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# Four arrested in early morning drug bust



staff photo by Betsy Phillips Pampa Police Department personnel were gathering evidence on the scene of a drug bust this morning, Wednesday, January 20, at 413 Magnolia. The investigation is still ongoing.

Pampa EMS board elects Saturday 10am-1pm 1533 N. Hobart ~ Pampa, TX 2010 officers

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BY BETSY PHILLIPS editor@thepampanews.com

Pampa Police Department personnel were still gathering evidence and information today after arresting four people on drug charges at 413 Magnolia in Pampa. Department officials said information on the apparent drug bust would be released tomorrow morning.

Booked into Gray County Jail this morning were Matthew Gilbert Maul, 38, Dale Lynn, McClure, 50, Cassandra Elaine Mullen, 21 and Rhan Scott Goldsmith, BUST cont. on page 3



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lance service is firmly in the black and looking to expand.

At their first board meeting Tuesday night, Dr. Jim Hall of the Emergency Services Foundation of Texas, parent of Pampa EMS, indicated that they had \$287,019.75 in accounts receivable and \$40,980.49 in their bank account.

He said their net income for the last quarter of the calendar year 2009 was \$210,255.56.

Those numbers should improve, he said, now that Pampa EMS has been assigned an account number for and can receive Medicare payments. He noted that Medicare accounts for about a third of the ambulance service's business.

Over a Mexican food dinner, the board elected offi-

M.K. Brown Auditorium.

vice has been in business. Although the foundation's charter (it's a notfor-profit foundation) requires the board of directors to meet once a year, Hall said they could meet more often. The board announced its intention to meet quarterly their first year.

Hall said the cooperation the foundation has had from local leaders had been great. He said the ambulance service has developed a good rapport with other first responders.

"The Pampa Police Department does a great job," he said.

Joe Anstey, chief administrator for the ambulance service, said they had made almost 500 ambulance calls in their first quarter of service.

"We've seen a pretty fair

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**Broadway** in

Pampa

Broadway will come to Pampa next week at the

Choir Director Brianna Bailey said the choral

deparment will present an Evening on Broadway at

M.K. Brown Heritage Room at 7 p.m., Wednesday

and Thursday evenings (April 27 and 28). The cost is

\$25 per person. The money goes toward the choir's

Entertainment will be Broadway Show tunes

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Me Kate, Wicked, Dreamgirls, Annie, Show Boat,

Pampa High School Choir perform show tunes at

## Cary Rushing named county's chief deputy

#### BY DAVID BOWSER dbowser@thepampanews.com

Although his brother, Jason Rushing, works for the Pampa Police Department and his father's cousin, Kelly Rushing, was a Special Texas Ranger with the law enforcement arm of Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers Association, Gray County deputy and now is the chief of police at Pampa, Cary Rushing said it was entirely his decision to go into law enforcement.

David Cary Rushing was named chief deputy at the Gray County Sheriff's office earlier this month and has now become part of the family legacy.

Born in 1977 in Freeport, Tex., Rushing came to Pampa by way of Shamrock.

After graduating from Shamrock High School, Rushing first went to Hardin Simmons University before turning to Amarillo College and their criminal justice program.

"I just decided that's what I wanted to do," Rushing said.

From there, he heard that Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland was looking for

deputies. "I came in and interviewed," Rushing said. He started work for



Gray County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Cary Rushing

Sheriff Copeland Jan. 1, 1999.

"I was 21 and a half," he grinned.

chief deputy, As Rushing's duties will be to operate the sheriff's office in the absence of the sheriff, Copeland said.

Sheriff Copeland has been instrumental in guiding the younger Rushing's career.

In 2003, Rushing was assigned to the Panhandle **Regional Narcotics Task** Force for a year.

"When the sheriff suggested that I do that, I was excited about it," Rushing said. "Looking back on it,

it is the best thing that he ever did for me."

Rushing said he received numerous training hours.

"I learned it wasn't all putting guys in jail," he said. "I learned how to work a case from start to finish. I learned to work with other agencies and build up contacts and long term friendships."

He said he did a lot of growing during those days.

Among the schools that Rushing has attended is the Narcotics Investigation School.

"I've been to state and

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and Dolls and Jekyll and Hyde, Bailey said. & H Leasing Ad for Detail Read the Bible in a year Linda Laucock Larry Hadley Iordan Oneal Gen. 43-45; Ex 9-11 Broke Assoc 660C. Matt 12:24-Matt 15:21-39 806 806 806 662.277 662.1312 1945 N. Hobart \* 665-206 670.6623



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# For the record

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High 56	High 62	High 52			
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Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers before midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 32. Wind chill values between 25 and 30. South wind 10 to 15 mph becoming west northwest. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

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Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 56. Wind chill values between 25 and 35 early. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 35. Wind chill values between 26 and 31. South wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 62. Windy, with a south wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Friday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 37. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 52. Windy, with a west southwest wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 30. West northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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## Obituaries

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### June Thomas, 67

Pampa— June Thomas, 67, died January 15, 2010, in Pampa, Texas.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, January 21, 2010, at Calvary Baptist Church, with Rev. Richard Bartel, pastor, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Mrs. Thomas was born December 23, 1942 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. She

Skellytown-

Pampa.

Arkansas.

Colley, 98, died January

18, 2010, in Pampa, Texas.

with Carmichael-Whatley

Funeral Directors of

Mrs. Colley was born

May 21, 1911 in Mena,

ried William Ira Colley

on October 7, 1927 in

Hannibal, Missouri. He

preceded her in death on

Services are pending

was raised in Caracas, Venezuela. She was a graduate of Ardmore High School in Ardmore, Oklahoma and graduated from the University of Alabama. June was Miss Oklahoma from 1960-1961, and had a part in the television show "Gunsmoke." She had been a resident of Pampa since 1963. She was a member of The Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center.

Marie Colley,

May 20, 1989. Marie

had been a resident of

Skellytown since 1945.

She was a member of the

First Baptist Church of

Skellytown, the WMU,

Order of the Eastern Star,

and was a matron of the

supported the Disabled

Veterans and Cal Farley's

Survivors include a

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Boy's Ranch.

Survivors include three sons, Brad Thomas of Phoenix, Arizona, Brent Thomas and Brennon Thomas, both of Pampa; a daughter, Tori Thomas of Houston; one sister, Toni Vackar of Houston and a granddaughter, Amy Thomas of Pampa. **MEMORIALS:** to a

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daughter-in-law: Betty

Colley of Borger; five

great-grandchildren; three

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great-great-grandchildren. Marie was preceded in death by a son, James Colley; and two grandsons, Linton Colley and Craig Colley. Sign the on-line register

at www.carmichael-whatley.com



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### PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police Department responded to the following calls during the period between 7 a.m. Tuesday, January 19 to 7 a.m. Wednesday, January 20.

#### Monday

Animal Control Officers responded to six calls or stops.

Pampa Police Officers made 12 traffic stops, had 10 ongoing investigations,

and responded to two requests for information. A warrant was serviced

in the 800 block of N. Hobart Street. Found property was reported in the 400 block

of S. Graham Street. An alarm was reported in the 900 block of Crane Road.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2400 block of N. Charles Street.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block

of E. Harvester Avenue. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of N. Hobart Street.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1100 block of S. Hobart Street.

A traffic complaint was taken in the Montagu and Frost intersection.

Theft was reported in the 600 block of E. Frederic Avenue.

A runaway was reported in the 700 block of S. Barnes Street.

A building check was conducted in the 300 block of W. Kingsmill Avenue.

A suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of N. Starkweather Street.

A suspicious person was reported in the 400 block of S. Gray Street.

A suspicious person was reported in the Kentucky and Banks intersection.

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### inister's murder trial IIIIIISUU

WACO, Texas (AP) — Closing arguments were set for Wednesday afternoon in the murder trial of a minister accused of kill-ing his wife, whose death was first ruled a suicide.

Matt Baker's attorneys called just one witness for his defense. A DNA expert testified that his wife, Kari Baker, could not be excluded from the people typed suicide note. Baker did who might have touched a

Baker did not testify. He

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faces up to life in prison if convicted in the 2006 death.

Closing arguments set in

Waco Tribune-The Herald reported Wednesday that Baker attorney Guy James Gray showed jurors e-mails indicating the couple were working on their

Baker was a Baptist preacher in the Waco area when his wife was found dead. He has maintained that she killed herself because of a deep depression.

marriage.

### Feds probing rash of church fires

TYLER, Texas (AP) - Federal authorities are investigating a rash of church fires in East Texas, where seven such blazes have been reported since Jan. 1.

Police said the lat-Fellowship of Prairie Creek church in Lindale was quickly contained Wednesday morning. No injuries or deaths

have been reported.

The Lindale fire came after two weekend church miles west of Tyler.

or whether arson was the cause. Agents with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, est Tyler-area fire at Firearms and Explosives

miles east of Dallas.

moved in last week after three church fires were reported over 12 days in nearby Athens.

fires in Tyler, about 100

Authorities have not

said the fires are linked,

The Athens blazes caused officials to re-examine a church fire in Canton, 40

### Palin to campaign with Perry Feb. 7

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) -Former vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin is heading to Texas to campaign with Republican Gov. Rick Perry on Feb. 7. Perry The campaign issued a statement

Wednesday saying the former Alaska governor will join Perry at a rally in the Houston area. More details will be released in the coming days

Perry says he and Palin share "conservative values of limited government, low taxes and individual freedom." Palin endorsed Perry in his re-election big last year, and it was expected that she would campaign with him at some point.

Perry faces U.S. Sen. Kay **Bailey Hutchison and party** activist Debra Medina on March 2 in the Republican

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permission to publish the photo in any future edition of this newspaper. 5. Employees of this newspaper or contest sponsors and their immediate families are not eligible to win. The readers of The Pampa News will judge the contest based upon a ballot to be printed along with all the entries in the Jan. 27 issue.



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primary.

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# Texas population gain expected from Katrina

DALLAS (AP) - Texas could add four congressional seats following the 2010 Census because of a population jump partly linked to Hurricane Katrina, demographers say.

Demographer William Frey with the Brookings Institution looked at population growth rates from the first half of the decade. Frey predicts Texas, which now has 32 U.S. House members, will gain four seats, in part because of Katrina, the Dallas Morning News reported Wednesday. The one-adecade count also helps divvy federal funds.

Katrina stormed ashore in August 2005, sending evacuees from Louisiana and other parts of the Gulf coast to Texas, with the bulk forced to flee New Orleans.

BETSY BLANEY

Texas Tech coach Mike

Leach's lawsuit against the

university can go forward

but not as quickly as his

State District Judge

William Sowder denied a

motion by Leach's attor-

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"I see no reason to give

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Houston took in nearly 250,000 displaced people, and a year after the storm, Texas still had about 251,000 evacuees, according to a survey by the state Health and Human Services Commission.

Nicole Smothers, 38, moved with her family from New Orleans to Houston and does not expect to return. The census will count where she lives as of April 1 as her home state.

She found a job in the Houston city planning office, owns a home and holds a Texas driver's license.

"There is no way we can justify going back to New Orleans," Smothers said. "Our whole life is in Texas now."

Smother's 70-yearan apartment in nearby Missouri City but still receives mail at the property she owns in New Orleans. She would like to return.

"Her roots are there," Smothers said. "Her friends are there. Her base is there.'

Census figures show that the population of Texas on April 1/2000, topped 20.8 million, as the strong economy and immigration bolstered the growth in annual numbers.

"The Katrina evacuees are a drop in the bucket in terms of population growth," Texas state demographer Karl Eschbach said. "But a shift of a few thousand can affect where a congressional seat goes."

old mother-in-law rents

Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2010. Story, 34, was killed in the line of duty last week in a wreck. (AP Photo/Star-Telegram, Paul Moseley) Desk and EMS Derrick Club to

### meet

The Desk and Derrick Club of Pampa will hold t's monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26 at the Pampa Country Club.

Pampa Chamber Director Joe Weaver will be the guest speaker. The public is invited. Reservations may be made by contacting Elaine McDonnell, W.O. Operating Co., Ltd., 806-665-8298.

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aka Ryan Scott Goldsmith. Charges had not been finalized as of press time, but all had been charged with possession of a controlled substance. Maul and McLure also had outstanding warrants, according to officials.

amount of volume," Anstey said. "Especially when you consider we had to create (the ambulance service) from the ground up."

The ambulance service has grown over the last three months. It now employs 38 people. More than 20 of those are medical personnel.

Anstey said went over Pampa EMS reaction times and compared them to national standards.

The national standard for when the phone rings at dispatch until an ambulance crew has been notified is two minutes. Pampa EMS does it in less than a minute. In December it was 0.17 of a minute.

The response time nationally is 12 minutes. Pampa's response time is about 10 minutes or less.

Hall credited Anstey and Don and Better Fletcher with getting the ambulance up and running and in the financial shape that it's in today

Anstey in turn commended the staff for the work service to them. they had put in during the

last months or more.

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Hall was re-elected president of the board for another term.

Dr. Bobby Smith was elected vice president. Mike Giesler, RRT, was elected secretary. Kim Laycock was elected to the board, and Gary Willoughby was elected to serve at large.

Gray County Judge Richard Peet will represent the county

The City of Pampa has not yet named a board member to represent the city

The keep continuity, the board Tuesday night chose to stagger terms.

Hall and Smith will serve two-year terms. Giesler and Laycock will service oneyear terms. Willoughby will serve a two-year term. Peet and the city representative will serve threeyear terms.

Anstey also announced that the ambulance service expects to expand. He said they are in talks with Boys Ranch now and may soon be providing ambulance

'We're pleased with the court's decision today," attorney Ted Liggett said

allegations of libel and Texas slander, breach of contract - A judge ruled and violation of Texas' on Wednesday that fired Whistleblower Act.

Leach has denied he mistreated the player, sophomore receiver Adam James. The player said his coach twice ordered him to stand for hours while confined in a dark place during practice.

The AG's office did not immediately have a comment Wednesday.

Sowder ordered the university to retain or preserve all documents and e-mails related to Leach's firing.

Perkins told Sowder he believed the seven claims in Leach's suit were an attempt "to pile on" accusations against the school



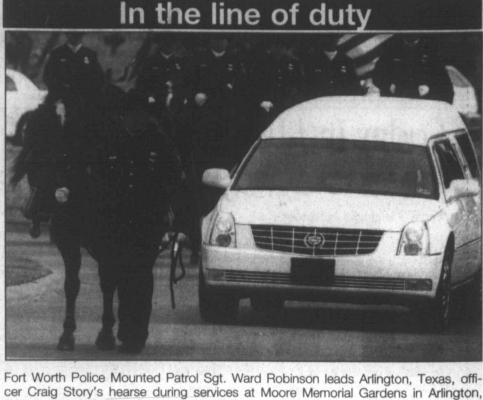
and that the judge could rule on their motion to dismiss the case.

"Based on their own arguments you have everything you need" to take up the school's motion to dismiss on sovereign immunity grounds, he said.

Leach attorney Paul Dobrowski told the judge Wednesday that the coach "cannot get a job" due to the actions of the university

With allegations of player mistreatment hanging over his head, Leach has been left out of discussions for openings at USC, Tennessee, East Carolina South and Florida, Dobrowski has said.

# Judge rules Leach lawsuit can go forward



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after the hearing.

The university fired Leach on Dec. 30, two days after it suspended him amid allegations he mistreated a player with a concussion. His suit includes

local officers certification course for clandestine methamphetamine labs at Quantico, Va.," he said. "I'm a site safety officer for clandestine meth labs." He's also a qualified

firearms instructor and has earned several other advanced certifications.

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"I just hope I can live up to expectations," Rushing said.

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Dayton Wallace of Pampa took this photo on the Capitol Mall while on the Texas Panhandle Honor Flight Oct. 7-9. Along on the trip was his daughter, Brenda Wilkerson of Red River, NM.



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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 19, the 19th day of 2010. There are 346 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 19, 1960, the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security between Japan and the United States of America was signed by both countries in Washington, D.C. (Domestic opposition to the treaty led to the resignation of Japanese Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi (nah-boo-soo-keh kee-shee)).

#### On this date:

In 1807, Confederate general Robert E. Lee was born in Westmoreland County, Va.

In 1809, author, poet and critic Edgar Allan Poe was born in Boston.

'Any girl can be glamorous. All you have to do is stand still and look stupid."

In 1853, Giuseppe Verdi's opera Trovatore" p "11 premiered in Rome.

In 1861, Georgia seceded from the Union.

- Hedy Lamarr, Austrian-American Actress

In 1937, millionaire Howard Hughes set a transcontinental air record by flying his monoplane from Los Angeles to

Newark, N.J., in seven hours, 28 minutes and 25 seconds.

In 1955, a presidential news conference was filmed for television for the first time, with the permission of President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

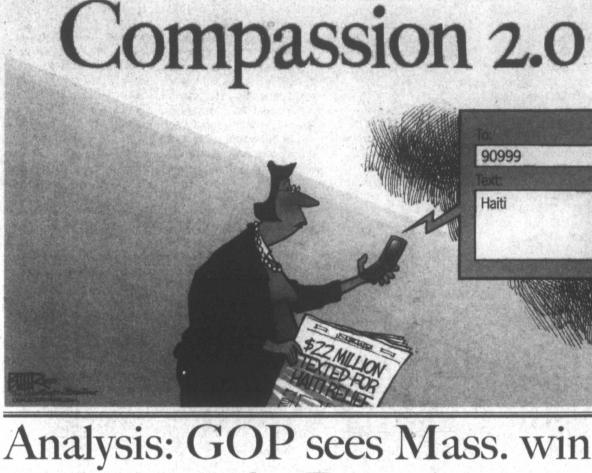
In 1966, Indira Gandhi was elected prime minister of India.

In 1970, President Richard M. Nixon nominated G. Harrold Carswell to the Supreme Court; however, the nomination was defeated because of controversy over Carswell's past racial views.

In 1980, retired Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas died in Washington, D.C. at age 81.

In 1990, Arthur J. Goldberg, former Supreme Court justice, labor secretary and U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, was found dead in his Washington apartment at age 81.

Ten years ago: Michael Skakel (SKAY'-kul), a



# as stop sign for Democrats

An AP News Analysis WASHINGTON (AP)

 Reeling from the loss of a long-held Massachusetts Senate seat, Democrats are rethinking the lessons of Barack Obama's 2008 election, with the GOP cheerfully suggesting they scale back their ambitions and agenda.

Republican Scott Brown's win in a liberal state will do more than vastly complicate Obama's bid to overhaul the U.S. health care system. It will send his party into a painful re-examination of voters' anger and desires ahead of the November elections for Congress, governorships and state legislatures. Questions will include whether Americans really want more government help in matters such as obtaining health insurance, even though Obama campaigned on that very issue. Most immediately, Brown's win Tuesday over Martha Coakley to replace the late Edward M. Kennedy will deprive Democrats of a filibusterproof Senate majority. That could kill the Democrats' effort to revamp health care unless House Democrats reluctantly embrace a previously passed Senate version that many of them dislike. It would require no new Senate action, although liberal groups

Conservatives, perhaps sensing the mood better than liberals, have accused Obama of Big Brotherism and even socialism as he pushes his health plan and pours billions of dollars into economic stimulus programs.

The president rightly notes that he campaigned precisely on those issues. But that's small comfort to nervous and perplexed Democratic lawmakers who now expect stiff anti-incumbent winds in November and heightened GOP attacks against big government.

It's unclear how much Democrats will change their tactics.

Coakley-Brown contest, spokesman Robert Gibbs said before polling places closed Tuesday.

Democrats were dismayed last November to see the GOP take over the governorships of New Jersey and Virginia, states that Obama had carried the year before. Tuesday's results were more painful and troubling.

Massachusetts is among the nation's most liberal states, and the candidates made it clear that a Brown victory could kill the Democrats' health care push in the Senate.

Democrats now must ask: register their discontent

with raucous public meetings in August that caught Democrats flat-footed?

The latest AP-GfK poll showed an even split between Americans who support the health care package and those who oppose it. But Republican lawmakers say Brown's victory proves that public intensity and momentum are on their side.

If Democrats can find any solace in Tuesday's results, it's this: Massachusetts pollsters detected a strong anti-incumbent mood among voters, which could hurt Republican Did Massachusetts voters officeholders as well as Democrats in November.

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nephew of Robert F. Kennedy, was charged with bludgeoning to death 15-year-old Martha Moxley in Greenwich (GREH'-nich), Conn. in 1975, when he was also 15. (Skakel was later convicted, and is appealing.) A dormitory fire at Seton Hall University in New Jersey killed three people and injured 62. Former Italian Prime Minister Bettino Craxi died in Tunisia at age 65. Actress Hedy Lamarr was found dead in her Orlando, Fla. home; she was 85.

Five years ago: Previewing his second inauguration, President George W. Bush pledged to seek unity in a nation divided by political differences, saying, "I am eager and ready for the work ahead." Condoleezza Rice won strong but not unanimous endorsement as secretary of state from a Senate panel. The American Cancer Society reported that cancer had passed heart disease as the top killer of Americans age 85 and younger. Former chairman and chief executive of Citicorp Walter B. Wriston died in New York at age 85.

One year ago: Russia and Ukraine signed a deal restoring natural gas shipments to Ukraine and paving the way for an end to the nearly two-week cutoff of most Russian gas to a freezing Europe.

Today's Birthdays: Former U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar is 90. Actress Jean Stapleton is 87. Actor Fritz Weaver is 84. Actress Tippi Hedren is 80. Former PBS newsman Robert MacNeil is 79. Movie director Richard Lester is 78. Singer Phil Everly is 71. Actor-singer Michael Crawford is 68. Actress Shelley Fabares is 66. Country singer Dolly Parton is 64. ABC newswoman Ann Compton is 63. TV chef Paula Deen is 63. Rock singer Martha Davis is 59. Singer Dewey Bunnell (America) is 58. Actor Desi Arnaz Jr. is 57. Comedian Paul Rodriguez is 55. Conductor Sir Simon Rattle is 55. Actress Katey Sagal is 53. Reggae musician Mickey Virtue (UB40) is 53. Rock musician Jeff Pilson (Foreigner) is 52. Actor Paul McCrane is 49. Actor William Ragsdale is 49. Tennis player Stefan Edberg is 44. Rock singer Whitfield Crane (Ugly Kid Joe) is 42. Singer Trey Lorenz is 41. Actor Shawn Wayans is 39. Rock singer-musician John Wozniak (Marcy Playground) is 39. Actress Drea (DRAY-uh') de Matteo is 38. Comedian-impressionist Frank Caliendo is 36. Actress Marsha Thomason is 34. Actress Jodie Sweetin is 28. Actor Logan Lerman is 18. Olympic gold medal gymnast Shawn Johnson is 18.

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Gleeful Republicans warned against such a move. The message from Massachusetts, said Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., is: "Go back to the drawing board" on health care.

might be furious.

Democrats didn't go quite that far, but some were clearly chastened.

"In many ways the campaign in Massachusetts became a referendum not only on health care reform but also on the openness and integrity of our government process," said Sen. James Webb, D-Va. He urged that "we suspend further votes on health care legislation until Sen.-elect Brown is seated."

Democrats may spend months trying to divine the lessons of Tuesday's setback. Many of them saw the 2008 election as a repudiation of George W. Bush's presidency, with Obama as the fresh new leader promising to harness the government to expand health coverage, discipline banks and stimulate the moribund economy.

But Brown's victory sugsts that many voters still harbor suspicions or out-right resentment of the federal government, no matter who's in charge.

Rep. Chris Van Hollen of Maryland, head of the **Democratic** Congressional Campaign Committee, said his colleagues will continue to blame the previous administration for driving the economy "into a ditch" and running away.

The Senate's Democratic campaign chief, Sen. Bob Menendez of New Jersey, seemed more humble. "We will sort through the lessons of Massachusetts," he said, including "the need to show that our commitment to real change is as powerful as it was in 2008."

American voters rejected Republican control in the 2006 congressional elections and the 2008 presidential election. Democrats widely assumed that a top priority, and a winning political issue, was to make health insurance more accessible and competitive.

But now, just 14 months later, voters are snarling at the Democrats they put in charge, leaving them to wonder how to expand services without invoking public wrath.

John Triolo, Massachusetts independent who voted for Obama in 2008 and for Brown on Tuesday, exemplified the confusing message.

"I voted for Obama because I wanted change," said Triolo, 38, a sales manager from Fitchburg. "I wanted change, I thought he'd bring it to us, but I just don't like the direction that he's heading.

Everyone should have health coverage, Triolo said, "but I think we should take the time to look at it, but not ram it down our throat."

Obama may be as puzzled as anyone by his party's inability to keep the seat held by Kennedy, a liberal icon, for nearly a half-century. The president was "surprised and frustrated" by the course of the

based on a decent understanding of the complex health care legislation? Or did conservatives do a better job of framing and spinning the debate, starting



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## Meyers celebrate 60th anniversary

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They have four children: Gary Meyer and wife Cheryl of Borger; Greg Meyer and wife Constance of Austin, a deceased daughter Carla Dittberner and husband Terry

Dittberner of Austin; John Meyer and wife Susan of Tulsa, OK.

The couple's grandchildren include Jerremy Meyer of Borger, Nathan Meyer of Dallas, Dale Meyer of Phoenix, AZ, Jennifer Meyer of Lewisville, Janet Ruiz of Grape Vine, Tammy Yourman of New Braunfels, Trey Dittberner of Virginia Beach, VA; Colt Meyer, Casey Meyer and Cristian Meyer of Tulsa, OK. The couple also has seven great grandchildren.

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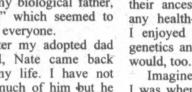
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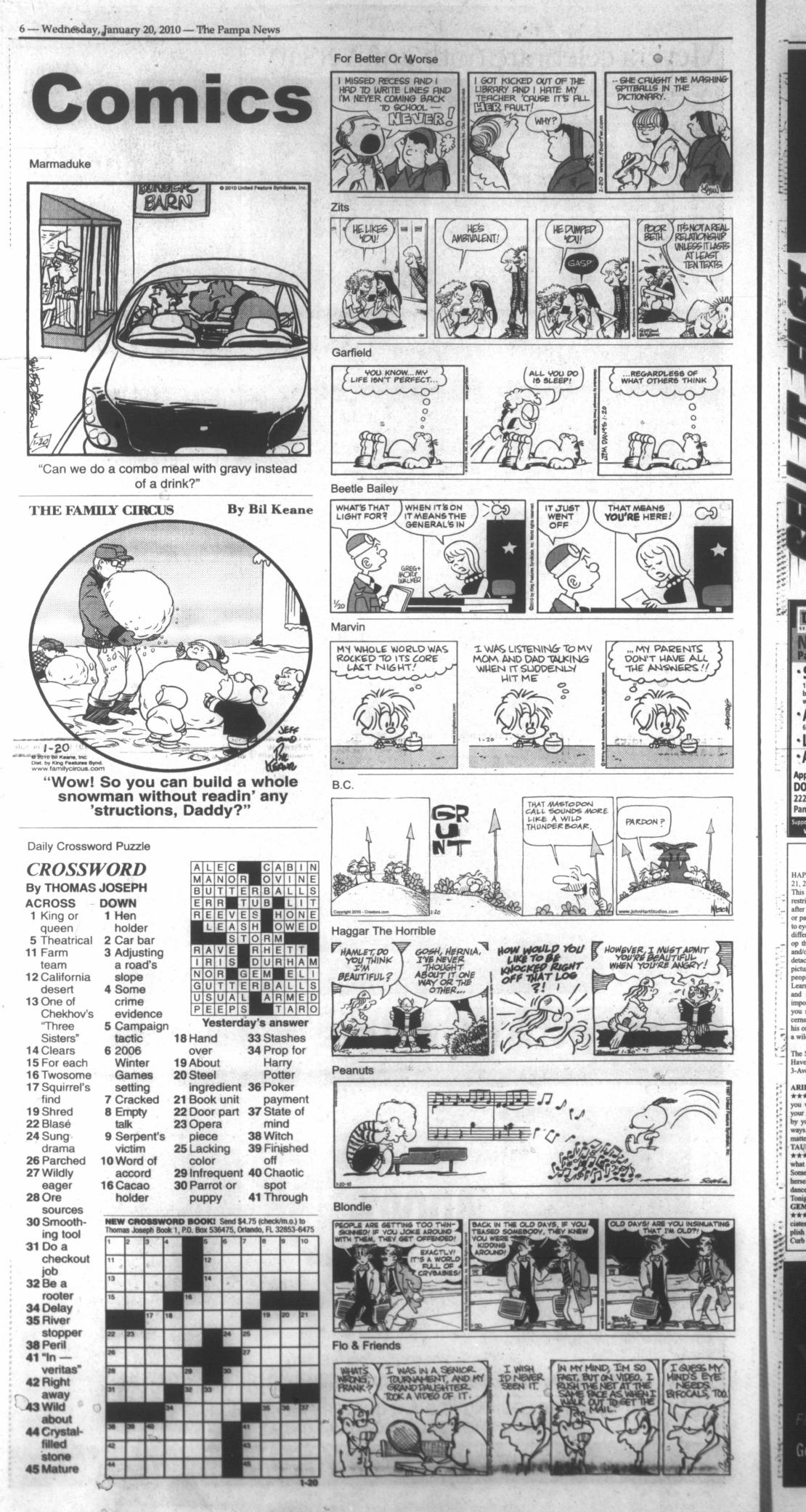
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# Sports

# Randall Raiders outlast Pampa Harvesters' rally

BY ANDREW GLOVER

aglover@thepampanews.com The Pampa Harvesters basketball team rallied from a double-digit deficit but lost their fourth consecutive game 55-50 to the Randall Raiders Tuesday in Pampa.

Head Coach Dustin Miller said his team really fought back and that's all you can ask for.

"We had the chance to win the game or tie it," Miller said. "We had a shot it just didn't go down for us.

In the first quarter both teams made baskets on their first couple of possessions. The Raiders went on a run with the score tied at five. Randall scored the next eight points to lead 13-5. The teams exchanged baskets their final two possessions of the quarter and the Raiders led 15-11 after the first.

