

# Drought prompts call for voluntary water conservation

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Colorado River Authority Chief Meteorologist Bob Rose, parts of the county near the Mills and San Saba county lines received close to three inches with that storm system earlier this month. The south-central and north-central areas, near Lampasas and Adamsville, generally received less than a quarter-

inch of moisture.

As part of the voluntary restrictions in the Brazos watershed, KWSC encourages members of its water distribution system to conserve water in the following ways.

- Odd-numbered addresses water only on Tuesday and Friday of each week.
- Even-numbered addresses water only on Monday and

Thursday of each week.

• Refrain from landscape irrigation between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m., when temperatures cause more water to be lost due to evaporation.

Customers are asked to reduce water use for non-essential purposes.

The BRA Stage 1 Voluntary Restriction designation is based on the Palmer Hydrologic Drought Index,

which measures factors such as reservoir levels and groundwater level.

Lampasas was 2.98 inches below the historic average rainfall for the month of June. Just under an inch was reported for the month at the Lampasas Municipal Airport, according to the National Weather Service.

The monthly average temperature was 3.3 degrees

above the long-term normal for June. Daily temperatures for the month averaged a high of 94.7 and a low of 73, making for the city's hottest June since 2011.

Through Sunday, the city was just 0.7 degrees above average for July but was 1.11

inches below the normal rainfall for the month.

Weather.com at press time Monday predicted triple-digit heat each day through July 27. The Climate Prediction Center calls for a hotter and drier spell from July through September.

## Mechanical failure precedes crash on U.S. Highway 190

BY JIM LOWE  
DISPATCH RECORD

Two trucks collided Friday afternoon about four miles east of town on U.S. Highway 190 in what originally was thought to have been a head-on crash.

Authorities later said the accident was a rear-end collision.

Texas Department of Public Safety was called about 3:35 p.m.

Trooper Dennis Jones was on the scene for three hours, and traffic was slowed considerably as the eastbound lanes of traffic were shut down.

Texas Department of Transportation officials worked well into the night. In addition, a business that handles hazardous materials was summoned, because of a large diesel and oil spill on the roadway.

Jones gave the following account. A 1994 single-cab Dodge Ram pickup driven by Riley Wade Davis, 22, of Lampasas was headed eastward in the outside lane of U.S. 190.

A 2003 Ford F-150 4x4 extended cab truck driven by Eric Michael Perez, 27, of Lampasas also was eastbound on U.S. 190, behind the Dodge. The Ford truck was towing a small homemade trailer with hay bales on it.

Due to a mechanical failure, the right-front tire of the Dodge separated from the truck, although Jones could not immediately determine how the problem occurred.

The right side of the Dodge pickup dipped down and gouged the asphalt road surface, and the tire ended up in an eastbound bar ditch.

Davis slid to a stop in the outside eastbound lane. But the driver of the Ford truck



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A 2003 Ford F-150 4x4 extended cab truck, center, pulling a lightweight trailer, collided with a 1994 Dodge Ram pickup Friday afternoon several miles east of Lampasas. Two people were transported to Scott & White Medical Center in Temple.

failed to control his speed, and the right front of the F-150 struck the back-left portion of the Dodge truck.

The Ford truck and trailer rotated to the left, and the trailer rolled over once. The impact of the collision forced the Dodge truck forward, as it stayed in the outside eastbound lane.

The Ford truck came to rest facing west in the eastbound lanes. The trailer it was pulling separated from its hitch and ended up upside-down facing southwest. In the process, hay was scattered over multiple lanes and underneath the trailer.

A diesel tank ruptured, and diesel mixed with oil created a large spill. Because the spill exceeded 25 gallons and was next to a creekbed, the Lampasas Fire Department — which was at the accident site for several hours — called in a Waco business that does hazardous materials cleanup.

The driver of the Dodge, the sole occupant in the vehicle, was wearing a

seat belt at the time of the accident.

Acadian Ambulance Service transported Davis to Temple's Scott & White Medical Center. In addition, Acadian took a passenger in the Ford truck, Kenneth Wayne Richardson, 27, of Lampasas, to Scott & White.

Perez, the driver of the Ford truck, told officials he was OK, and he was not transported to a hospital. The driver and passenger in the Ford truck were wearing safety belts.

Davis suffered non-ambulatory injuries. Richardson reported having dizziness issues but was ambulatory. He was taken to the hospital as a precaution.

The two eastbound lanes were closed for several hours. Eastbound motorists used the center turn lane to pass through the accident scene. U.S. 190 is a four-lane highway with a center turn lane in the area where the crash occurred.

