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City commission to hear request for zoning change

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

A public hearing is set for 4 p.m. Tuesday in the Pampa City Commission chamber in City Hall in connection with a request for a zoning change.

Ian and Martha Mackay are requesting that about five acres of God's Plateau Subdivision be rezoned for building storage units.

The public hearing will be held in conjunction with the regularly scheduled city commission meeting.

The Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended no change in zoning.

In its regular meeting, the commission will consider approving a contract

with the Amarillo law firm of Perdue, Brandon, Fielder and Mott to collect city utility bills.

The commission will also consider on first reading an ordinance providing for a fee to defray costs of collecting delinquent fines, fees and other debts for the city.

The will also consider an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of \$2.1 million Tax and Waterworks and Sewer System Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation.

In other business, the commission will consider ordering an election on May 10 for city commissioners in Wards

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Moon rise



Pampa News Photo by DAVID BOWSER
A sliver of the moon is seen above some pump jacks on Highway 60 just west of Pampa recently.

Sewing



Pampa News Photo by DAVID BOWSER
Janie VanZandt in her sewing room.

Woman loves to quilt, sew

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

When Joe and Janie VanZandt decided to add on to their house on the ranch near Mobeetie, there was one thing that Janie insisted upon. There had to be one large room for her quilting.

The original rock house with its 18-inch walls was built in 1875, overlooking Hidetown, a collection of buffalo hunters' tents and dugouts across Sweetwater Creek. There is some conjecture that the building once housed the Lady Gay Saloon where buffalo hunter, frontier lawman and gambler Bat Masterson killed Sgt. Melvin A. King from nearby Fort Elliott over Mollie Brennan, a dance hall girl.

Today, that part of the VanZandt's home houses a living area and kitchen. The addition to the south tripled the size of the original structure. It contains more bedrooms,

another living area and a large room for quilting and weaving.

Originally from the Rio Grande Valley, Janie VanZandt moved to Ozona in high school when her father started a custom cotton harvesting business.

"That's where I graduated from high school," she said.

VanZandt graduated in 1967, and went on to Angelo State where she majored in math and science, but she transferred to Texas Tech and changed her major to clothing and textiles in the middle of her junior year. She earned her bachelor of science degree in 1972 and went work for the extension service.

VanZandt worked with the expanded nutrition program in El Paso through the extension service for a couple of years, and

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West Texas A&M alumna at home behind the camera

AMARILLO, TEXAS (AP)— Jenny Nolan used to get star-struck. Not so much anymore.

The West Texas A&M alumna has worked with Steven Spielberg, Robert Redford, Stockard Channing, Christopher Lloyd and other high-profile actors and directors.

"I guess there's some people you never want to meet because you don't want them to be not wonderful," Nolan said.

Luckily for her, Nolan's experiences with stars were positive.

"You grow up seeing them on screen, and all of a sudden you're working with them and they're normal people," Nolan said.

Nolan worked as a second second assistant director on the multi-Oscar nominated film "There Will Be Blood," which wrapped filming in 2006.

Nolan graduated from WT in 1993 with a bachelor's degree in theater. While at WT, Nolan performed in the 1992 season of "Texas."

She got her master's in theater from the University of North

Texas in 1995. Nolan then worked for a commercial production company in Dallas before deciding to move west in 2001.

"I kind of realized I wasn't going to get anywhere in my profession unless I moved to Los Angeles," she said.

Nolan worked as a production secretary on a couple of television shows before she was accepted into the Directors Guild of America training program.

Between 15 to 20 people are selected for the program yearly, and trainees must complete 400 days of work on various movies and programs before being accepted into the guild.

Once in the DGA, the trainees start as a second second assistant director and work their way toward becoming a second assistant director, then a first assistant director and eventually may become directors or producers, Nolan said.

"I tend to describe the assistant director department as air traffic

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LIBRARY NEWS

Library making changes

BY KERRI SMITH
Managing Editor

Lovett Memorial Library is beginning to look a little different, according to Librarian Misty Guy. She said they are in the process of moving books and other materials around to make them more accessible for patrons.

"As you all know, we are in the process of moving the children's department back downstairs," Guy said. "We are also attempting to make it easier on the patrons for browsing the books on the shelves by putting on spine labels in larger print and leaving books off of the very bottom shelf."

Guy said the youth and juvenile fiction, biographies and talking books are on the north and west walls downstairs. The children's movies are along the wall looking out into the reading garden. VHS movies and DVD's for adults are now in the Texas Room.

"The paperbacks are separated into general fiction, science fiction, mysteries and westerns and will be found after the hardbacks of their respective




sections," Guy said. "Romance paperback have not been moved. The large print and young adult sections are now where the adult biographies used to be."

She also explained that the adult biographies and the automotive repair manuals have been moved upstairs. The talking books are on the west wall were the paperbacks once resided. The Christian section is now called "Inspirational." Included in this section, are the Christian authors and clean-read novels.

"It is hard to put into words where the new locations are, so everyone needs to come in and take a closer look at the work in progress," Guy said. "Do no forget to put in suggestions for novels, either fiction or non-fiction, that you would like the library to consider purchasing."

Guy would like for the public to be aware that the library ran out of tax booklets earlier this year, but they have ordered more. She said that patrons can download tax booklets and forms at the Web site www.irs.gov, or can receive these by calling 1-800-829-3676.

NEXT DAY FORECAST

Tuesday  Mostly sunny	Wednesday  Sunny	Thursday  Mostly cloudy
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Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 51. Wind chill values between 19 and 29 early. North northwest wind around 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 26. Wind chill values between 18 and 23. West northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southeast.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 68. Windy, with a south southwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 33. South southwest wind 15 to 20 mph becoming west northwest. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of rain after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 44. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Thursday Night: A chance of snow. Cloudy, with a low around 21. North wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

VAUGHN, Joe Michael — 11 a.m. Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Henry Lee Parks, 84

Henry Lee Parks, 84, of Pampa died Feb. 10, 2008, in Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Parks was born Feb. 15, 1923, in Eldorado, Okla. He had been a longtime resident of Pampa and worked

for Celanese for 30 years, retiring in 1982. He was a member of Hobart Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sons, Gary L. Parks and wife Cyndee of Pampa, Gregg K. Parks of Cortez, Colo., and Dale K. Parks and wife

Margaret of Mount Pleasant; the son's mother, Marie Parks of Pampa; 12 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; two brothers, Byron Parks of Montrose, Colo., and Ethan Parks of Reydon, Okla.; one sister, Nadia Martin of Reydon,

Okla.

Memorials can be sent to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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

Dan Puckett, 68

Dan Puckett, 68, of Pampa died Feb. 10, 2008, in Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Puckett was born Jan. 4, 1940, in Vernon, where he graduated from Vernon High School. He was a graduate of Texas Tech University in Lubbock where he received a degree in mechanical engineering. Dan retired from

Cabot Corp. after 28 years of service.

He was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church. For the last three years, he attended Carpenter's Church. Dan married Doris Miller on Dec. 19, 1998, in Pampa. He enjoyed collecting antique cars and he loved spending time with his family.

Survivors include his

wife, Doris Puckett of the home; one son, Dwayne Puckett and wife Stacie of San Antonio; his mother, Lorean Puckett of Pampa; three stepsons, Clay Miller and wife Libby and Marland Miller and wife Lynn, all of Pampa, and Mark Miller and special friend Shirley of San Antonio; two stepdaughters, Darlene Sugar and husband Gary and Mary Clark and

husband Lane, all of Pampa; and one granddaughter, Rhiannon Puckett of San Antonio.

Memorials can be sent to Carpenter's Church, 639 S. Barnes, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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

Joe Michael Vaughn, 58

Joe Michael Vaughn, 58, of Pampa died Feb. 8, 2008, in Pampa. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Johnny Funderburg, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Cremation is under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Vaughn was born Jan. 19, 1950, in Bonham. He married Rebecca Griffin on June 16, 1973, in Pampa. He worked for Nunn Electric in Lubbock. After moving to Pampa he worked for Leonard Hudson Drilling for 10 years, and for the past 15 years he worked for the Texas Department of

Criminal Justice in the Jordan Unit where he was nominated for the Texans Caring for Texans through the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in 2000.

Mr. Vaughn was a member of the First Baptist Church since the early 1980's where he taught the 3rd grade Sunday school class for 12 years. He enjoyed motorcycle riding, target practice, wood working, and fishing. He really enjoyed being Papa to his young grandson. He was a loving husband, caring

father, and a great friend.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Tracie Elizabeth Vaughn on June 16, 2006, a brother Larry Eugene Vaughn in 2007, his father-in-law Joe B. Griffin in 2006 and a brother-in-law Wyman Owens Jr. in 2007.

