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White Deer antelope



Antelope were foraging in the snow early today near White Deer as temperatures dropped below 20 degrees.

Water study expected this week

BY DAVID BOWSER
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 The Texas Water Development Board is expected to release their study later this week on Groundwater Management Area 1's Desired Future Condition of the underground water in the panhandle and the protest lodged against it by George Arrington and T. Boone Pickens.
 That will be followed next week by a hearing in Austin.
 GMA 1 set three different desired future conditions for the Ogallala Aquifer in the panhandle last July, but George Arrington of Canadian and T. Boone Pickens' Mesa Water Inc. challenged the Desired Future Conditions and the case went to the Texas Water Development Board. A staff study by the TWDB is expected to be released later this week.
 GMA 1 members have scheduled a meeting for Friday

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PRWPG to consider adopting 2011 regional plan

BY DAVID BOWSER
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 The Panhandle Regional Water Planning Group will meet later this month in connection with adopting the Initially Prepared 2011 Panhandle Regional Water Plan.
 They are expected to set a public hearing date and location for the Initially Prepared 2011 Panhandle Regional Water Plan.
 Set for 1:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, in the board room of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, 415 W. 8th in Amarillo, the Panhandle Water Planning Group for Region A, which cover the Texas Panhandle, will consider the impact of the Texas Water Development Board on the region's water plan.
 The Texas Water Development Board decision on Feb. 17, concerning the Groundwater Management Area 1 Desired Future Condition petition process will also be discussed.
 The Panhandle Regional Water Planning Group will discuss the submission of the economic impact request to the Texas Water Development Board.
 They will also consider revision of the 2006 Regional Water Plan pertaining to the City of Amarillo's Potter County Well Field and Osage Water Plant.
 The Panhandle Regional Water Planning Group will also hear reports from Regional B and Region O Water Planning Groups and from Texas Water Development Board personnel.

2010 relay kick-off



2010 Relay for Life of Gray County kick-off will be held in the Pampa Regional Medical Center cafeteria at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, February 11, 2010. For more information call Christy Robinson, Chair, 665-9508. Pictured are Steven Pitts, Interim PRMC CEO presenting corporate sponsorship check to Christi Robinson, Relay for Life Chair and pictured is Ann Ogletree of PRMC, Relay for Life Co-chair.

Top Dem. gov. hopefuls talk jobs, death penalty

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Democratic hair care businessman Farouk Shami guaranteed Monday that he would create 100,000 jobs available to everyone, offer free electricity and an enact a moratorium on the death penalty if elected governor of Texas.
 In the first and possibly only debate involving Shami and three-term former Houston Mayor Bill White, the two most well-funded Democrats running for governor, Shami made sweeping promises while White mostly ignored him to focus on Republican incumbent Gov. Rick Perry.
 Both Democrats, however, agreed on the importance of jobs — a key item in their campaigns.
 "Creating jobs is my specialty," Shami, 67, of Houston, said in the debate broadcast statewide before a small audience from a TV station in Fort Worth. "When I am governor, everybody is going to go to work."

He also promised to pay the state \$10 million — the same amount he's budgeted for his election effort — if 100,000 jobs aren't created under his watch. He did not provide specifics, though he's previously touted highway and landscaping projects.
 White, 55, said the way to create jobs is to retrain unemployed people and ensure they have a job at the end of the training.
 "I do not think the governor of Texas has control over the global economy,"

White said. "I think the governor can do what we can to prepare our work force for the future. As mayor of Houston, I brought businesses to Houston, but that alone won't be enough."
 The question of a death penalty moratorium in the nation's most active capital punishment state was a major item of disagreement, with Shami declaring "a lot of innocent people" have been put to death.
 "We cannot be bragging on how many people we have been executing," he said, insisting he wouldn't support resuming executions unless he was "110 percent sure" of a convicted person's guilt.
 White said a blanket suspension wouldn't work "because that would disrespect the juries and the victims and the criminal justice where there is no question ... about the evidence used to convict."
 The two men also dis-

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Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 21. Wind chill values between 9 and 19. East northeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south.

Wednesday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 39. Wind chill values between 8 and 18. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Wednesday Night: Cloudy, with a low around 27. Wind chill values between 20 and 25. South wind around 10 mph.

Thursday: A slight chance of snow before noon, then a slight chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 39. South wind around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 28. Southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 45. West northwest wind around 5 mph becoming south.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 28. South southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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9 hurt when Houston transit train, bus collide

HOUSTON (AP) — An afternoon collision between a transit bus and light-rail train on the edge of downtown Houston sent nine people to hospitals. The crash happened about 3:30 p.m. Monday on Main Street, about a block northeast of Interstate 45. Carolina Mendoza's a spokeswoman for Metro, operator of the bus and the

train. She says the bus was westbound on St. Joseph Parkway when it apparently ran a red light and struck the train, which was northbound on Main. Mendoza says those injured included the bus driver and a passenger on the train. She says none of the injuries appear to be life-threatening.

2 more churches burn in east Texas

TYLER, Texas (AP) — Federal investigators are sorting through the latest

two church fires in east Texas to see if they were set intentionally.

The fires were reported within an hour of each other Monday night at churches about three miles apart in a rural area northwest of Tyler, about 85 miles southeast of Dallas. No injuries were reported at Dover Baptist Church or Clear Spring Missionary Baptist Church.

The fires Monday night follow seven arsons at houses of worship in the region this year. A January blaze in central Texas also was ruled an arson.

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Obituaries

Eula Green, 88

Eula Green, 88, died Saturday, Feb. 6 in Claude. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 9, 2010 Memorial Park Chapel of Memories with Doug Hickson of Cornerstone Baptist church officiating. The family will be receiving friends at Memorial Park Funeral Home on Monday February 8, 2010 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Interment will be in

Memorial Park Cemetery. Eula enjoyed drinking coffee at Mr. Burgers or Braum's with her friends. She enjoyed cooking and canning and quilting. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother who will be greatly missed. Survivors include two granddaughters, Cindy Price and Paul Royce of Pampa and Sophia Costa and Sonny Cano of

Amarillo; four great grandchildren, Chris, Michael, William and Anthony; six great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by parents, husband L.G. Green, daughter-Francis Irene Costas, two brothers and one sister. Family would like memorials to be sent to the Alzheimer Association of Amarillo. Online condolences may be sent to www.mem.com



Green

Shirley A. Andrus, 64

Pampa— Shirley A. Andrus, 64, died Saturday, February 6, 2010, in Pampa, Texas. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, February 10, 2010, at Central Baptist Church, with Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor, and Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors. Mrs. Andrus was born May 13, 1945 in Shamrock, Texas, to Otis and Susie Kidwell. She had been a resident of Pampa for most of her life. She married

Larry "Coonie" Andrus on July 23, 1962 in Pampa, Texas. She loved fishing and cherished her grandchildren. She was a housewife and a member of Central Baptist Church. Survivors include her husband Larry "Coonie" Andrus of the home; one son, Toby Andrus of Pemberton, New Jersey; one daughter, Melody Dennis and husband Andrew of The Colony; three brothers, Otis Kidwell, Jr. and wife Gloria of Odessa, Bill Kidwell and wife Marylyn, Doug Kidwell and wife Judy, all of Pampa; two

sisters, Bonnie Guthrie and husband Dan of Wellington, and Carolyn Taylor and husband Jackie of Pampa; three grandchildren, Justin Rawls and wife Carrie of Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, Cody Rawls of Tampa, Florida and Casi Rawls of Ada, Oklahoma; one great-grandchild, Harley Jo Rawls of Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, and one great-grandchild on the way; numerous nieces and nephews. Shirley was preceded in death by her parents and four sisters, Patsy Kidwell, Martha Taylor, Odessa McGahan



Andrus

and Linda West. MEMORIALS: Central Baptist Church, 513 E. Francis, Pampa, Texas 79065. Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whitley.com

Ella A. Owen, 57

Pampa— Ella A. Owen, 57, died February 8, 2010, in Pampa, Texas. There are no services scheduled at this time. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors. Mrs. Owen was born July 22, 1952 in Lamar,

Colorado. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1970. She married Bennie Owen in 1972 in Farwell, Texas. Ella was a member of the Wells Street Church of Christ. She was a loving wife and mother, and was a wonderful friend. Survivors include her husband, Bennie Owen, of

the home; two daughters, Linda Owen and Debra Lamb, both of Tulsa, Oklahoma; two sons, Kevin Owen and Russell Owen, both of Pampa; three grandsons, Benjamin Levi Holder, Carl Holder, and Joshua Owen, all of Tulsa, Oklahoma. She was preceded in death by her

parents, one brother and one sister. MEMORIALS: Wells Street Church of Christ in Pampa. Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whitley.com

EMERGENCY SERVICES

SHERIFF

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

Friday, Feb. 5. Micheal Vincent Pagano, 20, of Amarillo, was arrested by deputies on charges of purchasing and furnishing alcohol to minors.

