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Pampa native shares Ike experience

by David Bowser
 dbowser@thepampanews.com

At first it was exciting, but Mary Alice Warner said she doesn't want to go through that again. "That" was Hurricane Ike, which struck the Texas Gulf Coast in early September.

Pampa native Mary Alice Warner, Pampa High School Class of 2003, had earned her bachelor's degree in nutrition at Texas A&M University in 2007 and spent some time in Washington, D.C., working for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. She was part of the USDA's liaison team that worked with Congress on the 2008 Farm Bill.

But Warner had always dreamed of a nursing career, so after College Station, she applied and was accepted in the nursing program at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, she explained, was the first medical school and nursing school west of the Mississippi River.

The nursing program is an accelerated program, Warner said, explaining that one of the requirements is to have already earned a bachelor's degree.

She was enrolled and living in Galveston in August when Hurricane Eduard was making its way toward Galveston. That's when she was introduced to the Gulf Coast tradition of the hurricane party.

The surf was up. The fishing was good.

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submitted photo.
 Mary Alice Warner feasting on hog dogs at the local supermarket in Galveston following Hurricane Ike.

Pampa Fire to the rescue

by Rachel Stennett
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The Pampa Fire Department reported a total of 1105 calls for the year of 2008.

The most frequent calls received where in the area of Rescue and Emergency Medical Services, with a total of 466 calls or 42.15 percent of total call volume. Medical assist calls to respond with EMS crews made up 283 calls in the category, which is 25.61 percent.

Second highest but significantly less calls were Rescue, EMS incidents, and other calls with 68 calls. PFD responded to 45 calls concerning motor vehicle accident with no injuries.

PFD responded to 178 calls concerning Hazardous conditions, with no fire. The highest amount of calls within this area where for vehicle

accidents and general cleanup, with a total of 30 calls. Next highest was aircraft standby with 26 calls, and third was calls about hazardous conditions, with 23 calls.

Service calls made up for 15.7 percent of all Pampa Fire Department calls, with a total of 174 calls. Odor investigation made up for the highest amount of service calls with 36 total calls. Persons in distress had the second highest with 34 calls, and there were 29 fire prevention program calls.

PFD responded to 157 actual fire calls. There were 40 calls for building fires, 28 calls for outside rubbish, and 17 natural vegetation fire calls.

The category for good intent calls made up for 7.77 percent of all fire calls in 2008. Good intent calls and "dispatched but can-

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6 Texas inmates to die this month

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Texas is wasting little time this new year claiming its annual notoriety as the nation's most active capital punishment state.

Convicted killer Curtis Moore, condemned for the slayings of three people during a drug-ripoff robbery in 1995 in Fort Worth, is set for lethal injection this week in what would be the first execution in the United States in 2009.

It's the first of eight scheduled punishments this month in the U.S., all but two of them in Texas. The

18 prisoners put to death in Texas last year accounted for about half of the 37 executions carried out in the country. Since the U.S. Supreme Court in 1976 allowed capital punishment to resume, 423 Texas inmates have been put to death. Virginia was next with 102.

Moore, 40, was set to die Wednesday. Two more executions are set for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Huntsville Unit next week, then three more the following week.

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LEGISLATURE CONVENES TUESDAY Lawmakers to consider future of steroid testing

AUSTIN (AP) — By the tens of thousands, Texas athletes have been pulled out of class to urinate in a cup for the nation's largest high school steroids testing program.

Boys and girls in all sports, from football to tennis to cross country, have been randomly selected.

The results so far have found little to confirm fears that steroid use is a rampant problem. When the first 10,000 tests found only four positive results, critics declared the two-year program a waste of time and money.

Now state lawmakers must decide whether to keep the program chugging along, scale it down or eliminate it. The 2009 legislative session starts Tuesday.

Although the program's \$6 million pricetag is a mere .004 percent of the \$167 billion state budget, the money could be an easy target for lawmakers strapped for cash in a struggling economy.

The legislator who sponsored the testing bill in 2007 calls it an "incredible success."

The point of testing was to act as a deterrent against steroid use, not catch teens using drugs, said Rep. Dan Flynn, a Republican from Van.

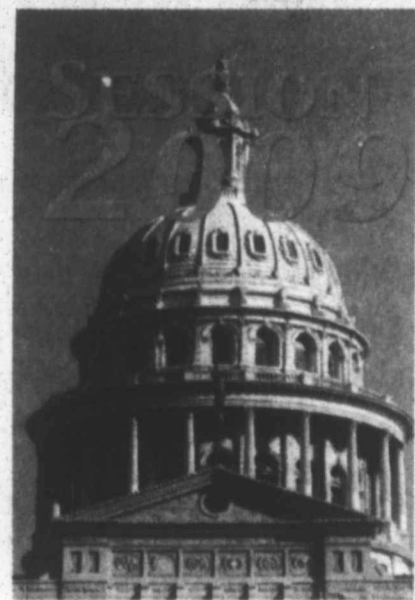
"We don't have a bunch of pelts hanging on the wall," Flynn said. "The success is that we haven't had a lot of positive tests."

Momentum for tests started building in 2005. Headlines of steroid use by professional athletes fueled concerns it had trickled down to high schools. Two years later, Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst made a testing program one of his top priorities.

By the end of the current school year in June, officials expect between 40,000-50,000 public school students from all sports to be tested.

Critics rolled their eyes when the first results were released.

According to a University Interscholastic League report to lawmakers on Dec. 1, the first 10,117 tests produced only the four confirmed cases of steroid use. Two of the drugs identified were the anabolic steroid boldenone and a steroid called methylandro-



standiol.

Another 22 cases were deemed "positive" results because students broke testing rules. They either refused to provide a urine sample, had unexcused absences the day they were selected, or left the testing area without approval. A positive test brought a 30-day suspension from play for the first offense.

The National Center for Drug Free Sport tested athletes at 195 schools between February and June 2008, covering 12 sports. Football (3,380) and girls' volleyball (835) were the sports most often tested. The UIL will update test results next month.

Republican state Sen. Dan Patrick of Houston, has been a vocal critic of the tests, calling them a "colossal waste of taxpayer money" that could be better spent battling recreational drug and alcohol use among teens.

With less than a full year of testing completed, Dewhurst said it's too early to determine if major changes should be made.


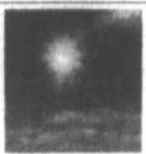

Testing is "detering our young people from putting their lives at risk or wrecking their bodies through the use of illegal steroids," Dewhurst said.

The program's cost compared to its
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Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 28. Wind chill values between 19 and 24. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 52. Northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 29. North wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 53. South southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 32. South southwest wind 5 to 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

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Cash Five Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — 83. Prize: \$465 Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night: Matching three of five: 2,494. Prize: \$11 Matching two of five: 27,923. Prize: \$2 Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

Milford Ray Jones, 85

Pampa, Texas—Milford Ray Jones, 85, died January 9, 2009 in Amarillo, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Jones was born May 17, 1923 on a small farm in Parnell, Texas to Jessie and Rufe Jones. He grew up surrounded by a loving family, aunts, uncles, and cousins who were like brothers and sisters. He married the love of his life, Glorice Haynes, on August 26, 1946 in Panhandle, Texas. She preceded him

in death in May 2008, after 61 years of marriage. They were introduced by his future brother-in-law, Johnnie Reynolds, where the two worked together at Motor Inn Supply. Mr. Jones has been a resident of Pampa since 1946. During this time he sold cars for Tex Evans Buick Co., and owned several service stations; the Old Gulf on Foster, the Gulf on Hobart, and the Coronado Conoco for 20 years. He was a Army veteran and served with the 746 Tank Battalion. He was a tank

instructor at Ft. Knox, Kentucky. He served in England, France, Belgium, and Berlin. He kept in touch with several of his old Army buddies, several which credited him with saving their lives. Mr. Jones was a member of Fellowship Baptist Church. He was a dedicated loving son, husband, and father. He loved training race horses, fishing, playing dominoes, and spending time with his family. He was dearly loved and will be greatly missed. He was preceded in death by his

parents: Jessie and Rufe Jones; a brother, Doyle T. Jones; and a grandson: Vandy Vanderberg.

Survivors include two daughters: Sandy Vanderburg and husband Freddy of Odessa, and Becky Dalton and husband Greg of Pampa. One son: Michael Jones and wife Regina of Pampa; Seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Brother-in-law: Walden Haynes and wife Joy. 2 sisters-in-law: Wauline Reynolds and Jerry Haynes.

Construction workers busted with 600 pounds of marijuana

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — Three construction workers for the company building part of the border fence and an international trade bridge to Mexico remained in a South Texas jail Friday after they were caught with nearly 600 pounds of marijuana.

Alberto Montiel, Ruben Vela and Rolando Flores, all of eastern Hidalgo County, were arrested

Wednesday at a Burger King not far from the Rio Grande, said Mission Police Sgt. Jody Tittle.

Police received a tip that a van and an SUV were transporting drugs. A patrol in the area spotted the vehicles driving together and followed them into the Burger King parking lot. Through the windows in both vehicles police saw large bundles containing marijuana. In Friday,

total, the 12 bundles weighed 596 pounds, Tittle said.

The drivers were wearing reflective vests and when asked, said they worked for Houston-based Williams Brothers Construction Co., Tittle said.

A receptionist at Williams Brothers in Houston said no one was available to comment late Friday.

Lawmakers criticize TYC over abuse

AUSTIN (AP) — Two state legislators slammed the Texas Youth Commission after the reported sexual abuse of several youths in the juvenile agency's custody who were housed with known sex offenders.

"It's outrageous. They're co-mingling sex offenders with non sex offenders. It's a dysfunctional agency," said Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, co-chair of the legislative committee that oversees the troubled agency. "If I was a juvenile judge or a D.A., I wouldn't send a youth to TYC." The TYC is looking into the alleged sexual abuse of four youths by their peers in November and December at an intake facility outside Waco. Whitmire and his colleagues on the TYC oversight committee learned that three of the victims had been double-bunked with youths who a history of sex offenses.

"It sounds like nothing has changed out there, that mistakes are still occurring that absolutely should not be," said House Corrections Committee Chairman Jerry Madden, R-Richardson.

"This is unacceptable." In a memo this week to the oversight committee, the agency's executive director, Cherie Townsend, said proper housing guide-

lines do not appear to have been followed. Later, however, agency spokesman Jim Hurley said TYC had no policy expressly barring sex offender youths from

being housed with others. Faced with the recent abuse reports, Townsend in December ordered all sex offenders to be segregated from others, Hurley said.

A sexual abuse scandal tore through the TYC two years ago and numerous reforms were made.

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Ike

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"It was exciting," Warner said. But Eduard veered off to the east, making landfall between Galveston and the Louisiana coast.

Warner said the lights in Galveston flickered due to the weather, but didn't go out.

It was a different story when Ike came ashore.

Hurricane Ike was the third-most destructive hurricane to hit the U.S.

Starting out in the Atlantic as a tropical depression, it grew into a Category 4 hurricane within five days with maximum sustained winds of 145 mph, making it the most intense storm of the season.

Initially, weather forecasters predicted that Ike would make landfall somewhere west of Galveston, maybe near Corpus Christi, but Warner said she knew the situation had become serious when the direction of the storm shifted and Galveston became the bulls' eye.

Officials ordered the west end of Galveston Island to evacuate.

"There's no sea wall there," Warner explained.

Warner and some of her friends lived in the middle of the island, but when emergency workers began moving people from the west end out, Warner and company joined them.

"We evacuated the same day," Warner said.

She left her apartment at 4:30 a.m. the day the evacuation started.

During Hurricane Rita, Interstate 45 had been backed up and people were stuck on the road for days, going nowhere.

"We decided to leave early," the Pampa native said.

At first, she went to Austin and stayed with relatives. Then she went to Waco and then to Houston.

"You can stay with family and friends for only so long," she said.



A sailboat sits forlornly ashore after being washed up by Hurricane Ike in Galveston. submitted photo

But emergency officials wouldn't let residents back on the island for several weeks.

"The infrastructure was awful," Warner said.

The streets were blocked with debris. There was no power. What water that was available was contaminated.

"You couldn't drink it," Warner said. "The stores weren't open."

