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Change in the weather



staff photo by David Bowser

The ups and downs of winter weather in the Texas panhandle may be giving way to warmer temperatures and sunny skies. The forecast is for 50 degrees by this weekend.

Recent snows a blessing to farmers, ranchers

BY DAVID BOWSER
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Snow and ice may be an inconvenience for most people, but for Brandon McGinty and many farmers and ranchers in Gray County, it's a blessing.

"The moisture in all facets is excellent," said McGinty, the Gray County AgriLife Agent in Pampa.

He said that it doesn't matter if a person is a cow-calf producer, stocker operator with cattle on wheat or a farmer.

"Even homeowners in town are going to benefit," he said, "because they're not going to have to do much watering. We aren't going to worry about watering trees. Our lawns have gotten some deep moisture. We've got some deep moisture for the gardens. There's not a soul that isn't going to benefit."

The best part about it, McGinty said, is that it's come in several stages.

It came initially a couple of weeks ago in the form of ice. That was followed by snow on top of the ice.

"Then we had some rainfall," he said, "and then we had more snow."

The county agent admitted that the ice made travel difficult and dangerous for motorists, but the moisture it brought was welcome.

"Yes, it's bad for traveling," McGinty admitted.

But in the Texas Panhandle, the moisture is always welcome.

"The best thing about it is that it melted and was absorbed into the soil and then it froze again," he said. "So it was a slow action. The worst thing you can get is a hard, fast heavy rain quickly. Then you lose all the moisture. We've got a LOT of moisture."

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Former Texas Rep. Charlie Wilson dies

DALLAS (AP) — The late Rep. Charlie Wilson worked tenaciously to funnel millions of dollars in weapons to Afghan rebels who fought off the Soviet Union, only to watch Afghanistan plunge into chaos and eventually harbor al-Qaida terrorists.

The course of events greatly saddened the rakish Texan, who died at a Texas hospital Wednesday at age 76, and believed it could have been avoided had the U.S. committed to rebuilding Afghanistan years ago.

"He tried to get a lot of dollars appropriated to rebuild the infrastructure," longtime friend Buddy Temple said Wednesday. "What he told me was the members of Congress, they were tired of hearing about it by then."

Atta Mohammed Nur, a major commander in the war against the Soviets, expressed his condolences Thursday. He said Stinger missiles he received during the conflict shot down several Soviet jets.

"When we got the Stingers, it changed the situation on the front line totally," he said. "Mr. Wilson is in the heart of the Afghan people. Never will the Afghan nation forget him."

Wilson represented Texas' 2nd Congressional District from 1973 to 1996, and was known in Washington as "Good Time Charlie" for his reputation as a hard-drinking womanizer. He once called former Rep. Patricia Schroeder "Babycakes," and tried to take a beauty queen with him on a government trip to Afghanistan.

"He was larger than life. He was everything he was portrayed to be," said Marvin Weinbaum, a scholar WILSON cont. on page 3

Crash injures one



staff photo by David Bowser

A collision at Duncan and Kentucky shortly before 8 a.m. today left one child with minor injuries, police said. A white Nissan driven by Joshua Ennis, 23, was involved in a crash with a black Dodge Durango driven by Jennifer Hill, 31.

Sales tax revenues up

BY DAVID BOWSER
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The latest news is in for Pampa's sales tax revenues for the month of December, and while not great, it's better than last month.

The remittance that the city gets lags the month it was collected by a little over a month. The sales tax check that Pampa gets

back from the state for December sales arrives about the beginning of February.

"It was above budget," Pampa City Manager Richard Morris said late Wednesday.

The city administration had budgeted an expected \$352,000 for this month. The actual amount was

\$356,352.07.

Morris said he was cautiously optimistic as the city deposited its third check for the fiscal year.

Last month, the city took a good-sized hit.

The January sale tax check on goods sold in Pampa in November was

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Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 28. North northwest wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 48. Wind chill values between 23 and 33 early. Calm wind becoming southwest between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 31. South southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 52. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north northwest.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 29. North northwest wind around 10 mph.

Sunday: Scattered flurries. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 32. North wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 21. North northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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For Valentine's Day, the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) are teaming up to remind drivers to show law enforcement officers and emergency workers they care by moving over or slowing down, not only on Valentine's Day, but every day.

TxDOT will display the move-over or slow-down message on their electronic message boards beginning after evening rush hour on Friday, Feb. 12, and ending before rush hour on Monday, Feb. 15. The message boards will read, "IF EMERGENCY VEHICLE STOPPED AHEAD, MOVE OVER OR SLOW DOWN. IT'S THE LAW."

Since the move-over or slow-down law took effect

on Sept. 1, 2003, DPS has given 14,288 citations to drivers who have violated the law.

The law applies to stopped emergency vehicles with lights activated, including police, emergency medical service and fire vehicles.

In Texas, in 2009, nine crashes involved an emergency vehicle that was parked for emergency purposes, including law enforcement traffic stops. Although the number is relatively low, each crash can have catastrophic results.

The move-over or slow-down law requires drivers nearing stopped emergency vehicles with emergency lights activated to either slow down or change lanes. Specifically, the law states a driver must either slow down 20 miles per hour below the speed limit or vacate the lane closest to the stopped emergency vehicle that has emergency lights activated if the road has multiple lanes traveling in the same direction. (If the speed limit is below 25 mph, the driver must slow down to 5 mph.) Drivers should only move over if they can safely and legally do so; otherwise, they should slow down.

"Our Highway Patrol troopers and law enforcement officers across Texas are often conducting business on busy roadways with vehicles passing them at high rates of speed," said DPS Director Col. Steven C. McCraw. "Just the slightest slip of the wheel can endanger them. This law requires drivers to give them and other emergency vehicles the space they need to perform their duties safely."

A violation is punishable by a maximum fine of \$200. If the violation results in property damage, the maximum fine increases to \$500.

Obituaries

Glenn Clark Sanders, 89

Pampa— Glenn Clark Sanders, 89, February 11, 2010, in Pampa, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Sanders was born December 19, 1920 in Pawnee, Oklahoma to Bernard and Molly Sanders. He married Ermalee Vandruff in 1947. He enlisted in the U. S. Army Air Corps in 1942 and was a fighter pilot.

Glenn had a great love for flying. He received his Associate Degree from Pawnee Junior College in Pawnee, Oklahoma. He attended Oklahoma A & M University and Texas Tech University. He went to work for Skelly Oil in 1948 in Lyman, Oklahoma. He transferred from Carter Nine Skelly Camp in Oklahoma to Pampa in 1959. Glenn retired from Skelly Oil in

1975 and began traveling with his wife the world over. He was a member of the American Petroleum Institute and the First Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his wife, Ermalee Sanders of the home; one niece, Gwen Hathaway; special friends: Sam and Jan Haynes.

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Sanders

Beverly Nan Coffman Chavez, 72

Pampa— Beverly Nan Coffman Chavez, 72, died February 10, 2010, in Pampa, Texas.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Chavez was born January 9, 1938 in Pampa and was a 1956 graduate of Pampa High School. She lived in Ruidoso, New Mexico from 1977 until returning to Pampa in 2003. For many years, she owned and operated

Top O' Texas Answering Service in Pampa. She was a member of the White Deer Senior Citizens Center and the Bingo Club at Pampa Manor.

Survivors include a daughter, Teri Williams and husband Dennis of Pampa; a son, Chris Coffman and wife Brenda of Sealy; brother, Rick Ramming and wife Nita of White Deer; three grandchildren, Joshua Harris,

Meredith Coffman and Caleb Coffman; nieces and nephews R. D. Ramming, Vicki Hillis and Pam Cartwright; numerous great nieces and great nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Keith Coffman, in 1996; and her husband, Richard Chavez, in March of 2003.

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EMERGENCY SERVICES

SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

Monday, Feb. 9.
Julie Ann Alonzo, 22, was arrested by deputies on charges of tempering with government records.

