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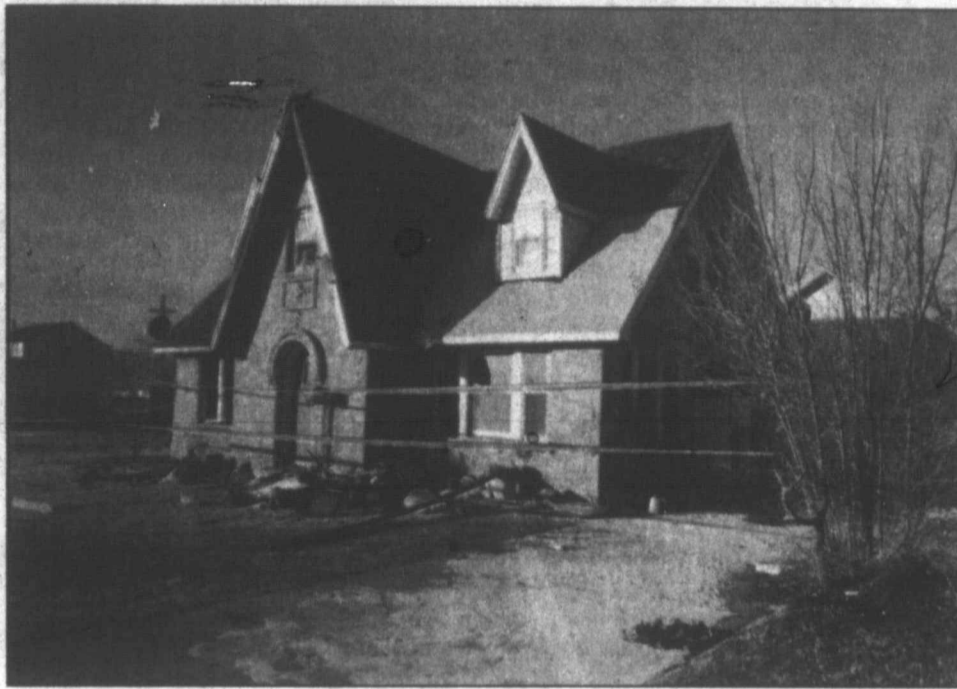
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Pampa home heavily damaged by fire



staff photo by David Bowser

Ice still covered the driveway Monday morning of this home, located at 615 N. Nelson that was heavily damaged Saturday night by a fire believed to have started in the area of a floor furnace. No one was home at the time of the blaze, but five dogs were killed. Firefighters were able to save one puppy, rescued from inside the house.

BY BETSY PHILLIPS
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Pampa firefighters rescued one puppy, but five other dogs died in a house fire Saturday night on N. Nelson.

A dozen firefighters responded to the blaze called in at 9:24 p.m. Deputy Chief Randy Dunham, who had command of the fire scene, said when they arrived they discovered a heavily involved structure fire, with flames coming from the front of building.

The owner of the residence was out of town at the time of the blaze, according to fire officials, and was in the process of moving and was using the home primarily as storage.

Dunham, who described conditions Saturday night as "brutally cold," said once firefighters made entry they were able to

knock down the initial fire fairly quickly.

But there were hidden sources of fire in the roof areas of the home that kept personnel on the scene until about 2:30 a.m., making sure there were no flare-ups.

The dogs and puppies succumbed to smoke inhalation, but remarkably one puppy located during an extensive search of the home was in "pretty good shape," according to Dunham and was reunited with the homeowner. "It was amazing with the amount of smoke that was in the home," Dunham said.

Fire Marshall Michael Ryan said there was extensive damage to the home and its contents, partially because of the large amount of water fire personnel had to use to extinguish the fire.

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Pastor running for County Judge

Robert "Bob" Banks sees serving the people of a church and the people of a county as similar.

Banks wants to put his 32 years of experience as a pastor to work in government service. He is running for Gray County Judge in this spring's Republican Primary.

At 58, the Detroit, Mich., native has spent eight years as a religious leader in Pampa.

"I realize that I have to work within a budget," Banks said, "but I'd like to look at wages for the sheriff's office and jailers."

He said he wants to also review security at the Gray County Courthouse.

Banks said that as a new comer to county government, he's not afraid of change and is not wedded to past policy. "We're living in an age where we need to use the technology available to us," he said.

The means modernizing county procedures and updating policies.

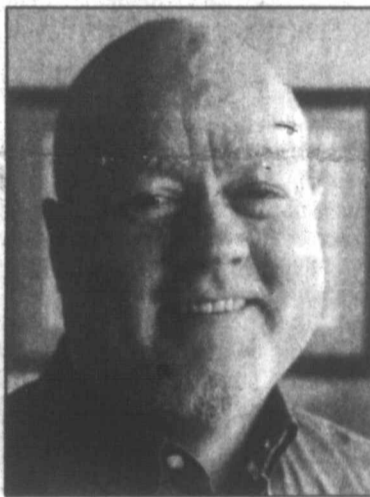
Banks said he would also like to compare Gray County's budget to other counties in the area to if salaries and expenses are at the same level.

"I'm not an intellectual," he said. "I'm down to earth."

He said his experience is in working with people to get a job done.

Banks has a Bachelor of Arts degree from William Tyndale College in Michigan and a Master of Arts degree from Dallas Theological Seminary.

He pointed out that William Tyndale was burned at the stake in -- for having the audacity to translate the Bible



Robert "Bob" Banks

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NWS names top ten events of the decade

The National Weather Service in Amarillo has compiled a list of the Top 10 weather events that have impacted the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles over the past decade. The list is somewhat subjective but we did use a simple formula to rank these events. The decision was based on four main factors:

Did the event cause a significant impact to the persons within the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles?

Did the event cause economic or property loss?

Was the event rare, historic or record setting?

Did the event cover a large area within the Panhandles or last for a prolonged period of time?

From these four main criteria, we decided upon these ten events listed from the highest impact to the lowest.

The March, 2006 Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles Wildfires.

This event rated very high on each of the four criteria. Prolonged dry conditions combined with strong winds to create perfect conditions

for grass fires especially with the dormant vegetation in place. In fact, the largest wildfire in Texas history occurred between the 12th and 18th of the month. Two separate fires merged into what became known as the East Amarillo Complex which burned parts of Hutchinson, Gray, Roberts, and Hemphill counties. Both fires started when power lines were knocked down by strong winds. Nearly 1,000,000 acres of land were burned in a 24 hour period. This was the most acreage burned in 24 hours than in any other wildfire in United States history. Aside from the grassland burned, the fire destroyed over 100 structures, 80 vehicles, and seven miles of fence line. Unfortunately, twelve people were killed as a result of the wildfires including one fire fighter.

The March, 28, 2007 Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles Tornado Outbreak.

During the evening hours of March 28th into the early morning hours on the 29th, a total of 15 tornadoes occurred within

the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles. Three of these tornadoes were rated as EF3's. This single day outbreak set a daily and monthly record for the most tornadoes ever recorded in March. Sadly, three people were killed during the March 28th outbreak. Two of the fatalities occurred in rural Beaver County near the town of Elmwood when an EF2 tornado struck and destroyed their home. The third fatality occurred southwest of Canadian, Texas when an EF3 tornado destroyed the travel trailer he and another oilfield worker were residing.