When Warner was finally allowed back to her home, she found that she was probably better off than most of her friends.

"My apartment was on the second floor," she said.

A friend who had a ground floor apartment moved in with Warner for several weeks. Several friends lost the cars they had left in the parking lot.

Warner's apartment sustained wind and some water damage.

"They're repairing it," she said.

The owners of the apartment building began replacing dry wall as the tenants spread their belongings out on the lawn to dry.

Trucks started hauling debris away, but a lot of scrap was left in the street.

Warner, who had left Pampa to go to school with

four new tires on her car only months before, soon found herself buying new tires.

With masks and often wearing goggles to protect themselves from the mold that had invaded their apartments, Warner and her friends began their own clean up.

Daily, they would make their way to the FEMA locations for ice, bottled water and rations.

The local Kroger Supermarket began serving hot dogs.

"We had hot dogs every day for lunch," Warner said.

The Tide detergent people brought in a mobile laundry mat, Loads of Hope, so residents could do their laundry.

"There still wasn't any power," Warner said.

The bridge to the Flagship Hotel was washed away and the hotel, once a Galveston landmark, stands empty deserted now.

Murdoch's, Warner's favorite restaurant, is in splinters.

Boat still litter the landscape far from the water, and insect repellent is at a premium.

"Bugs are everywhere," Warner said.

The day the power came on, there was celebration. Warner's refrigerator worked, and it was immediately stocked with bags of ice.

Hurricane Ike was blamed for 82 deaths in the U.S. Some 74 people were killed earlier as Ike blew across Haiti, the Bahamas and Cuba.

Officials put the damage to the coastal area of Texas, including Galveston at \$27 billion. It was the third costliest storm in history.

Home for the holidays, Mary Alice Warner regaled family and friends with her tales, made a pilgrimage to the Coney Island and prepared to return to Galveston. Classes start Jan. 7.

As for Galveston, Warner said the natives there are determined to bring it back better than it was before.

"It'll come back," she said confidently. "I'll just take time."

Despite the delays caused by one of the worst hurricanes to hit the United States, Warner still plans to graduate in April.

"We're proud of her," said her mother, Cay Warner.

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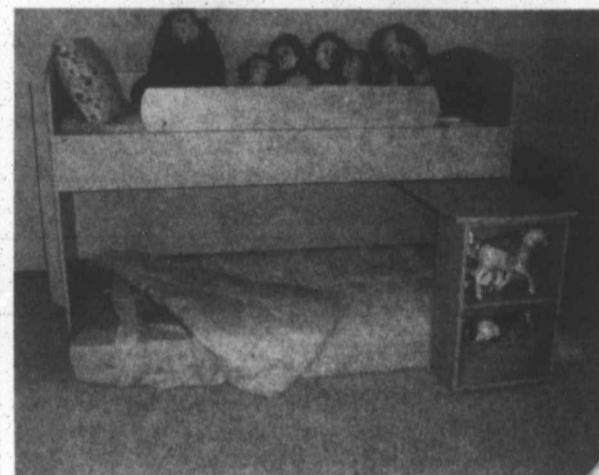
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Thousands of mourners pay tribute to slain officer

DALLAS (AP) — Music and prayers were part of the emotional funeral for a slain Dallas police officer.

Several thousand mourners, including hundreds of officers from around the country, turned out Friday for services for 43-year-old Sr. Cpl. Norman Smith.

Smith, who was a member of the department's gang unit, was shot to

death Tuesday night while attempting to serve a warrant. Charles Patrick Payne is jailed on a capital murder charge in the killing.

The lid on Smith's U.S. flag-draped coffin was closed by his wife, Lt. Regina Smith, who wore her Dallas police uniform as she bid farewell to her husband of 18 years.



Pampa ISD Events for the Week of January 12-27

Watch this space every Sunday for a weekly listing of non-athletic events from every campus in our school district

Pampa High School

January 14 • Making it Count Assembly
January 15 • Financial Aid Night • 7:00pm • Auditorium
January 16 & 17 • All Region Band Clinic/Concert • Randall
January 17 • Speech Tournament • Borger

Pampa Junior High School

January 12 • Chili Cook-Off • 5:30 pm • Breezeway
January 12 • Booster Club Meeting • 6:00 pm • Library
January 14 • Worth the Wait Assembly • 9:00 am
January 15 • NJHS Meeting • Library
January 17 • 8th Grade Fundraiser Dance • 7:00 pm

Lamar Elementary

January 13 • Kid's Cafe • 5:30-6:30pm

Travis Elementary

January 16 • Pastries with Parents • 7:30 am

Wilson Elementary

January 12 • Tutorials • 3:00 pm
January 12 • Kids's Cafe • 5:30-6:30 pm (Free meal provided for families)
January 16 • 2nd Grade Field Trip • Discovery Center



For the most up-to-date Pampa ISD information, Go to the school website at www.pampaisd.net From the parent connection drop-down menu, click on the Pampa ISD Event Calendar

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THE RETIREMENT OF DR. THOMAS BAKER



After having served Pampa and the Texas Panhandle for the past 17 years, Dr. Thomas L. Baker is retiring. Along with his wife, Sue, the long-time therapeutic optometrist will be leaving Broome Optical to live on his ranch near Graham, Texas.

The Bakers first came to Pampa in 1992 from Gatesville, Texas. A Vietnam veteran (U.S. Army) and graduate of the University of Houston, Dr. Baker immediately began making an impact on patients with his professionalism and expertise, and considered it a privilege to care for their vision. He and Sue — who owned Tejas Real Estate and served as three-time president of Pampa Board of Realtors — have remained fixtures in the Pampa community.

The Bakers are the proud parents of three sons: Aaron and his wife, Annie, of Pampa; Lane and his wife, Emily, of Bryan; and Landon of San Marcos. They also have five grandchildren. We know they'll miss Pampa and their many friends here, but are looking forward to plenty of new adventures at "the ranch." Broome Optical appreciates Dr. Baker's many loyal patients and knows they will continue to receive excellent care with Dr. Lindsay Hudson.

The community is invited to a retirement reception honoring Dr. Baker on Thursday, January 15, 2009, from 5 to 7 pm at Broome Optical in Pampa (1916 N. Hobart).

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Viewpoints

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Saturday, Jan. 10, the 10th day of 2009. There are 355 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 10, 1776, Thomas Paine anonymously published his influential pamphlet, "Common Sense."

On this date:

In 1810, Napoleon I, Emperor of the French, divorced his wife, Josephine.

In 1861, Florida seceded from the Union.

In 1870, John D. Rockefeller incorporated Standard Oil.

In 1920, the League of Nations was established as the Treaty of Versailles went into effect.

In 1946, the first General Assembly of the United Nations convened in London.

In 1957, Harold Macmillan became prime minister of Britain, following the resignation of Anthony Eden.

In 1967, Massachusetts Republican Edward W. Brooke, the first black elected to the U.S. Senate by popular vote, took his seat.

In 1978, the Soviet Union launched two cosmonauts aboard the Soyuz 27 capsule

'Sex is the Tabasco sauce which an adolescent national palate sprinkles on every course in the menu.'

—Mary Day Winn
American writer

for a rendezvous with the Salyut 6 space laboratory.

In 1984, the United States and the Vatican established full diplomatic relations for the first time in more than a century.

In 1989, Cuba began withdrawing its troops from Angola, more than 13 years after its first contingents arrived.

Ten years ago: Republicans and Democrats disagreed over whether to call witnesses in President Bill Clinton's impeachment trial, with Republicans pressing to hear testimony from Monica Lewinsky and others, and Democrats saying such testimony could unnecessarily prolong the proceedings.

Five years ago: North Korea said it had shown its "nuclear deterrent" to an unofficial U.S. delegation that visited the disputed Yongbyon nuclear complex.

One year ago: The United States on Thursday lodged a formal diplomatic protest with Iran over an incident in which Iranian speedboats harassed U.S. warships in the Persian Gulf. President George W. Bush, visiting Israel and the Palestinian West Bank, said a Mideast peace pact would require "painful political concessions by both sides."

Today's Birthdays: Opera singer Sherrill Milnes is 74. Blues artist Eddy Clearwater is 74. Rock singer-musician Ronnie Hawkins is 74. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Willie McCovey is 71. Singer Scott McKenzie is 70. Movie director Walter Hill is 69. Singer Frank Sinatra Jr. is 65. Singer Rod Stewart is 64. Rock singer-musician Donald Fagen (Steely Dan) is 61. Actor William Sanderson is 61. Boxer George Foreman is 60. Roots rock singer Alejandro Escovedo is 58. Rock musician Scott Thurston (Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers) is 57. Singer Pat Benatar is 56. Rock musician Michael Schenker is 54. Singer Shawn Colvin is 53. Rock singer-musician Curt Kirkwood (Meat Puppets) is 50.

Analysis: Bush legacy—grim times, gloomy nation

By BEN FELLER

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)— Wars. Recession. Bailouts. Debt. Gloom.

The unvarnished review of George W. Bush's presidency reveals a portrait of America he never would have imagined.

Bush came into office promising limited government and humble foreign policy; he exits with his imprint on startling free-market intervention and nation-building wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

He was the president who pledged not to pass on big problems. Instead, he leaves a pile for Barack Obama.

Grading Bush's performance has its limitations. History offers a warning about judging a president and his tenure in the moment: The wisdom and decisions of a leader can look different years later, shaped by events impossible to know now. Leaders are entrusted to act in the nation's long-term interests.

That's fine for history, but people lead their lives and make their judgments in real time.

Based on that standard, the Bush report card is mixed at best. It is abysmal at worst.

This is his tenure: eight years bracketed by the worst terrorist attack in U.S. history and the worst economic collapse in three generations. In between came two wars, two Supreme Court appointments, a tough re-election, sinking popularity, big legislative wins and defeats, an ambitious effort to combat AIDS, a meltdown of the housing market, a diminishing U.S. reputation abroad, and more power invested in Dick Cheney than any vice president in history.

Bush got his tax cuts and education law in the first term, then swung hard and missed on Social Security and immigration in his second. He seized a bullhorn and united a country devastated by terrorism, but stumbled badly when a hurricane swallowed the Gulf Coast.

Many of his original campaign promises are dust. Sept. 11, 2001, changed everything.

In the heady days, Bush was the face of a party that ran the White House and Congress. Now Republicans hold neither. So much for a durable majority.

Bush said he would change the tone of Washington. He never did.

Bush pushed all legal limits in targeting terrorists. They have not struck America again.

The president's defenders may well be right that his decisions will be viewed honorably over time.

For now, he is out of time. And realistic about his exit.

"It turns out," he said, "this isn't one of the presidencies where you ride off into the sunset."

By any standard, the economy is in atrocious shape. More than 11 million people are out of work. The unemployment rate is at a 16-year high. The Dow Jones industrial average fell by 33.8 percent in 2008, the worst decline since 1931. One in 10 U.S. homeowners is delinquent on mortgage payments or in foreclosure.

People are losing their college savings, their nest eggs, their dreams.

The country is at war in Iraq and Afghanistan, and more broadly,

against a threat of terrorism that pre-dates Bush and still lurks, from countless corners.

Meanwhile, the U.S. government keeps spending money it doesn't have. The current budget deficit stands at a record \$455 billion. That hole will get deeper, probably more than a staggering \$1 trillion, as the bill grows for bailouts and efforts to jack up the economy.

And then there is the dismal public mood.

Huge numbers of people think the country is on the wrong track. Almost two-thirds of people polled by the Pew Research Center said Bush's administration will be remembered for its failures.

"Nothing's going right," said Thomas Whalen, a professor of politics at Boston University who has written a book about presidential courage. "He was handed a country that was in pretty good shape. How you can argue that he's left the country in better shape?"

As they leave, Bush, Cheney and a cadre of West Wing advisers have been making that argument fervently. They insist some deeds are overshadowed, and others will be more appreciated over time.

The president takes pride in getting an education law that demands testing and accountability; a Medicare law that provides a prescription-drug benefit; an AIDS relief plan that has helped millions of people in impoverished lands; and a policy of working with religious organizations as a way to help needy people.

