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## Pampa teen shares DC experience

by Rachel Stennett  
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Rikki Valentine, freshmen student at Pampa High school and daughter of new girl's basketball coach Gene Valentine, experienced first-hand what it felt like to cheer with over 1.8 million people as President Barack Obama was sworn into office last week in Washington, D.C.

Valentine attended the inaugural ceremony after receiving an invitation from the National Youth Leadership State Conference last April. Valentine joined other students across the nation, including two students from White Deer, at the Presidential Youth 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 National History, and the National Space and Flight museum. The group attended an inaugural ceremonies, but were also treated to special events like eating in the Hilton in D.C. with live entertainment, and a Black Tie Gala with

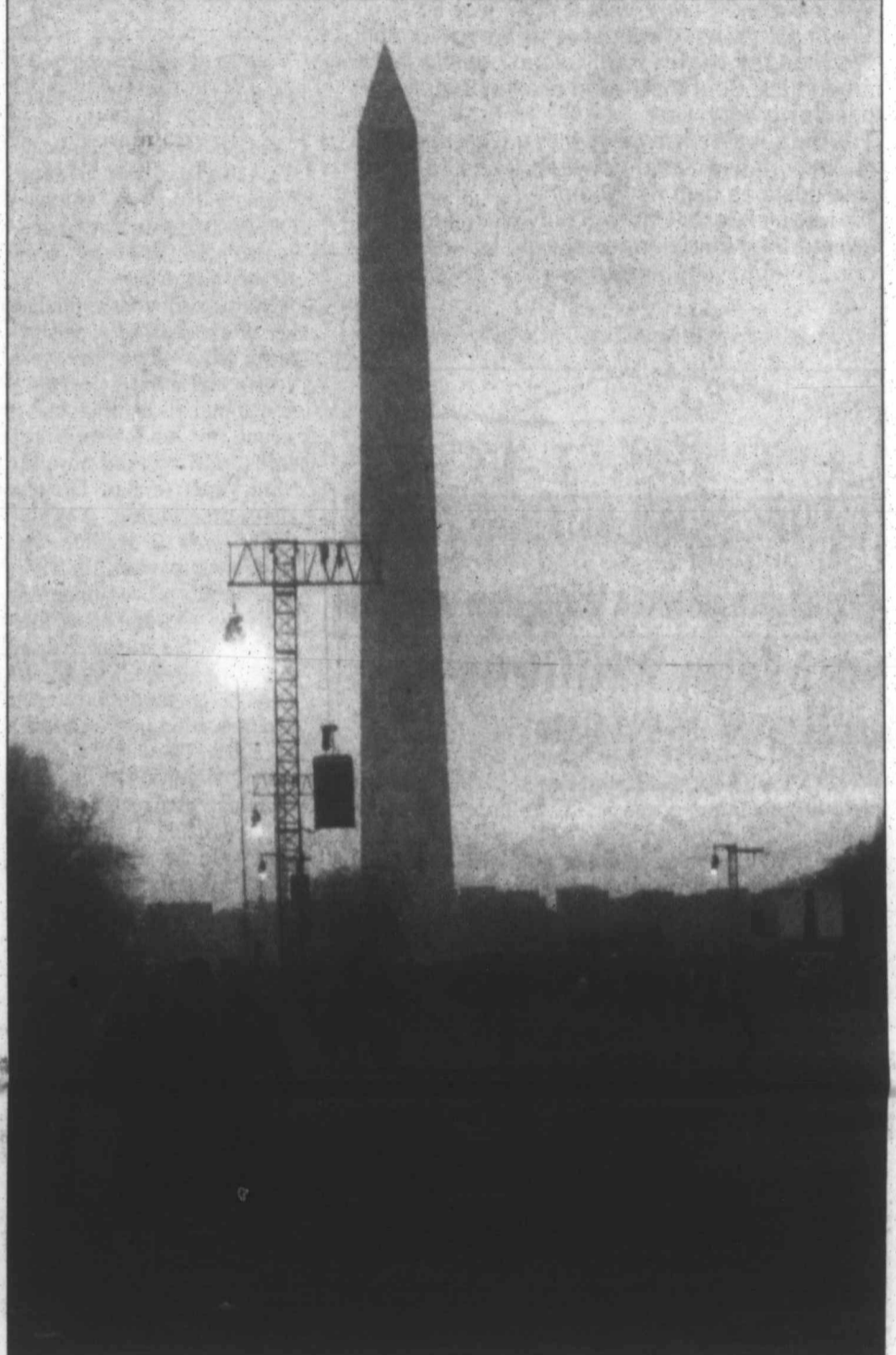
special music guest "Daughtry," whom Valentine said "put on a great concert."

