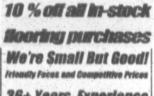


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# Pampa teen shares DC experience

by Rachel Stennett

rstennett@thepampanews.com Rikki Valentine, freshmen student at Pampa High school and daughter of new Gene Valentine, experienced first-hand what it felt like to cheer with over 1.8 million people as President Barack Obama was sworn forget." into office last week in Washington, D.C.

Valentine attended the inaugural ceremony after ate itself, but she had a receiving an invitation touch of modern celebrity from the National Youth Leadership State Conference last April. Valentine joined other students across the nation, including two students is so nice. He was in my from White Deer, at the group and stayed in the Presidential Inaugural Conference.

While at the conference, Valentine heard speakers Colin Powell, Al Fore, Lisa Ling, and Desmond Tutu. She also toured museums in the city including Newseum, Museum of museum. The group attended an inaugural ceremonies, but were also treat-

special music guest "Daughtry," whom Valentine said "put on a great concert."

"The chance to see girl's basketball coach Washington D.C. as a whole was a great opportunity," she said. "Being able to see history in the making was something I will never

During her five day stay in D.C., Valentine saw historic sights and history crethrough Reed Alexander, who plays Neville on Nick show "iCarly." Valentine described Neville's character as annoying, "but Reed Youth same hotel. He was just a normal 15 year old who just happens to have a day job," she said.

Along with Black Tie Gala's and meeting young celebrities and important politicians, Valentine and her roommate from Dallas National History, and the received additional special National Space and Flight privileges because the roommate was in a wheel chair due to a broken leg.

"We got a lot more atten-





submitted photos Above, the sun rises behind the Washington Monument on inauguration day.

Rikki Valentine (right) and her roommate Natalie from the Dallas area, both attended the inauguration of President Obama last week. Valentine is a freshmen student of Pampa High School.

## Dog attacks have some residents concerned by Rachel Stennett drive carefully

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Pit Bulls are not outlawed as a breed in Texas, and in fact as a breed they are not considered dangerous, but with 16 calls regarding pit bulls to the Pampa Police

Department in the last 16 days, are residents here in danger?

A "dangerous" dog, according to the Texas Constitution and Statutes, is defined as a dog that "makes an unprovoked attack on a person that causes bodily injury and occurs in a place other than an enclosure in which the dog was being kept..." or "commits unprovoked attacks ... and those acts cause a person to reasonably believe that the dog will attack and cause injury to

According to the statue, it is up to the animal control authority on duty to investigate an incident and determine if a dog is dangerous and then notify the owner. The Texas statue requires a long list of requirements for dangerous dogs, including having liability insurance of financial reassurance up the amount of \$100,000 for financial reimbursement for attacks. The strict limitations to the owners of dangerous dogs don't seem to be enough to prevent vicious attacks in Pampa.

Samantha White, Animal Control officer who has been working with in PAC for a year agrees with the requirement of the Attacks - cont. on page 3

statue to determine dangerous dogs on a dog by bog basis. "The problem is with the individual dog ( not the breed)," she said. "It's the owners not keeping the dogs confined and under control."

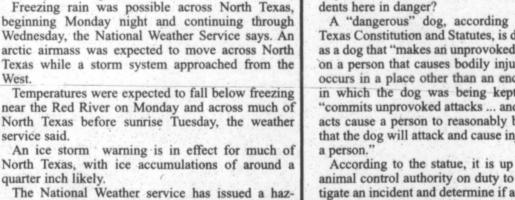
According to White, more people are bitten by small dogs, but bigger breeds like pit bulls can do more damage. As for the high number of calls in Pampa for pit bulls, White says they are largely misun-

derstood. Ninety percent of calls she responds to identified as Pit Bulls are not actually Pit Bulls at all, and the dogs are seldom mean

or aggressive. Dogs that escape together can create problems because of a "pack mentality" that comes to life roaming free together. But, chaining dogs up is not the answer either, White said.

'When you chain a dog, they lack socialization and when they escape, they are like a kid running loose with no manners," she explained. "The biggest problem we have is irresponsible dog owners. you have to change the way people look at their responsibility to their pets. Until we change the way look at those responsibilities, this is going to be an ongoing problem.'

Pit Bulls may not legally considered dangerous, but according to Carolyn



Wednesday morning. Motorist are urged to use caution while driving on slick roadways. Several weather related crashes have been reported. Light freezing rain is expected area wide this afternoon and evening. The depth of the cold air may be

ardous weather alert for the rest of Tuesday and

Hazardous

more icy and dangerous.

weather alert,

Texas is getting a lot colder — and possibly a lot

enough to support a mixture of freezing rain, sleet and snow overnight.

Tomorrow is expected to be cloudy, with a high near 23. Wind chill values between 4 and 12. East northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.





#### PAMPA FORECAST

Tuesday

Wednesday



High 29 Low 23 Low 17



High 45 Low 24

Tonight: A chance of freezing rain and sleet before midnight, then a chance of snow and freezing rain. Cloudy, with a low around 14. Wind chill values between zero and 9. Northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Tuesday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 29. Wind chill values between zero and 10. North wind around 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 17. Wind chill values between 7 and 12. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south-

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 50. South southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph. Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 23. Southeast wind around 5 mph becoming northwest.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 45. North northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 24. North northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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#### No Mega Millions jackpot winner

ATLANTA (AP) — The jackpot in the multistate Mega Millions lottery grew to \$30 million for Tuesday's

None of the tickets sold for Friday's \$21 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers, plus the Mega

There were nine second-prize winners matching all five lotto numbers for \$250,000 each. There were 37 players matching four lotto numbers plus the Mega Ball

The winning numbers from Friday's drawing were: 2-17-20-27-28. The Mega Ball was 7.

#### Saturday Daily 4 results

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon by the Texas Lottery, in order:

9-9-8-9. Sum It Up: 35

(nine, nine, eight, nine. Sum It Up: thirty-five)

#### Emergency Services

#### SHERIFF

County The Gray Sheriff's Office reported the following calls.

Saturday, Jan. 24 Lace Allen Herr, 46, of Pampa was arrested by GSCO for no valid driver's license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Sunday, Jan. 25 Paula Gayle Johnson, 41, was arrested by GCSO on a warrant for no valid driver's

license. Deshae Alyssa Etheredge, 30, of Pampa was arrested for assault causing bodily injury-family violence, resisting arrest, and failure to identify

Timothy Joe Broadbent,

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28, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for no driver's

-license and no insurance. Jovany Valdez Cabrales, 20, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for driving under the influence, minor.

Alejandro Saldana, 23, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for in the 1200 block of driving while intoxicated.

Monday, Jan. 26 Theodoric Ammerman, 22, of Pampa of Love street. was arrested by the Pampa Police Department for public intoxication.

Tini Jolene Burris, 31, of Pampa was arressted by the was reported in the 1400 PPD for public intoxication. block of North Hobart.

Tiffiney Leeann Britton, 21. of Pampa was arrested was received from the by PPD for public intoxica- 1300 block of North

#### FIRE

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m.