Bush also shaped the conservative direction of the Supreme Court, likely for decades, with his choice of Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Samuel Alito. But in between came the embarrassing rejection of another nominee, his friend and then-White House counsel Harriet Miers, by conservatives from his own party.

Still, for the most part, this has been a presidency dominated by war.

Bush lost the country's faith when the war in Iraq had so many setbacks. He failed intelligence about Saddam Hussein's weapons in the first place, the botched postwar planning, the Mission Accomplished that wasn't, the sectarian killing that seemed like a quagmire.

His unpopular decision to send more troops for security is now viewed as a success, and Iraq is much more stable and free.

But most Americans still think the war was a deep, costly mistake. This is where Bush takes a long view, one that many political scientists find rosy: the liberation of 50 million in Iraq and Afghanistan will lead to peace and democracy in a troubled region.

He includes the staggering peace process between Israelis and Palestinians. Bush got personally involved late in his presidency, only to see hopes for a peace deal fade, followed by more despair: a new war in the Mideast, with Israel's air and ground assault on Gaza in response to rocket attacks by Hamas.

"I believe when people objectively analyze this administration, they'll say, 'Well, I see now what he was trying to do,'" Bush said last month.

Said Bush this summer: "I'll be dead when they finally figure it out."

Bush got elected on a promise of smaller government. Then he oversaw huge deficit spending. His mindset changed when the country was attacked.

"The most important promise that he made was to keep America safe," said Bush spokeswoman Dana Perino. "He's singularly obsessed with that notion, just like Roosevelt was obsessed with World War II and Reagan was obsessed with the Cold War. This is a war on terror."

And so came the Bush Doctrine of pre-emptive strikes against looming threats, treating those who harbor terrorists just like the killers themselves, and promoting an ideology of freedom across the globe. He saw himself as resolute in hard times; the country saw him as stubbornly stay-the-course.

"He put everything into his campaign for Iraqi democracy," said Douglas Brinkley, a presidential historian and professor at Rice University. "The results seem to be quite painful for the United States, not just in terms of more than 4,000 dead soldiers, but the ideological fervor instead of a cool-headed pragmatism."

Where Bush still gets some public credit: The U.S. has not been attacked since Sept. 11. But it is hard to run a country without support of the people, and Bush steadily lost his as U.S. deaths rose in Iraq to more than 4,200.

The U.S. reputation abroad has suffered mightily, too.

At home, the second term brought a debacle of enormous proportions, the botched response to Hurricane Katrina. The country watched in shame. The catastrophe cemented images of Bush out of touch: flying over a sinking city, praising his beleaguered emergency management chief for a "heckuva job."

"These big moments can really form presidencies," said Gary Gregg, a presidential expert at the University of Louisville.

Just when it appeared Bush might be heading for a quiet exit, the final year of his presidency was overtaken by the agonizing economic crash.

The housing market collapsed. Credit froze. Financial giants crumbled. Layoffs mounted. Bailouts kept coming, including an astounding \$700 billion plan.

Bush gets some blame for the giant mess. He was not just the leader at the time, but one who promoted a get-out-of-the-way philosophy of regulation during a period when mortgage-lending standards grew lax. Yet he also got resistance from Congress when he pushed for greater oversight of the housing industry.

Bush is quick to mention that other people, many on Wall Street, share responsibility for the economic crisis. Regardless, it caps his tenure.

His main point is that when he saw trouble, he acted decisively.

"I've been a wartime president," he said. "I've dealt with two economic recessions now. I've had, you know, a lot of serious challenges. What matters to me is that I did not compromise my soul to be a popular guy."

So let history judge, Bush says. The country already has.

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Newsmaker

Kourtney Christine Farmer, daughter of Jason and Dane Farmer, was recently named to the Dean's List at West Texas A&M University in Canyon for the 2008 fall semester.

A sophomore pre-veterinarian major at WTAMU, she carries a 3.6 grade point average. She is a 2008 Pampa High School graduate.



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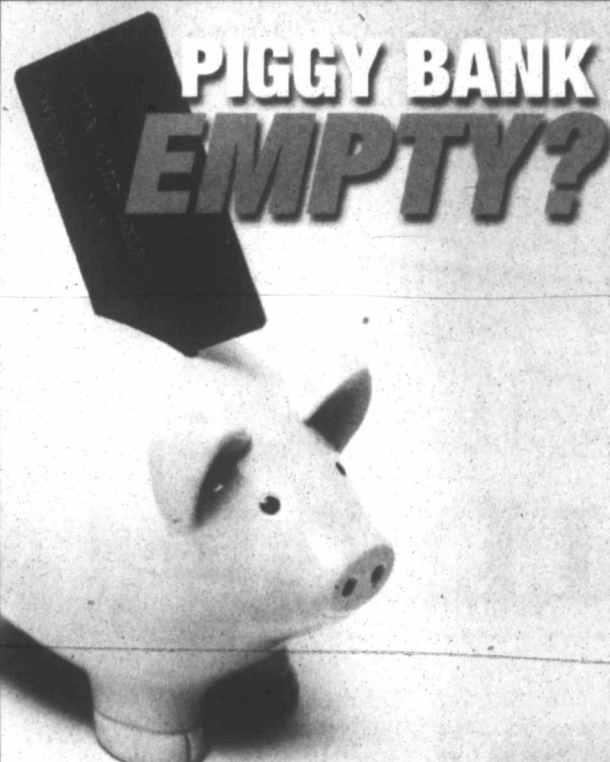
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Sims, Barado Wedding

Shelly Sims and Wayne Barado, both of Lubbock, Texas, exchanged wedding vows July 19, 2008, in Lubbock. Clint Stephenson, of Westmont Christian Church of Lubbock, Texas, performed the ceremony.

The matron of honor was Annie Hilton, sister of the bride of Amarillo, Texas. The bridesmaids were Stephanie Edwards of Victoria, Texas, Stacie Edwards of Spring, Texas, Dixie Padavich of Canyon, Texas, all cousins of the bride, and Tracy Frazier of Amarillo, Texas. The flower girl was Madison Lanza, cousin of the groom of Lafayette, La.

Casey Potter of Levelland, Texas, stood up as best man. The groomsmen were Justin Alexander of Sachse, Texas, David Hale of Houston, Texas, Jeb Hilton, brother-in-law of the bride of Amarillo, Texas, and Gavin Gillitt of Lubbock, Texas. The ring bearers were Grayson and Bennett Lanza, cousins of the groom of Lafayette, La. The hanky bearer was Landon Hilton, nephew

of the bride. The ushers were Chris Edwards of Victoria, Texas, Steve Edwards of Austin, Texas, Eric Sims of Plano, Texas, David Sims of Reno, Texas, and Derek Taylor of Dallas, Texas, all cousins of the bride.

Teresa Sims, cousin of the bride of Plano, Texas, handled the guest book. A reception was held at The Watson Building with Chrissy Warren of Amarillo, Texas, T'Andra Holmes, Lauren Gafford, sister of the groom, both of Lubbock, Texas, and Janet Groth, aunt of the groom of West Palm Beach, Fla., serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Gary and Diane Sims of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 2002 and is employed with Stellar Management.

The groom is the son of Tim and Belinda Gafford of Lubbock, Texas. He graduated from Waubonsie Valley High School in Aurora, Ill., and from Texas Tech University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in sociology. He



Shelly Sims and Wayne Barado

works for the family business, Gafford Pest Control Services, Inc. The newlyweds honey-

moonied in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, and intend to make their home in Lubbock.

Reece, Lancaster Wedding

Lindsay Reece and Travis Lancaster, both of Plano, were wed Oct. 25, 2008, in St. Mark's Catholic Church in Plano with Father Clifford Smith of Plano officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Sharon Reece of Spring, and Mitch and Nancy Reece of Houston. The groom is the son of Michael and Kim Lancaster of Pampa.

Sister of the bride Shannon Reece of McKinney acted as matron of honor. The bridesmaids were Ryan Kerr of Houston, Jessica Villereal of Tomball, Patrice Mattaliano of Spring, Brynn Rouse of San Antonio and Jill Stevenson of Lubbock. The reader was Sarah Smart of San Marcos.

Taylor Harris of Lubbock acted as best man. The groomsmen were Todd Lancaster, brother of the groom of Kyle, Pete Jones, brother-in-law of the bride of McKinney, Mitchell Reece, brother of the bride of Spring, Chad Ray of Houston and Adam Wright of Pampa.

Nick Dyer of Pampa, Michael Richie and Kirk George, both of Lubbock, served as ushers.

The guest book was handled by Brittany Hebert of Spring and Lindsay Alvarado of Miami, Fla.

Music was provided by Samantha Smart of Baton Rouge, La., and Joe Coleman of Plano.

A reception was held at South Fork Ranch.

The bride graduated from Klein High School in Spring and attended Texas Tech University. She holds a degree from North Texas Professional Career Institute School of Nursing and is employed as a labor and delivery nurse at Parkland Hospital in Dallas.

The groom graduated from Pampa High School and attended Amarillo College and TTU. He is currently enrolled with the University of Phoenix as a full-time student and is employed by Sherwin Williams in Plano.

The newlyweds honeymooned in Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic and reside in Plano.



Lindsay Reece and Travis Lancaster

Cradle call



Zoe Isabella Davis

Zoe Isabella Davis was born at 1:42 p.m. Dec. 30, 2008, at Golden Plains Community Hospital in Borger, to Shantillee Davis and Clayton Davis. At birth, the infant weighed 6-pounds, 1.6-ounces and was 19-inches long. The newborn is the grandchild of David and Sandra Hemphill, and Greg and Debbie Davis, all of Pampa; and is the great-grandchild of Vernell Fortin, Jack and Anita Davis, all of Pampa, Bobbie Stewart of Abilene and the late Joe Fortin.

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 Lunch: Popcorn chicken or pizza, mashed potatoes, corn, fruit, rolls.
TUESDAY
 Breakfast: Cinnamon tstry.
 Lunch: Beef vegetable soup or chicken nuggets, potato rounds, Rosie applesauce, cornbread muffins.
WEDNESDAY
 Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.
 Lunch: Ravioli or chef salad, green beans,

cheesy potatoes, fruit, garlic toast.
THURSDAY
 Breakfast: Sausage, biscuits.
 Lunch: Steak fingers or cheese nachos, fries, spinach, pears, pudding.
FRIDAY
 Breakfast: Cereal, toast.
 Lunch: Chicken fajitas or hot dogs, refried beans, carrots, celery, spiced apples, Spanish rice.
Kid's Cafe-Wilson
MONDAY
 Chicken fries, mashed potatoes, green beans, dessert.
Kid's Cafe-Lamar

TUESDAY
 Stew, salad, dessert.
Kid's Cafe-Briarwood
THURSDAY
 Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, corn, dessert.
Southside Senior Citizens
THURSDAY
 Chicken strips, country gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, dessert.
Senior Citizens
MONDAY
 Chicken fried steak or chicken and dumplings, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, northern beans, spice cake or chocolate sundae cups slaw, tossed

or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
TUESDAY
 Meatloaf or tuna noodle casserole, mashed potatoes, Italian green beans, fried squash, beans, cherry chocolate cake or lemon pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
WEDNESDAY
 Roast beef brisket with brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, Scandinavian blend, cream corn, beans, ugly duckling cake or vanilla pudding cups, hot rolls or cornbread.

THURSDAY
 Chicken strips or pepper steak with rice, scalloped potatoes, fried okra, cheese hominy, beans, banana nut cake or butterscotch pie, hot rolls or cornbread.
FRIDAY
 Catfish and hushpuppies or tamales with chili & cheese, potato wedges, broccoli casserole, beans, brownies or tapioca cups, garlic bread sticks, hot rolls or cornbread.
FRIDAY
Meals On Wheels
MONDAY
 Barbecue chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, peach cobbler.
TUESDAY
 Polish sausage, cheese grits, mixed greens, cake.
WEDNESDAY
 Tater tot casserole, cabbage, blackeyed peas, apple pie.

THURSDAY
 Ham, okra & tomatoes, pinto beans, cornbread, pudding.
FRIDAY
 Spaghetti, meat sauce, green beans, bread sticks, salad, cookies.

