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Where you turn.

WHAT WAS SAID

'He wasn't a wealthy man like Henry Zarrow. But he was a Henry Zarrow to his family — always generous, always giving, always caring more for others than for himself.'

CAROLE RICHMOND, whose uncle Roy Giles (pictured at right) died last week at age 105. Read it on **A-10**



Online

Today at
TULSAWORLD.COM

New online

Vote in a poll: Do the news media pay too much attention to the self-destructive behavior of young celebrities like Britney Spears and Lindsay Lohan? Vote online.

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From the blogs

Movie Critic Michael Smith:

Naomi Watts, are you "Knocked Up?" Halle Berry, do you have a craving for pie like that gal in "Waitress?" Nicole Kidman, did you go all "Juno" on us?

I've never asked a question as crass as those, but I think I'll remember 2007 as the year of the movie babies, both in some of the year's best comedies and in the interviews that I conducted.

Last January, I spoke by telephone with Naomi Watts about her film "The Painted Veil," and I had no reason to believe she was pregnant — nor any inclination to ask such an off-the-wall question. But it turns out that she was, and baby Alexander was delivered to the first-time mother and the father, actor Liev Schreiber.

TU Beat Writer Eric Bailey:

Courtney Tennial received some good news on Friday night. Tennial, a senior from Glenpool, suffered an Achilles injury during two-a-day drills in August and has missed the entire season.

The school immediately petitioned the NCAA for an extra year of eligibility and learned he was granted the sixth year on Friday night.

"When I was told, I actually started jumping up and down, and told some of my teammates and called my mom," Tennial said. "I'm excited."

Read the rest of these entries at www.tulsaworld.com/blogs

Wednesday's top 10

The most popular stories read online in the last 24 hours:

- 1. New scenery gives Miles career boon:** Columnist Dave Sittler says LSU's impressive 38-24 win Monday night silenced a lot of Miles' critics.
- 2. A look at ORU's troubles:** The university has been besieged by controversy for nearly three months.
- 3. Drug card program touted for savings:** Any state resident may sign up online and print off a card for instant prescription savings.
- 4. Authorities searching for missing Maysville teen:** The Highway Patrol says Ann Marie White was last seen about 10 p.m. Sunday.
- 5. Warning: Attempts at humor unwelcome:** Calling somebody in the humor trade not funny is like telling a pageant contestant that she is not intelligent.
- 6. OU's Granger may avoid arrest warrant for shoplifting arrest:** DeMarcus Granger missed a court date following his shoplifting arrest in Arizona.
- 7. Camille's inks Wal-Mart deal:** The Tulsa-based business will be putting its "fast-casual" restaurants in supercenters nationwide.
- 8. Professor joining mayor's team:** The OU-Tulsa faculty member will advise the Mayor's Office on urban planning and development issues.
- 9. Longshot presidential hopeful pins hopes on Oklahoma:** Jerry Curry said it is essential for him to fare well in Oklahoma's upcoming primary.
- 10. CSI Tulsa:** Bruce Plante's latest cartoon.

NEW THREAT TO TREES

Expert warns against unskilled trimming

By **MICHAEL OVERALL**
World Staff Writer

Arborists are sometimes called "tree surgeons." And just as there's a difference between a surgeon and some guy with a scalpel, there's a difference between an arborist and some guy with a chain saw.

In the aftermath of last month's ice storm, a lot of Oklahoma trees are being butchered again by untrained tree trimmers, said Lou Anella, an associate professor at Oklahoma State University of horticulture and landscape architecture.

"There's a right way," Anella said, "and a wrong way to do this kind of work."

The best advice, Anella suggested, is to hire only certified arborists to trim trees, or at least to supervise the trimming. But if costs and time constraints put an arborist out of reach, Anella offers a way to judge a trimmer's skill: An expert will be careful not to damage the "branch collar," a distinctive bulge that connects the branch to the trunk.

"What you want to do is distinguish between branch tissue and trunk tissue," Anella said. "And remove the branch tissue while leaving the trunk tissue."

