as he had since the campaign: focusing on the overall economy, health care and education as the best way to help minorities. It was a theme he also sounded in July when he volunteered some rare comments about race at the annual convention of the NAACP, which was celebrating its 100th anniversary.

"Even as we inherit extraordinary progress ... we know that too many barriers still remain," Obama said in his speech. But despite these barriers, he said later, "Your destiny is in your hands — you cannot forget that. That's what we have to teach all of our children. No excuses. No excuses."

That same day, Gates, the Harvard scholar, was sitting in a jail cell.

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Join Michael Waddell at NWTf Event

FRISCO, Texas — Outdoor television star Michael Waddell likes to have fun and that's exactly what he and everyone else are in for at the National Wild Turkey Federation's Cottonwood Creek Chapter Banquet on Jan. 27 in Frisco, Texas.

Doors open at 6 p.m. at the Stone Brier Country Club, located at 5050 Country Club Drive, and the event will feature door prizes, raffles and an auction where bidders can win guns, outdoor gear, wildlife art and more.

For their generous contribution to wildlife conservation, sponsors will receive treatment fit for royalty. A sponsors-only social with Waddell will begin at 4:30 p.m., and sponsors can expect autographs, photos and laughs with Waddell.

Funding for conservation projects and outreach programs in Texas would not be possible without the Federation's dedicated volunteers and successful local fundraising events like the upcoming one in Frisco.

Single tickets cost \$75, couples tickets cost \$110 and sponsorship tickets are \$300. All attendees receive a meal ticket, an NWTf membership and a one-year subscription to Turkey Country magazine.

For those who want to sponsor the event and bring a crowd, ticket packages are available for parties of eight and 12 and range from \$850 to \$1,500. All packages include meals, NWTf memberships and magazine subscriptions for everyone. Some packages even include a guaranteed winning ticket for a gun!

As an NWTf National Spokesperson and host of "Realtree Roadtrips" and "Bone Collector" television shows, Waddell travels the country proclaim-

ing his love for the outdoors and his support of the NWTf.

"The NWTf's volunteers are not only dedicated conservationists but they also know how to put on a fun event," said Waddell. "I tell people around the country about all the great work the Federation does for wildlife and hunters and, anytime I get the chance, I like to stop by and thank everyone. Their hard work helping restore turkey populations and habitat is the reason that myself and so many others can travel almost anywhere in North America to hunt wild turkeys."

Through dynamic partnerships with state, federal and provincial wildlife agencies, the NWTf and its volunteers have helped restore wild turkey populations across the country, raised and spent more than \$306 million, and conserved nearly 14 million acres of habitat for all types of wildlife.

The Federation also works to increase interest in the outdoors by bringing new hunters and conservationists into the fold through special outdoor education events and its outreach programs: Women in the Outdoors, Wheelin' Sportsmen, JAKES (Juniors Acquiring Knowledge, Ethics and Sportsmanship) and Xtreme JAKES.

Founded in 1973, the NWTf is dedicated to the conservation of the wild turkey and the preservation of our hunting heritage. The NWTf has thousands of local chapters in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

For more information about the NWTf's Cottonwood Creek Chapter banquet or to order tickets, contact Carr Newkirk at (214) 693-0024 or cnewglass@yahoo.com.

State fish art contest expo seeks entries, sponsors

Deadline for entries is March 31

ATHENS, Texas—Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) officials intend to make the 2010 State-Fish Art Contest expo at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center (TFFC) in Athens the biggest and best in the contest's history, and they need your help.

Wildlife Forever, the national sponsor of the contest, has agreed to move the national competition and expo from the Mall of America in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota, to TFFC for the July 17 event.

The Toyota Bass Classic Foundation funds the Texas division of the contest, including cash prizes for Texas winners. However, in order to put on a Texas-size event, TFFC is seeking

the cooperation of additional sponsors to put on a day-long outdoor show with hands-on activities and exhibits for the contest winners, their families, and the public.

Outdoor-related businesses and organizations are invited to have a booth to display and sell merchandise or to sponsor a demonstration or hands-on activity such as outdoor cooking, camping, archery, casting, fly-fishing, making fish prints or rock climbing.

Especially wanted are artists who combine an interest in the outdoors with their art, whether it be sculpture, painting, wood-carving, pottery, jewelry-making or more. "We want to showcase a broad range of outdoor activities and types of art to acquaint stu-

dents with the variety of artistic endeavors, recreation and career opportunities available to them," said Zoe Ann Stinchcomb, coordinator of the Texas division of the contest. "The ultimate goal of the contest is to foster a lifelong interest in conservation and the outdoors through art."