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Cradle call



Juan Jeremiah Lopez

Juan Jeremiah Lopez was born at 6:40 a.m. Nov. 26, 2008, at Pampa Regional Medical Center, to Juan (Puna) and Lindsay Lopez of Pampa. At birth, the infant weighed 7-pounds, 12-ounces and was 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inches long. The newborn is sibling to one sister, Baileigh Lopez of Pampa; and is the grandchild of Carol Carroll of Amarillo, Robert Carroll of Perryton, Ricardo Lopez of Pampa and the late Mary Lou Lopez.



Kulden Layne Wyatt

Kulden Layne Wyatt was born Oct. 15, 2008, at Perryton, to Tommy and Shila Wyatt of Canadian. At birth, the infant weighed 6-pounds, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ -ounces and was 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inches long. The newborn is the sibling of one brother, Brenden Wyatt; is the grandchild of Rick McMullen of Lefors, and Linda McMullen and Patricia Johnson, both of Pampa; and is the great-grandchild of Mildred Plemons of Pampa.



Andrew J. VanHouten

Andrew Josiah VanHouten was born at 4:15 p.m. Dec. 29, 2008, at University of New Mexico Hospital, to Chris and Jessikah VanHouten of Pampa. At birth, the infant weighed 6-pounds, 1-ounce and was 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inches long. The newborn is the grandchild of Darla and William White, and Don and Cheri VanHouten.

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Inmates

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The six Texas inmates set to die in January are among at least 14 with execution dates already this year. Three more are set to die in early February, four in March and another in April. Nationwide, they are among more than two dozen with dates already in 2009, according to statistics kept by the Death Penalty Information Center, a Washington, D.C. anti-death penalty group.

"The only thing I could speculate is it's a result of the backlog created by the moratorium," said Kristin Houle, executive director of the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty.

A Supreme Court review of a Kentucky case that questioned whether lethal injections were unconstitutionally cruel stalled punishments from September 2007 until the justices last April okayed the method.

"There's some general fallout from the fact we

weren't executing anyone for eight or nine months," Houle said. "I think we're seeing this throughout the country."

Alabama, for example, carried out no executions in 2008. Already for 2009, however, five are scheduled for that state, including one for Thursday. Besides Texas and Alabama, inmates from Ohio, Oklahoma and Tennessee are on the execution calendar.

In Texas, where a record 40 prisoners were put to death in 2000, execution dates are set by trial court judges from the county where the prisoner was convicted. For inmates now with scheduled dates, legal appeals either are exhausted or in the final stages in appeals courts.

"The people in Texas are duped. They think the justice system is working," said Larry Swearingin, 37, facing execution Jan. 27 for the strangulation of Melissa Trotter, a 19-year-old student abducted from Montgomery College north of Houston 10 years ago.

"I believe it's going to be a record year," he said.

Swearingin, who's hoping late appeals will spare his life, believes he was wrongly convicted, that his court-appointed trial lawyers, "worried about their next appointment," were part of "the bubba system" and that evidence favorable to him was manipulated and hidden to orchestrate his conviction. He'll get a reprieve "if there's any integrity in Texas," he said in an interview last week.

"But there's nothing I can do about that," he said. "I'm not going to boo-hoo about it. I'll continue my praying, continue my Bible studies."

Moore is set to begin the parade to the Huntsville

death house, returning this week to the same place where he was taken in 2002, only to see the Supreme Court halt his punishment about three hours before he could have been executed. His lawyers then raised the possibility he was mentally retarded and ineligible for the death penalty. The Supreme Court denied that appeal in October.

Moore was on parole for robbery when he was arrested for killing three people in a pair of shootings Nov. 30, 1995.

Roderick Moore, 24, who was not related to him, and LaTanya Boone, 21, both of Fort Worth, were found shot to death in a roadside ditch across from a Fort Worth elementary school. The same night, Darrel Hoyle, then 21, of Fort Worth, and Henry Truevillain Jr., 20, of Forest Hill, were found shot and burned. Hoyle, however, survived and helped lead police to the arrest of Moore and his nephew, Anthony Moore, who then was 17.

Also set to die this month in Texas are:

—Frank Moore, 47, on Jan. 21, for fatally shooting two people in a car outside a San Antonio bar 15 years ago. Moore was a San Antonio gang member with an extensive criminal past.

—Reginald Perkins, 53, on Jan. 22, for the 2000 strangulation of his stepmother in Fort Worth. Gertie Perkins, 64, is one of six women — three in Fort Worth and three in Cleveland, Ohio — whose slayings are tied to him.

—Virgil Martinez, 40, on Jan. 28, for an October 1996 shooting rampage that left four people dead, including his ex-girlfriend, Veronica Fuentes, and her 3- and 6-year-old children.

—Ricardo Ortiz, 46, on

Jan. 29, for the slaying of a fellow inmate at the El Paso County Jail in 1997. Ortiz, identified as a high-ranking prison gang member, was convicted of giving a lethal dose of heroin in 1997 to Gerardo Garcia, 22, to stop Garcia from testifying against him about bank robberies they both had committed.

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findings could decide its future.

Flynn wants to keep testing, but is willing to consider scaling down the program providing it remains an effective deterrent. The law requires only that a "statistically significant" number of athletes be tested.

High schools worry the state will push the cost to them.

"That's a real concern," said D.W. Rutledge, executive director of the Texas High School Coaches Association, which has nearly 20,000 members and endorses testing so long as the state pays for it.

"Will the mandate be there with no money to pay for it?" Rutledge said.

The UIL recommends the state continue bearing the cost. Its report studied financing options, including increasing fees on the 1,300 member schools and a so-called "ticket tax" on the price of admission to games.

Keeping the current \$6 million program would cost each school an extra \$4,709 every two years. For the smallest schools, often in rural areas, that

would be a 500 percent increase.

The report said a ticket tax would be unreliable because the UIL cannot accurately estimate how many tickets will be sold. Many schools only sell tickets to football and basketball with fans allowed

to watch other sports for free.

It would also be difficult to account for the large amounts of cash that change hands at Texas high schools on a typical Friday night during football season, the report said.

Voting rights law under review

WASHINGTON (AP) — Days before the first black president takes office, the Supreme Court agreed Friday to consider overturning a key feature of the main federal law that ensures access to the polls by minorities.

The justices said they will review a lower court ruling upholding a provision of the Voting Rights Act that requires all or parts of 16 states with a history of racial discrimination, most in the South, to get approval before implementing any changes in the way elections are held.

In 2006, Congress voted overwhelmingly to extend the measure for another 25 years. The 1965 law was designed to prevent governments from making it harder for minorities to vote.

The justices will hear the case in April and probably decide it by June, against the backdrop of a presidential election that was unimaginable when the law was enacted more than 40 years ago.

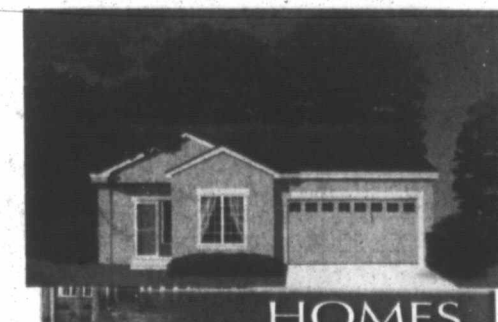
"The elephant in the room is what to make of the Obama election," said Nathaniel Persily, professor of law and political science at Columbia Law School, referring to the election of Barack Obama. "Does the election of the first African-American president undermine the central justification for parts of the Voting Rights Act?"

A second case accepted for argument Friday looks at whether a decision by New Haven, Conn., to scrap a promotion exam after too few minorities passed it violates the civil rights of white and Hispanic firefighters who did well enough to advance.

The latest voting rights challenge comes from a local Texas government that says it was created in the 1980s, has no history of discrimination and shouldn't be subject to what it calls "the most federally invasive law in existence."

Northwest Austin Municipal Utility District Number One, a government board formed to provide local services to about 3,500 people, sued following the 2006 extension. The board asked the court to exempt it from the law and said Congress had not shown a link between the district's need to get advance approval and past racial discrimination.

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Longhorns trample Harvesters' teams

Friday night, Jan. 9, all Pampa basketball teams traveled to "The Rock" to face the Caprock Longhorns. Caprock would sweep Pampa's teams in all four games. The Harvesters will be at home Tuesday night starting at 6 p.m. against Hereford.

JV Girls
The JV Lady Harvesters fought very hard against the Longhorns. Pampa held a slim lead at the end of one quarter and even took a slight edge into halftime.

Caprock took that advantage away and Pampa lost the lead in the third quarter and finally lost 50-42. Kylee Wyatt put in 11, Kayla Hughes 10, Delaney Clendening 7, Cori Cook and Kailyn Troxell 4, Liz Hoelting 2, and Kay Kirkham one.

JV Boys
The JV boys game was also a tightly contested match. Each team came out determined to be on top. After one period, Pampa held a 11-10 advantage. Caprock gained a slight edge to lead 25-22 at half. Both teams came out shooting very well in the third quarter with Caprock extending its lead 42-38. The teams played tough in the final period but Pampa could not find a way to

overcome the four point deficit and lost 54-50. Scoring for the Harvesters Latigo Collins 19, Reid Miller 13, Garrett Ericson 12, Reid Bradley, Luke Watson and Joseph Mechelay with 2.

Varsity Girls
Caprock made a run at the Lady Harvesters and Pampa that left them trailing 17-3 at the end of the first quarter. Andi Hutto and Carlyn Teichmann each scored a basket and the Lady Harvesters were down 31-7 at half. Jessica Miner pumped in five points and Sammie Pearson contributed two in the third quarter, but turnovers would hamper Pampa's ability to mount a comeback. They were far behind, 50-14 after three periods. Emilie Troxell made four free throws and Teichmann sunk a three-point basket in the fourth quarter, but the Lady Harvesters lost 61-24.

Varsity Boys
The Harvester boys Varsity ended the night against the Longhorns. Pampa started the game red hot as Travis Hagerman scored a basket, Alex Clendening added a bucket and Blake Sieck put in a two as Pampa built a 6-2 lead with 4 minutes remaining in the first period.

Hagerman scored two more and Alex Torres sank a three as Pampa stretched the lead to 11-4.

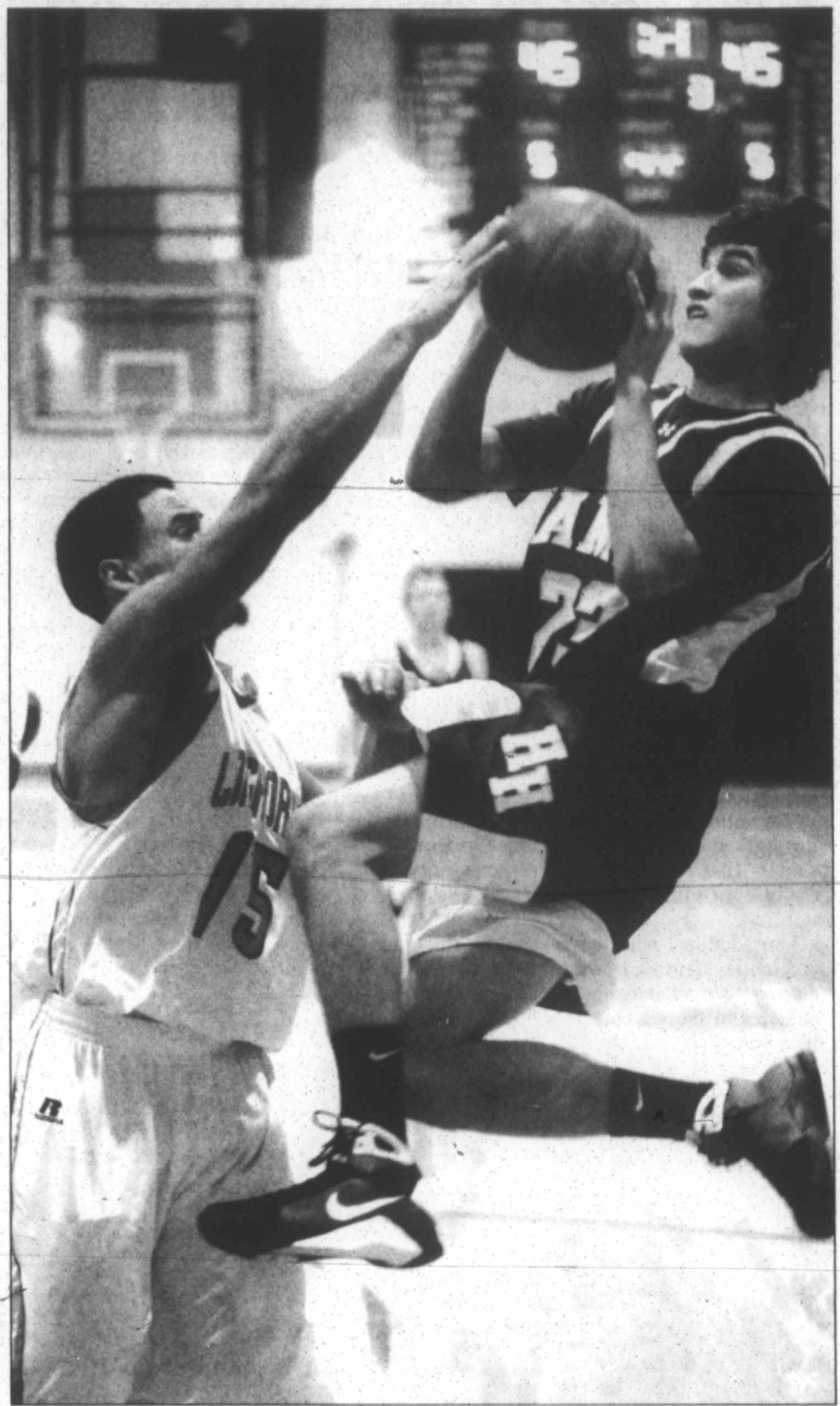
Clendening hit a three-pointer and Hayden Skinner made a bucket as the Harvesters ended the quarter leading 20-11.