A branch should always be cut at the same angle as the branch collar, never simply at a right angle to the trunk, he said. A large, heavy branch might tear the branch collar as it falls away — so it should be shortened to within several inches of the trunk before a final cut is made next to the collar itself.

Most of all, Anella warns against the practice of "tree topping," which is often the fastest method because it requires little thought or planning to whack off virtually every major branch. Tree trimmers often promise that topping will make a tree grow back faster — and that's true, to an extent, Anella said.

Within a few years, new limbs will make a "topped" tree look taller and bushier than ever. But the new growth will be weak and poorly attached to the trunk, leaving the tree all the more vulnerable to ice and wind storms.

"It's the worst thing you can do to a tree," Anella said. "But you see it all the time."

It's better to take a long-term approach, he said. Watch how a damaged or poorly trimmed tree begins to grow for the next year or two, then consult a certified arborist about how to re-trim it.

"Really, the best advice," Anella said, "is to use a professional."

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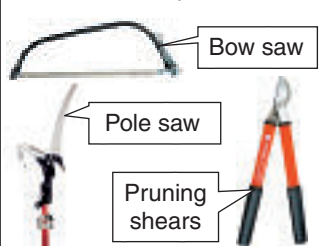
ONLINE HELP AVAILABLE

Originally designed just for horticulture students at Oklahoma State University, www.okplanttrees.org has grown into an exhaustive guide for planting and caring for trees, including visual guides for tree trimming.

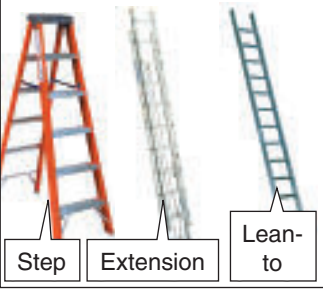
Safety first
Proper eye protection and gloves are a must. To insure proper fit, try items on in store before purchase.



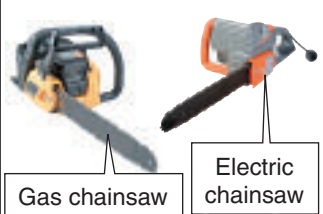
Hand tools
The majority of backyard trimming and limb removal can be done with muscle power.



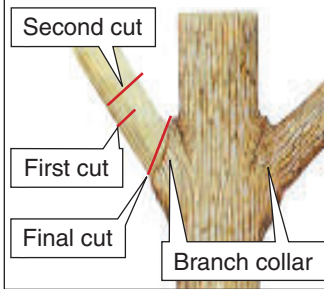
Reaching up
Be sure the weight ratings are enough to hold you and your tools. Always have a helper to steady the ladder.



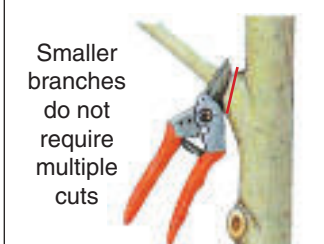
Chainsaws
Gas powered or electric. Make sure to read and understand owners manual before using. Hearing protection is recommended.



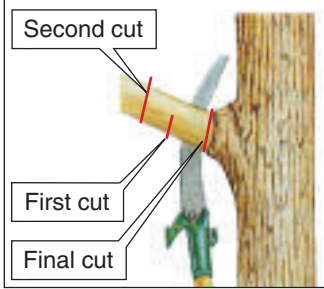
Basics
When removing limbs, the first cut is to ensure the bark will not tear and the limb become uncontrollable. Always make the final cut at the same angle as the branch collar.



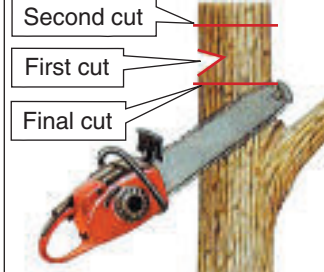
Small branches
Diameters less than 1 inch can be easily cut with pruning shears or a hand saw.