Oaty Don Scott, 34, was arrested by deputies on warrants charging him with theft of property greater than \$20 but less than \$500 by check and non-payment of fines and court costs.

Barbara Ann Taylor, 45,

was arrested by deputies on charges of possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram.

PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police Department reported the following call during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

Police reported seven traffic-related stops.

Animal control officers reported seven calls.

Pampa EMS reported 4 ambulance calls.

Tuesday, Feb. 9.

Disorderly conduct was

reported in the 2400 block of North Charles.

Officers served a warrant in the 1300 block of North Coffee.

Identity theft was reported to police.

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

A fire investigation was launched in the 1200 block of East Frederic.

Harassment was reported in the 900 block of East Francis.

City officials shut off the water in the 400 block of North Russell.

An alarm was reported in the 1000 block of North

Hobart.

A suspicious person was reported at Lincoln and Christy.

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

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block of Lowry.

Wednesday, Feb. 10.

A suspicious person was reported in the 400 block of West Kingsmill.

A suspicious person was reported at Crane and Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of East Murphy.

Texas prisons part of state budget cuts

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Closing some Texas prisons is an option as the correctional system faces a Monday deadline to put together a budget-cutting plan.

Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Joe Straus asked all state agencies in January to offer proposals cutting 5 percent of their budgets by Feb. 15. Texas is facing a projected state budget shortfall of at least \$10 billion.

The Austin American-Statesman reported

Thursday that Texas prison officials are looking for perhaps as much as \$300 million in cutbacks in the 112-unit system.

"Closing prisons? It's absolutely on the table," said House Corrections Committee Chairman Jim McReynolds of Lufkin. "As tight as our budget situation looks, we cannot unravel the fledgling system of diversion and treatment programs that are paying big dividends now for the states. And there's only one other place to look prison operations."

Brad Livingston, executive director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, has said that any budget reductions would not compromise public safety or agency operations.

"We certainly can't compromise public safety, and I'm opposed to closing prisons just to save a buck," said Senate Criminal Justice Committee Chairman John Whitmire of Houston.

"Closing prisons ought to be a result of having excess capacity that results from having diversion and treat-

ment programs that are successful, to build new efficiencies into a system to make it work better, to be smarter about how we approach criminal justice," Whitmire said.

The number of imprisoned Texas adults has been decreasing and the system currently has about 2,300 vacant beds, according to Whitmire and McReynolds. The Texas youth prison system, which five years ago housed almost 5,000 offenders, now holds fewer than 1,700.

STATE BRIEFS

Burlington shareholders approve sale to Berkshire

NEW YORK (AP) — Burlington Northern Santa Fe says shareholders approve the sale of their railroad to Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway.

Burlington Northern CEO Matt Rose said Thursday 70 percent of shares cast approved the deal. The acquisition needed two-thirds approval to pass.

The shareholder vote is the last major step before the \$26.3 billion purchase of the Fort Worth, Texas-based railroad.

When the deal officially closes on Friday, it will be Berkshire's largest-ever acquisition. Berkshire is based in Omaha, Neb.

Prison for videotaped child sex acts in Austin

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A jury in Austin ordered 99 years in prison for a man convicted in the videotaped sexual assault of two girls in attacks assisted by his wife.

Adrian Navarro was convicted of aggravated sexual assault of a child and attempted aggravated sexual assault of a child, plus promotion of child pornography.

Navarro was sentenced Wednesday to 99-year terms for the sexual assault counts, and 20 years for the child porn convictions. The sentences will run concurrently.

Navarro testified that making the girls, ages 1 and 5, perform sex acts on him was "a bad decision."

Mariana Garcia in November pleaded guilty to two counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child and is serving 40 years in prison.

The 2009 case started as a burglary investigation. Navarro still faces two charges of burglary of a habitation.

East Texas sheriff talks safety amid church fires

HENDERSON, Texas (AP) — An eastern Texas sheriff wants to discuss safety issues with religious leaders in his area amid a rash of church fires that authorities believe were intentionally set.

Rusk County Sheriff Danny Pirtle planned a meeting for Thursday morning in Henderson, a day after the number of church arsons in Texas since Jan. 1 reached 10 with two more confirmed cases.

Nine of the fires were in counties just west of Rusk. The other was in central Texas.

Rusk hasn't had a reported church fire, but Pirtle says he is concerned his county will be targeted.

No go with Petco offering seized exotic animals

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — An adoption plan for Petco to offer exotic animals removed from an Arlington company has been dropped.

The SPCA of Texas earlier said about 2,000 of the estimated 27,000 animals rescued Dec. 15 from U.S. Global Exotics, amid inhumane conditions, would be available at Petco.

Maura Davies with the SPCA of Texas says the agreement was suspended Wednesday because of the perception that the rescued animals were returning to the pet trade industry.

A Petco spokesman denied that the company or the foundation would profit from the adoption fee, as part of its effort with WildRescue Inc.

The bulk of the exotic animals had been donated to zoos, sanctuaries and welfare groups. The remaining 2,000 animals will be returned to the SPCA for placement.

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Pancake supper Tuesday



Clayton Hall, left, Jayte Kidd, Gracie Grice and Mother Linda Kelly of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church prepare for their Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper next week.

staff photo by David Bowser

4H and FFA members prepare for Houston show

HOUSTON — 4-H and FFA members from across the state of Texas will soon descend upon Reliant Park for the 2010 Houston Livestock Show. Nearly 15,000 junior exhibitors are expected to be a part of the 78th Show which runs March 2 through March 21.

The nearly 15,000 entries that will compete in the 2010 junior show represent more than 1,000 Texas 4-H clubs and FFA chapters. A wide variety of animals will be shown in the junior

divisions of the livestock competition, including market steers, barrows, lambs, goats, and poultry; beef and dairy heifers; breeding gilts and sheep; and commercial steers. Many of these exhibitors will compete in the 4-H and FFA judging contests, including poultry, meat, wool, livestock, dairy and horse judging; range and pasture plant identification; floriculture; wildlife habitat evaluation; and nursery landscape. Some students will bring their

practical works of art for the Agricultural Mechanics Project Show.

The four market animal auctions — steer, lamb and goat, barrow, and poultry (broiler and turkey) — represent animals raised by junior exhibitors as food sources. The animals judged as best in each of these categories are eligible for their individual market auctions.

The Show is a Section 501(c)(3) charity dedicated to benefiting youth, supporting education, and

facilitating better agricultural practices through exhibitions and presentation. Since its beginning in 1932, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo has contributed more than \$250 million to scholarships, research, endowments, calf scramble participants, junior show exhibitors, the Rodeo Institute for Teacher Excellence™, School Art participants, and other educational and youth programs. For tickets, schedules and more information about the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, visit www.rodeohouston.com.

BLESSING

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With a shrug, he admitted that Pampa got so much moisture that it's not absorbing readily into the ground and that's led to some muddy conditions.

"The best part about it is that it's able to absorb slowly so we get a soil profile," McGinty said.

That he explained benefits the corn, sorghum, soybeans, cotton and other field crops that will be planted this summer.

"It also helps our grasses get started and get going," he said.

That moisture building up in the soil will allow area farmers and ranchers make it through a dry May and June if the area can get some more rain in July.

"In terms of being bad," he shrugged, "the only bad

thing is it's hard to get around. Other than that, there's nothing bad about it."

McGinty said the winter storms that have moved across the panhandle have been the first significant moisture since early last fall.

"I know we've had a couple of dustings of snow," he said, "but it's been dry."

The wind that came with the snow on Christmas Eve drifted the snow that fell.

"Only certain spots in the fields got some moisture," McGinty said, "and it wasn't very significant at that."

With a slight grin, he added that the only thing he would request would be that it was spread out a little more.

Revenue

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about 18 percent below what had been projected.

The city had budgeted for \$256,960, but had received only \$208,614.35.

In December, the city had budgeted \$227,520 and had received \$235,233.34. While December's sale tax check was above the expected amount, it was still below the year before as the national monetary woes reached into Pampa's economy.