Caprock played tougher in the second quarter. Alex Torres started the quarter with a two-pointer. Hagerman sank four free throws and Skinner made two to force a timeout with less than four minutes left in the half.

Pampa's lead was trimmed to 28-23. Hagerman made a shot and a free throw, and Skinner scored seven points in row to end the half, Pampa leading 38-31.

Alex Torres would start the third period scoring with four in a row. Skinner added a free throw and at a timeout with 3:40 left in the third the game was tied at 43.

Torres made three free throws, Skinner and Ryan Jimenez shot back to back baskets and Pampa led 50-48 at the end of the quarter. The lead changed hands several times in fourth quarter. Torres sank a two point basket as would Hagerman and Clendening. Following a timeout with 2:32 remaining in the game Pampa held on to a slim 56-55 lead. Clendening and Torres would each score a basket but Caprock put in 10 points during that time and Pampa fell 65-60.



Alex Torres, high point man for the Harvesters, shoots during the Pampa-Amarillo Caprock game Friday night in Amarillo. Caprock won 65-60.



Lady Harvester Carlyn Teichmann battles for the ball beneath the basket during the Pampa-Amarillo Caprock game Friday night. Caprock won 61-24.

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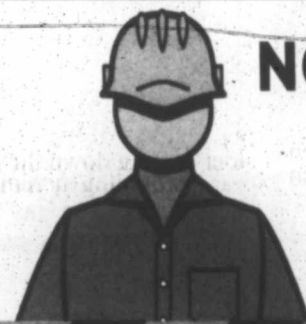
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Fire safety checks lagged at shelter where 5 died

DALLAS (AP) — Investigators probing a fatal fire at an East Texas homeless shelter have been unable to find evidence it was inspected for fire safety in recent years, according to local officials.

While still early in the investigation into Monday's fire that ripped through the aging building, killing five, records indicate it was last inspected in 2004, fire chief Ronnie Grooms told The Associated Press.

Homeless shelters in Texas aren't licensed by the state, so regular fire inspections are not required. Grooms said his small department, which has only two inspectors, focuses mostly on state-licensed facilities where inspections are mandated.

"Sometimes things fall through the cracks," he said. "That's no excuse, really. That's just the way it is."

The victims, who have yet to be identified, were among 28 men sleeping in cubicles in the warehouse-like building, which has long served as both a homeless shelter and a collection point for donated clothes and other items.

The cause of the fire has yet to be determined. However, investigators have determined the shelter had no sprinkler system, fire alarms or smoke detectors, Grooms said.

The facility is owned and operated by a local non-profit group, Seed Sowers Christians in Action. The group's founder, Don Walker, declined comment on issues relating to building codes or inspections.

"All I know is I tried to take care of people," he said.

The Paris fire is the latest of at least a dozen at homeless shelters across the U.S. in the last two years, according to news accounts.

Conditions at homeless shelters have improved dramatically over the last 20 years, but some remain inadequate for housing people overnight, said Michael Stoops, executive director of the National Coalition for the Homeless. Because city ordinances are the only form of oversight for most shelters, it's critical that they be inspected regularly, he said.

"That (shelter), if they were having people sleep there at night, it needed to be inspected and kept up to code," he said.

Fire officials in Dallas and Denton have closed homeless shelters in the past year because of code violations. In both instances, the fire marshals said they felt conflicted about the decisions, but the violations were too serious to ignore.

"You don't let something like that sit around," said Denton fire marshal Rick Jones.

If lax oversight contributed to the Paris fire, it may be time for the state to take a more active role in dealing with homeless issues, said Mike Rawlings, a Dallas businessman who serves as homeless "czar" for the city.

"When you don't have proper governance and checks, you are going to have fires and people are going to die," he said.

A 25,600-square-foot structure emblazoned with the words "Jesus Saves," the Seed Sowers' shelter was a hunkering presence just blocks off the town square in Paris, a city of 26,000 about 100 miles northeast of Dallas.

The shelter could provide beds for as many as 40 men. It also was a dropoff point for paper products, rags, clothing, furniture and other material. Investigators have found that clothing and furniture were stored near where the

men were sleeping on the night of the fire, Grooms said.

Kathy Mayes, who had an office at the shelter and was a member of the Seed Sowers board, called the building "outdated," citing a leaky roof and poor lighting. But she said she never considered it a fire hazard.

The shelter should have been inspected by the fire department at least once a year, Grooms said. But it may have taken a backseat to nursing homes, daycare centers and other facilities requiring fire inspections as a condition of state licensing, he said.

"We can't go out and physically inspect every commercial facility in this town with the personnel we have," he said.

Still, even if the building wasn't properly inspected, those operating it had a responsibility to make sure it was safe, Grooms said.

"You may drive over the speed limit and get away with it, but you're still accountable," he said.

Ed Salazar, director of

the state fire marshal's office, said enforcement of fire safety is a local matter that's often limited by budgets and personnel.

"There's no way to explain it other than it comes down to how much emphasis a city places on fire prevention," he said.

Homeless shelters present a special problem, those who deal with them say, because closing one usually puts people back on the streets.

Dallas fire marshal Debra Carlin said she felt badly when the city cited a church that had taken in over 100 homeless when the temperature dropped into the 30s last month. But the building had so many code violations, she said, a fire would have caused mass casualties.

"People are trying to do the right thing by taking people in out of the cold," she said. "But sometimes they're not thinking about the safety issues that go along with that."

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Guthrie's bad reputation in Pampa undeserved

commentary by
Josh Paulson

I was born in Pampa, Texas- on August 4, 1981, in fact I was the second baby born in the "new" hospital on the first day open. My family has called this area Pampa- Miami home for over a century. We have seen good times and we have seen hard times Pampa is like many other places I have visited in my travels- except for one difference I call this place home - my family home.

One of the greatest influences on my life Tom Davis- my great grandfather knew Woody Guthrie, and hated him. We never spoke of him but this is the information that has been passed down to me after his death. In conversations I have been made aware that he was not the only one with contempt for Woody Guthrie in Pampa.

I have had the opportunity to know the story to be enlightened by the books on the life of Guthrie and the stories of his sister Mary Jo Guthrie Edgmon and have the privilege to call her friend. I strongly disagree with what Lister's opinions are, I believe this because I have studied the issue and not just gone by what my great grandfather believed.

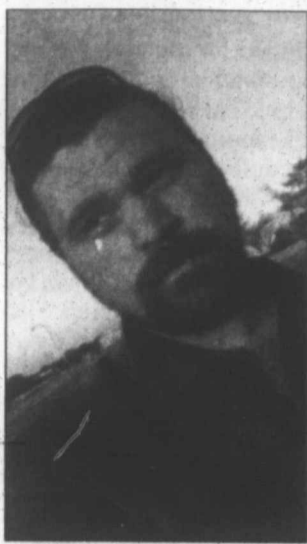
I feel it my obligation to give an opportunity to anyone who has this negative idea of Woody Guthrie to the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center- today Sunday the 11th from 2-7PM as well as January 18, 25, and February 1st. We will be showing the American Masters Series: Woody Guthrie- Ain't Got No Home I will tell you what I know and play the songs of Guthrie's I can. Books on Guthrie will also be available to be lent on an honor system to those who would like to learn more for themselves.

Pampa, Texas is an interesting town. Now I am not saying that because I was born here or I am from here. The brick streets in the downtown area were laid by a man, named "Indian Jim" Brown, a Native American from the Oneida Reservation in New York State in 1927. It is said to have taken 6-8 men to supply him with bricks. In 1926 he had set the world's record by laying 64,644 bricks in 7 hours and 48 minutes.

Oil was discovered in Gray County in 1925, oil derricks came all the way to the city limits. Pampa grew rapidly, jobs were plentiful and many new homes were being built.

The most beautiful buildings in this town to this day were built in the late twenties. The Oil Boom gave this area insulation to the stock market crash of 1929 and kept this area from the Great Depression for a few vital years.

In those years a man walked these then new



Josh Paulson

brick streets painting signs of the storefronts that would let him. He walked to the post office and the library, then across the street. He carried a guitar writing songs about the things he saw on these streets. From these streets he walked and one day changed the world through music and word.

Back in 1929 the Guthrie family moved from Okemah, Oklahoma to the oil-boom town of Pampa, Texas. The seventeen-year-old son Woody worked at the Harris Drug store as a soda jerk. His boss had an old busted guitar in the corner that Woody began playing. Woody's uncle Jeff Guthrie taught him to form a chord on the guitar and Woody Guthrie became a guitar "plucker".

Woody Guthrie spent hours a day in the Pampa City Library. He wanted to be a preacher then a doctor then a painter. He had a drive, a determination to make something of himself.

In the 1930's Woody Guthrie saw the dustbowl refugees come down Highway 60 a block away from his house with his wife Mary in Pampa.

Woody left Pampa with his 18 year old brother George for California to work in the orchards and vegetable fields. Along the way he saw hundreds of thousands of people stranded, broke and hungry people. That journey would change his life and the history of music.

Now that is a strong statement, but yes to change music history.

Woody went to Los Angeles and gained popularity with his music on a radio show on KFVD. He gained recognition and met many people who furthered his career. Woody found himself in New York with other folk singers and became a foundation of the folk music movement.

