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ONE MORE 'THANK YOU'



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A single red rose marked Bill Allison's place at the Pampa City Commission meeting Tuesday afternoon as commissioners eulogized Allison and named a temporary successor for Ward 2.

Final tribute for Allison at City Commission

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 A single red rose graced Bill Allison's nameplate in the Pampa City Commission Chambers Tuesday afternoon as his fellow commissioners remembered one of their own.
 Allison was commissioner of Ward 2. He died at his residence in the early morning hours of Dec. 3.
 "His death was very sudden," said Pampa Mayor Lonny Robbins. "It was something that

we were not even thinking of. It caught us all by surprise."
 Robbins said that as mayor, he had always appreciated Allison in his role as a city commissioner.
 "And more than anything," Robbins said, "he had commitment and love for the community."
 Robbins said Allison would be missed.
 "We're going to miss him," Robbins said of the city commission, "and the community is going to miss him."
 "I've learned more about Bill

Allison since I've been on the commission with him," said Commissioner Brad Pingel. "He's been very outspoken. I like that."
 Pingel said Allison was not someone who would hide his feelings or his positions on issues.
 "I appreciate Bill doing that," Pingel said. "Bill definitely had a desire for the City of Pampa. That was first on his mind with his business and service to our community."
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Holmes to serve out Allison term

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 As the Pampa City Commission voiced remembrances of Commissioner Bill Allison who died at his home earlier this month (see related story), they named a replacement for him, and they named a new city attorney.



Holmes

Rebecca Holmes will serve out the rest of Bill Allison's term as Pampa City Commissioner for Ward 2, and District Judge Lee Waters will serve as Pampa's city attorney.



Waters

Holmes was selected following an executive session. She will serve as a city commissioner until regularly scheduled city elections next May.
 Waters will take the city attorney position after retiring at the end of the month following 20 years on the bench of the 223rd District Court.
 In other business during their last regularly scheduled meeting of the calendar year:
 • The Pampa City Commission approved on the first of two readings a **CITY** cont. on page 5

NRCS seeking applicants for conservation program

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 The local branch of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service is urging Gray County landowners to apply for the next Conservation Stewardship Program, which is accepting applications until Jan. 7.
 The Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) is a federal program that encourages farmers to improve conservation performance by maintaining existing practices on their land, as well as adopting additional activities in the interest of conserving the environment.
 In a nutshell, said Gray County NRCS District Conservationist John Wimberley, the government is looking to reward landowners who are taking care of the resources on their property.

"CSP supports ongoing stewardship of private agricultural lands by providing payments for maintaining and enhancing natural resources," Wimberley said.
 "Basically, we want to give an incentive to the people who are doing everything they can to take care of what they have."
 The program is similar to the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) also offered by the NRCS in that it is a way for landowners to receive funds for the conservation activities they practice. However, unlike the EQIP, which is primarily need-based, the CSP awards funds on a merit-based level.
 "The thinking is to reward the best and motivate the rest," Wimberley said. "There's an interview process that applications go through. There (are **CSP** cont. on page 5

PHS CHOIR AT CHAMBER LUNCHEON KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



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Zac Hernandez (from left), Jackie Carson and Holly Lane, part of the Pampa High School Choir that performed for the Christmas luncheon at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce Wednesday.

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For the record

Obituaries

There are no obituaries today.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

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Police Department

Sunday, Dec. 12
An assault was reported in the 1100 block of North Seneca.

Abandoned vehicles were reported in the 2600 block of Navajo, and in the 2300 block of Evergreen.

Disorderly conduct was reported at Barnard and Graham.

An abandoned vehicle was reported to police.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2500 block of North Evergreen.

Officers assisted a motorist at 23rd and Perryton Parkway.

An assault was reported in the 100 block of West 30th.

An alarm was reported in the 2200 block of North Hobart.

Water was shut off in the 2500 block of North Dogwood.

Found property was reported in the 100 block of North Hobart.

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

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 600 block of North Somerville.

Lost property was reported in the 2600 block of North Cherokee.

Carbon monoxide was reported in the 600 block of East Browning.

Officers checked on the welfare of a person in the 900 block of South Nelson.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of West Browning.

A suspicious vehicle was

reported in the 1100 block of South Clark.

A prowler was reported in the 600 block of North West.

A suspicious person was reported at Francis and Starkweather.

Monday, Dec. 13
Officers assisted another agency on FM 293.

Sheriff's Office

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

Monday, Dec. 13
Lisa Ann Lang, 43, was arrested on a warrant from another county charging her with theft by check.

Juan Manuel Resendiz-Cuevas, 17, was arrested by police on charges of disorderly conduct — language.

Justin Reed Ensey, 30, was arrested by police on a capias pro fine warrant charging him with driving without a valid driver's license.

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls over the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Police officers responded to 15 traffic-related calls and one accident.

Animal control officers reported 11 animal-related calls.

The Pampa Fire Department responded to one carbon monoxide call.

Pampa EMS responded to seven ambulance calls.

Lefors EMS responded to one ambulance call.

Tuesday, Dec. 14
Officers provided an escort in the 500 block of E. Francis.

Officers provided an escort in the 100 block of W. 30th.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 100 block of W. 30th.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 1400 block of N. Banks.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 300 block of N. Somerville.

Lost property was reported in the 1300 block of W. Kentucky.

Officers conducted two follow-up investigations in the 1100 block of N. Starkweather.

A stolen vehicle was reported in the 700 block of S. Reid.

Officers conducted a welfare check in the 1100 block of S. Prairie Dr.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 300 block of E. Brown.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1200 block of Hobart.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of N. Gray.

An alarm was reported in the 200 block of W. Brown.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation at Huff and Prairie.

Theft was reported in the 1100 block of Crane Rd.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 100 block of N. Sumner.

Found property was reported in the 200 block of E. Brown.

An open door was reported in the 700 block of

N. Hobart.

Warrant service was conducted in the 1200 block of E. Frederic.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 300 block of W. Kingsmill.

Theft was reported in the 2100 block of N. Williston.

An alarm was reported in the 500 block of N. Lowry.

An information call was reported in the 600 block of N. Sumner.

A sewer choke was reported in the 100 block of S. Wells.

A sewer choke was reported in the 1600 block of N. Russell.

Warrant service was conducted in the 1200 block of E. Frederic.

An information call was reported in the 500 block of N. Frost.

Wednesday, Dec. 15

A suspicious person was reported at Finley and Tyng.

Sheriff's Office




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

Tuesday, Dec. 14
Sergio Salazar Gameros, 48, was arrested by deputies on charges of theft by check.

Mark Channing Melton, 46, was arrested by officers on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

Theodore Edward Whittle, 36, was arrested by officers on charges of public intoxication, failure to appear, bail jumping, and possession of chemicals with intent to manufacture.

PAMPA FORECAST

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		
High 41 Low 22	High 38 Low 21 20%	High 37 Low 23

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 26. Wind chill values between 19 and 24. North northeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 41. Wind chill values between 16 and 26. North northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday Night: A chance of rain and snow before 7 p.m., then a chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 22. Wind chill values between 13 and 18. Northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.

Friday: A slight chance of snow before noon, then a slight chance of rain and snow between noon and 1 p.m., then a slight chance of rain after 1 p.m.. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 38. North northwest wind around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 21. North northwest wind around 5 mph becoming south.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 37. South southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 23. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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AFTERNOONRUSH Switches give Texas GOP 100-seat majority

Blind Willie gets marker

BEAUMONT (AP) - Texas bluesman and gospel singer "Blind" Willie Johnson is being remembered with a historic marker decades after his death.