The May 15, 2003 Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles Tornado Outbreak.

The worst tornado outbreak on record occurred across the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles on May 15th, 2003. In all, 26 tornadoes were reported, one F2, four F1's, and the remainder rated F0. The first tornado of the day touched down at 4:12 pm near Boise City, OK.

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Tyler woman helps house disabled veterans

TYLER, Texas (AP) — What started as a small project has turned into a grand venture for a Tyler woman. Debra Christian's home is transforming into a transition home for newly discharged war veterans.

The inspiration is her father, who served in the Army for 25 years. Instead of spending the rest of his life in a nursing home, Ms. Christian retired from her job at Kelly Springfield a year early to make accommodations for her father.

He died in 2008 but she continued with the adjustments anyway, with the notion of helping other veterans in need.

As she oversaw her father's care, she realized how hard it was for veterans to claim their benefits through the Department of Veterans Affairs. Another light bulb went off in her head.

"It was important to get the benefits he needed," she said. "As I went to his meetings and became

a mouthpiece for him, I found out it was hard for others. If you don't have a person that is a mouthpiece for you, it's too hard to get the benefits."

It was then, that she decided to revive the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary in Tyler. It was recently installed and she leads the group as its commander. Now, her passion for helping veterans who are returning home and her ties to the VA will enable the soldiers to get the extra

care they need.

She said the additions will accommodate four veterans. Bathrooms, living areas, common areas and the kitchen are spacious and wheelchair accessible.

"I did a little by little for 35 years," Ms. Christian said. "I got an idea what I needed from (my father.)"

And she's thought about the details, like non-toxic paint and suitable air and heat ventilation. She said everything will be up to

par, to pass the necessary inspections.

"You never want to put sick people in a place that's not right," she said. "You don't want to have do it."

Setting up common areas was critical, she said, since she wants to create a warm and inviting atmosphere.

"You heal better when you're with guys that are like family. It's a community program. They

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For the record

PAMPA FORECAST

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
		
High 53 Low 26	High 58 Low 28	High 44 Low 27

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 22. East northeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 53. Wind chill values between 14 and 24 early. South southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tuesday Night: Clear, with a low around 26. Wind chill values between 16 and 21. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 58. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 28. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 44. South wind 5 to 15 mph becoming north northeast. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Thursday Night: A slight chance of rain and snow. Cloudy, with a low around 27. North northeast wind around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

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Officials investigating death of toddler

Texas Rangers along with Dumas P.D., Cactus P.D. and Moore County S.O. are investigating the death of a child.

The Cactus Police Department has requested the assistance of the Texas Rangers in investigating the death of an 18-month-old child, Christian Enrique Teran of Cactus.

On the night of January 7, 2010, the Cactus Police Department was advised of an injury to a child incident by Northwest Texas Hospital. The Cactus P.D. then requested assistance from the Texas Rangers in investigating the case.

According to the investigation, the child was taken to the Moore County Hospital where he was then transported by Life Star to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. The Cactus P.D. was then advised by the hospital at around 11 p.m. of a child that had sustained traumatic head injuries in the City of Cactus and had been transported to their facility.

During the investigation, it was discovered that the mother had become frustrated with the child and had allegedly caused head injuries to her son. Texas Rangers obtained an arrest warrant for the mother Rosalinda Gracia, 21, of Cactus for injury to a child. Texas Rangers then requested that the Texas Highway Patrol arrest the mother Gracia for injury to a child. Troopers made the arrest of the mother at 11:05 a.m. on January 8 at Northwest Texas Hospital without incident. Gracia is being held at the Moore County Jail.

Christian died January 8, 2010, at 11:25 a.m. at Northwest Texas Hospital. An autopsy is being conducted to determine the exact injuries sustained by the child.

Group seeks protection for rat, 4 other creatures

DALLAS (AP) — An environmental group is seeking federal protection for the Texas kangaroo rat and four other Great Plains species threatened by development and pollution.

The group wants protection for the rat as well as the spot-tailed earless lizard, the prairie chub, Platte River caddisfly and the Scott's Riffle beetle.

Denver-based WildEarth Guardians is filing petitions and lawsuits this week to list them under the Endangered Species Act.

The group on Monday planned to file a petition to protect the rat, which has lost habitat to agriculture and development.

Lauren McCain with WildEarth Guardians told The Associated Press that these species illustrate the dangers of shrinking open spaces and vanishing water supplies.

Obituaries

Lorraine A. "Lori" Albus, 79,

Amarillo— Lorraine A. "Lori" Albus, 79, died Saturday, Jan. 9, 2010 in Amarillo.

Vigil and rosary will be at 7:00 PM Monday, Jan. 11, 2010, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel in Pampa. Last Rites Mass will be at 10:00 AM Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2010 at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church in Pampa with Rev. Francisco Perez, pastor, and Rev. Tony Neusch, pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Shamrock, concelebrants, officiating.

Inurnment will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Albus was born Jan. 17, 1930 in Carson County to Leo and Adela

Urbanczyk Bichsel. She was a 1948 graduate of White Deer High School where she played varsity basketball, tennis, and volleyball. She married Charles J. "Chuck" Albus on Oct. 12, 1948 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in White Deer. Lori was a resident of Pampa for 59 years before moving to Amarillo in August of 2009. She was a member of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church in Pampa where she was a member of the Altar Society. She was active in supporting Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, St. Vincent's School, and Pampa public schools. She was a volunteer at Pampa Senior Citizens Center for 14 years.

Survivors include her husband, Charles

J. "Chuck" Albus of the home; six sons, Nick Albus and wife Sharon of Trinity, Chuck Albus, Jr. and wife Colleen and Mike Albus and wife Gina, all of Pampa, Tony Albus and wife Jeanne of Mansfield, John Albus and wife Laura of Gresham, Oregon, and Tom Albus and wife Cissy of Brenham; four daughters, Susan Albus and wife Anne Sarraf of Houston, Briget Francis and husband John of Henderson, Nevada, Paulette Cottom and husband Jeff of Pampa, and Leslie Whitten of Sachse; four brothers, Jim Bichsel and wife Nadine of Pampa, Marian Bichsel and wife Eva of Seabrook, Robert Bichsel and wife Margie of White Deer, and Gerald Bichsel of Corsicana; 34 grandchildren and 31 great



Albus

grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, five brothers, and a sister.

MEMORIALS: Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will be at 1301 E Foster in Pampa.

Sign the online register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

Ronald D. "Red" Hawkins, 90

Pampa— Ronald D. "Red" Hawkins, 90, died Friday, Jan. 8, 2010, in Pampa.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2010, at the First Christian Church, with Rev. Dr. Jerry R. Lane, pastor of United Methodist Church of White Deer, officiating.