Woody Guthrie went on to write thousands of songs many of which are known and sang by millions to this day "This Land Is Your Land" being his most known songs. His music went on to influence many musicians who would impact other generations including: Bob Dylan, Joe Ely, Steve Earle, Bruce Springsteen, Michael

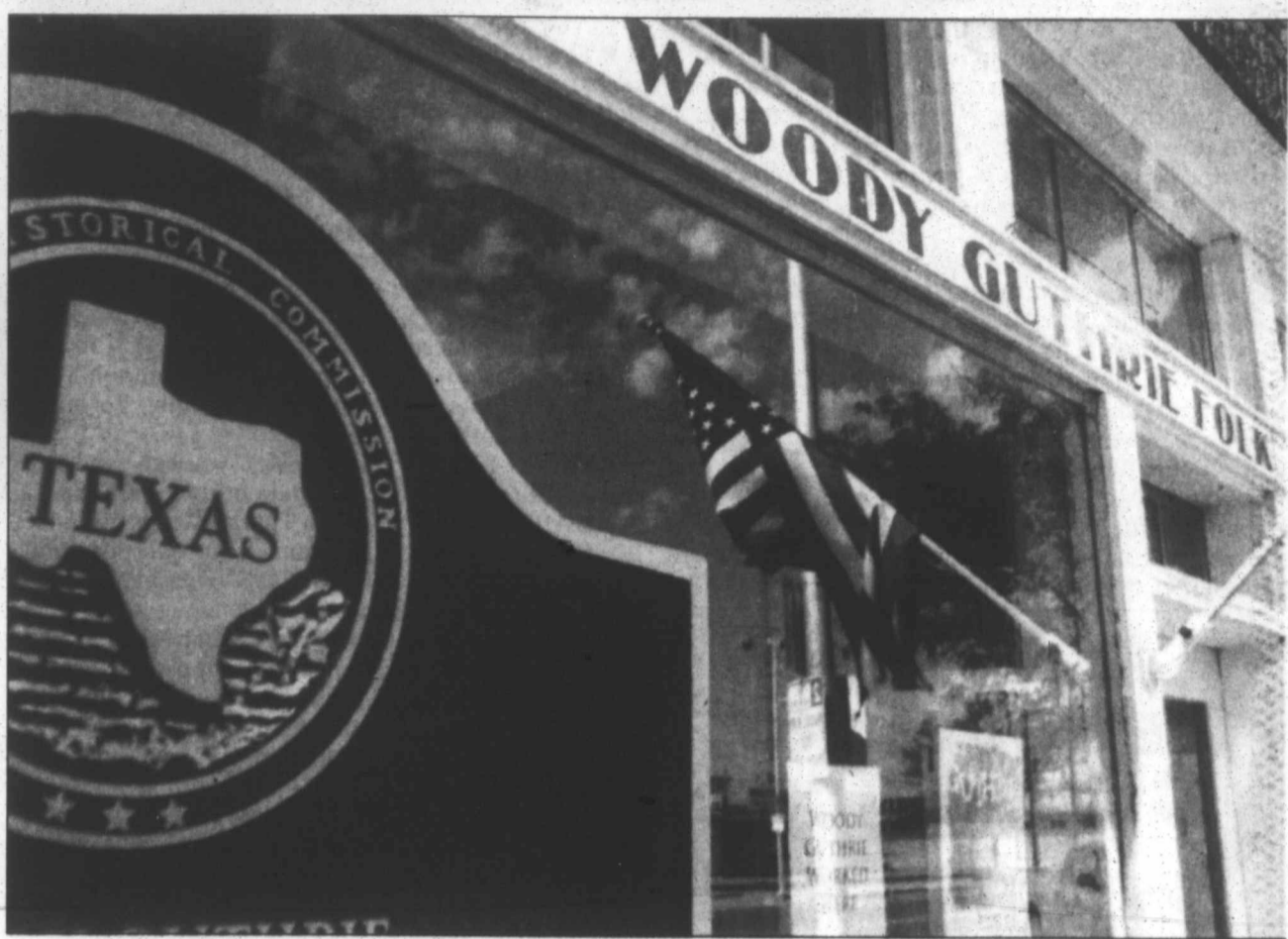


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The Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center of Pampa, 320 South Cuyler will receive new items in August to help create a permanent, world-class exhibit.

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The legacy of Woody Guthrie's music lives on around the world. His history is being celebrated in Pampa, Texas since 1992 by "Pampa's Tribute to Woody Guthrie" the organization is now based at The Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center of Pampa- 320 South Cuyler. The location is the former Harris Drug where Guthrie picked up that old busted guitar-prac-

ted and learned to play.

The Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center is growing and will be the proudly receiving the exhibits gifted by the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum in Canyon, Texas.

The PPHM will be showing a Woody Guthrie exhibit

it Friday February 6 through July 31, 2009. The exhibit will focus on Woody's time in Pampa and how it influenced him.

When the exhibition comes down in August 2009 the PPHM has chosen to give much of this exhibit to the Woody Guthrie Folk

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• **Carson County Square House Museum in Panhandle** will host an artist reception for Charles Firestone from 2:30-4 p.m. Jan. 11 in Hazlewood Gallery of the museum. Firestone is from Dalhart. He has studied under Dord Fitz and other artists. He belongs to several area art groups as a student and as an instructor. Firestone works primarily in oils but also uses watercolor, pastels, acrylics and personal photographs. A wide range of subjects from landscapes to portraits will be on display at the museum. For more information, call the museum at (806) 537-3524.

• **The 26th Annual Benefit Bridal Show** will be staged from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Jan. 11 in the Heritage Ball Room of Amarillo Civic Center in Amarillo by Bride's World. The event will include 100 merchants, continuous modeling of bridal wear, a silent auction and a grand prize giveaway. Tickets will be \$6 at the door or may be purchased in advance at www.bridesworld.com on the Internet.

• **A foster/adoptive parent informational meeting** is scheduled at 7 p.m. Jan. 13 at Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, 3521 SW 15th, in Amarillo. Foster care and adoption of foster children will be the focus of the upcoming meeting. For more information, call (806) 354-6292.

• **M-O-N-E-Y for college?** Yes, you can send that son or daughter to college. Find out how on FINANCIAL AIDE NIGHT at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15 in the Pampa High School Auditorium. Your questions will be answered when you hear PHS counselors Starla Kindle and Linda Haensch speak along with High Plains Student Loan Center representatives who will be on-hand to explain grants, scholarships, work-study programs and loans. Seniors and parents should definitely attend this important meeting. Juniors and parents interested in getting a look at their future are also invited.

• **The Red Hat Dollies Society of Pampa** will meet at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 15 at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis, for its monthly meeting. If interested in joining the society, call 669-9916, 669-9297 or 669-3580.

• **"Live On Stage"** Community Concerts of Pampa will present pianist Dale Gonyea at 2:30 p.m. Jan. 25 at M.K. Brown Auditorium in Pampa. Attendance is by membership only. However, tickets for individual performances may be purchased at the door for \$25. For more information, call 665-0343 or contact Ruth Riehart, president, at 665-3362. The final performance

planned for the current season will be "Pianafiddle," a combination of familiar tunes by pianist Lynn Wright and violinist/fiddler Adam DeGraff improvising to get toes tapping and hands clapping. Their performance is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. March 6 in M.K. Brown Auditorium.

• **The South Plains Agriculture Wind and Wildlife Conference** will begin with registration at 7:30 a.m. Feb. 13 at the American Wind Power Center and Museum in Lubbock. The conference is being conducted by Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Texas Wildlife Association, and Texas Parks and Wildlife. The purpose of the conference is to explore the pros and cons associated with the industry in Texas. For more information, call Ken Cearley, Extension wildlife specialist, at (806) 651-5760.

• **Fawn Lake Press** is offering free "Proud to be an American" flag decals to anyone sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Fawn Lake Press, 54 Fawn Lake Rd., Durango, CO 81301. Active servicemen and women need not send a SASE to receive the free 2 x 3-inch color decals. Fawn Lake will pay their postage.

• **Manhattanville My Soldier** is seeking volunteers to "adopt" a deployed United States Servicemember. To find out more, visit www.mysoldier.com on-line or write to: Manhattanville College My Soldier Department, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase, NY 10577.

• **Pampa Book Club** will meet at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month in the Texas Room of Lovett Memorial Library. The 2009 reading schedule is as follows: Jan. 14, "The Last Lecture" by Randy Pausch; Feb. 11, "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson and Davie Relin; March 11, "Home: A Memoir of My Early Years" by Julie Andrews; and April 8, "The Glass Castle" by Jeannette Walls. The May 13 book for review will be announced at a later date. Public welcome.

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Applications for the 2009 camp season are now available online at texasbrigades.org. The Texas Brigades' mission is to empower high school youth with the necessary skills and knowledge in wildlife and fisheries, habitat conservation, land and water stewardship, team-building, communication, and leadership to become ambassadors for conservation in order to ensure a sustained wildlife and fisheries legacy for future generations. Six camps take place this year at locations across Texas.

South Texas Bobwhite Brigade, Pleasanton, June 14-18.
Rolling Plains Bobwhite Brigade, Coleman, June 20-24.
South Texas Buckskin Brigade, Carrizo Springs, June 28 - July 2.
Bass Brigade, Mexia, July 13-17.
North Texas Buckskin Brigade, Albany, July 19-23.
East Texas Feathered Forces, Nacogdoches, July 26-30.

Each camp consists of intense, interactive, and hands-on learning from some of the top wildlife and natural resource professionals in Texas. Subjects covered include everything from biology, habitat management, watersheds, population dynamics, ecology, and botany, to photography, journalism, firearm safety,

fishing, communication, critical-thinking, team building, and leadership.

Each camp needs adult volunteers to serve as Leaders every summer. No experience is necessary, just a desire to learn and mentor youth. You will have the opportunity to aid a younger generation's consciousness of their responsibility to and understanding of their natural world. Not only are you enriching the lives of the participants, but you too will benefit from the experience.

An understanding of the importance of this program is represented by its cooperating partners, including Texas AgriLife Extension, Texas Wildlife Association, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, Texas Chapters of Quail Unlimited, and the National Wild Turkey Federation.

CONTACT: Helen Holdsworth, Executive Director or Kassi Scheffer, Program Assistant, 800-839-9453, www.texasbrigades.org

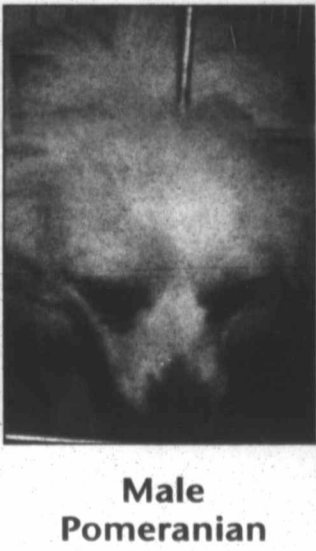
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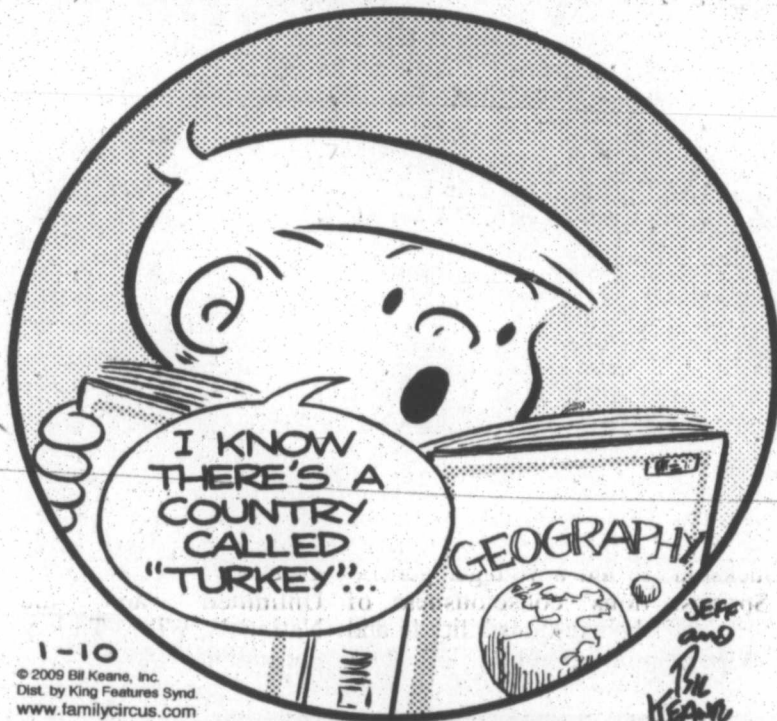
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"How come we're doing this backward?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