Saturday, Jan. 24

2:17 p.m. -- One unit three personel responded to a motor vehicle accident in the intersection of Coffee Harvester streets.

6:18 p.m. -- One unit personel three responded to a lift assist in 1400 block Williston.

Sunday, Jan. 25

10:33 a.m -- One unit three personel responded to a first responder in the 1300 block of West Kentucky

10:39 a.m -- One unit three personel responded to the 200 block of North West.

10:45 p.m. -- One unit three personel responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky.

# For the Record

## **Obituaries**

#### Jo Ann Fenno, 78

Pampa, Texas- Jo Ann Fenno, 78, died January 25, 2009, in Pampa, Texas. Services are pending Pending with Carmichael-Whatley

Mrs. Fenno was born March 1, 1930 in Pampa. She married C. E. Fenno on December 17, 1950 in She had been a

Funeral Directors.

resident of Lefors for 61 years before moving to Pampa in 1991. Jo Ann retired from the Lefors ISD in 1982 and she was a member of the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of

Survivors include her husband C. E. Fenno of the home; son, Dr. Wyatt E. Fenno and wife Thu of

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Edmond, Oklahoma; sister, Paula Lowrie and husband David of Clarendon; brother, Franklin Wall and wife Nelda of Pampa and three grandchildren.

of Christ, 1342 Mary Ellen, Pampa, 79065

Sign the on-line register at www.carmichaelwhatley.com

#### Charley "Chief" Ross Gray

Charley Ross Gray, 97, of Fort Cobb, Oklahoma, was called home by the Lord on Thursday, January 22, 2009 at the Binger Nursing Home in Binger, Oklahoma. He was born January 10, 1912 to John Albert and Mary Gray in Winnipeg Alberta, Canada. He worked at all types of farm labor when he was young and in later years he developed his drilling, construction and welding skills. He worked in the Ship yards in San Diego, California during WW11. Chief was a Driller by trade, who worked for several large oil companies until his retirement at the age of 70. He was united in marriage to Zella Mae in 1964. They loved to travel. She preceded him in death in 2001. They spent over thirty wonderful years together. He received the nick name "Chief" and it has remained with him his

and did light up a room. Though he could be irascible, he was a joy to be around most of the time. He had a thousand stories. and most of them were true! While he was on earth he lived the way most men dream of living. He did what he wanted to do, not necessarily what others thought he should do. He was kind to the weak, a friend to the friendless, a father figure to many (though he had no children of his own), and a hero to all who knew him well. He loved his family, especially his brothers and sister. He lived in Pampa for 30

After his wife went to be with the Lord in 2001, he moved to Fort Cobb, Oklahoma and lived with a niece and her family, Sandra and Larry Bellamy until Dec. 8, 2006 when he went to the Binger Nursing Home. One of Chiefs favorite past times was

watching the Fort Cobb Boys play baseball. He hardly missed a home game. He was a member of Church of Christ in Fort Cobb, Oklahoma. Chief leaves a wonderful legacy for both family and friends. Chief was of the Delaware-Cherokee Heritage.

He is survived by nieces Sandra Bellamy and husband, Larry of Fort Cobb, OK, Juanita Worsham and husband, Milton of TX, Dixie Norton and husband, Greg of IL, Virmontes of CA, A very special nephew, Gary Gray of Dubai, Arab-Emirates, other relatives and many special friends. In addition to his nieces

and nephew and their families, he is survived by his wife, Zella Mae's children, Lahoma and JoAnne and their families.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Zella Mae Gray, three brothers, Johnnie Albert,



#### Gray

Jesse Joseph, Emanuel, one sister, Frances Louise, a very special niece, Gay Wilburn and a nephew, Phil Gray

Services: 2:00 p.m.-Tuesday, January 27, 2009, in the Church of Christ-Fort Cobb, OK, with Rev. Billy Clabaugh officiating. Burial will follow in the

Fort Cobb Cemetery-Fort Cobb, OK, under the direction of the Fort Cobb Funeral Home-Fort Cobb,

#### **Emergency Services**

#### PAMPA PD

entire life. His smile could

The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Friday and 7 a.m.

Friday, Jan. 23 Officers

conducted eleven traffic stops. Seventeen calls and or

stops concerning animals were made. Four alarms were investigated

Six attempts to serve papers were made.

Accidents were reported in the lobby of the PD, the 600 block of Russell, the 1200 block of South Dwight, and the intersection of Harvester and Chavez Hobart streets.

A burglary was reported Hamilton.

Criminal mischief was Lyndon reported in the 1000 block

A threat was made in the 1100 block of North Duncan.

A domestic disturbance

A suspicious person call Christine

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1100 block of West Alcock.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 2100

block of North Chestnut. Agency assistance was rendered in the 2600 block

of Navajo. A welfare checks were made in the 2100 block of North Hobart.

Theft was reported in the 1000 block of North

Sumner. An assault was reported in the 1000 block of South

Faulkner. Three business checks were made.

Saturday, Jan. 24 Officers conducted nineteen traffic stops

Five calls and/or stops concerning animals were

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 800 block of North Sumner, and the 1600 block of East highway 60.

Burglary of a motor Starkweather streets. vehicle was reported in the

800 block of West Francis. Two alarms were investigated. A traffic complaint was

tion of Barnes and Frederic PD. streets Criminal mischief was reported in the 2500 block of North Perryton Parkway

and the 1200 block of South Dwight. A welfare check was made in the 12000 block of

East Frederic. Accidents were reported the intersection of Harvester and Coffee streets, and the 400 block of East Frederic.

Traffic complaints were received from the intersection of Browning and Magnolia streets, the 1700 block of North Hobart, and the 900 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 600 block of North Christy, and the 500 block of North Nelson.

Silent/abusive 911 calls 300 block of North were received from the 100 block of Sunset.

One business checked.

Agency assistance was rendered in the intersection of Twiford and Lefors

A suspicious person call was received from the 1000 block of North Somerville.

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

Sunday, Jan. 25 Officers conducted sixteen traffic stops. Stops in the 100 block of South Cuyler, the intersection of Sumner and 18th streets. and the 300 block of North Banks resulted in arrests.

Eight calls and/or stops concerning animals were made. A domestic disturbance

was reported in the 1000 block of East Kingsmill. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block of

North Wells. A prowler was reported in the 400 block of North Christy.

Two alarms were investigated A suspicious person call was received from the intersection of Foster and

A burglary was reported in the 1300 block of North

Found property was received from the intersec- reported in the lobby of the

Starkweather.

Phone harassment was reported in the 500 block of North Doucette.

A burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 500 block of North Faulkner. Theft was reported in the

lobby of the PD, and the 1000 block of North Hobart. An accident was reported in the 1400 block of

West Somerville. A runaway was reported in the 600 block of North

Officers conducted thirteen traffic stops A suspicious vehicle was reported in the intersection

Monday, Jan. 26

of Alcock and Dwight streets Theft was reported in the

Somerville. A prowler was reported in the 1300 block of Hamilton.

An accident was reported in the 11000 block of Highway 60.

#### **AMBULANCE**

Guardian EMS ambulance service reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Friday and 7 a.m.