Survivors include his wife, Rebecca Vaughn of the home; one daughter, Kimberly House and husband Chris of Pampa; one grandson, Grayson Michael House of Pampa; three sisters, Joyce Boehler and husband Pete of Oklahoma City, Patricia

Clifton, and LaNell Owens both of Bonham; one brother, David Vaughn and wife Judy of Lubbock; one sister-in-law, Donna Vaughn of Lubbock; mother-in-law, Pat Griffin of the home; three aunts, Llwlyn Walker of Lubbock, Jo Walker of Amarillo, Betty Bradford of Pampa; two uncles, O. E. Bradford of Pampa and Charles Everett of Amarillo.

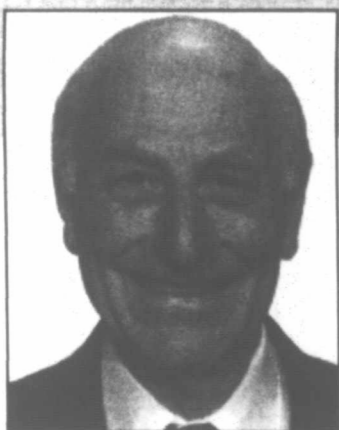
Memorials can be sent to First Baptist Church Children's Department, 203 N. West, Pampa, Texas 79065, or the American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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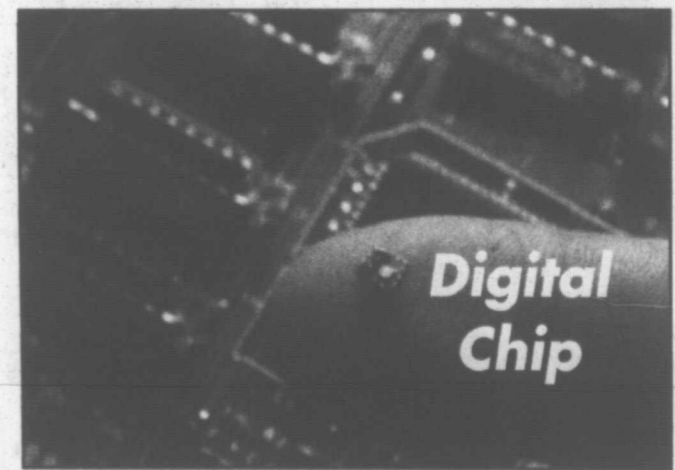


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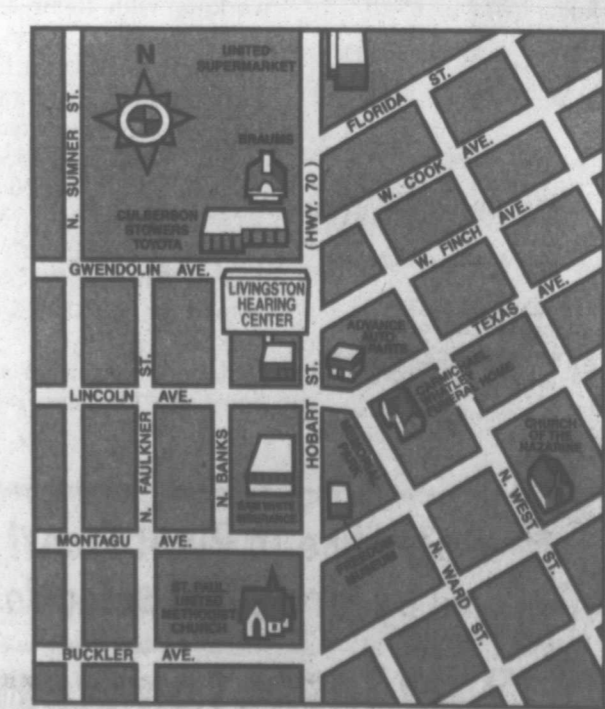
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Otdis L. "Pee Wee" Ferrell, 78

SNYDER— Otdis L. "Pee Wee" Ferrell, 78, of Snyder died Feb. 10, 2008, in Snyder. Visitation will be from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. tonight at Bell-Cyper-Seale Funeral Home in Snyder. Services will be at 2 p.m. Feb. 12, 2008, at the First Baptist Church in Snyder with Rev. Russell Johnson officiating. Services are under the direction of Bell-Cyper-Seale Funeral Home. Mr. Ferrell was born Nov. 5, 1929, in Sanford. He married Suzanne Goen on Dec. 23, 1951, in Lamesa. He was an operator for Oryx for 20 years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Snyder.

Survivors include his wife, Suzanne Ferrell of Snyder; two daughters, Susan Scott and husband Larry of Snyder, and Cynthia Mayes and husband Buddy of Midland; one son, Stan Ferrell and wife Rose of Allen; one sister, Alee Ferrell of Dallas; six grandsons and one sister-in-law, Nancy Ferrell of Pampa. Memorials can be sent to Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 1332 N. Habsted St., Ste. 201, Chicago, Ill. 60602, or First Baptist Church Business Fund, 1701 27th Street, Snyder, Texas 79549.

BABY FOUND

Texas infant found in Arizona

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — An infant who was taken by his parents during a supervised visit last month has been found safe in Tucson, Ariz.

Child Protective Services spokesman John Lennan says a store clerk in Tucson recognized infant Solomon Vandiver's parents on Sunday. The child has been placed in foster care in Arizona.

Lennan said the infant was placed in the home of a family friend in Corpus Christi after his birth when his mother tested positive for cocaine.

The baby disappeared Jan. 16 during a supervised visit at a local restaurant when the child's father took the baby, saying he was going to change his diaper. The infant's mother told the family caring for the baby that she was going outside to smoke.

Lennan says a thrift store clerk recognized the couple from photos posted on various Web sites.

Emergency Services

Ambulance

Guardian EMS Ambulance Service reported the following calls.

Saturday, Feb. 9

10:41 a.m. — A MICU responded to the 1800 block of Hobart, but no transport was made.

1:10 p.m. — A MICU responded to 2nd Street in Lefors, but no transport was made.

4:07 p.m. — A MICU responded to the 2400 block of Dogwood for a fire stand-by.

8:09 p.m. — A MICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported one patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:43 p.m. — A MICU responded to the 1800 block of North Banks and transported one patient to PRMC.

Sunday, Feb. 10

12:50 a.m. — A MICU responded to PRMC and transported one patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 48-hour weekend period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Feb. 9

10:44 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of 19th and Hobart on a motor vehicle accident.

1:21 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 8000 block of Western on a grass fire.

4:05 p.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to the 2400 block of Dogwood on a vehicle fire.

8:02 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 900 block of Schneider on an open burn.

9:57 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded near the intersection of 25th and Aspen on a grass fire.

10:45 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1800 block of North Banks on a medical assist.

Sunday, Feb. 10

5:06 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1600 block of Russell on an investigation.

7:24 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 700 block of Murphy on a medical assist.

Monday, Feb. 11

3:54 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 12000 block of Highway 60 East on a medical assist.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department

reported the following accident today.

Saturday, Feb. 9

10:38 a.m. — A 2004 Buick Century, driven by Mary Elrod Cornell, 71, of Allison, and a 2005 Dodge Ram 1500, driven by Dalton Smith, 20, of Perryton, collided at the intersection of 19th Avenue and North Hobart street. No injuries were reported. Cornell was cited for failure to yield right of way at a stop sign.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today.

Saturday, Feb. 9

Francisco Sotero Cruz, 30, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of North Davis by Pampa Police Department on capias pro fines for theft of property by check, no seat belt/driver, failure to appear and two counts of no valid driver's license.

April Ruth Goldthrite, 18, of Pampa was arrested in the 1200 block of Darby by PPD for theft of property, failure to appear, possession of drug paraphernalia and a capias pro fine for no Texas driver's license.

Mack Dillan Horton, 18, of Pampa was arrested in the 600 block of Plains by PPD on a directive to apprehend.

Patricia Vargas Ramirez, 25, of Pampa was arrested in the 2800 block of Charles by PPD for possession of a controlled substance, evading arrest and theft of property.

Sunday, Feb. 10

Russell Wayne Pester, 48, of Fairview, Okla. was arrested by GCSO for evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

Felix Rubert III, 44, of El Paso was arrested by GCSO on a probation violation for money laundering.

James Carl Gould, 23, of Seiling, Okla. was arrested by GCSO for public intoxication.

Tommy Ray Carver, 51, of Pampa was arrested at the intersection of Rham and Faulkner streets by PPD on capias pro fines for failure to maintain financial responsibility, no valid driver's license, leaving the scene of an accident, failure to yield right of way, expired motor vehicle inspection and displaying expired registration.

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, Feb. 8

Twelve traffic stops

were made. One stop in the 300 block of Duncan resulted in at least one arrest.