A ceremony was planned Wednesday in Beaumont to honor Johnson, who died in 1945, with a Texas Historical Marker.

The Beaumont Enterprise reports a death certificate indicates Johnson, born in 1897 and blinded as a child, was buried in a pauper's cemetery in the Pear Orchard neighborhood of Beaumont.

Supporters of the traveling singer and minister set up the Blind Willie Johnson Memorial Fund to help honor the musician and his recordings from the late 1920s to the early 1930s.

Board denies gas-lease bids

FORT WORTH (AP) — Fort Worth school board members have rejected \$2.5 million in bids to drill for natural gas on district property.

The vote Tuesday night was 5-4. Trustees last month delayed action on bids to allow further time to study the issues.

Some critics, raising safety and environmental concerns, cited an incident Monday in Fort Worth in which vapor was released from a natural gas well. Nobody was hurt, but emergency personnel responded and traffic had to be rerouted.

Gas company representatives say they abide by safety standards set by regulators.

The Fort Worth Independent School District has a policy against contracts with gas companies if the well site is within 1,200 feet of district property. A city ordinance makes the buffer 600 feet.

Overtaken case leads to 99 years

DENTON (AP) — A man whose 50-year prison sentence over the 2007 slaying of his ex-girlfriend in Denton was overturned must now serve nearly twice as long.

The Denton Record-Chronicle reported Wednesday that the new prison term for 27-year-old Sean Kresse is 99 years.

The case involves the 2007 strangulation of 21-year-old Lorena "Lori" Sandoval. The University of North Texas senior from El Paso had broken up with Kresse.

Kresse in 2009 pleaded guilty to murder and was sentenced, by a jury, to 50 years in prison.

The defense appealed over the judge's rulings on witnesses and evidence. An appeals court in April overturned Kresse's prison term and ordered a new sentencing phase.

A different jury on Friday ordered the 99-year prison term for Kresse. His attorney did not immediately comment.

Uranium to be mined near Goliad

AUSTIN (AP) — A company seeking to establish a uranium mine in Goliad County is closer to building the project.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality voted Tuesday to grant mine and production permits to Uranium Energy Corp.

The company plans to construct the mine about 13 miles north of Goliad, a town of 2,000 located 60 miles north of Corpus Christi.

Attorney Jim Blackburn, representing Goliad County, says residents are concerned about possible contamination of groundwater.

UEC attorney Monica Jacobs says the company's permit covers an area about 2,000 feet away from a fault line.

The company says the Goliad project has one remaining state authorization pending, a radioactive material license.

Permit approved for coal plant

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas environmental regulators have awarded air permits to the Omaha developer of a cleaner coal-fired power plant, allowing construction to begin on a West Texas facility.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality unanimously voted Tuesday to give air permits to the Tenaska Trailblazer Energy Center in Sweetwater, Texas.

Omaha-based Tenaska Incorporated has said the 600 megawatt power plant will use new technology to recover up to 90 percent of its carbon dioxide emissions. The emissions will be sold to oil companies that will then pipe it underground to help recover oil.

Carbon dioxide emissions from coal-fired power plants are believed to contribute to global warming.

The Texas Carbon Capture and Storage Association says the facility will make the state a leader in carbon capture and storage technology.

Jeffs still without Texas attorney

SAN ANGELO (AP) — Polygamist sect leader Warren Jeffs is still without a Texas attorney with only weeks until his scheduled trial on charges of aggravated sexual assault.

Jeffs on Wednesday told state District Judge Barbara Walther he "should have a decision" on a lawyer by next week. Richard Wright, a prominent Las Vegas attorney who has represented Jeffs in Arizona and Utah, was at the hearing but not allowed to participate because he is unlicensed in Texas.

Wright said he expects Jeffs to have a lawyer by the end of the month. Wright has told the court that many Texas attorneys have declined to take the case with the Jan. 24 trial date so close.

Jeffs is the head of the head of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Allstate hiking rates up to 10%

AUSTIN (AP) — Allstate Insurance has notified the Texas Department of Insurance that it will increase homeowner rates — some by almost 10 percent.

About 450,000 homeowners covered by Allstate Texas Lloyds will see a rate increase of 5.4 percent, effective Jan. 20. Rates for the estimated 175,000 homeowners covered by Allstate Texas Fire and Casualty will increase 9.7 percent, according to documents filed with the state regulatory agency.

The Texas Department of Insurance will review the Allstate rate filings to make sure they are justified.

Allstate rates are very competitive in Texas, company spokeswoman Kristen Beaman said Tuesday. The increase is necessary because of higher costs for construction and damage caused by destructive weather.

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - The general election was more than a month ago, yet the Republican tidal wave keeps getting bigger in Texas.

Two state lawmakers announced Tuesday that they are switching from Democrat to Republican, including one from a South Texas Democratic stronghold, meaning Republicans will have 101 seats in the House of Representatives for the 2011 legislative session.

That gives the GOP a critical supermajority in the 150-member chamber, meaning it has the power to roll over Democrats on key votes in a session in which lawmakers will be wrangling over a projected budget shortfall of \$20 billion or more, immigration, redistricting and other high-profile issues. The session begins Jan. 11.

"The values that I've grown up with, the experiences I've had in life as a South Texan, have increasingly been lost by the liberal Democratic leadership," Rep. Aaron Pena of Edinburg said in announcing his switch.

"The Democratic party lost its conservative and much of its moderate wing, and I feel as though my views are better reflected in the Republican party," Pena said.

Rep. Allan Ritter of Nederland also switched to the GOP, saying he had watched his rural East Texas district turn more Republican since he first took office in 1999. He also noted his conservative past voting record.

Both men made their announcements at the state Republican party headquarters in Austin. They were surrounded by other top Texas Republicans, including Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Joe Straus. Perry switched from Democrat to Republican in 1989 before running for state agriculture commissioner.

Republicans gained control of the House in 2003 but had seen their majority dwindle to 77 seats in 2009, the last time the Legislature met. November's tea party-fueled conservative tide pushed their margin back up to 99.

Texas Democratic Party Chairman Boyd Richie was angered by Ritter's switch.

"Given that Rep. Ritter was just elected as a Democrat, an immediate party switch would indicate that his is not a principled decision. He should show the voters enough respect to resign and seek election as a Republican," Richie said.

Ritter and Pena both said they would not resign, adding that voters will have their chance to unseat or re-elect them in two years. Both said they were return campaign contributions to anyone who asked.

"My day will come when I have an accounting," Pena said. "But I believe having been raised where I'm from I have a good sense of what the values are in my community."

With 101 seats secured, Republicans have the power to suspend House rules that govern how the chamber does business, a large hammer to hold over Democrats who used their numbers to slow down key votes on a voter identification bill in 2009.

And if Democrats get as desperate as they did in 2003 - when they shut down the chamber by busing to Ardmore, Okla., to stop a vote on a redistricting - Republicans would have the 100-member majority required by the state Constitution to keep the chamber working and passing bills, with or without Democrats.

"Democrats are going to have to strategically pick their battles and figure out how to work with Republicans in a new world," said GOP consultant Eric Barse. "You're going to see a lot of conservative legislation make it out of the House."

In less drastic scenarios, the supermajority just makes it easier to pass Republican

bills whether or not all Republicans support them, Barse said.

"Republicans are going to find more and more that their

battles are within their own party," Barse said. "But (101) does mean that bills that need a simple majority will be much easier to pass.