For the same three months last year, the city received \$295,003.54 in December, \$2280,683.63 in January and \$481,920.34 in February.

As the recession expanded across the country last year, the city administra-

tion cut back on their projections for a more conservative budget for Pampa.

This month reflects a 1.24 percent increase over projected collections, Morris said. While a small increase, it is an increase and much better than the negative number from last month.

The dip in revenue last month is still keeping the city's budget in the red, but there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

"Last month was down quite a bit," Morris said, "but this month appears to show a turn around."

Wilson

in residence at Middle East Institute in Washington and a former State Department intelligence analyst on Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Weinbaum said Wilson's legacy should not be overshadowed by Afghanistan's post-Soviet turmoil.

"In those days, it was the Cold War and we had a singular determination," he said. "You have to see it in the context."

U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Wilson's "efforts and exploits helped repel an invader, liberate a people, and bring the Cold War to a close."

"After the Soviets left, Charlie kept fighting for the Afghan people and warned against abandoning that traumatized country to its fate — a warning we should have heeded then, and should remember today," Gates said in a statement.

Wilson died at Memorial Medical Center-Lufkin after having difficulty breathing following a meeting in the eastern Texas town where he lived, hospital spokeswoman Yana Ogletree said. Wilson was pronounced dead on arrival, and the preliminary cause of death was cardiopulmonary arrest, she said.

As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, Wilson helped secure money for weapons and worked with then-CIA agents Gust L. Avrakotos and Mike Vickers to get them to the mujahedeen.

"Charlie Wilson gave power to it, gave emotion to it. He could push," said Abraham D. Sofaer, a senior fellow in foreign policy and national security affairs at the Hoover Institution, and former legal adviser to two secretaries of state. "I don't think he was influential in terms of ideas, he was influential in terms of power."

The Soviets spent a decade battling the rebels before pulling the Red Army from Afghanistan in 1989. Two years later, its economy in ruins, the Soviet Union fell apart.

Vickers, now assistant secretary of defense for special operations, called Wilson a "great American patriot who played a pivotal role in a world-changing event — the defeat of the Red Army in Afghanistan, which led to the collapse of communism and the Soviet empire."

Afghan Defense Ministry spokesman Gen. Mohammad Zahir Azimi said: "The people of Afghanistan will never forget this. All the time, they have this memory of Wilson."

Wilson, a Democrat, was considered both a progressive and a defense hawk. While his efforts to arm the mujahedeen in the 1980s were a success — spurring a victory that helped speed the Soviet Union's downfall — he was unable to keep the money flowing after the Soviets left. The ensuing tumult created an opening eventually filled by the Taliban, which provided a safe haven for al-Qaida.

After the Sept. 11 attacks — carried out by al-Qaida terrorists trained in Afghanistan — the U.S. ended up invading the country it had once helped liberate.

"People like me didn't fulfill our responsibilities once the war was over," Wilson said in a September 2001 interview with The Associated Press. "We allowed this vacuum to occur in Afghanistan and Pakistan, which enraged a lot of people. That was as much my fault as it was a lot of others."

His efforts to help the Afghan rebels — as well as his partying ways — were portrayed in the movie and book "Charlie Wilson's War." In an interview with the AP after the book was published in 2003, he said he wasn't worried about the depiction of a wild side.

"I would remind you that I was not married at the time. I'm in a different place than I was in at the time and I don't apologize about that," Wilson said.

Charles Nesbitt Wilson was born June 1, 1933, in Trinity. He attended Sam Houston State University in Huntsville before earning his bachelor's degree from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1956.

Wilson served as a Naval lieutenant between 1956-60, then entered politics by volunteering for John F. Kennedy's presidential campaign. He served in the Texas House and then in the Texas Senate before being elected to the U.S. House in 1972.

"Charlie was perfect as a congressman, perfect as a state representative, perfect as a state senator. He was a perfect reflection of the people he represented," said Charles Schnabel Jr., who served for seven years as Wilson's chief of staff in Washington and worked with Wilson when he served in the Texas Senate.

Temple, who was with Wilson when he collapsed Wednesday, said that despite Wilson's reputation as a playboy, he was serious about representing eastern Texas, including helping to create the Big Thicket National Preserve — almost 100,000 acres of swamps, bogs and forests.

Wilson left politics in 1996, after he no longer found it fun. He lobbied for a number of years before returning to Texas. In 2007, he had a heart transplant after being diagnosed with cardiomyopathy, a disease that causes an enlarged and weakened heart.

Schnabel said he had just been with Wilson a few weeks ago for the dedication of the Charlie Wilson chair for Pakistan studies at the University of Texas, Austin, a \$1 million endowment. He said Wilson had been doing "very good" and said his former boss described himself as "a poster boy" for heart transplants.

Wilson is survived by his second wife, Barbara, whom he married in 1999, and a sister.

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Today in History

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Highlights in history on this date:

- 1254 - The British Parliament first convenes.
- 1531 - King Henry VIII is recognized as Supreme Head of the Church in England.
- 1744 - Naval battle of Toulon begins between Britain and combined Franco-Spanish fleet.
- 1798 - French forces take Rome.
- 1812 - Massachusetts Governor Elbridge Gerry signs a redistricting law that favors his party — giving rise to the term “gerrymandering.”

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

— Paul Bourget, French author

- 1888 - King Lobengda of Matabele, Rhodesia, accepts British protection.
- 1889 - Constitution is granted in Japan, with two-chamber Diet, but Emperor retains extensive powers.

1922 - Nine-power treaty is signed in Washington for securing China's independence and maintaining “open door” policy; United States and Japan sign naval agreement.

1929 - Italy signs the Lateran Treaty, establishing an independent Vatican City.

1944 - U.S. carrier planes strike heavy blows against Japanese positions in Marshall Islands in Pacific during World War II.

1945 - U.S. President Franklin Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin sign the Yalta Agreement during World War II.

1956 - Referendum in Malta favors integration with Britain.

1967 - Military rule is imposed in Beijing during civil strife in China.

1968 - Communist troops execute 300 civilians in South Vietnam and bury them in a mass grave during fighting for city of Hue.

1971 - Treaty banning nuclear weapons from ocean floor is signed by 63 nations in ceremonies at Washington, London and Moscow.

1975 - Margaret Thatcher becomes the first female head of the British Conservative Party.

1979 - Followers of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini seize power in Iran, nine days after the religious leader returns to his home country following 15 years of exile.

1986 - Jewish dissident Anatoly Scharansky walks to freedom in Berlin after almost nine years in Soviet captivity on espionage charges.

1989 - Barbara Harris becomes the first consecrated female Episcopal bishop in United States.

1990 - African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela is released after 27 years in South African prisons.

1991 - Iraq fires one Scud missile at Israel, which explodes and does no harm, and one at the Saudi Arabian capital, which is intercepted by U.S. missiles.

1993 - A Somali gunman hijacks a Lufthansa Airbus over Austria with 104 people aboard and orders it flown to New York, where he surrenders peacefully and releases his hostages unharmed.

1994 - A NATO-enforced cease-fire takes hold in Sarajevo.

1995 - Three Peruvian warplanes are shot down while attacking Ecuadorean bases in the nations' border war.

1996 - Powerful car bombs kill 17 people and wound 93 in Algiers.

1999 - The U.S. Justice Department closes the books on a \$1.6 billion reparations program for ethnic Japanese interned in American camps during World War II.