Friday, Jan. 23

10:24 a.m -- A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient from Pampa Regional Medical Center to North West Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

4:48 p.m. -- A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of North Somerville and transported a patient to

7:24 p.m. -- A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Cuyler and transported a patient to PRMC. 8:38 p.m. -- A mobile

ICU responded to the 2000 block of Mary Ellen and transported a patient to PRMC

9:41 p.m. -- A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Kentucky and transported a patient to

Saturday, Jan. 24 9:05 a.m -- A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of South Finley and transported a patient to.

11:31 a.m -- A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of West Somerville and transported a patient to PRMC.

12:56 p.m. -- A mobile ICU responded to the 12000 block of East Frederic. No patients were transported.

2:25 p.m. -- A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of East Murphy transported a patient to PRMC.

2:27 p.m. -- A mobile v ICU responded to the intersection of Coffee and Harvester streets. No patients were transported. 4:32 p.m. -- A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells

and transported a patent to 4 PRMC. 8:49 p.m. -- A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Brunow and transported a patient to

PRMC. 10:51 p.m. -- A mobile ICU responded to PRMC. and transported a patient to University Medical Center in Lubbock.

#### Sunday, Jan. 25

8:08 a.m -- A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Russell and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:04 a.m -- A mobilé ICU responded to the 300 block of Sunset and transported a patient to PRMC. 10:37 a.m -- A mobile

ICU responded to the 200 block of North West and transported a patient to 4:49 p.m. -- A mobile

ICU responded to the 90( block of South Faulkner, and transported a patient to PRMC. 6:15 p.m. -- A mobile

ICU responded to the 500 block of North Cuyler and transported a patient to PRMC. 7:52 p.m. -- A mobile

ICU responded to the 12000 block of Frederick and transported a patient to

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# Dog attacks concern some residents

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Smith whose Sheltie was killed by two pit bulls on Jan. 1, the breed is so dangerous she thought it was going to turn to her after it had killed her dog.

Smith was outside with her dog in the front yard in the morning, when her dog let out a bark at two pit bulls that were coming down the street towards

"Just as I reached for my dog's collar, the (pit bulls) came nose to nose and attacked her," Smith explained. The eleven year old sheltie with arthritis who had "never been in a fit of any kind" prior to the incident was knocked down by the Pit Bulls. "I

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couldn't get it off. I kicked, used my fist, and still couldn't get it off."

Smith, 75, began yelling for help when she realized the attack was out of her control, but being New Year's Day, there was no activity on the 2100 block of Chestnut where she lived. Her husband was in the back of the house at the time and did not hear her cries. The Pit Bull proceeded to drag the sheltie across the lot by it's throat and into a neighbor's yard.

"I heard the air leave her lungs as the damn dog was pulling her. (He) had her by the throat, she couldn't do anything." The neighbor heard Smith scream-

ing, and had window washer in hand which he used to hit the pit bull on the nose with to deter it.

"She was already almost dead," Smith said through tears. The dogs began circling Smith and the neighbor, according to Smith, but stopped when a car came down the street and distracted them. Smith sad she was surprised the dogs didn't turn on her.

Smith said White was very helpful in dealing with the attacks after the incident. Both Pit Bulls that attacked the sheltie have been euthanized, although White said the owner of the two pit bulls was not an irresponsible

pet owner and had just moved into her residence in the 2200 block of Chestnut the night before the attack.. But, Smith wanted more measures to be taken to prevent this from happening again. She contacted the city manager's office, about the problem, but has not heard any-

thing in response. "This is the sorriest city government I have ever in my life seen and I've lived here over 50 years" Smith

Calls to the City Manager were not returned at print time.

# 2 firefighters die in East Texas accident

KILGORE, Texas (AP) - Two Kilgore firefighters died after falling from the roof of an 8-story building during a training exercise Sunday afternoon in East Texas, police said.

The men were injured when they fell from Stark Hall, a dormitory on the Kilgore College campus. The Kilgore College Fire Academy on the campus offers certification for structural firefighters, volunteers and fire inspector.

The firefighters were taken to a Longview hospital, where they died.

The two firefighters were identified as 45-year-old Kyle Perkins of Kilgore and 28-year-old Cory Galloway of Grand Saline. Perkins had been with the Kilgore Fire Department since July 2004 and

Galloway joined the department in January 2008. Two other Kilgore firefighters suffered minor

Kilgore police and fire departments were investigat-

ing the cause of the accident. Kilgore is about 120 miles east of Dallas.

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# **Hutchison meets with supporters**

AUSTIN (AP) — U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison met with some 300 supporters at a private strategy session Saturday for her 2010 run for Texas governor against incumbent Rick Perry, a fellow Republican who courted anti-abortion activists a few blocks away.

Hutchison said her meeting was the first for her statewide campaign organization. It included members of Congress, local politicians and big-name business people and political donors. At a downtown Austin hotel she introduced the group's leaders' as "people who are going to help me in my quest to be governor of Texas."

Among her supporters and organizers are prominent attorney Pat Oxford and former Perry supporter and businessman John Nau, both of Houston; former Education Secretary Rod Paige, who served in President George W. Bush's administration; and retired baseball star Nolan Ryan and football star Roger Staubach.

meanwhile, Perry, planned to rally his social conservative base Saturday with an appearance at an anti-abortion demonstration at the Texas Capitol. Perry will be seeking his third full term as governor in 2010. Hutchison has

been in the U.S. Senate tive, happy warrior." since 1993.

The race between Perry, former Texas A&M University yell leader, and Hutchison, a former University of Texas cheerleader, will likely be expensive and intense. Hutchison suggested to news reporters that she is preparing for Perry to run a hard-hitting campaign.

"I think that we have seen negative campaigns run by Gov. Perry in the past. Am I concerned? It's not going to dissuade me," she said. "I think that's why we need new leadership. I think people are looking for positive, happy warriors. And I'm a posi-

Perry's camp has criticized Hutchison's vote for federal bailout money for the financial industry. Perry's spokesman, Mark Miner, has called her "Kay Bailout."

Hutchison said Saturday she made her decision on the bailout based on the belief that the nation's financial markets could crash without action.

"We're going to tell the truth — there's only one conservative in this race," he said Saturday. "She's not going to be able to hide behind her policies, whether it's bailouts, abortion or out-of-control spending."

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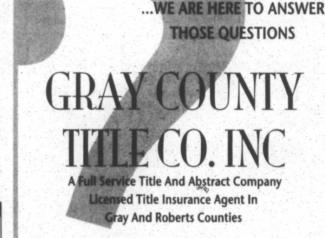
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# **Arbonne Peanut Butter** Chews, Nuggets recalled

The Associated Press-The following have been announced:

Arbonne International LLC is recalling certain lots of its Arbonne Figure 8 Peanut Butter Chews because the products could be contam inated with salmonella. This organism can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections, especially in young children, the elderly and those with weakened immune systems. There have been no reports of illnesses, according to the Irvine, Calif., company. The Arbonne Figure 8 Chews were distributed nationwide through independent Arbonne consultants. For more information, consumers can call 800-272-6663.