The two trucks were believed to have been totaled. The lightweight

trailer also sustained damage from when it flipped.

TxDOT originally was called to help with traffic because the eastbound lanes were impassable, but workers' attention also turned to several significant gouges in the pavement.

Trooper Lorenzo Arroyo Jr. of San Saba assisted Jones at the scene, as did the Lampasas County Sheriff's Office.

## Council considers paying for electrical infrastructure for subdivision

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us to put forth hurdles that would hinder that."

Talbert explained that the city would be willing to consider "doing the electric [infrastructure] at our cost because [it is] an enterprise for us; we do sell electric service."

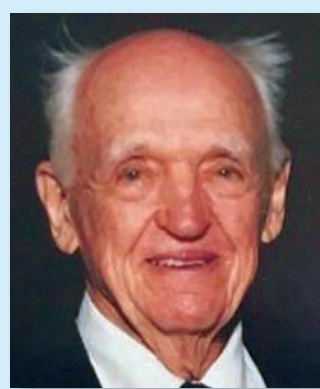
Council discussed the possibility of covering the cost of electric infrastructure with the stipulation that Finney complete at least 50 percent of the 67 proposed homes within the next five years.

Council also heard an update on code enforcement by Sgt. Tony Barrio. The city experienced 336 code violations

in 2017, 167 of which were corrected through voluntary compliance.

"When we started this [enforcement campaign] in 2016, we had 602," Barrio said. "My goal is to see that number decrease every year."

Year to date, only 11 violations have been reported, he said.



### Peter Francis "Frank" Lake

Peter Francis, "Frank" Lake passed away peacefully on July 9th, in Austin Texas, a few weeks shy of his 99th birthday.

The second of four children, Frank was born on August 23, 1919 to Peter Gauss Lake and Frances May Lake in El Dorado, Arkansas, where he spent his early youth. He attended high school at Culver Military Academy, and graduated from the University of Virginia in 1942. In the same year, he married Emily Ware, also from El Dorado, and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Frank served with the 2nd Marine Division, 6th Regiment, between August of 1942 through December of 1945, and was stationed in the Pacific, where he participated in amphibious landings at Tarawa, Saipan, and Tinian. He received the Bronze Star for assuming leadership of "C" company when its commander was killed in action.

After the war, he and Emily moved to Austin, where he entered UT law school, and the two began their family. Soon after graduating from law school, Frank served as Texas Assistant Attorney General, and in 1961, was appointed Texas Secretary of State by Governor Price Daniel. In 1963, he became Chief Counsel to the Texas State Board of Insurance, before entering private practice in 1970.

For almost sixty years, Frank could be found having lunch at the long table in the bar at The Headliners Club. When no longer able to drive, he was often accompanied by his loyal friend Alton Greevens. It was there that he swapped stories

about politics past and present, and of course — the weather!

Frank was an avid outdoorsman and spent many weekends on the family ranch in Burnet County. He loved fishing, and canoed all the Texas rivers flowing to the Gulf, from the Devil's River to the Colorado but his favorite spot was the San Gabriel River. Perhaps his happiest times were spent in the wilderness west of Creede, Colorado; hunting, trail-riding on the Continental Divide, and fly-fishing in the headwaters of the Rio Grande. It was easy to bivouac in the Rockies because he knew that he was always welcome at Sibyl and Pat Noack's cabin.

Frank lost his three siblings to cancer, and became an Excalibur member of the American Cancer Society, and traveled across the U.S. visiting cancer hospitals and clinics. He was a supporter of KUT and KMFA radio stations, Texas Nature Conservancy, Environmental Defense Fund, the Lampasas Youth Livestock Association, and the Lampasas Volunteer Fire Department.

Frank was preceded in death by his former wife, Emily Lake; his son, Kirby Scott Lake; brothers Robert Lake and William Lake; and sister, Nancy Lake. He is survived by his son Randall Lake and wife Lori, son David Lake and wife Ellen, daughter Lucinda Lake Gerhart, and grandchildren Jason Lake, Andrew Lake, Emily Gerhart, and Katherine Ann Hicks.

The family would like to thank the kind staff at Westminster, Halcyon Home and Halcyon Hospice.

The family will hold a reception for family and friends on Friday, July 20th, at 2:00 at Tarry House, 3006 Bowman Avenue. A private burial will follow.

For those wishing to make a memorial contribution, Environmental Defense Texas 301 Congress Avenue #1300 Austin, Texas 78701, The Admiral Nimitz Foundation 328 East Main Street Fredericksburg, Texas 78624, or the charity of one's choice.



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