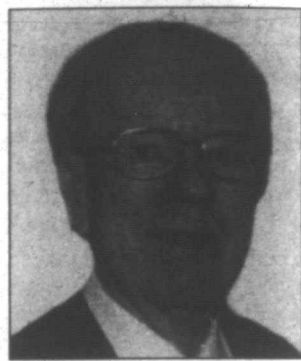
Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery with military honors courtesy of the U. S. Army, Fort Hood, Texas. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Hawkins was born Oct. 8, 1919 in LaBelle, Missouri and came to

Pampa in 1928 with his family. He enlisted in the U. S. Army in 1941 in the 1st Mounted Cavalry Division which was the last horse soldier division of the Army. He served in the South Pacific in the Admiralty Islands, Solomon Islands, New Guinea and made the amphibious landing at Los Negros. Red was honorably discharged in 1945. He married Maxine Lane on Feb. 7, 1947 in Pampa and joined his father in the family business, Hawkins Radio Lab, where he was a partner until his retirement in 1989. Red was a member of First Christian Church,

Top O' Texas Masonic Lodge #1381, El Paso Scottish Rite Consistory, Pampa Pilots Association, and the Civil Air Patrol. He was preceded in death by his parents, William F. and Zula Hawkins, and by two brothers, William F. "Bill" Hawkins, Jr. and Dale Hawkins.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Maxine Hawkins of the home; two sons, Michael Dee Hawkins of Amarillo and Tom C. Hawkins of Oklahoma City; three sisters: Joan Enloe of Anaheim, CA, Mardell Gamblin of Pampa, and Mary Ellen Claunch



Hawkins

of Midwest City, OK; a granddaughter, Shelley Woodard, and a great grandson, Berke, both of Oklahoma City.

Sign the online register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

Billie L. Gregory, 79

Billie L. Gregory, 79, died Saturday, Jan. 9, 2010 in Pampa.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2010, at the Carpenter's Church with Rev. Jim Sinyard, associate pastor, and Mike Sublett, minister of Hi-Land Christian Church, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Gregory was born on March 13, 1930 in Borger and graduated from Borger High School. He later enlisted in the U. S. Navy.

He had been a resident of Pampa since 1960. Billie was employed at Celanese for over 30 years, retiring in 1989. He enjoyed collecting coins and stamps and liked to garden and raise his own vegetables. He had a generous heart, adopting and caring for many stray animals.

Survivors include one son, Bobby Gregory and wife Frances of Clinton, OK; three daughters: Gina Valdez of Thoreau, NM, Barbra Lawrence and Suzan Gregory, both of Pampa; six grandchildren

and 15 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Vera Gregory, by two brothers, Jimmy Joe Gregory and Vernon Cave, Sr., and by a sister, Geraldine Gregory.

MEMORIALS: ASPCA, 424 E. 92nd St., New York, NY 10128

SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will receive friends at 1129 Cinderella. The body will be available for viewing Monday and Tuesday at the funeral home.

Sign the on-line register



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Jeffrey Brent Mayfield, 54

Pampa— Jeffrey Brent Mayfield, 54, January 10, 2010, Pampa, Texas.

Services pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Mayfield was born January 25, 1955 in Pierre, South Dakota. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1971, growing up in Shamrock. Jeffrey married Becky Scribner on June 20, 1982 in Pampa. He was

a member of Cornerstone Baptist Church. He was a member of the Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 where he was a 32nd degree mason, the El Paso Scottish Rite Consistory and the Khiva Shrine Temple.

Survivors include wife, Becky Mayfield of the home; son, Brandon Mayfield of Aledo; daughter: Julie Morris and fian-

cé Jason Cox of Marble Falls; brother, Eddie Mayfield and wife Mary of Erick, Oklahoma; sister: Cheryl Prenatt of Pennsylvania; a granddaughter, Ebby Morris of Marble Falls; brother-in-law, Billy Scribner and wife Cathy of Pampa; sister-in-law, Helen Scribner of Haslet. Jeffrey was preceded in death by his parents: Verlon and Lorna

Mayfield; a brother, Larry Dupris and brother-in-law, Myron Scribner.

MEMORIALS: Cornerstone Baptist Church, 2410 W. 23rd, Pampa, Texas 79065.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will be at 2700 Beech, Pampa, Texas 79065

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EMERGENCY SERVICES

SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests over the weekend.

Friday, Jan. 8.
John David Richards, 47, was arrested by Pampa police on charges of possession of a controlled substance, failure to appear, driving without a license and driving while intoxicated, third offense or more, on warrants out of Hale County.

Christian Jacoby Netters, 37, of Dallas, was arrested by Pampa police on charges of failure to appear in connection with family violence charges and cruelty to animals.

Cody Church, 46, of Portales, N.M., was arrested by the Lefors Marshall for unreasonable noise,

failure to appear, expired registration and theft.

Saturday, Jan. 9.
Ira Don Hicks, 39, was arrested by Pampa police on charges of public intoxication.

Richard Dale Stinnett, 52, was arrested by deputies on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

Shawn Dale Eastep, 41, of Lefors, was arrested

by deputies on charges of driving while intoxicated, third offense or more.

Monday, Jan. 11.
Joe Dale Hays Jr., 22, was arrested by deputies in connection with possession of marijuana, less than two ounces, not having a valid driver's license and failure to appear.

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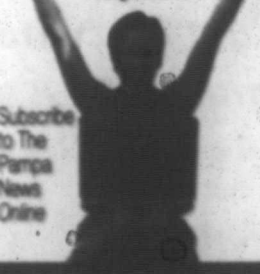
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No certification, Lubbock euthanized animals

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — City workers whose state-required certification expired could face charges over the euthanization of thousands of animals at a Lubbock shelter.

The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reports some employees did not receive updated training until months later.

The newspaper, citing documents from an open records request, deter-

mined uncertified employees killed more than 4,000 animals without proper certification.

Texas law requires staff who euthanize animals to receive certified training every three years. Each misdemeanor offense is punishable by up to 180 days in jail or up to a \$2,000 fine.

Lubbock police are investigating. Assistant city manager Quincy

White, who in October became senior manager of the shelter, apologized and says workers now have proper certifications. An internal audit is being done.

Shelter director Kevin Overstreet is challenging his 2009 firing. He declined comment.

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Weather

The final tornado of this outbreak touched down 2 miles south of Kelton in Wheeler County at 11:07 pm. Over a million dollars in damage occurred across the Panhandles, with the most significant damage reported in Wheeler & Dallam Counties in the Texas Panhandle and in Texas County of the Oklahoma Panhandle.

The March, 2009 Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles Blizzard

Clearly, the main story of 2009 was the historic blizzard which began on March 26th and finally ended early in the morning on the 28th. Most of the major highways, including Interstate 40, throughout the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles were shut down during the blizzard. In addition, Follett, Texas set an all time state of Texas 24 hour snowfall record when they received 25 inches of snow. Also, Slapout, Oklahoma, which is in the southeast portion of Beaver County, received 27 inches of snow during the event. Amarillo ended up with 11 inches of snow which ranked this event as the 5th largest snowfall during the month of March. Wind speeds during the blizzard rose to nearly 50 mph causing wide spread white out conditions.