Anything that requires a simple majority can be done and I expect will be done if it's a leading conservative agenda item."

Dogs require proper training



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In 2005, the American Film Institute debuted its 100 Series, part of which heralded the Top 100 quotations from American cinema. "If you build it, he will come," from the 1989 film "Field of Dreams," made the cut.

Most of us know the quote as, "If you build it, they will come." But in both the film and the novel it is based on, W.P. Kinsella's "Shoeless Joe," it is "he" and not "they" who will be coming. And its altered form suits human nature just fine, particularly human dog owner nature.

If you love them, they will obey.

If you feed them, they will listen.

If you bring them into your home, they will do whatever it is you ask of them, even if you ask them in a language they don't understand.

These are statements of blind faith. Dedicated dog lovers seemingly extend this benefit of the doubt to any and every dog, making the collective "they" more reflective of our faith in the species than the singular "he."

Either way, it's just not true.

Frustrated dog owners lament, "He wants to do what he wants to do!"

Well, yeah.

Good-hearted people truly believe that if you love a dog and feed a dog and offer a dog a comfy place next to you in the "big person" bed, the dog will crumble, will cave in regard to his own instincts, will knock it off with the chewing and the digging and the fence jumping and the puddles.

But alas, a dog is a dog — and thank goodness for that! Understanding your dog's inherent dogness, knowing that his view of the world from two or three

feet off the ground is much different from ours, is, to quote another from AFI's Top 100, "the beginning of a beautiful friendship."

Humphrey Bogart, who famously delivered the line above in the final scene of "Casablanca," knew a little something about the benefits of dog training. In the 1941 film "High Sierra," Bogie's character's dog, "Pard," is played by Bogie's real-life dog, Zero. Who among us could call on our dogs to perform on command amid the chaos of a film set?

The answer: Sylvester Stallone. "Butkus," Rocky Balboa's dog in the 1976 Oscar-winning "Rocky," was played by Stallone's real-life Butkus. You might question the name, but you can't question the dedication to training.

And it's all about training. When a dog develops a problem behavior, the owner has three choices: do nothing, get rid of the dog, or get rid of the problem.

By my lights, the latter is the only way to go — except in cases of dogs who are vicious or bite children and family members.

To get rid of the problem, one must:

— Accept responsibility.

— Stop blaming the dog for his inability to read the mind of a human.

— Invest in appropriate training.

To those willing to make the effort, whether solo or under the guidance of a professional dog trainer, I say, "Bravo!" But when confronted with unrelenting denial and a litany of excuses to duck the responsibility of training, I am reminded of the quote that topped the AFI's Top 100: "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn!"

Woof!

Dog trainer Matthew "Uncle Matty" Margolis is co-author of 18 books about dogs, a behaviorist, a popular radio and television guest, and host of the PBS series "WOOF! It's a Dog's Life!"

PET OF THE WEEK

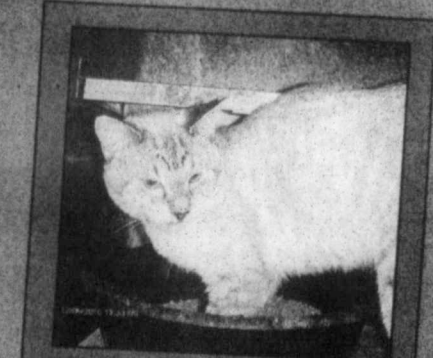
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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 15, the 349th day of 2010. There are 16 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 15, 1791, the Bill of Rights went into effect following ratification by Virginia.

On this date:

In 1890, Sioux Indian Chief Sitting Bull and 11 other tribe members were killed in Grand River, S.D. during a confrontation with Indian police.

In 1893, Antonin Dvorak's Symphony No. 9 in E minor, Op. 95, "From the New World," was rehearsed before the public at New York's Carnegie Hall (the official world premiere was held the next day).

In 1938, groundbreaking for the Jefferson Memorial took place in Washington, D.C. with President Franklin D. Roosevelt taking part in the ceremony.

In 1939, the motion picture "Gone With the Wind" had its world premiere in Atlanta.

In 1944, a single-engine plane carrying bandleader Glenn Miller, a major in the U.S. Army Air Forces, disappeared over the English Channel while en route to Paris. American forces invaded Mindoro Island in the Philippines.

In 1960, Teflon-coated skillets first went on sale, at Macy's flagship store in New York City.

In 1961, former Nazi official Adolf Eichmann was sentenced to death by an Israeli court.

In 1964, Canada's House of Commons approved dropping the "Red Ensign" flag in favor of a new design.

In 1965, two U.S. manned spacecraft, Gemini 6A and Gemini 7, maneuvered to within 10 feet of each other while in orbit.

In 1979, the deposed Shah of Iran left the United States for Panama, the same day the International Court of Justice in The Hague issued a provisional order for Iran to release all its American hostages.

Ten years ago: The long-troubled Chernobyl nuclear power plant in Ukraine was closed for good. Federal regulators ordered an overhaul of California's electricity market in a push to control skyrocketing prices and curtail supply shortages. First lady and Sen.-elect Hillary Rodham Clinton agreed to an \$8 million book deal with Simon and Schuster for her White House memoirs. ("Living History" was released in 2003.)

Five years ago: Millions of Iraqis turned out to choose a parliament in a mostly peaceful election.

One year ago: World leaders began arriving in Copenhagen, kicking U.N. climate talks into high gear in a quest to deliver a deal to curb emissions of heat-trapping greenhouse gases.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-comedian Tim Conway is 77. Singer Cindy Birdsong (The Supremes) is 71. Rock musician Dave Clark (The Dave Clark Five) is 68. Rock musician Carmine Appice (Vanilla Fudge) is 64. Actor Don Johnson is 61. Actress Melanie Chartoff is 60. Movie director Julie Taymor is 58. Movie director Alex Cox is 56. Actor Justin Ross is 56. Political strategist Donna Brazile is 51. Country singer Doug Phelps (Brother Phelps; Kentucky Headhunters) is 50. Movie producer-director Reginald Hudlin is 49. Actress Helen Slater is 47. Actress Molly Price is 45. Actor Michael Shanks is 40. Actor Stuart Townsend is 38. Figure skater Surya Bonaly is 37. "Crowd-hyper" Kito Trawick (Ghostown DJs) is 33. Actor Adam Brody is 31. Actor George O. Gore II is 28. Actress Stefania Owen is 13.

Thought for Today: "Silence is more musical than any song." - Christina Rossetti, British poet (1830-1874)



Changing to keep up with technology

Have you ever had one of those seemingly silly nightmares where you find yourself sitting in a classroom or at work; where you are taking a final exam or preparing for an important presentation, and suddenly, you realize that you have no idea what you are doing. For that moment, the feeling of panic spreads like wildfire throughout your entire body. You can feel your throat tighten, the sweat begin to bead, and your stomach begins to do a full blown gymnastics routine – all back flips with a double twist. Luckily, just before your panic attack, you wake up and realize that it was just a dream – what a feeling of relief! In the morning, you try to laugh it off, but there is something visceral in our fear of being ill prepared.

At times, I admit I have had that same feeling. Only, I am awake, and I am dealing with technology. I am what is referred to as a "boomer." On the one hand, I really do want to be proficient in all aspects of technology, but on the other, it is somewhat of a love-hate relationship. Generally with technology, I am afraid to jump in and start exploring around; I might do some sort of irreparable harm – or worse, I might do something that sends me on a one way ticket to Cyber land, where things easily disappear into ether, and I don't know the way back to familiar territory. However, when I have good instructions, specific training, or an accommodating techno-friend close by, I find I am much more confident than when working alone!