Traffic complaints were received from the 800 block of South Hobart and the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Motorist assistance was rendered at the intersection of Francis and Hazel streets, the 100 block of West Foster, the 600 block of Lefors, on two occasions in the police department lobby, the 200 block of East Brown, the 1400 block of North Hobart and the 700 block of Barnes.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 700 block of West Wilks, the 500 block of North Somerville, the 600 block of North Hobart, on two occasions in the 500 block of Tignor, the 800 block of Locust, the intersection of 23rd and Rosewood streets and the 2100 block of North Hobart.

Warrant service was attempted on one occasion and resulted in at least one arrest.

One attempt to serve papers was made. A welfare check was made in the 2400 block of Charles. Suspicious person calls were received from the 300 block of South Starkweather, the intersection of Sumner and Lincoln streets and the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 400 block of North Naida and the 1900 block of Lea.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 2800 block of Charles.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block of North Zimmers and the 1300 block of Garland.

Harassment was reported in the police department lobby and the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Assault was reported in the 400 block of East Francis. No injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

Two alarms were reported. One building check was made.

Theft was reported in the 2800 block of Charles and the 1400 block of North Zimmers. The incident in the 2800 block of Charles resulted in at least one arrest.

Theft equal to or greater than \$50 but less than \$500 was reported in the 1300 block of Hamilton. A wallet was taken, and charges have

been made by someone other than the victim on the victim's debit card. Estimated value of loss is \$405.25.

Burglary was reported in the 200 block of South Somerville.

Saturday, Feb. 9

Twenty-four traffic stops were made. Stops in the 1000 block of North Sumner and the 600 block of Plains resulted in arrests.

Traffic complaints were received from the 1200 block of North Hobart, the intersection of Kingsmill and Hobart streets and the 1000 block of North Frost.

A vehicle accident was reported at the intersection of 19th and Hobart streets.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 700 block of West Wilks, the intersection of Naida and Rham streets, the 1300 block of North Russell, the 1600 block of Williston and the 300 block of Tignor.

Agency assistance was rendered at the intersection of Municipal and Hobart streets, the 200 block of North Russell and the intersection of Barrett and McCullough streets. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident at the intersection of Municipal and Hobart streets.

Warrant service was attempted on one occasion and resulted in at least one arrest.

Welfare checks were made in the 400 block of Hazel and the 1400 block of Harvester.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of 21st and Lea streets and the 300 block of North Hobart.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 500 block of South Cuyler and Recreation Park, 1600 E. Highway 60.

A prowler was reported in the 300 block of North Nelson.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville and the 600 block of North Nelson. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident in the 1600 block of West Somerville.

Three alarms were reported. One building check was made.

Theft was reported on two occasions in the 2800 block of Charles. At least one arrest was made in connection with each inci-

dent.

Burglary was reported at Cel Auto Glass, 1313 Alcock. Window tools valued at over \$900 were taken.

Sunday, Feb. 10

Eleven traffic stops were made.

An abandoned vehicle was reported at the intersection of Browning and Nelson streets.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 200 block of North Hobart, the 1200 block of South Hobart, the 700 block of West Wilks, the 500 block of North Somerville, the 400 block of North Rider, the 500 block of North Nelson, the 400 block of North Faulkner, the 400 block of North Sumner, the 1000 block of Crane Road, the 900 block of East Browning, the 100 block of South Warren, the 600 block of East Craven, the intersection of Crawford Street and Varnon Drive and the 100 block of South Naida.

Agency assistance was rendered concerning Roberts County.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Albert and Somerville streets, the alley between Sumner and Nelson streets and the 700 block of East Frederic.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 1600 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells, on two occasions in the 900 block of Love, the 1500 block of North Hobart and the 1100 block of Cinderella.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 500 block of South Barnes and the intersection of Duncan and Worrell streets.

Domestic assault was reported in the 2100 block of Alcock. The victim was struck in the face; no bruising or redness was visible.

Assault was reported in the police department lobby.

One alarm was reported. Theft was reported in the police department lobby.

Burglary was reported in

the 700 block of North Frost. Taken were a desktop computer, 50 DVDs, an electronic game system with 15 games, a gaming/computer system and a portable DVD player.

Forgery was reported at Express Lane #12, 2801 Perryton Parkway. Two checks totaling \$125 were presented by someone other than the owner of a closed account.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported at the intersection of Rham and Faulkner streets. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Monday, Feb. 11

Two traffic stops were made.

A civil matter was reported in the police department lobby.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1000 block of Crocker and the 1900 block of North Christy. One alarm was reported.

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Viewpoints

Most early rock fences still stand, thanks to hard work

From Boerne to Burnet and beyond, the Hill Country is noted for its numerous rock fences, stock pens and cemetery enclosures. You see them most often in counties settled by German immigrants, but a more fundamental common denominator is the availability of building material -- variably shaped rocks.

Far more lasting than wooden rail fences, this type of enclosure was common before the advent of barbed wire, though some of them were built as late as the early 1900's. Most of them still stand more than a century-and-a-half after being built.

Louis Grosz, born in Hueffenhart, Germany in 1853, came to Texas when he was 18. His uncle, Philipp Eckert of Mason

County, had written and told him what tools he needed to bring to make a living in America. Grosz weighed his two trunks down with iron, including a broad axe needed to build a log cabin.

As Estella Hartmann Orrison related in a family history she self-published in 1957, "Eckert Record," when Grosz finally reached the Hill Country he had to go to work to repay the \$50 his uncle had advanced him for his passage to Texas. His first income came from laying rock fences at 50 cents a day in an era when no one had yet considered working only eight hours out of 24.

Likely toiling from "can see to can't," Grosz' rate of compensation amounted to only pennies on the hour. And the work must have

been brutally hard. Roy Bedichek, in his 1947 book "Adventures with a Texas Naturalist," estimated the stone fences on his place in Hays County weighed "not less than a ton per linear yard." The rule of thumb passed down to the present is that it took one man one day to build three feet of fence three feet high.

That three-foot-a-day pace involved not only the relatively mindless toil of finding, digging up, lifting and hauling suitable rocks but the more cerebral activity of sorting and stacking them just so. Gravity held these fences together,

not mortar. The rocks had to fit snugly and be balanced.

Picture working a gigantic puzzle with very heavy pieces in a climate where most of the time it's too hot and sometimes too wet or cold or both. Throw in a sore back and the occasional displaced scorpion or rattlesnake and you have a pretty tough way to make four bits a day. Oh, and hostile

Indians still posed a danger in Mason County when Grosz had to earn money as a rock fence builder.

While rock fences also are known as "German fences," research by University of Texas graduate Laura Knott,

a landscape architect specializing in historic preservation revealed that dry-laid fences did not originate in Germany. Rather, the style used in Texas and elsewhere in the South seems to have been modeled after rock fences common to Great Britain.

Knott theorized that German Texans learned of the style and imitated it. On the other hand, it doesn't take a rock-it scientist to figure that a potential farm field strewn with plow-breaking stones could be both fenced and cleared by stacking those very stones.

No matter their origin, rock fences are of two varieties: Single thickness walls about one foot wide and double-sided structures. Those two-siders, obviously, stood

the stoutest.

In building the thicker fences, a rock-stacking artisan put up one wall and then another parallel to it, leaving enough room in between for a fill of smaller stones called "hearting." The builder connected the two walls with long, flat stones known as "throughs."

In the course of her university research, Knott found a Blanco County farmer named John Cox (no relation to the author) who learned both fence-building and some philosophy from his father.

"I remember a day that he was building fences and I was learning," Knott quoted Cox. "Rocks must fit as close as words," he said as

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Mike Cox
Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Feb. 11, the 42nd day of 2008. There are 324 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 11, 1858, a French girl, Bernadette Soubirous, claimed to have experienced the first of 18 visions of a lady dressed in white in a grotto near Lourdes. (The Catholic Church later accepted that the visions were of the Virgin Mary; Bernadette, who died in 1879 at age 35, was canonized in 1933.)

On this date:

In 1812, Massachusetts Gov. Elbridge Gerry signed a redistricting law favoring his party — giving rise to the term "gerrymandering."

'We had better live as we think, otherwise we shall end up by thinking as we have lived.'

— Paul Bourget
French author
(1852-1935)

In 1847, American inventor Thomas Alva Edison was born in Milan, Ohio.

In 1861, President-elect Abraham Lincoln departed Springfield, Ill., for Washington.

In 1929, the Lateran Treaty was signed, with Italy recognizing the independence and sovereignty of Vatican City.

In 1937, a 6-week-old sit-down strike against

General Motors Corp. ended, with the company agreeing to recognize the United Automobile Workers Union.

In 1945, President Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin signed the Yalta Agreement during World War II.