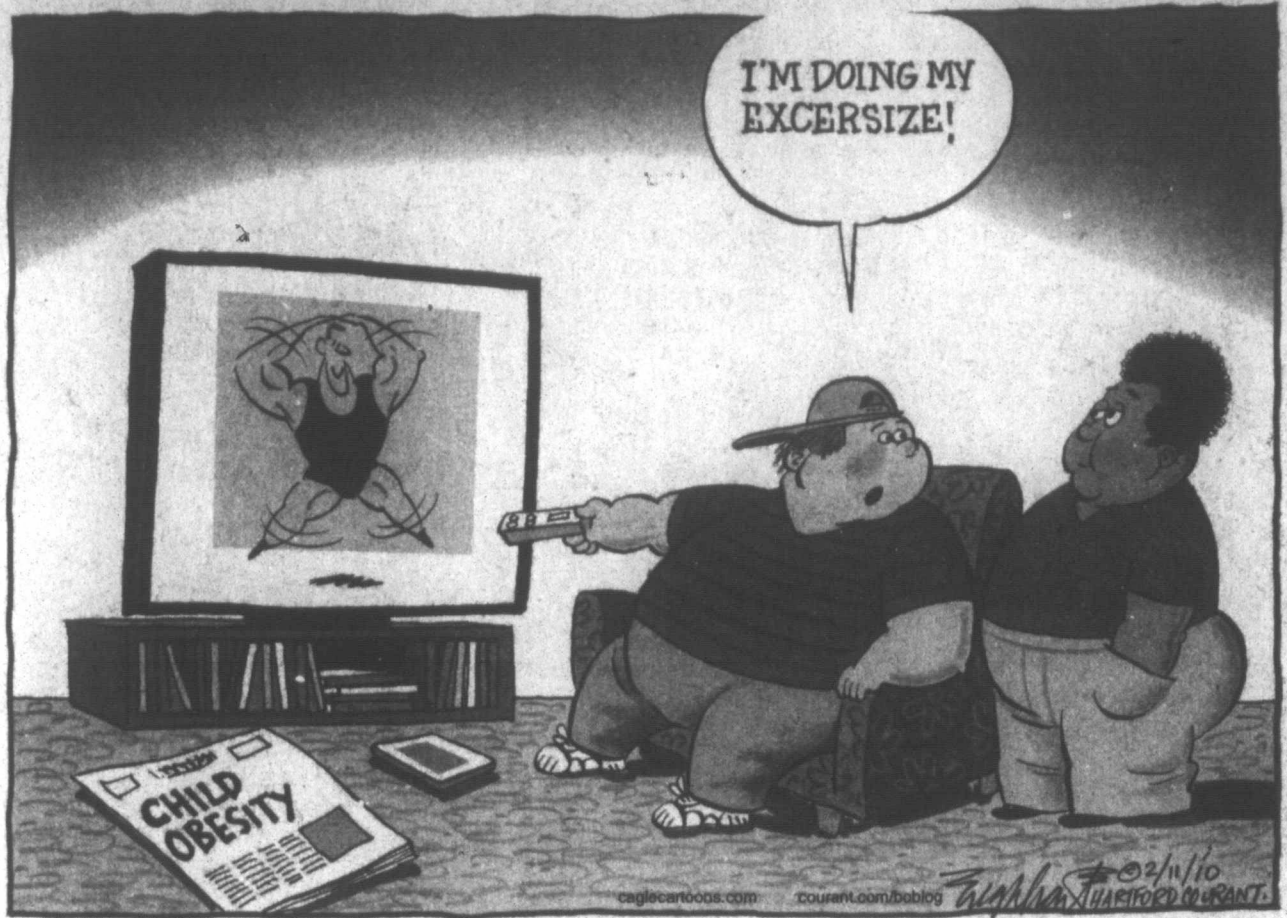
2000 - Britain strips Northern Ireland's Protestant-Catholic government of power in a bid to prevent its collapse over the Irish Republican Army's refusal to disarm.

2001 - About 7,500 counter-demonstrators turn out to demonstrate against a neo-Nazi march in western Germany that draws 250 people. Four police officers suffer minor injuries, and 17 demonstrators are arrested.

2006 - Adventurer Steve Fossett completes the longest nonstop flight in aviation history with an emergency landing in England, flying 26,389 miles (42,460 kilometers) in about 76 hours but stopping early because of mechanical problems.

Today's Birthdays:

Thomas A. Edison, U.S. inventor (1847-1931); Sidney Sheldon, U.S. author (1917-2007); Burt Reynolds, U.S. actor (1936-); Tina Louise, U.S. actress (1934-); Sergio Mendes, Brazilian musician (1941-); Sheryl Crow, U.S. singer (1962-); Jennifer Aniston, U.S. actress (1969-); Brandy, U.S. singer/actress (1979-).



Counselors committed student advocates

BY EVAN SMITH
DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT
PAMPA ISD

Besides the love and devotion of my parents, I often wonder about whom else and what events helped me to develop into the person I am today.

February 1-5, was national School Counseling Week. This commemoration is meant to honor the important role that counselors play in the lives of students across our great country, and it reminded me of those outstanding school professionals who helped me, all those many years ago, successfully shape my own experience.

While I distinctly remember teachers and other professionals who played a tremendous role in my success, as a senior at Tascosa High School in Amarillo, it was the senior counselor, Mrs. Lois Smith, who had the most profound impact on steering me toward smart decisions. Furthermore, as her aide, I had an opportunity to watch her as she took a personal interest in the future of every single senior student on our very large campus. She was a dynamo. Not only did

she help students negotiate the demands of school and endure the personal obstacles of post-adolescence, but she also counseled students about career choices; she wrote letters of recommendation; she called universities and explored financial aid opportunities. She was indispensable. She was my mentor, and she instilled in me a sense of adventure. She opened my eyes to a future of exciting and endless possibilities.

Certainly, counselors throughout the United States work tirelessly to help each student reach his or her highest potential, but there are none that work harder or are more compassionate than the counselors who dedicate their lives and careers to our own students, right here, in Pampa. As critical members of our Pampa I.S.D. team, counselors play a vital role in the lives of our students as they make choices regarding their academic, social, and personal development. Like Lois Smith, our counselors are dedicated to our students; they work to ensure that the decisions our children make will spark a flame that will brightly light their way into

the future.

Counselors are committed advocates. They are vital members of the educational teams on each of our campuses. While teachers, coaches, and other academic professionals provide the tools for success, it is the counselors who help our children find their own path and map out a strategy to succeed. They have extensive training and education that uniquely qualifies them to address the academic, personal, social, and career development needs of our students.

The dedicated and hard working members of your Pampa ISD Counseling team are: Pam Zemanek (Austin Elementary), Sabrina Gafford (Lamar Elementary), Ann Thrasher (Travis Elementary), Mary Sturgeon (Wilson Elementary), Jennifer Brown and Shereese Oles (Pampa Junior High), Dale Ammons, Lisa Gibson,



Evan Smith

Linda Haenisch, Starla Kindle, and Suzanne Pingel (Pampa High). Our students are fortunate to have such a strong team of professionals to back them up, to urge them forward. We honor our counselors' hard work and dedication, and I invite you to visit with any one of them and to ask them about all of the great things they are accomplishing for the students in our community — their doors are always open.

Analysis: Same talk, little action from Obama

WASHINGTON (AP) — Barack Obama's words and goals have remained uncannily the same, from the bone-chilling steps of Illinois' Old State Capitol where he announced his candidacy exactly three years ago Wednesday to the snow-whipped presidential mansion where he sits today.

Yet, his big calls for change are unfulfilled in almost every way.

“Washington has a long way to go. And it won't be easy,” Obama said on Feb. 10, 2007, in Springfield, Illinois.

No kidding. Judging by Obama's long-on-ideas, short-on-accomplishment record, he's certainly found that to be true.

Most presidents don't get all they promise — especially the biggest things — in their first year in office.

What's more, he couldn't have foreseen back at the beginning the state of the country he'd be taking over if he won his improbable White House bid. There was no crushing recession. Wall Street was alive. American auto companies weren't failing. Unemployment wasn't heading rapidly toward double-digits.

But even though Obama stepped into a White House with far more on his plate than he'd expected, he didn't pare back his agenda. On that freezing

February day three years ago, Obama wrapped his speech in lofty language about uniting the nation.

“We can build a more hopeful America,” he said. “I know I haven't spent a lot of time learning the ways of Washington. But I've been there long enough to know that the ways of Washington must change.”

He defined that change with specifics:

—Reduce partisanship to produce a new, better-functioning political climate.