Ivan Joseph Eblin, 24, of Amarillo, was arrested by deputies on warrants charging him with theft of property greater than \$50 but less than \$500.

Gustavo Adolfo Perez, 18, was arrested by Pampa police in connection with insufficient bond on a theft of firearms charge, failure to appear and disorderly conduct.

Nikki Shalyn Marcum, 21, was arrested by police on capias pro fine warrants charging her with theft under \$50, failure to appear and public intoxication.

Steve Corey Organ, 44, was arrested by police on charges of possession of a controlled substance and driving while intoxicated.

Saturday, Feb. 6. James Kevin Waddell, 43, was arrested on a capias pro fine warrant charging him with not wearing a seat belt and failure to appear.

Mark Allen Wood, 24, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Sunday, Feb. 7. Shaley Lanae Hopson, 22, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Deana Ramona Vargas, 30, was arrested by police on charges of possession of marijuana less than two ounces and on a warrant charging her with possession of a dangerous drug.

Nick Rodriguez, 21, of Enid, Okla., was arrested by police on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Cecil Andrew Lewis, 46, was arrested by police on

capias pro fine warrants charging him with agricultural trespass and failure to appear.

PAMPA PD

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

Police reported 23 traffic-related calls and four accidents.

Animal control reported 23 animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS reported 13 calls. The Pampa Fire Department reported one medical call, and Lefors EMS reported one medical call.

Friday, Feb. 5. A 911 hangup call was reported in the 1000 block of South Huff Road.

A 911 hangup call was reported in the 2400 block of North Mary Ellen.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1000 block of South Huff Road.

A suspicious person was reported in the 800 block of East Beryl.

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

An alarm was reported in the 2800 block of West Kentucky.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1200 block of East 25th.

A suspicious person was reported in the 300 block of South Cuyler.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2700 block of Beech.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of East Randy Matson.

Officers assisted a motorist in the 900 block of East Harvester.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of Twiford.

An alarm was reported in the 2500 block of North Perryton Parkway.

Officers served a warrant in the 600 block of East Frederic.

A theft was reported in the 100 block of South Starkweather.

Saturday, Feb. 6.

Officers assisted another agency one mile east of Price Road on U.S. Highway 60.

A stolen vehicle was reported to police.

A suspicious person was reported at Sumner and Boyd.

A burglary was reported in the 400 block of West Brown.

A fraud was reported in the 100 block of East Foster.

Officers provided an escort in the 400 block of

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

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1100 block of North Starkweather.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 700 block of East Murphy.

A suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of North Cuyler.

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Dems

agreed on Shami's proposal for free electricity, which Shami said could be achieved in 10 years through expansion of wind and solar energy use.

White called the goal unrealistic in Texas, saying he had examined the prospects as mayor of the state's largest city and "would not want to be in a building" in the summer that was powered only by wind and solar energy.

He also turned the question, which was focused on energy deregulation, on Perry, saying the governor "doesn't hold himself accountable" for higher electric rates as a result of energy deregulation.

"Some of the politicians need to accept responsibility for advertising your (electric) bill would go down when it did not," White said.

The Democrat who wins the March 2 primary is hoping to claim the Texas governor's mansion after 16 years of GOP control.

White, responding to a question about voter ID laws, called it a "wedge issue" and continued his emphasis on Perry.

"That is a classic illustration of where Gov. Perry has brought partisan politics of Washington to the state house," he said, adding that under former governors George W. Bush and Ann Richards, "people did work together."

The Texas Democratic gubernatorial primary often has taken a back seat to the high-profile Republican slugfest between Perry and U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, who have participated in two similar debates with activist Debra Medina.

Perry spokesman Mark Miner called Shami and White "liberal Democrats" and said that like Hutchison, they "are all pro-choice and they are all big government advocates."

"Gov. Perry is the only

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candidate in this race with a proven record of creating jobs, cutting taxes, and upholding fiscally conservative values that have made the Texas economy resilient during a national economic downturn," Miner said.

White advised voters to consider the Republican debates, which he said degenerated into name calling sessions.

"Compare how Mr. Shami and I have treated each other, with respect," he said. "Compare it to other debates when people were shouting over each other."

White appears to be mainstream Democrats' choice after abandoning his original plan to run for U.S. Senate. Shami is fueling his bid with his fortune.

Shami is a Palestinian born outside Jerusalem and parlayed his development of chemical-friendly hair care products and a flat-iron hair straightening tool into a business worth tens of millions of dollars.

He called his candidacy "proof the American dream is alive" and compared the change he advocated to the election of Barack Obama. Like the president, he said, he has "an unconventional name."

White is a lawyer, former U.S. deputy energy secretary and oil industry investor. He grew up in San Antonio as the son of two teachers.

No Democrat has held the Texas governor's office since Richards was bounced by Bush in 1994 after a single four-year term. Republicans hold all statewide elected offices and have crushed Democrats by huge margins since the late 1990s.

Five other candidates are on the Democratic ballot in the but only White and Shami were invited to the debate by north Texas public broadcast station KERA and its media partners.

2 deaths at RV park in Rusk County

HENDERSON, Texas (AP) — A medical examiner says carbon monoxide killed a couple at an RV park in Rusk County.

Sheriff's Office Sgt. Viki Penny on Wednesday identified the victims as 43-year-old Matthew Thomas Rawley and his wife, 34-year-old Erica Nicole Rawley, both of Frisco.

Penny says deputies were dispatched to Gator

Run RV Park on Sunday night after a relative of the Rawleys called to say they never arrived at their Denton County residence as planned.

Penny says the victims were dead in their trailer. The Southwestern Institute of Forensic Science in Dallas on Monday confirmed the cause of death was carbon monoxide poisoning.

Texas educators react to abstinence-only study

DALLAS (AP) — An abstinence-only study that allowed students to explore the drawbacks of having sex at early as age 12 has attracted praise from some Texas educators.

Texas law requires an emphasis on abstinence when it comes to sex education in public schools.

Details of the new study are in this month's issue of the Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine.

David Wiley, president of the American School Health Association, is a Texas State University professor who did a 2009 study that was critical of most sex education programs in Texas.

Wiley says the new research in the Philadelphia area offered eight hour-long sessions, safe-sex classes, classes using both approaches, and classes in general health behavior.

Texans in Tulsa on recruiting trip for officers

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Five Texas law enforcement agencies have sent recruiters to Tulsa where they met with both recently laid off and current Tulsa police officers.

Tulsa Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 93 President Phil Evans says at least 75 current and former officers met with the recruiters. Evans says recruiters came from the Arlington, Garland, Mesquite and Plano police departments and

the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The city recently laid off 127 officers because of budget cuts due to a shortfall in revenue collections.

Evans says 15 to 20 current officers attended the meeting and the remainder are among the 127 laid off since last fall. He says the current officers feel that once the layoffs started they will never end.