- Whole Foods Market is recalling its Whole Foods Carob Energee Nuggets because they could be contaminated with salmonella. This organism can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections, especially in young children, the elderly and those with weakened immune systems. The products were distributed to Whole Foods Market stores in California, Oregon, Washington and Nevada with a UPC code of 999482-000274. No illnesses have been reported, according to the Austin, Texas, company. For more information, consumers can call 512-542-0656 or visit http://www.wholefoodsmarket.com/.

-Jewel-Osco, a division of Supervalu Inc., is recalling its Happy Tails multi-flavored dog biscuits because they could be contaminated with salmonella. In pets, this organism can cause diarrhea, vomiting, fever and abdominal pain and can be transferred to other animals or humans. The organism can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections, especially in young children, the elderly and those with weakened immune systems. The products were sold at Jewel-Osco stores in a 26

ounce package with the UPC number 41163-42406, as well as the 4 number 41163-42403. No illnesses have been reported. Customers can return the product for a refund or exchange. For more information, consumers can call 877-932-7948.

Kellogg announced the recall of two varieties of ShopRite brand peanut butter sandwich crackers because the products could be contaminated with salmonella. This organism can cause serious and sometimes

fatal infections, especially in young children, the elderly and those with weakpound package with UPC ened immune systems. The recalled products include ShopRite Peanut Butter on Toasty Crackers, all sizes, and ShopRite Peanut Butter and Cheese Cracker Snacks, all sizes. The products were manufactured by Kellogg Co. and sold at ShopRite, which has stores in Connecticut, Delaware, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. For more information, consumers can call 877-869-5633.



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# Viewpoints

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Jan. 26, the 26th day of 2009. There are 339 days left in the year. This is the Lunar New Year

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 26, 1788, the first European settlers in Australia, led by Capt. Arthur Phillip, landed in present-day Sydney.

On this date:

In 1784, in a letter to his daughter, Benjamin Franklin expressed unhappiness over the choice of the eagle as the symbol of America, and stated his own preference: the turkey.

In 1837, Michigan became the 26th state. In 1841, Britain formally occupied Hong Kong, which the Chinese had ceded to the British.

In 1861, Louisiana seceded from the Union. In 1870. Virginia rejoined the Union.

'Any man who reads too much and uses his own brain too little falls into lazy habits of thinking'

Albert Einstein

In 1942, the first American expeditionary force to go to Europe during World War II went ashore in Northern Ireland.

In 1950, India officially proclaimed itself a republic as Rajendra Prasad took the oath of office as president.

In 1962, States United launched Ranger 3 to land scientific

instruments on the moon, Aî but the probe missed its target by more than 22,000 miles. In 1969, President Richard M. Nixon declared a

federal disaster in California in the wake of major

In 1979, former Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller died in New York at age 70.

Ten years ago: President Bill Clinton welcomed a frail Pope John Paul II as the pontiff began his seventh pilgrimage to the United States in St. Louis. Jordan's King Hussein turned over the temporary operation of his country to his eldest son and flew back to the United States for urgent medical care.

Five years ago: The White House retreated from its once-confident claims that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction; Democrats swiftly sought to turn the about-face into an election-year issue. Lionel Tate, the Florida teen who'd killed a 6-year-old playmate and became the youngest defendant in the nation to be locked away for life, was released after

three years behind bars.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Anne Jeffreys is 86. Actress Joan Leslie is 84. Cartoonist Jules Feiffer is 80. Sportscaster-actor Bob Uecker is 74. Actor Scott Glenn is 70. Singer Jean Knight is 66. Activist Angela Davis is 65. Rock musician Corky Laing (Mountain) is 61. Actor David Strathairn is 60. Altcountry singer-songwriter Lucinda Williams is 56. Rock singer-musician Eddie Van Halen is 54. Reggae musician Norman Hassan (UB40) is 51. Actress-comedian-talk show host Ellen DeGeneres is 51. Hockey Hall-of-Famer Wayne Gretzky is 48. Musician Andrew Ridgeley is 46. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jazzie B. (Soul II Soul) is 46. Actor Paul Johansson is 45. Gospel singer Kirk Franklin is 39. Actress Jennifer Crystal is 36. Rock musician Chris Hesse (Hoobastank) is 35. Actress Sarah Rue is 31. Country musician Michael Martin (Marshall Dyllon)

# Today in History Analysis: Obama foreign policy favors diplomacy

WASHINGTON (AP)— Diplomacy now trumps defense as the main instrument of American foreign policy.

At least that is the intent that President Barack Obama and his changeminded secretary of state, Hillary Rodham Clinton, spelled out on their first days. They made clear that the military will be a dominant , using U.S. prominent, but no longer tool for abroad.

The message reflected clearly Obama's decision, on his second full day in the White House, to close the military-run prison for suspected terrorists Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and to include the State Department in a broad government study of how to proceed with terrorist detentions in the future.

In a subtler but equally telling way, the commander in chief's decision to visit the State Department before stepping foot in the Pentagon indicated his intention to elevate the role of diplomacy.

Setting the stage for amounted Obama's first foreign policy address since his inauguration, Vice President Joe Biden told State Department employees on Thursday that Clinton's charter is to "put diplomacy back in the forefront of America's foreign policy,' and to do so immediately,

"For too long, we've put the bulk of the burden, in my view, on our military, Biden said.

Obama put it this way: "A new era of American leadership is at hand, and the hard work has just begun. You are going to be at the front lines of engaging in that important work."

Biden didn't say so, but it will be difficult to bulk up the State Department's capacity for stronger diplo-

The reality is that the Defense Department is vastly better equipped, with far bigger budgets, greater reach and a more committed constituency on Capitol Hill. Thus it often will be called on first to take the lead abroad, even if Obama manages to begin to shift the balance back in favor of the diplomatic corps.

One measure of the disparity: The military has more band members than the State Department has diplomats. Or as Defense Secretary Robert Gates has noted, the 6,600 people in the foreign service equal roughly the number of personnel aboard a single U.S. Navy aircraft carrier strike group at sea.

Against that backdrop, Clinton's arrival at the State Department on Thursday was a feel-good moment for a diplomatic corps that felt neglected during the Bush administration. But she wasted no time warning all to temper their cheers with the sobering knowledge that the foreign policy road will be rough.

'I don't want anybody to leave this extraordinarily warm reception thinking, 'Oh, good, you know this is going to be great," she told a welcoming ceremony attended by hundreds of department work-

ers. "It's going to be hard." That includes not only Guantanamo Bay headache but also others that the president and secretary of state will be confronting in the weeks ahead, from the stalled Israeli-Palestinian peace effort to nuclear dangers in Iran and North Korea.

Then there are the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, where Obama has promised that diplomacy and perhaps development aid will play a more prominent role in seeking to stabilize those countries, not to mention the challenges of a rising China, an assertive Russia and a chaotic Horn of Africa.

In her caution against excessively high hopes, Clinton also cited her pledge to reinvigorate the State Department by grabresources. bing more expanding the diplomatic corps, widening the role of development aid and building a civilian capacity to work alongside the military overseas.