The December 29, 2006 Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles Winter Storm

This event is affectionately known as the Northwest Panhandle Glacier event since measurable snow lingered on the ground for over a month. Up to 18 inches of snow fell in parts of the northwest Texas and western Oklahoma Panhandles. The combination of very strong winds and low visibilities resulted in blizzard conditions in these areas and caused snow drifts of up to ten feet! Across the remainder of the Panhandles, a mix of freezing rain, freezing drizzle and rain showers coated most of the region in a sheet of ice. Many residents lost power and road closures with stranded motorists were common in the western Panhandles.

The April 21, 2007 Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles Tornado Outbreak

Killer of 2 set to die

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — More than two decades later, Shannon Ferguson still can hear the cries breaking the nighttime silence, a plea carried across the dark pasture from a neighboring southeast Texas ranch a quarter-mile away.

"We could hear someone yelling: 'Don't shoot me... Help! Don't shoot me!' And we heard the gun," she said last week. "That's something you don't ever forget."

A former ranch worker, Gary Johnson, 59, was set for lethal injection Tuesday evening for the April 1986 slayings.

Evidence showed the shootings at the Triple Creek Ranch occurred after Hazelton and Sparagana interrupted Johnson and his brother, Terry, who went to the ranch to steal a welder, tires, livestock feed and other items. Prosecutors said the brothers had a history of burglarizing ranches.

Terry Johnson took a plea deal and is serving 99 years in prison. His brother went to trial and received death.

There were multiple high impact events in 2007. The April 21st, tornado outbreak received national media attention when the town of Cactus, Texas took a direct hit by an EF2 tornado. Fourteen people were injured in Cactus but fortunately no fatalities resulted from this outbreak. There were a total of thirteen tornadoes during this event which set a record for the most tornadoes in the month of April during a 24 hour period. Over 300 homes and businesses were either damaged or destroyed during the event.

June 21, 2004 Amarillo Hail Event

This event was limited in areal coverage, but clearly led to significant economic loss. On June 21st, a record breaking hailstorm struck Bushland and the western portions of Amarillo. Hail bigger than softball size caused over \$200 million in damage to thousands of homes, businesses and automobiles. This was the costliest weather event in Amarillo's history and the 6th costliest weather event in Texas history. In addition to the hail, at least 7 tornadoes were confirmed in Potter and Randall counties from the storm. The tornadoes destroyed one home and damaged several others. Despite the widespread damage, only one injury was reported.

May 23, 2007 Northeast Panhandles Tornado and Flood Event

The last significant tornado outbreak in 2007 occurred on May 23rd. Fourteen tornadoes were reported during the event which mainly impacted the northeast Texas and eastern Oklahoma Panhandles. Two of these tornadoes were rated as an EF2. Fortunately, there were no significant injuries or fatalities resulting from this event. However, the tor-

nadoes were only half the story. Heavy rain caused the Wolf Creek to flood in Ochiltree and Lipscomb Counties. The water remained above flood stage for nearly 4 days.

December 26, 2000 Texas Panhandle Heavy Snow Event

A strong storm system moved across west Texas producing heavy snowfall across all of the Texas Panhandle. Snowfall amounts ranged from six to eight inches in the extreme northern and western Texas Panhandle. The heaviest snow fell across the southwest to northeast Texas Panhandle. There were reports of ten to twenty inches of snow in this region including nearly twenty inches in the city of Amarillo. Numerous car accidents with injuries were reported due to the heavy snow and more than two hundred vehicles became stranded along U.S. Highway 287 between Amarillo and Dumas. The Amarillo International Airport was closed due to the heavy snow as well.

July, 2001 Heat

July was very hot and very dry! The 83.9° average daily temperature for the month made it not only the 2nd hottest July on record, but also the 2nd hottest month on record as well. The temperature reached or surpassed 100 degrees on 13 days, which is the most 100 plus days Amarillo has recorded in any month. Six daily records were either tied or broken. The average high temperature during the month was 98.4° which was the highest average high temperature ever recorded in July (2nd highest for any month). July 2001 was also the driest July on record as only 0.04 inches of rain was recorded.

Vets

deserve that," she said.

Food will be served to the veterans, who may stay at Ms. Christian's home for up to six months, depending on their situation. They'll also be provided with counseling, activities at a local recreation center, transportation and help with other affairs. Expenses will be paid for from their VA benefits packages.

Ms. Christian said the need for a transition home is well overdue in Tyler. Recalling from first-hand experience, she said war greatly affects soldiers' lives. Her father faced emotional issues and was sometimes abusive to her mother as he struggled with life after the Korean and Vietnam wars.

"When he came back, he was always a differ-

ent man," she said. "They need that window of time to come back to civilian life. We should not leave the veterans behind."

She added, "They're either not ready to go home or need to be somewhere where they can adjust to their prosthetic. They need to heal and keep their mind fresh and get counseling."

A part of the project that is missing is the installation of an air conditioning system that has to be ducted in a particular way, which costs about \$14,000.

She's spent a lot of her retirement money to make the transition home a reality. But now, she's starting to see donations.

"I didn't ask for anything because I wanted to get it going first," she said.

Recently, she received a \$1,000 donation from

the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 8780 in Winnboro and \$200 from Edward "Skip" Roney, of Longview.

"I really appreciate it because they didn't have to do that," she said.

And she has had the support of U.S. Rep. Louie Gohmert, who donated the DAV Auxiliary's first \$100 to start a membership drive. With 52 people in her unit and more people learning about the home, she is confident her dream of serving veterans will come true.

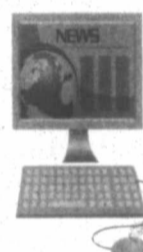
"Good people keep coming into my life and God keeps sending people," she said.

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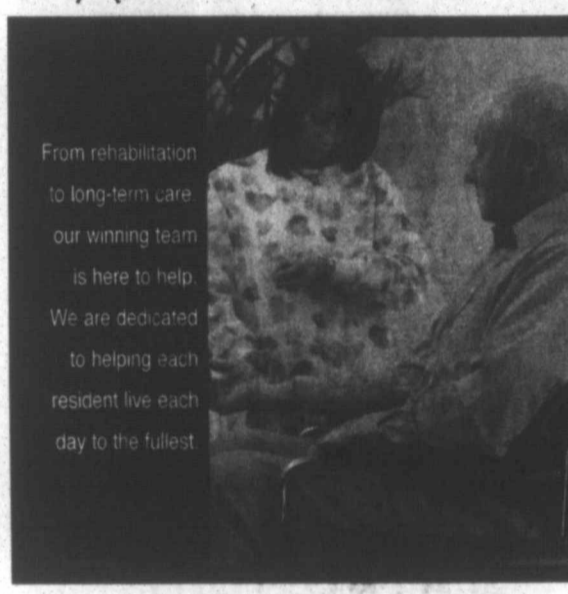
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Banks

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into English. Banks, too, shouldn't keep up with changes that need to be made in order to serve the citizens of the county.


"Overall," Banks said, "we need to stay within our budget and save money," he said.