Technology has certainly changed, and it continues to exponentially evolve. It is hard to imagine what advances technology will make over the next ten years. Thinking back, it wasn't that long ago that dial-up telephones were the norm; the 3 1/2 inch "floppy" was state of the art; my camera required film, and although I trusted my computer to keep track of my bookkeeping, the idea of online banking was unimaginable to me. Back in the day, social networking meant meeting people, face-to-face or on the telephone. What changes can happen in the span of 10 short years! It is hard to imagine what

County Class



EVAN SMITH

the future has in store.

As educators, we face the challenge to keep up with this ever changing world. We find evidence of these changes even in the titles assigned to characterize our most recent generations. These titles provide a way to assess the impact technology has had on thinking and learning. Those of us who are "Boomers" (1946-1964) have an entirely different outlook on the world of technology than our younger colleagues; this divide is particularly evident in regard to our students. Our students are "Digital Natives," those born in the 1990's. Certainly, many complex issues enter into the equation when determining how to maximize instructional opportunities through the integration of technologies in the classroom.

In Pampa, our schools currently utilize many forms of technological integration into the learning process. One form allows students at Pampa High School to receive self paced coursework for computer based learning. These courses give our students the opportunity to accelerate or recover credits to graduate. Students are able to work at their own pace under the watchful eye of certified teachers. For many of our "Digital Natives," this type of learning provides a tremendous opportunity for students to succeed. "Clickers" or cell phones are other devices that you will find being utilized across our District. These technologies allow teachers to receive immediate feedback from students in their classrooms. For example, teachers can pose a question, and students can enter their answers by

clicking or texting to a website that translates their responses immediately in a visual way. These options provide a powerful, technologically based tool for teachers as they continually check for the individual and collective understanding of coursework. Furthermore, computers are accessible throughout each campus. School computers are readily linked to the Internet for research, exploration, document preparation, and web based communication. Additionally, the District has purchased many computer based programs which are designed to target or meet specific learning objectives are available on each of our campuses.

Finally, classrooms throughout our district are equipped with technology designed to promote student engagement and give teachers multiple options for presentation of material. The ability to project images on a large screen allows our teachers to display work to be completed in class, exemplars to work toward, educational or interactive websites, or pertinent video clips; each of these examples provide a new and captivating way to promote an "interaction" that is experienced by the entire class in "real time." While many of us "Boomers" may remember the cutting edge of overhead projectors, there are not many of those still in classrooms. Overheads have been replaced with document cameras which allow for much more flexibility in presentation. Together, these technological tools represent our commitment to capture and increase the positive engagement of all our students in the learning process.

Technology is constantly changing. Staying current on the cutting edge of technology and implementing these technologies as part of our curriculum continues to be a major goal of Pampa ISD. We are continually working to design state of the art instruction that will best prepare and equip our students to succeed – yes, in a future full of challenges, but also a future replete with opportunities that can only be imagined.

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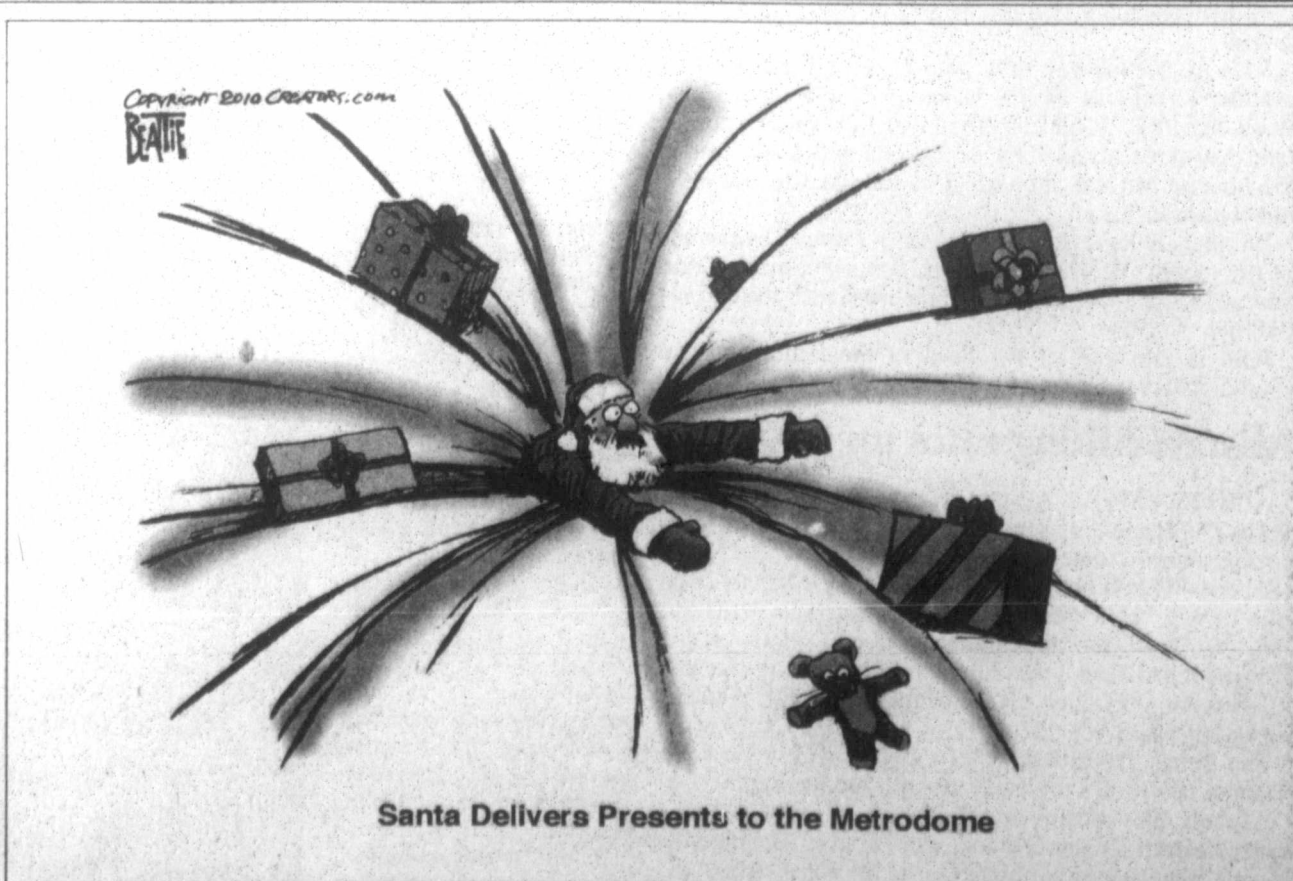
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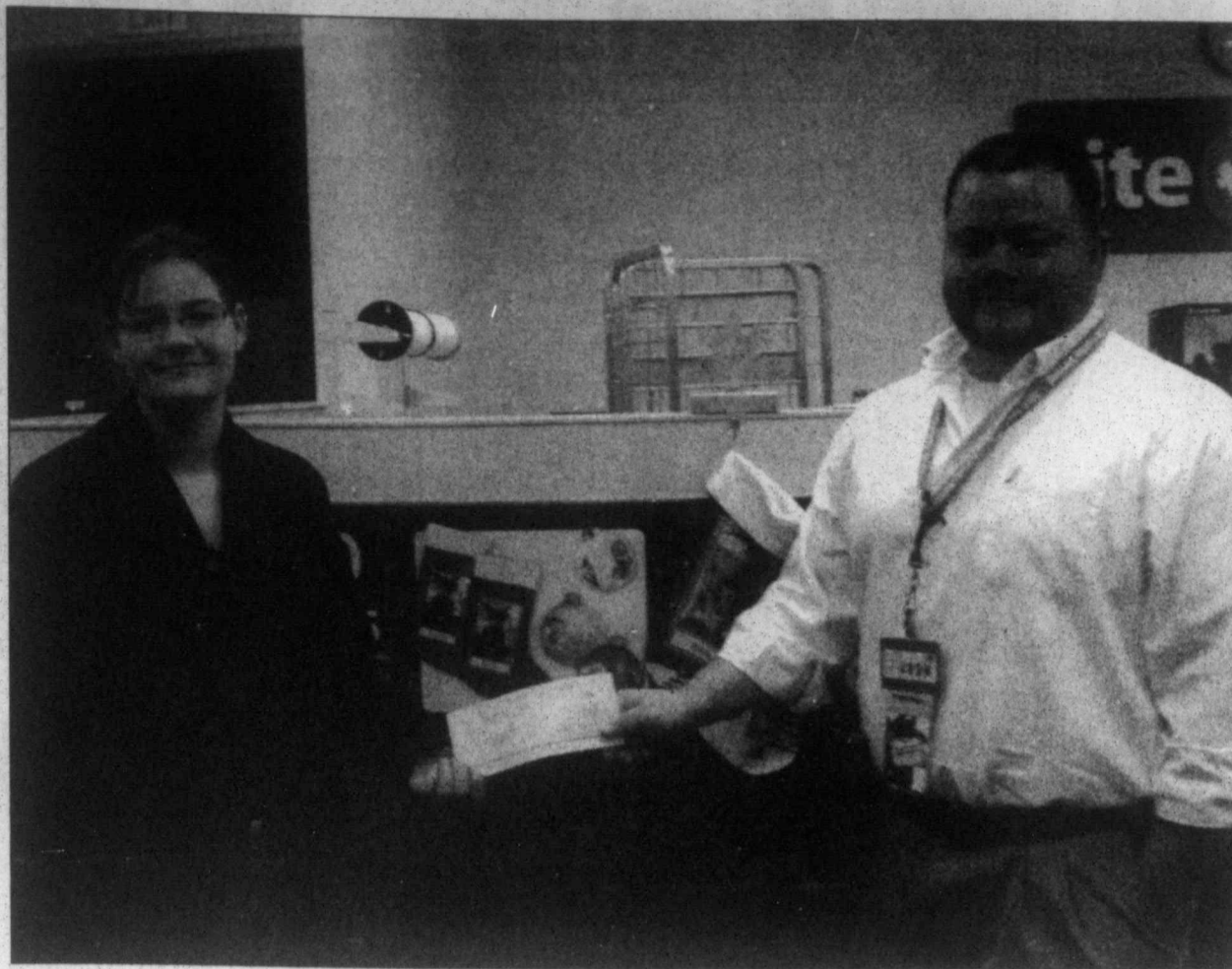


