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**Girl power**  
 Playoffs in view after PHS girls edge Borger  
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## Officials: 'No major problems' from snow

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Pampa remains stuck in a deep freeze today with this morning's low temperatures dropping below zero, but officials across the panhandle say that roads are open and what little snow has fallen has not slowed city or county services down.

Donny Hooper with the City of Pampa said today that city crews are busy, but there have been few emergencies because of the weather.

"We haven't had any major problems so far," Hooper said. "The streets have been cleared as much as we can."

He said city crews haven't had to do much with regard to keeping the streets clear of what dry, powdery snow Pampa received.

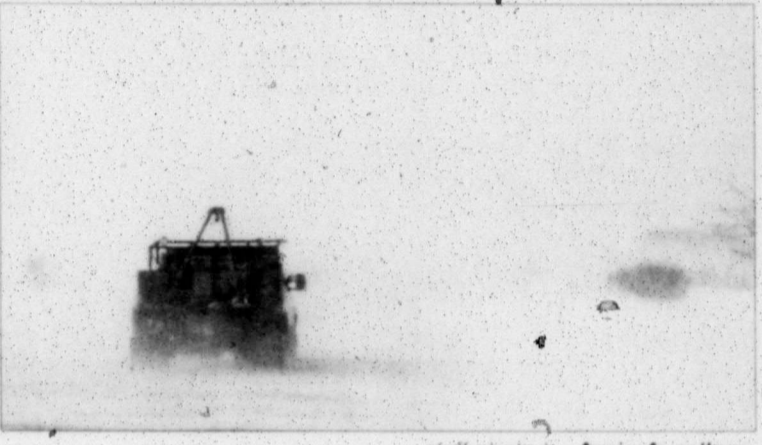
"The wind really helped us out there," Hooper said.

Gray County Judge Richard Peet said the cold hasn't slowed the county workforce.

"Everything is fine here," Peet said. "It's minus four degrees."

Lt. Joe B. Hoard with the Gray County Sheriff's Office reported a wind chill of 26 degrees below zero, but he said that the roads were open across the county this morning and that there had been no reports of any weather-related problems.

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staff photo by **Arnie Aurellano**  
 Pampa didn't quite get the three to four inches predicted by the weather service, although parts of the area were still affected by low visibility due to blowing snow.

## HOT IN HERE



It may have been freezing outside, but there was plenty of fire on the court when Pampa and Borger clashed Tugsday. Borger's Tyrell Haynes won the tip from Pampa's Reid Miller, but the Harvesters took the game, 70-55. Full coverage in **SPORTS**, page 6.

Photo courtesy of **Joe Murray**

## Sen. Duncan 'excited' to keep posts

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Pampa's State Senator is looking forward to retaining his chairmanship and membership on various Senate committees.

Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, will continue to chair the Texas Senate Committee on State Affairs and serve as a member of the standing Senate committees on Finance, Higher Education, Jurisprudence and Natural Resources. Lt. Governor David Dewhurst announced the committee appointments on Friday.

Duncan has chaired the Senate Committee on State Affairs since February, 2004.

"I am excited to continue to serve Texans as chair of the Senate Committee on State Affairs," Duncan said.

Duncan has served as a member of the Senate Committee on Finance since 1999. He was elected as senator of District 28 in 1996.

District 28 is centered around **DUNCAN** cont. on page 5

## County's CREZ discussion postponed due to weather

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The Gray County Commissioners' Court convened on a brutally cold morning this week, with the weather playing a part in their meeting.

A scheduled discussion of the CREZ (Competitive Renewable Energy Zone) power lines proposed to cross Gray County was postponed with Kathy Boyston of the Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Gray County Judge Richard Peet said that he had talked with Boyston and because of the weather had suggested they postpone their meeting with her until Feb. 15, the next regularly scheduled county commission meeting.

The temperature was one degree Fahrenheit when the county commission meeting began at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Peet said. By the end of their meeting just before noon, the temperature had warmed to two degrees.

In other business:

- The commission also rescheduled a discussion concerning the funding of the McLean Ambulance Service until Feb. 15.
- "We wanted to talk with McLean Ambulance Service and the mayor," Peet said.
- Last year, during the commissioners' budget discussions, they increased the budget for the ambulance service to \$20,000, but Peet said they have dropped back on their level of service because of the lack of a paramedic.
- "We need to talk about that," he said.

"There's no need to be paying them that additional money if they're not at that level."

- Commissioners also postponed action on land for a new Johnson Ranch Road until they could get more details on the proposal.
- Ultimately, the county hopes to eliminate a bridge. The rancher there is giving the county some land to allow the county to simplify the road configuration.
- "The road itself right now goes between a house and a barn," Peet explained.
- The discussion had to be postponed, Peet said, because there are certain procedures that have to be followed to do that.
- The commission also deferred action on property at the McLean Airport until the person **COUNTY** cont. on page 5

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### PAMPA FORECAST



Thursday High 22 Low 8  
Friday High 41 Low 25  
Saturday High 52 Low 27

**Tonight:** Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly clear, with a low around -4. Wind chill values between -11 and -16. Blustery, with a north northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 22. