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Snow woes



The unsuspecting driver of this city sanitation truck was stuck Thursday after driving into what newspaper employees call Lake Pampa News behind the News building at 403 W. Atchison. The huge puddle forms whenever there is precipitation, and the all day rain/sleet mix that formed the giant puddle was covered by snow, not visible to those who are not familiar with its location. Even this road grader was not able to budge the truck, a larger piece of city equipment arrived to save the day.
staff photo by **Betsy Phillips**

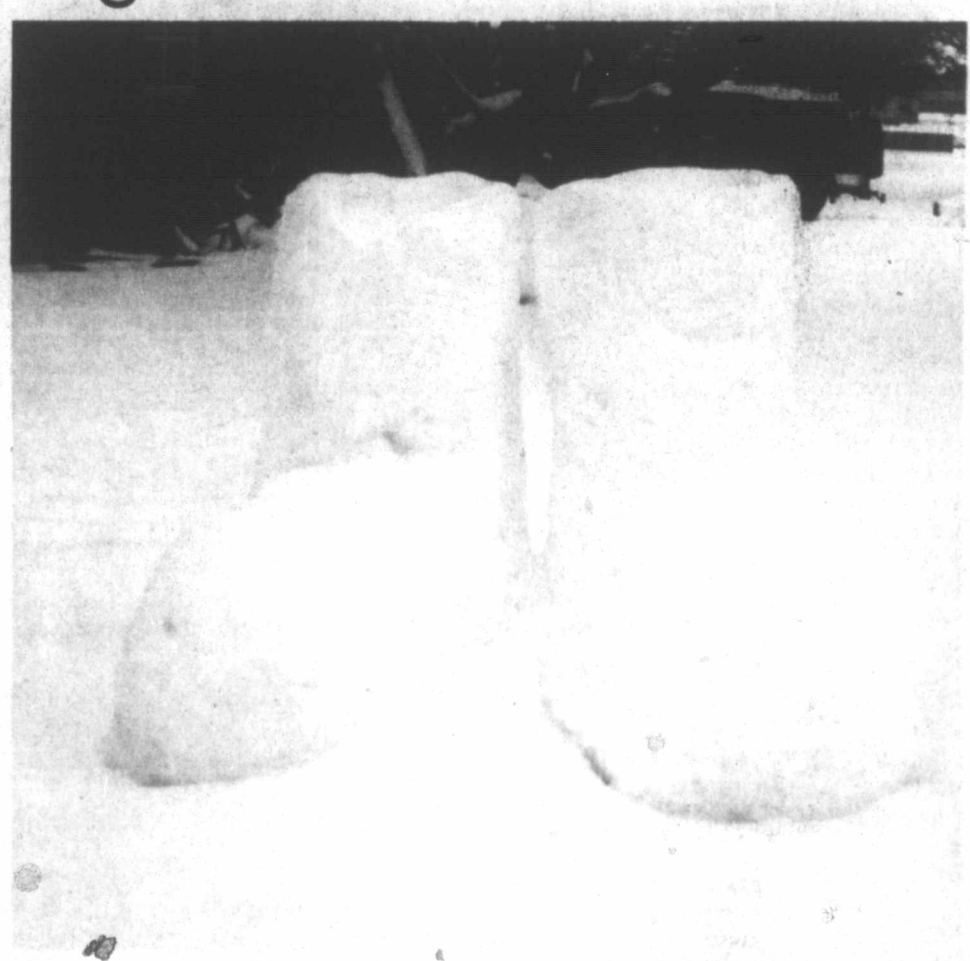
Senior center marks 43 years

The Pampa Senior Citizens Center will celebrate its 43rd anniversary with a reception from 1 - 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6. The center is located at 500 W. Francis.
During the celebration, the board of directors will honor retiring board member E.E. "Shelly" Shelhamer. He has served over 30 years, earning him the title of longest serving board member.
The center was organized to provide senior with a place to gather for fellowship, games and a hot lunch. It is open from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m./Monday through Friday. Lunch is served from 10:45 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. the suggested donation for the meal is \$6 for members and \$6.25 for non-members. For more information, contact Nancy Lopes, director, 669-7414.

Pool, former jail among Texas' endangered places

DALLAS (AP) — Texas' most endangered historic places range from a former county jail to a drive-in theater to a swimming pool, a preservation group said Thursday.
The seven listed by the nonprofit Preservation Texas Inc. were: the Austin Women's Club in Austin; the Brazos Drive-In Theatre in Granbury; Herff Farm in Boerne; downtown Austin's historic assets; Old Llano County Jail, known as "Red Top," in Llano; the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site in La Porte; and the Swenson Swimming Pool and Bathhouse in Spur.
Susan Lassell, president of Preservation Texas, said the main purpose of the list is to draw attention to the historic places. She said the group hopes it will help the sites get funding for renovations, which has been increasingly difficult as organizations make budget cuts.
"My hope is that they go home from today really energized and inspired to keep doing the work they've been doing," Lassell said.
The Swenson Swimming Pool and Bathhouse in the town of Spur, population about 1,000, has been a summer destination for West Texans since it was completed in 1937, but had to close after a few weeks last summer due to leaks in the pool, said Harry Bob Martin, chairman of the Dickens County Historical Commission.
"That pool serves about three or four different counties in West Texas," Martin said.
Mary Ann Golden, president of the Austin Woman's Club, said she hopes to get some tips on renovation work during a two-day preservation summit. The woman's club is located in an Austin home designed by San Antonio architect Alfred Giles in 1874. The Austin Woman's Club purchased the building in 1929.
"It suffers from the ravages of time and water," Golden said. "A lot of our wiring was done when electricity first came in and it's never been replaced."
Carolyn Chipman Evans, founder and executive director of the Cibolo Nature Center, said that the 62-acre Herff Farm, which is part of the nature center, was founded by her great-grandfather. Built in 1883, the two-story, limestone farmhouse overlooking Cibolo Creek needs extensive repairs before it can be opened to the public, she said.
She said the farmhouse

Big boots



Firefighters are known for keeping their boots by the door, but these giant boots made of snow were constructed outside Pampa Fire Station #2, at 321 E. 17th Ave. Thursday
staff photo by **ReDonn Woods**

Oil tumbles below \$70 a barrel

NEW YORK (AP)—Oil prices fell Friday for the third straight day, weighed down by a stronger dollar and persistent doubts about the health of the global economy.
Benchmark crude for March delivery lost \$3.38, nearly 5 percent, to \$69.76 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. It fell as low as \$69.50 a barrel, the lowest since Dec. 15.
Energy prices started the year on a high note, surging as economists predicted that China, India and other developing nations would aggressively boost petroleum imports to feed their growing economies.
But China has since taken steps to control risky bank lending and cool off its economy. And Greece, Portugal and Spain have pushed the euro lower as they struggle to handle massive budget deficits.
The U.S. Dollar Index, which measures the greenback versus other major currencies, jumped Friday to its highest level since July. Oil, which is priced in U.S. currency, tends to fall when the dollar strengthens and makes barrels more expensive for OIL cont. on page 3

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Saturday: Areas of freezing fog before noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 39. Wind chill values between 21 and 31. Calm wind becoming southeast between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: A slight chance of freezing rain after midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 26. Wind chill values between 17 and 22. South southeast wind around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Sunday: A chance of rain or freezing rain before noon, then a chance of rain. Cloudy, with a high near 42. South southeast wind around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Sunday Night: A chance of rain and snow before 9 pm, then a chance of snow. Cloudy, with a low around 29. South southeast wind 10 to 20 mph becoming north. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%.

Monday: A 30 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 30. Windy, with a north wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

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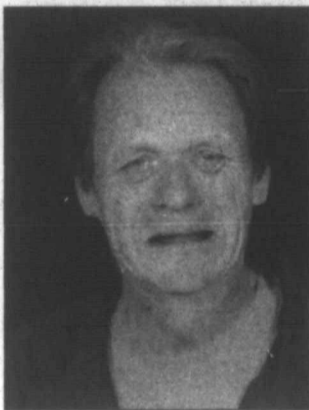
Kevin Reece, 50

Pampa— Kevin Reece, 50, died February 4, 2010, in Pampa, Texas.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Reece was born November 4, 1959 in Pampa where he had been a lifelong resident. He married Wauneta Diaz Knott on October 30, 2003 in Pampa. He worked for Pizza Hut for 2 1/2 years, sold papers for the Pampa News for over 20 years, and worked for Coca Cola Bottling Company. Kevin was involved in the Pampa Sheltered Workshop and Pampa Special Olympics where he participated in basketball, bowling, track and golf. He was selected as Athlete of the Month. He was a member of the First Baptist Church. He never met a stranger and loved his family.

Survivors include his wife, Wauneta Reece of the home; a brother: Jim Corley and wife Becky of



Reece

Pampa; two sisters, Teresa Leasure of Amarillo and Anna Young and husband Mike of Lefors; stepson: Eric Knott of Pampa; a stepdaughter: Stacy Knott, of Pampa; special cousin: Ernie Frazier and wife Vanita of Pampa; and several nieces and nephews.

MEMORIALS: Pampa Special, Olympics, P.O. Box 375, Pampa, Texas 79066-0375.

Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whatley.com

Brian Fuller, Sr., 43

Pampa— Brian Fuller, Sr., 43, died February 4, 2010, in Amarillo, Texas.

Memorial services may be held at a later date. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Fuller was born August 20, 1966 in Moreland, Oklahoma to Henry and Sue Fuller. He had been a resident of Pampa most of his life. Brian worked as a roustabout in the oilfield.

Survivors include his wife, Christina Cano of the home; five sons, Derrick Brian Fuller of Tennessee, Brian Lee Fuller, Jr., and Tyler Roberts, both of Pampa, Dalton Bryce Fuller and Bradley Reece Fuller, both of Amarillo; five daughters, Brandi Fuller and Michelle Fuller, both of Tennessee, Kaytlyn Fuller



Fuller

of Amarillo, Andrea Marie Rodriguez and Valerie Arianna Cano, both of Pampa; two brothers, John Fuller of Washington and Dwayne Fuller of Oklahoma; a sister, Karen Fuller of Washington; five grandchildren and one niece. Brian was preceded in death by his parents.

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Obituaries

Bea Wortham, 71

Pampa— Bea Wortham, 71, died January 29, 2010, in Pampa, Texas.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, February 6, 2010 at St. Mark CME Church with Rev. Raymond McKeever, pastor, officiating.

Entombment will be in Memory Gardens Mausoleum under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Wortham was born October 3, 1938 in Waco, and attended schools in Hamlin. She married David Wortham, Sr., on June 6, 1957 in Hamlin. He preceded her in death on May 1, 2005. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1965. Bea worked as a nurse's aide at Highland General Hospital

and was the director of the Southside Senior Citizens Center. She was a member of St. Mark CME Church. In her spare time, Bea liked to crochet and care for her family.

Survivors include two sons, William D. Wortham, Jr., of Pampa, and Billy Dwayne Wortham and wife Michele of Borger; a sister, Carline Starks and husband Sterling of Aspermont; one grandson, Kaiden Rae Wortham of Borger; one granddaughter, Kaisha Dawn Wortham of Borger; nephew: Milton Laury and wife Sheila of Aspermont; two nieces, LaVendia Styles of Aspermont, and Millicent Poole of Ft. Worth; three grand-nephews, Anthony Styles, Demetric Styles,

and Deundrey Styles, all of Aspermont; two grand-nieces, Dimetria Styles and Janyah Keeper, both of Aspermont; aunt: Ethyl Bryant of Abilene; dear friends: Melissa Stevens and Casey Taylor; special cousins: Louise Gardner, Joe Bass, and a host of other nieces, nephews and cousins; three sisters-in-law, Willie Fay Owens, Jackie Gaither and Beverly Stokes, all of Ft. Worth; four brothers-in-law: Otis Stokes, Orr Lee Stokes, Jason Stokes and Lorenzo Williams. Bea was preceded in death by four brothers, A.C. Johnson, Arthur Lee, Johnny Ray and Donald Ray; her parents: A. P. Johnson and Ollie Taylor Johnson; her mothers-in-law: Lorene



Wortham

Williams and Geneva Tucker; and 4 brothers-in-law: Charles Mitchell, Ollie Chapman, Richard Chapman and Gregory Williams.

MEMORIALS: Southside Senior Citizens Center, 438 W. Crawford, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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John H. Gattis, 90

Pampa— John H. Gattis, 90, died February 4, 2010, in Amarillo, Texas.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Gattis was born October 3, 1919 in Paducah, and was a graduate of Paducah High School. He attended North Texas State University in Denton before entering the U. S. Army Air Corps in 1941. He served in the European Theatre during World War II. John married Jane Kelley on August 1, 1941 in Brownwood. She preceded him in death on July 17, 1994. John and his wife came to Pampa in 1968 from Amarillo and he owned and operated John Gattis Shoe Store until his retirement in 1984. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church. He was a member and past president of the Downtown Kiwanis Club and was past

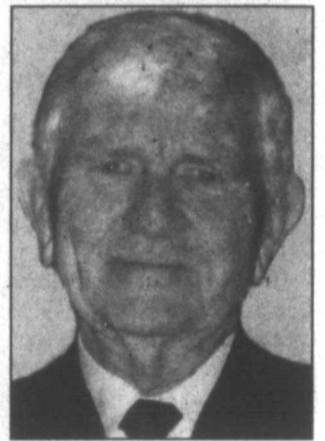
district governor. He was a member of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Business Association, and was a volunteer for the American Red Cross.

Survivors include his daughter, Jana Gregory of Pampa; two sons: Mike Gattis and wife Sally of Montgomery and Gary Gattis of Pampa; 11 grandchildren: Taylen Gregory of Pampa, Andrea Long and husband Matt of Mobeetie, Kelley Jo Wells and husband Dan of Grand Prairie, Meranda Dawkins of Mesquite, Stephanie Knabe and husband Cory of Frisco, Hollie Koehn and husband Brian of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Rickey Gattis of Amarillo, Jennifer Garber and husband Mike of Prescott, Arizona, Shantay Gattis and husband Jason of Phoenix, Arizona, Jeff Gattis and wife Mary Beth of

Lubbock, and Christopher Gattis of Tahoka; 13 great-grandchildren: Weston, Dre, Rylan, Braley, Keighly Jane, Sadie Jane, Jordan, McKenna, Riley, Nicholas, Lucas, Matthew and Zachary. John was preceded in death by a son: Rodger Gattis in 2000; and by a son-in-law: Rick Whaley in 1983.

MEMORIALS: Eastern Texas Panhandle Red Cross, 108 N. Russell, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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County Line co-owner dead in car in creek

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Randy "Rib King" Goss, the co-owner of the County Line barbecue restaurant chain, has been found dead in a car in a creek.

Bexar County Sheriff's Office spokesman Deputy Ino Badillo said a rescue team Thursday removed a body from a vehicle in rain-swollen Cibolo Creek.

Restaurant manager Estevan Reyes, who works at a San Antonio location, on Friday confirmed to The Associated

Press that the man was Goss. Reyes says services are pending for the 55-year-old businessman.

Heavy rain led to barricades put across some roads. Badillo says a woman contacted officers Wednesday night to say her husband had not arrived home.

County Line has locations in El Paso, Austin, San Antonio, Houston and the Conroe area. The company also has a restaurant in Albuquerque, N.M., and one in Oklahoma City.

Places

doesn't have water or electricity and the entire north wall needs rebuilt. They would also like to open trails on the land situated in German-settled Texas Hill Country.

Michael Holleran, spokesman for the Heritage Society of Austin, said that the nomination of downtown Austin's historic assets is an effort to make

sure historical sites are recognized and preserved as the city is in the middle of preparing a plan for downtown development, which has focused on increasing density. He said that the last time Austin did a comprehensive historical survey of downtown was in 1984.

"Healthy and vibrant downtowns are not made

at once with new buildings," he said. "If you think of cities that you love and think of what they look like, they don't all tend to have been built in the last 10 years."

Preservation Texas has been releasing a list of endangered historic places since 2004.

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Eco groups withdraw support of Calif. oil drilling

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Nearly two years ago, a broad coalition of environmental groups celebrated a deal with a Texas oil company that promised to eventually end its drilling operations off California's scenic Santa Barbara County coast.

Now, a growing number of those former eco allies are lining up against the plan, in part because no one outside a small circle of supporters was allowed to read the final agreement.

Many also wonder if the 2022 end date for drilling is enforceable and worry the deal with Houston-based Plains Exploration & Production, known as PXP, could inadvertently end a 40-year moratorium on new offshore drilling along the entire California coast.

About 110 groups have joined the "Oppose PXP Coalition." Among its members is the Sierra Club, which initially endorsed the deal and was still listed as a supporter on the PXP Web site long after the group changed its position.

The company has used the roster of environmental backers to win public support for the proposal.

"It's very frustrating," said Michael Endicott of the Sierra Club. "I asked them to do it last year. Stop saying Sierra Club is in support of the project — we're not."

The growing opposition comes at a critical time, with politicians eyeing the coast for more drilling as a way to bolster battered budgets.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger recently proposed using royalties generated by leasing state land to PXP to fund state parks. President Barack Obama indicated he might support more offshore drilling as a way to bolster domestic oil production.

"Approval of PXP will be interpreted nationally as embracing offshore drilling in federal waters," said Assemblyman Pedro Nava, D-Santa Barbara, a critic of the deal who is running for state attorney general.

The 27 oil platforms now operating off the Central and Southern California coasts produced 13.3 million barrels of oil in 2009, a small fraction of the amount used in the U.S.

PXP spokesman Scott Winters did not respond to e-mailed questions and calls for comment. The company also has operations in Texas, Louisiana and the Gulf of Mexico.

Linda Krop of the Environmental Defense Center, the lead attorney for the three respected environmental groups that signed the agreement, would not say how

many supporters were still onboard. She believes those who joined the opposition only object to parts of the governor's proposal, not the deal with PXP.

"Every local group we had is still on board," she said.

Many critics outside Santa Barbara have taken aim on the Environmental Defense Center and Get Oil Out!, which formed after a 1969 oil spill from an offshore platform off Santa Barbara County fouled miles of ocean and shoreline in wildlife-killing goo. The other group to sign the deal was the Citizens Planning Association.

PXP wants to slant drill about 30 new shafts from Platform Irene in federal waters to Tranquillon Ridge, a formation in state waters.

Its pact with the three groups also calls for the company to donate 3,900 acres to The Trust for Public Land and make a contribution of \$1.5 million to a fund that could be used to purchase hybrid buses.

Such terms initially drew support from environmental groups beyond the three that signed the deal. Others, such as Coastwalk California, took no position.

Criticism hit a new high last month, when the agreement was leaked to the media. Its confidentiality was a major concern for environmentalists and regulators.

"They would tell us what was in it but it was not open for public scrutiny — that's a very core environmental value that you put it out there so everyone can see it," said Coastwalk chair Fran Gibson, a leading member of the opposition. "Here's a group, so well-renowned for trying to end offshore oil drilling, making a claim that it could end all local oil drilling by drilling?"

Other flak focused on payments to the Environmental Defense Center, termed in the agreement as "reasonable compensation for work performed." Under the deal, PXP would pay the group \$50,000 upfront then another \$50,000 when the

State Lands Commission approved the project and gave written acceptance to all leases.

As part of the deal, the environmental groups had committed to lobby in writing for the project and testify at public hearings before the land panel, Santa Barbara County and the California Coastal Commission. The company also agreed to pay the groups' fees and reimburse out-of-pocket costs.

PXP reserved the right to terminate the agreement if the environmental groups failed to perform any of their obligations.

Krop said the detractors do not understand the legal language in the document.

"That's the problem I've had — people making public statements without talking to me so I can explain how the agreement works," she said.

The language grabbed the attention of Peter Douglas, executive director of the Coastal Commission, which oversees development along the coastline. Douglas previously supported aspects of the deal, but he was traveling and unavailable for further comment.

"Once the contract was made public and he had an opportunity to review it, it became clear in his mind that not only was the contract unenforceable, it set up an unprecedented arrangement whereby (Environmental Defense Center) is now required to lobby for the project and collect fees for that service," said Coastal Commission spokeswoman Sarah Christie. She added the shift by Douglas would not affect commission analysis of the project.

Last year, the State Lands Commission voted against leasing land to the company for the project. However, Schwarzenegger proposed last month that the panel reconsider and that state parks be funded with the proceeds, an estimated \$1.8 billion in royalties over time.

If State Lands approves the leases, the project would go before the Coastal Commission.

SNOWY SWEETHEART



staff photo by Sue Pribble

This cute snowman seems to be professing his love outside Roberta's Flowers in downtown Pampa Thursday.

Oil

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holders of foreign money.

Even a surprise drop in the unemployment rate — from 10 percent to 9.7 percent — wasn't enough to encourage investors. Manufacturers and retailers may have added jobs, but the government report showed the economy has a long way to go.

Meanwhile, Americans are burning much less fuel than previous years. The Energy Information Administration said this week that U.S. petroleum consumption has dropped for four straight weeks.

"There's a lot of oil

sloshing around out there," said Jim Ritterbusch, president of energy consultancy Ritterbusch and Associates. "If I were to give a fair price for oil it would be closer to \$60" a barrel.

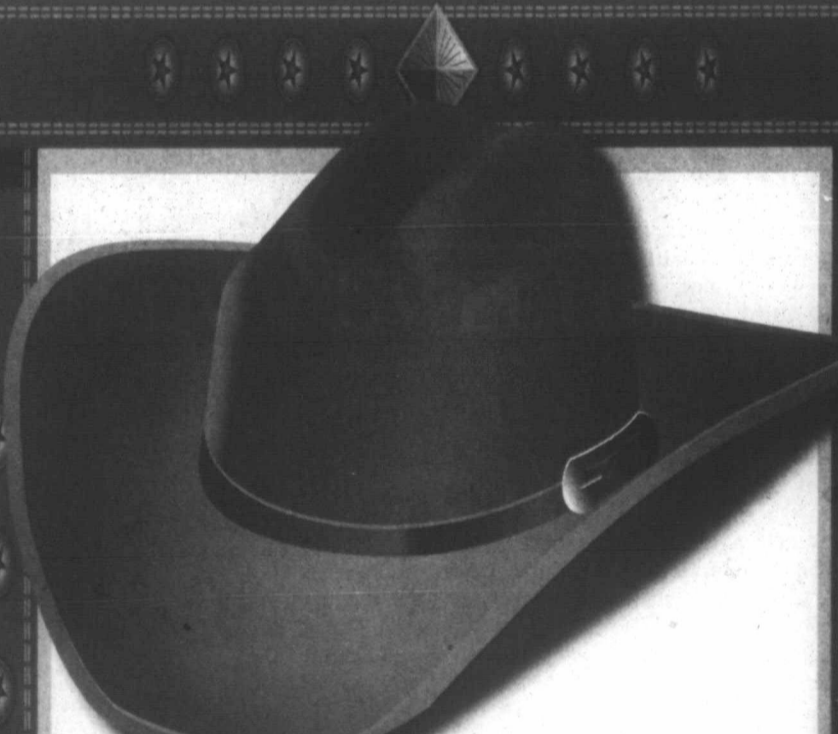
Retail gasoline prices increased this week for the first time since the middle of January. The national average added a half penny at \$2.664 a gallon, according to AAA, Wright Express and Oil Price Information Service.

A gallon of regular unleaded is 2.1 cents cheaper than a month ago,

but it's 75.7 cents more expensive than the same time last year.

In other Nymex trading in March contracts, heating oil dropped 7.8 cents at \$1.8576 a gallon, and gasoline fell 7.6 cents to \$1.8748 a gallon. Natural gas added 11.1 cents to \$5.527 per 1,000 cubic feet.

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Today in History

Today is Friday, Feb. 5, the 36th day of 2010. There are 329 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 5, 1937, President Franklin D. Roosevelt proposed a Judiciary Reorganization Bill that would have increased the number of Supreme Court justices; critics accused Roosevelt of attempting to "pack" the court. (The measure failed in Congress.)

On this date:

In 1631, the co-founder of Rhode Island, Roger Williams, and his wife, Mary, arrived in Boston from England.

In 1783, Sweden recognized the independence of the United States.

'The greater the philosopher, the harder it is for him to answer the questions of the common people.'

— Francoise Sagan, French author

In 1811, George, Prince of Wales, was named the Prince Regent due to the insanity of his father, Britain's King George III.

In 1887, Verdi's opera "Otello" premiered at La Scala.

In 1917, Congress passed, over President Woodrow Wilson's veto, an immigration act severely curtailing the influx of Asians.

Mexico's constitution was adopted.

In 1940, Glenn Miller and his orchestra recorded "Tuxedo Junction" for RCA Victor's Bluebird label.

In 1958, Gamal Abdel Nasser was formally nominated to become the first president of the new United Arab Republic (a union of Syria and Egypt).

In 1973, services were held at Arlington National Cemetery for Army Lt. Col. William B. Nolde, the last official American combat casualty before the Vietnam cease-fire.

In 1989, the Soviet Union announced that all but a small rear-guard contingent of its troops had left Afghanistan.

In 1994, white separatist Byron De La Beckwith was convicted in Jackson, Miss., of murdering civil rights leader Medgar Evers in 1963, and was immediately sentenced to life in prison. (Beckwith died Jan. 21, 2001 at age 80.)

Ten years ago: Right-wing leader Joerg Haider (yohrg HY'-dur) told a deeply divided Austria not to worry about international sanctions, saying the new governing coalition that included his Freedom Party would soon prove its democratic credentials to the world.

Five years ago: Togo President Gnassingbe Eyadema (nyah-SING'-bay ee-yah-DEE'-mah) died after a fatal heart attack; he was 69. Steve Young and Dan Marino were elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

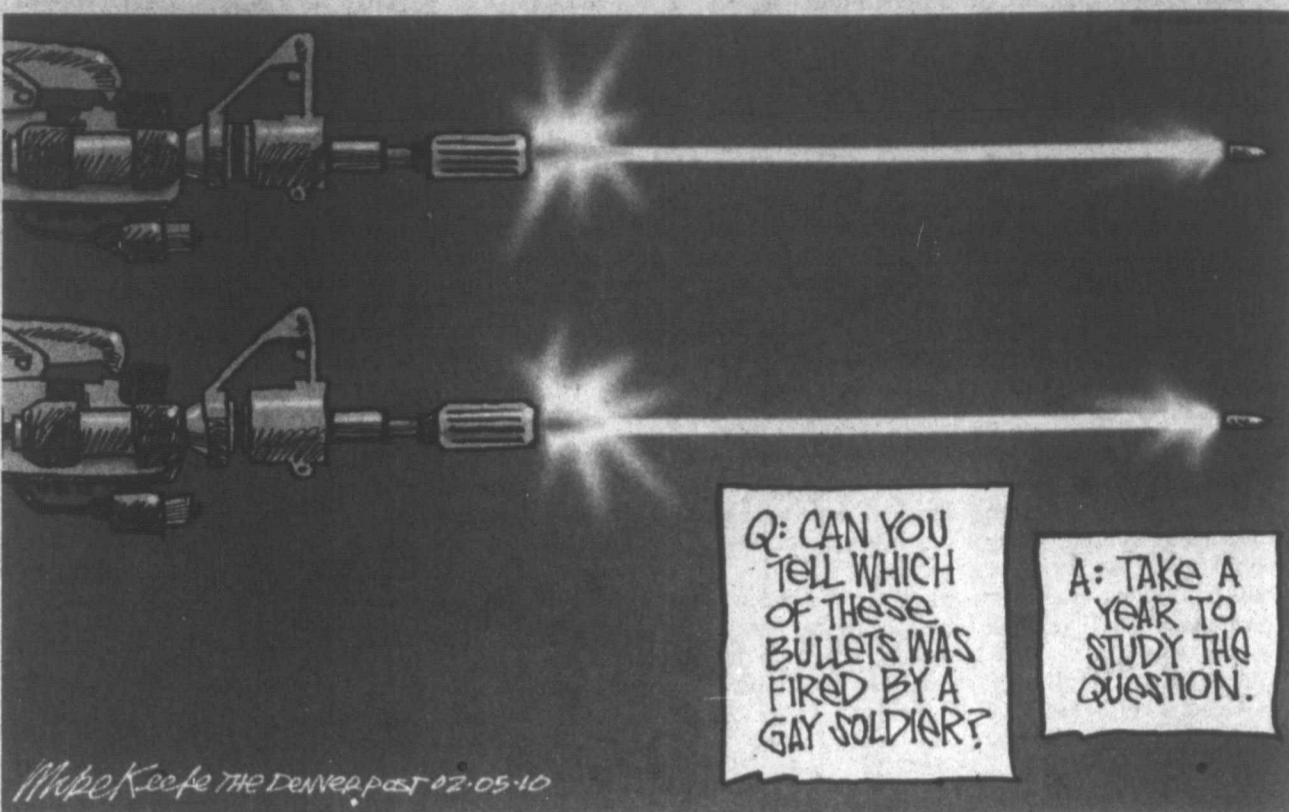
One year ago: Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg underwent surgery for pancreatic cancer. USA Swimming suspended Olympic gold medalist Michael Phelps for three months after a photo showing him inhaling from marijuana pipe became public.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Claude King is 87. The Reverend Andrew M. Greeley is 82. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Hank Aaron is 76. Actor Stuart Damon is 73. Playwright John Guare is 72. Financial writer Jane Bryant Quinn is 71. Television producer-writer Stephen J. Cannell is 69. Actor David Selby is 69. Singer-songwriter Barrett Strong is 69. Football Hall-of-Famer Roger Staubach is 68. Singer Cory Wells (Three Dog Night) is 68. Movie director Michael Mann is 67. Rock singer Al Kooper is 66. Actress Charlotte Rampling is 64. Race car driver Darrell Waltrip is 63. Actress Barbara Hershey is 62. Actor Christopher Guest is 62. Actor Tom Wilkinson is 62. Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm is 51. Actor-comedian Tim Meadows is 49. Actress Jennifer Jason Leigh is 48. Actress Laura Linney is 46. Rock musician Duff McKagan (Velvet Revolver) is 46. Golfer Jose Maria Olazabal is 44. Rock singer Chris Barron (Spin Doctors) is 42. Baseball player Roberto Alomar is 42. Singer Bobby Brown is 41. Actor Michael Sheen is 41. Country singer Sara Evans is 39. Actor Jeremy Sumpter is 21.

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Analysis: Can the GOP win control of Congress?

An AP News Analysis WASHINGTON (AP) — Just weeks ago, it seemed inconceivable the Republicans could win control of Congress this fall.

Not anymore. Almost by the day, Republicans are sensing fresh opportunities to pick up ground. Just Wednesday, former Indiana Sen. Dan Coats announced he would try to reclaim his old seat from Democrat Evan Bayh, who barely a year ago had been a finalist to be Barack Obama's running mate. And Republicans nationwide are still celebrating Scott Brown's January upset to take Edward Kennedy's former seat in Massachusetts.

A Republican takeover on Capitol Hill is still a long shot. But strategists in both parties now see at least narrow paths by which the GOP could win the House and, if the troubled environment for Democrats deteriorates further, possibly even the Senate.

"Democrats have got their hands full trying to navigate through unprecedented economic turmoil and two wars," says former Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Neb. He suggests the gloomy talk within the party is overstated and the Democrats are still likely to retain control, but he adds: "There's no question that there's anger out there."

With nine months to go, 2010 is shaping up in one sense to be a traditional midterm election for a new president: The out-of-power party is poised to gain seats in both houses. The question now is whether it will be a historic election with Republicans actually seizing power in Congress.

The Republicans would have to gain 40 seats in the 435-member House, ten in the 100-member Senate — a tall order no matter how upset voters are. But still.

In the Senate, two Democratic seats are all but gone.

North Dakota's Byron Dorgan is retiring, and the Democrats don't have anyone to challenge the Republican, Gov. John Hoeven. Democrats also failed to recruit their top candidate in Delaware. Vice President Joe Biden's son eschewed a run against Republican Mike Castle. New Castle County executive Chris Coons, a Democrat, got in the race Wednesday but he's expected to face an uphill battle.

For a GOP takeover, incumbent Democrats also would have to lose in

Colorado, where appointed Sen. Michael Bennet hasn't run statewide and faces a primary; Nevada, where Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid is unpopular but has a hefty bank account; Arkansas, where Sen. Blanche Lincoln suffers from representing a GOP-leaning state; Pennsylvania, where party-switching Sen. Arlen Specter is extraordinarily vulnerable, and Illinois, where a dogfight is certain for President Obama's old seat.

Republicans would have to hold on to all the Senate seats they have now, hardly a sure thing. And the GOP also would have to beat incumbents in New York, where no Republican has emerged to challenge appointed Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, and Connecticut, where Democrat Richard Blumenthal is comfortably leading all GOP contenders in polls.

If all that somehow happens, the tipping point could be either in Indiana or in California.

"Every state is now in play," California Sen. Barbara Boxer said one day after the Massachusetts election. It was a frank recognition that no Democrat is safe — not even a three-term liberal with bunches of money in a solidly Democratic state.

Not coincidentally, when Obama had a televised question-and-answer session with Democrats on Wednesday, the senators given prominent face time included Boxer, Reid, Bayh, Bennet, Lincoln, Gillibrand and Specter.

"It would be surprising if Democrats lost power," says former Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla. "But anything in politics is possible. And if the economy's still in the tank 60 days out of the election, it's going to be difficult for Democrats."

In the House, Democrats hold a 256-178 advantage with one vacancy. But 49 Democrats are in districts that Republican presidential candidate John McCain won in 2008. And many are freshmen who rode into power on Obama's coattails in an election that saw a voting surge by minorities and youths.

Possible bellwethers: A GOP wave could be in the offing if Democrats like John Salazar in Colorado, Zack Space in Ohio, John Spratt in South Carolina or Ben Chandler in Kentucky are in close races this fall.

House Republicans have their own challenges.

In more than 50 districts, divisive GOP primaries are certain to drain bank accounts and force Republicans into tsk-

ing positions that could be troublesome come the general election. In many cases, "tea party" candidates are running to the right of establishment-endorsed Republicans, casting them as too moderate for the party and too cozy with Washington. In other races, Republican candidates are dropping out to run as third party candidates who could siphon votes from the eventual GOP nominee.

To understand why incumbents are nervous, look no further than the persistent 10 percent unemployment rate, the country's bitterness over Wall Street bailouts and voters' anti-Washington fervor.

Obama's party, controlling both the White House and Congress, is likely to feel that fury the most. And it's defending far more seats than the Republicans.

The Democrats already have faced one monu-

mental setback this year, the GOP Senate victory in the Democratic bastion of Massachusetts. That outcome further energized Republicans and demoralized Democrats. It also fueled hope among Republicans and fear among at least some Democrats that another 1994 may be ahead.

"Something's happening out there," said former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, the galvanizing Republican who helped unite the GOP that year when it swept to power in Congress on President Bill Clinton's watch. "The economy hurts. People are unhappy."

He put at even the chances that Republicans will take the House, though he predicted they would gain only up to six Senate seats.

Compared with 1994, he said: "Democrats are more isolated ideologically with a much bigger economic

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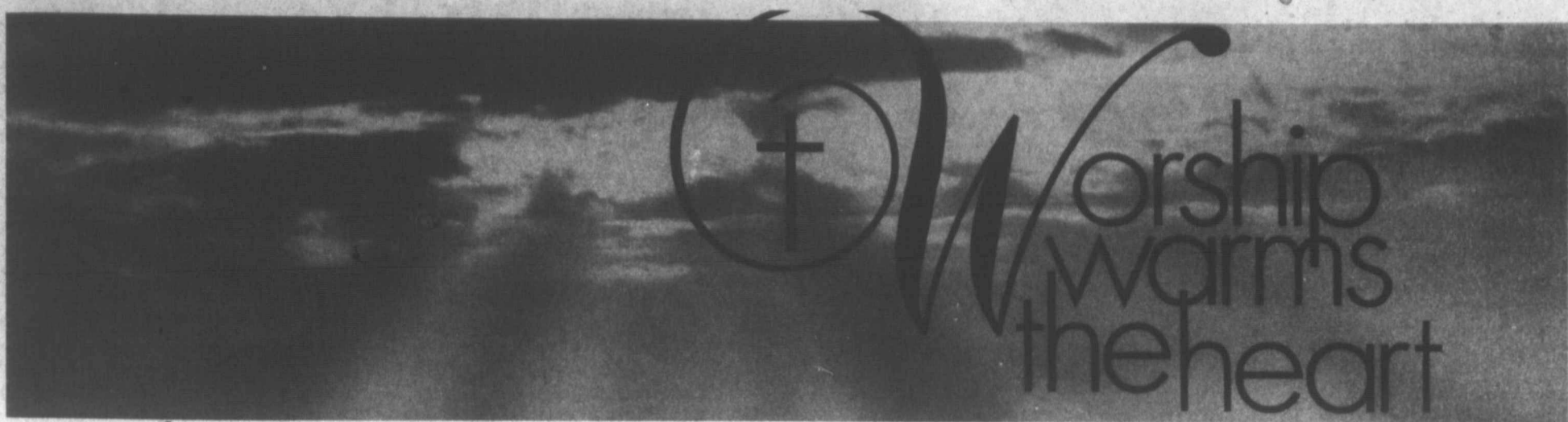
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Foundation awards funds to PISD teachers



Erin Easley, Kari Cahill and Lora Hampton, Travis Elementary fifth grade teachers, with presenter, Bob Ericson

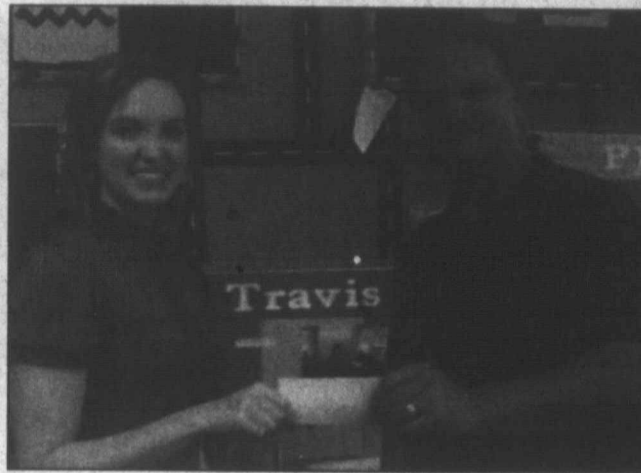
For the second year, Pampa Education Foundation has granted money to teachers of PISD. School board member Dana Terry presented money for projects totaling \$10,000. Those teachers awarded grants are Anita Grice, Pampa Junior High 8th grade Language Arts, Kristen Beesley, Wilson Elementary 4th grade, Lora Hampton, Kari Cahill and Erin Easley TRavis Elementary 5th grade, Samantha Addy Pampa Junior High 7th grade English and Crockett Neighbors Wilson Elementary Dyslexia Program all grades.

The foundation was created to support and enhance all students in the Pampa educational system. The organization is run by a board of directors, which consists of a cross section of residents who are dedicated to education and share a vision for excellence in Pampa's public schools. Superintendent Barry Haenisch and school board members Dana Terry and Mark McVay are ex-officio members. In 2009 the foundation

provided microscopes for PHS biology, software for PHS IPS and physics, software for PJHS science and 6th and 8th grades, software for PHS marketing and economics, continuing education for the PHS German teacher and lighting for the drama classes at PHS. Information about making donations and memorials may be found online, www.pampaeducationfoundation.com.



Anita Grice PJH, with Bob Ericson



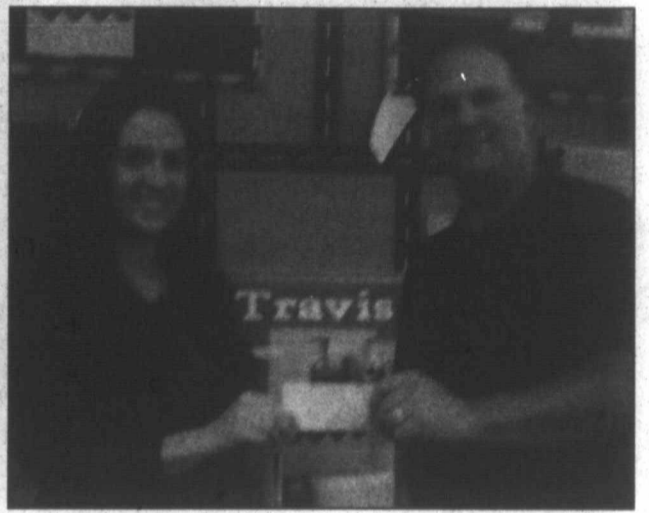
Samantha Addy PJH accepts a grant from Bob Ericson.



Tammy Freelan Wilson Elementary 4th grade.



Kristen Beasley, Wilson Elementary third grade teacher, with Bob Ericson.



Crockett Neighbors, Wilson Elementary School Dyslexia Program all grades, with Bob Ericson.

Texas Back to Work offers \$15 mil to employers

Incentives available for hiring out-of-work Texans

Texas employers can receive monetary incentives for hiring unemployed workers under a two-year, \$15 million program promoted by Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and funded by the Legislature last session. Locally, Texas Back to Work offers employers a retention bonus for hiring qualified, out-of-work Texans.

Through the new program, Workforce Solutions can offer qualified employers an incentive that would provide them with \$2,000 in retention bonuses if they continue to employ the formerly out-of-work employees for at least 120 days.

Texas Back to Work is available to employers throughout the state of Texas. However, each program is area specific. If you are an employer in one of the 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle and want to see if you qualify for this retention program, please contact Mollie Barney with Workforce Solutions at 806-350-1648 and help put Texas Back to Work.

Employers are also encouraged to take advantage of WorkInTexas.com, the State's online job matching system where more than 250,000 employers are already registered to post job openings and find great employees.

Faith groups meet to help end hunger in state

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Baptists have set the table. Episcopalians are hosting, and they're inviting Methodists, Catholics and all other faith groups to join in a quest to end hunger in San Antonio by 2012.

The Texas Hunger Initiative is a collaboration of local, state and federal agencies that have worked together quietly for about a year.

Baylor University's Jeremy Everett leads the initiative, which strives to wipe out hunger in the entire state by 2015. Texas is No. 1 in childhood hunger and No. 2 in food insecurity overall, he said.

Everett says San Antonio's supportive mayor and strong food bank make it an ideal place to start.

The group is holding a Texas Hunger Initiative Town Hall meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in San Antonio to explain

how churches and nonprofits can get involved.

String of church arsons worry congregations

TYLER, Texas (AP) — Eight Texas churches barely 150 miles apart have caught fire since New Year's Day, putting pastors and congregations on edge and on guard wondering whether theirs is next.

Authorities determined seven of those fires were intentionally set and they are investigating one that broke out Thursday as a possible arson. There have been no reported injuries or arrests, and federal officials aren't saying whether there's a connection.

Most people in these parts can't help but think they are.

"I think everybody is expecting more of these, to tell you the truth," said pastor David Mahfood, whose Baptist church in Tyler was destroyed in a Jan. 16 fire. "I think the worst is probably behind Tyler, but I'd worry about other cities."

Six of the seven arsons were just nine days apart, sending many congregations in east Texas scurrying to install security systems and prompting volunteers to keep close eyes on church properties from dusk to dawn. Federal and local authorities have released scant details and say they

need more information.

"These things are painstakingly slow because a lot of evidence is lost in fire scenes," said Tom Crowley, a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives spokesman. "They're still working it, but we could use more leads."

The fires have struck a region where Christian stations fill the radio dial and an area newspaper runs a Bible verse on the front page every day. All seven churches varied in size and denomination.

Some were Baptist. One was a red-bricked Christian Scientist's church nestled among stately homes. Another was a nondenominational church on the outskirts of town.

"The shock of it, it's so outside the norm," said Lloyd McCaskill, pastor of a church in Tyler that has given Mahfood's congregation a temporary home. "To try to get into the mindset, why would someone want to do this?"

Athens was the site of the first arson Jan. 1, and two more churches burned 10 days later in that town of about 12,000. After that, blazes

blackened two churches about 35 miles away in Tyler. Days later, a church in Temple went up in flames, followed by one in Lindale, just north of Tyler. Thursday's fire was less than 50 miles away in Wills Point.

Two earlier fires at churches in the area came under suspicion, but authorities haven't determined whether arson was the cause.

Police have increased patrols near churches. In Tyler, a city of nearly 100,000 about 100 miles from Dallas, authorities also are sending fire trucks on burglary calls. Tyler fire Chief Neal Franklin would only say it was a precautionary move.

Some residents have moved swiftly to protect their churches.

Lloyd Young, who owns a small security alarm company in Tyler, has been updating churches' existing systems or loaning them what little extra equipment he has. He said he's helped about a dozen.

Young also was among those who stayed overnight at his church.

"The general feeling is it's too fresh to just let our guard down," Young said.

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Baptists to flood Texas with Bible CDs by Easter

DALLAS (AP) — The largest state Baptist group in the nation wants Christ's message of hope heard in every home in Texas — about 9 million of them — by Easter.

That's a challenge in a state as big and diverse as Texas, where more than a third of households speak a language other than English. Besides Spanish, Hindi, Tagalog and Chinese are increasingly heard.

The Baptist General Convention of Texas is promoting a multilingual, multimedia CD that allows folks to listen to key biblical passages in their native language.

It's part of a three-pronged campaign dubbed Texas Hope 2010 to convey what "we really believe; that there's hope in Christ," said Randel Everett, the Baptist group's executive director.

Pop one in a car CD player or load it onto an MP3 device and hear the third chapter of John explain how "God so loved the world" in English or Spanish.

Slip it into a computer and download the entire New Testament in one of more than 400 languages, complete with dramatic pauses, sound effects and background music. Organizers say they're not snubbing the Old Testament; the audio is not yet available in all those languages.

"I really think that people need to hear the Gospel in their heart language, whether they read

and understand English or not, people need to know that God speaks their language," Everett said.

The CD includes a toll-free telephone number and six 2-minute video testimonies of black, white and Hispanic Texans sharing their personal stories, some in Spanish.

"They're not celebrities, just ordinary people throughout Texas who have been rescued through Christ," Everett said, recalling one woman on the video who said she thought about killing her kids and herself before she found the Lord.

Proselytizing is nothing new, with modern examples being the 1979 Campus Crusade for Christ's Jesus Film, which used video to tell Christ's life story and has been seen around the world, to the door-to-door approach used by Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses.

"CDs are just an upgrade of communication methodology instead of giving them a tract or booklet," said Elaine Heath, assistant professor of Evangelism at Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology.

In Alpharetta, Ga., the North American Mission Board, which is tied to the Southern Baptist Convention, recently launched an initiative to share the Gospel with everyone in North America, but they're taking 10 years to do it and it's not CD-centric.

Because the U.S. and many Texas cities are now so global, Heath said local Christians must think and act more like missionaries who are going into a different culture. The CD is a good start, but relationships are still the key.

"When people ask the big questions in life, when they're hurting and in trouble," Heath said, "they need a friend who will put an arm around them and say 'How can I help you when you're struggling?' and an 800 number is not going to do that."

Scholars say the Baptist group is well positioned to reach every household by its April 4 deadline.

"I think realistically they could do it, the delivery system can be very effective if they can convince Baptist churches around the state to participate," said David Mills, assistant professor of evangelism at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The Baptist group is relying on its 5,700 congregations and 2.3 million affiliated members to purchase and distribute the CDs, which cost them \$1 each. Because each Baptist church is autonomous, none are required to participate and several have opted out, saying they're too busy with their own programs.

Still, the group has found volunteer distribution leaders in 242 of Texas' 254 counties so far, each designing a CD dispersal plan that fits their region.

Believers are handing out CDs at block parties, festivals, food pantries, health fairs and door-to-door. They're mailing them to hard-to-reach places. A few doorbell-ringing churches are delivering homemade cookies and pies with every CD.

"The hot apple pie opens the door," said Mitch Wilson, pastor of First Baptist Church in Shallowater. "We let the DVD do the talking. We don't stay at their home or try to pressure them."

In East Texas, some residents without CD players or computers are getting real Bibles instead.

Sam Silva, director of Community Ministries with Park Cities Baptist in Dallas and Buckner International, said the church's men's Sunday school class bought and mailed about 20,000 CDs to a neighborhood of immigrants.

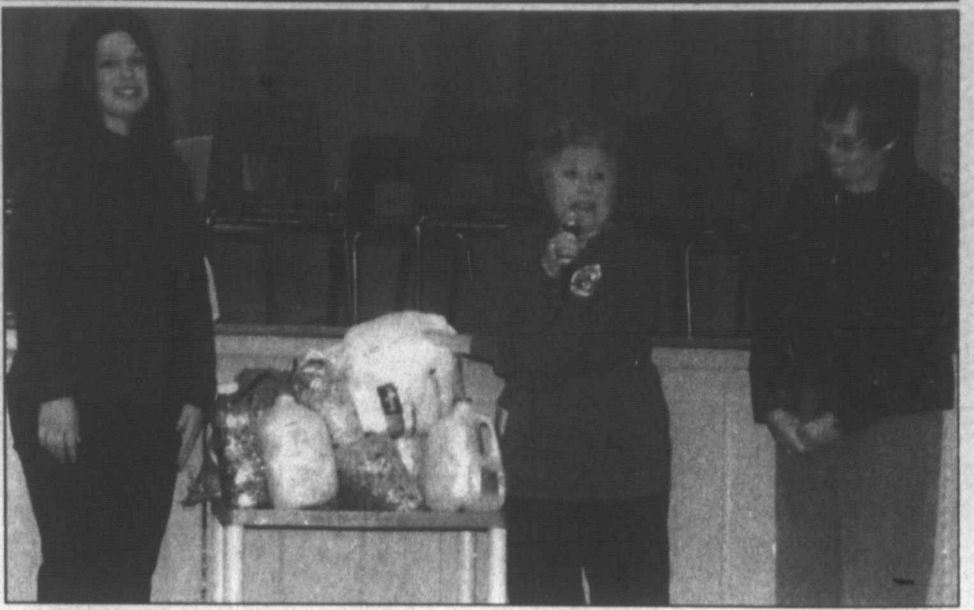
Members of the church's bilingual service followed up face-to-face, asking people if they received the CD and telling them about their church. Silva said the CD went out about 10 weeks ago and families are starting to show up at the church, professing a belief in Christ, as a result.

But what's to keep these CDs from being tossed in the trash like so many junkmailed AOL CD-ROMs before them?

"The AOL CD came with a catch, after 30 days you had to start paying for AOL," said Andy Pittman, pastor of First Baptist Church in Lufkin. "The hope of Christ doesn't come with any catch. You don't have to keep paying for it, it's already been paid for."

Only time will tell how effective the CD is.

"It would be good to look back 10 years from now to see how many people became fire-breathing Christians who truly gave their lives to God because of that CD," Heath said.



Wilson fourth grade teacher Ky Smith presents aluminum can tabs to Altrusa members.

Wilson Elementary gifts Altrusa

The week of Wilson Elementary School's 80th anniversary celebration started off with a gift to Pampa Altrusa International during an assembly.

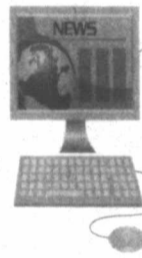
Ky Smith, a fourth grade teacher at Wilson has been

collecting aluminum can tabs in her classroom for two years. The tabs were being collected to purchase technology for the classroom. The school received grant funds to purchase the technology, so students wanted to donate

the tabs to an organization that would help children. Altrusa will donate the tabs to the Shriners, who cash them in to help with travel expenses for families whose children are in Shriners' hospitals.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Our oldest daughter is being married soon. When we pulled out our wedding album to show her our pictures, my mother-in-law, "Edith," started laughing and said she hoped our daughter's wedding would be better than ours was. Then she said our wedding had been "an embarrassment," and she wished she hadn't invited any of her friends to it!

Abby, her son and I have been married more than 25 years. This was the first time Edith has ever mentioned my "awful" wedding. My father-in-law tried to shut her up, but she went on and on about how she should have stepped in and "helped."

My husband and I think his mother should apologize, but she says we are being "too sensitive." My daughter is upset about it too.

We want Edith to be a part of our daughter's wedding and festivities, but what kind of role should I allow her to have? I'm still angry and very, very hurt. — MOTHER OF THE BRIDE IN MISSISSIPPI

DEAR MOTHER OF THE BRIDE: Could your mother-in-law have had one too many when she came out with her insensitive and rude revelation? Face it, had she truly wanted to "help," it would have been as simple as her volunteering to do so.

While an apology should be forthcoming, don't expect one. In labeling you "too sensitive," Edith was blaming the person whose face she had slapped for reacting.

While your wish to have her be a part of your daughter's wedding is laudable, the role I strongly recommend she play would be a nonspeaking one such as providing "something old, something new, something borrowed or something blue." PERIOD.

DEAR ABBY: My older brother, "Gabe," 51, lives in another state. He calls me and my other

brother often, asking our advice and opinions on everything — work, parenting and his relationships. His current relationship is like all the others have been. He either picks the wrong person or he IS the wrong person.

What concerns me is that after torturing my brother and me for hours at a time, Gabe then calls our 70-year-old mother. He subjects her to long, circular conversations and never takes any of our advice.

Despite our requests for him to stop burdening us all, especially Mom, Gabe persists. Mom is losing sleep, and she's very upset because Gabe is unhappy and because he talks to her long into the night. She doesn't want to hurt his feelings, but she's reached her limit.

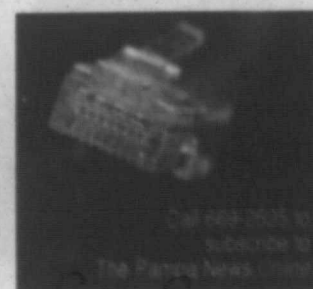
Gabe sought professional help a few years ago, when he was having the same problem with a different woman. After three years of therapy his therapist — a priest — refused to treat him because it seemed like Gabe wasn't listening.

What can Mom do to get some peace but spare his feelings? I believe my brother has an emotional disorder, but he refuses to get help or take medication. — OVERWHELMED IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR OVERWHELMED: Gabe may indeed have an emotional problem. He may also be self-centered and in love with the sound of his own voice.

You and your brother need to impress upon your mother that her health must come first. And she needs to impress upon Gabe that her bedtime is (blank) p.m. and she will not stay up beyond that time. If necessary, she should unplug her phone to make sure her sleep isn't interrupted.

As long as Gabe has you, your brother and your mother to drain to the point of exhaustion, I hope you realize he won't seek the professional help he needs, so all of you need to finally draw the line.



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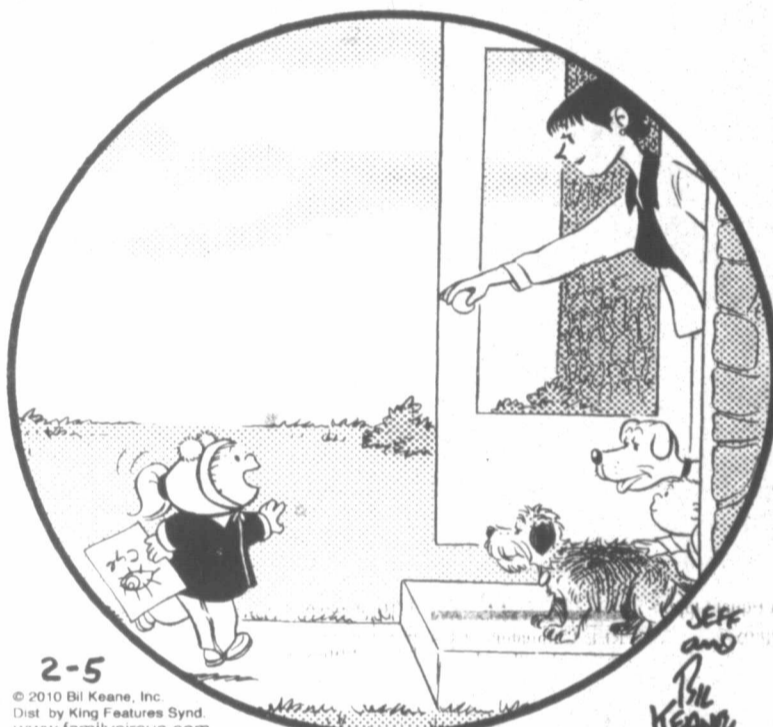
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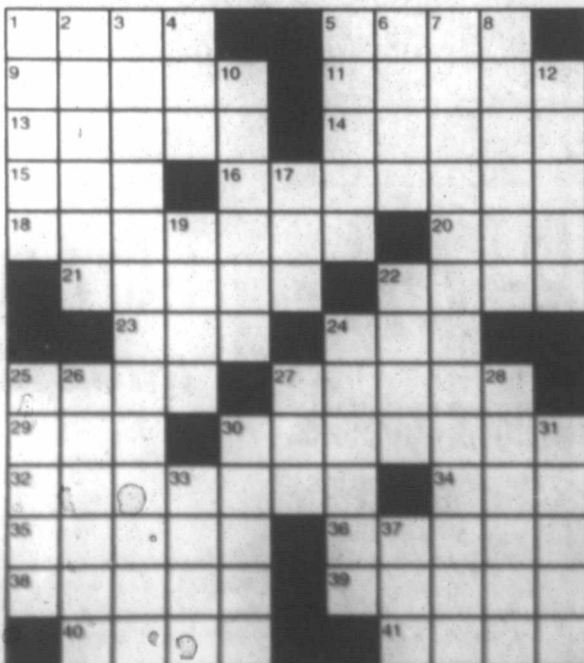
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 - 5 Ump's call
 - 9 Fake name
 - 11 Spin
 - 13 Store worker
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 - 15 Type of paint
 - 16 Type of paint
 - 18 Tranquilizes
 - 20 Scottish river
 - 21 Wooden rod
 - 22 Defeat
 - 23 Remote
 - 24 Game caller
 - 25 Undulating
 - 27 Homes for koi
 - 29 "The Greatest"
 - 30 U.S. nuclear sub
 - 32 Basketball's Bill
 - 34 Simone's summer
 - 35 Radiates
 - 36 Make blank
 - 38 Pig part
- DOWN**
- 1 Folded snacks
 - 2 In a partnership
 - 3 What one can see
 - 4 Sea dog
 - 5 Night lights
 - 6 Wrong
 - 7 Kevin Costner film
 - 8 Pyle and Banks
 - 10 Axel performer
 - 12 Oxford features
 - 17 Cartoon frame
 - 19 Not at home
 - 22 Musical Home
 - 24 Wheeled
 - 25 Merchandise
 - 26 Reunion group
 - 27 Vote seeker
 - 28 Shows interest
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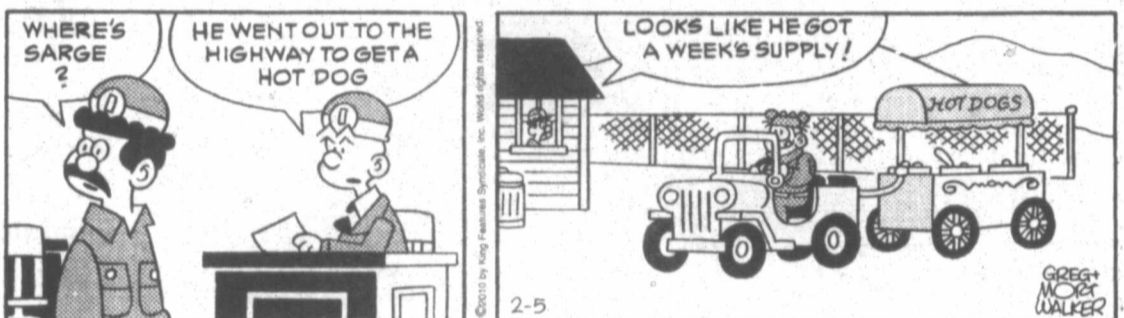
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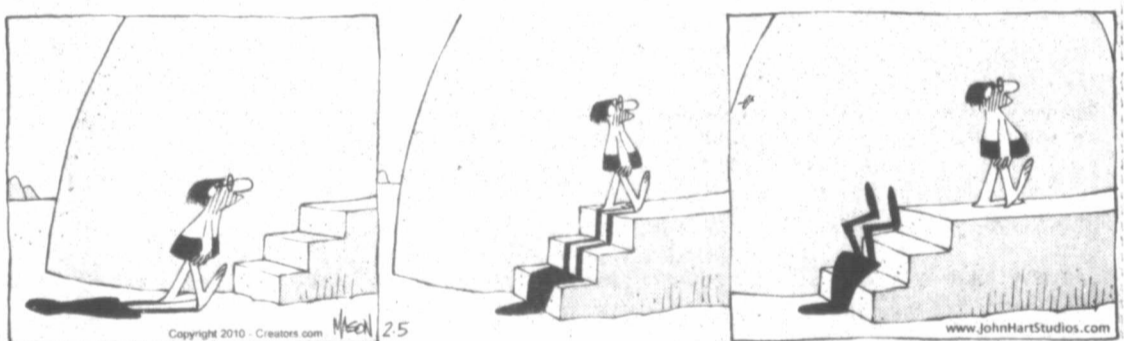
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have:
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 **** Plan a special day with a dear friend or loved one. You might be a bit surprised by what this person says. Your instincts help you discover what is really bothering you. Open up to possibilities that surround this relationship. Tonight: Try a new spot.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ***** Defer to others. You might feel that a lot more is going to happen. Loosen up with a friend. You could be most delighted by the end results. Review a situation with more care. Your ability to understand what is happening will increase if you don't make any judgments. Tonight: Dinner for two.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 *** You have a lot to accomplish, and quite quickly at that. You see another person through new eyes, especially as he or she naturally pitches in. You could be surprised by everything that occurs once you let go of your expectations.