Southwest launches 3-day fare sale

DALLAS (AP) — Southwest Airlines is offering a sale geared toward leisure travelers who want to make short trips this spring.

Southwest said Tuesday it will sell tickets starting at \$39 each way on some routes under 500 miles.

As usual, the airline didn't say how many seats it will offer at the sale price. The sale ends Thursday.

Study

in Amarillo to review the staff study.

GMA 1 consists of White Deer-based Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, Dumas-based North Plains Groundwater Conservation District, Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District and the northern counties of Lubbock-based High Plains Underground Water Conservation District.

Last summer, GMA 1 set the Desired Future Condition of the Ogallala Aquifer, which lies beneath most of the panhandle, at 40 percent still in storage in the aquifer in the western counties of the panhandle, 50 percent in the eastern counties and 80 percent in Hemphill County at the end of a 50-year planning period.

Arrington had wanted to

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sell some of his water in Hemphill County to Mesa Inc., but under the restrictions of the county's water conservation district, Mesa feared it wouldn't be able to pump the water from the aquifer.

A meeting has been called for the GMA 1 board at 10 a.m. Friday at the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission in Amarillo, but Kyle Ingham, local government service director for the PRPC said that because of conflicting schedules that meeting might be cancelled.

Ingham said that there is a high likelihood that voting members of GMA 1 will attend the TWDB meeting next week on Feb. 17, in Austin, when the TWDB will consider the reasonableness of GMA 1's Desired Future Condition of the aquifer.

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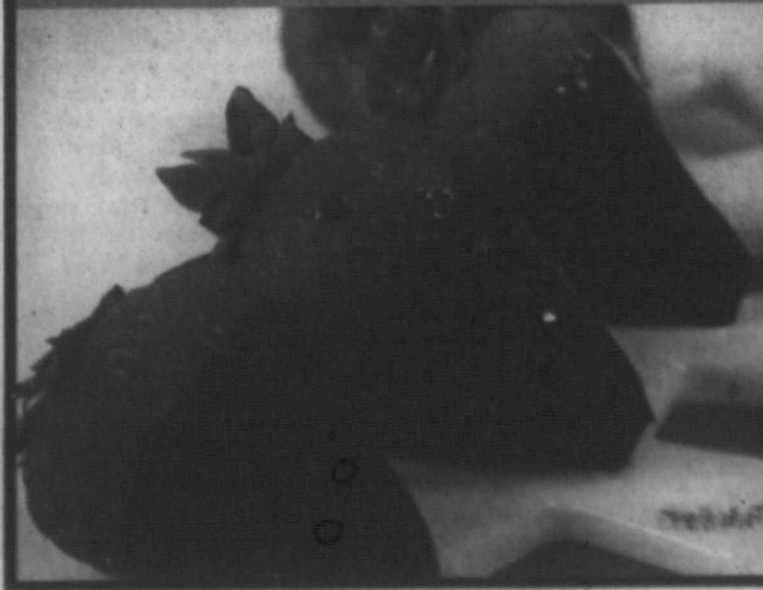


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Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 9, the 40th day of 2010. There are 325 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 9, 1960, Adolph Coors Co. chairman Adolph Coors III, 44, was shot to death during a botched kidnapping attempt while on his way to the family brewery in Golden, Colo. (Coors' body wasn't found for seven months; the man who killed him, Joseph Corbett Jr., served 19 years in prison. Corbett committed suicide in Aug. 2009.)

On this date:

In 1773, the ninth president of the United States, William Henry Harrison, was born in Charles City County, Va.

In 1825, the House of Representatives elected John Quincy Adams president after no candidate received a majority of electoral votes.

'Nothing is more frightful than laughter when it comes to jealousy.'

— Françoise Sagan, French author

In 1861, Jefferson Davis was elected the provisional president of the Confederate States of America.

In 1870, the U.S. Weather Bureau was established.

In 1942, daylight-saving "War Time" went into effect in the United States, with clocks turned one hour forward.

In 1943, the World War II battle of Guadalcanal in the southwest Pacific ended with an Allied victory over Japanese forces.

In 1950, in a speech in Wheeling, W.Va., Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R-Wis.) charged the State Department was riddled with Communists.

In 1971, the crew of Apollo 14 returned to Earth after man's third landing on the moon.

In 1984, Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov died at age 69, less than 15 months after succeeding Leonid Brezhnev; he was succeeded by Konstantin U. Chernenko (chehr-NYEN'-koh).

In 2002, Britain's Princess Margaret, the high-spirited and unconventional sister of Queen Elizabeth II, died in London at age 71.

Ten years ago: Hackers stepped up their "denial of service" attacks on popular Internet sites, zeroing in on such targets as ETrade and ZDNet, inconveniencing millions of Web users and unnerving Wall Street. Boeing Co. engineers and technical workers began a 40-day strike.

Five years ago: Hewlett-Packard chief executive Carly Fiorina was forced out by board members, ending her nearly six-year reign. A new postage stamp honoring President Ronald Reagan was issued in ceremonies across the country.

One year ago: President Barack Obama used his first news conference since taking office to urgently pressure lawmakers to approve a massive economic recovery bill. All-Star third baseman Alex Rodriguez admitted to taking performance-enhancing drugs, telling ESPN he had used steroids while with the Texas Rangers for three years. Lindsey Vonn won the downhill for her second gold at the World Championships in Val d'Isere, France, becoming the second American woman (after Andrea Mead Lawrence) to win two golds at a worlds. Playwright Robert Anderson ("Tea and Sympathy") died in New York at age 91.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Kathryn Grayson is 88. Television journalist Roger Mudd is 82. Actress Janet Suzman is 71. Actress-politician Sheila James Kuehl ("The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis") is 69. Singer-songwriter Carole King is 68. Actor Joe Pesci is 67. Singer Barbara Lewis is 67. Author Alice Walker is 66. Actress Mia Farrow is 65. Sen. Jim Webb (D-Va.) is 64. Singer Joe Ely is 63. Actress Judith Light is 61. Rhythm-and-blues musician Dennis "DT" Thomas (Kool & the Gang) is 59. Actor Charles Shaughnessy is 55. Former Democratic National Chairman Terry McAuliffe is 53. Jazz musician Steve Wilson is 49. Country singer Travis Tritt is 47. Actress Julie Warner is 45. Country singer Danni Leigh is 40. Actor Jason George is 38. Actor-producer Charlie Day is 34. Rock singer Chad Wolf (Carolina Liar) is 34. Actor A.J. Buckley (TV: "CSI: NY") is 33. Rock musician Richard On (O.A.R.) is 31. Actress Ziyi Zhang is 31. Actor David Gallagher is 25. Actress Marina Malota is 22. Actress Camille Winbush ("The Bernie Mac Show") is 20.

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Analysis: Politics snarls terrorism policy

STEVEN R. HURST
AN AP NEWS ANALYSIS
WASHINGTON (AP) — Raging partisanship defines American politics right down to how President Barack Obama handles captured terror suspects.

The chasm is so deep that Obama has endangered the country by deciding to try accused Sept. 11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed in a federal court, rather than a military tribunal.

It is equally exercised over the handling of failed Christmas Day plane bomber Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, a young Nigerian with al-Qaida links. He stopped talking to FBI agents after he was told that — according to a half-century-old Supreme Court ruling — he had "the right to remain silent" and was entitled to a lawyer.

The administration subsequently claimed he resumed cooperating after authorities brought his family to the United States to persuade him to work with investigators. Despite what appears to be a correct reading and application of the law, the complexity and emotions surrounding terrorism cases have allowed Obama's opponents to make political headway. That's especially true this year when all 435 members of the House of Representatives must run for re-election; in the Senate, 36 of 100 seats are in play.