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Daily Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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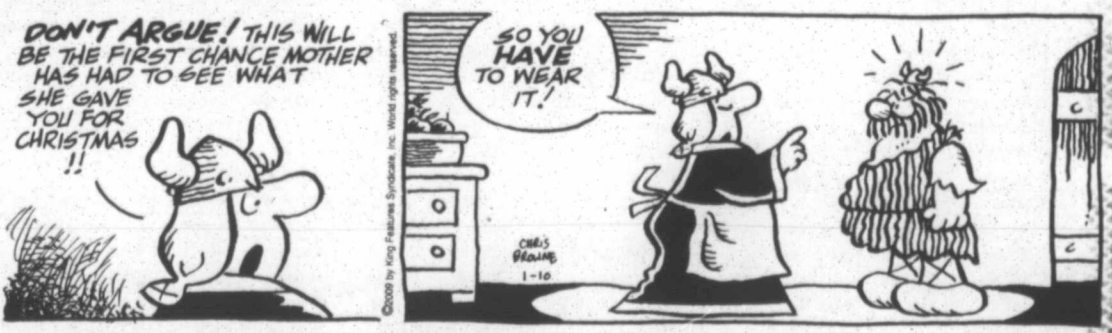
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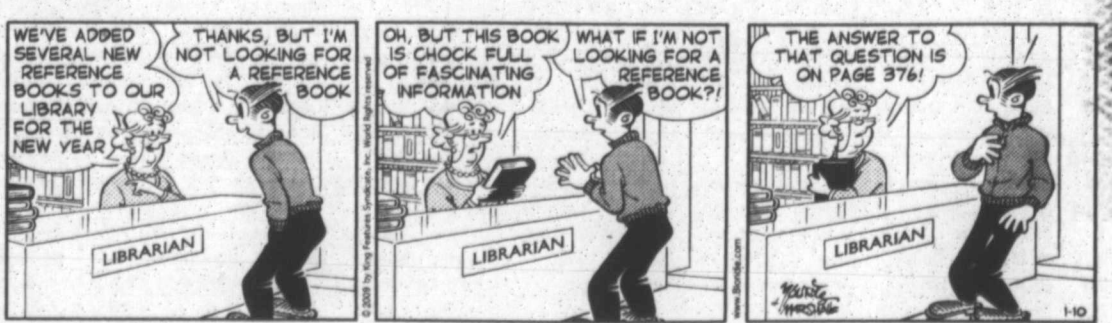
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THURSDAY AFTERNOON / EVENING

JANUARY 15, 2009

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Patrick Swayze checks into hospital with pneumonia

By DERRIK J. LANG AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP)— Patrick Swayze has checked himself into the hospital for observation after contracting pneumonia, A&E President Abbe Raven announced Friday at a meeting of the Television Critics Association.

Swayze, who has pancreatic cancer, was scheduled to appear to discuss his upcoming drama "The Beast."

Robert DeBitetto, A&E's programming senior vice president, explained his absence.

"Patrick has asked that I tell you that this morning he checked himself into the hospital for observation," said DeBitetto. "Chemotherapy can take its toll on the immune system, and illnesses are a part of that. Patrick wishes me to tell you that he's very sorry he cannot attend, but plans to get back to promoting "The Beast" soon."

Swayze's spokeswoman, Annett Wolf, confirmed that Swayze was in the hospital but would not provide additional details.

"In light of the news today, it's a bump in the road," said Vincent Angell, one of

the show's co-executive producers. "We wish him all the best."

In the series, which premieres Jan. 15, Swayze plays an FBI veteran who trains a rookie partner played by Travis Fimmel. Producers said they found out Swayze had cancer four hours after learning A&E had picked up the series. They also said film-

ing was completed on all episodes of the first season and hope Swayze could continue in the role for a second season.

"He's an inspiration," said Fimmel. "He makes the little things seem so not important."

Earlier this week, Swayze told ABC's Barbara Walters that his yearlong battle

with pancreatic cancer put him "through hell" while he pushed ahead on his new TV series.

The 56-year-old actor also owned up to his fear: "Yeah, I'm scared. Yeah, I'm angry. Yeah, I'm (asking), "Why me?"

Disney plans to build \$3.59 billion Shanghai theme park

LOS ANGELES (AP)— The Walt Disney Co. said Friday that it was going to submit a plan to build a new theme park in China in a joint venture with the Shanghai government.

The family entertainment giant released a statement confirming its plans at about the same time as The Wall Street Journal released a story on its Web site that said Disney was working with Shanghai to build a \$3.59 billion park to open as early as 2014.

A Disney spokesman declined to com-

ment on the Journal story. "Discussions have been ongoing about the feasibility of a theme park project in China," said Leslie Goodman, a spokeswoman for Walt Disney Parks and Resorts, in the statement.

"As part of this lengthy process, we worked on a joint application report with the Shanghai government which will be submitted to the central government for review. No deal has been signed, no project has been approved."

Disney shares closed down 59 cents, or

2.6 percent, at \$22.31.

The Journal said Disney planned to take a 43 percent stake in Shanghai Disneyland, while a holding company owned by the local government would own 57 percent, citing unnamed sources.

The first phase of the project, on about 1.5 square kilometers near Shanghai's Pudong International Airport, would include a theme park, plus a hotel and shopping development and would be built over six years, the paper said.

SMALL BITES: The peach cobbler Obama had to plug

By J.M. HIRSCH
AP Food Editor

President-elect Barack Obama praised it, and now you can, too. During a one-time gig as a food critic on a public television restaurant review show years ago, the next president raved about the peach cobbler served at a diner in his Chicago neighborhood. "I do have to put in a plug for their peach cobbler, which people tend to gobble up pretty good," Obama said of the dessert at Dixie Kitchen and Bait Shop. That 2001 episode of "Check Please!" never aired, but with interest in

all things Obama surging, the tapes recently resurfaced. Æi and Dixie Kitchen owner Carol Andresen is loving the attention. "It's a wonderful burst," she said in a telephone interview. "Even though I knew this film was in the can and had been in the can for eight years, I was hoping that it would show up at some point." Andresen said the Obamas were regulars and that the president elect's favorite dessert was the cobbler. Unlike most cobblers, which often have crumb or biscuit toppings, the Dixie

Kitchen cobbler is topped with a woven pastry crust, which is made daily at the restaurant. At the restaurant, the cobbler is served with whipped cream, but Andresen says vanilla ice cream is nice, too.

- DIXIE KITCHEN AND BAIT SHOP PEACH COBBLER**
- Start to finish: 1 1/2 hours (30 minutes active)
Servings: 10
- For the filling:
- 15 cups frozen peaches (about seven 10-ounce bags), thawed and drained
 - 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
 - 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
 - 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
 - 1/2 rounded teaspoon cinnamon
 - 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
 - 3/4 cup peach juice (the juice drained from the frozen peaches is fine)
 - 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter, cut into small pieces
- For the crust:
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 2/3 cup Crisco shortening
 - 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter, cut into small pieces
 - 1/3 to 1/2 cup ice water

Heat the oven to 375 F. Lightly coat a 9-by-13-inch baking pan with cooking spray. To make the filling, arrange the peaches in an even layer in the prepared baking pan. Set aside. In a large bowl, whisk together the granulated sugar, brown sugar, flour, cinnamon and nutmeg. Whisk in the peach juice until smooth. Pour the mixture over the peaches. Sprinkle the butter over the top. Set aside. To make the crust, in a medium bowl, whisk together the flour and salt. Add the shortening and butter, then use a pastry blender or gloved hands to work them into the dry ingredients until the mixture forms pea-sized lumps. Slowly add the water, adding enough and mixing only until the dough holds together. Do not overmix. Place the dough between 2 sheets of parchment paper. Roll out the dough into a rectangle slightly large than the baking pan and about 1/4 inch thick. Remove the top sheet of parchment paper. The dough then can be cut into strips and woven into a crust over the cobbler (this is the method preferred by Andresen). For an easier crust, invert the crust onto the baking pan and carefully peel off the parchment paper. Trim the crust to fit just inside the edge of the pan. Bake for 50 minutes to 1 hour, or until the crust is golden brown. Let stand 10 minutes before serving. (Recipe adapted from the Dixie Kitchen and Bait Shop in Chicago)

BEANS OFFER OPTIONS

By JIM ROMANOFF
For The Associated Press

When it comes to healthy eating on a budget, beans are a dream food. They are rich in nutrients, dietary fiber and protein, they are filling and low in fat, and they are inexpensive and easy to keep on hand. Even better, most grocers stock an impressive variety. Dried beans are the least expensive option. But cooking them, while easy, can be a lengthy hassle. Luckily, canned beans aren't much more expensive. Just be sure to drain and rinse them under cool water. This removes excess sodium added during canning, and washes away the muddy flavor of the liquid. Beans are likely to show up in multiple spots at the grocer. Alongside canned vegetables you will find kidney beans (red and white), Great Northern beans, chickpeas (garbanzo beans), pinto beans, black beans and butter beans. With the Hispanic foods you'll find many of the same varieties, plus pink beans, black-eyed peas, field peas and pigeon beans, which have a good, pungent flavor, but a somewhat mealy texture. Some markets also carry the Mediterranean favorites, Æi fava and lupini beans. Beans can be used in many ways. Puree them with some oil and herbs to make quick dips and spreads; add them to soups and stews; or sprinkle them over a salad to transform it into a more substantial meal. This hearty recipe for mixed bean chili and brown rice is made with black beans and creamy, white Great Northern beans. It is seasoned with chjli powder, cumin, oregano and allspice, and gets a bit of heat from a jalapeno pepper. A tablespoon of unsweetened cocoa adds depth to the flavors and an almost imperceptible hint of chocolate.

MIXED BEAN CHILI AND BROWN RICE

Start to finish: 40 minutes (20 minutes active)
Servings: 6

- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1 1/2 cups chopped yellow onions
- 1 cup chopped green bell pepper
- 2 tablespoons minced garlic
- 1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and chopped
- 1 tablespoon unsweetened cocoa powder
- 28-ounce can crushed tomatoes
- 15-ounce can Great Northern beans, rinsed
- 15-ounce black beans, rinsed
- 1 1/2 tablespoons chili powder
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
- 14-ounce box instant brown rice

In a large saucepan over medium-high, combine the oil, onions, bell pepper, garlic and jalapeno. Saute until the vegetables begin to soften, about 4 minutes. Add the cocoa and saute for another 3 minutes. Stir in the tomatoes, both beans, chili powder, cumin, oregano and allspice. Bring the chili to a simmer. Reduce heat to low, cover and simmer for 20 minutes. Meanwhile cook the rice according to package instructions. Serve the chili over the rice. Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 462 calories; 56 calories from fat; 6 g fat (0 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 0 mg cholesterol; 90 g carbohydrate; 15 g protein; 16 g fiber; 395 mg sodium.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Daily Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Jan. 12, 2009:
You might be stunned by everything that goes down this year. Sometimes you — yes, even you — don't have a clue as to what might be going on. Often you will want to pull back and observe. When you feel overwhelmed or baffled, take time to process things rather than have a knee-jerk reaction. Build better communication, and there will be less upset. If you are single, check out someone you meet and would like to date with care. Often, you run around with rose-colored shades on, especially when it comes to feelings. If you are attached, the two of you need to review your goals and communicate more frequently with each other. LEO pushes you hard to get to the bottom of problems. The Lion proves to be intense.

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)
***** Others tap into you as a resource, whether it's to hear a juicy comment or for a great idea. Nobody can say you are not resourceful and resilient. In fact, many would like to get some of your creativity and energy! Tonight: So what if it is Monday? Act like it's Friday!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** Basics count when dealing with your personal and familiar life. If you work from home, consider this space a personal area too. Zero in on what happens in a meeting. Be careful when dealing with someone at a distance. He or she might be off. Tonight: Listen to an expert, for Pete's sake.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** Reach out for someone you

care about. You cannot handle everything all at one time. Understanding what needs to happen with a boss might be helpful, in that you won't waste your energy or someone's patience. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** Be sensitive to someone's efforts toward you. But still stay tuned in to the financial implications of the situation. Be more upbeat than usual, especially with someone at a distance. Tonight: Treat yourself too.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** You are all smiles. Listen to what is happening with associates, finances and a partner. Though you might feel as if you cannot change the ebb and flow of the tides, you can put on a life preserver to make life flow more easily. Tonight: Beam in whatever you want.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
*** What is going on behind the scenes? Your understanding of what makes others tick might need to be revised. Look around, as difficult as it might be. Someone could be pulling the wool over your eyes. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** Friendship might be budding. A child or new romantic partner might not understand your involvement with a key person in your life. Decide how important it is to explain what might be hard for many to grasp. Tonight: Know that you too have rose-colored glasses.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
*** Confusion is the natural outcome of a situation if you don't keep communication clear and confirm information. Assumptions slip through the cracks.