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Josh Hess (right), general manager of Walmart, recently gave a \$1,000 check on behalf of the retailer to Pampa Police Department Crime Prevention Officer Stormy McCullar to benefit the Crims Stoppers program.

Senate to vote on tax cuts package

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate cleared the decks Wednesday for a final vote on a sweeping tax package that would save millions of Americans thousands of dollars in higher taxes next year while also reducing their Social Security taxes and extending jobless benefits. The package will then go to the House, where Democrats are fuming over extended tax breaks for the wealthy that President Barack Obama negotiated with Senate Republicans. House Democrats are considering possible changes, perhaps holding a vote to enact a higher estate tax than Obama negotiated. A wide range of tax cuts enacted under President George W. Bush is scheduled to expire in just two weeks. The bill being voted on in the Senate would extend them for two years. The Senate, which is expected to pass the bill with broad bipartisan support, debated several amendments Wednesday morning. One would make the tax cuts permanent, one would pay for part of the package by cutting spending elsewhere, and one would replace a proposed payroll tax cut with an extension of Obama's Making Work Pay tax credit. All the amendments were expected to fail, as the final details of the package were worked out days ago. Nevertheless, many House Democrats continue to oppose the estate tax provision. "Let's find out if Republicans really want to jeopardize income tax, payroll tax and estate tax relief for every American in order to provide a budget-busting bonanza to the country's richest estates," Rep. Chris Van Hollen, D-Md., wrote in an op-ed in Wednesday's *Washington Post*.

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conservation management criteria) that we compare that interview to, and it gives a score that determines whether or not the person qualifies for the program."

Those criteria are determined by state-identified primary resource concerns. In Texas, those concerns include water quality, soil erosion, plant health and condition, water quality and animal health.

Congress limits enrollment into the CSP nationally at 12.7 million acres per year, so turning in an application does not ensure a monetary reward. However, Wimberley said, producers are encouraged to apply for the CSP now to make sure their applications will be considered in the selection process.

The CSP offers two types of payments to landowners who qualify. An annual payment is awarded based on an estimate of the environmental benefits produced by the landowner's conservation activities. Additionally, a supplemental payment is also available to participants who receive an annual payment and adopt an "above and beyond" resource-conserving crop rotation on cropland. A few farmers around the Gray County area are already taking advantage of the CSP, according to Wimberley.

"We've got probably six or seven contracts with different people around here right now," Wimberley said. "They're pretty satisfied with it, I think."

For more information, including eligibility requirements and a CSP self-screening checklist for potential applicants, call the USDA Service Center office in Pampa at 806-665-1751, ext. 3, or visit the NRCS website at http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/new_csp/csp.html.

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ordinance that provides \$2,500 for a matching grant by Gray County rancher T. Boone Pickens and his wife to Pampa Animal Welfare Society, or PAWS.

The commission also adopted a resolution denying a rate increase that Southwestern Public Service Company had requested in May.

Assistant City Manager Shane Stokes said the city is part of a coalition of cities served by the electric utility that is rejecting the rate increase. He said the next step would be to enter into negotiations with Southwestern

Public Service over a rate increase.

Commissioners also approved fund transfers to balance the city's books for the past fiscal year.

The city commission also reappointed James Bradley, Glennette Goode and Ken May to the Pampa Economic Development Corporation board of directors for two-year terms beginning Jan. 1.

Commissioners voted to cancel their Dec. 28, meeting because of the Christmas holidays.

Tribute

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Pingel, too, said that the City of Pampa would miss Allison.

"There's no doubt in my mind that we'll miss him," said Commission Neil Fulton, "because he did do so much for not only this commission but the community here and his church. He was very, very church-minded."

Fulton said Allison worked to make

everything he was involved with better for everyone.

City Commissioner Robert Dixon read an anonymous poem that Allison had clipped from a publication and that had been found in Allison's personal effects by his daughter after his death. It was entitled "My First Christmas in Heaven."

Dixon concluded the eulogy with

the final verse:

"Please love and keep each other, as my Father said to do,

For I can't count the blessings of love He has for you.

So have a Merry Christmas and wipe away that tear,

Remember, I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year."