Artists are invited to have a booth to sell their art and to demonstrate the techniques used in making it.

The State-Fish Art Contest is open to any student in grades 4 through 12 in public, private or home schools. Texas entries are judged at TFFC and are due March 31. Contest information and entry form can be found at www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fishart.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: I enjoyed the column you published Nov. 26 with letters from readers about 13-13-13, and I'm not the least astonished that many of them didn't get the humor.

You failed to point out that several calendars actually DO have 13 months, among them the Muslim and Chinese calendars, each of which are lunar-solar calendars. Thus, 13-13-13 could be possible. My personal preference would be for 12 months of 30 days with a midsummer two-day break and a midwinter two- or three-day break. It may not be practical, but it would be fun. -- JOHN S., CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO.

DEAR JOHN: Thank you for the "timely" information and moral support. I confess that when I wrote my reply to the original letter, which appeared Sept. 4, it did not occur to me to check any calendar other than the one on my desk. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Your 13th month column was hilarious. It made people think. However, Orthodox Jews must be writing you by the thousands over your 13-13-13 "mistake." The ancient Jewish calendar is a lunar calendar in which a 13th month occurs every few years. Even secularists can count 13 new moons every 365-day year. This is why new moons are never at the same time of the "month," and why Jewish holidays never fall on the same day of the week. -- RICHARD IN PALM DESERT, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: There have been many calendars adopted throughout the ages as a way of measuring time, whether using the Gregorian currently used by Western civilization or by the lunar or solar means. Among them: the Mayan, Aztec, Babylonian, Zoroastrian, Hopi, Hindu, Egyptian, Roman and the Baha'i. Let us all celebrate

in diverse and creative ways with love, compassion and encouragement. -- CAROL IN POST FALLS, IDAHO

DEAR ABBY: I was glad to see you embrace the intelligent idea that we will return to using the 13-month calendar by the year 2013. The insanity promoted by the ego-driven Gregorian calendar contributes much to the materialistic consumerism madness that pollutes our world.

Until we return our focus to the organic, cyclical nature of time we will not truly begin the healing of Mother Gaia to the extent we are able. Bringing mankind's consciousness back to a natural order of time will do much to heal the insanity that causes us to think we are superior to nature and the natural order of all things. -- A.J. IN YREKA, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: I'll bet most of your readers would be surprised to learn that

there are some places in the world that DO have 13 months. Ethiopia's tourism motto is: "13 Months of Sunshine." Each month has 30 days, leaving five days (six during leap year) for the 13th month of Pagome. Their calendar is also about seven years behind ours. So, while you still can't celebrate 13-13-13 -- even in Ethiopia -- you CAN claim to be seven years younger. -- ETHIOPIAN AT HEART, ST. JOSEPH, MICH.

DEAR ABBY: Thought you might be interested to know that George Eastman, founder of Kodak, established a company-wide calendar based on 13 months, each with four weeks -- plus a New Year's Day. So in 1913, there WAS a 13-13-13. And if it had been on a Friday, then every month of that year would have had a Friday the 13th, too. -- LEONARD M., ROCHESTER, N.Y.

