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PAWS, city meet with shelter firm

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Faustina Curry, president of the Pampa Animal Welfare Society, and Shane Stokes, assistant city manager of Pampa, met last week with an architectural firm to discuss designs for a new animal shelter.

Last month, the city commission selected GH2 Architects, LLC, based in Tulsa, Okla., and the architectural firm is scheduled to return schematic drawings and cost estimates toward the end of the month.

"The thing that really cinched it for them was that they have built anti-SHELTER cont. on page 5A

City election filing period now open

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The filing period for a place on the City of Pampa General Election ballot is currently open, according to City Secretary Karen Price.

The election is scheduled to be held on May 12, with city commissioner posts in Wards 2 and 4 up for grabs. Rebecca Holmes is the current Ward 2 Commissioner; Neil Fulton, city commissioner for Ward 4, has already announced that he will not be running for reelection, opting instead to run for a seat on the Gray County Commission.

The filing period is open through ELECTION cont. on page 5A

Pampa boys' hoops in postseason + Pampa girls' hoops in postseason =

Good times!

TOP: Pampa senior Latigo Collins (wearing no. 5) gets pumped before Tuesday's home game against Dalhart, leaping into fellow senior Sam Cain during the team's starting lineup introduction. The team eked out a 60-56 Senior Night victory and clinched a return to the playoffs by virtue of Borger's loss to Perryton. With the girls also qualifying for the postseason last week, it will be the first time both squads will be in the playoffs since the 2005-2006 season. **RIGHT:** Collins had plenty of reason to celebrate on Tuesday after being named 2012 Basketball King before the boys' game. Collins had a banner night during the game, too, leading Pampa with 29 points. The 2012 Basketball Queen, Kirsten Kuhn, had an equally impressive evening, racking up 18 points and nailing five three-pointers en route to the girls' victory. Full story in **SPORTS**, page B1.

LOOKING AHEAD



staff photo by Mollie Bryant

Members Bryan Guymon (from left) of Underwood Law, David Hall of Clarendon College and Shawn Boyd of Duncan, Fraser and Bridges discuss the future of the Pampa Young Professionals during the group's meeting yesterday at Dixie Cafe. Members adopted a new mission statement, and plan to host a mixer later this month.

Benefit for Mears this Saturday

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Dance Your Heart Out For Destiny, a fundraiser for Destiny Mears, will be held from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday evening at the Lone Star, 1300 S. Barnes.

Mears, the 11-year-old daughter of Jason Albert and Holly Coutts-Albert, will be undergoing a procedure to fix a heart defect at the Children's Medical Center in Dallas later in the year, and proceeds from the benefit will go towards defraying the family's medical costs.

"Destiny actually has a hole in her heart that was too big to fix through her ventricle," said family friend Jessica Preston. "They tried to go in and repair it and they found out that the hole was too big. They have to do open heart surgery and it's scheduled for May.

"(The family has) insurance, and insur-

ance helps," Preston added. "But it never covers everything completely. It's an expensive procedure and we just want to make sure that Destiny's able to get it done."

The event is being organized by Preston Coutts-Albert and Mandy Medley, another friend of the family. Admission, including a spaghetti dinner, is \$25 a person, with tickets available at local businesses Glistening Tans and Jay's Drive-In. Live music will be provided by Mark Patterson, and there will also be a silent auction with proceeds also going towards Mears' operation.

Mears herself, according to Preston, has been positive and upbeat.

"She's doing pretty good," Preston said. "She has a lot of kids that know about it at school now. Really at 11, I don't think you understand what all it entails for open heart surgery, but I think she's doing OK."

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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Friday	Saturday
		
High 44 Low 29	High 45 Low 23	High 33 Low 21

Today: A 20 percent chance of showers after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 44. Wind chill values between 15 and 25. North northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Tonight: A slight chance of rain before 1 a.m., then a slight chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 29. Wind chill values between 22 and 27. North northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 45. Northeast wind around 10 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 23. East wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 33. East wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday Night: A chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 21. East southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

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Obituaries

Virginia Sheffield Snyder, 88

Virginia Sheffield Snyder, 88, died February 8, 2012, in Pampa.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, February 10, 2012, at Cornerstone Baptist Church, with Pastor Micah Meurer, officiating.

Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Snyder was born February 1, 1924, in Toyah, where she attended school. She married Earl Snyder on November 5, 1941, in Sierra Blanca. They moved to Pampa in 1963 to be closer to their grandchildren. Virginia worked for Marie Foundation and as a cook for Dyer's, retiring when she turned 65. She loved working barefooted in her front yard with her flowers. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two brothers, Dan Sheffield and Bill Sheffield; and a sister, Lucille McCracken Love.

Survivors include a daughter, Clara Smith and husband Warren Gene of Pampa; two grandsons, Michael Smith and wife Jamie of Pampa, and Kenneth Smith and wife Lynn of Benbrook; a granddaughter, Lisa Love and husband Brad of Wichita Falls; three great-grandsons, Daniel Smith of Pampa, Nathan Love of Wichita Falls and Wyatt Smith of Benbrook; six great-granddaughters, Layce Smith and NaKayla Hardman, both of Pampa, Abby Love of Wichita Falls, Raina Smith of Benbrook, Britany Balay of Amarillo and Heather Bell of Huntsville.

Memorials may be made to Cornerstone Baptist Church, 2410 W. 23rd, Pampa, TX 79065, or the Alzheimer's Association, 415 SW 8th Ave., Amarillo, TX 79101.

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Snyder

Marilyn F. Black, 85

ULYSSES, Kan.—Marilyn F. Black, 85, of Ulysses, Kan., died Monday, February 6, 2012, at Bob Wilson Memorial Hospital in Ulysses. She was born April 17, 1926, in Garden City, Kan., the daughter of Altho "Faye" and Freddie Fern (Thomas) Hands.

Marilyn graduated from Garden City High School. She has lived in Ulysses since 1953. She was married to Raymond Hacker for 25 years. She then married Jackson W. Black on July 5, 1975, in Ulysses. Marilyn worked at the Grant County Bank and was the owner of High Plains Cleaners in Ulysses. She was the president of the Chamber of Commerce twice, active in American Legion Auxiliary and with cub scouts, and enjoyed traveling. She was one of the earliest members of St. John's Episcopal Church.

She is survived by sons, Clifford "Butch" Hacker and wife Linda of Emporia, Kan., Forrest "Frosty" Hacker of Chandler, Okla., Chuck Hacker and wife Evelyn of Ulysses, Kan.; daughter, Mary Ann Grimes and husband Roger of Amarillo; brother, Ronald Hands of Berryville, Ark.; sister, Bonnie Hardin of Denver, Colo.; five grandchildren, Nick, JR, John, Andrea, and Marcus; two step-grandsons, Preston, and Danny; and five great-grandchildren.

Marilyn is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Jackson on December 3, 2000; son, Raymond D. Hacker; brothers, Dale Hands, Donnie Hands; and sisters, Teresa Smith, Pat Cochran, Evelyn Miller, and Barbara Schremmer.

Funeral service will be held Friday, February 10, 2012, at 2 p.m. at the St. John's Episcopal Church in Ulysses, Kan., with Father Dale Lumley officiating. Interment will follow at the Ulysses Cemetery. Friends may call Thursday, February 9, 2012, from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. at Gamand Funeral Home in Ulysses with the family present from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be given to St. John's Episcopal Church of Ulysses in care of Gamand Funeral Home, 405 W. Grant Ave., Ulysses, KS 67880.

For the record

Cont. from Tues.

Police Department

A stolen vehicle was reported at the 800 block of North Lefors.

A theft occurred at the 800 block of North Lefors.

An accident occurred at the 900 block of North Hobart.

Phone harassment occurred at the 600 block of North West.

Disorderly conduct was reported.

A suspicious person was reported at the 400 block of South Gillespie.

An assault occurred at the 100 block of West 30th.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 300 block of South Anne.

A suspicious person was reported at the 200 block of West Brown.

A vehicle fire occurred at 18th and Christine.

Harassment occurred at the 1100 block of South Neel.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 1600 block of East Highway 60.

A stolen vehicle was reported at the 800 block of North Lefors.

A threat was reported at the 800 block of North Nelson.

A domestic disturbance

occurred at the 800 block of North Nelson.

Disorderly conduct occurred at Sunset and Duncan.

Monday, February 6

A suspicious person was reported at Short and Carr.

Suspicious persons were reported at the 1000 block of South Neel and the 500 block of North Wells.

A prowler was reported at the 1000 block of South Clark.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 72 hour period ending Monday, February 6 at 7 a.m.

Friday, February 3

Ashley Jo Fleetwood, 28, was arrested by deputies for theft by check.

Juan Renaldo Florez, 55, was arrested by deputies on charges of possession of marijuana and capias pro fine times four.

Dustin Ray Langley, 24, was arrested by deputies on charges of possession of marijuana and a violation of a protective order.

Saturday, February 4

Phillip Curtis Rodriguez, 23, was arrested by police for driving while intoxicated.

Jason Samuel Shorter, 31, was arrested by police

on charges of possession of a controlled substance and driving while intoxicated.

Luke Edward Hughes, 23, was arrested by police for capias pro fine regarding disorderly conduct.

Sunday, February 5

Andrew Luciano Constante, 19, was arrested by deputies for public intoxication.

David Lee Neel, 54, was arrested by police for driving while intoxicated.

Monday, February 6

Ilita Captain, 40, was arrested by police for possession of marijuana in an amount less than two ounces.

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Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24 hour period ending Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 7 a.m.

Pampa PD reported 37 traffic related incidents.

Animal Control agents reported 11 animal related incidents.

Pampa EMS, the Pampa Fire Department and the Lefors Volunteer EMS responded to 10 medical calls.

Monday, Feb. 6

Criminal mischief occurred at the 100 block of Hampton.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 4000 block of North Bad Cattle Company.

A theft occurred at the 1300 block of Coffee.

A dumpster fire occurred at the 200 block of South Nelson.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1000 block of South Neel.

A hit and run occurred at the 2100 block of North Hobart.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 400 block of North Rider.

An accident occurred at the 1000 block of North Hobart.

Tuesday, Feb. 7

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 2600 block of North Hobart.

A violation of city ordinance occurred at the 1000 block of East Browning.

A suspicious person was reported at the 200 block of North Cuyler.

A prowler was reported at the 2200 block of Christine.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24 hour period ending Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 7 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 6

Jose Angel Retana, 24, was arrested by police on a warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility and not having a seal belt.

William David Hiser, 30, was arrested by deputies on a warrant for burglary of a building.

BANANAGRAMS!

Each set of 11 tiles contains one common five-letter word and one common six-letter word. The letters of the five-letter word are adjacent, but not in order. Find them and rearrange them to spell a word. Cross out those letters and rearrange the six remaining letters to spell the second word.

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Yesterday's Answer: RUBY, GARNET; SLATE, DIAMOND; GRANITE, OPAL; MARBLE, AGATE

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Dems hit lax federal drilling oversight

State sales tax up ten percent

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Comptroller Susan Combs says state sales tax revenue for January was up almost 10 percent over last year.

Combs reports 22 consecutive months of increased revenue.

Wednesday's sales tax report showed revenue for January at \$2 billion, and Combs says tax revenues continue to grow in all major categories. The January increase was led by the oil and natural gas sectors. Restaurants and services sectors also showed increases.

The state will distribute about \$709 million to local governments.

The figures are based on monthly sales made in December as well as sales by business that file quarterly and annual tax reports.

'Handsome' bandit nabbed

HOUSTON (AP) — The FBI says a man suspected of being the so-called "tall, dark and handsome" bandit has been caught following a Southeast Texas bank robbery.

FBI spokeswoman Shauna Dunlap says John "Steven" Stark was caught around 11:15 a.m. Wednesday in Beaumont.

Dunlap says a Prosperity Bank branch was robbed Wednesday morning. Nobody was hurt. The suspect fled.

Dunlap says Stark was about to get into a taxi, outside Parkdale Mall, when he was arrested without incident. A car that Stark allegedly had used was found in the mall parking lot.

Stark earlier was charged with a Jan. 30 bank robbery in Beaumont. He was wanted for questioning in the Feb. 2 holdup of a bank in Houston. Surveillance video, released to the media, showed a robber wearing sunglasses atop his head.

Feds seize over 200 weapons

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Federal authorities say young housewives who bought assault rifles from Texas gun dealers are among nearly two dozen charged in an alleged plot to smuggle firearms into Mexico.

The Department of Justice said Wednesday that more than 200 weapons largely purchased around San Antonio had been seized. Federal agents said the guns were bound for the hands of Mexican drug cartels.

The U.S. Attorney's Office and Homeland Security officials trumpeted the arrests as a "big hit" but were less forthcoming when asked to put the size of the broken-up ring in perspective. They also said the suspects successfully moved three shipments of guns into Mexico before being caught.

Nine defendants have already been sentenced, and more are scheduled to be in court later this month.

Tip from boy leads to arrest

NACOGDOCHES (AP) — A tip from an 8-year-old boy has helped deputies recover a plane reported stolen from an East Texas airport.

The Cessna 182 turned up missing Jan. 28 from a hangar at Athens Municipal Airport.

Nacogdoches County Sheriff Thomas Kerss says online news stories about the theft included the plane's U.S. registration, known as the N-number.

Kerss told the Nacogdoches Daily Sentinel that the boy Monday afternoon noticed a plane had just landed on a private airstrip. The child went to a computer, verified the tail's N-number was the same as the stolen aircraft, then told his father.

Deputies were notified and arrested Terry Lynn Boozer near the airstrip. He remained in custody Wednesday on a felony theft charge.

Jail officials did not immediately provide more information on Boozer.

Slain couple 'spiritual soldiers'

LEWISVILLE (AP) — Friends recalled John and Wanda Casias as spiritual soldiers who gave their lives to God and hearts to Mexico, where the American missionary couple was slain last week.

Hundreds attended the Wednesday service at Liberty Baptist Church in the Dallas suburb of Lewisville.

Pastor Dick Webster told those gathered that the Casiases "gave their lives for the cause of Christ." Webster added he wants to make sure their work continues.

The couple were found dead Jan. 31 at their home in a village outside Monterrey, about 95 miles south of the Texas border in an area plagued by violence.

Mourners already paid respects to the couple at the church in Mexico established by 76-year-old John Casias and his 67-year-old wife. Both were strangled with an electrical cord.

Testimony goes on in fraud trial

HOUSTON (AP) — The prosecution's star witness in the fraud trial of jailed Texas tycoon R. Allen Stanford has finished testifying.

James M. Davis, the former chief financial officer for Stanford's companies, wrapped up his testimony in Houston federal court on Wednesday by pointing to the financier and saying "follow the money" when asked by a prosecutor where billions in investor funds ended up.

Prosecutors claim Stanford bilked investors out of more than \$7 billion in a Ponzi scheme centered on the sales of certificates of deposit from his Caribbean bank on the island nation of Antigua.

Stanford's attorneys claim Davis was behind the fraud and is lying to get a reduced prison term.

Davis, who was questioned for more than four days, has pleaded guilty in a deal with prosecutors.

Okla. pro-life activists rally

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Hundreds of anti-abortion activists are expected to descend on the Capitol to urge state lawmakers to support further restrictions to abortion in Oklahoma.

Gov. Mary Fallin is expected to address the rally.

Among the anti-abortion legislation lawmakers are considering this year are bills that would grant "personhood" status to a fertilized egg and require pregnant women to listen to a heartbeat of the fetus before having an abortion.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal policing of oil and natural gas on public lands is lax and inconsistent, with only 6 percent of violations resulting in monetary fines over 13 years, House Democrats said in a report Wednesday.

Fines over that time totaled less than \$275,000, an amount that the Democratic staff of the House Natural Resources Committee characterized as little more than "pocket change" for oil and gas companies. The report said federal regulators issued no fines in the period studied, February 1998 to February 2011, in eight of the drilling states.

The report, obtained by The Associated Press before its public release later Wednesday, said the government does little to ensure accountability or protect the environment, even as drilling on federal land has increased in recent years. The increase is driven in part by hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking," a drilling technique that has allowed companies to extract oil and gas long locked underground.

The report focuses on drilling activity that occurred on federal land in 17 states during three administrations, two Democratic and one Republican. A total of 2,025 citations for safety and drilling violations were issued to 335 companies, the report said, with 64 companies fined a total of \$273,875.

"It would be an overstatement to even call these fines a slap on the wrist. For oil and gas companies making billions from drilling on America's public lands, this kind of inadequate oversight and enforcement is little more than a pin prick," said Massachusetts Rep. Edward Markey, the committee's top Democrat. Markey and Rep. Rush Holt, D-N.J., requested the report.

"American citizens and workers should feel confident that oil and gas companies are conducting business in the safest manner possible, and when they don't, that the U.S. government will step in and make sure they pay the price for their actions. This report indicates that confidence in the oversight of drilling on public lands should be limited, at best," Markey said.

The Obama administration is considering new rules for fracking at oil and gas wells on federal land.

President Barack Obama said in his State of the Union speech last month that the Interior Department will require energy companies to publicly disclose chemicals used in drilling for natural gas on public lands. Federal rules for fracking on public lands are set to be released in a few weeks.

In fracking, millions of gallons of water, sand and chemicals are pumped into wells to break up underground rock formations, allowing oil and gas to escape. Energy companies have greatly expanded their use of fracking as they tap previously unreachable shale deposits, including the lucrative Marcellus Shale formation in

Pennsylvania, New York and neighboring states.

The drilling practice has also attracted increased attention from Congress and regulators, as private groups and government agencies research whether it poses a danger to drinking water.

The report found that more than 2,000 violations were handed out by the Interior Department to oil and gas companies drilling on federal land. Of these, 549, or 27 percent, were classified by committee staff as a major environmental or safety violation. More than half the major violations stemmed from a nonfunctioning or missing blowout preventer, the same device that failed in the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, the report said.

A total of 113 major violations cited inadequate well-casing or cementing, another problem that occurred in the BP spill. Onshore, well-casing and cementing are a key defense against groundwater contamination. On at least 54 occasions, oil and gas companies began drilling on federal land before receiving formal approval to do so, the report said.

Despite those problems, monetary fines were rarely issued, the report said. In eight states — Alaska, Arkansas, Louisiana, North Dakota, Nevada, Ohio, South Dakota and West Virginia — no fines were issued for the period studied.

Thirteen companies were cited for at least 30 violations over the period studied, topped by Oklahoma-based Williams Production RMT Co., which received 98 citations and seven fines totaling \$6,000.

Colorado-based Encana Oil & Gas Inc. received 63 citations and four fines totaling \$11,000, while Texas-based Anadarko E & P Co. received 61 violations and one fine totaling \$5,000.

Cinema 4

<p>Movies Showing Friday, February 3 through Thursday, February 9.</p> <p>Chronicle (PG-13) Fri 7:00 9:45 Sat 2:00 4:30 7:00 9:45 Sun 2:00 4:30 7:00 Mon/Thur 7:00</p> <p>Women in Black (PG-13) Fri 7:30 9:45 Sat 2:00 4:30 7:30 9:45 Sun 2:00 4:30 7:30 Mon/Thur 7:30</p> <p>One For the Money (PG-13) Fri 7:00 9:45 Sat 2:00 4:30 7:00 9:45 Sun 2:00 4:30 7:00 Mon/Thur 7:00</p> <p>Man on a Ledge (PG-13) Fri 7:30 9:45 Sat 2:00 4:30 7:30 9:45 Sun 2:00 4:30 7:30 Mon/Thur 7:30</p>	<p>Showing Friday! Friday, February 10 through Thursday, February 16.</p> <p>Safe House (R) Fri 7:30 9:45 Sat 2:00 4:30 7:30 9:45 Sun 2:00 4:30 7:30 Mon/Thur 7:30</p> <p>Women in Black (PG-13) Fri 7:30 9:45 Sat 2:00 4:30 7:30 9:45 Sun 2:00 4:30 7:30 Mon/Thur 7:30</p> <p>Journey 2 (3D) (PG) Fri 7:00 9:00 Sat 2:00 4:30 7:00 9:00 Sun 2:00 4:30 7:00 Mon/Thur 7:00</p> <p>Chronicle (PG-13) Fri 7:00 9:45 Sat 2:00 4:30 7:00 9:45 Sun 2:00 4:30 7:00 Mon only 7:00</p> <p>This Means War (PG-13) starts Tue, Feb. 14, Valentine's Day Tue/Thur 7:00</p>
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GOP targets tax break for illegals

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans are looking to stop illegal immigrants from claiming federal child tax credits, including refund checks averaging \$1,800. It's an effort that has roused anger among Hispanics and some Democratic lawmakers.