"The chance to see 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 forget."

During her five day stay in D.C., Valentine saw historic sights and history create itself, but she had a touch of modern celebrity through Reed Alexander, who plays Neville on Nick show "iCarly." Valentine described Neville's character as annoying, "but Reed is so nice. He was in my group and stayed in the 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 received additional special privileges because the roommate was in a wheel chair due to a broken leg.

"We got a lot more attention and special privileges because of it. Front row seats to everything was by far the greatest perk."



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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.

## Hazardous weather alert, drive carefully

Texas is getting a lot colder — and possibly a lot more icy and dangerous.

Freezing rain was possible across North Texas, beginning Monday night and continuing through Wednesday, the National Weather Service says. An arctic airmass was expected to move across North Texas while a storm system approached from the West.

Temperatures were expected to fall below freezing near the Red River on Monday and across much of North Texas before sunrise Tuesday, the weather service said.

An ice storm warning is in effect for much of North Texas, with ice accumulations of around a quarter inch likely.

The National Weather service has issued a hazardous weather alert for the rest of Tuesday and 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 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.

## Dog attacks have some residents concerned

by Rachel Stennett  
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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 a person."

According to the statute, 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 statute requires a long list of requirements for dangerous dogs, including having liability insurance of financial reinsurance 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

statue to determine dangerous dogs on a dog by dog 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 misunderstood.

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

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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 her.

"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

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 its 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 said 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 anything in response.

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

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 injuries.

Kilgore police and fire departments were investigating the cause of the accident.

Kilgore is about 120 miles east of Dallas.

## 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.

Perry, meanwhile, 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 since 1993.

The race between Perry, a 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-

tive, happy warrior."

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."

## Arbonne Peanut Butter Chews, Nuggets recalled

By The Associated Press — The following recalls have been announced:

— Arbonne International LLC is recalling certain lots of its Arbonne Figure 8 Peanut Butter Chews 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 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 Energiee 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 pound package with UPC 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 Co. 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 weakened 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

## Today in History

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, the United States launched Ranger 3 to land scientific instruments on the moon. It did not miss 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 flooding.

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. Alt-country 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 Jazmine Sullivan (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) is 26.

## 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 change-minded secretary of state, Hillary Rodham Clinton, spelled out on their first days. They made clear that the military will be a prominent, but no longer dominant, tool for achieving U.S. goals abroad.

The message was reflected clearly in Obama's decision, on his second full day in the White House, to close the military-run prison for suspected terrorists at 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 what amounted to 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 diplomacy.

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 workers. "It's going to be hard."

That includes not only the 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 grabbing more resources, 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 to the 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.