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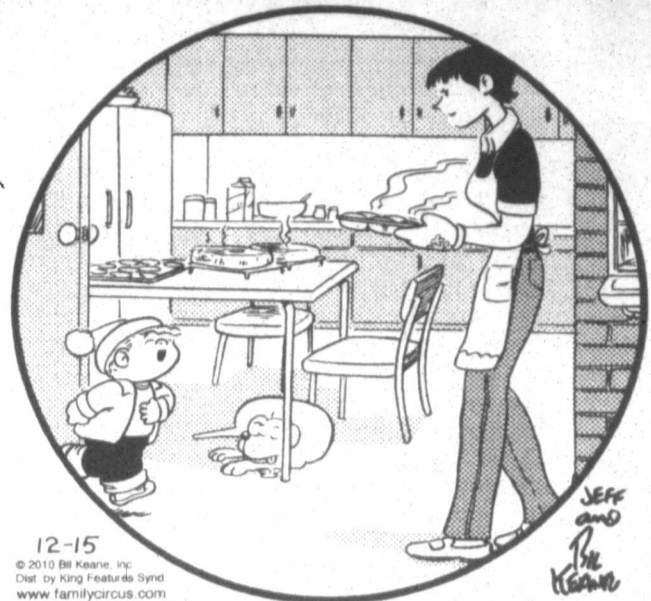
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Share favorite Christmas memories with readers

Do you have a favorite Christmas memory? Maybe it's something special your mom baked, or a special present, or a memory of a relative, or a special church service. Maybe it was a special trip, or maybe it was not so special — just a holiday spent with the people you love. Whatever your special memory, we invite you to share it with our readers. Email your special Christmas memory to rpribble@thepampanews.com by Friday, Dec. 17 and it might be included in a special story prior to the holidays. If you prefer, mail the memory to "Christmas Memories," The Pampa News, 403 West Atchison, Pampa, TX 79065 or drop it by our office. Just make sure we receive it by Dec. 17.

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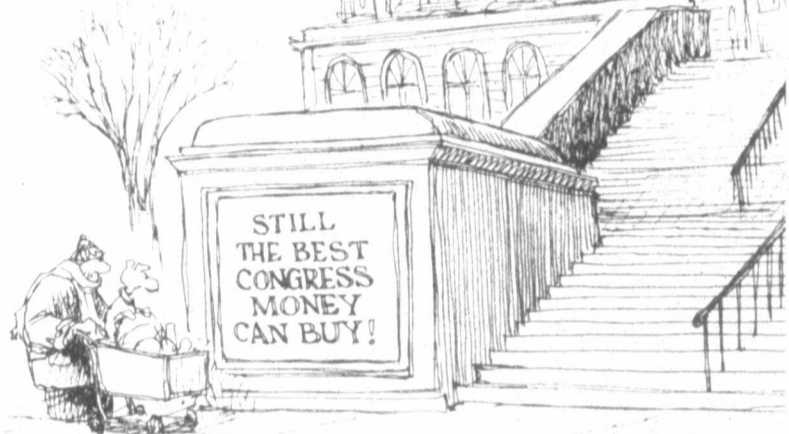
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"It's beginnin' to SMELL a lot like Christmas."

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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Dec. 16, 2010:

This year, you make advances because of your ability to mix practicality with your creativity. This blend manifests itself in many different realms of your daily life. Others look to you as a problem solver. Many of you will opt to revamp your finances in a manner that reflects who you are at this juncture. You also might sell or get rid of what had been vital to your household, freeing yourself from worldly possessions. If you are single, spring 2011 presents some very lively options. In fact, you could be overwhelmed by many suitors. If you are attached, the two of you enter a phase in which you feel more connected than you have in years. TAURUS keeps you grounded, like it or not!

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)

★★★★ Be sensitive to a change early in the day. No longer are you the centerpiece, but one of the players. Knowing how to gracefully let down your defenses could be very important. Curb a tendency to go to extremes. Tonight: Treat yourself on the way home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You feel empowered and know that you can manage what otherwise might be a difficult situation. Understand when you have had enough of an indulgent friend or associate. Politely walk away. Tonight: As you like it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Take a stab at doing something differently. Others might push you in a certain direction. Stop and use your instincts, and you will be happy with the end results. If you can do some quiet work or get some time to yourself, do. Tonight: Vanish.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Zero in on what you want. Screen out a matter that is distracting you. This issue could revolve around someone at a distance or someone who simply seems to understand life differently from you. A partner or friend supports your efforts. Tonight: Where the action is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Others pressure you to achieve the goals they desire. You could be inordinately tired and drawn, yet at the last minute you get a second wind. Alternate physical activity with mental thought. The

rotation will add energy. Tonight: A force to be dealt with -- think "weekend."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Keep reaching out for someone at a distance. You also might be seeking out an expert or two to help you break through an issue. Your creativity surges once a brainstorming session starts. Others go overboard. Tonight: Let your imagination lead.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Others will pitch in if you ask for help. You could be quite tired and drained just from your daily routine and a domestic issue. Know when to let go and allow events to play out. You cannot always be in control. Tonight: Visit over dinner with a pal.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Others knock on your door, allowing greater flow. You are anxious to clear up a misunderstanding that might not be too comfortable. Your creativity surges, especially when eyeing a money matter. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Focus on completion, as you might have been somewhat distracted the past few days. You wonder what is going on with a family member, who at best is emotional and at worst is disruptive. Tonight: At home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You change your tune as you are more relaxed and see a new path. Your willingness to risk also is increased. Someone you care about could be overwhelming with his or her emotional display. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Consider adding a more personal touch to your home or place of work. You need that sense of "yours." Many of you will opt to add fountains or plants. Your instincts guide you with a family member and/or a domestic issue. Tonight: Close to home.

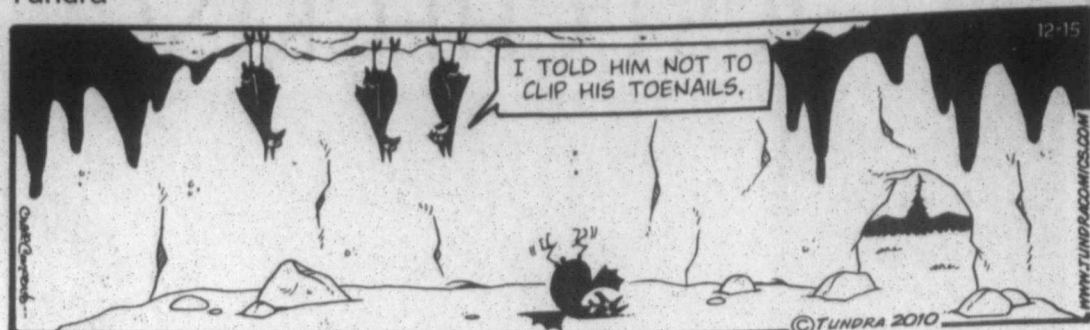
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You could be more emotional than you realize. What you say does make a big difference to others. If you overwhelm people with an ongoing emotional monologue, they will run. Center yourself before starting up talks. Tonight: Hang out with your pals.