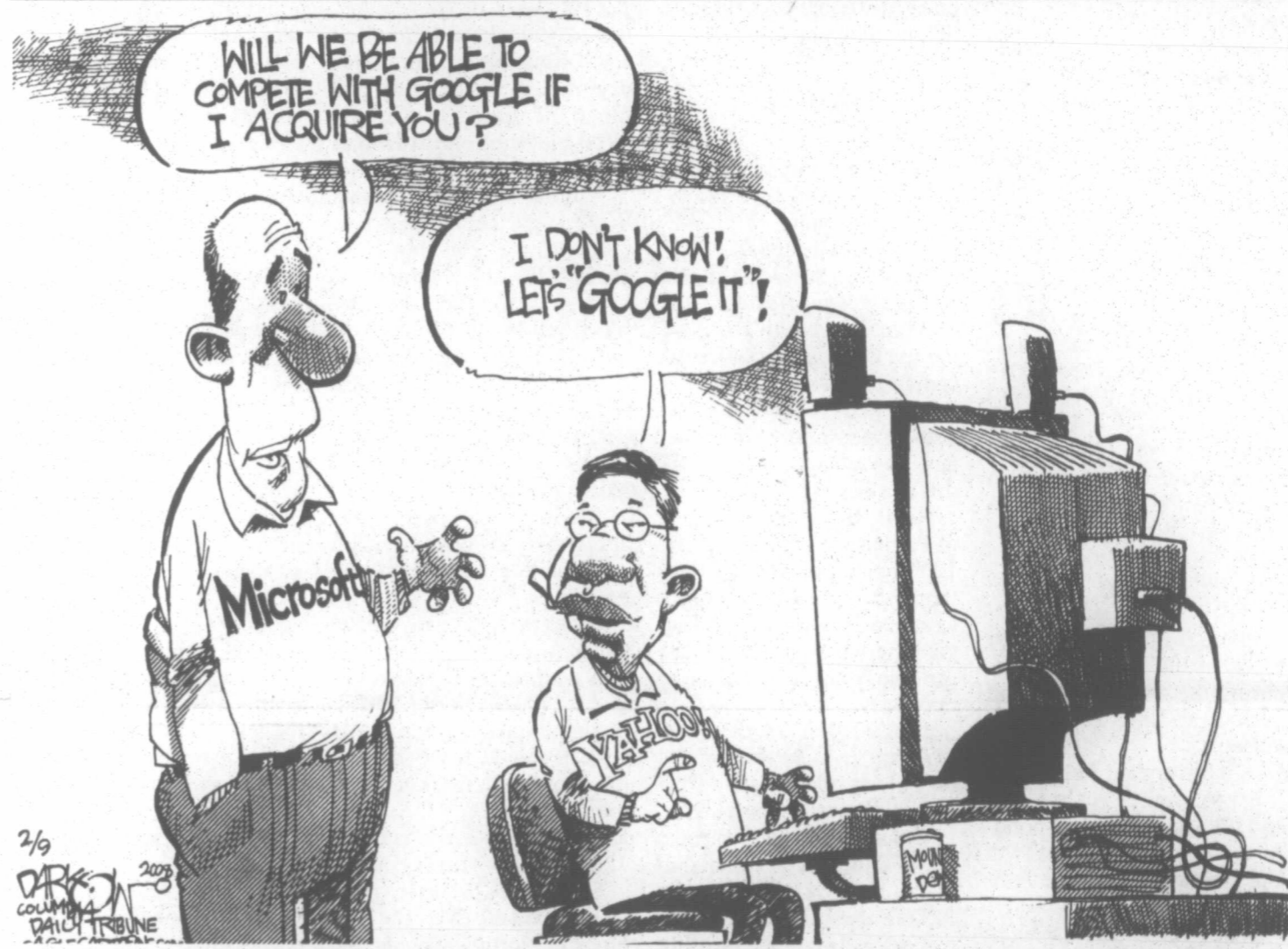
In 1972, McGraw-Hill Publishing Company and Life magazine canceled plans to publish what turned out to be a fake autobiography of reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes.

In 1979, followers of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini seized power in Iran.

In 1986, Soviet dissident Natan Sharansky was released by the Soviet Union after nine years of captivity as part of an East-West prisoner exchange.

In 1990, South African black activist Nelson Mandela was freed after 27 years in captivity.

Ten years ago: Attorney General Janet Reno asked for an independent prosecutor to investigate whether Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt had misled Congress in connection with an Indian casino controversy. (The counsel, Carol Elder Bruce, found no wrongdoing on Babbitt's part.) Skier Jonny Moseley won the first U.S. gold medal at Nagano, in men's moguls freestyle; Picabo Street won the women's super-G. Canadian snowboarder Ross Rebagliati was stripped of his gold medal after testing positive for marijuana. (The medal was later reinstated).



Front-runners in race now apparent

At least we now know who the next president is going to be. It will be Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama or John McCain. I'm not thrilled with any of these choices, but we are stuck with the political system we tolerate.

Huckabee is an affable fellow, but he doesn't have the money to finish the race, and moreover, his name just doesn't sound presidential. By staying in the race, he probably drew votes from Romney and thus assisted McCain. Paul never had a chance.

McCain will be 72 on Inauguration Day, and, as I've said before, that's too old to assume the burdens of the presidency. It's just a matter of biology. All of us in our 70s are living on borrowed time. Our biological clocks are winding down, and there's no way to rewind them. We don't want a president who could develop senile dementia, and that, along with other organ failures, is always possible with

people his age.

That leaves Hillary, whose experience other than as a senator consists of sleeping with Bill Clinton. First lady is an honorary title, not a public office. There is Romney, a former governor and a businessman, and Obama, a media star who has served less than one term in the Senate. I imagine the Russian and Chinese leaders are pleased with our selections.

Gov. Bill Richardson had the most foreign-policy experience of any of the candidates, but he couldn't raise the money or catch on with the public. Sen. Joe Biden and Sen. Chris Dodd should have known from the get-go that they didn't have a chance. Ditto all the other marginal candidates. Rudy Giuliani's problem was that the more people got to know him, the less they liked him.

America is a huge country. To run for president, you either have to already have almost celebrity status or have millions of dollars with which just to buy your name recognition. The national news media have to like you; or else they will ignore you or short you on television time.

None of this has anything to do with qualifications. Unfortunately, our presidential contests have been reduced to popularity contests.

You also have to have a believable platform. Americans are no longer libertarians and find any suggestion of dismantling the government repugnant. Even Huckabee's idea of abolishing the income tax and substituting a federal sales tax sounds too radical for most Americans. Bland and vague is what Americans prefer, and of course, they want to

be constantly told how great they are.

I haven't heard what I would call an outstanding speech from any of them. Hillary is following the Clinton pattern of listing program after program; Romney said Washington is broken and he promised to fix it; McCain says we will be at war for the next hundred years and therefore need a warrior; and Obama blue-skies it.

Obama is probably the least likely to get us into a war. Clinton is most likely to win. But who am I to say? I'm just a grumpy old guy who would resurrect Harry Truman if that were possible. He and Dwight Eisenhower remain, in my book, the last competent presidents we've put in the White House.

Since John F. Kennedy, marketing, dirty tricks and big money have dominated our presidential campaigns. Clinton is one tough, ruthless broad, and I expect her

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

Feb. 4

Fort Worth Star-Telegram on President Bush's final State of the Union:

During his final State of the Union speech on Jan. 28, President Bush emphasized the numbers of U.S. troops who would be coming home from Iraq this year.

"When we met last year, our troop levels in Iraq were on the rise," Bush told Congress and America. "Today, because of the progress ... we are implementing a policy of 'return on success,' and the surge forces we sent to Iraq are beginning to come home."

However, those troops were scheduled to return regardless of the progress on the ground.

Their 15-month tour of duty is up. Bush also announced that "one Army brigade combat team and one Marine

Expeditionary Unit have already come home and will not be replaced. In the coming months, four additional brigades and two Marine battalions will follow suit. Taken together, this means more than 20,000 of our troops are coming home."

Two days later, America was cautioned that the drawdown in Iraq will slow or stop altogether by the summer.

Funny, that little detail wasn't announced in prime time. URL: <http://www.star-telegram.com>

Spelling Bee



Courtesy Photo

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School student Jennifer Grajeda recently won a spelling bee at the school. Pictured with her is Principal Amy Unruh.

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control," said Justin Ritson, who worked with Nolan on "There Will Be Blood" and "Lions for Lambs."

Ritson said the assistant directing team is responsible for getting actors and extras where they need to be when they need to be there, as well as making sure the set operates on schedule and on budget.

"I think the assistant director's kind of an unsung hero," said Kevin Collins, who met Nolan while she was a DGA trainee working on "War of the Worlds." "These guys are giving up a lot to produce the movies you see on the screen."

Collins also worked with Nolan on "There Will Be Blood" and "Lions for Lambs."