Sudoku

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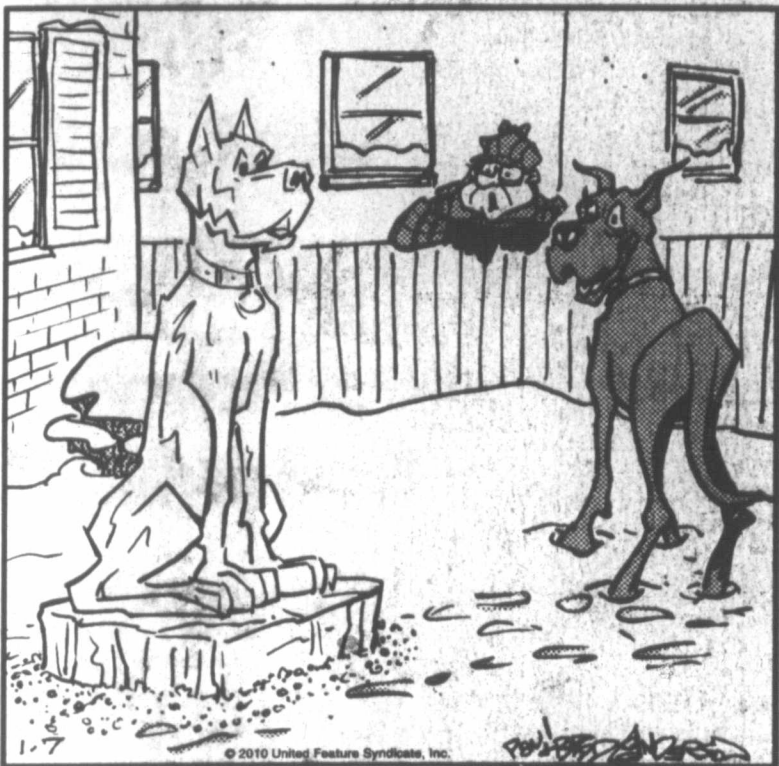
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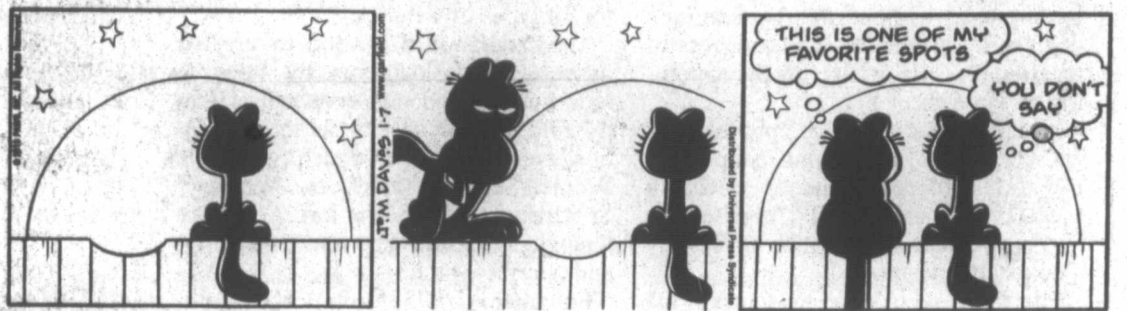
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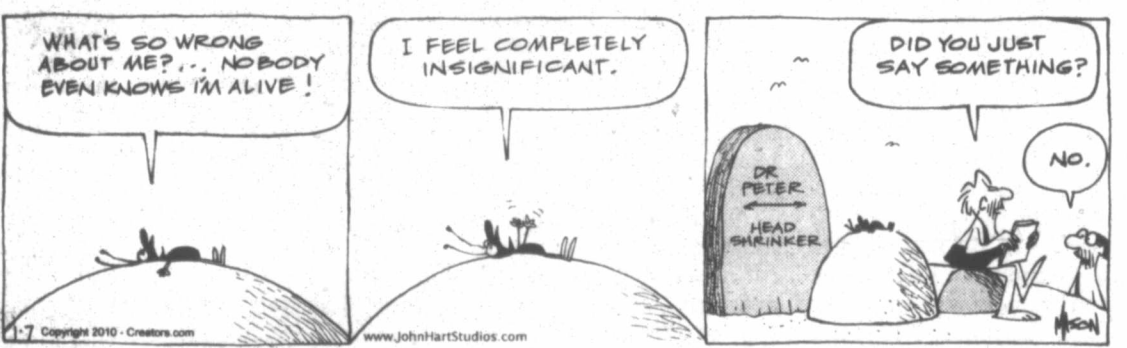
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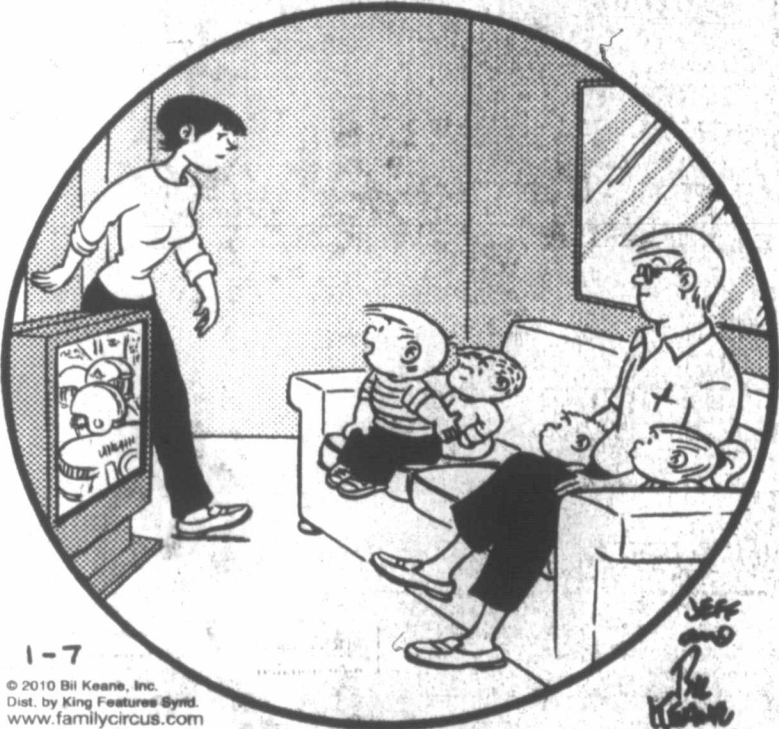