But, he added, that doesn't mean the county

shouldn't keep up with changes that need to be made in order to serve the citizens of the county.

Banks and his wife have three grown children and seven grandchildren.

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Today in History

Today is Monday, Jan. 11, the 11th day of 2010. There are 354 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 11, 1935, aviator Amelia Earhart began an 18-hour trip from Honolulu to Oakland, Calif., that made her the first woman to fly solo across the Pacific Ocean.

On this date:

In 1805, the Michigan Territory was created by an act of Congress.

In 1815, Sir John A. Macdonald, the first prime minister of Canada, was born in Glasgow, Scotland.

In 1861, Alabama seceded from the Union.

In 1908, President Theodore Roosevelt proclaimed the Grand Canyon National Monument (it became a national park in 1919).

In 1913, the first sedan-type automobile, a Hudson, went on display at the 13th National Automobile Show in New York.

In 1942, Japan declared war against the Netherlands, the same day that Japanese forces invaded the Dutch East Indies.

In 1943, the United States and Britain signed treaties relinquishing extraterritorial rights in China.

In 1964, U.S. Surgeon General Luther Terry issued the first government report that said smoking may be hazardous to one's health.

In 1977, France set off an international uproar by releasing Abu Daoud, a PLO official behind the massacre of Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympics.

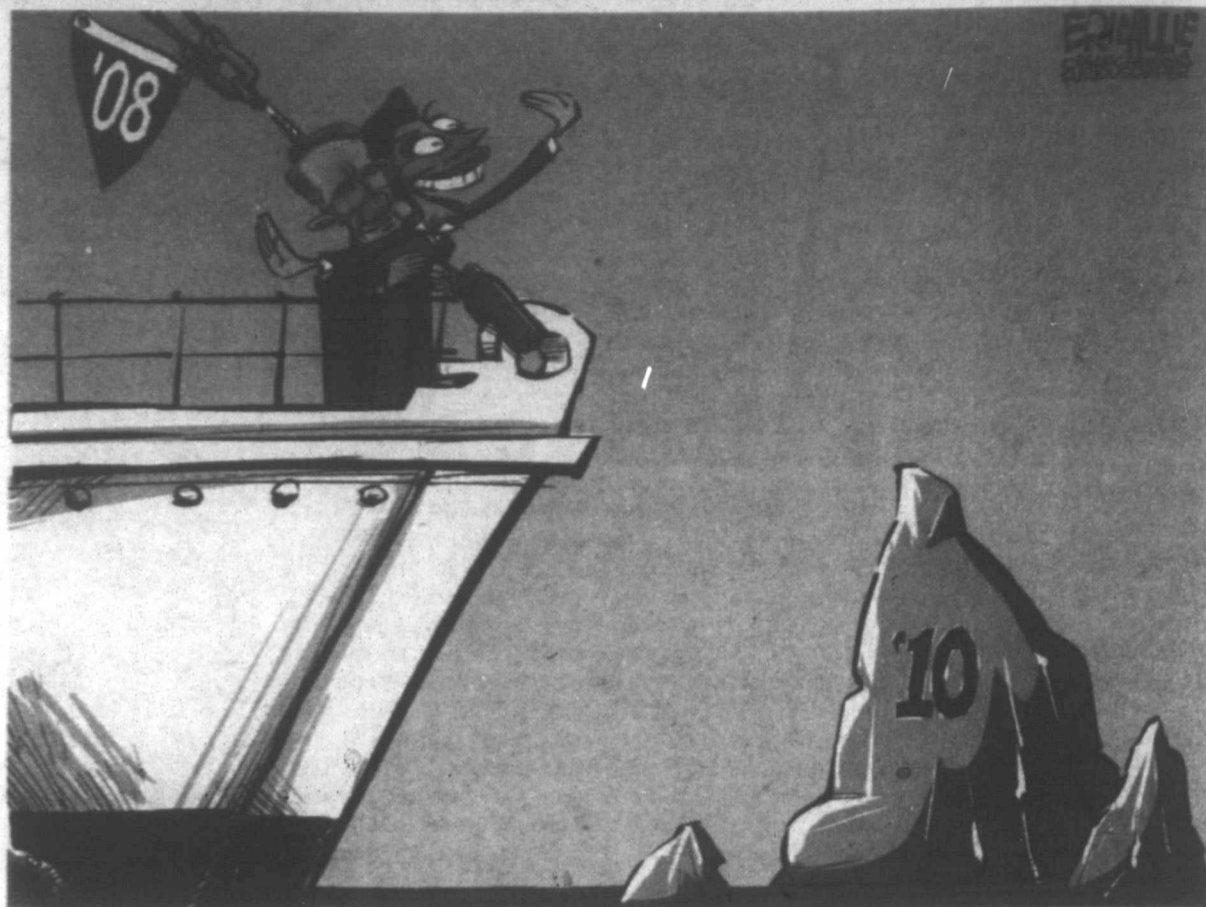
In 1995, 52 people were killed when a Colombian airliner crashed as it was preparing to land near the Caribbean resort of Cartagena — however, a 9-year-old girl, Erika Delgado, survived.

Ten years ago: Whittling away more of the federal government's power over states, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled, 5-4, that state employees cannot go into federal court to sue over age discrimination. Carlton Fisk and Tony Perez were elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush nominated federal judge Michael Chertoff to be homeland security chief, succeeding Tom Ridge. Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi publicly acknowledged for the first time that parts of Iraq probably wouldn't be safe enough for people to vote in upcoming elections. James Griffin, founding member of the 1970s pop group Bread, died in Franklin, Tenn., at 61.

One year ago: In a rare Sunday session, the Senate advanced legislation that would set aside more than 2 million acres in nine states as wilderness.

Today's Birthdays: Producer Grant Tinker is 85. Producer David L. Wolper is 82. Actor Rod Taylor is 80. Composer Mary Rodgers is 79. The former prime minister of Canada, Jean Chretien, is 76. Actor Mitchell Ryan is 76. Actor Felix Silla is 73. Rock musician Clarence Clemons (E Street Band) is 68. Movie director Joel Zwick is 68. Country singer Naomi Judd is 64. Golfer Ben Crenshaw is 58. Singer Robert Earl Keen is 54. Musician Vicki Peterson (The Bangles) is 52. Actress Kim Coles is 48. Actor Jason Connery is 47. Contemporary Christian musician Jim Bryson (MercyMe) is 42. Rock musician Tom Dumont (No Doubt) is 42. R&B singer Maxee Maxwell (Brownstone) is 41. Movie director Malcolm D. Lee is 40. Singer Mary J. Blige is 39. Musician Tom Rowlands (The Chemical Brothers) is 39. Actor Marc Blucas is 38. Actress Amanda Peet is 38. Actor Rockmond Dunbar is 37.



A sampling of editorial opinion from around Texas:

The Dallas Morning News on the state reaction to tougher federal ozone standards:

To the surprise of no one, the Environmental Protection Agency announced tougher ozone limits this week. The move to tighten pollution standards had long been anticipated as evidence mounted to illustrate the serious health risks associated with smog exposure.