The heated emotions surrounding terrorism, plus the fallout from the deep economic recession and the stalemate over health care reform threaten Democratic majorities in both houses of Congress and, with them, Obama's long list of undelivered campaign promises. At issue in the case of Abdulmutallab are the so-called Miranda rights that officers must recite to a suspect when he is arrested. The result of a 1966 Supreme Court ruling, they stem from the Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which guarantees all suspected criminals the right against self-incrimination. McConnell said last week that enemy combatants — as he defined Abdulmutallab — were not protected by the

Constitution and should be taken offshore, interrogated and prosecuted by the military at Guantanamo Bay.

McCormack and others have argued that telling Abdulmutallab he needn't talk may have prevented interrogators from gaining information about potential attacks on U.S. airliners.

The courts blocked such military trials as initially proposed by the Bush administration, and in 2008 the Supreme Court ruled that defendants held as enemy combatants at the U.S. Navy base in Guantanamo had the right to challenge their imprisonment.

Obama argued again on Sunday that he was right to insist that the likes of Mohammed — accused of planning the Sept. 11 attacks — should be tried in a federal court. Eric Holder, Obama's attorney general, has said the terror suspect should face charges in a federal court in New York City, near the scene of the World Trade Center attack.

And despite objections now being voiced by the city's mayor and police commissioner, Obama said in a CBS interview Sunday that he had not ruled out holding the trial in New York City, but was examining arguments against it. Given the growing opposition, it is looking likely that the trial will be held in a federal court elsewhere.

In defending the legal treatment of Abdulmutallab and Mohammed, Obama noted that the Bush administration — not known for a liberal reading of the U.S. Constitution — "prosecuted 190 folks in these (federal) Article III courts, got convictions and those folks are in maximum security prisons right now. And there have been no escapes."

That, he said, "is a virtue of our system we should be proud of."

However, opponents argue that Obama and Bush were wrong. The strength of that argument gained political momentum in the Massachusetts special election to fill the Senate seat of the late Democratic Sen. Edward Kennedy. Winning candidate Scott Brown, a Republican, argued, among other things, that terror suspects should not be accorded constitutional rights. That struck a chord with the state's traditionally liberal-leaning voters.

And in sending him to the Senate, the state broke the Democrat's key 60-seat majority in the upper house, making it increasingly difficult for Obama to win passage of his legislative agenda. Senate rules

require 60 votes in favor of major legislation before it can even be brought to a vote.

The opposition is now claiming that foreigners captured for planning or trying to carry out terrorist acts should be treated as "enemy combatants" and shuttled automatically to the military for imprisonment, interrogation and trial.

The Obama administration has shown some ambiguity of its own. While moving to send Mohammed and four alleged henchmen to a civilian trial in New York, it decided that a suspect in the bombing of the USS Cole off Yemen in 2000 and four other terror suspects will be tried by military commissions.

The major differences between the systems are the federal judiciary's independence, rooted in the Constitution and lifetime appointments of judges. Military tribunals have

relaxed rules for admitting evidence.

Federal courts bar evidence obtained by coercion. And the new law regarding military commissions that Obama signed in October forbids evidence derived from torture and other harsh interrogation techniques.

Even so, the military commissions still have rules that allow greater use of hearsay testimony and, in some instances, could permit the introduction of coerced testimony.

The commissions set up under Bush to try terrorism detainees have been revised several times based on Supreme Court decisions and acts of Congress that pushed their rules and procedures closer to those of federal courts.

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Toyota recalls 437,000 Priuses, hybrids globally

TOKYO (AP) — Toyota says it is recalling about 437,000 Prius and other hybrid vehicles worldwide to fix brake problems — the latest in a string of embarrassing safety lapses at the world's largest automaker.

"I don't see Toyota as an infallible company that never makes mistakes," President Akio Toyoda said at a press conference Tuesday in Tokyo. "We will face up to the facts and correct the problem, putting customers' safety and convenience first."

With the Prius announcement, the number of vehicles recalled globally by Toyota Motor Corp. has ballooned to 8.5 million, including for floor mats which can trap gas pedals and faulty gas pedals that are slow to return to the idle position. The 2010 Prius wasn't part of the earlier recalls.

There have been about 200 complaints in Japan and the U.S. about a delay when the brakes in the Prius were pressed in cold conditions and on some bumpy roads. The delay doesn't indicate a brake failure. The company says the problem can be fixed in 40 minutes with new software that oversees the controls of the antilock brakes.

"Let me assure everyone that we will redouble our commitment to quality as the lifeline of our company," Toyoda said.

Toyota officials went to Japan's Transport Ministry earlier Tuesday to formally notify officials the company is recalling the 2010 Prius gas-electric hybrid — the world's top-selling hybrid car. The automaker is also recalling two other hybrid models in Japan, the Lexus HS250h sedan, sold in the U.S. and Japan, and the Sai, which is sold only in Japan.

The 223,000 cars being recalled in Japan include nearly 200,000 Priuses sold from April last year through Monday, according to papers the automaker filed with the ministry. The Prius is Japan's top-selling car.

In the U.S., Toyota will recall 133,000 Prius cars and 14,500 Lexus HS250h vehicles. Nearly 53,000 Priuses are also being recalled in Europe. Toyota is suspending production of the Sai and Lexus HS250h in Japan until the updated software for those models is ready.

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of North Hobart. A building in the 100 block of East Craven was checked.

Sunday, Feb. 7. Officers assisted another agency in the 1900 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious person was reported in the 700 block of East Craven.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1500 block of West Browning.

An open door was reported

in the 1400 block of South Hobart.

An alarm was reported in the 500 block of North Russell.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 2200 block of Mary Ellen.

A theft was reported in the 1000 block of East Fisher.

A theft was reported in the 600 block of East Craven.

Phone harassment was reported in the 1000 block

of South Huff.

A suspicious person was reported at Pitts and Frederic.

Monday, Feb. 8.

An alarm was reported in the 600 block of East Frederic.

A suspicious person was reported at Gwendolyn and

Dwight.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1100 block of West Coronado.

A burglary was reported in the 2500 block of North Christine.