Tonight: Put on your dancing shoes.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ***** Your creativity bubbles forth in any situation you find yourself in. Romance is started for those who want to be involved. Children also could play a dynamic role in your plans. Lose yourself in the moment. Tonight: Vanish early.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 **** Be sensitive to your personal needs as well as the needs of those you live with. Someone could make an unanticipated demand. You might feel that you don't have enough control over a financial situation. Attempt to lighten up for now. Tonight: Let your hair down.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ***** Keep conversations open. Things could be happening too fast for your taste. You keep responding to an ongoing and changing situation. Know when you have had enough. Tonight: Consider entertaining from home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ***** You might be looking at the cost of recent developments with new eyes. Listen to your sixth sense, and realize what is going on behind the scenes. A child or loved one could be somewhat deceptive, or at best confusing. Tonight: Hang out with a favorite person.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ***** You understand what is necessary when dealing with others. Opportunities come through ingenuity as well as openness. Process what is happening behind the scenes with a child. Don't let a secret go past the secret stage. Muzzle thyself. Tonight: Only what you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 **** Use today just for you, knowing that time by yourself is precious and not easily had. You might be surprised by what comes up out of the blue. Be aware of someone's demands. Juggle your finances with care. Perhaps there is another way to make ends meet. Tonight: Nap and then decide.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ***** Zero in on what you want. You can only do something with the help of a key friend. Revise your vision of what you want. Use extreme care with your funds. You have a very special way of communicating. Tonight: Don't go too late.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ***** Move away from your responsibilities only after you feel you have met your demands. You could be very confusing to an older friend or relative. Try to be as clear as you can. Friendship plays an enormous role in your later plans. Tonight: Where the action is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ***** Make calls to those at a distance. Listen to others sharing their views. Take these calls as an opportunity to open your mind and come to new decisions. You could be excited by what comes up. Tonight: Share news with a key person.

BORN TODAY
 Newscaster Tom Brokaw (1940), musician Bob Marley (1945), singer Axl Rose (1962)

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Moving to 3A beneficial for the Pampa Harvesters

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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This past Monday we officially found out that Pampa will be moving down to 3A for the next two school years. This is a good move for the school and their could be a lot of benefits.

The last two years in 4A, the Harvesters were one of the smaller schools in that class. Now some might think that would have little impact in athletic success. But it actually does. The bigger the school is the more potential athletes on a team which would give them larger depth. If a team has more depth they can use more players in a game which would give the team more energy. Also,

the bigger the team the less affect graduation would have on schools, which would allow more success.

In Pampa's former district Randall was consistently one of the best teams in the state in volleyball and baseball Canyon was a dominant force in tennis and girls basketball. Palo Duro has dominated boys basketball and track. Next year Pampa will be one of the larger 3A schools and they are in a district with teams that the Harvesters can beat or compete with consistently.

This season the tennis, volleyball, boys and girls basketball and girls soccer teams beat Borger. The football team played within one score most of the game with Borger last



Andrew Glover

year and has beat them every other game. The volleyball and girls basketball team beat Perryton last season. Just about every sports team competed well with Perryton. Therefore, Pampa can establish themselves as the team to beat in their district.

The past couple seasons, Pampa with the exception of softball was just trying to get into the playoffs when they were in 4A. The next two years in 3A, Pampa can potentially compete for district championships in just about every sport.

Another reason this is a

good move, is it renews Pampa's rivalry with Borger and Perryton. Pampa and Borger used to be district foes but that changed when Borger went down to 3A in 2008. The games between these schools will mean more because it will actually

count towards playoffs. All three schools have a good traveling base so there will be loud support for both sides.

So, while the move to 3A means that Pampa is a smaller school than they were two years ago. It can have a lot of positives.

PSA planning for spring

The cold winter weather is not stopping the Pampa Soccer Association from planning their spring season out at the Pitch on Naidia Street. The board members are hoping to help the players stay warm this spring by providing them with a hoodie. Each player and coach who participated in the fall season, was contacted and given a royal blue hoodie that was designed with the PSA symbol on the front, and "Pampa Soccer Kicks" on the back.

The board feels that these players and coaches dedicate their time, practice, and play during not always idyllic weather conditions deserve a thank you for continuing to support youth soccer in Pampa.

Spring practice can begin on March 1 if the player is on an established team. Registration for new play-

ers is during the weeks of February 13 through February 27. Practice for those new teams will begin the week of March 22 with the first games scheduled for Saturday, March 27.

Those interested in registering can do so at T-Shirts & More, 111 Kingsmill, during this time period. The fee for the spring season only, is \$45. This fee provides the player with a uniform, and socks.

The player will need to provide their own shin guards and shoes, as well as a practice ball. The PSA is hoping to have a large turnout for the spring season and would like to see an increase in the under 10, under 12, and under 14 divisions this year. But both boys and girls in all age groups are welcome.

The PSA has some of the most dedicated coaches in the Texas Panhandle.

These individuals take time out of their hectic schedules, and try instill team values as well as soccer fundamentals to their players.

We have had coaches who coach multiple teams, coaches who coach for the love of the sport, even though they do not have a child participating, and coaches who have never kicked a soccer ball or seen a game played.

So, if you are interested in coaching a team do not hesitate to let the board or Miles Cook at T-Shirts & More know of your willingness to do so. If you are a little hesitant about coaching, don't worry PSA board members, along with experienced coaches would be happy to get you started.

Great things are going to be happening out at the Pitch this spring season, be sure and join in the fun!



Girls playing soccer for the PSA in Spring 2009. Signups for the spring season start next week and go through the last week in February. Practice begins March 22 and the first games are scheduled for March 27. Photo Courtesy of Jerri Woods

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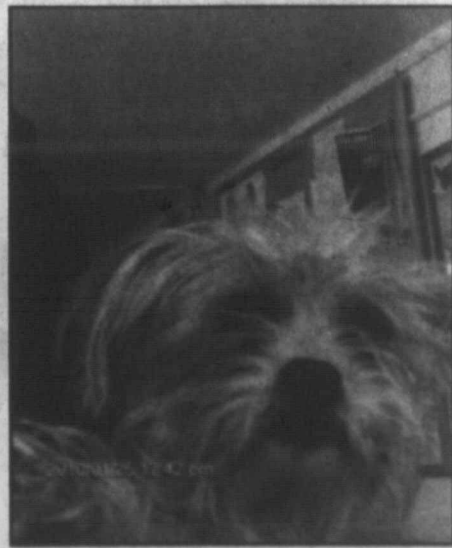
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