In Texas, a state with notoriously dirty air, the appropriate response from leaders would be to get to work. Significant changes must be made to comply with federal rules — not to mention, to protect the people who live here.

But instead of getting started, too many state leaders just got angry. They seemed shocked — shocked! — that the EPA would dare abide by the science showing significant consequences of allowing a less stringent standard.

Gov. Rick Perry stuck with his three-pronged approach to environmental regulations: deny, deflect, pout.

In his statement, the governor denied the need for tougher ozone limits, somehow conflating smog rules with carbon dioxide regulations and suggesting that flawed science spurred this week's announcement.

In fact, scientists have found that ozone exposure damages our lungs and is linked to heart and respiratory illnesses. Smog can be deadly. By lumping ozone standards in with climate change legislation, Perry only confuses the issue.

The governor also deflected suggestions that the state has less than pristine air. He focused on Texas' modest anti-pollution efforts, ignoring the fact that our skies are still dangerously dirty.

And Perry pouted, arguing that the EPA has made Texas workers and taxpayers a target. Some of Perry's allies have echoed that idea, asserting that the new administration has been hostile to the state.

The EPA is not picking on Texas.

The same pollution standards will apply to every state. Inhaling smog-choked air is a dicey proposition, no matter where folks live.

Admittedly, complying with the new rules will be tougher for Texas than many other states. That's because years of plugging

our ears, closing our eyes and pretending that new pollution rules weren't looming did not leave Texas in a state of preparedness.

Implementing the lower ozone limits will come at a cost. But, the EPA notes, the new rules should yield comparable savings by reducing illnesses, emergency room visits and lost work days resulting from ozone-related symptoms.

The state now must get started on a serious ozone reduction strategy. Deny, deflect, pout doesn't seem to be working.

The Austin American-Statesman on the planned expansion of the Texas Governor's Mansion:

When the idea first came up to add a 3,000-square-foot addition to the Governor's Mansion as part of the postfire rebuilding project we weren't quite sure what to think about it.

We're for progress, but something didn't seem quite right about tinkering with the basic footprint of the graceful building that long has been a source of civic pride.

Now we know what to think about mansion expansion: Not much. It's a bad idea for many reasons, checklisted admirably Tuesday by Mandy Dealey, president of the Heritage Society of Austin. Dealey spoke to the State Preservation Board, which includes Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Joe Strauss.

Powerful though the board is, the mansion decision is in the hands of the Texas Historical Commission, though the project originated at the Preservation Board.

"First, we must take issue with the underlying premise that there currently is inadequate living space for first families," Dealey said, noting that "recent governor's families with up to four children have been quoted as saying they have been totally comfortable."

Perry, whose wife, Anita, favors the expansion, slammed Tuesday when asked if the mansion was too small for his family when it lived in it. Two-thirds of the proposed expansion would be for private family quarters.

"You know the mansion

is a wonderful and a very appropriate landmark, and I'm going to leave it up to the Historical Commission to make the right decision about what the final structure will look like," said Perry, sounding like a politician seeking re-election and aware that voters might frown on a governor who grouches about a free house with a title including the word "mansion."

If this or any future governor feels the place is too small, they have the option of renting housing more suitable to their needs — at their expense, naturally — and using the mansion for ceremonial events.

Next, Dealey complained that only one plan — "one based on the flawed premise just discussed" — has been offered for consideration. She also accurately noted that no matter how good and how nice the expansion would be, the current plan "destroys for all time the architectural integrity" of the mansion.

Finally, Dealey said that a state that can't be counted

on to take care of its own historic buildings would "lose credibility or authority to dictate the standards of historic preservation to others."

Dealey Herndon, the project manager for the mansion restoration, has said the proposed expansion, in addition to adding space, could address other problems the mansion had.

"There's no other option to look at," she told the Preservation Board in October.

Well, it's time to come up with one.

The June 2008 arson that gutted the mansion was a tragedy. Rebuilding it to anything much different — save for safety and other necessary updates — than it was prior to the fire invites tragedy upon tragedy.

The Texas Historical Commission would do damage to its name if it participated in that.

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Austin Smith and Kelly Rogers

Smith, Rogers engagement announced

Tommy and Becky Smith of Pampa are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Austin Smith to Kelly Rogers. Kelly is the daughter of Denny and Debbie Rogers of Borger.

Kelly is a graduate of Borger High School and received her Bachelor's Degree in Exercise Sport Medicine with a minor in Biology from Texas Tech University in 2008. Kelly is currently employed as a Cardiovascular Technician with Plaza Medical Group in Oklahoma city, OK.

Austin is a graduate of White Deer High School and received a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering with a minor in Mathematics and Statistics from Texas Tech University in 2008. He is currently employed as a Compression Engineer for Enogex in Oklahoma City.

The couple plans an April wedding.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls over the weekend.

Police reported 24 traffic-related calls and four accidents.

Animal control officers reported 11 animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS reported eight medical calls. The Pampa Fire Department reported one medical call and the Pampa Police Department reported one medical call.

Friday, Jan. 8.

Pampa fire officials launched a fire investigation in the 1200 block of South Christy.

Officers served a warrant in the 1900 block of Holly.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

Officers delivered messages in the 200 block of North Russell, 500 block of North Wells, 100 block of West Foster, 1600 block of North Zimmers, 400 block of West Atchison and 200 block of North Russell.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of North Lowry.

City officials were called to the 1300 block of North Terrace on a water leak.

A fire alarm was reported in the 2500 block of

Perryton Parkway.

A theft was reported in the 1300 block of North Hobart.

Officers assisted another agency in the 12000 block of East Frederic.

Officers checked buildings in the 100 block of East Craven, 600 block of West Foster and 400 block of West Foster.

A prowler was reported in the 1400 block of North Russell.

Saturday, Jan. 9.

A prowler was reported in the 1100 block of Varnon.

A suspicious person was reported at Crawford and Llano.

A suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of West Francis.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 300 block of South Jean.

An alarm was reported in the 2300 block of North Navajo.

City water officials were called to the 700 block of North Sumner and 1900 block of North Banks.

A structure fire was reported in the 300 block of South Miami.

City water officials were called to the 1100 block of West Sierra, 1500 block of West Kentucky, 800 block of East Craven, Crawford and Wilcox, 300 block of North Starkweather

and 1800 block of North Nelson.

A burglary was reported in the 900 block of South Llano.

A burglary was reported in the 1000 block of South Dwight.

A suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of East Craven.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block of Graham.

Violation of a protective order was reported in the 2800 block of North Charles.

A structure fire was reported in the 600 block of North Nelson.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1200 block of Hobart.

Sexual assault was reported in the 1800 block of North Dwight.

Sunday, Jan. 10.

Officers performed building checks in the 600 block of West Foster, 600 block of West Foster, 100 block of West Foster, 100 block of East Craven and 400 block of East Brown.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1000 block of North Duncan.

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

An alarm was reported in the 1000 block of North Hobart.