The proposal would require people who claim the credit to have Social Security numbers as proof that they're legal workers. It's being offered as a way to help pay for extending the Social Security tax cut for most American wage-earners.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada says the proposal unfairly goes after the children of poor Hispanic workers. Such kids often are U.S. citizens because they were born in this country.

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Today in History

Today is Thursday, Feb. 9, the 40th day of 2012. There are 326 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 9, 1942, the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff held its first formal meeting to coordinate military strategy during World War II.

On this date:

In 1773, the ninth president of the United States, William Henry Harrison, was born in Charles City County, Va.

In 1825, the House of Representatives elected John Quincy Adams president after no candidate received a majority of electoral votes.

In 1861, Jefferson Davis was elected provisional president of the Confederate States of America at a congress held in Montgomery, Ala.

In 1870, the U.S. Weather Bureau was established.

In 1942, daylight-saving "War Time" went into effect in the United States, with clocks turned one hour forward.

In 1943, the World War II battle of Guadalcanal in the southwest Pacific ended with an Allied victory over Japanese forces.

In 1950, in a speech in Wheeling, W.Va., Sen. Joseph McCarthy, R-Wis., charged the State Department was riddled with Communists.

In 1962, an agreement was signed to make Jamaica an independent nation within the British Commonwealth later in the year.

In 1964, The Beatles made their first live American television appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show," broadcast from New York on CBS.

In 1971, a magnitude 6.6 earthquake in California's San Fernando Valley claimed 65 lives. The crew of Apollo 14 returned to Earth after man's third landing on the moon.

In 1984, Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov, 69, died less than 15 months after succeeding Leonid Brezhnev; he was followed by Konstantin U. Chernenko.

In 2001, a U.S. Navy submarine, the USS Greeneville, collided with a Japanese fishing boat, the Ehime Maru, while surfacing off the Hawaiian coast, killing nine men and boys aboard the boat.

Ten years ago: Britain's Princess Margaret, the high-spirited and unconventional sister of Queen Elizabeth II, died in London at age 71. At the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Jochem Uytendhaage of the Netherlands won the gold medal in the men's 5,000-meter speedskating race in a world record time of 6:14.66. Oakland's Rich Gannon led the AFC to a 38-30 victory over the NFC in the Pro Bowl.

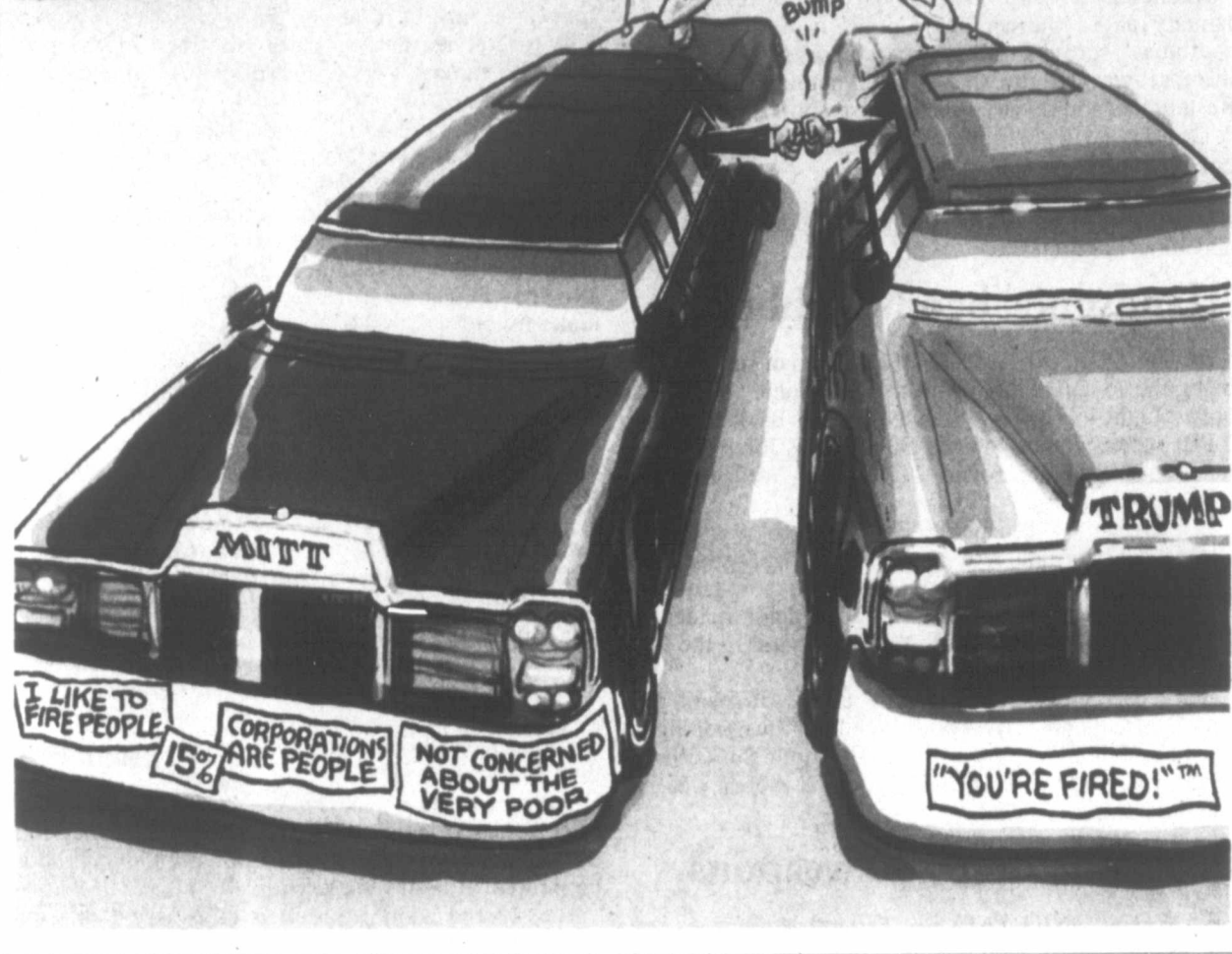
Five years ago: Defense Secretary Robert Gates told reporters in Munich, Germany, that serial numbers and other markings on bombs suggested that Iranians were linked to deadly explosives used by Iraqi militants. British actor Ian Richardson, who portrayed immoral politician Francis Urquhart in the satirical TV drama "House of Cards," died in London at age 72.

One year ago: Thousands of workers went on strike across Egypt, adding a new dimension to the uprising as public rage turned to the vast wealth President Hosni Mubarak's family reportedly amassed while close to half the country struggled near the poverty line. Rep. Christopher Lee, R-N.Y., abruptly resigned with only a vague explanation of regret after gossip website Gawker reported that the married congressman had sent a shirtless photo of himself flexing his muscles to a woman whose Craigslist ad he answered. Lindsay Lohan pleaded not guilty in Los Angeles to felony grand theft of a \$2,500 necklace. (Lohan later pleaded no contest to taking the necklace without permission and served 35 days of house arrest.)

Today's Birthdays: Television journalist Roger Mudd is 84. Actress Janet Suzman is 73. Actress-politician Sheila James Kuehl ("The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis") is 71. Singer-songwriter Carole King is 70. Actor Joe Pesci is 69. Singer Barbara Lewis is 69. Author Alice Walker is 68. Actress Mia Farrow is 67. Sen. Jim Webb, D-Va., is 66. Singer Joe Ely is 65. Actress Judith Light is 63. Rhythm-and-blues musician Dennis "DT" Thomas (Kool & the Gang) is 61. Actor Charles Shaughnessy is 57. Former Democratic National Chairman Terry McAuliffe is 55. Jazz musician Steve Wilson is 51. Country singer Travis Tritt is 49. Actress Julie Warner is 47. Country singer Danni Leigh is 42. Actor Jason George is 40. Actor-producer Charlie Day is 36. Rock singer Chad Wolf (Carolina Liar) is 36. Actor A.J. Buckley is 35. Rock musician Richard On (O.A.R.) is 33. Actress Ziyi Zhang is 33. Actor David Gallagher is 27. Actress Marina Malota is 24. Actress Camille Winbush is 22. Actor Jimmy Bennett is 16.

Thought for Today: "You can fall in love at first sight with a place as with a person." — Alec Waugh, English author (1898-1981).

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Chasing equality in California courts

Tuesday's ruling by a panel of three judges of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit holding unconstitutional the California ballot initiative that aimed to take the right to marry away from same-sex couples is hardly the last word in the debate. The court's ruling, unlike that of the district court below, did not purport to decide whether states must, in the first instance, give marriage licenses to same-sex couples, but only that, once they do, they cannot take them away for no good reason. Even so narrowed, the proponents of the ballot measure (not the state, which at this point is not defending it) are likely to seek further review by the full panel of Ninth Circuit judges or by the Supreme Court, or probably both.

So no, this is not the end of the debate, not even close. But it's an important step, and the careful and constrained way that it was done is a study in how judging works.

For starters, there was the question of whether, since the state didn't want to defend the law, the proponents of the ballot initiative could step in and do so. The federal court asked the State Supreme Court to answer that question -- since it involves issues of standing to defend state law -- and they said yes. Federalism 101.

The next question was whether the district court judge should have recused himself from even deciding the case because he is gay and in a long-term relationship, facts not disclosed to the parties. The answer to that, hinted at in oral arguments and provided in Tuesday's opinion, was a resounding no. Imagine if black judges were not allowed to sit in civil rights cases if they had ever experienced racism, or if women judges who had had abor-



SUSAN ESTRICH

Ninth Circuit did not disagree.

Then there was the big question. Judge Stephen Reinhardt, one of the nation's leading liberal jurists, a man of courage and conviction and long experience, delivered the opinion for two of the three members of the panel. You might have expected him to go big and broad, to try to "make law" not just for California, but for the country, and maybe not even just for marriage, but for all rights. But that would mean you don't really know Judge Reinhardt. He understands too well how law is done. When pushing the boundaries, you do it one step at a time. In the civil rights era, then-NAACP Chief Counsel (and later Supreme Court Justice) Thurgood Marshall understood that you don't start desegregating schools with elementary schools. You start with law schools and then work your way through to colleges before taking on the neighborhood schools.

And so Reinhardt, rather than trying to answer the big question, made a point of making it smaller. The court was not trying to decide whether denying same-sex couples the right to marry is unconstitutional, but only whether the act of taking it away is. That might sound like a lawyer's distinction to the lay read-

er, and by definition I guess it is, but it is still a significant one. The argument here was not that California had to change its law to accommodate the rights of gay citizens. It had already done so as a result of a state court decision. The question was whether that right could then be taken away. A state can only act based on a rational and legitimate purpose. It may not have to give you a benefit in the first place, but once it does, it needs a reason to take it away. That can't be done arbitrarily, for no good reason.

Of course, there is overlap between the narrower question and the broader one. My guess is that most of the people who are now nodding their heads in agreement would also agree with those court decisions that have held that, under their state's constitution, discrimination against gays in marriage is itself a denial of equality. And most of us, and I'm in this group, would reach the same conclusion under the U.S. Constitution.

But legal revolutions proceed in steps. One by one. That's how change tends to come, when it comes peacefully and with broad acceptance. This week, the Ninth Circuit took the step of saying that California could not take the right to marry away from same-sex couples. Not too long ago, the very idea that any state would grant them such a right would be unthinkable. In the not too distant future, I trust, it will seem strange that it took us this long. It was a step along the path, in the finest tradition of constitutional adjudication.

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Santorum surges to second

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Sen. Rick Santorum has surged into second place in the race for delegates with wins in Republican presidential caucuses in Colorado and Minnesota.

Santorum picked up at least 52 delegates in Tuesday's contests, including all 37 delegates at stake in Minnesota, according to an analysis by The Associated Press. Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney got at least six delegates, while Newt Gingrich and Ron Paul were shut out.

Overall, Romney has 107 delegates, including endorsements from members of the Republican National Committee who automatically attend the party's national convention and can support any candidate they choose. Santorum has 69 delegates, Gingrich has 32 and Paul has nine.

The race for delegates is still in the early stages. It will take 1,144 delegates to win the GOP nomination.

Santorum also won the Missouri primary Tuesday, but the party is not awarding any delegates based on the results. Instead, Missouri will award its 52 delegates through a system of caucuses and conventions, starting March 17.

Minnesota had 37 delegates up for grabs Tuesday — 13 based on statewide results and 24 based on results in individual congressional districts. Minnesota has not yet finalized new boundaries for its congressional districts, but Santorum's victory in the state was so sweeping that he would win them all, regardless of how the lines are drawn, according to the AP analysis.

Colorado had 33 delegates at stake — 12 based on the statewide vote and 21 based on results in individual congressional districts.

Delegates to the party's national conven-

tion from Minnesota and Colorado are not bound by the results of Tuesday's caucuses. The caucuses were the first step of a multi-step process to award the delegates.

However, the AP analysis showed Santorum would win all of Minnesota's delegates and at least 15 delegates in Colorado, if he maintains the same level of support throughout the process. Romney won at least six delegates in Colorado. The remaining 12 could not be determined on election night because the party did not provide votes by congressional district for counties that are split into multiple districts.

Unofficial returns in Minnesota show Santorum winning 81 of the state's 87 counties, finishing about 8,600 votes ahead of Paul, who came in second. Paul got the most votes in four counties, garnering 196 more votes there than Santorum.

The AP calculates the number of national convention delegates won by candidates in each presidential primary or caucus, based on state and national party rules. Most primaries and some caucuses are binding, meaning delegates won by the candidates are pledged to support that candidate at the national conventions this summer.

Political parties in some states, including Minnesota and Colorado, use local caucuses to elect delegates to state or congressional district conventions, where national delegates are selected. In these states, the AP uses the results from local caucuses to calculate the number of national delegates each candidate will win, if the candidates maintain the same level of support.

The AP will update delegate totals, if support for the candidates changes. The AP also interviews RNC delegates, who can support any candidate they choose, to see which one they support.

Santorum: I won and raised \$250,000

WASHINGTON (AP) — Resurgent Rick Santorum said his sweep of three GOP contests earned his shoe-string campaign \$250,000 overnight, cash he needs to take his upstart bid for the Republican presidential nomination to Mitt Romney's turf.

Santorum's stunning victories Tuesday in Minnesota, Missouri and Colorado marked his best performance thus far in the rollicking contest for the Republican

presidential nomination — and Romney's worst. The better-funded and organized former Massachusetts governor shrugged off his poor showing, but his losses were stinging reminders of a stubborn weakness: Romney's inability to appeal to the conservatives at the base of the party.

It was far from clear, though, that Santorum would be able to turn his momentum into the millions of dollars he would need to

overtake Romney. But in the hours after his victory, Santorum said he's finally being heard and supported by conservatives who want a clear contrast to President Barack Obama.

"I think last night we raised a quarter of a million dollars online," Santorum told CNN's "Starting Point" the morning after. "We are going to have the money we need to make the case we want to make."

Overcrowded nest syndrome



MATTHEW "UNCLE MATTY" MARGOLIS
Creator's Syndicate



live-in boot camp with a local dog trainer.

We have been keeping Santos and Boomer physically separated using dog gates for the past three years, and there were no more incidents — until recently. Santos was sleeping in our bathroom with a dog gate separating him from Boomer and Lexi, who were sleeping in our bedroom. My husband woke up in the early morning and tripped over the dog gate. He started screaming. It was dark. Boomer bit him. I tried getting him off my husband, and he bit me on my leg.

A lot of parents worry about empty nest syndrome: the depression, the boredom, the creeping quiet, the lonely nights and empty weekends. But the following "parents" know something far worse: overcrowded nest syndrome.

Our three dogs are our babies; no human kids. Boomer is one of our three dogs (all with some pit bull heritage), and we adopted him from a no-kill shelter when he was 6 months old. He is 6 years old now. He is the second dog of our three-dog household. Lexi, his 7-year-old sister and our first dog, was a stray when we took her in. Boomer followed a couple of months later. Santos, his 8-year-old brother and the third dog that joined the household, was a fully trained Protection Sports Association (PSA) national champion who was retired by his trainer.

Boomer is a mellow dog. He is closest to me, always following me wherever I go. My dad dubbed him my "guardian angel" as a testament to what he does on a daily basis. We lived peacefully together for more than a year. We were responsible owners, putting them through obedience classes, socializing them at dog parks and taking them for walks around the neighborhood.

Despite that, during Boomer's terrible 2s, he developed aggression issues toward other dogs. Boomer started barking at animals he saw outside the window or on TV. We tried to resolve his aggression by sending him to a month-long live-in boot camp. He got along with his brother and sister for a few more years, and we thought the aggression issue was under control.

Then one day, he went after Santos, trying to gain position at the door and leaving puncture wounds in the process. In the past four years, there have been three more "incidents" between Boomer and Santos. (Lexi stays out of it.) Boomer bit me during one of them, and my husband was injured on a separate occasion. We sent him to another

My husband takes responsibility for startling Boomer in the night and has no hatred toward him. None of us is fearful of Boomer. We are taking a few more precautions to make sure another incident doesn't happen. But is there hope for his rehabilitation? Did boot camp make it worse?

I will preface my response with a note stressing that this situation, in a home with human children, would be unacceptable. That said...

Sounds like boot camp made it better both times — but temporarily. The problem with live-in boot camp is that it's not for all problems. With doggie boot camp, you take the dog out of the home for training, and he, hopefully, returns home a better version of his former self.

This is a home-based problem, and your best hope is a trainer who specializes in aggression and works with the dog in the home.

Additionally, this is a dog whose aggressive tendencies are most likely genetic. So your goal is to control the behavior, not cure it.

The aggression described in this letter can't be cured, but it can be controlled. The presence of two other dogs makes consistent control more difficult to achieve, but with professional guidance and due diligence on the part of the owners, this overcrowded nest has hope.

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!"

Mears

With many people already coming together to rally around Mears (the auction, for example, includes several donations from around the Pampa community), Preston said she was grateful that Pampanans are such a benevolent bunch.

"The town has been very generous," Preston said. "There's a lot of giving people in this town. ... This

is like the third benefit I've been a part of, and it's amazing to see everyone pull together, come together as a community to see something like this."

There is also a benefit account set up in Mears' name set up at the Amarillo Federal Credit Union for cash donations.

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Shelter

shelters before, and (the architect) volunteers at an animal shelter on the weekends, so he really knows what he's doing," said Curry.

The three discussed priorities for the shelter, including air flow, sick rooms and ways to keep animals healthier. Animal health is particularly important at the moment, as a deadly disease is currently afflicting the dog population at the shelter.

"It started out as kennel cough, but antibiotics are not taking care of it," said Curry. "PAWS tries to vaccinate all dogs and young puppies, but last month it's gotten terribly bad. Some get terribly sick and die, because their immune system is so weak that they get other things."

One of the sick dogs will receive an autopsy in the near future to determine the nature of the disease.

"We hope they can fig-

ure out what's really happening," said Curry.

Plans for the shelter are not set in stone. So far, the city has decided to move forward with selecting an architectural firm and receiving preliminary designs, but whether or not a new shelter is constructed may be up to Pampa voters, as the city is proposing to put the issue on the May ballot.

"We'll try to make sure people understand the dire

need of it," said Curry. "There's a push for us to get the public on board."