"She's organizing all the chaos in the back," Collins said of Nolan's duties.

The job often calls for long hours and lots of stress, but the DGA program looks for people seriously dedicated to the sacrifice, Nolan said.

"It's the best job I could possible have wished for myself," she said.

Among her other professional accomplishments, she was second second assistant director on the film "Henry Poole is Here" and the upcoming television show "12 Miles of Bad Road," and she worked as a DGA trainee on "The Office," among other films and television projects. She even worked with chimpanzees in rehearsal for the upcoming "Speed Racer" film.

While her college career didn't prepare her for her assistant directing work as much as the DGA program, it did lay the foundation.

"You get the theories behind how things work, you get practicalities behind how things work and you get that opportunity to develop what you want to do," Nolan said.

Royal R. Brantley, professor of theater, taught Nolan at WT and directed her in several productions. He said Nolan was an exceptional student.

"I think it shows what an education can do and what a

personal goal can do," he said. "As far as her success is concerned, I'm not surprised at all."

He said every college has its success stories, and while many focus on the glamor of arts, it's important to note all success.

"The reality is it takes many professionals to make entertainment happen," Brantley said.

Quilt

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then she moved to Comanche and was county agent there for five years. She met Gray County Agent Joe VanZandt at the state 4-H center at Brownwood. He was on the state agent's board, and she was on the state's 4-H agent's board.

"I married Joe and moved to Pampa and quit working," VanZandt said.

Well, kinda. She ended up teaching clothing construction classes at Sands Fabric.

"I went back and got my master's in textiles in 1994 from Tech," VanZandt said.

She had been offered a job in Canadian with the extension service, but she declined so she could finish her thesis. After earning her master's, she went to work for United Notions, a fabric company out of Dallas.

"I worked for them about a year

and a half," VanZandt said.

The job required a lot of travel and VanZandt admitted she soon decided she'd rather stay home. Since 1997, she's been teaching quilting in Pampa, Wheeler and Miami.

"I do it at my own pace and set my own schedule," VanZandt said.

She said quilting is not a craft. "I think of it as an art," VanZandt said. "It's a form of art. It's fun to pick out the fabrics and put them together and play with color."

While she's actively quilting, VanZandt is turning her talents to a new outlet now.

"I always wanted to learn how to weave," she said.

She said she never had time to do it when she was an undergraduate.

"When I was in grad school, they had weaving over in the art department," VanZandt said, "so I went over and took two or three semesters of weaving and loved it. It's very relaxing."

The large room at the south end of the house now houses not only a wall covered in cabinets full of fabric and designs for future projects and work and display space for her quilts, but

there's an eight-harness loom.

"It's a big loom," she admitted. "I learned to weave on a four-harness loom at Tech."

She said she's sewn since she was five years old.

"Mother said she couldn't keep me out of it," she said.

VanZandt said her mother didn't know how to sew when she got married.

"She had to teach herself," VanZandt said.

But her father's mother was very talented.

"She sewed and quilted and tatted," VanZandt said. "We always had quilts around that she had made and then on my mother's side of the family, grandmother quilted."

The quilts often had people's names embroidered on them.

"I knew a lot of them," VanZandt said. "I used to lay on the bed and read the names, and see how many I knew. Mother used to sew for me, but after a while, she said, 'You sew better than I do, so make your own.' Probably from seventh grade on, I made my own clothes."

City

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2 and 4 and a Texas Constitutional Amendment freezing the ad valorem taxes on residential homesteads of disabled or residents over 65.

The commission will consider at bid of \$200 by

Brandon Young for tax delinquent property at 1215 S. Clark, a bid of \$300 by Robert Mack for tax delinquent property at 219 Gillespie, a bid of \$100 from Harold Chester for tax delinquent property at 822 Malone and a bid of \$100 by Chester for tax delinquent property at 826 Malone.

The Pampa City Commission will also consider a resolution for an

interlocal purchasing agreement with Region VIII Education Service Center.

Discussion items on the commission's agenda include water conservation, Clean Up Pampa month and purchasing a Ford F550 Brush Truck for \$77,827.54.

The commission will also hear a report on racial profiling report from Pampa Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner.

Cox

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he put a rock in place. "He never put a stone where it didn't want to stay. Work with nature, not against it, if you want a fence to stand."

As for Grosz, after repaying his relative by laboring at fence building, he moved on to easier ways of making money like blacksmithing, furniture building, stone cutting and farming. In between, he and his wife raised 11 children.

Though Grosz could do many things, he must have been pretty handy at the work that paid for his immigration. He continued to hire out periodically as a fence builder. When his sons had grown strong enough, he put them to work hauling rocks while he did the stacking

Reese

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to slice and dice Obama during the remainder of the campaign. Even with help from Ted Kennedy, I doubt he will be able to handle her.

At least as a consolation prize, we will probably get to watch Hillary and Bill clash over his role in her White House. In that contest, I'll bet on Hillary.

—Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.

that required more experience. He continued to build stone fences even after wire made them obsolete.

Like railroad workers laying track, the Grosz stayed in the field until they finished a job, moving their camp site as their enduring handiwork slowed progress across a field. Twice a week, Grosz would send his boys home to fetch more grub while he stayed in camp near the fence in progress.

A relapse of measles, not hard work, killed Grosz at the age of 45 in the spring of

1899. They buried him in the Gooch Cemetery on the eastern edge of Mason. Most, if not all, of his rock fences still stand.

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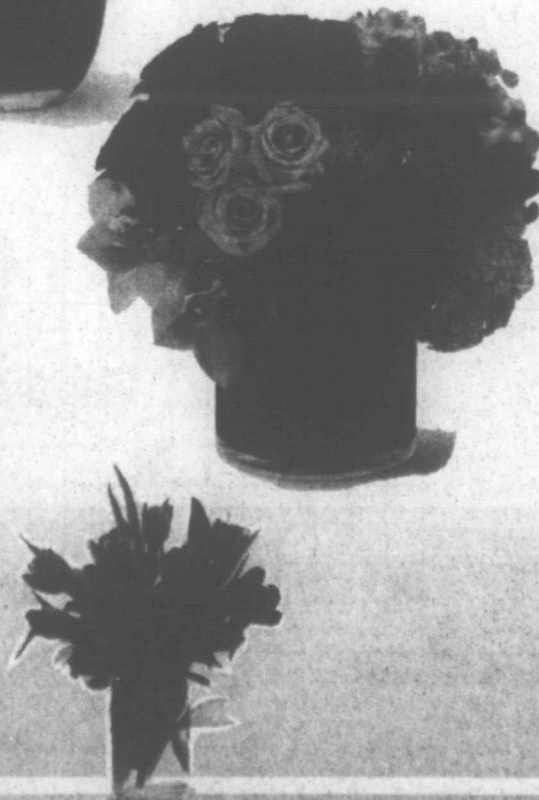
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have a close friend, "Ethel," about whom I'm very worried. She sees a therapist, "Amy," once a week for depression and suicidal thoughts, and while I think it's a wonderful idea, I'm concerned because she has become "friends" with her therapist. This has gone as far as gift-giving, attending the therapist's wedding, etc. I always thought it was a breach of professional boundaries for a therapist to become friends with his or her patient. I am the one who gets the 4 a.m. phone calls when Ethel is feeling like the world is ending for her. She says my son and I are the only reason she doesn't do something to herself. When I ask Ethel why she doesn't discuss this with Amy, or call her at 4 a.m., Ethel says she doesn't want to burden her with her problems. She also refers to her appointments as "visiting" with Amy and says that they have lovely talks about Amy's family, etc. I'm a single mother with a full-time job, taking classes at the university for my MBA. I try to make as much time as I can for Ethel, but I'm worn out and worried about those 4 a.m. phone calls. After seeing this therapist for five years, wouldn't you think Ethel would at least be a little bit better? If anything, I think she's worse. I have suggested that Ethel find another therapist, but all she says is that Amy is her friend. What else can I do? — **SARA IN SALEM, ORE.**

DEAR SARA: It's apparent that Amy is no longer acting in the role of therapist. And because she has become a friend, Ethel doesn't want to impose upon her with her problems. The next time Ethel calls you at 4 a.m., tell her that she is calling the wrong person. The things she is telling you are the very things that her therapist needs to know about in order to help her. If Ethel refuses, then tell her that what she needs is

a therapist with a fresh approach. If Amy is truly her friend, Amy will understand that and give her a referral while maintaining their personal relationship.