"This is going to be a challenging time and it will require 21st century tools and solutions to meet our problems and seize our opportunities," she said. "I'm going to be asking a lot of you. I want you to think outside the proverbial box."

Unconventional approaches will be much in demand. But Clinton seems determined to begin with basics, such as bigger budgets, reclaiming some of the clout that the State Department has ceded to the Pentagon in recent years, and restoring morale in an institution that has been derided as idle and placid.

In remarks Friday, Clinton lamented the migration of funds and authority from the State Department Pentagon. She noted that young officers in Iraq and Afghanistan are given millions in cash to spend as they see fit to build a school, open a health clinic or provide other nonmilitary aid. "Our diplomats and our

development experts have

to go through miles of paperwork to spend 10 cents. It is not a sensible approach," she said.

Clinton has already shown some of the ways in which she will change direction at Foggy Bottom:

Obama will include the State Department not only in meetings of the National Security Council but also the National Economic Council. "The State Department will participate in both, not just one," Clinton told her confirmation hearing Jan. 13. "We will be very much involved in the crafting of international economic efforts.

-She intends to make more use of special diplomatic envoys, in part to move the U.S. away from its recent practice of increasing the power of military commanders to interact with foreign leaders. "I believe that special envoys, particularly (as compared to) military commands, have a lot to recommend in order to make sure that we've got the civilian presence well represented," she told sen-

-She says she agrees with Gates that in fighting against Islamic extremism, military action should take a back seat to efforts to promote better governance, spur economic development and address the grievances among the discontented, roles tailormade for the diplomats and development experts.

"I think that our foreign policy has gotten way out of balance," she told her confirmation hearing. "It's going to be up to us to try to get back into more equilibrium, which will be good for our government and for the image of our country around the world."



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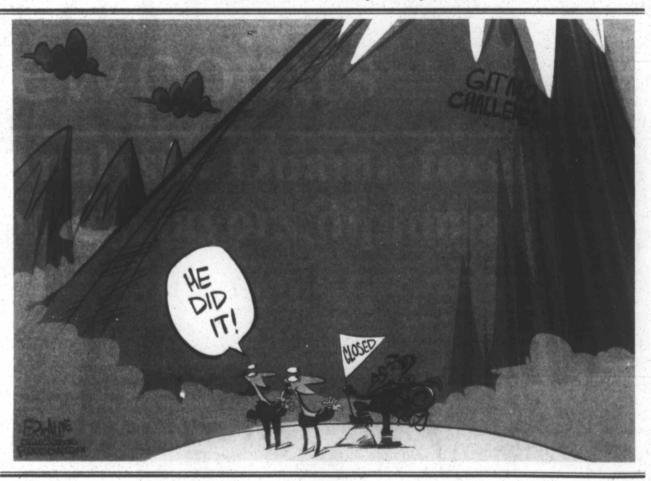
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#### Letters to the editor.

As I read Rachel Stennett's piece of 'Why Pampa', I appreciated the fact she would ask such a question and as a result, was compelled to provide some answers. From my perspective, I too moved away when I initially began college. My parents lived in Pampa until their retirement and gradually over time my visits to Pampa declined. This past fall, my son and I traveled to Pampa and I had the opportunity to take him around and show him places he had only heard about in stories from the

People choose Pampa for many reasons, but I personally believe there are two simple answers.

The first reason is Pampa is made of memories. As we drove the streets of Pampa, there are buildings, restaurants, sports fields, churches, gymnasiums, and homes containing hundreds of memories. As we drove by the old Hughes building, I recalled my pediatrician's office and the time he had to get a BB out of my back. baseball fields at Optimist Park, coaches buying a large coke if we won and a small one if we lost. My old neighborhood and yes our old house really seems tiny after this many years. Hundreds and hundreds of memories are beholden to those who remain in Pampa or for those of us who leave.

The best answer of 'Why Pampa' lies within its people. Since graduating from college, I have lived in six cities. Each of those cities has been unique, yet none compare to the people of Pampa, Texas! You see as I described those many memories, behind each one of those memories are individuals, families and friends. Within our hearts and minds lie the fondness we all have for this town in the Panhandle. Each is different, yet contains the one common denominator, the people. Obviously the community leaders are some we can easily recall, but my hunch is the ones we miss and appreciate the most are those who offered

encouragement, kindness, love and a smile on a cold day. There are too many to mention, but for those who read this, have already and immediately recalled those who offered much. A quote from the television series the 'Wonder Years' says it best. "Memory is a way of holding on to the things you love, the things you are, and the things you never want to lose". Pampa, Texas is the way we hold on to those things we love, who we are and something we never want to lose no matter how far away we move!

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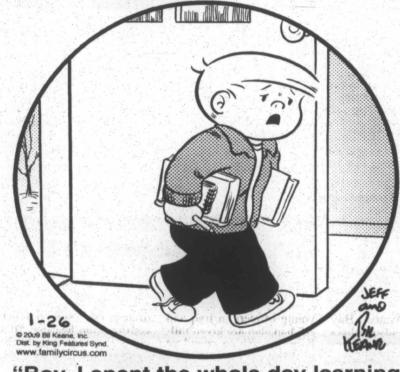
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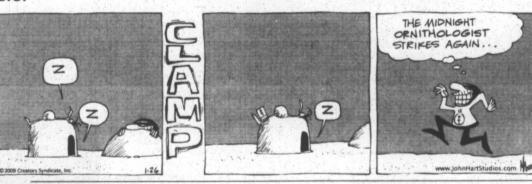
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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I consider my best friend, "Randall," to be my platonic soul mate -- like a brother, only closer. Randall is gay. I am a straight female. We have no romantic interest, but a deep and meaningful love nonetheless. We have talked about raising children together, but in order to adopt in some states there is a requirement that the parents be married. Our state does not happen to be one of them. Would it be considered duping friends and family to have a "real" wedding? --PLATONIC SOUL MATE IN **MICHIGAN** 

DEAR PLATONIC SOUL MATE: There is no requirement that in order to be married a couple MUST have sex. If you and Randall wish to be legally married and have a "real" wedding, nothing prevents it.

HOWEVER: Before you take such a step, it is extremely important that you

and Randall have an understanding and ensure that you are really committed to raising a child (or children) TOGETH-ER, even if one of you should meet someone. It would be sad, indeed, if after adopting, the marriage didn't work out and you wound up fighting over custody of the children. It happens all too often when "traditional" marriages fail, and it could happen to you unless you have a meeting of the minds.

ABBY: DEAR There is a bully at my daughter's school. My child is terrified to get on the bus in the morning and shaking when she comes home. She told me that the bully picks only on her. She has taken my daughter's lunch money, shoved her against the lockers and pushed her into one of the garbage cans behinds the school. I have complained to the school board and to the bully's mom. It did no good. I

can't afford to take my daughter out of public school and put her into a private school, and if I quit my job to home school her, we will have no source of income. I don't want my daughter to suffer any more than she already has. What should I do? -- HEARTSICK MOTHER, RICHARDSON, TEXAS

DEAR MOTHER: I'm sorry you didn't tell the principal of your daughter's school what was happening before it went this far, because he or she would have been required to document the incident. Because your daughter has been robbed and assaulted and your complaints have not been addressed, you should contact the police and file a

DEAR ABBY: I am 16 and have been swimming my entire life. Swimming has brought me so much pleasure, I think everyone should have the opportunity to experience it.