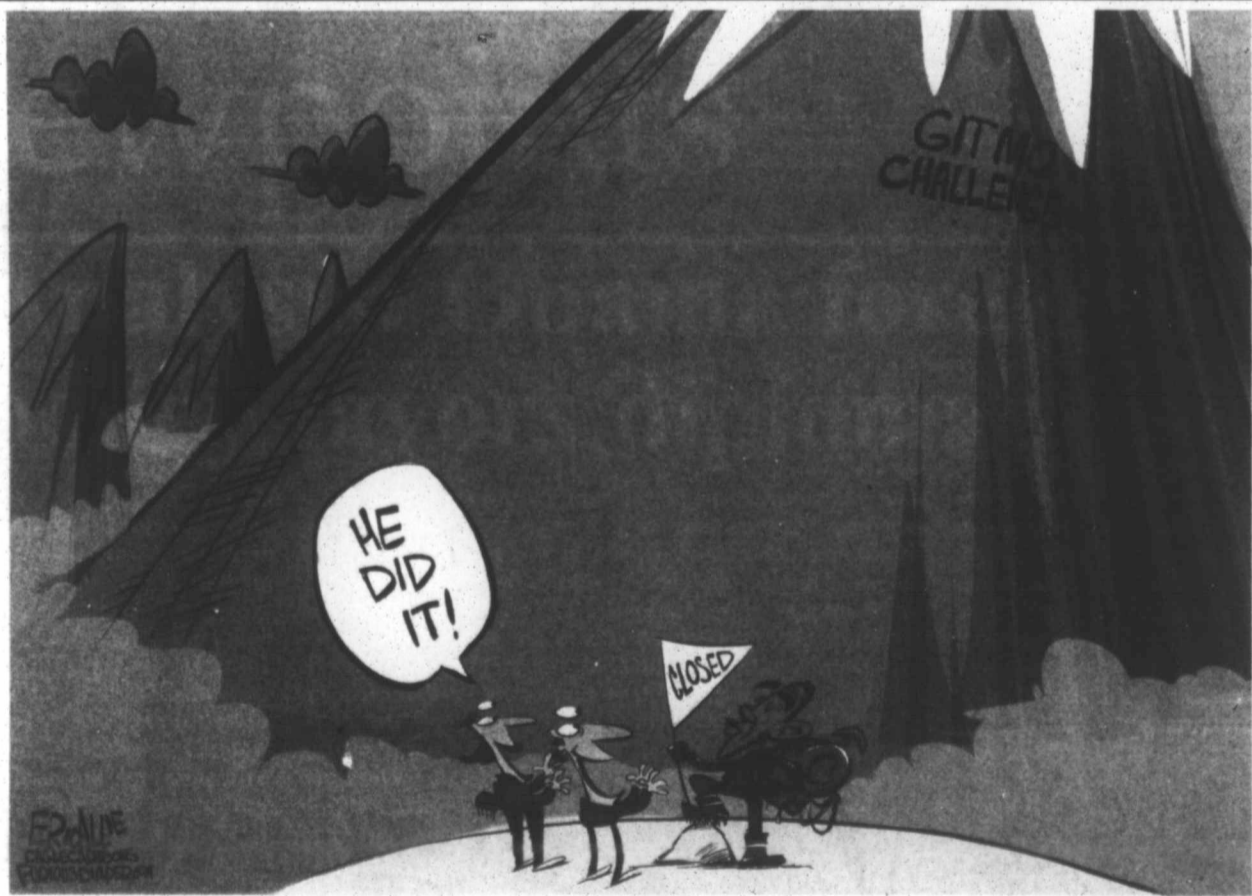
Clinton has already shown some of the ways in which she will change direction at Foggy Bottom:

—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 senators.

—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 tailor-made 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."