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Election

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March 5. Candidate packets are available in the city secretary's office at City Hall, Room 205, 201 W. Kingsmill. Applications, Price said, will be available for pickup during regular business hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Monday to Friday. The city secretary's office is closed for lunch from noon to 1 p.m.

Price confirmed that the city's election is independent of the state's, meaning that Texas' ongoing redistricting chaos will have no effect on the date of the May election.

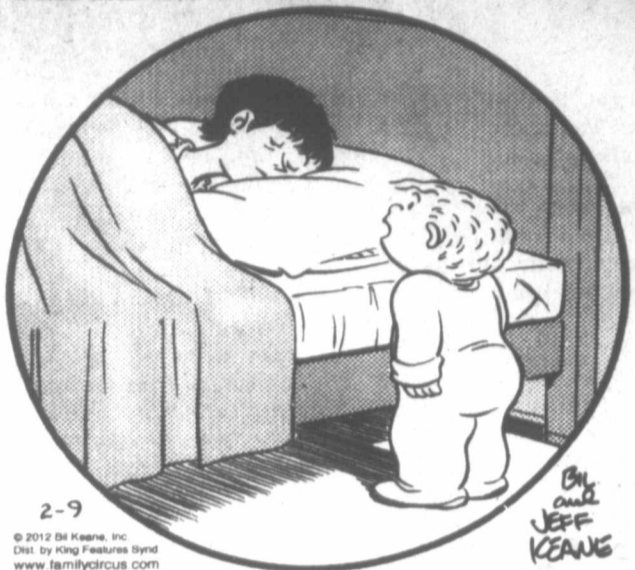
"It has no bearing whatsoever," Price said. "We have a nonpartisan election and you vote strictly in the city. We don't vote based on the districts (set by the state). You can only vote in our election if you live within the city limits."

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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Feb. 10, 2012:

This year you juggle work, relationships and a long-term dream. You might lean one way or another during parts of the year. Depending on your background and needs, you will feel more comfortable dealing with a specific area. If you are single, you'll meet someone quite exotic and different who opens doors you have never seen. If you are attached, you see a dimension of your mate that is new. Accept and grow with this side. LIBRA can say awful comments without others even realizing it until hours later.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ★★★★★ Defer to others, especially as you are focused on a key matter. Let them carry the ball, but be ready for a surprise or two. You cannot control others, so appreciate their individuality. Close bonds are formed through less judgment. Tonight: Let the weekend begin.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★ Recognize that you are human and can do only so much. Your own level of energy will define the possibilities. On the other hand, you could try the power of positive thinking. The end results could be tremendously satisfying. Tonight: Put your feet up.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★★★★ You might have a case of weekend fever. Your energy and willingness to complete any pending work demonstrate how much you want time off. Consider your plans and expectations. Do your best to fulfill them. Tonight: You could be a little wild.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★★★★ You seem to be more creative and dynamic than you have been in a while. A situation around work could become very strange or unusual, if it isn't already! As soon as you can, join a friend or family member. Tonight: At home, but don't let it be alone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★★ Carefully finish up detailed information in the morning. The unexpected runs riot through your afternoon, lightening up the pace and your mood — if you have a sense of humor. In what appears to be nothing less than a gawky move, someone is expressing his or her caring. Tonight: Stop. Make time for a friend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Move quickly in the a.m., when you are more energized. Complications could shatter the best-laid plans in the afternoon. Maintain a sense of humor, and all will end well. Your sense of well-being grows as a result of handling this hassle. Tonight: Treat a friend well.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★★★★ You might want to postpone plans until the afternoon. At that point, you will resolve issues spontaneously — so much so that you might not even recognize them. In this mood, you see only pluses. A friend tosses perhaps too much caring on you! Tonight: Start the weekend well.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★ Use the a.m. for meetings and interpersonal matters. For whatever reason, you decide to cocoon and do some reflecting in the afternoon. Some of you simply might be tired, but for many, new information causes you to take another look at an important matter. Tonight: Not to be found.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★★★★ Friends surround you and will be most responsive in the afternoon. Invitations, project ideas and a new opportunity all might appear, adding to your choices. Do you feel that you are on overload? Know that not everything needs to be handled immediately. Tonight: Let go of stress, and accept an invitation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★★ Make a key phone call or have an important meeting in the a.m., when others are still in work mode. You have a lot of responsibilities that could hold you back from making any more commitments, or even entertaining the idea. Tonight: Count on a late night.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★★★★ You might be wondering what is best to do. This discussion involves another person helping you to see a personal matter differently. As soon as you can, cut the routine and take off. Invigorate your mind and body with a change of scenery. Tonight: Open up to change.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★★★★ You could view another's behavior with some cynicism. You question how you can change the direction of what is happening. Stop and remember that you cannot change anyone; but you, personally, have options. Tonight: Open up to a trusted friend and/or loved one.

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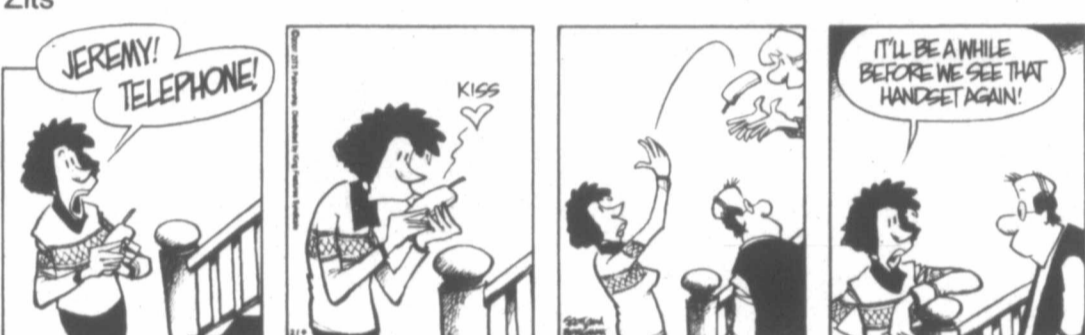
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Public lines up for new low-cost appliance that slashes heat bills

Amish craftsmen vow to keep up with rush for brand-new Hybrid-Thermic™ 'Miracle Heater' that uses about the same energy as a coffee maker per hour, so just plug it in and never be cold again

BY: SAMUEL A. JAMES
Universal Media Syndicate

(UMS) — Everyone hates high heat bills. But we're all sick and tired of turning the thermostat down and freezing our buns off.

That's why Sears knew they had a home-run on their hands with the first-ever low-cost appliance with Hybrid-Thermic™ heat technology. And no other heater anywhere has it.

The brand-new portable L.E.D. Heat Surge HT-XL sips so little energy, you can run it for a full 12-hour day or night for just about a buck.

This modern marvel, hailed as the zone heating 'Miracle Heater,' caused such a frenzy at Sears stores, one shopper refused to leave until she got one. Since there were none in stock, store managers were forced to hand over the store's only floor model, against store policy.

So today, immediate action is being taken to give more people, more ways to get them.

Beginning at 8:30 a.m., today's readers are allowed to phone in or snag one online. Heat Surge even posted a 2-Day Double Coupon which has been reprinted on this page for today's readers to use.

By using this coupon, everyone who calls is being rewarded with \$198. That makes this remarkable new home appliance a real steal at just \$398. Since this is a Double Coupon Deal, it not only gives you an extraordinary discount, but also entitles you to free shipping and handling, totaling \$198 off. So now everyone has a fair shot at getting one.

"Folks are saving money everywhere by zone heating with the new Heat Surge HT-XL," said Kris Rumel, the company's analyst tracking the impact Heat Surge is having on consumer heat bills.

This all started when Sears wanted the world-famous 'Amish Miracle Heater' that everyone was asking for.

The shy but now famous Amish craftsman said Sears made the most sense. "I'd reckon they're the oldest and most trusted in the country," one of the Amish craftsmen known as Melvin said.

"We've been saving folks money, big money. And we know it because we're hearin' about it," he said.

"They know about our quality. No particle board, just real wood. Fully-assembled cabinets by our hands and we're making them right here in the good ole USA," Melvin said.

Director of Technology David Martin explained, "The Heat Surge HT-XL is a revolutionary appliance that can easily roll from room to room. But we didn't want it to look like some metal box that just sits there. So we turned to our Amish craftsmen and now each one is made to look like a sleek, slim fireplace that has no real flames."

"The peaceful flicker of the 'Fireless Flame' is so beautiful, everyone thinks it's real, but it's totally safe to the touch. All you do is just plug it in," Martin said.

People from Texas to Minnesota and even Florida and Arizona are flocking to get them because they are finally able to give their central heat a rest during this long, frigid winter.

According to the avalanche of consumer reviews, people absolutely swear by them, repeatedly saying, "it saves money," "looks beautiful," and "keeps you warm head to toe, floor to ceiling." And the word is getting out. That's why people are clamoring to get them.

But Martin said right now the real problem is making sure the Amish craftsmen can keep up with the lingering winter rush.

That's why the Double Coupon expires in two days.

So for readers hoping to get the new Heat Surge for themselves and take care of gifts for others, there is good news.

You can use the 2-Day Double Coupon more than once. But there is a catch. You can only get away with it for the next two days from the date of today's publication by calling the National Appliance Center at 1-888-414-3620.

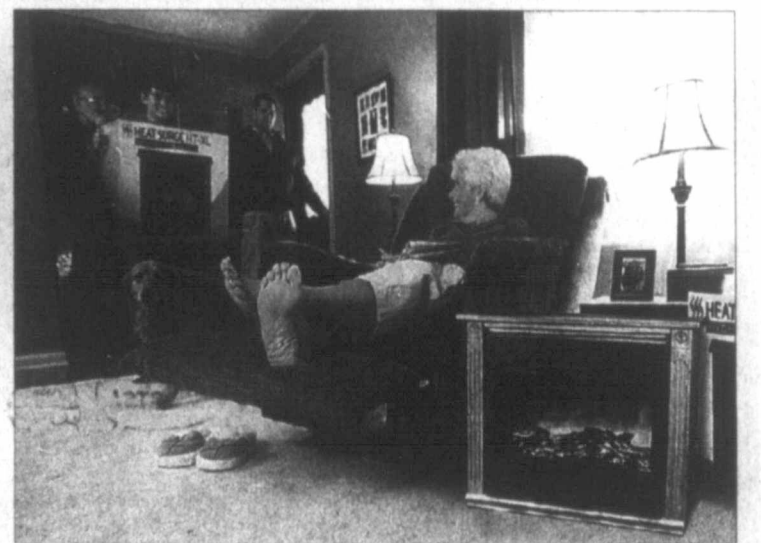
Then, when it arrives, you'll be rushing to turn down that thermostat. Just plug it in, watch your heat bills hit rock bottom, and never be cold again. ■



■ **GOTTA HAVE ONE:** People are flocking to Sears stores everywhere to get the brand-new Heat Surge HT-XL. An eager crowd remained respectful as Jonas Miller stages a promotional delivery event. "I heard so much about the Amish Miracle Heater but couldn't find where to get one," an excited Mary Straughn said. That's why a National Appliance Hotline has been set up for today's readers who can't rush out to get one. Readers who call the Hotline at 1-888-414-3620 will get free delivery with an extraordinary 2-Day Double Coupon that has been reprinted below.

■ **SAFE:** The beautiful L.E.D. Fireless Flame on the new Heat Surge HT-XL is so stunning, everyone thinks it's real, but it's actually safe to the touch. It's so safe, it's where the kids will play & the pets will sleep.

■ **BLANKET FREE COMFORT:** "We just couldn't take another winter of always being cold. And we also got one for the kids to help them with their heat bills," Julia White said.



How It Works: You get 74° of bone-soothing room heat even when the home thermostat is turned down to 59° with the first-ever Heat Surge HT-XL

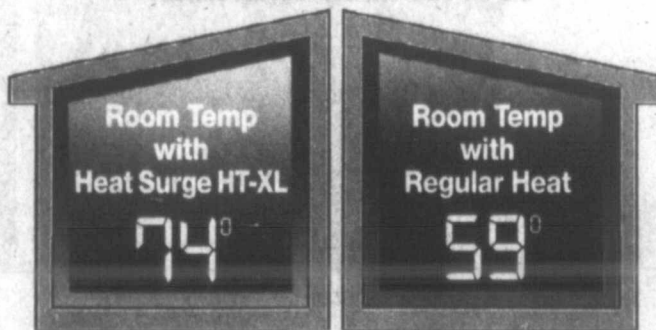
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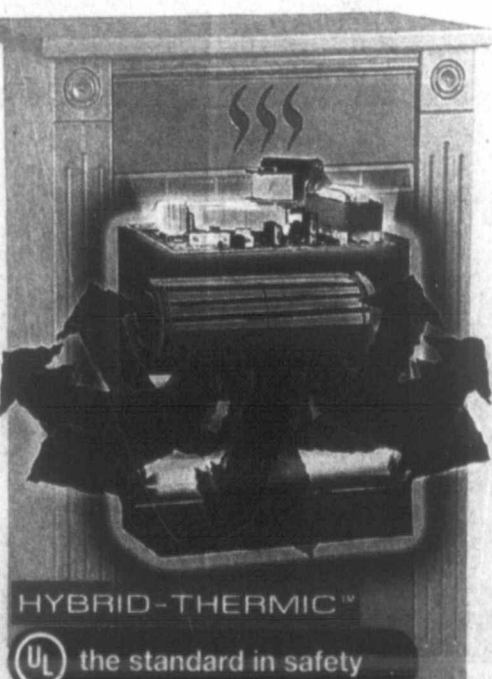
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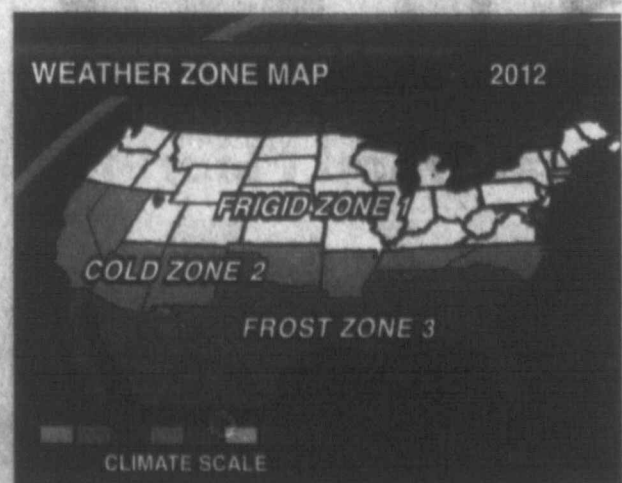
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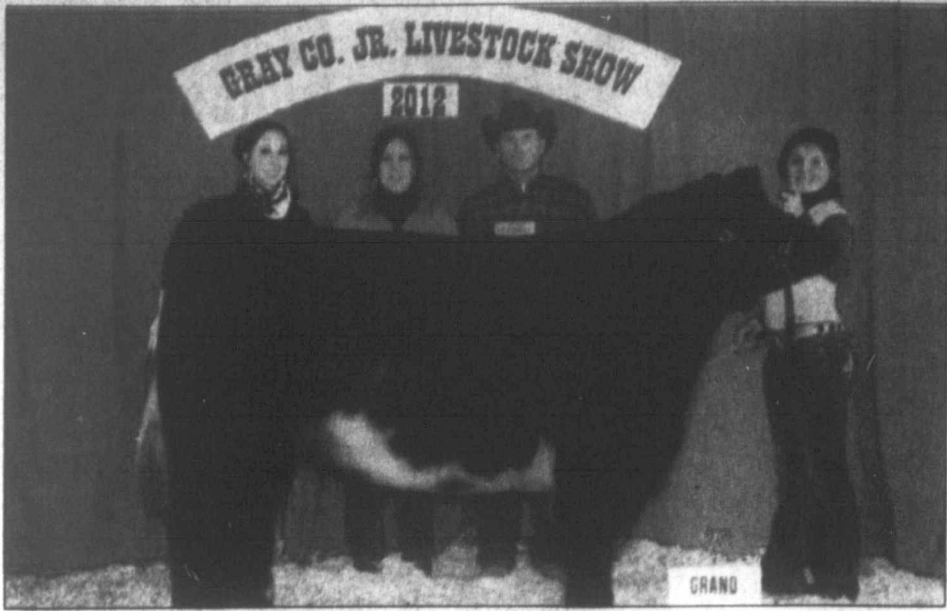
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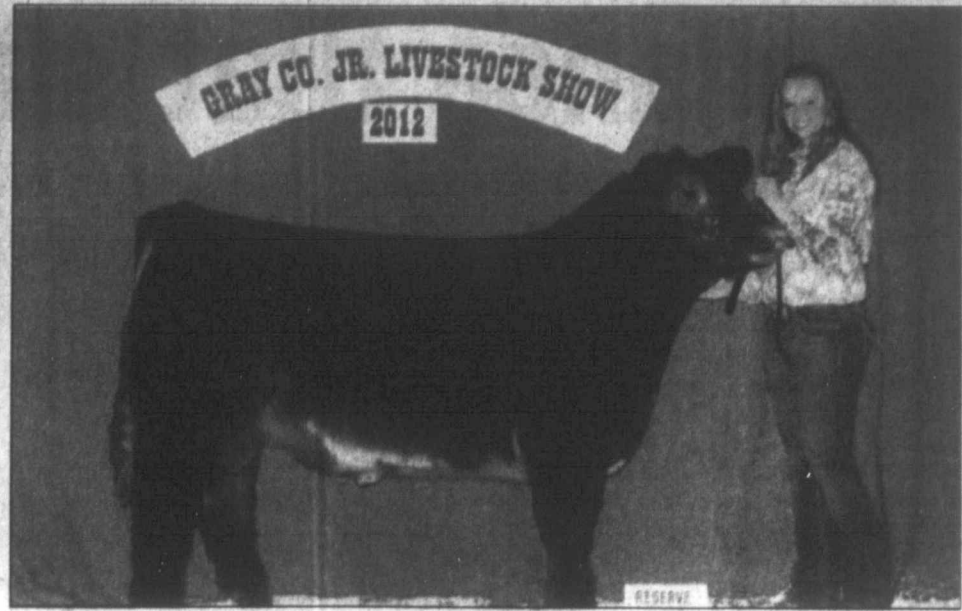
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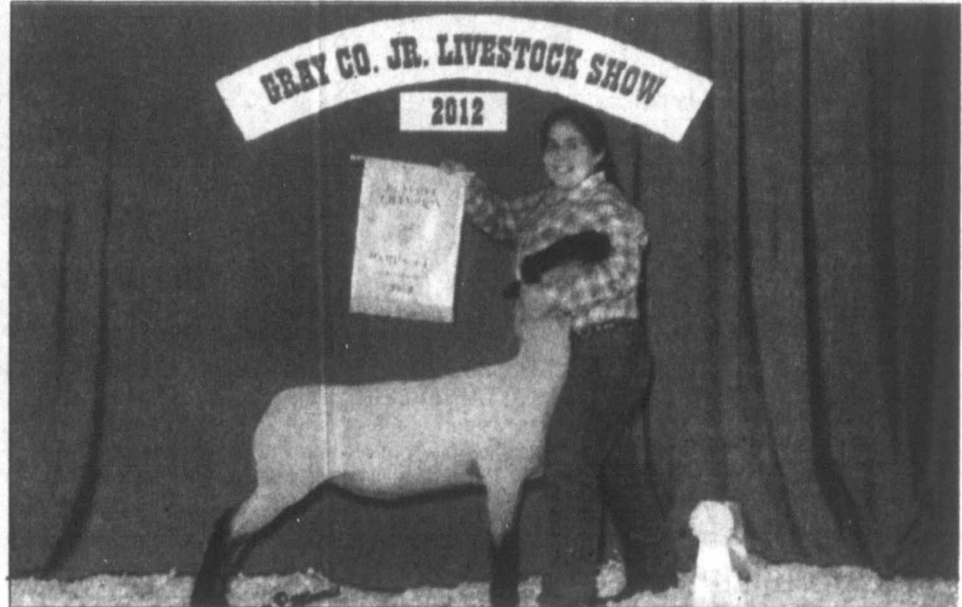
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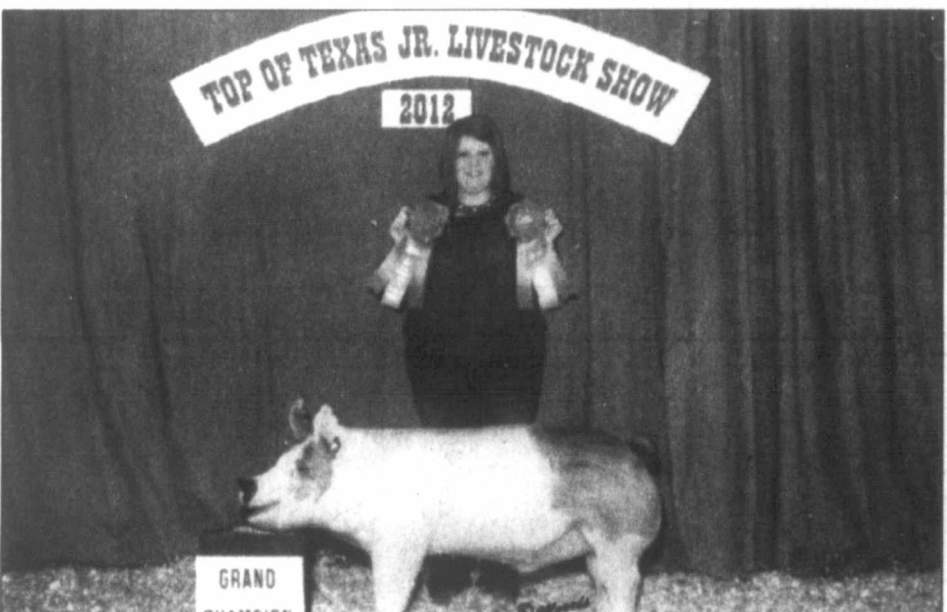
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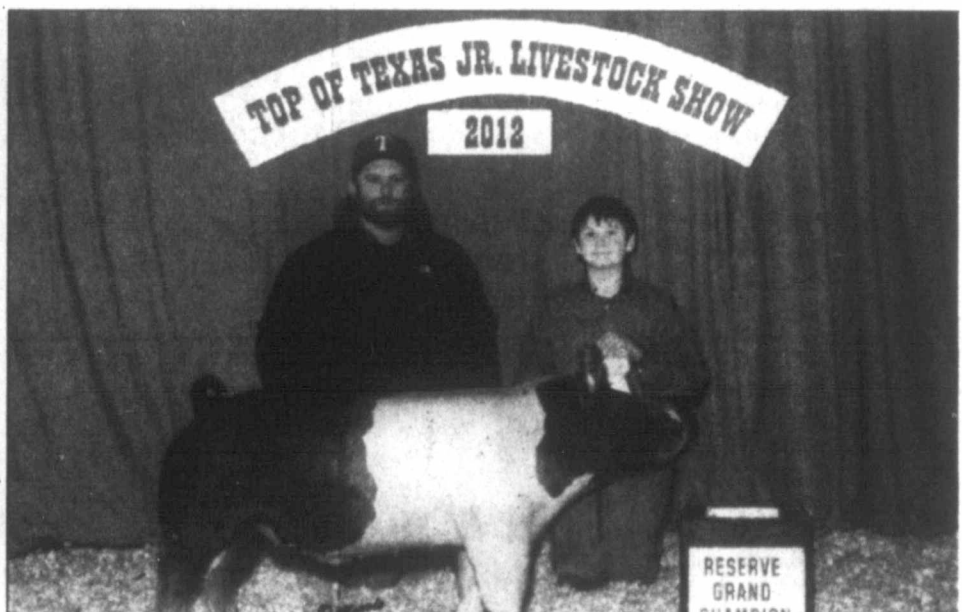
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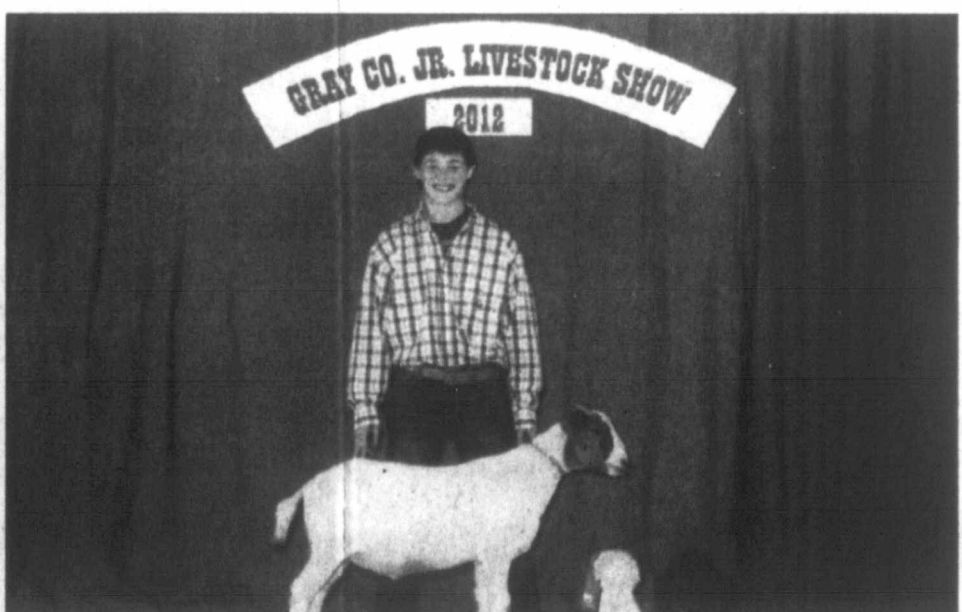
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Lady Harvesters' early run too much for Lady Wolves