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Sports

Lady Harvesters need overtime to down Dumas

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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The Pampa Lady Harvesters basketball team won their first district game of the season 54-50

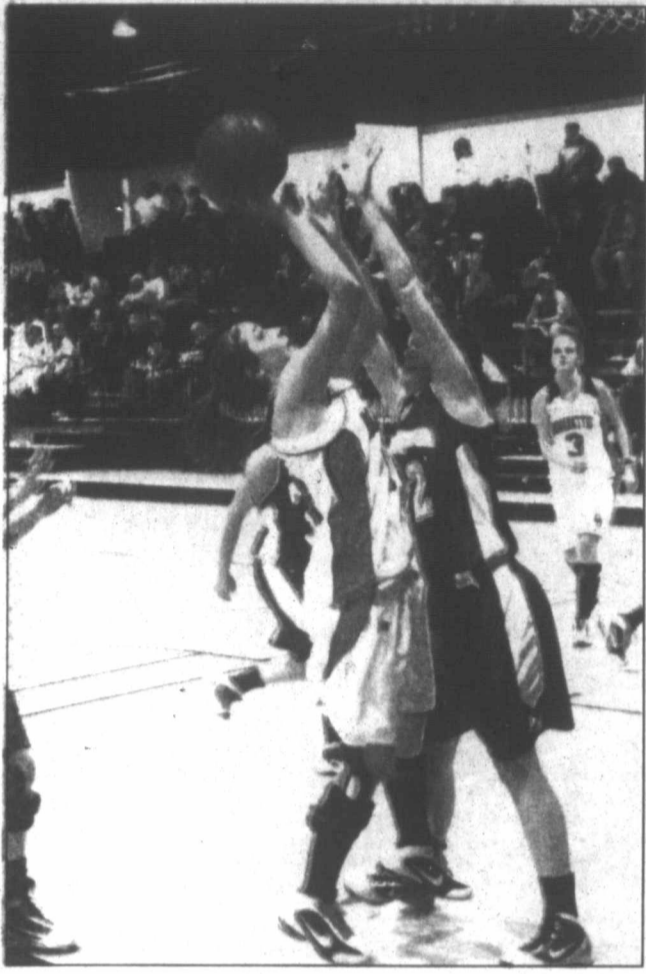
in triple overtime against the Dumas Demonettes Tuesday in Dumas. Head Coach Gene Valentine said the girls played really well and han-

dled the pressure great. "This was a big win and confidence booster for them," Valentine said. "The game was very up and down. When we were ahead Dumas would try and up pace the game. The few times they were up ahead, they tried to slow the game down to run the clock." The Lady Harvesters led

16-14 after the first quarter and outscored Dumas 5-2 to lead 21-16 at halftime. The Demonettes cut into Pampa's lead in the quarter, outscoring them 14-13 to cut the Lady Harvesters lead to 34-30. In the final quarter Dumas outscored Pampa 7-3 to tie the game at 37. The Lady Harvesters outscored the Demonettes

17-13 in the overtime periods. Shelby Watson led the team in scoring with 16 points. Taryn Eubank and Emilie Troxell each had 13. Valentine said the team did a good job keeping composure with the ups and downs of the game. "We did a real good job of protecting the ball and rebounding," Valentine said.

During the game they had to deal with malfunctions on the scoreboard's clock but Valentine said that didn't effect his team but helped them. "What it did was give us extra time to evaluate situations during the game," Valentine said. The Lady Harvesters (6-13, 1-2) host Caprock 6 p.m. Friday.



Andi Hutto defends a shot by a Demonette Tuesday in Dumas. The Lady Harvesters defeated Dumas 54-50 in triple overtime. Photo courtesy Jim Merriott, The Moore County News Press.