## 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 past.

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. The 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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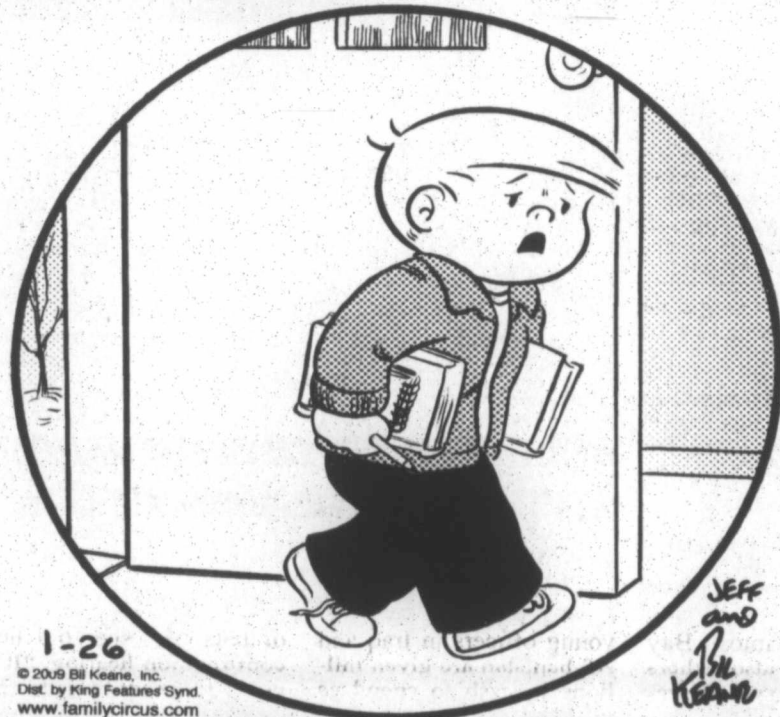
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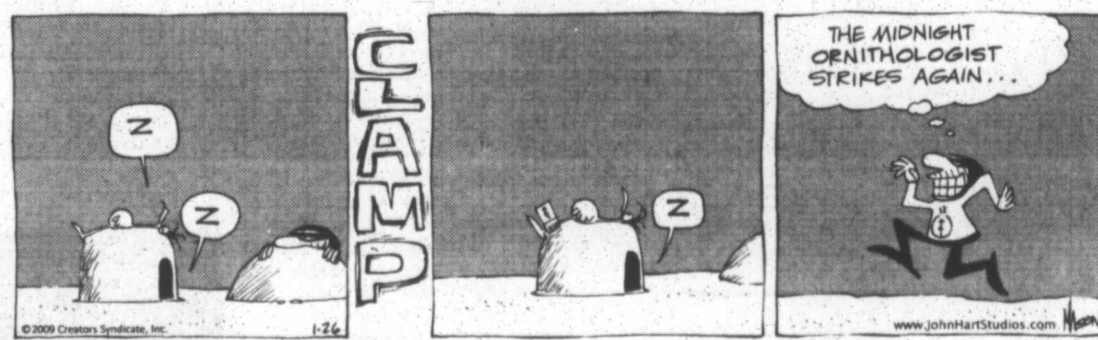
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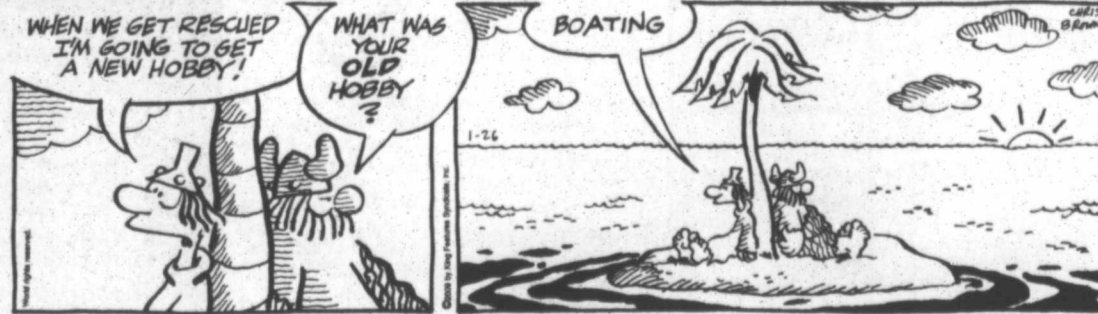
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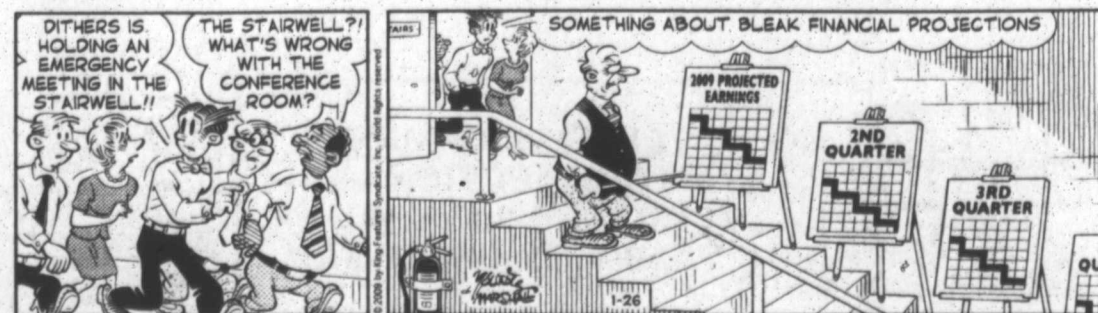
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## Daily Crossword Puzzle