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After the Pampa Lady Harvesters took the district champion Perryton Rangerettes to the wire, head coach Gene Valentine said he saw no reason why his team couldn't be successful against the Dalhart Lady Wolves.

"I felt like we had the ability all along," Valentine said. "It was just a matter of putting it together."

Tuesday night at McNeely Fieldhouse, Pampa proved its coach right, opening the game with a long run and not looking back in a 69-48 victory.

"We just relaxed," senior Lindsay Brown said. "We played as a team and shot the ball really well tonight."

The Lady Harvesters (14-15, 4-5) went on a 22-0 run in the first six minutes of the game. Seniors Kirsten Kuhn, Caitlin Sieck, Kailyn Troxell and Delaney Clendening hit three pointers.

"Even with what happened Friday, we are finally playing like we knew we could all along," Valentine said. "We jumped on them quick in the first quarter. We ran them up and down the floor. It's what you like to see."

Dalhart's senior post Jeana Sybesma, who dominated the Lady Harvesters in the first two games, was held to eight points in the first half. Pampa was able to get transition baskets and didn't allow Sybesma to establish herself in the post.

"That's what we preach every time we play them," Valentine said. "Make her run. When they weren't missing and we were stealing the ball and pressing, we got in a rhythm."

Brown said Pampa controlled the tempo.

"We didn't let them control it," Brown said. "We played our game."

Pampa led 22-4 after the first quarter. The Lady Wolves started the second

strong with a 16-6 run. Dalhart had a balanced scoring attack, with Sybesma scoring six, Brynn Dunham scored five and Cassidy Lenz scored four. Pampa ended the quarter on a 7-2 run to lead 35-22 at halftime.

The Lady Wolves (18-11, 5-4) didn't rally in the second half as they didn't get closer than 14. Sybesma led the team in scoring with 22 points. Cassidy Lenz followed with 12.

The game was Senior Night for the Lady Harvesters, and the seniors made big contributions. Sieck led the team in scoring with 19. Kuhn scored 18, Brown scored 10 and Clendening followed with nine. Senior Elizabeth Terry played several minutes in the second quarter and second half.

"Caitlin was getting some steals when we were pressing," Valentine said. "Kirsten hit some threes. Lindsay always plays hard on defense. Kailyn inside, we always match her up with someone big."

Brown and Kuhn said it was a nice way for them to end their careers at McNeely Fieldhouse.

"It feels great to win like that on our home court," Brown said.

"It's kind of emotional," Kuhn said. "We spent the last four years in this gym getting to this point," Kuhn said. "Now that it's here, it doesn't feel like it should yet."

Pampa will start play in the bi-district round of the playoffs against the Shallowater Fillies. The game details aren't available as of press time. The Lady Harvesters lost 53-30 in Shallowater on December 9. Brown said she feels the team can compete with them.

"I'm excited that we get to go to playoffs this year," Brown said. "I'm glad we get to experience that in my last year. If we play like we did tonight, we can do good."



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Senior Kirsten Kuhn passes over Dalhart's Jeana Sybesma in the first half against Dalhart Tuesday. Kuhn hit five three-pointers in Pampa's 69-48 win.