Sudoku

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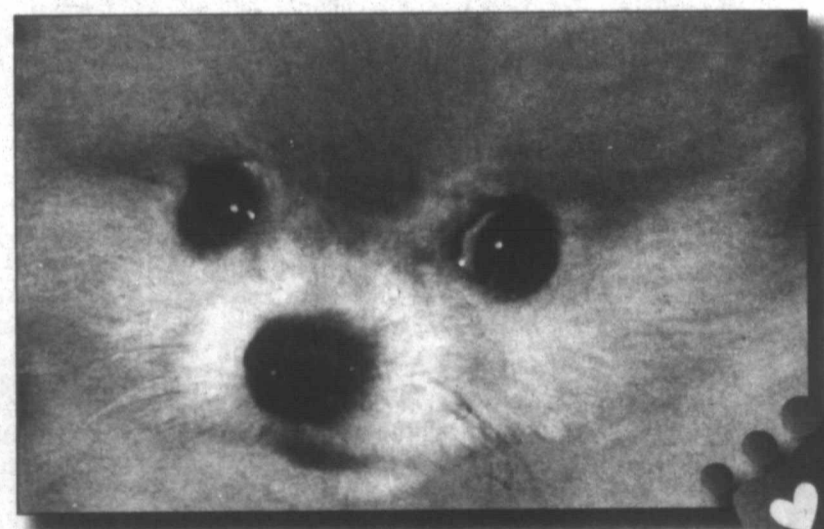
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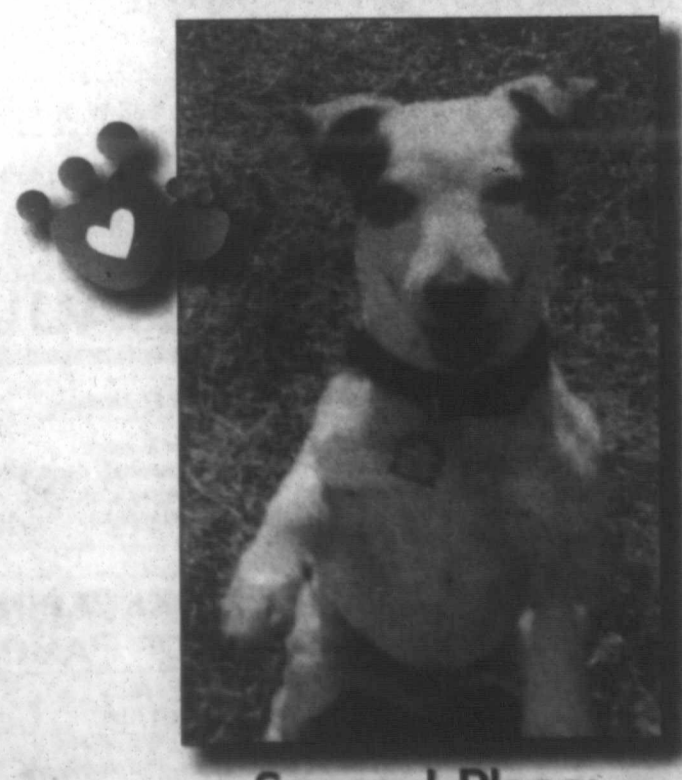
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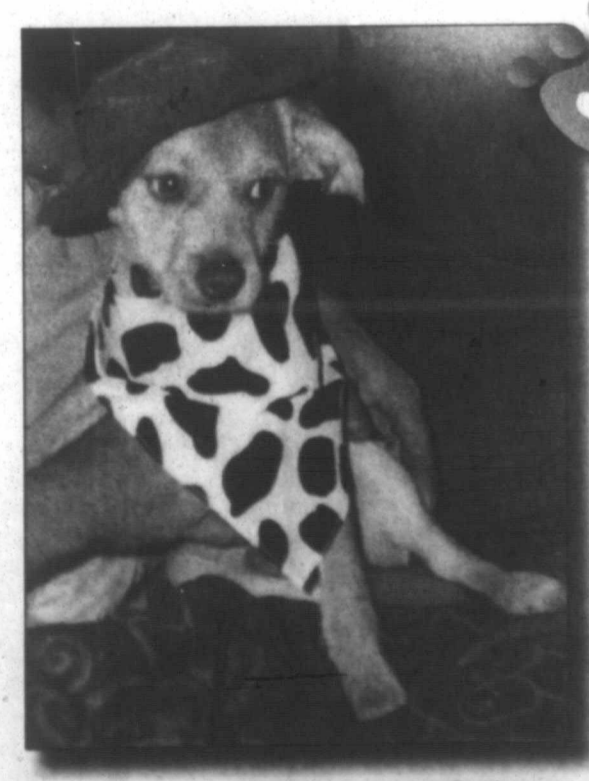


First Place: \$100 goes to Jake
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Second Place: \$50 goes to Tuffy
 owned by Bray Don Weatherly

Congratulations to all the winners!
 Thanks to everyone who participated either by sharing their pet photos with us or by voting for The Cutest Pet!



Third Place: \$25 goes to Lucky
 owned by Karen Jones



First deer



Samantha Van Houten of Pampa shot this eight-point Whitetail buck on Dec. 27, 2009 in Gray County. Samantha is the daughter of Don and Cheri VanHouten.

US company aims to store energy in air

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A U.S. company plans to dig a series of underground caverns that it hopes to one day fill with compressed air, releasing it to generate electricity by turning a turbine and solving one of the most vexing problems facing the clean-energy industry — how to store power.

Under a barren patch of Utah desert, a private-equity group is bankrolling the project to hollow out a series of energy-storage vaults from a massive salt deposit a mile (1.6 kilometers) underground. It promises to make a perfect repository for storing energy and, in effect, creating a giant subterranean battery.

Energy storage is catching on as a way to make wind and solar power more useful.

Without energy storage, the output of solar and wind power is so erratic — the wind doesn't always blow; cloud cover can shut down solar cells — that utilities can take only so much of it, said Jim Ferland, senior vice president for operations for PNM Resources, the New Mexico utility.

If renewable power makes up too big a part of a utility's energy mix, it can make the delicate act of balancing loads on a power grid difficult. The lack of storage is one of the things holding back clean energy, say scientists for Sandia National Laboratories' energy systems group in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

"Storage is the key here," said Charlie Hanley, manager of Sandia's photovoltaic and grid integration group. "We have to find a way to overcome intermittent swings from cloud cover."

The only commercial-scale, compressed air power plants are in McIntosh, Alabama, and Bremen, Germany. Other projects are under development in Norton, Ohio, and Ankeny, Iowa.

Initially, because of market needs, Salt Lake City-based Magnum Energy LLC will store natural gas for Rocky Mountain producers, taking it from a nearby interstate pipeline, in an "energy hub" near Delta, Utah. It hopes to start dissolving the first cavern within a year.

Later, the company is looking to dig other caverns at the site for compressed air, which could store excess energy generated by a nearby wind farm and then release it later when demand is high to turn turbines and create electricity, and possibly for carbon storage, which could trap a neighboring coal-fired power plant's emissions.

Still other caverns could be devoted to liquid petroleum; yet another pipeline

for liquid fuels, passing through the same part of Utah, is close to receiving federal approval.

The company filed for federal approval in December to build its versatile "energy hub."

A futuristic type of energy storage could involve putting the battery capacity of plug-in electric vehicles to work for the electric grid. It could take extra power from vehicles when needed, while ensuring a vehicle is properly charged overnight, said Daniel Laird, a researcher

for Sandia's wind energy technology group.

That will work only when plug-in cars make up a big part of the U.S. vehicle fleet, however.

For now, "we've got to find a way to store renewable energy for when people need it," said Steve Michel, a former utility executive.

Other forms of energy storage involve lumbering flywheels or banks of batteries, but they have limited capacities and can be costly.

GOP wary of pitfalls in health care summit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even as Republicans publicly welcome President Barack Obama's call for a bipartisan confab on health care, some privately worry that he might be laying a trap to portray their ideas as flimsy.

If so, a shaky showing by GOP leaders could possibly embolden congressional Democrats to make a final, aggressive push to overhaul the nation's health care system, with or without any Republican votes.

Some Republicans doubt that scenario, saying Democrats have lost momentum for any plan that's certain to draw fierce criticism. But they noted Monday that the White House has not backed away from its support of legislation similar to what the Democratic-controlled House and Senate passed separately in December over strong GOP objections.

"This is a clever tactic by the president to try to put the Republicans on the defensive," said John Feehery, a GOP consultant and former congressional aide. "There's a vast ideological gulf between the two parties on health care, he said, making it likely that the Feb. 25 half-day meeting will be more showmanship than substance."

The House's top two Republican leaders openly questioned Obama's sincerity and hinted they might skip the meeting if he uses the Democratic bills as the starting point for discussions.

"Assuming the president is sincere about moving forward on health care in a bipartisan way, does that mean he will agree to start over?" said a letter to White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel from House GOP leader John Boehner of Ohio and GOP Whip Eric Cantor of Virginia.

"If the starting point for this meeting is the job-killing bills the American people have already soundly rejected, Republicans would rightly be reluctant to participate," Boehner and Cantor wrote.

They asked Obama to rule out the possibility of

using "budget reconciliation" rules, which could allow Democrats to enact some health care provisions with a simple Senate majority, not the 60-vote super majority needed to halt filibusters. Democrats control 59 of the Senate's 100 seats.

In response to the letter, White House press secretary Robert Gibbs released a statement contending that Obama is "open to including any good ideas that stand up to objective scrutiny."

White House communications director Dan Pfeiffer said the president will not rule out the reconciliation route but is sincere in wanting to hear Republicans' ideas for improving the health care legislation.