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

#### ACROSS

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- 6 Toy store section
- 11 Once more
- 12 Delight
- 13 Singer Mel
- 14 1983 Streisand movie
- 15 Long fish
- 17 Deborah's "The King and I" co-star
- 18 Appearing in a movie
- 22 Almanac fill
- 23 Wears down
- 27 Eye-popping prints
- 29 Shoplift
- 30 Provide
- 32 Beige
- 33 Homer painting
- 35 Dandy
- 38 Former home of the Mets
- 39 Dublin natives
- 41 Italian "You're welcome"
- 45 Math comparison
- 46 Perfect
- 47 Incline
- 48 Know-it-all's challenge

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ERODE	TOWER

#### Saturday's answer

- 20 Baseball's ever-greens
- 21 Recipe holders, at times
- 24 Ten: Pref. Wyatt
- 25 Lawman
- 26 Rotate
- 28 Golfer's start
- 31 Fan cry
- 34 Brown tint
- 35 Some
- 36 Spoken
- 37 Bread with a pocket
- 40 Immoral act
- 42 "It's a mouse!"
- 43 Leg, in slang
- 44 Bullfight cry

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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

CLUTE, Texas (AP) — Every time a visitor arrives at Chris Roberson's home, his 7-year-old, Clancy, warmly greets them when they open the door.

"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 them rescued," Grable said. "There

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 dangerous 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 bomb-sniffing 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 shelter."

### Seizing Control

When sheriff's animal control picked up Clancy in 2006, he was malnourished and had a bad case of 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."

## 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 name has not been 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 lit-

tered 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.

## Man sentenced in \$2.6 million Ponzi scheme

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 bank-related 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 sky-high 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.

## EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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

- 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 self-addressed 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 Servicemember. To find out more, visit www.mysoldier.com on-line or write to: Manhattanville College My Soldier Department, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase, NY

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Beginner

# 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.

AMARILLO — The Freshmen 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.

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.

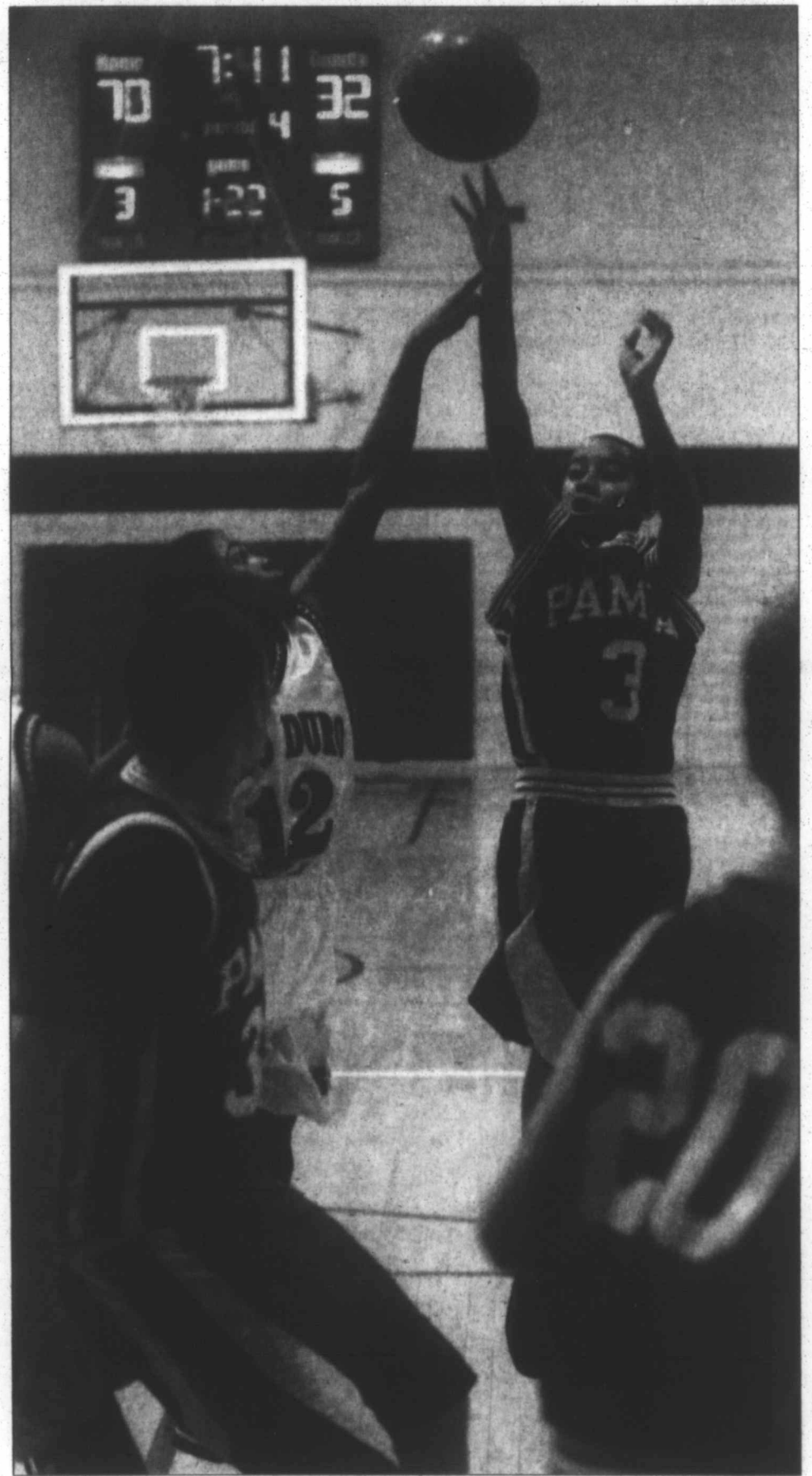
Collin Killgo sank a basket for two in the first quarter.