—End the war in Iraq and bring American combat troops home.

—Reshape the economy for the future with investments in education and new approaches to energy, immigration and health care.

—Achieve universal health care by the end of his first term.

—Rebuild America's image in the world, not least to bolster the fight against terrorism.

Those remain Obama's chief priorities.

Certainly, he's had some successes in his first year, including expanding the children's health insurance program and getting Congress to pass a \$787 billion economic stimulus plan.

And yet progress is scant on all the largest fronts he laid out three years ago.

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Texas hiker teaches survival skills

S.Matt Read is undertaking an ambitious project, to hike the entire perimeter of Texas. While taking a break from the cold weather, he is volunteering at Caprock Canyons State Park and Trailway and will present two programs about long-distance backpacking.

The program Survival on the Prairie will be offered on Saturdays, February 13 and February 20 at 10:00 a.m. The program on Feb. 13 will be a hike on Eagle Point Trail and on

Feb. 20 will be a fireside chat at the Visitor Center Pavilion. Visitors will learn how plants, animal, and human find comfort and nourishment on the rolling plains. Read, an experienced backpacker and survivalist, will share tales from his journeys and give tips on preparing to hike the Trailway. The programs are free with paid park entrance fee.

Read recently completed the 64-mile long rails-to-trails path that connects Estelline to South Plains.

Along his way, he endured hardships of bitter cold, thirst, hunger, and unexpected noises in the night, but was rewarded with stunning views of canyons and wildlife, along with a great sense of satisfaction.

To catch up with Read on the trail and to learn more about Caprock Canyons, visit our Facebook page and become a fan. You can also contact the park at 806-455-1492.



S.Matt Read is sharing his experiences hiking the perimeter of Texas

First-time jobless claims fall more than expected

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of newly laid-off workers seeking unemployment benefits fell more than expected last week to the lowest total in a month as states cleared out administrative delays left over from the Christmas holidays.

The Labor Department said that first-time claims for unemployment insurance dropped by 43,000 to a seasonally adjusted 440,000. Wall Street economists expected a smaller decline of 15,000, according to a survey by Thomson Reuters.

Claims are now close to the low levels they reached in late December, when claims dropped to their lowest point in nearly 18 months. That is likely to raise hopes that the job market is improving.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

8	9	3	1	4	7	5	2	6
4	7	6	5	2	8	1	9	3
2	1	5	3	9	6	7	4	8
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Level: Intermediate

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Kent," and I enjoy entertaining. We often throw birthday parties for friends, as well as holiday parties and dinners and barbecues during the summer. The problem is, whenever we receive an invitation to attend a gathering at someone else's home, Kent responds with, "Ask them to come here." I think this is rude because our friends are just reciprocating.

This issue came up twice last week. When I asked Kent why he doesn't like to go to our friends' homes, he says he prefers to entertain in his own house. I don't think it is good manners to ask a host to move the party to our home.

Incidentally, when we do go, Kent always enjoys himself, so it's not social anxiety, and he's definitely not shy. Would you tell me if I'm making too much of this? — EMBARRASSED IN ALASKA

DEAR ABBY: I don't think so. While your husband's impulse to host the party might seem generous the first few times the offer is extended — after a while the burden of gratitude can hang heavy and destroy friendships. That's why it is important for people to be able to reciprocate — and for others to allow them to.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating a man for four years. I told him I am ready to end our relationship if he isn't ready to get married within the next year.

Two months ago, he gave me a beautiful 2 1/2-carat diamond ring and announced to family and friends that we are engaged. He has not discussed any wedding plans, but he says the wedding will be within the time frame I am asking for.

I went to a jeweler today to have the band on my ring enlarged a bit and was told that my stone is not a real diamond. Abby,

this man owns his own business and is wealthy! He spends thousands on golf trips every year and just spent a great deal of money on high-end house furnishings.

My head is spinning. I am embarrassed to tell anyone of this fraud. What is your take on this? Do I confront him? Am I fooling myself thinking that this man truly wants to marry me? — DUMBFOUNDED OR JUST DUMB? IN FLORIDA

DEAR ABBY: My "take" on this is that your fiancé was trying to pull a fast one. If he would behave this way about your engagement ring, what else would he be less than honest about in the future?

Whether you "confront" him or not depends upon how you define the word. If it were me, I'd remain calm, tell him what I'd learned and how, listen to what he had to say and take my cue from that.

DEAR ABBY: Please remind your readers that a nice thing to do on Valentine's Day is to go to a veteran's hospital to visit the veterans who are there — especially those from World War II, whose numbers are dwindling. The wards generally have parties going on for them. Try to attend. You'll find a group of very appreciative people there. — SERVICE OFFICER, AMERICAN LEGION POST IN MAINE

DEAR OFFICER: Thank you for a terrific suggestion. Valentine's Day — with all the marketing that goes with it — can be one of the most depressing days of the year for singles. A sure way to keep the blues away is to do something nice for someone else. What you're proposing not only fits that category, but also provides a way to meet other generous-hearted people. What better way to spend this coming Sunday afternoon?

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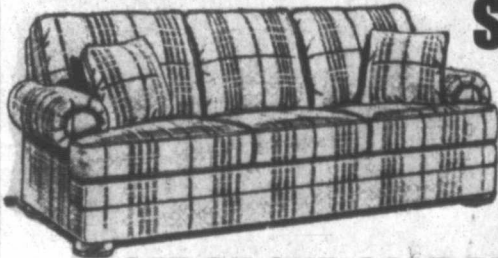
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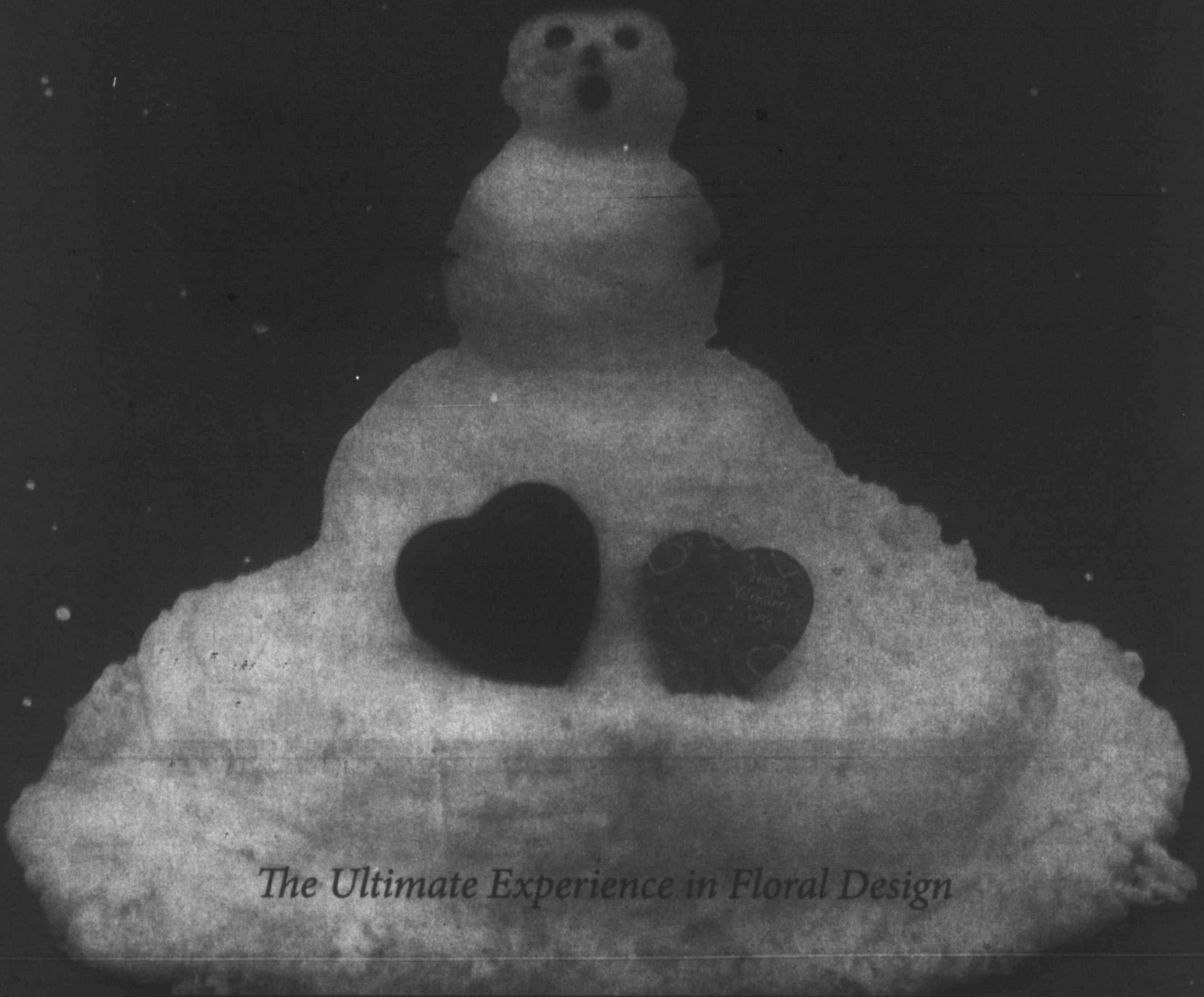
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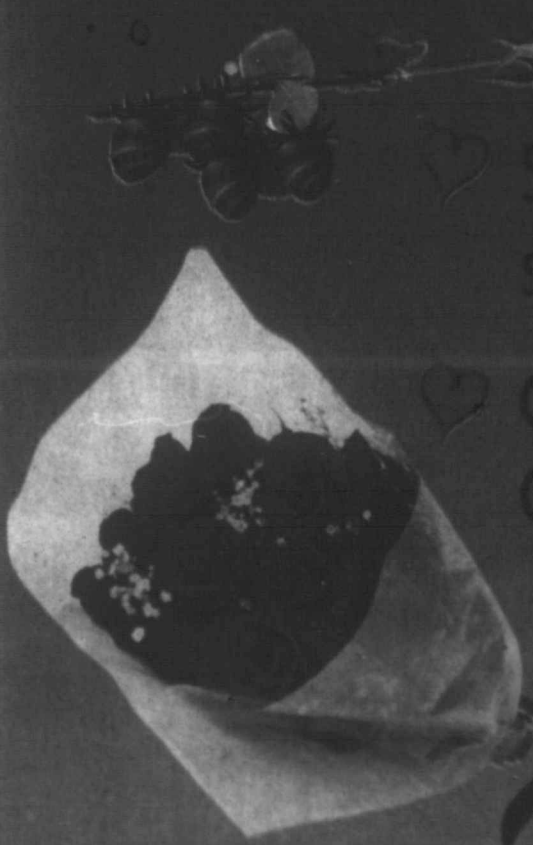
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Sports