In announcing his call for the bipartisan event in a CBS News interview Sunday, Obama was vague when asked whether he was willing to start from scratch on health care. But the White House circulated talking points saying the president is "adamant about passing comprehensive reform similar to the bills passed by the House and the Senate" shortly before Democrats lost their filibuster-proof Senate majority.

If that's true, Republicans said, what is the point of the Feb. 25 meeting? Some looked to the CBS interview for signs that Obama may use the televised event to depict Republicans' proposals as falling short in key areas.

"What I want to do is to look at the Republican ideas that are out there," Obama said. "And I want to be very specific. 'How do you guys want to lower costs? How do you guys intend to reform the insurance markets so people with preexisting conditions, for example, can get health care? How do you want to make sure that the 30 million people who don't have health insurance can get it?'"

Republicans say their health care proposals are frugal and practical. But Obama may be able to cast unkind lights on some details, such as non-partisan estimates that the

House Republican bill would cover 3 million uninsured people while the Democratic version would cover 36 million.

All presidents command a bully pulpit, and Democrats feel Obama was especially nimble in parrying House Republicans' arguments and criticisms at a Jan. 29 televised event. The Feb. 25 setting could offer him a similar chance to spar with his critics.

The Boehner-Cantor letter sought to even the sides a bit. It called on the White House to invite pro-Republican analysts and Democratic lawmakers who voted against the Obama-backed legislation in December.

Liberal groups hope Americans will see the Republicans as obstructionists, possibly encouraging Democrats to use their still-sizable congressional majorities to enact their health care proposals via the budget reconciliation rules, without GOP help.

If the Feb. 25 meeting clarifies the sharp differences between the two parties, "that might be helpful," said Richard Kirsch of the liberal Health Care for America Now.

But some Republicans said Obama runs the risk of appearing insincere if he convenes the bipartisan gathering without showing greater willingness to shelve or greatly change his party's proposals.

It's a gamble Democrats appear willing to take.

"I think the greatest risk for Democrats is passing nothing," said Rep. Gerry Connolly, D-Va. "There are a lot of things the public may not support in a given moment, but later on, when things have quieted down, they may think of highly."

An overhaul of U.S. health care could fit that description, he said.

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: "49 and Holding" (Dec. 5), who doesn't want her daughter to give her a 50th birthday party, needs to grow up and learn to celebrate life instead of hiding from the fact that she's growing older. She is aging because she's alive — and what a blessing that is.

I lived through the worst years of the AIDS epidemic and witnessed the deaths of more than 200 friends — all of whom would have loved to celebrate a 50th birthday. My mother died at 82 and was grateful for every year, as am I.

Life's milestones warrant a party. Those who don't want to celebrate life and the birthdays that come with it should consider the alternative. — BRUCE C., ATLANTA

DEAR BRUCE: My readers agreed that "Holding" should quit whining and enjoy life because everyone isn't so fortunate. Growing old is a gift, and it sure does beat the alternative! Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Sorry, 50 is NOT the new 30. Fifty is 50! One of the reasons "Holding" may have issues with aging is this obsession with youth. Youth is definitely transitional, but that doesn't mean one's health, beauty and vibrancy vanish. "Holding" has every right to feel as she does, but I hope she won't continue sitting on the sidelines of life.

By the way, I'll be celebrating my 51st birthday in a few days. My daughter is taking me to Las Vegas to paint the town ... not red (too youthful) but crimson. You definitely DO get better as you age! — JACQUELINE W., CHANDLER, ARIZ.

DEAR ABBY: I admit that I felt much as "Holding" did until my sister told me that, for her, turning 50 was an exceptionally freeing experience. It's true. At that age, I realized I wasn't going to be the CEO of the company I

worked for, that I had a job I enjoyed, that my family was there for me in whatever I chose to pursue, and that there were places on this planet I wanted to visit (and have). I have found it difficult finding a downside to being 50.

Age is in your head, Abby. I've met 10-year-olds who are eons past 50, and 70-year-olds who are as curious, inquisitive and active as people far younger. So I say, go for it proudly. — PAST 50 AND FABULOUS

DEAR ABBY: Everyone regards aging differently, but why be depressed over something you can't control? When I turned 50, I decided I could either be depressed and drink myself silly or celebrate the milestone.

I declared to my family, friends and co-workers that it was my year and my goal was to do 50 things I had never done before — or hadn't done in a long time. I reconnected with neglected friends, went on my first cruise, stayed in a haunted hotel. While I didn't quite make it to 50 things (I made it to 30), it was fun trying, and everyone had a blast in the process. — 50-PLUS AND DEALING WITH IT

DEAR ABBY: At 36 I was diagnosed with cancer. My son was only 5. As radiation treatments pulsed through my body in the hope of giving me more life, I wondered if those would be his last memories of me.

Fast forward 13 years. I am 49 and holding — with one major difference. I look forward to each and every birthday. In a few months, I'll turn 50. And do you know what looks even better than my 50th birthday? My 60th!

Birthdays are a celebration of life, a reminder that we have the good fortune to be with the people who mean the most to us. — THANKFUL FOR EACH AND EVERY DAY

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US Olympians begin checking in at Vancouver

RICHMOND, British Columbia (AP) — Noelle Pikus-Pace gasped as she glanced around the hotel ballroom to see the mountains of boxes piled around and overflowing with red-white-and-blue U.S. Olympic gear.

"This is amazing," the skeleton racer said Monday, when she joined dozens of teammates in suburban Vancouver for team processing by the U.S. Olympic Committee.

"I just can't get the smile off my face," Pikus-Pace said, in between trying on different sweaters. "And I feel like I'm going to have it on for another 22 days."

The prospect of sorting through all the free clothes — sneakers and boots with red laces, T-shirts and turtlenecks — provided by sponsors wasn't the incentive Pikus-Pace used to come back from a shattered leg that prevented her from competing at the 2006 Turin Games. But it was a pleasant reward.

"It's been a long time. To get to this point is pretty incredible, and it's a little surreal still," she said,

showing off the red and blue streaks she had colored into her blond hair. "But I think little by little it's starting to kind of set in."

She's not the only one, who was a bit overwhelmed.

From the hulking members of U.S. men's bobsledding team to tiny pairs figure skater Amanda Evora, there's nothing like a free shopping spree to get into the Olympic mood.

"Oh my gosh!" shrieked Evora, when asked about her new red running shoes. "I've never had red shoes, not even red high heels. And I'm not one who likes to buy too much for myself, but today, it's all about me."

This is the first Olympic Games for the 25-year-old Evora, who will be competing with Mark Ladwig.

Veteran U.S. team members had told Evora about everything sponsors make available to athletes, but she had to see it to believe it.

"I came off the plane, and it's just been present after present," she said.

"It's really exciting. You can't hide it inside." Pushing around an oversized cart, athletes made their way around the room, stopping at several stations to sort through the clothes, including the Ralph Lauren-designed uniforms for Friday's opening ceremony.

They feature off-white cotton pants, which can be matched with an assortment of tops ranging from a heavy blue jacket trimmed with red along the pockets and around the collar to dark blue heavy sweaters. Underneath, athletes will wear turtlenecks.

The uniforms were inspired by the ones worn by U.S. athletes at the 1932 Lake Placid Winter Games.

And that's not all. Athletes also were sized for an Olympic ring, a watch and a leather jacket.

The Vancouver Games are the third Olympics for luge team member Tony Benshoof, and he described the assortment of items — and their quality — the best of the three.

"I went to 2002 and 2006, and it was all great, but

Winter Olympics torch visits US

BLAINE, Wash. (AP) — The Winter Olympics torch made its only visit to the United States for a ceremony Tuesday at the Peace Arch border crossing in Blaine.

The torch was carried by skier Phil Mahre (mehr) of Yakima who won medals at the 1980 Olympics at Lake Placid and the 1984 Olympics in Sarajevo.

Mahre was cheered by a crowd of several thousand people, waving U.S. and Canadian flags and signs with the Olympics rings.