DEAR ABBY: My 4-year-old grandson, "Teddy," is the apple of my eye. I recently learned that my son-in-law has been taking Teddy hunting for deer and sees no harm in it. At his age, my grandson should be at a petting zoo admiring God's creatures instead of viewing the killing of them. I have a policy of not interfering with my children in their marriages or how they raise their children. However, if needed, I am always available for advice if asked. Although I have shared my opinion that Teddy is too young, it has fallen on deaf ears. At age 4, my grandson is too immature to understand the killing. I don't believe that this exposure is good for his psychological development at his tender age. How do I approach my son-in-law about this, and at what age do you think it is appropriate to allow the boy to go hunting? — **CONCERNED GRANDPA IN GREENVILLE, S.C.**

DEAR GRANDPA: It would be interesting to know how your daughter feels about her son going hunting with his dad. While I am not a fan of killing for sport, many people are avid hunters who consume the birds and animals they shoot. While going on those expeditions at age 4 seems quite young, if your grandson isn't traumatized by the sight of the blood-and-gutting and enjoys the "bonding sessions" with his dad, and his mother has no objection, then I guess he'd old enough to go along -- providing he doesn't get in the way and endanger himself.

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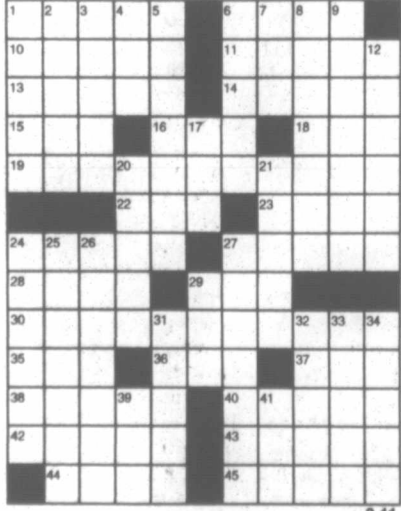
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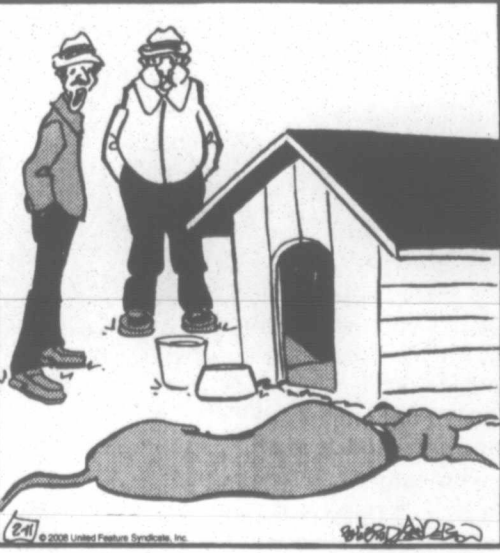
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Sports

Brister's 30 points leads Lady Buffs to 66-42 victory over Angelo State

SAN ANGELO, Texas — Junior All-American Emily Brister notched 30 points for the ninth time in her career to lead No. 12 West Texas A&M to a 66-42 rout of Angelo State on Saturday night, helped the Lady Buffs avenge a conference loss to Abilene Christian earlier in the week. With the victory, WT improves to 17-4 overall and 7-1 in Lone Star Conference action.

Angelo State, meanwhile, falls to fourth in the league with a 5-3 conference mark and an 18-5 overall record.

Brister's 30 points bumped up her season total to 465, putting her in third place on West Texas A&M's all-time scoring list with 1,866 career points.

"Emily and Courtney [Lee] really took Thursday's loss to heart, and they both stepped up tonight to help us beat Angelo," said head

coach Krista Gerlich. "Courtney kept attacking the basket and that was key for us. Also, I told the girls that we can't win ball games if Joni Unruh only gets one rebound like she did against Abilene and tonight she had six offensive rebounds and two defensive.

"There are a lot of kids who start as freshmen, like Camille Perkins for ASU, but what Joni does for us is just unthinkable."

Lee finished the game with 13 points, five assists four rebounds while freshman Joni Unruh tallied eight points and eight rebounds to tie Brister for the team-high boards. Unruh and Brister, both Amarillo High School graduates, also tallied four steals apiece in the win.

In the first half, Brister drained a three-pointer from the top of the circle at 18:15, giving the Lady Buffs the

lead which they never gave up. The Lady Buffs played tough defense in the half, forcing 16 ASU turnovers while picking up six steals and two blocks. WT hustled hard on a number of plays that should have resulted in easy points for the Rambelles, one of which being Joni Unruh sprinting back to block a shot by Lindsey Leatherman off of a long inbound pass.

Unruh sank a three-pointer of her own at the 5:48 mark which sparked an 11-6 run by the Lady Buffs that gave WT a 15-point lead, 36-21, at halftime. Junior Courtney Lee made the last two baskets of the half on a nice backdoor lay-up — with

an assist from Bell — and a baseline jumper as the clock ran out.

Angelo State came out firing in the second half, cutting the WT's lead to just nine points, 39-30, at the 15:46 mark but the Rambelles never got any closer as the Lady Buffs lengthened their lead on four consecutive points from Brister.

West Texas A&M then pushed its lead back to 15 points as Bell and Brister trapped ASU's Camille Perkins and forced a turnover; Lee picked up the loose ball and lobbed it down court to Brister who sank a lay-up to put the Lady Buffs ahead, 45-30, at the 13:52 mark.

'I'm really pleased with the way the girls played.'

— Krista Gerlich
Head Coach

The margin was too large for the 'Belles to close as the Lady Buffs remained in control for the rest of the game, bumping their lead to as much as 24 points as the clock ran out on Angelo State.

WT's stellar defense held ASU well below its season average of 70.4 points per game as the 'Belles shot just 37.2% from the floor. ASU entered tonight's game as the top-three-point shooting team (36.9%) in the LSC and the top field goal defense (holding opponents to 36.7% accuracy) but West Texas A&M shot 40.7% from the floor and held the 'Belles to a paltry 23.1% from long distance.

Junior Dixie Bell also played well for WT, tallying four assists and just one turnover to help the Lady Buffs hand Angelo State its biggest loss of the season.

West Texas A&M beat ASU by 21 points earlier in the season, which tied the 'Belles' biggest loss margin to that point after Central Oklahoma beat Angelo State by the same point difference.

"I'm really pleased with the way the girls played. I told them I'm more proud of them tonight than I've ever been before," said Gerlich. "We usually set goals of keeping the other team under a certain number of points, but tonight we set a goal to pressure them the entire game and unbeknownst to me, the girls set a goal of their own to hold ASU to under 45 points—they did it."

The Lady Buffs' next game is a 6 p.m. tip-off against Midwestern State on Feb. 13 in Wichita Falls, Texas; WT beat MSU in the first meeting this season by a 72-51 margin.

Four Buffs score in double digits; win 84-78 over Angelo State

SAN ANGELO, Texas — Four Buffs scored in double digits, including senior Robert Lee who tallied his second career double-double with a team-high 24 points and 11 rebounds, en route to an 84-78 West Texas A&M victory over Angelo State on Saturday night.

"Robert's an excellent guard. He can put the ball on the floor and challenge, and he's got a good enough three shot," said head coach Rick Cooper. "He's an extraordinary athlete and he got some good rebounds. He's an extraordinary basketball player and he's been making some good choices for us."

In addition to Lee, senior

Chris Hinz recorded a season-high 18 points while junior Keon Grant had 14 and junior Kyle Shields had 10. Senior Tyler Cooper recorded a career-high 13 rebounds to go along with his eight points.

"Hinz works as hard as any kid I've ever seen. He pins, powers the ball up — he's very difficult to guard and I'm very proud of him," said Cooper. "Tyler rebounded well tonight. He hasn't shot the ball as well lately but he's figured out what he needs to do to help us win the game, and he did it tonight."

Angelo State jumped out to an early 16-9 lead after sinking 4-of-7 three-point-

ers; the Rams finished the half shooting 55.6% from long range. But WT would work its way back into the game with the help of back-to-back three-pointers from Cooper and Grant, which pulled the Buffs within two points, 24-22, with 7:37 on the clock.

ASU went on an 11-2 run over the next three minutes to take its biggest lead of the half at 35-24 after Jerod Haynes hit a three pointer, but again the Buffs fought back and came within two points as they went on a 10-4 run of their own, including eight points from Hinz.

The Amarillo, Texas, native grabbed an offensive board and was fouled on the

put back; he converted an old-fashioned three-point play with six ticks left to send the teams to the locker rooms with the Buffs trailing by just one point, 41-40.

Grant gave WT its first lead since the opening drive of the game when he drained a three-pointer at the 17:40 mark of the second half. His basket put the Buffs ahead, 43-41, after the Rams' Quinn Barfield missed two free throws.

The Buffs are next in action on Feb. 13 when they travel to Wichita Falls to face Midwestern State in an 8 p.m. match-up.