Large limbs
Diameters more than 1 inch can be cut with a bow or pole saw.



Tree tops
When removing upper portions of the tree, a chainsaw is a must.



On tap

For a full list of community events, and to submit your event, go online to www.tulsaworld.com/calendar.

THURSDAY

'Got Time to Party'

These boys get around. South 40 has been playing its unique brand of country rock and red dirt music since 2002.

The band's newest CD, "Home," is chock-full of guest stars, from Asleep at the Wheel to Randy Crouch and more.

Expect the unexpected when the act plays from 8-11 p.m. at Creek Nation Casino, 81st Street and Riverside Drive.

299-8518

FRIDAY

Cherry picking

Over the last seven years, the Cherryholmes family has become one of the biggest acts on the bluegrass circuit.

All six members of the Cherryholmes clan will bring the group's high-energy music to the Tulsa Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 and \$30.

596-7111
www.tulsaworld.com/myticketoffice

SATURDAY

A full day of basketball

Coaching legend Bob Knight is coming to Stillwater. America's highest-scoring freshmen will be in Norman. And there's a Bedlam women's game.

Oklahoma State plays Texas Tech at 12:30 p.m. at Gallagher-Iba Arena in a Big 12 conference opener. The game will be televised on KOTV Channel 6. In another Big 12 opener, Oklahoma plays Kansas State at 5 p.m. at Lloyd Noble Center. The game will be televised on KJRH Channel 2.

In women's basketball, Oklahoma plays Oklahoma State at 6 p.m. at Gallagher-Iba Arena.

For ticket information at OSU's Gallagher-Iba Arena, call (877) 255-4678. For ticket information at OU's Lloyd Noble Center, call (800) 456-4668.

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SUNDAY

Dallas Cowboys playoff game

The Dallas Cowboys play the New York Giants in a National Football League playoff game at 3:30 p.m. The game will be televised on KOKI Channel 23 (Cox Cable channel 5). In another playoff game, the San Diego Chargers play the Indianapolis Colts at noon on KOTV Channel 6. The teams playing Sunday need two more wins to advance to the Super Bowl, which is Feb. 3 in Glendale, Ariz.

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Bid to stop debris disposal denied

► A magistrate says a restraining order is not in the public's best interest.

By **DAVID HARPER**
World Staff Writer

A court order that would have stopped the cleanup of ice-storm debris by a private company hired by the city of Tulsa was denied Wednesday, meaning the cleanup will go on.

U.S. Magistrate Paul Cleary ruled that Bamaco Inc., which had asked for a temporary restraining order, failed to meet the standard required for such court intervention.

The Florida corporation had filed a lawsuit against the city on Monday, the same day Storm Reconstruction Services Inc. began removing the estimated 2 million cubic yards of tree debris left by the Dec. 9 ice storm.

Storm Reconstruction Services will be paid \$3,032,000 for the job, which it has 60 days to complete.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency pays 75 percent of approved costs in such situations. The remaining 25 percent is split between the state and the city.

Bamaco Inc. alleged in its lawsuit that the city of Tulsa failed to follow FEMA regulations as well as its own charter and ordinances in awarding the storm debris cleanup contract to Storm Reconstruction Services.

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The City Council approved in late December a request by Mayor Kathy Taylor to waive the normal monthlong competitive-bidding requirement for the storm cleanup. That action sped

the process of hiring a contractor for storm-related debris removal.

City Attorney Deirdre Dexter told the court Wednesday that nothing is improper about the city's abbreviating the bidding process in times of emergency.

Bamaco claimed in its lawsuit that the city inappropriately solicited and evaluated bids on the project.

Besides asking for a temporary restraining order, the company outlined possible options for the court to consider, including ordering that the project be re-bid.

Cleary said the company failed to justify a temporary restraining order, including that it not be contrary to the public interest.

He said it is in the public's interest to get the debris cleared as soon as possible and that the re-bidding process could cause a significant delay in the work being completed.

Cleary's recommendation will be reviewed by U.S. District Judge James Payne.

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