My friend "Ethan" doesn't know how. He is 18 and nearly drowned in a friend's backyard pool when he was 8. He has been terrified of water ever since. I have been trying to persuade Ethan to

take swimming lessons, but he says it would be embarrassing to learn now at this age. He also says being a nonswimmer will not be a problem because he doesn't plan on ever going near water. I still think he should learn -- in case he is ever in a situation that involves water. What would be a less embarrassing alternative for him than swimming lessons at a public pool? -- AQUATIC IN OTTAWA

DEAR AQUATIC: Private lessons at a private pool. And you are correct that everyone should know at least the basics of how to swim. Your friend may not plan on swimming for pleasure, but he should know what to do if a child or pet should get into trouble in a pool, at the beach,

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### DAILY HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Jan

27, 2009: Don't push yourself too hard in what could be an extraordinary year. Your strength comes from reflection and evaluation at first, and then from a willingness to walk a different path or head in another direction. Demonstrate the freedom of being an Aquarian. Sometimesin fact, more often than not - others don't agree with you. If you are single, you make waves and will have to work in order to keep your present status. Many find your off-beat personality enticing. If you are attached, the two of you need to share more in general. Consider that you need to back off and let your sweetie take charge more often. A fellow AOUARIUS challenges you effectively. This person is as offbeat and individualistic as you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) \*\*\*\* Think in terms of friendship and new possibilities. If that suggestion doesn't work for you, focus on your goals. You carry an unusual planetary punch, even if you feel a little out of sync. You will work through that feeling by being accepting. Tonight: The action finds you. Do nothing!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \*\*\* Staying on top of your responsibilities could be slightly more demanding than you would like. Tap into a sense of strength and energy. You could be delighted by what comes down your path. Tonight: A must show. Smile any-

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\*\* Reach out for experts or those at a distance. You could be overwhelmed by everything you need to learn, evaluate and rethink. Others demonstrate a stubborn, recalcitrant attitude. Be understanding rather than judgmental. Tonight: Read between the lines. What isn't being said?

CANCER (June 21-July 22) \*\*\* You could be more understanding and direct with those in your life. The question remains, Why haven't you been? Be direct with those you trust and value, and the compliment will be returned. Tonight: Start the ball rolling.

Share more and hear more. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\* Others have a lot to share with you. On the receiving end, you could feel under siege. Listen to news with a touch of cynicism. This information might be quite a nugget. Say little about it; just verify. Tonight: Follow someone else's

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\* An easy but steady pace can make all the difference. Surprise of surprises, you actually might get more done than you originally anticipated. Curb a tendency to be sarcastic and not open. Tonight: Schedule a massage or take a

hot bubble bath. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\* Your sense of direction comes out if you toss self-discipline, for the most part, and go with spontaneity. You are in an unusually creative and dynamic period. Make the most of the moment. Tonight: What would put a big smile on your face?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\* Family, home and investments often demand more attention than you

are willing to give. Still, you might not have a choice, and this fact becomes clearer and clearer in the next few days.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\* Conversations are animated and lively. How you see a situation could be a lot different from reality. Investigate possibilities with your eyes open. Don't push; a boss could be difficult at best. Tonight: Chat up a storm.

Tonight: At home

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\* Take in others' opinions concerning a personal situation or a change. You still need someone to play devil's advocate. Absorbing an opinion from someone who is rigid could be hard. Tonight:

Do something just for you. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\* If you want to approach a situation differently, find a fellow Aquarian to brainstorm with. Creativity runs high with you and your sign. Have a solid, anchored friend around to ground you.

Tonight: Smile away and do what you PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\* Step back and let others run the show. You realize your time is coming, sooner rather than later. Your imagination helps guide you. Test an idea on a grounded and trusted friend. Tonight:

Nap and then decide. **BORN TODAY** 

Actress Bridget Fonda (1964), teen idol Troy Donahue (1936), ballet dancer Mikhail Baryshnikov (1948)

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Chris Roberson, a quadriplegic, braces himself on Clancy, his seven-year-old black lab, at his home in Clute, Texas, Friday, Jan. 16, 2009. Clancy was brought to the Brazoria County Sheriff's Animal Control and Livestock building in November 2006 as a stray, and instead of euthanizing him, he was taken to The Houston Labrador Retriever Rescue program where they trained him to care for others. The program can teach animals how to provide assistance for those with disabilities. In Clancy's case, his trainers discovered the dog seemed to detect seizures in people when he was originally placed with a woman in Spring, Texas. (AP photo/The Brazosport Facts, Holly Parker)

# Shelter dog becomes rescuer

a visitor arrives at Chris Roberson's home, his 7-year-old, Clancy, warmly greets them when they open the door.

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"I can't praise enough how he's turned out," Roberson said. "He loves people.

Clancy, a black Labrador retriever, is a help dog for Roberson, who is a quadriplegic. The canine's story begins and ends in Brazoria County, -but the pooch has had some interesting stops along the way.

The Lab was brought to the Brazoria County Sheriff's Animal Control and Livestock building in November 2006 as a stray, and instead of euthanizing him, animal control secretary Tammy Grable said she wanted to find a rescue organization to take him in.

The Houston Labrador Retriever Rescue program did more than care for Clancy, though — they trained him to care for others.

The program can teach animals how to provide assistance for those with disabilities, founder Lisa Beselt said. In Clancy's case, his trainers discovered he seemed to detect seizures in people when he was placed with a Spring woman.

"I just knew whenever I worked with him that he had a special gift,' Beselt said. "I can't explain it."

**Saving Lives** Most of the animals given to rescue groups from the Brazoria County Sheriff's Office Livestock and Animal Control division are adopted as pets, Grable said. More than half of all animals that find their way to animal control now find their place in the world instead of being euthanized, she said.

"That's why we fight so hard to get

CLUTE, Texas (AP) — Every time is so much good and love in these animals.'

> Other than dogs and cats, animal control has saved all kinds of species, including pot-bellied pigs, goats, rabbits, ferrets and, in one instance, a chicken a resident complained about, Grable said.

> Before they are euthanized, Grable tries to find rescue organizations throughout the country to take the animals, she said.

> "There are animal rescues for everything," she said. "To see them go out, it's a blessing in itself."

> Brazoria County animals have gone to rescue groups as far away as Canada, Grable said.

Government Work The animal control division also is discovering some animals that pass through the building are being put to good use by rescue organizations, such as by providing assistance for the disabled or helping find danger-

ous materials for the government. One Labrador who found his way at the Brazoria County animal control building, Miller, currently is being trained and could join a bombsniffing unit at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, said Amy Stevens, volunteer coordinator for

Southeast Texas Lab Rescue. Once Miller clears a heartworm test, he will go somewhere, maybe even join training sessions at the Department of Homeland Security,

Stevens said. "He has a spot reserved for him in the next session," she said. "We have pulled a lot of dogs from that shel-

**Seizing Control** 

When sheriff's animal control picked up Clancy in 2006, he was malnourished and had a bad case of them rescued," Grable said. "There ear mites, Beselt said. The mites

bothered him so much he would thrash his head until his ears split and bled, she said.