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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Saturday's Cryptoquote: YOU WILL BECOME AS SMALL AS YOUR CONTROLLING DESIRE, AS GREAT AS YOUR DOMINANT ASPIRATION.
— JAMES ALLEN

Optimist Club basketball hosts exciting games

Boys basketball was back in action last Thursday with the K.C. Enterprise Irish taking on the Fenton Motor Cowboys in the early game. Josh DeLoach dropped in 14 points to lead the Cowboys over the Irish by a score of 22 to 17. The Cowboys got additional help from Zach Beedy with 6 points and Kolton Jefferies with 2 points. The Irish were led by Zach Wilson with 10 points, Ryan Lee with 6 and Alec McClendon would finish the scoring for the Irish with 1 point.


The 7pm game featured the NBC Sonics defeating the Celtics 22 to 12. Cager Osborne set the pace for the Sonics with 8 points, also scoring for the Sonics were Ethan Hunt with 4 and Josh Hernandez, Trey Miller and Braden Childress with 2 points each. J.C. Allen led the way for the Celtics with 4 points and Braxton Maul, Justin Velasquez, John Cryer and J.T. Skinner each had 2 points. In the late game Brycen McClendon had the hot hand

with 10 points as the Willis Oilfield Nuggets defeated the Clifton Supply Pistons 41 to 6. Alex Marrufo, Nathan Sprinkle and Damon Walker each had 9 points while Aaron Allen rounded out the scoring for the Nuggets with 4 points. The Celtics were led by Alec Hendricks with 4 points and Cuyler Clifton had 2 points.

On Friday night the the Roden Oilfield Aggies defeated the Douglas Paint and Body Tarheels 13 to 6. Bryson Burrell was tops for the Aggies with 9 points. Ryan Roden and Michael Mechelay rounded out the scoring for the Aggies with 2 points each. Brenden Woelfle was high point for the Tarheels with 4 and Chris Cryer finished with 2 points. The 7pm game was won by the Fenton Motor Cowboys by a score of 25 to 14 over the Embridge Longhorns. Josh DeLoach again led the Cowboys with 14 points, Zach Beedy was tough inside with 6 points and Yancy

McCuistion cleaned up with 3 points. A determined Cory Chidester led the Longhorns with 8 points and Bryce Chidester, Kade Winkler and Barak Reeves each had 2 points.

Friday night ended with the Great Plains Abstract & Title Buckeyes defeating the K.C. Enterprise Irish by a score of 35 to 12. The Buckeyes offense was ignited by Cade Engle who led the team with 16 points. Landon Taylor posted up for 8 points, Garrett Mulligan scored 5 points, Solon Wilson had 4 and Greyson Wilson rounded out the scoring for the Buckeyes with 2 points. The Irish were led by Zach Wilson with 6 points, Ryan Lee tossed in 4 and Jacob Velasquez finished the scoring for the Irish with 2 points. The boy's basketball season will continue on Monday night with 3 games scheduled starting at 6 pm. The Pampa Optimist Club is a United Way Organization.



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The 8th grade boys basketball, B team pose for a photo. Back Row, left to right: Coach Kaleb Snelgrooves, Trace Carter, Collin Killgo, Daniel Hulsey, Sam Cain. Front Row, left to right: Jaden Howard, Cole Engle, Dusty Spear, Laketon Harris, Brenden Burrell.

Pampa swim teams advance

BY KATHERINE FLANARY Sports Editor

Rebecca Taylor, Abigail West, Cole Guyer and Colby Dennis qualified for the regional finals at the Class 4A Region 1 swim meet at the Pete Ragus Aquatic Center in Lubbock.

Taylor qualified first in the 50

freestyle and Dennis qualified fourth in the 100 freestyle.

The Harvester relay teams also did well, with the boys qualifying third in the 400 freestyle relay and fourth in the 200 medley relay. The girls qualified sixth in the 200 medley and 200 freestyle medleys.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2008:

If possible, avoid putting inordinate pressure on roommates and family this year. You might be more demanding than you realize, as different situations unfold. Be sensitive and aware of the reactions you could provoke. A close friend or loved one might seem distant more often than not this year. This person could be evaluating his or her life on many different levels. Stay open if possible, but don't be demanding. Maintaining this posture will take talent and strength. If you are single, you might want to move quickly into a new relationship. Please take your time, for your sake. If you are attached, relating might be challenging, but both of you will grow and learn a lot as a result. Understand that people change. TAURUS can weigh you down, like an anchor.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Know and understand upcoming costs. Evaluate or ask for more information if need be. A project or a must appearance might toss you way out of whack. Investigate other ways around this issue, remembering that nothing is impossible. Seek out an expert or two. Tonight: Treat a loved one well.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You might start acting like a Bull, close to unstoppable. If you can, stop and rethink a situation more carefully. Your imagination adds that finishing touch to anything you apply it to. Your nerves could be frayed. Tonight: Once more, tap into your creativity.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ If others want to dominate, make it your pleasure. No one knows better than you how much you love free time to allow your mind to wander. What you accomplish right now might not be as important. Tonight: Yawn — get a good night's sleep.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. Others might appear to have reversed their positions. Recognize that people grow and change. Stay open as opposed to judgmental, and you'll get results. Confirm an appointment. Tonight: Where there are people.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Take a stand. Others might be reactive, though you might not be as bothered by it as you might think. Know that responsibility and leadership can frequently isolate people, even you. Curb any wild spending. Tonight: Up late.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ While others might be focused on handling the immediate issue, you will tend to pull back and see the big picture. As a result, you can gain remarkable insight and knowledge. Use this skill in relationships as well. Tonight: Follow your imagination.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Deal with people as if they are the most important people in the world. You cannot help but get results. Trust yourself, knowing what you want. Refuse to hedge, and be as direct as possible. Tonight: With a favorite person.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ The smart move is to let others have their head space and allow them to express what they feel. Ask questions and encourage conversations. You will understand much better why someone does this or that. Tonight: Go along with another's request.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ You are likely to take a chance or approach a situation totally differently. Remain confident and direct in your dealings. Your main goal is to accomplish what you need, rather than push someone too hard. Tonight: Choose a tension-buster.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You find solutions while others try to calm down situations or return to the status quo. By allowing your creativity to emerge, your ideas will be laden with excitement and energy. Share this high energy. Tonight: Fun and games.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Whether you admit it or not, you often get entrenched in "stuck" thinking. Events encourage you to forge ahead in a new direction. Revise an opinion without making a public announcement. Time will reveal if you are right. Tonight: Order in.

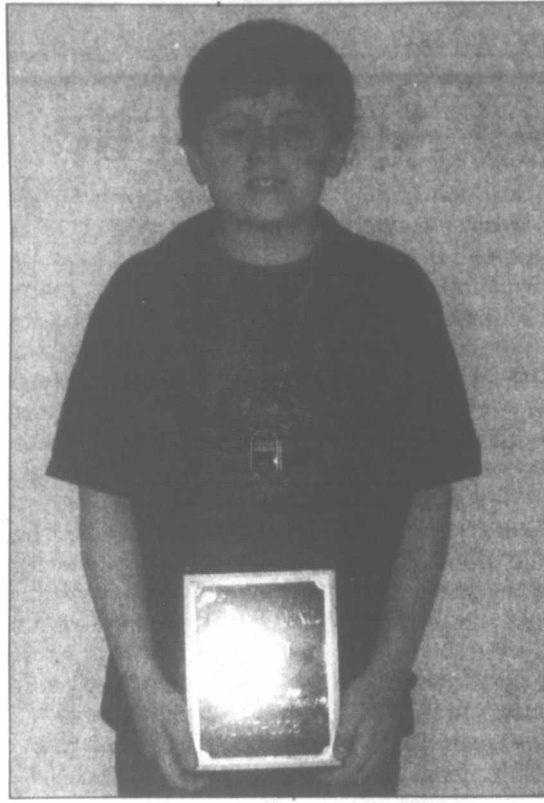
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Add in diplomacy, and you'll find that others open up more. A friendship develops to a deeper level. A partner who frequently feels remote opens up once more. Confirm meetings. Don't stand on ceremony over a hassle. Tonight: Hang out.

BORN TODAY
Actress Christina Ricci (1980), actress Joanna Kerns (1953), comedian, TV host Arsenio Hall (1955)

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Scientist



Courtesy Photo

Colin Hampton recently won the "Young Budding Scientist" award at the Travis Elementary School science fair.

Texas delegate system suddenly comes into play

AUSTIN (AP) — For the first time in 20 years, Texas will have a heated presidential primary election next month, a contest that will bring the state's complex primary and caucus system into play for Democratic hopefuls Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama.

"Texas arguably has the most arcane system in the country," state Rep. Juan Garcia, D-Corpus Christi and an Obama backer, told the Houston Chronicle in a story published Sunday. "There are a lot of people scrambling to get smart on it in a hurry."

The Democratic and Republican primaries in Texas are March 4. The Clinton-Obama tussle for national convention delegates is extremely tight, especially after Obama's victories Saturday in Nebraska, Washington and Louisiana.