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Playwright Noel Coward (1899), news correspondent Lesley Stahl (1941), author Jane Austen (1775)

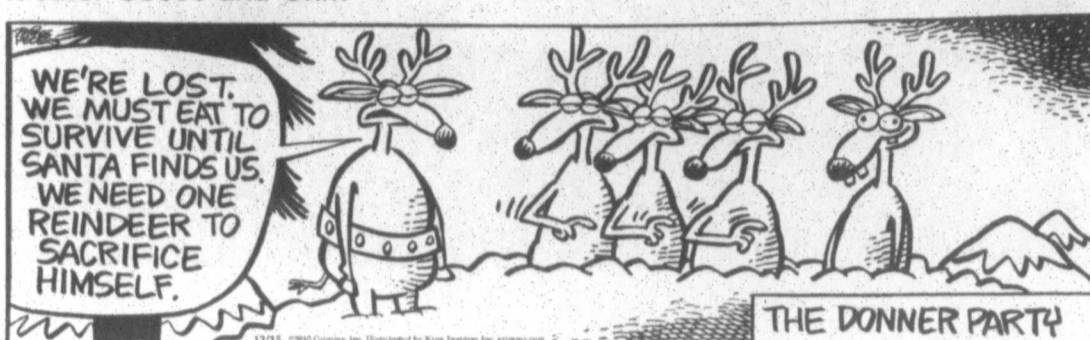
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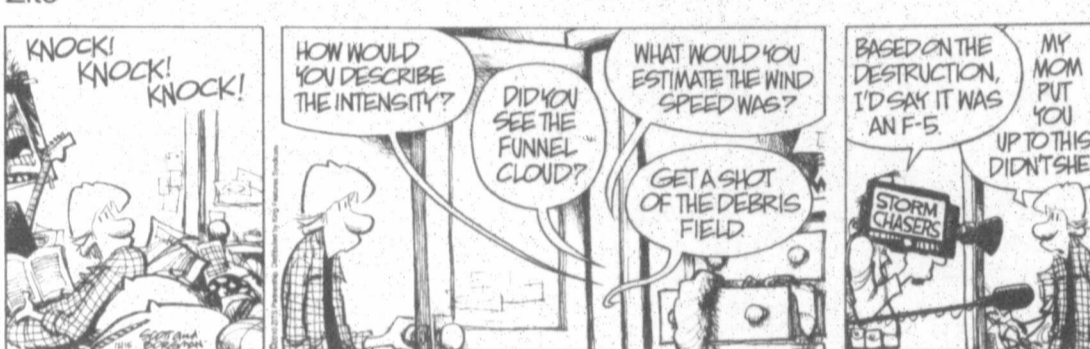
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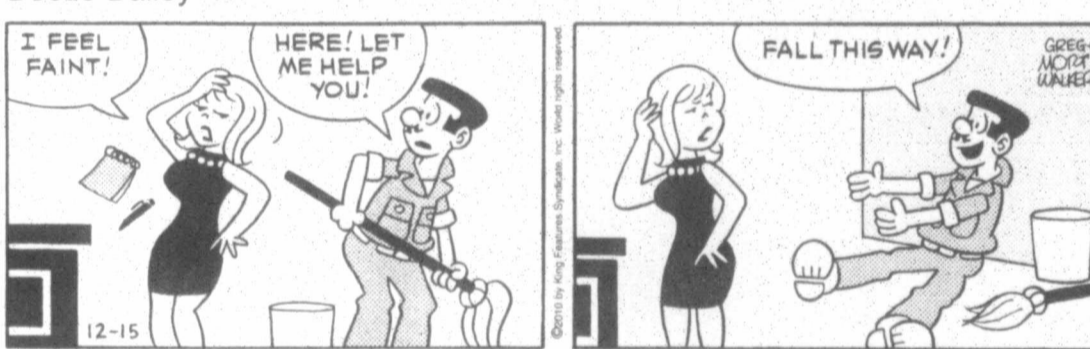
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Sports

Lady Pirates' 4th quarter rally falls short vs. 'Horns

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The Lefors Lady Pirates entered the fourth quarter against the Darrouzett Lady Longhorns trailing by double digits. Earlier this season, the opponent would have doubled their lead by game's end. Tuesday at Darrouzett, the Lady Pirates rallied in the fourth but still came up short in a 44-42 loss.

Head coach Tory Peet said the team had a change in attitude after their loss to Miami two weekends ago.

"We had some drama going into the Miami game," Peet said. "After the game I sat them down and we hashed it out face to face. We're here for one good, the team. We don't care who scores, we don't care who passes. We're a different team. We're in it for each other."

Senior point guard Taylor Overstreet said they are coming together as a team.

"We're just depending on each other as a team," Overstreet said. "We're just getting stronger together."

The first half was very competitive. Darrouzett led 9-6 after the first and outscored Lefors 14-13 in the second to lead 23-19 at halftime. Ana Cardenas led the Lady Longhorns offense in the first half with eight points. Junior Story Pairsh led the Lady Pirates offense in the first half with nine points.

The third quarter was defined by runs.

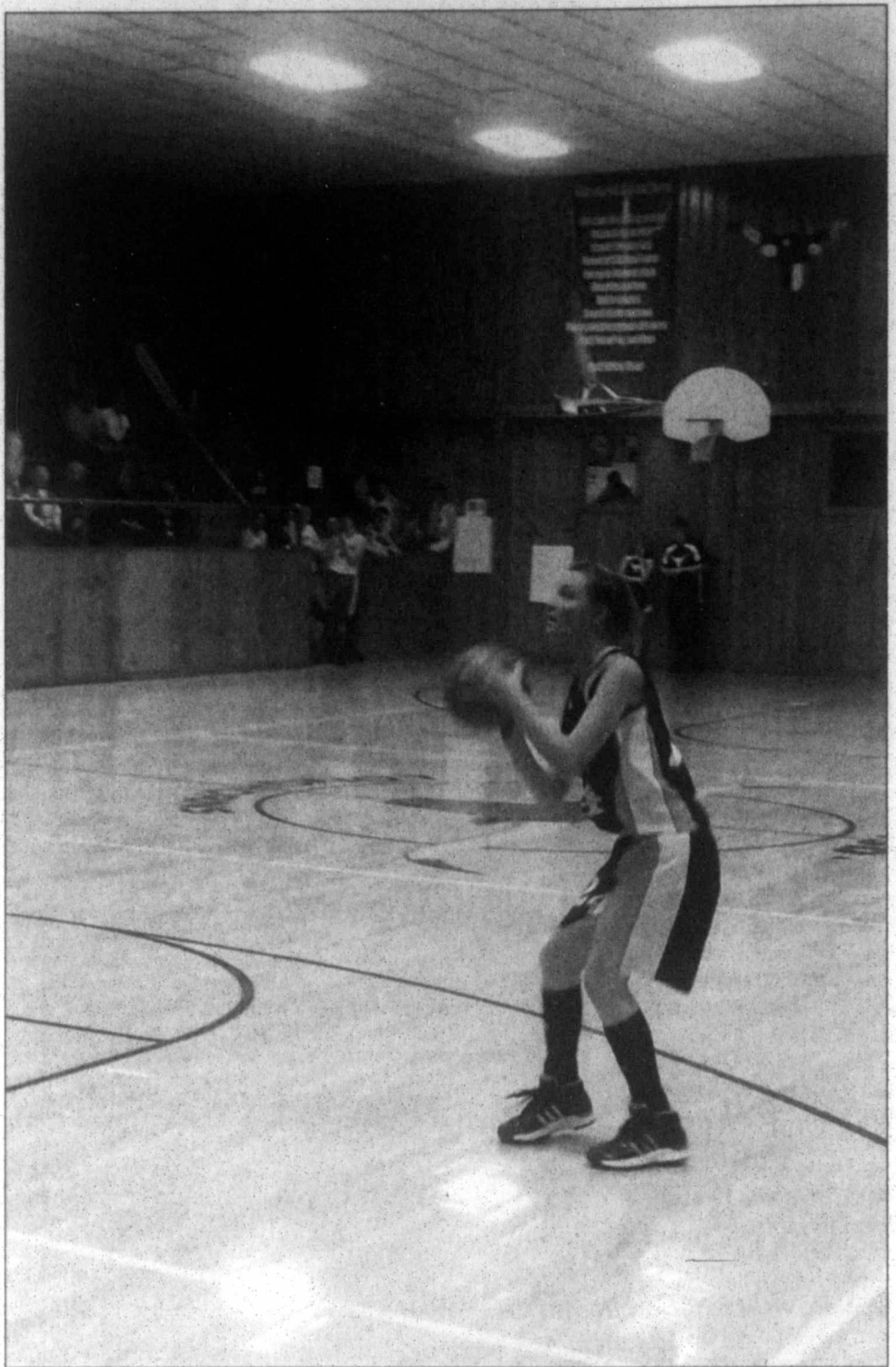
The Lady Longhorns scored the first five points of the quarter only to have Lefors score the next five. Darrouzett took advantage of Lefors turnovers and closed the quarter on a 9-3 run and held a 37-27 lead after three.