Harvesters jump out early, hold off Wolves' rally late

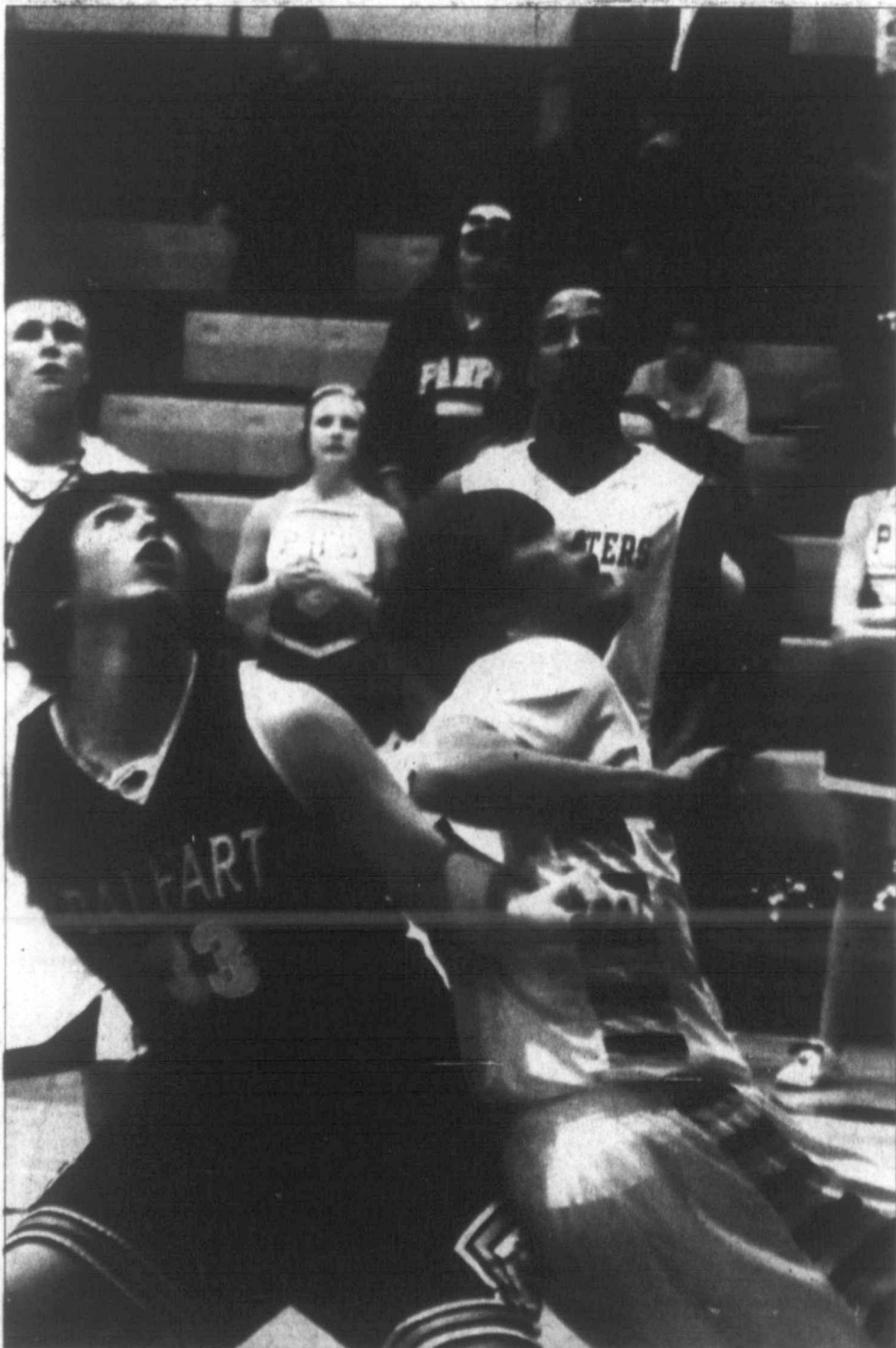


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Senior Reid Miller battles Dalhart's Cameron Vogel for a rebound Tuesday. Miller honored his dad Dustin by wearing his number 14.

District 1-3A Playoff Scenarios

- Pampa can clinch district if it wins out and Dalhart loses out. Can clinch second seed if it finishes with the same or better record than Perryton.
- Borger is eliminated from playoff contention.
- Perryton can clinch district if it beats Dalhart Friday and finishes with the same or better record. Can clinch second seed if it finishes better than Pampa.
- Dalhart can clinch district with a win.

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The last time the Dalhart Wolves visited the Pampa Harvesters, Pampa let the lead slip and lost in overtime. Tuesday night at McNeely Fieldhouse was similar, except the Harvesters converted shots when they needed to in a 60-56 victory on Senior Night.

"I told them for whatever reason we are playing our best basketball," head coach Dustin Miller said. "It wasn't pretty, but the bottom line is we found a way to win another game that we weren't early in district."

Senior Cole Engle said the team wanted to make sure the outcome was different.

"This time we didn't want to give it back," Engle said. "It was our Senior Night and we wanted it worse, and we got it."

Pampa (17-8, 4-3) opened the game with an 18-4 run. Senior Latigo Collins scored eight points and seniors Cole Engle and Reid Miller each hit a three. The Harvesters maintained a double digit lead most of the first half. The Wolves ended the half with a 7-2 run and trailed 32-25 at halftime.

After an early score by Pampa, The Wolves went on an 8-0 run to tie the game at 34. Noah Schniederjan hit a three and was fouled. DaVonte Burks made a jumper to cut the lead to three and Schniederjan followed with a three to tie the game.

The Harvesters responded. Collins gave Pampa the lead back at the free throw line. Senior Taylor Kennedy scored seven straight points putting the Harvesters up 43-35. Kennedy said the team got going.

"We had great ball movement," Kennedy said. "I got some open looks as well as other guys. We just got to put other teams away."

Miller said Kennedy came up huge.

"When Derrek (Pollard) got in foul trouble, it's nice to have someone come

off the bench," Miller said. "Especially, when (Dalhart) is scrambling and pressing, gives us someone who can handle the ball a little bit. He hit a big three and grabbed some big rebounds, battling kids he has no business going against."

Pampa led 48-45 after three. In the fourth quarter, the Harvesters controlled possession of the ball and ran significant time off the clock. Engle said they were trying to escape Dalhart's traps.

"They were throwing traps at us left and right," Engle said. "We were just trying to get the ball to the corner and keep from traps. It seemed to work out for us this time."

The Wolves (18-6, 5-2) got within a basket four times on shots by Burks and Tone Gonzales.

Collins led the team in the fourth with six points and helped keep Pampa in front. Engle also made a basket and two free throws. Miller said that's what he expects of Collins.

"That's what you expect from your returning 'all everything,'" Miller said. "He tends to carry us late. He carried us in the fourth quarter in Perryton Friday."

Collins led the team in scoring with 29 points. Engle followed with nine. Schniederjan led the Wolves in scoring with 15. Burks followed with 10.

Before the game, the six Harvester seniors were honored. Senior Reid Miller, the coach's son, wore number 14, which was Dustin's number. The head coach thought that was pretty cool.

"It was quite an honor," Miller said. "It means a lot. I'm so extremely proud of him and everything he is."

With the victory, Pampa moves within a game of first. However since Dalhart owns the tiebreaker against Pampa, the Harvesters have to win the last two games and hope Dalhart loses the next two. The Harvesters clinched a playoff spot with Perryton's 44-42 victory over Borger.



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Rangers sign All-Star SS Andrus to three-year deal

FORT WORTH (AP) — Shortstop Elvis Andrus and the Texas Rangers have agreed to a three-year contract and avoided salary arbitration.

A person familiar with the deal told The Associated Press on Tuesday night that the contract runs through the 2014 season. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal was pending a physical and hadn't been finalized.

The agreement came two days before a scheduled arbitration hearing.

The 23-year-old Andrus is a .271 career hitter with 102 stolen bases and has played at least 145 games in each of

his three seasons for the Rangers. The new deal will take Andrus through his final three arbitration-eligible seasons.

Andrus hit a career-best .279 with 37 stolen bases last year when the Rangers won their second consecutive American League pennant. He had asked for \$3.6 million in arbitration and was offered \$2.65 million for next season before agreeing to a multiyear deal with Texas.

The Rangers still are in talks with catcher Mike Napoli and outfielder Nelson Cruz, who have salary arbitration hearings scheduled next week.

Cruz, whose eight postseason homers last year included six in the AL cham-

ampionship series with a game-ending grand slam in Game 2, asked for \$7.5 million while the Rangers offered \$5.5 million. He made \$3.65 million last year, when he hit .263 with 29 homers and 87 RBIs in 124 games.

Napoli set career highs by hitting .320 with 30 homers and 75 RBIs in 113 games in his first season with Texas, when he made \$5.8 million after spending his first five seasons with the Los Angeles Angels. He asked for \$11.5 million, and Texas offered \$8.3 million.

Andrus was among several key players the Rangers got from Atlanta in a

July 2007 trade for Mark Teixeira after the switch-hitting first baseman turned down a contract extension.

Hard-throwing closer Neftali Feliz, who is making the transition into the rotation this spring, and left-hander Matt Harrison (14-9, 3.39 ERA last season) were also part of that deal.

Andrus made his major league debut in the 2009 season opener after the Rangers moved five-time All-Star shortstop Michael Young to third base for the shortstop who was then only 20 years old and had never played above the Double-A level.

Rangers' Hamilton visits MLB doctors after alcohol relapse

FORT WORTH (AP) — Rangers slugger Josh Hamilton visited doctors for Major League Baseball and the players' association this week in New York following his admitted relapse with alcohol.

General manager Jon Daniels said Tuesday night that Hamilton was accompanied by Shayne Kelley, the team's newly hired major league staff assistant whose job includes being in a support role for Hamilton.

The meetings with doctors were Monday, a week after Hamilton said he had "three or four" drinks during dinner in Dallas and then had more drinks later that evening. The recovering drug addict publicly apologized Friday without taking questions about what happened, saying he had a "weak moment" that stemmed from "personal reasons" involving a family member.

Daniels said it was "unlikely" that the Rangers would discipline Hamilton, and that the team would defer to MLB's handling of the situation. He said had had no indication of what would happen.

"Given what's happened in the past, at this point it's at their discretion," Daniels said before his appearance at a stop on the team's winter caravan. "I think it's kind of based on what the doctors find, and what they recommend, whether they feel like this was something bigger."

Daniels said he had not gotten a report from the doctors that Hamilton had also counseled with in the past.

Hamilton said he took no drugs, and never thought of doing so last week. He has had several drug tests since then as part of his regular mandated routine.

When asked what was next for Hamilton, Daniels said the outfielder worked out at Rangers Ballpark earlier Tuesday.

"He's getting ready for the season," Daniels said.

But the Rangers last week put on hold talks about a contract extension for Hamilton, who can be a free agent after the upcoming season.

After being the No. 1 overall draft pick by Tampa Bay in 1999, Hamilton got involved in drugs and alcohol. He missed the entire 2003, 2004 and 2005 seasons and served several suspensions. He didn't make his major league debut until 2007 with Cincinnati, and was traded after that season to Texas, where he has become one of the best players in baseball for the team that won the last two American League pennants.

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