Both teams scored baskets on their first two possessions of the second quarter. Alex Clendening made a two-pointer to cut Randall's lead to 20-16 but that would be the closest



staff photo by Andrew Glover Alex Clendening attempts a layup against Randall Tuesday. Pampa lost 55-50.

the Harvesters would get. The Raiders scored the next

lead to get smaller than seven points to lead 27-16. Randall did not allow their

nine the rest of the quarter

and led 32-20 at halftime. In the third quarter, the Harvesters started to get back in the game. After Pampa hit a two-pointer and Randall made two free throws, the Harvesters went on an 8-0 run to cut the Raiders lead to 34-30. Both teams exchanged baskets the rest of the quarter and Pampa trailed 38-32 after the third.

Clendening hit a threepointer to open the fourth quarter to cut the Raiders' lead in half. Both teams exchanged baskets on their next possessions. Clendening scored four straight points for Pampa to cut Randall's lead to two. After the Raiders hit a three, Clendening scored four more points to cut the Raiders lead to one.

The Raiders expanded their lead to three but Latigo Collins made a three to tie the game at 48. Randall scored the next four points to take the lead for good. The Harvesters trailed 53-50 in the last minute and missed a three-point shot. Pampa got the offensive rebound and missed another three and the Raiders got the rebound.

Clendening led the team in scoring with 21 points. Collins scored 13 and Travis Hagerman scored nine. The Harvesters (9-12, 1-4) visit Palo Duro (14-5, 5-0) 7:30 p.m. Friday. The Dons have won 83 straight district games. Miller said his team will have to limit turnovers and transition baskets to have a chance.

"Try to make them beat you from the perimeter," Miller said. "It's tough they're good top to bottom. They can beat you inside and outside. They can run and press. You just try to limit their easy baskets.'

The junior varsity lost 54-34. Coach Matt Embry said his team trailed 31-30 after the third quarter and that his team ran out of energy in the fourth quarter.

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"Turnovers, transition defense that's what killed us in the fourth," Embry said. "We got tired they stayed energetic. They ran the floor, we weren't getting back ... I was proud of the effort of the first three quarters.

#### Harvesters let third ady quarter lead slip away

#### BY ANDREW GLOVER aglover@thepampanews.com

Pampa The Lady Harvesters basketball team allowed an early lead to slip away as they lost their second straight game 52-39 to the Randall Lady Raiders Tuesday.

Head Coach Gene Valentine said Randall went on a run in the fourth quarter to take the game.

"They got separa-

tion from us and we just couldn't get it back," Valentine said.

In the first quarter, the teams played fairly competitive. The Lady Harvesters opened the game with a 6-2 run and maintained a four-point lead most of the quarter. But Randall ended the quarter on a 4-0 and both teams were tied at 10 at the end of the quarter. In the second quarter,

Pampa scored the first three points of the quarter to take a 13-10 lead. The Lady Raiders went on a 7-3 run to take their first lead of the game at 17-16. Both teams exchanged baskets the rest of the quarter and went into halftime tied at 21

The Lady Harvesters started the third quarter strong, scoring the first six

points of the quarter to take a 27-21 lead. Each team scored a basket on their next possessions, but with Pampa leading 30-23, the Lady Raiders would go on a run. Randall would outscore Pampa 14-3 to end the third quarter with a 37-33 lead.

Both teams scored on their first possession of the fourth quarter. The Lady Raiders made a two-pointer to bring their lead up to six and then hit a threepointer to expand their lead to 44-35. The Lady Harvesters wouldn't get of the quarter. The Lady Raiders outscored Pampa 15-6 in the final quarter.

Shelbie Watson and Taryn Eubank led the team in scoring with 10 points each. Emilie Troxell scored eight and Ashlee Holland scored six. The Lady Harvesters (8-15, 3-4) visit Palo Duro 6 p.m. Friday. Valentine thinks his team is much better than they were when they lost 67-45 December 15 in Pampa.

"We're more aggressive," Valentine said. "We push the ball up court better. We're handling pressTaylor and Patterson we can neutralize the inside we can slow those two down and have a chance."

The junior varsity lost to Randall 48-44. Coach Forrest Harding said his team did a good job of fighting back.

We were down by 18 with a quarter and a half to go and came back and just missed a couple shots," Harding said.

Delaney Clendening led the team in scoring with 17 points, Caitlin Sieck scored 10 and Kaitlynn Ramirez scored seven.

# both teams played close.



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