After nine months of treating the mites and an increased diet, Clancy improved to the point he could train, Beselt said. During his training, she noticed Clancy seemed to be a little perceptive to Beselt, who had fainting spells at the time.

"You just kind of feel that ability," she said. "He was just kind of there when I had fainting spells, too.'

After a woman in Spring who had seizures adopted Clancy, he often would stand next to her before a seizure would start, Beselt said.

"He just sort of starts nuzzling her," said Allie Keaton, who helped train Clancy.

Clancy then would stay with the woman until she regained consciousness. Keaton said

"It's very rare that a dog can detect seizures before it happens so she can get to safety," she said. Learning new tricks

The woman in Spring eventually returned Clancy to Keaton after medication reduced her seizures.

Roberson took him in almost a month ago to teach him how to retrieve. He has trained dogs before in retrieving items and is keeping Clancy in a foster situation, Roberson said.

"Overall, he's awesome, he's awesome," he said. "He's so gentle."

Roberson said he was surprised to hear Clancy originated from Brazoria County, and considering how much the dog's done and where he is now, it's almost unbelievable to think he could have been euthanized.

"I think that's incredible," Roberson said. "Not only to have a good life for himself but to provide help for his human."

## **EVENTS AND**

#### **OPPORTUNITIES**

 Lovett Memorial Library will present a free class, "Parents' Guide to Internet Safety," at 2 p.m. Saturday January 31 and Febraury 28, in the auditorium. Learn about Internet safety, resources for parents and the effects and signs of drug use. For more information call the llibrary, 669-5780.

•Pampa High School will hold an Open House at 6 p.m. Monday, January 26. Stew will be served in the cafeteria, tours of the new science wing will be available, learn about the Family Access program and get a construction update. Teachers will be available to meet with parents.

 Moms in Touch Informational will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, January 27, at 2310 Chestnut Drive. Moms in Touch International is a world-wide interdenominational ministry of mothers praying for their children and schools. For more information call Christy Reeves, 669-6311.

· Gray County Genealogical society will hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, January 26, in the Lovett Memorial Library. Meetings are held the fourth Monday of each month, except for Decemebr. Visitors are welcome.

Members of Crowley, Texas, High School Class of 1989 are organizing a class reunion. For more information, e-mail chs89reunion@gmail.com or contact Nancy Dodgen Dyess (817) 994-0969 or Misty Shewmaker Hollis at (817) 991-8090.

 "Live On Stage" Community Concerts of Pampa will present pianist Dale Gonyea at 2:30 p.m. Jan. 25 at M.K. Brown Auditorium in Pampa. Attendance is by membership only. However, tickets for individual performances may be purchased at the door for \$25. For more information, call 665-0343 or contact Ruth Riehart, president, at 665-3362. The final performance planned for the current season will be "Pianafiddle," a combination of familiar tunes by pianist Lynn Wright and violinist/fiddler Adam DeGraff improvising to get toes tapping and hands clapping. Their performance is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. March 6 in M.K. Brown

· Pampa Book Club will meet at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month in the Texas Room of Lovett Memorial Library. The 2009 reading schedule is as follows: Feb. 11, "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson and Davie Relin; March 11, "Home: A Memoir of My Early Years" by Julie Andrews; and April 8, "The Glass Castle" by Jeannette Walls. The May 13 book for review will be announced at a later date. Public welcome.

 The South Plains Agriculture Wind and Wildlife Conference will begin with registration at 7:30 a.m. Feb. 13 at the American Wind Power Center and Museum in Lubbock. The conference is being conducted by Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Texas Wildlife Association, and Texas Parks and Wildlife. The purpose of the conference is to explore the pros and cons associated with the industry in Texas. For more information, call Ken Cearley, Extension wildlife specialist, at (806) 651-5760.

 USS Maddox Destroyer Association Reunion is slated Sept. 9-13 in Phoenix, Ariz. To find out more, call (337) 616-8450 or e-mail cwgilles45@aol.com.

• Fawn Lake Press is offering free "Proud to be an American" flag decals to anyone sending a selfaddressed stamped envelope to Fawn Lake Press, 54 Fawn Lake Rd., Durango, CO 81301. Active servicemen and women need not send a SASE to receive the free 2 x 3-inch color decals. Fawn Lake will pay their postage. Manhattanville My Soldier is seeking volunteers

to "adopt" a deployed United States Serviceperson. To find out more, visit www.mysoldier.com on-line or write to: Manhattanville College My Soldier Department, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase, NY

# Hundreds of animals found in home

MYRTLE SPRINGS, Texas (AP) — A caretaker was arrested Sunday after East Texas authorities discovered an elderly man living in poor conditions among hundreds of animals - including dogs, cats, sheep, goats, geese, turkeys and rabbits.

Richard Anthony Delfeld Jr., 53, was arrested Sunday morning by Van Zandt County sheriff's deputies on a charge of felony injury to a disabled person. He remained in jail Sunday afternoon and was set to be arraigned on Monday. It was not immediately known if he had an attorney

"The living conditions were horrific," said sheriff's investigator Chuck Allen, who said there was no electricity, running water or heat in the mobile home where the man and Delfeld lived.

The elderly man, whose has not been name released, was taken to the hospital Saturday in stable condition.

All of the animals have been rescued from the about half acre of land. About 185 animals were found alive and about 75 were found dead Saturday, Allen said.

"We had a wide array of species on the property," he said.

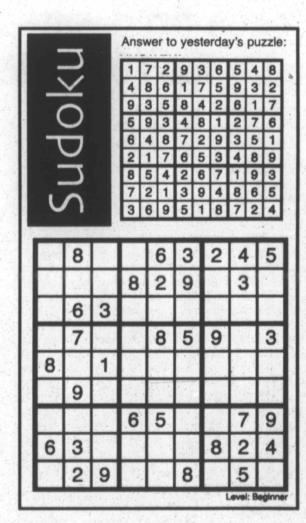
EMS had been called to the mobile home by the caretaker on Saturday morning after the elderly man was found unconscious. EMS then alerted authorities to the conditions at the property, Allen said.

"This by far is one of the worst cases of animal hoarding I have ever seen," Sheriff Pat Burnett told the Tyler Morning Telegraph in Sunday online editions.

The newspaper reports that the property was littered with junk and that some of the dead animals had just remained where they fell.

The SPCA of Texas said that the animals were found in various filthy pens, enclosures and cages. The organization said that the caretaker had access to food on the site, but didn't appear to be feeding the animals or giving them water.

The SPCA of Texas is caring for the animals until a custody hearing set for Friday at the Van Zandt County Courthouse.