The last time the Texas Democratic convention delegation was at stake in the midst of a national fight was 1988.

Michael Dukakis won the statewide primary that year but virtually split delegates evenly with Jesse Jackson because of the state's unique Democratic nominating process.

Here's a short version of the party rules, which are 11 pages long.

A total of 126 delegates will be awarded based on the outcome of the vote in each of the 31 state senatorial districts.

But the number of delegates available in each district is not equal: Delegates are allocated based on the votes cast in districts in the 2004 and 2006 presidential and gubernatorial elections.

In the heavily urban, black districts of state Sens. Rodney Ellis of Houston and Royce

West of Dallas, a good voter turnout in the past two elections means a combined total of 13 delegates are at stake in the two districts on Election Day.

Obama nationally has been winning eight out of 10 back voters, according to network exit polls.

But in the heavily Hispanic districts of state Sens. Juan Hinojosa of McAllen and Eddie Lucio Jr. of Brownsville, election turnout was low, and a combined total of seven delegates

are at stake. Clinton has been taking six of 10 Hispanic votes nationally. So a big South Texas win might not mean as much for Clinton as a big win for Obama in the two black districts.

In 1988, Dukakis won the statewide primary with 33 percent of the vote, followed by Jackson at 25 percent. Al Gore had 20 percent and Richard Gephardt had 14 percent.

But despite Dukakis' clear plurality victory, he split the state's delegates almost evenly. Dukakis took 72 delegates, Jackson 67. Forty-four were uncommitted.

"In '88, Jesse Jackson paid attention to the caucus process and had grass-roots organizers," said Garry Mauro, a former state land commissioner and Hillary Clinton supporter. "Dukakis did not pay attention to the caucus process."

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CHILDREN

Mom starts online toy rental company

HOUSTON (AP) — After scouring the Internet to fill her house with only the best toys for her infant twin sons, Lori Pope hated to watch the clutter build as the boys lost interest.

If you can rent movies, video games and even handbags online, she thought, why not toys?

That's the idea behind Baby Plays, a Web-based company Pope launched in October that allows parents to receive four or six toys in the mail every month, assembled and ready for playtime.

Call it Netflix for the toddler set.

Baby Plays subscribers visit the company's Web site to browse among nearly 200 toys for newborns through preschoolers. Customers build a wish list of toys they'd like to rent, and Pope's staff ships them to their door.

"It's going to take a load off of moms," Pope said.

The program has been great for Heidi Borden, a financial analyst from the Houston suburb of Katy who used to dread shopping for toys with her now 11-month-old daughter and 2-year-old son.

"She wants to get on the floor and he's running down the aisle and I'm just stressed to pick out something really good really quick, get in and out," said Borden, 39. "It's just a lot nicer to be able to do this online and not worry about if it's something that they don't like."

As the co-owner of an oil-field supply business, Pope also didn't have a lot of time to shop. To save time, money

and space, she searched the Internet for a toy rental company. When she couldn't find one, she decided to start her own.

Pope started with 10 customers, shipping toys out of spare office space in her business. Now she's got about 200 customers nationwide,

"It's just a lot nicer to be able to do this online and not worry about if it's something that they don't like."

— Heidi Borden
financial analyst

including about 40 grandparents, and is preparing to move into a 3,000-square-foot warehouse next door.

She has spent \$250,000 of the money she's made from her other business to get the company off the ground, from buying toys and hiring employees to subletting the office and storage space. She still pours about \$12,000 a month into the company but hopes to begin turning a profit by this fall.

Customers pay \$28.99 a month to get four toys a month for three months and \$35.99 a month to get six toys a month for three months. Families willing to sign a yearlong contract can get six toys a month for \$31.99.

Baby Plays' inventory includes popular toys by brands such as VTech, LeapFrog and Playskool as

well as more obscure European manufacturers. Pope keeps at least seven of each kind of toy in stock so she can fulfill almost every request. She plans to double her inventory over the next two months.

Pope mainly stocks sturdy, easy-to-clean toys with few parts or parts that are easily replaced. She searches Web sites and catalogs for popular toys that are appropriate for small children and meet all European and American safety standards.

Once a new toy comes in, Pope invites Houston-area customers and their children to her office for some hands-on testing. If the kids love them, she'll order more. If they ignore the toy or lose interest just a few minutes, it's out.

The toys are sanitized with Clorox wipes and loaded with fresh batteries before being shrink wrapped and boxed for shipment. The few toys that are too big to be shipped fully assembled are boxed with a screwdriver and instructions.

Families generally keep the toys for one month and then send them back in the box they came in, using a postage-paid return label the company includes with each shipment. Most parents know that's long enough for little kids to exhaust their interest.

But it's no big deal if the little one wants to hang on to a couple of toys for several months, Pope said. Parents can just exchange the toys they don't want, and new toys are shipped out as the old ones are returned.

Catholic Schools Week



Courtesy Photo

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School recently celebrated Catholic Schools Week with a canned food drive along with other activities. Two students honored during the week were Emma Doucette, pictured with her parents Jeremy and Amy, and Natalia Renteria, pictured with her parents Carmen and Jesus. Also pictured is Fr. Francisco Perez.

Death of young school pupil mourned

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — More than 1,000 people gathered at a church Saturday to mourn the death of a 7-year-old boy who died after being suspended from a hook in the bathroom of his school.

Tevin Park-Flowers was remembered for a big heart and radiant smile.

"We come this morning on this confusing and troubled day knowing, dear Father, that you are still in control," the Rev. Michael D. Harvey said during a prayer. "Grant us peace on this day, and help us that we might help one another."

Tevin died of cardiac arrest Feb. 1, two days after he was found hanging by his clothing from a hook in a bathroom at the elementary campus of the charter school he attended.

Police are investigating.

Tevin's older sister, Kia Thompson, thanked those who gave their support, according to a report in Sunday editions of the Austin American-Statesman.

"I miss his smiles, his dimples," Thompson said, adding that she is grateful to still have Tyler, Tevin's twin brother.

Tevin was a member Delwood youth football program, which won a state title in the midget division.

Tevin's jersey will be retired, and a programwide academic award will be established in his name, said Leo Dawson, who spoke on behalf of the team. Condolences from youth football teams across the state have been coming in for days, he said.

"You have our prayers," Dawson said. "It doesn't stop today."

Resident award



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH

Peggy Dawkins was recently voted as "Resident of the Month" at Coronado Healthcare. She is pictured in front of the new aviary that residents can now enjoy in the lobby. Dawkins moved to Pampa in 1953 and worked at the First Baptist child development program for 22 years. She enjoyed singing in church and playing the piano. She has two sons and enjoys being around family. She is active in resident council, church services and bingo. She has been at Coronado Healthcare for seven months.

Sixth body recovered at refinery

PORT WENTWORTH, Ga. (AP) — Search crews recovered another body Sunday from a sugar refinery devastated by a massive explosion, raising the number of confirmed deaths to six, the state's top elected fire official said.

Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John Oxendine told The Associated Press crews removed the body from the debris of the Imperial Sugar refinery shortly before ending search operations at sunset.

"The body was found in the final sweep," said Oxendine, who told The AP he got the news from Port Wentworth Fire Chief Greg Long. "It is in the custody of the medical examiner."

Savannah Fire Department Capt. Matt Stanley, spokesman for local firefighters at the scene, said he could not con-

firm that a sixth body had been found.

There were still two more workers missing in the smoldering remnants of the plant that exploded last week, sending dozens of workers to the hospital with burns and other injuries.

Officials on Sunday stopped the search at sunset. They had searched most of the plant, but had not yet searched a part of the refinery complex that was still burning and where the buildings were dangerously unstable.

Sugar still burning in two of the refinery's three badly damaged, 100-foot storage silos threatened to weaken the towering structures to the point of collapsing if the fire wasn't extinguished soon, Long said earlier.

He said firefighters hoped to smother the silo fires Monday

by using construction cranes to dump sand into silos. One of the silos blew up late Thursday, possibly after combustible sugar dust ignited.

Long said search crews had covered 95 percent of the massive refinery. He said the areas that had not yet been searched were on the first floor of a building near the blast, including a break room, where upper floors had collapsed.

After shoring up the building, crews would have to squeeze into tight spaces among the rubble to search them.

Mounds of sugary sludge pouring out of the silos Sunday was solidifying, creating another obstacle to the recovery efforts. A firefighter said his search team had to use power tools to tear down a door glued shut by sticky sludge.

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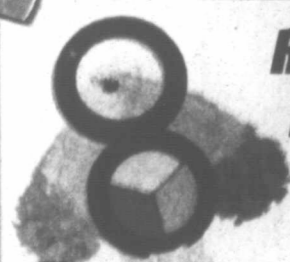
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