Lefors Pirates basketball: not bad for a football team

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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The Lefors Pirates are known for their football skills as they have made the playoffs the last four years in a row.

The last two years they have had some success in basketball making it to the playoffs this year and last.

The Pirates approach or attitude to basketball is different than most high school teams. They had a sign in their football locker room that said "basketball is a dirty word." I remember interviewing Head Coach Joey Czubinski

about the season during the football team's practice for their bidistrict game against Motley County. He really hadn't given much thought about it.

"I can't tell you anything," Coach Ski said. "We would have to get in the gym for a week first and see if we still remember how to play."

On November 13, the Pirates lost their bidistrict football game 96-87 meaning they would have to start thinking about basketball. Coach Ski was going to give his team some time off to recover after football season but his players



Andrew Glover

wanted to play their first game a week after their playoff loss. Despite not having much practice the Pirates won their season

opener 55-52 in overtime over the Samnorwood Eagles.

Lefors hit some rough waters after their season opening victory. They lost to Wheeler and Booker in the Miami tournament. These were the first two times I got to see them in action for basketball. It was amazing to see how laid back they were when it came to basketball. I remember seeing them turn the ball over and seeing Coach Ski clapping his hands saying that's OK. I can guarantee you that wouldn't be his reaction if they turned it over in

football.

The Pirates lost their first two games of the Groom Tournament December 10 and 11 to Sanford Fritch and Valley. But that's when their season would turn around. Lefors would win the final game of the Groom tournament against Silverton. Then they beat Miami and Higgins to enter Christmas Break on a three game winning streak. Lefors won the re-match with Higgins to enter district-play with a 5-4 record.

After their opening loss to Groom, the Pirates won their next three district games which gave them

a chance to earn a tie for first if they beat Groom to start the second half of district. Unfortunately the Tigers were victorious. After losing to McLean, the Pirates defeated Hedley in a dog fight. That victory all but ensured them a spot in the playoffs. The Pirates clinched Friday as they beat the Samnorwood Eagles 51-41.

I remember interviewing Coach Ski after their second victory against Hedley. He said "not bad for a football team."

US Tommy Ford ready for Olympic skiing

While most of the kids around him bypassed skis for snowboards, Tommy Ford stayed old-school and dedicated himself to becoming one of the world's elite downhill racers.

In fact, his parents put him on skis so young at age two it seemed only natural.

"I don't even remember starting skiing," he said. "Nothing else really came into my mind. I've boarded once in my whole life."

Over the past two years, he progressed quickly. Now 20, Ford will race in the Vancouver Games as the second-youngest member of the U.S. ski team. He was born seven days before Alpine teammate Nolan Kasper.

He was in Austria training for a final World Cup event when he got the news he had been selected.

"Great, now I'm going to

go train tomorrow," he said was his reaction, almost nonchalantly, before getting back to work.

"I've always thought he was a pretty phenomenal skier. He's going to be one of our top guys within the next couple years," fellow U.S. team member Andrew Weibrecht said. "Although he was considered a long shot (to make the Olympic team), I'm not surprised that he was able to get in there and score World Cup points this year and earn a spot on the team."

Ford grew up in Bend, a high-desert city in central Oregon that sits in the shadow of Mt. Bachelor. It was also the hometown of Christina "Kiki" Cutter, a 1968 Olympian and the first American, male or female, to win a World Cup Race.

Ford, born to parents who were competitive ski-

ers and coaches, displayed talent as a toddler and by 10 he was competing in mini-World Cup events on Bachelor.

"We had poles, it was full-on serious," he maintains with a laugh.

By eighth grade Ford had to make a decision: soccer or the slopes. He couldn't do both because of the travel involved with competitive skiing. He was already addicted to the speed and the thrill.

Although he probably won't medal in Vancouver he was considered a long-shot just to make the team he is clearly one of the U.S. team's best and brightest for the future when the likes of Bode Miller and Ted Ligety move on.

Last season Ford won a slalom silver medal at the FIS Alpine Junior World Championships.

Canceled
The junior varsity tennis tournament in Amarillo Tuesday was canceled because of snow.

Correction
In The Pampa News January 22 and February 8 report on the wrestling team Stephen Botello's name was misspelled.

Soccer Results
Feb. 8 Palo Duro Lady Dons 2 Pampa Lady Harvesters 2
Feb. 8 Palo Duro Dons 9 Pampa Harvesters 1
Feb. 10 Randall Lady Raiders 10 Pampa Lady Harvesters 0
Feb. 10 Randall Raiders 9 Pampa Harvesters 1
Next Game: vs. Canyon Eagles and Lady Eagles Girls start at 11 a.m. and Boys start at 2 p.m. at Harvester Field

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Sports

Roberson leads Texas Tech to upset of A&M

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Ashlee Roberson scored 25 points to help Texas Tech to a 57-54 win over No. 13 Texas A&M on Wednesday night to snap a six-game losing streak. Texas Tech (14-9, 2-7 Big 12) ended the game on an 11-4 run after being down, 50-46 with 3:15 to play. Danielle Adams led Texas A&M (16-6, 4-5) with 17 points and Tanisha Smith had 13 points and 13 rebounds in the loss. Adams ran into foul trouble late in the second half and did not score a basket in the final 15 minutes.