#### \$2.6 million Ponzi scheme an sentenced in

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - A Palo Pinto County man has been sentenced to 60 years in prison for a Ponzi scam that cost investors at least \$2.6 million and involved the sale of nonexistent bankrelated investments.

Ronald Keith Owens, 73, was handed the sentence Friday in 209th state District Court, the Texas State Securities Board announced in a news release.

The state sentence followed a 63-month federal sentence Owens received last month in Dallas.

Owens, who was based in Mineral Wells, convinced investors to put money into "Bank Credit Instrument Trading" investments that were allegedly located in Nassau, Bahamas, Germany and Switzerland. Owens claimed that he had access to so-called prime banks, allowing him to purchase special financial instruments on behalf of investors, according to the news release.

"Investors should be aware there are no such things as 'prime banks' that pay skyhigh returns on exotic-sounding investments," Texas Securities Commissioner Denise Voigt Crawford said. "A simple rule of thumb is, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is - or at least it is an

investment opportunity that requires a lot of due diligence by potential investors."

Owens promised investment returns of up to 30 percent a month but was operating a Ponzi scam by paying early investors with money raised from newer investors. Owens also used investors' money to pay business expenses and his and his wife's personal expenses.

# Sports

# Palo Duro downs JV Harvesters



staff photo by David Bowser

Freshman Harvester Jesus Cabrales pauses before shooting during the Pampa-Palo Duro game Saturday morning at Palo Duro.

# Coach fired, says he's not sorry for 100-point win

DALLAS (AP) — The coach of a Texas high school basketball team that beat another team 100-0 was fired Sunday, the same day he sent an e-mail to a newspaper saying he will not apologize "for a widemargin victory when my girls played with honor and integrity."

Kyle Queal, the headmaster for Covenant School, said in The Dallas Morning News online edition that he could not answer if the firing was a direct result of coach Micah Grimes' e-mail disagreeing with administrators who called the blowout "shameful."

Queal did not immediately answer phone messages or e-mail from The Associated Press.

On its Web site last week, Covenant, a private Christian school, posted a statement regretting the outcome of its Jan. 13 shutout win over Dallas Academy. "It is shameful and an embarrassment that this happened. This clearly does not reflect a Christlike and honorable approach to competition," said the statement, signed by Queal and board chair Todd Doshier.

Grimes, who has been criticized for letting the

game get so far out of hand, made it clear in the e-mail Sunday to the newspaper that he does not agree with his school's

assessment. "In response to the statement posted on The Covenant School Web site, I do not agree with the apology or the notion that the Covenant School girls basketball team should feel embarrassed or ashamed," Grimes wrote in the e-mail, according to the newspaper. "We played the game as it was meant to be played. My values and my beliefs would not allow me to run up the score on any opponent, and it will not allow me to apologize for a wide-margin victory when my girls played with honor and integrity."

A phone number for Grimes could not be located by The Associated Press. The Dallas Morning News said Grimes did not respond to their repeated e-mail requests for a telephone interview.

There was no answer at a number listed for Doshier.

A parent who attended the game said Covenant continued to make 3-pointers — even in the fourth quarter. She praised the Covenant players but said

spectators and an assistant coach were cheering wildly as their team edged closer to 100 points.

Covenant was up 59-0 at

halftime. Dallas Academy has eight girls on its varsity team and about 20 girls in its high school. It is winless over the last four seasons. The academy boasts of its small class sizes and specializes in teaching students struggling with "learning differences," such as short attention spans or dyslexia.

There is no mercy rule in girls basketball that shortens the game or permits the clock to continue running when scores become one-sided. There is, however, "a golden rule" that should have applied in this contest, Edd Burleson, the director of the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools, said last week. Both schools are members of this association, which oversees private school athletics in

The story has received national attention, and the Dallas Academy team has been recognized for refusing to give up during the lopsided contest.

Harvesters ran into tough times in Amarillo Saturday, falling to the Freshmen Palo Duro Dons 86-36.

The Dons took over the game in the opening seconds of the contest and ran from there.

Palo Duro led at the end of the first quarter of play 21-8. At half time, it was 43-25. By the end of the third quarter, the Dons were leading 70-32.

Cole Engle was high point man for the Freshmen Harvesters with 13 points for the game. Engle made a basket for two in the first quarter, went four for four from the foul line in the second quarter and then added another basket for two more points in the first half. Engle opened the second half with a

three pointer followed by another basket for two, but missed a shot from the free throw line in the third quarter.

Trace Carter was the number two man on the scoreboard for the Freshmen

Harvesters with nine points for the game. Carter was one for four in the first quarter from the free throw line. He sank one basket for two points.

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In the second quarter, Carter missed a single shot from the foul line, but went to the basket three times for six points.

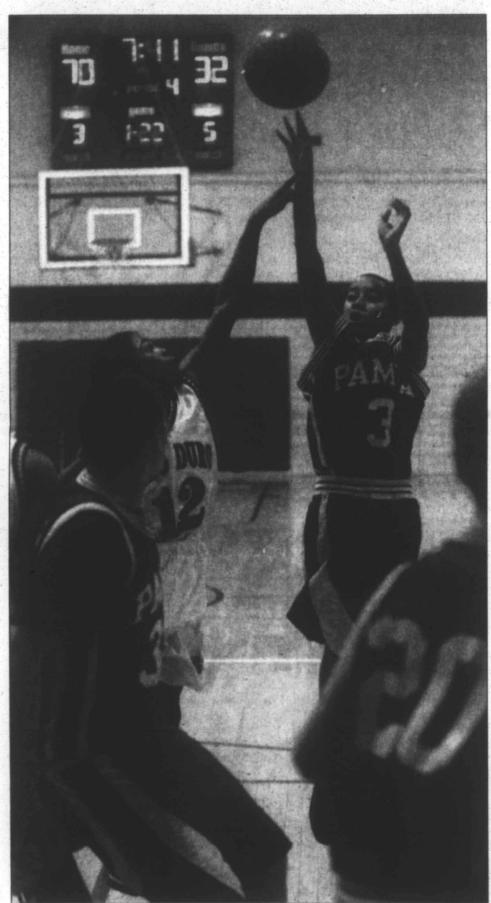
Taylor Kennedy followed with five points. Kennedy was one for two from the foul line in the second quarter, but sank a basket for two. In the third quarter, he hit another basket for two.

Collin Killgo sank a basket for two in the first quarter.

Jaden Howard and Daniel Hulsey each put one point on the scoreboard for the Howard was one for two from the foul

line in the fourth quarter. Hulsey was one for two in the first quar-

The Freshmen Harvesters have an open data on Monday, but play Dumas in Pampa Saturday morning.



staff photo David Bowser

Freshman Harvester Laketon Harris, 3, shoots during the final quarter of the Pampa-Palo Duro game at Palo Duro. Palo Duro won 86-36.

# **AWARD WINNERS**



John Luke Covalt received the GT El Norma leadership award, Johnny Anguiano and Michael Alexander received the Fighting Heart Award. and Casey Trimble was the first recipient of the Casey Trimble Perseverance Award at the Pampa High School Football banquet Jan 7. Not pictured is Bruce Vance who won the Spirit Award.