A childrens choir from nearby White Rock, B.C., sang the U.S. and Canadian anthems.

Gov. Chris Gregoire and British Columbia Premier Gordon Campbell applauded as Mahre lit a cauldron at the Peace Arch. A Canadian runner carries the torch back into British Columbia where the games begin Friday at Vancouver.

this Ralph stuff is really nice," Benshoof said. "I'm only halfway through, and I can't believe it. It's like Christmas in February."

Benshoof will compete in the men's single luge in what he expects will be his final Olympics. Benshoof is competing despite having three herniated discs in his back.

Pikus-Pace's Olympic journey has proven to be an uplifting and resilient one.

She was the world's top-ranked skeleton racer on Oct. 19, 2005, when her right leg was broken in a horrific crash during a training session in Calgary,

Alberta. She was standing near the end of the track when a bobsled with an inexperienced driver at the controls couldn't stop in time and smashed into Pikus-Pace, sending her flying.

The injury not only dashed her chances of competing at Turin, but also nearly ended her career.

Pikus-Pace skipped the 2007-08 season to have her daughter Lacey, before returning to competition in 2008 in a bid to qualify for Vancouver.

The injury, the time off and her new role as a mother have all contributed to

provide Pikus-Pace with a new perspective as she prepares for the competition to open at the Whistler Sliding Center on Feb. 15.

"Going into 2006, I think I just viewed the Olympics a little bit different than I do now," she said. "Back then, it was more of just something that fell into place. I was first in the world, and it was expected of me to go the Olympics and to win a medal."

And now?

"I feel lucky to be here," she said.

US ski jumpers struggle to make ends meet

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — No money, no opening ceremonies and maybe no really meaningful competition. It's not easy being a part of the U.S. Olympic Ski Jumping team.

Not only will the cash-starved American squad miss the opening ceremony Friday night, they face the possibility of being eliminated from their first event before the Olympic cauldron is even lit. Qualifying for individual normal hill jumping starts Friday afternoon in Whistler, a two-hour ride from Vancouver, site of the opening ceremony.

With first jumps for qualifiers on Saturday morning, Anders Johnson, Nick Alexander and Peter Frenette can't be in both places.

"I definitely wanted to go to opening ceremonies but wasn't going to be too bummed out if I couldn't," said Frenette, a 17-year-old from Lake Placid, N.Y. "It's more important to do well."

It takes a lot to "bum out" the three young men competing in a sport that hasn't received full funding since the 2006 Games. Today's jumpers rely on family for most of the \$20,000 a year it costs each compete, choosing their sport ahead of college even if it means mowing lawns, washing dishes, and scooping ice cream to pay the bills.

They started their own private team, called Project X, from scratch three years ago, hiring their own coach for a group of top U.S. juniors, and finding their own sponsors.

"It's really difficult to do with how the economy is now," Johnson said. "It's huge sacrifice for us. Nick and I should be moving onto college, but we're sacrificing that part of our life for our sport. And it's an even bigger sacrifice for our family to work that extra bit to keep that Olympic dream alive for us."

They stay in the cheapest hotels they can find, wax their own skis and even sew their own ski suits to keep going.

"It's just a leap of faith that one day we will get funding if results are improving," Frenette said.

They have, with Alexander, a 21-year-old from Lebanon, N.H., qualifying for six International Ski Federation (FIS) World Cups. Anders Johnson, 20, competed in Turin, Italy, in 2006 before blowing out his knee last summer, and Frenette is coming off a top-20 finish in Japan. As if the pressure of making it past Olympic qualifying weren't enough, they are keenly aware how much a strong showing would mean to their sport.

"Ski jumping isn't exactly a huge sport in the U.S., and it's kind of a constant struggle for us to make it well known," said Johnson.

WOMEN'S MOGULS TEAM: The U.S. Olympic women's moguls team arrived in Vancouver on Monday to heightened medal expectations after finishing first through fourth at a World Cup event in Lake Placid, N.Y., last month. Hannah Kearney, Shannon Bahrke and Heather McPhie all finished on the podium, with Michelle Roark fourth.

"It's incredible to be part of a U.S. sweep right before the games, and maybe it is pressure and more attention from American media," Kearney said.

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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) ***** You might want to take charge rather than let a good idea drop away. The issue remains, you might have to follow an untried path in order to achieve the goal you desire. Your instincts come through with a boss. Tonight: A must appearance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Keep the conversation moving. Think twice about an opportunity that surrounds a family situation. You might intrinsically feel that there could be a backfire. A friend might come through in a big way. Tonight: A get-together could be more fun than you anticipated.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Let a partner assume the lead.

He or she probably will hit some flak without your help. This person needs that experience in order to understand you a bit more fully. Let him or her have the chance. Tonight: Go with another's solution.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Defer to a partner. New information comes forward. Listen to news, yet don't hesitate to get several opinions, especially an expert's. You might want to sort through what path would be best. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** An steady pattern could be difficult right now, as you seem to feel passionate about one issue after another. Perhaps focusing on your daily happenings or a project will help. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Your creativity comes out right now and seems endless. Others seem unusually optimistic, and it might be the perfect time for a long-overdue conversation. Understanding evolves to a much higher level than you thought possible. Tonight: Take a midweek break.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Stay close to home, if possible. If you must head into the office in order to accomplish more of what you want, then do. Try to avoid socializing or taking away from the immediate situation. Laugh and relax with others. Tonight: Light a fire and curl up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Keep communication flowing. A situation might be confusing or take away from your sense of well-being. This is only a passage. Intelligence and

imagination merge. You seem to be on top of your game. Tonight: Hanging out. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Your finances become very important, and you will want to stay ahead of the game. Your creativity surges in the face of an opportunity. Do erase the word "impossible" from your language. Know what you want. Tonight: Order in.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Right now everyone seems to have something to say. In the midst of all the jabbering, there might be something useful to hear. Check out an opportunity with your eyes open. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Know when it might be appropriate to back off. Your instincts guide you with a money matter. Your ability to listen to everything that is shared comes forward. Integrate information with the help of others. Tonight: Do your thing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Zero in on what you want now that others prove to be supportive. You have a lot of positive energy and do make a difference. Focus on what is important to a key partner or friend in your life. Tonight: Find your friends.

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Freshmen boys fall against Whitefaces and Eagles

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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The Pampa Harvesters freshmen basketball team had a strong start but it doesn't hold up as they lost 48-32 to the Canyon Eagles Monday in the MPAC Gymnasium.

Coach Del Smith said he thought the team played well in the first half but struggled scoring in the second.

"The first half was the best we played then we ran out of gas," Smith said.

"They (Canyon) got some offensive shooters. They were able to score but we struggled scoring. We played good defense."