Tech freshman guard Monique Smalls forced four of Texas A&M's 21 turnovers, helping the Lady Raiders score 19 points off the miscues. Neither team could get much going offensively in the first half, turning the ball over a combined 22 times, including 13 by the Aggies. Texas A&M lost the lead for the first time since the

15:22 mark of the first half when Tech went up, 40-38 with 10:39 to go in the game.

Boys District 3-4A basketball standings

Team	W	L	W%	W	L	W%
x PD	10	1	.909	19	6	.760
y Randall	7	3	.700	16	10	.615
y Hereford	7	4	.636	12	14	.462
Canyon	5	5	.500	13	14	.481
Caprock	3	7	.300	8	15	.348
Pampa	2	8	.200	10	16	.385
Dumas	2	8	.200	3	20	.130

Girls District 3-4A final basketball standings

Team	W	L	W%	W	L	W%
x Canyon	12	0	1.000	30	1	.968
y PD	9	3	.750	17	13	.567
y Randall	9	3	.750	16	10	.615
y Pampa	6	6	.500	11	17	.393
Caprock	4	8	.333	14	15	.483
Hereford	2	10	.167	4	18	.182
Dumas	0	12	.000	7	17	.292

x means team clinched district. y means team clinched playoff spot. Four teams in the district qualify for playoffs.

Lady Harvesters bidistrict game is Tuesday, opponent and location TBA.

Stevenson's runner lifts No. 12 Sooners in OT

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — With time running down and Oklahoma's primary option shut down, Nyeshia Stevenson decided to be spontaneous.

Known for her 3-point shooting, Stevenson abandoned her spot on the perimeter and charged toward the basket. Freshman Joanna McFarland saw her coming, got her the ball and Stevenson banked in the game-winning shot in the 12th-ranked Sooners' 62-60 overtime win against No. 11 Baylor on Wednesday night.

"The whole night, I had been trying to get a feel for what I needed to do in order to contribute offensively because I was going to get denied the ball and they didn't want me to get hot from the 3-point line, which they were very effective there," Stevenson said.

"I thought, 'Let's try to switch it up.'" Stevenson took into account the presence of 6-foot-8 freshman sensation Brittney Griner who had 17 points, 12 rebounds and 11 blocks for her second straight triple-double and adjusted accordingly.

"I watch a lot of men's basketball games. I see them shoot floaters," Stevenson said. "I was like,

'It works in men's basketball. Maybe it'll work for me.' I shot it and it went in."

Sooners coach Sherri Coale had called a play for point guard Danielle Robinson, after it had resulted in a missed layup on Oklahoma's previous possession. Baylor (17-6, 4-5 Big 12) saw that coming, but couldn't stop Stevenson who connected with 14.5 seconds left.

"Ny had the presence of mind to just simply play basketball and run a back cut and I thought Jo's poise there was huge, too. She took her time and read the defense and gave her a nice pass," Coale said.

"Tough shot but Ny finished."

Amanda Thompson had 19 points, a career-high 19 rebounds, five steals and a key block for Oklahoma (17-6, 7-3) right before Stevenson's game-winner. Her defense was the key factor in holding the Bears to only one basket in overtime, Jordan Madden's 3-pointer with 3:31 left that put Baylor up 60-58.

"Every time we had to have a big play, it seemed like she made it," Coale said.

Most of the night, Oklahoma deployed at least two players to shield

Griner and keep her from getting the ball. And at times, three players would surround her.

But eventually, Griner found a way to get loose as what started out as a snoozer ended up an electrifying back-and-forth contest.

Griner capped a string of eight straight Baylor points to give the Bears their first lead of the second half at 45-44 with 6:56 to play, and that started a stretch in which the lead changed hands nine times in 4 minutes.

Abi Olajuwon put Oklahoma back on top with a three-point play off a putback with 1:38 left, but Kelli Griffin sank a foul-line jumper with 42 seconds remaining to send it into overtime tied at 57.

Robinson tied it at 60 on a jumper with 2:27 left in overtime, and Thompson swiped the ball on the next two Baylor possessions — the first time taking it out of Griner's hands and the second time getting to the ball before Griner could get it.

"We had been rotating our help based on where the ball was on the floor — in and out, different guys being in front of Griner.

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Pampa United Methodists send aid to Haiti

United Methodists believe in helping their neighbors, whether across the street or in another nation. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) offers several ways for people of faith to respond generously to human needs around the world including donations of financial and material resources. Pampa Methodists have joined others across the nation in providing aid for the earthquake relief in Haiti. To date, \$ 7,897.00, 53 Health Kits, and supplies for over 47 more Health Kits have been donated by the Pampa First United Methodist Church to UMCOR for distribution. UMCOR warehouses emergency supplies such as Health Kits for all types of emergency relief efforts. Because of the huge need in Haiti,

churches across the nation have joined together quickly to provide for the need.

Health Kits cost approximately \$12 per kit and include such items as: hand towel, wash cloth, bar of soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, nail clippers, comb, and band-aids. Children at First United Methodist Church in Pampa contributed wash cloths and bars of soap for the project and the youth of the church provided band-aids. The children packed about 50 of the Health Kits during children's church recently. Other kit supplies were purchased utilizing funds donated by church members for that purpose.

The Pampa church contributed funds to the Haiti relief effort in memory of a former member, Sonja West,

daughter of Dale and Bobbie West, who was a short-term missionary to Haiti nineteen years ago. She was killed in an automobile accident while serving in Haiti.

UMCOR has recently been recognized by charity watchdog groups as one of the top charities or organizations nationwide for their use of funds and materials donated for relief efforts. One hundred percent of each gift to the Haiti relief fund helps the people of Haiti with immediate assistance and long-term recovery. Individuals who wish to donate to UMCOR's Haiti relief efforts may make a donation through the Pampa First United Methodist Church. Contact the church office at 669-7411 for details.

Snow people farewell



A family of snow people wave to motorists on U.S. Highway 60 as it passes through Pampa. They may be waving good-bye to the snow, at least for a while. Cloudy weather today is supposed to give way to warmer, sunny weather for the next week or so with temperatures rising to the 50 degree mark by the weekend.