Jaden Howard and Daniel Hulsey each put one point on the scoreboard for the game.

Howard was one for two from the foul line in the fourth quarter.

Hulsey was one for two in the first quarter.

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.

## 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 wide-margin 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 respond to their repeated e-mail requests for a telephone interview."

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.

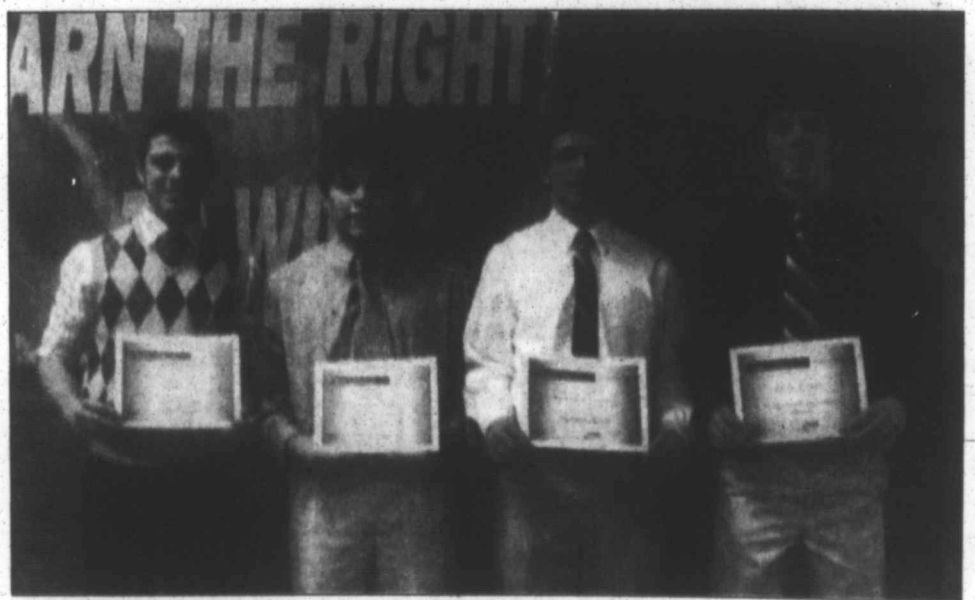
Covenant was up 59-0 at halftime.

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 Bursleson, 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 Texas.

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

## 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.