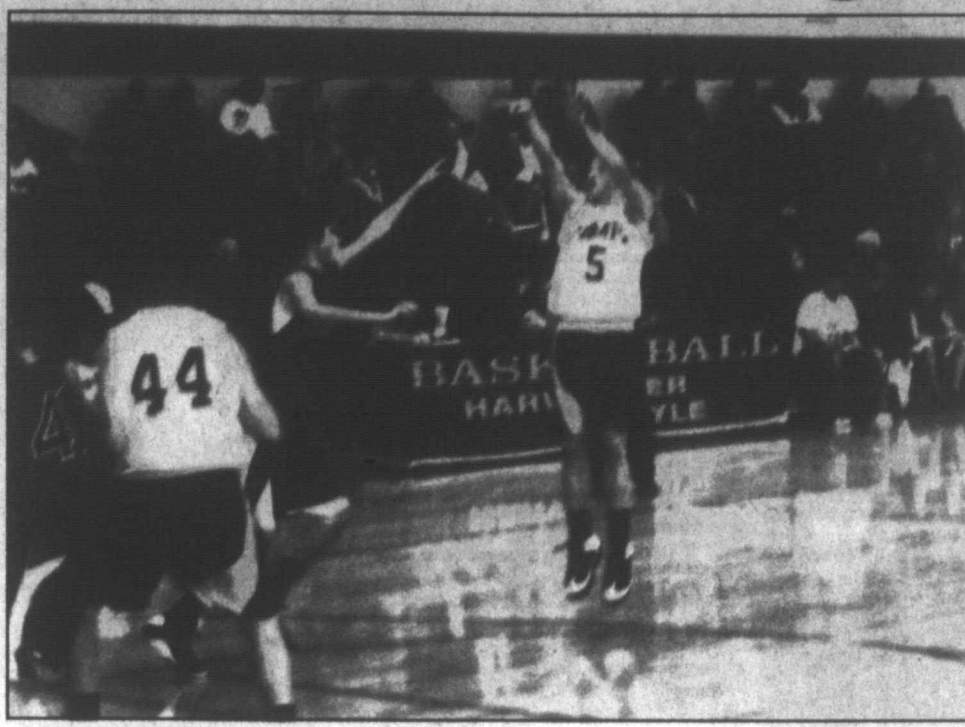
The Harvesters led 14-9 after the first quarter. Canyon started the second quarter on a 10-0 run to take a 19-14 lead. Pampa outscored the Eagles 7-4 the rest of the second to cut their lead to 23-21 at halftime.

In the third quarter, the closest Pampa would get was one. The Eagles led by

as many as nine at 33-24 and 35-26. Canyon outscored the Harvesters 12-8 in the third to lead 35-26 after three. The Eagles won the fourth quarter 13-6.

Jonathan Cox led the team in scoring with seven. Ryan Smith and James Thompson scored six.

Saturday the Harvesters lost 43-20 at Hereford. Trey Teel led the team in scoring with seven and Jordan Lemons scored four. The Harvesters host Randall 10 a.m. February 13.



staff photo by **Andrew Glover**
Ryan Smith attempts a three-pointer in the second half against Canyon in the MPAC Gymnasium. Pampa lost 48-32 and host Randall on Saturday.

Texas Sports Hall of Fame adds 10 inductees

WACO, Texas (AP) — The co-founder of the American Football League and the man who helped bring big-time pro basketball to Texas are two of 10 new inductees into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame.

Tennessee Titans owner Bud Adams co-founded the AFL in 1960 and founded his franchise as the AFL's Houston Oilers, which

remained in Houston until 1996.

West Texas native Max Williams helped organize the Dallas Chaparrals of the American Basketball Association in 1967. That team later became the NBA's San Antonio Spurs.

The other inductees Monday night are Houston Astros and Rice baseball standout Lance Berkman;

former Baylor receiver Lawrence Elkins; former Texas Longhorns and Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Burt Hooton; former Dallas Cowboys players Chuck Howley, Harvey Martin and Dan Reeves; San Antonio-born NFL quarterback Tommy Kramer; and Baylor women's basketball coach Kim Mulkey

Top ranked Kansas stifles sinking Texas Longhorns

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Kansas gave Texas a lesson in not only what it takes to get to No. 1, but how to stay there.

It started with a big early run and a rally-killing finish as the top-ranked Jayhawks beat No. 14 Texas 80-68 on Monday night, easily handling a team that a few weeks ago was supposed to challenge them for the Big 12 title.

"Going into the season, we were ranked one and they were two," said Marcus Morris, who overcame dislocating his right ring finger in the first half to lead Kansas with 18 points. "We circled this game on our calendars. We were ready from day one to play this game."

It showed as Kansas (23-1, 9-0) outmuscled and out-hustled Texas (19-5, 5-4) in just about every way.

Kansas, No. 1 for the second straight week after three weeks out of the top spot, outrebounded a physical Texas lineup 45-34, held the Longhorns to 37 percent shooting and scored 27 points off 17 turnovers.

And when Texas finally staged a late rally, Kansas slammed the door behind senior point guard Sherron Collins, who had 15 points, five assists, four steals and made several key plays down the stretch.

When the final seconds finally ticked off, Collins punctuated the win by slamming the ball down hard with a yell, bouncing it high in the air.

"We've put ourselves in pretty favorable position (in the Big 12)," Kansas coach Bill Self said. "Somebody can get hot and run the table, but it puts pressure on us to keep playing."

It's better than favorable as every other team in the league has at least three losses.

Texas seemed game for a good one until a 22-0 Kansas run in the first half seized momentum and took the buzz out of the

raucous home crowd. The Longhorns never recovered and the team that a month ago looked like a national title contender now simply looks lost.

Texas started the season 17-0 to earn the first No. 1 ranking in school history in early January, but has since lost five of its last seven.

Kansas was No. 1 in the preseason poll and for the first eight weeks of the regular season before its only loss, at Tennessee.

Freshman J'Covan Brown led Texas with 28 points, scoring most of them in a late burst that cut Kansas' lead under 10 late before Tyshawn Taylor made two free throws. Collins then bulled through two defenders to fire a sharp pass to Tyrel Reed for a layup that ended the rally.

Damion James had 24 points and 10 rebounds for Texas but as has been the case in Texas' previous losses, he was the only reliable scorer when the game was close.

Texas tried to muscle up Kansas by inserting forward Gary Johnson into the starting lineup for the first time. But his 10 points on 3-of-8 shooting couldn't make a difference.

Texas led 14-11 early before Markieff Morris' long 3-pointer started Kansas' big run that left the Longhorns looking bewildered at both ends of the court.

Collins zipped a pass to Marcus Morris and he made a nifty grab in a dead sprint for a layup. Taylor made a 3-pointer before two Texas turnovers led to easy Jayhawks baskets. Collins' long 3-pointer from the left wing made it 30-14.

Texas went scoreless for more than 11 minutes and missed 12 straight shots before James banked in a 3-pointer. Kansas led 34-24 at halftime.

"I didn't know what was happening. It happened so fast," James said of Kansas'

run. "They showed why they are No. 1 team in country. If we want to be there we have to watch this game and see what we can do to make things happen."

Kansas opened the second half with an alley-oop pass from Collins to Xavier Henry and the Jayhawks' stifling defense continued to force wild shots and turnovers.

When Texas guard Dogus Balbay mishandled the ball in the backcourt, all his teammates had already run to the other end. With four Jayhawks under the basket, Collins coolly tossed it to Marcus Morris for an emphatic two-handed dunk and a 50-34 lead.

Everything seemed to be working for Kansas at that point. Brady Morningstar stroked a 3-pointer and Collins spun through the lane for a behind-the-back pass to Cole Aldrich for a dunk. Even a botched alley-oop pass to Marcus Morris worked when the ball bounced right back to him on the other side of the basket for an easy putback.

"We were terrible on offense for long periods of time, and we helped them," Texas coach Rick Barnes said. "You go back, 27 points off turnovers. That's been the biggest killer in us for every game."

Frosh girls down Hereford

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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The Pampa Lady Harvesters freshmen basketball team defeated the Hereford Lady Whitefaces 45-27 Saturday in Hereford.

Coach Alan Segura said his team didn't play as well as they were capable of.

"I guess it wasn't too bad considering we hadn't

played in 12 days," Segura said.

Pampa led 19-7 after the first quarter and outscored Hereford 11-6 to expand their lead to 30-13 at halftime. Both teams played even in the third quarter scoring six points each. The Lady Harvesters won the final quarter 9-8.

Calli Brewer led the team

in scoring with 13. Taylor Morgan scored 12, Bailey Beck scored eight, Hannah Baker scored six, Rachel Andrews scored five and Allison Ceyanes scored one.

The freshmen closed out the season Monday hosting Canyon. Details of the game were not made available as of press time.



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Ryan Stoffle attempts to kick the ball upfield Saturday at Harvester Field. Pampa tied Borger 2-2. Head Coach John True's comments were unavailable as of press time.

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