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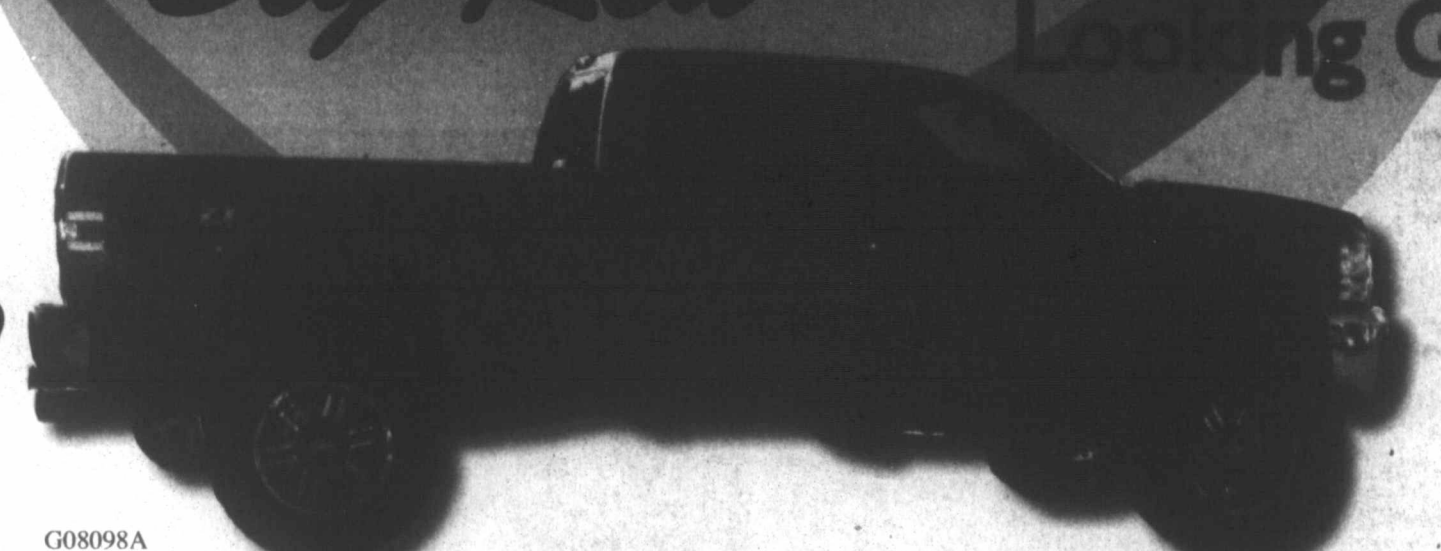
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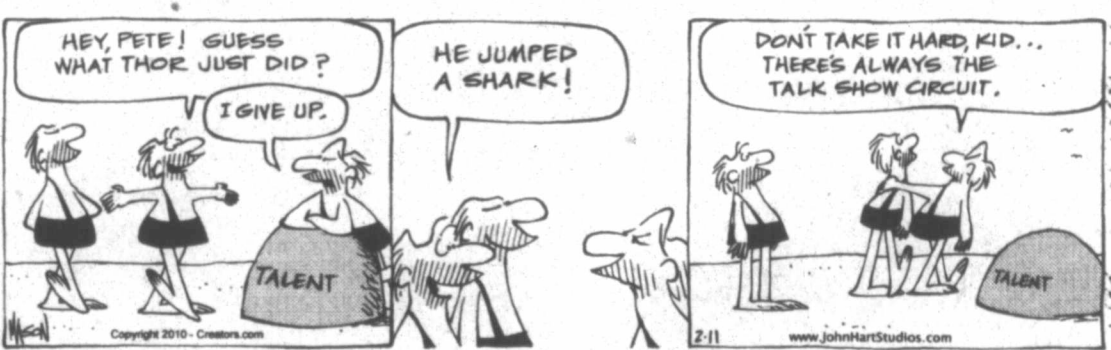
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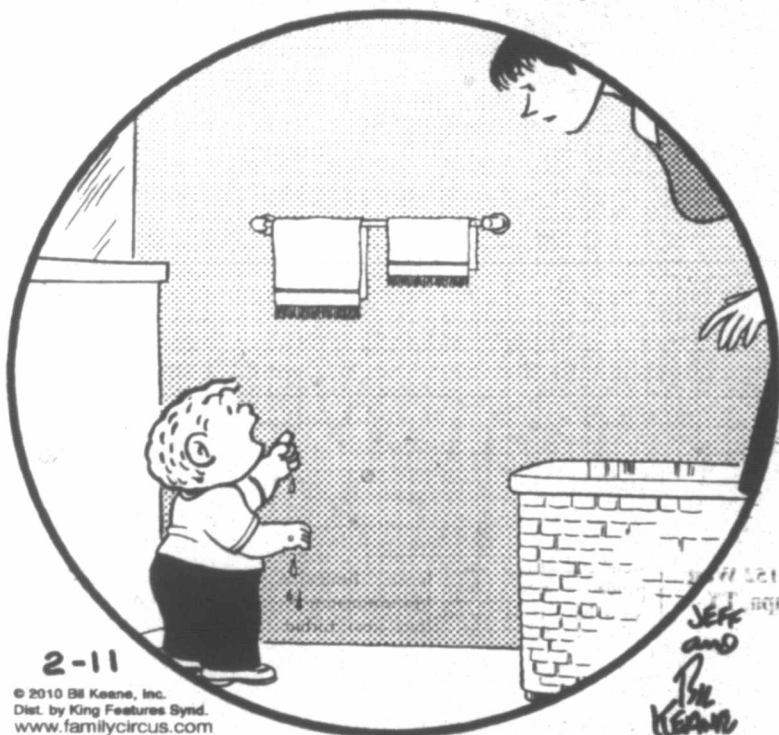


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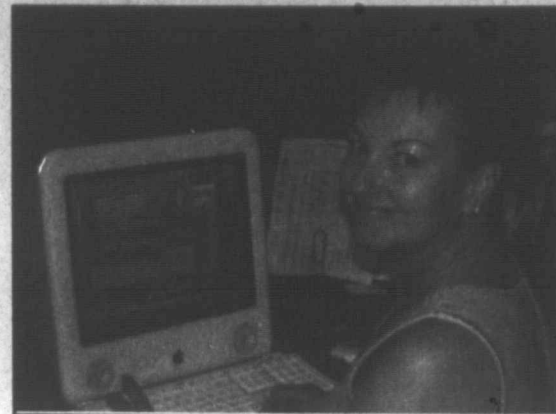
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Daily Horoscope

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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)
***** Zero in on what you want, and don't do anything halfway. Be clear about what you desire. Allow greater flow between you and others. You laugh, and another person shares something special. Don't feel challenged by someone's demeanor. Tonight: At the center of the action.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
***** You are on top of your game right now, and others seek you out. They want to hear your opinions and ideas. Be careful with a volatile family member. Think positively about an offer. Clearly, someone looks up to you. Tonight: A must appearance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** Reach out for an expert and find different solutions. Stretch past rigid thinking, and understand and empathize with others. Your light style can help avoid a confrontation. Keep your eye on the big picture. Tonight: Hanging out.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** Deal with one person directly. You don't always need to use your funds and assets. Allow someone else to pitch in. You could see a situation differently if you lie back more and allow someone else to take the lead. Tonight: Opt for togetherness.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** You could be much angrier than you realize. If you find yourself easily triggered by a partner or friend, look within: How long have you been keeping your feelings in? What is your objective here? Ultimately, expressing yourself in a gentler, more effective manner works well. Tonight: Defer to someone else.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***** Take it easy and just focus on one item at a time. You will accomplish more and become less frustrated. What is important is that you complete everything you must. Accept a co-worker's suggestion. Tonight: Start the weekend well.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** Your imagination often has its limits. Realize what is happening with a friend who could be very hostile. The real issue is, What do you want to do about it? Perhaps being gracious and just letting go could be important. Tonight: Let your hair down.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** You might not understand why a boss is so demanding. You could wonder about what needs to happen within a friendship. Create greater give-and-take between you and this person. Focus on your security. Tonight: Happily heading home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***** A dialogue is enlightening and lets you know, finally, where someone is coming from. You could be more tired than you realize. Slow down if a meeting or get-together feels like too much. Tonight: Nap and then decide.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***** Someone could be difficult and tired. Logic simply might not work. Don't be surprised by a temper tantrum. You realize how frustrated someone really is through his or her reaction. A gesture could make all the difference. Tonight: Treat yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** Reach out for others, though someone's sarcasm could set you back. You don't need to take this person's comments personally. Rather, stay on top of your zone, and let go of this person's semi-insulting style. Tonight: As you like.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
***** Work with one other person at a time. You could feel that a co-worker is pushing you way beyond your limits. Practice using the word "no" and establish better boundaries. You could be quite tired and drawn. Tonight: Take some much-needed personal time.

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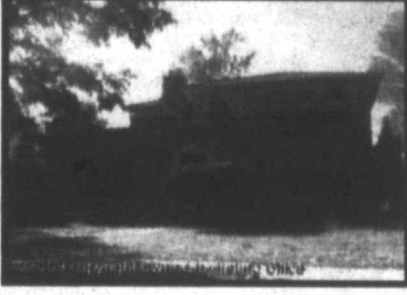
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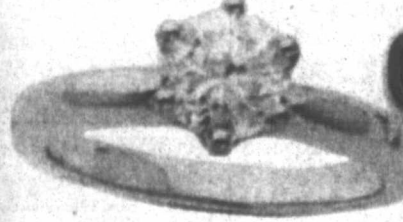
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