In the fourth quarter, the Lady Pirates rallied. Junior Kaitlynn Porter made three free throws to cut the deficit to seven. Darrouzett would bring the lead back up to ten. The Lady Pirates outscored the Lady Longhorns 12-4 the rest of the quarter and had several chances to tie or win the game in the last minute. Lefors had a pair of empty trips to the line and couldn't take advantage of a couple turnovers. At the end of the game, freshman Khorri Lott couldn't get a shot off before the buzzer.

Pairsh led the Lady Pirates in scoring with 13. Overstreet scored 11, Lott scored 10 and Porter followed with eight. Sage Kinsey led the Lady Longhorns in scoring with 15. Cardenas scored nine and Diana Reyes scored eight.

The Lady Pirates (2-8) host Miami 6 p.m. Friday. Peet said Miami is a good team and all his team can do is improve.

"Miami is a good team," Peet said. "They have athletes and a whole team of good basketball players. They have a junior varsity full of good basketball players...I'm not going to say we can beat them. They beat us by nearly 60. So anything less is improvement."



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Story Pairsh attempts a jumper in the first half against Darrouzett Tuesday. Pairsh scored 13 points and the Lady Pirates lost 44-42.

Third time vs. 'Horns not the charm for Pirate hoops

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The Lefors Pirates played another defensive game, but again their shots didn't fall in a 35-34 loss to the Darrouzett Longhorns Tuesday in Darrouzett.

Head coach Joey Czubinski said they did well in executing the offensive set, despite not hitting shots.

"They ran the offensive set over and over," Czubinski said. "It was pretty and effective. We just need one more shot to fall."

The first quarter was very close. Lefors held a pair of one-point leads. Billy Van Hooser opened the game with a three to give the Longhorns a 3-0 lead. Senior Zach Williams, Juniors Seth Scully and Taylor Ray, and sophomore Gaitlin Reagan scored for Lefors. Matt Devers led Darrouzett in scoring with four. The Longhorns led 9-8 after the first quarter.

Darrouzett pulled out to a five-point lead in the second quarter. The Longhorns led by as many as seven. The closest the Pirates got was within one and trailed 21-18 at halftime. In the third quarter,

no one led by more than four. Lefors got within one but were unable to take the lead. Darrouzett led 27-25 after three.

The Longhorns started the fourth quarter holding a three to five-point lead. Scully tied the game at 32 with a three with two minutes left in the quarter. Again the Pirates would be unable to take the lead. Brady McCaslin hit a three-pointer and put Darrouzett ahead for good at 35-32.

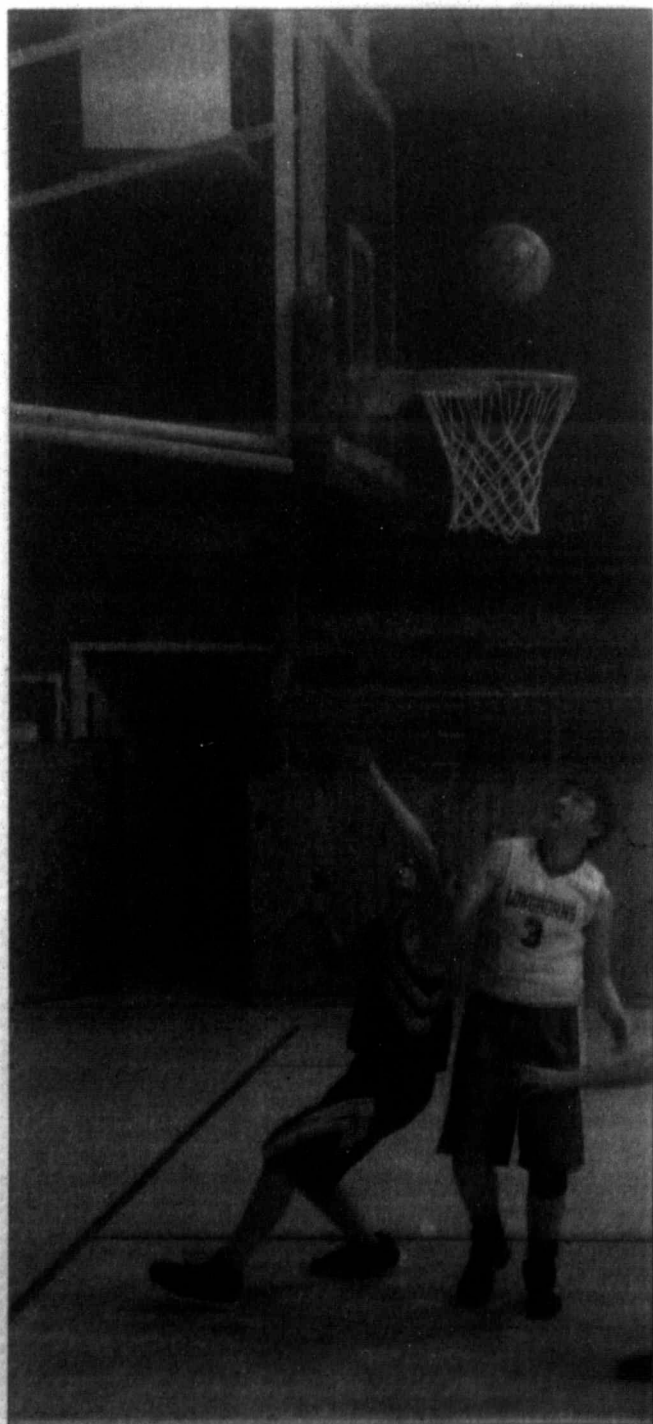
Ray led the Pirates in scoring with 11. Reagan followed with eight and led the team in rebounds with 12. Devers led the Longhorns in scoring with 10. R.D. Duke and Van Hooser followed with eight each. Van Hooser led the team in rebounding with 13.

Senior Joey Johnson said they are improving from the beginning of the season. "We've been progressing a lot from where we started," Johnson said. "We started out kind of rusty. We've come together and our looking a lot better and getting ready for district."

The Pirates (2-6) host Miami 7:30 p.m. Friday.

staff photo by Andrew Glover

Tjaeden Swires shoots a first half layup against Darrouzett Tuesday. Swires grabbed three rebounds and the Pirates lost 35-34. Lefors falls to 2-6 and hosts Miami 7:30 p.m. Friday.



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