City water officials

were called to 2200 block of North Mary Ellen, Campbell and Henry, 1100 block of Perry, 100 block of East 27th, 700 block of North Hill and the 800 block of West Kingsmill.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 400 block of North Christy.

A grass fire was reported in the 1200 block of Berry.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 900 block of Sierra.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of North Frost.

City water officials were called to the 600 block of North Nelson, 600 block of North Jupiter and 500 block of North Yeager.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 1600 block of East U.S. Highway 60.

Lost property was reported to police.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 200 block of Milam.

Carbon monoxide was reported in the 1100 block of South Summer.

Officers assisted another agency in the 2600 block of North Charles.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2400 block of North Cherokee.

Monday, Jan. 11.

City water officials were called to the 300 block of North Starkweather.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: When we were younger, my sister, "Patti," and I made a pact to be each other's maid of honor. It was Patti's suggestion, and we both thought I would soon marry my then-boyfriend. It didn't happen.

A few years later, when Patti became engaged, she asked a friend with whom she had recently reconnected to be her maid of honor. She never addressed the issue with me or offered any explanation. I was crushed, but kept mum. In the years that followed, my sister told me she regretted her decision and has apologized, which helped soothe my feelings.

Last week I became engaged. I want Patti in my wedding, but as a bridesmaid. My best friend, "Meg," has always been there for me in ways I never knew a friend could. I was her maid of honor three years ago, and cherished the experience as one

that signified the meaning of our friendship.

I feel torn because of the promise I made to my sister, even though she didn't honor her promise to me. I don't want to hurt Patti, and I also don't want to seem retaliatory. Can you offer me any guidance? — MUDDLED MAIDEN IN TEXAS

DEAR MUDDLED MAIDEN: Yes, Patti's mistake was in not TALKING to you about the fact that she had changed her mind about having you as her maid of honor. My advice is to warmly invite your sister to join your wedding party as a bridesmaid, and explain why you have decided to ask your friend Meg to be maid of honor. You may find that Patti no longer expects you to keep that long ago promise, particularly in light of the fact that when she chose her bridal attendants she had a case of temporary amnesia.

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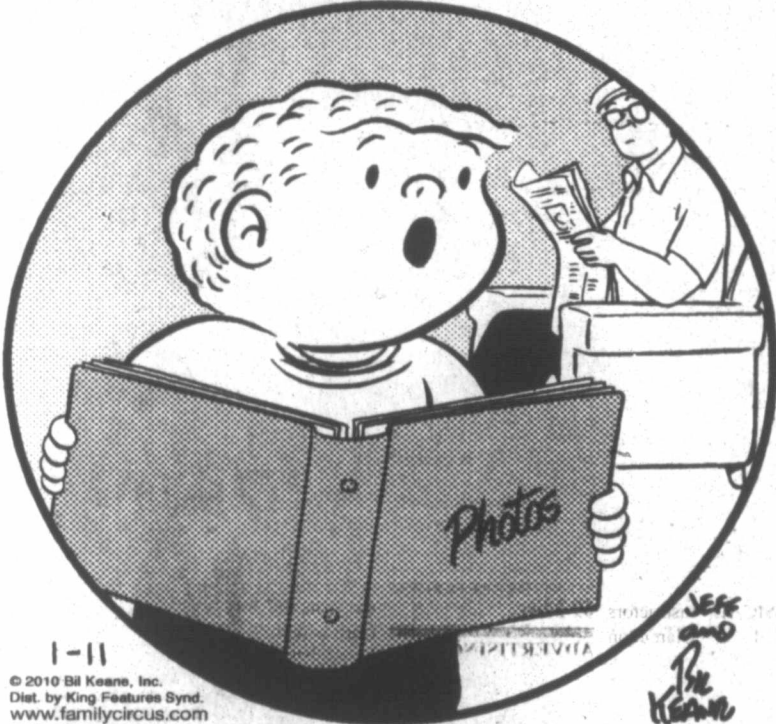
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"When I grow up do I HAFTA look like Daddy?"

Daily Crossword Puzzle

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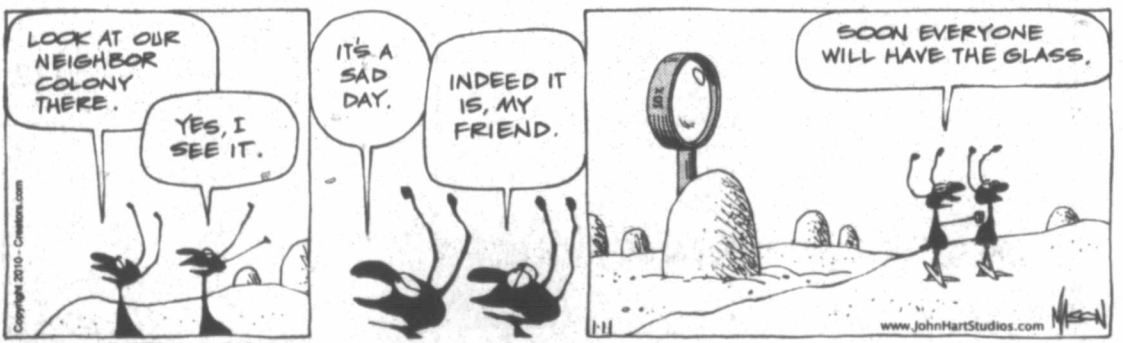
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Sports

Tigers feast on Pirates' four game winning streak

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The Lefors Pirates' four game winning streak came to an end Friday in Groom as they lost 67-44 to the Tigers.

Head Coach Joey Czubinski aka "Coach Ski" said Groom had a really good big man named Tyler Chase.

"He was a monster down low," Ski said. "He scored 22 points. (Taylor) Ray

was out sick and we just didn't have an answer for him."

Ski said Lefors trailed 28-24 at halftime and was in the game until the Tigers pulled away in the third quarter.

"They made three or four buckets in a row," Ski said. "In the fourth quarter we were fighting to get back in the game and got into foul trouble."

Keenan Lott was the lead-

ing scorer with 23 points and Trever Czubinski had nine. The Pirates (5-5, 0-1) host the McLean Tigers 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. Coach Ski said this will be another tough game for them as the rest of their district schedule will be.

"Every game is going to be like this," Ski said. "Any team can win on any given night. It's going to be a dog fight."