Creativity surges but might not point to the correct answer. Tonight: Working or playing late.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***** Go past the obvious and look for answers when others cannot. Detach and understand what the motivation might be. Your possessive side emerges in money talks. Stay anchored. Tonight: Put on some music.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
*** Your nerves could be fried. Listen to feedback that heads in your direction. Money could be a prime issue with a partner, as well as you. Keep talking about possibilities, even if it makes you uncomfortable. Tonight: Togetherness works.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** Let go and allow others to take the lead. Be aware that even if you don't see it, you are putting someone on a pedestal. The only direction this person can go is down. By being clear and direct, you'll gain. Tonight: Defer to others, especially if you're unsure.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
***** Focus on the job, errand or project at hand. Even if you decide to take off and relax, throw yourself 110 percent into that. Do nothing halfway. A friend acts strangely, but don't worry. Your energies are not always in sync. Tonight: Zero in on what you want.

BORN TODAY
Author Jack Londorf (1876), singer Glenn Yarborough (1930), radio shock jock Howard Stern (1954)

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: How does one convey a message to one's dentist and his assistants that you would prefer they not discuss personal matters with each other while working on me?

I recognize that they may be so well-trained that they can converse and do these procedures at the same time. But talking over the patient gives the impression that they aren't fully concentrating on the business at hand.

Sitting in the dentist's chair with your mouth propped wide open, it's impossible to say a word. How can this be conveyed in a respectful way?

-- DENTALLY DISTRESSED IN MILWAUKEE

DEAR DISTRESSED: One way to get your message across would be to wait until the procedure is finished, then tell your dentist that you feel being treated like a nonentity is rude and insensitive, and you would prefer it not happen when you're in the chair. If you don't have the courage to say it directly, then tell it to his office manager.

An alternative would be to take your business to another dentist because this one needs to practice better chair-side manners. If that's not acceptable, consider bringing an iPod and listening to it to drown out their voices.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 14-year-old girl. Over the past couple of years, I have grown very close to my 28-year-old cousin, "Amanda." She lives halfway across the country, but we have kept in touch by e-mail and had fun hanging out together last summer.

I recently heard from relatives that Amanda is planning to get married in a few months. She has not known the man very long, and he has not yet been formally introduced to our family. Amanda doesn't have much money, so they've

decided on a small ceremony with only their parents attending.

I'm disappointed that I won't be able to go. I'm also afraid that Amanda and I won't be as close as we have been, since being married is a huge commitment and her priorities may shift.

I have tried talking to her about this, but she hasn't answered my e-mails. I miss the closeness we had, and I feel guilty that I'm not as excited as I should be about this big event in Amanda's life.

What should I do?

-- SAD COUSIN IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR SAD: Your special relationship with your cousin is not over, but it has been moved to the back burner because right now she's distracted by her whirlwind romance and planning for her wedding. Once she comes back down to earth, I'm sure you will hear from her.

Send her a token gift and a sweet card wishing her happiness. Try to forgive her for not answering your e-mails and accept the fact that she may be distracted for a while. And rather than allowing yourself time to brood, fill your time with activities and friends you enjoy. These things have a way of working themselves out in time. Trust me.

DEAR ABBY: If you divorce your husband and then start dating him again, what's the appropriate way to introduce him to associates? I say "friend"; he says "wife."

Oh, by the way, I kept my married name, so we still have the same last name.

-- TIFFANY IN COLORADO

DEAR TIFFANY: Smile and say, "I'd like you to meet 'John.'" If the person asks his last name, volunteer it, and when the eyebrows go up, tell the truth -- that he's your ex-husband, not your brother.

Daily Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Jan. 11, 2009:
Know that this year many possibilities surround you. At first you might not see your options, especially if you are around people who might be negative or difficult. Take a step out into the unknown. Be willing to risk and experience much more. Try understanding where others come from. If you are single, a foreigner or someone very different could walk through your door. Be open to learning a much different way of thinking. Communication flows no matter what your status. If you are attached, talk about doing something special, just for your relationship. LEO always has a positive suggestion.

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)
**** Veg in the a.m. Later it will be impossible to do anything but play and enjoy a child, or become a child for a while yourself. Questions surround you. Get into the process of positive thinking, and fill in the gaps. Tonight: Fun dinner with friends.

This Week: Creativity and fun mix well.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** Make calls in the morning, but remember that you need time, too. Slow down and perhaps take a nap or curl up with a good book. Rent a movie if you wish, just date on yourself! Think "relaxation." Take care of yourself first. Tonight: Easy does it.

This Week: Don't fight how you feel, you will perk up!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** Deal with a personal matter in the a.m. Meet friends for a late lunch in the afternoon to catch up on news. You might have thought you had a lot going on, but nothing like others. Once facts are out, you can have a valid discussion. Tonight: Hang out.

This Week: Schedule an appointment early on. Calls and meetings demand a lot of attention.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** Get an early start on your day, especially if you want to get a project done or visit with someone. By afternoon, the instinct to clam up takes over. Use this period just for yourself, not mulling over the same issue again and again. OK? Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

This Week: Curb spending. Seek out other options.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** Do whatever you want for a change, without feeling like you must answer to someone. By lightening up, you make a situation easy. Once more you see the power of thought. If you are negative, events become difficult. If you are positive, you'll let go and flow. Tonight: What would make you happy? This Week: Your charisma speaks. Use this gift, if need be.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
*** An early brunch helps set the tone of your day. You might want to be with only a special person for the day. Relaxing quietly, whether chatting, sharing or off the movies, makes no difference. Go for calm. Tonight: Vanish if you want. Everyone needs private time. This Week: You perk up only late Tuesday. Then you become a force to deal with.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
*** A must appearance seems inevitable, especially if the event revolves around a respected family member. Revamp your plans accordingly, even better if you can do it together later. Do not deny the good times. Tonight: Where the action is.

This Week: Move on your concerns quickly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** You might get tied up talking or thinking about someone at a distance. Your humor helps you through a tense situation. Responsibilities, whether personal or professional, drop on you. Tonight: Could be a late night.

This Week: A must appearance could determine Wednesday on.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** A partner needs some feedback, closeness and sharing. Handle a responsibility first, which then allows you to dip into your imagination and come up with plans. Go for the offbeat and perhaps what you thought was unattainable. Tonight: Let your mind wander.

This Week: Reach out for new information. Listen to sources. Carefully evaluate information.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***** Others seek you out, but you might want some private time with a friend or loved one. You are in command of your life, and in that sense you choose your company. Share over a late lunch, and walk in this person's shoes. Tonight: Dinner and talks.

This Week: Listen to a key associate, then brainstorm with others. Don't hesitate to find experts, too!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** Squeeze in an errand or a brief walk before you start visiting friends. Happy with friends, surround yourself with whatever or whomever makes you smile. Laughter mixes with intellectual discussions. Tonight: Defer to another's expectation.

This Week: Others want their say. Step off the stage and clear the way.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
***** Act on a dreamy mood and perhaps invite others in. All together, you'll come up with amazing answers and suggestions. Accept an invitation that might introduce you to a new pastime. Tonight: Start thinking "tomorrow."

This Week: Dive into work Monday if you want time to network midweek.

BORN TODAY
Singer Naomii Judd (1946), first Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton (1755), former NBC Chairman Grant Tinker (1926)

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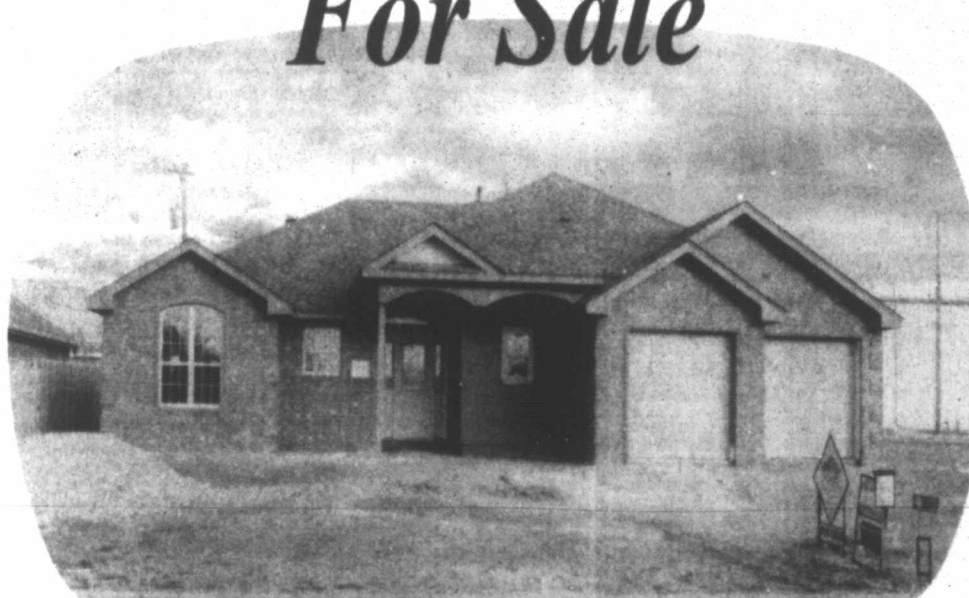
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DOGWOOD -Very nice home that has been redone. New carpet, hardwood floors, new paint, new cabinet tops. Open living dining and kitchen areas. Woodburning fireplace, nice built-in. Large isolated master has a large bath and closet. All bedrooms have walk-in closets. Large utility room, large back yard with nice trees. MLS 08-8138

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Piano-comedy man to perform "Live on Stage" March 6 at M.K. Brown

"Live On Stage" Community Concerts of Pampa invites everyone to come, see and hear Dale Gonyea, pianist. It is slated at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25 in Pampa's M.K. Brown Auditorium.

At the age of 5, Dale Gonyea got up very early one morning and, without a single lesson, spontaneously began playing the piano. His parents were astonished because they did not have a piano. They decided he needed therapy or music lessons. Therapy was expensive. They bought a piano and a career was born.

At 10, Dale saw the movie West Side Story and was furious he hadn't written it. He is a University of Michigan music graduate who now uses the piano as the springboard for his unique humor. It has brought him worldwide acclaim.

Gonyea is also an Emmy winner, a Clio nominee and his song-spoof, "I Need Your Help, Barry Manilow," was Grammy-nominated for Comedy Record of the Year. His song, "Has Anybody Seen My Heart?" was featured in the HBO Movie The Girl Gets Moe starring Tony Danza.

He has also written numerous songs for Disney, including the Sport Goofy anthem, "You Can Always Be Number One" and the Genie's song, "Nothing in the World Quite Like a Friend" for The Return of Jafar, the

sequel to Aladdin.

Aside from national jingles, his songs have been performed by Rosie O'Donnell, Kaye Ballard, Ray Stevens, among others, and his Cher parody was featured in the hit show Catskills on Broadway.

The Los Angeles Times proclaimed him "heir to the piano-comedy throne" during the run of his solo theater piece, A 12 O'clock Guy in a Nine O'clock Town." During his subsequent theater piece, An American in Pasadena, thousands were inspired to pull up stakes and move to Pasadena.

Television appearances include Evening at the Improv, HBO Young Comedians, TV's Bloopers and Practical Jokes, Paramount Comedy Theater and as a special musical reporter on Entertainment Tonight.

He shared the bill with Dick Shawn at the Pasadena Playhouse and has opened for Crystal Gayle, Glen Campbell and Andy Williams among others. Recently, he has been touring the U.S. with Broadway on Ice starring Dorothy Hamill. Live appearances have ranged from Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas to Trump Castle in Atlantic City to Town Hall in Manhattan.

In his spare time, he ponders life's weightier issues, such as "What makes the sky blue?" "Where does infinity end? And, "What did Ernest Hemingway?"

The final performance planned for the current season will be "Pianafiddle," a combination of familiar tunes by pianist Lynn Wright and violinist/fiddler Adam DeGraff improvising as they go that gets toes tapping and hands clapping. Their performance is scheduled for Friday, March 6, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. in the M.K. Brown Auditorium in Pampa.

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