Pirates extend win streak to four

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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The Lefors Pirates won their fourth game in a row 54-15 over the Higgins Coyotes Tuesday at Higgins.

Lefors beat Higgins earlier in the season 54-17 December 15 in Lefors. Head Coach Joey

Czubinski aka "Coach Ski" said the team played really well especially on defense. "We held them scoreless the whole 1st quarter," Coach Ski said. "The starting five are playing very well, and the next five are playing better than they were a month ago. Keenan Lott and Taylor Ray led the team in scor-

ing with 13 points each. Joey Johnson had eight, Houston Whatley had four, Trevor Czubinski, Wakely Pairsh and Casey Wyant each had three, Cody Hess scored two and Austin Brooks, Dennis Sprouse and Seth Scully each had one. The Pirates (5-4) open district Friday at Groom

against the Tigers. Coach Ski said his team is underdogs but that's OK with them. "The pressure is not us, so we just go out and play," Coach Ski said. "We look at it on another level, we are our own worst critics, so the only people we have to satisfy is our team, not the other team."

POYC Girls Champions



The Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors, Inc. 5th & 6th grade girls basketball team finished the regular season with a 5-1 record and were named Pampa Optimist Youth Club League Champions for the 2009-2010 season. Pictured are: Bottom Row (l-r): MacKenzie Dull, Brittney Gonzalez, Erin Rankin, Kathlyn Cummins and Jaylee Remington. Middle Row (l-r): Assistant Coach - Angie Jerome, Kassie Jerome, Ashton Snapp and Coach - Scott Rankin. Back row (l-r): Kami Ware and Emily DeLoach. Not Pictured: Assistant Coach - Brandi Rankin.

A look back: 2009 sports in Pampa

SECOND IN A SERIES

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The Pampa Harvesters boys basketball team beat the Dumas Demons 75-63 in Dumas January 30, 2009.

The Pampa Harvesters swim team won their 10th consecutive district title in Lubbock January 30 and 31, 2009.

The Lady Harvesters basketball team lost to Caprock 71-40 in Pampa February 3.

Alex Clendening made a shot the length of court in the Harvesters victory over Caprock in basketball at Pampa February 3.

The Lefors Pirates defeated the Samnorwood Eagles 69-40 to improve to 6-5 and 4-3 in district February 6 in Lefors.

The Lefors Lady Pirates defeated the Samnorwood Lady Eagles 52-42 February 6 in Lefors.

The Pampa High School tennis team placed second in the Andrews Tournament February 6 and 7.

The Pampa High school girls basketball team lost their final game of the season 59-22 to the Canyon Lady Eagles February 10 in Pampa.

The Pampa high school boys basketball team beat Canyon 62-40 February 10 in Pampa.

The Lefors Lady Pirates ended the 2009-2010 season with a 52-22 loss to the Hedley Owls February 13 in Lefors.

The Lefors Pirates clinched a playoff spot with a 92-80 victory over the Hedley Owls February 13 in Lefors.

The Pampa Harvesters boys basketball team

clinched a playoff spot with a 59-56 over the No. 10 Randall Raiders February 13 in Pampa.

The Pampa Harvesters soccer team lost to Canyon 5-1 February 14 in Canyon. The Pampa Lady Harvesters soccer team lost to Canyon 4-0 February 14 in Canyon.

The Pampa Harvesters boys basketball team lost their final regular season game 86-42 to the Palo Duro Dons February 17 in Palo Duro.

The McLean Lady Tigers defeated Channing in the area round 53-51 February 20.

The Pampa Harvesters tennis team finished 13 out of 16 teams in the Midland Open February 20.

Lady Harvesters softball dropped their opening scrimmage in Vernon February 21.

The McLean Lady Tigers lost 64-62 to the Fort Elliot Lady Cougars February 24 in the state basketball playoffs.

The Pampa Harvesters

boys basketball team lost to Abilene Cooper 69-64 in the bidistrict playoffs in Levelland February 24.

The Lefors Pirates won a 1A Division II bidistrict title with a 54-44 win over the Fort Elliot Cougars February 24 in Wheeler.

Fritch 14-2 and Borger 11-3 to win the first two games of the Cavalier Classic. February 26.

The Lefors Pirates season ended with a 75-34 loss to the Vega Longhorns in the area round of the playoffs February 26 in Amarillo.

The Pampa Harvesters won the Cavalier Classic with a 5-1 record.

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