8th grade girls basketball teams fall to Dumas

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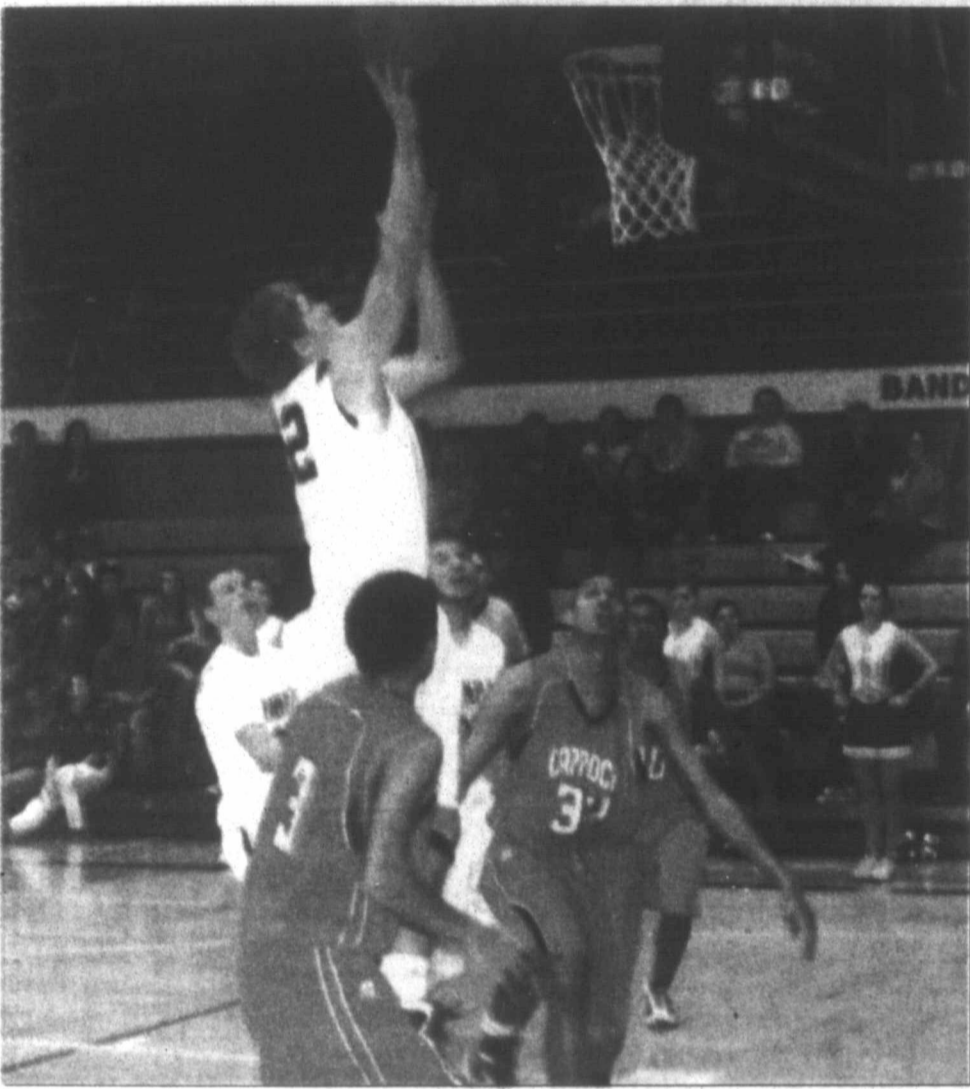
The Pampa Junior High eighth grade girls basketball teams lost to Dumas Thursday in Dumas.

The B team lost 52-22. Coach Jim McDaniel said the team had 24 turnovers, shot 24 percent from the field and made two of four

free throws. Lacey Dodson and Jazmyn Hair led the team in rebounds with four each. Mattie Eldridge, Della Tarango and Hair led the team in steals with two each.

The A team lost 28-21. McDaniel said the team had 19 turnovers, shot 17 percent from the field

and made 70 percent of their free throws. Kylee Metts, Savanna Mertz, and Krysten Miller led the team in rebounds with two each. Metts and Miller led the team in assists with two each. Samara Cummins had one. Metts and Cummins led the team in steals with four each.



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Travis Hagerman attempts a shot between two Caprock defenders Friday. Pampa lost 68-44 for their first district loss and visits the Hereford Whitefaces Tuesday.

Texas Tech introduces Tuberville as next coach

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Tommy Tuberville says he's certain he can take Texas Tech to new heights.

"There's no doubt in my mind we can take it to the next level," Tuberville said Sunday after being introduced as the new coach at Texas Tech, replacing the fired Mike Leach.

The first step for the Red Raiders would be to win the Big 12 South outright, followed by a berth in a BCS bowl game and perhaps a shot at a national title.

The former Auburn and Mississippi coach says the road to improvement includes improving on defense and adding a "few new wrinkles" to a pass-happy offense.

Tuberville walks into a situation a few weeks after Leach was fired amid allegations he mistreated a player who suffered a concussion.

Tuberville took the job Saturday and was expected to sign a contract later this week, officials said. A person close to the contract talks who was not authorized to speak because terms are not final said Tuberville will receive a five-year contract averaging about \$1.5 million a year.

The 55-year-old Tuberville gave the Red

Raiders' 'Guns Up' hand sign as he walked in to be introduced.

He plans to meet with players on Wednesday.

He stepped down at Auburn in December 2008, ending a 10-year tenure that included a perfect season and a string of teams that contended for Southeastern Conference championships.

Without mentioning Leach's name, Tuberville called the recent problems "a small bump in the road" in light of the program's 85-year history.

"I like that people are disappointed. They should be," Tuberville said. "But it's not the end of the world because there is another day. And I'm telling Texas Tech fans right now that we're going to be fun to watch."

Added Myers: "He's won championships. He's played in BCS games. We wish him the best in developing a program that all of us hope that he can."

Tuberville said he plans to interview four or five people each for defensive and offensive coordinator jobs — all of them outside the program.

He met with members of the coaching staff late Saturday but Ruffin McNeill, the lone other candidate for the job, was not

among them. He will meet again with some of them at the American Football Coaches Association convention in Orlando, Fla., on Monday.

"I'll just have to wait and see if anybody strikes something in me that I feel, 'Hey, I think they can get this job done,'" Tuberville said.

Tuberville will inherit a proven spread offense two years after abandoning his attempt at implementing one midway through his final season at Auburn. In 2000, Leach brought a pass-happy offense to Texas Tech that put up gaudy numbers. All but two of his quarterbacks led the nation in passing in his 10 seasons.

Tuberville said he'll make "subtle" changes in the offense to "enhance" it. There will be more running, but the passing game will remain — and improve.

"We're going to keep the Air Raid," he said. "I like to control the ball, and you can do that in the air as well as you can on the ground."

Tuberville said he has spoken to many of the program's recruits and none told him he'd changed his mind about coming to Texas Tech.



Wakely Pairsh goes up for a shot during the Groom game last Friday. The Pirates lost 67-44 in their district opener. Photo courtesy of Lendi Jackson.

Coming Up

Tuesday

JV Girls Soccer vs. Caprock 4:30 p.m.
Varsity Girls Soccer vs. Caprock 5 p.m.
JV and Varsity Girls Basketball at Hereford 6 p.m.
JV and Varsity Boys Basketball at Hereford 7:30 p.m.
Lefors Boys and Girls Basketball vs. McLean 6 p.m.

Thursday

Pampa Junior High 7th grade Girls Basketball Tournament, A team at Plainview, B team at Dumas

Varsity and JV Girls Soccer Azle Tournament

Friday

Pampa swim team at Lubbock
JV and Varsity Girls Basketball vs. Canyon 6 p.m.
JV and Varsity Boys Basketball vs. Canyon 7:30 p.m.
Lefors Boys and Girls Basketball at Hedley 6 p.m.

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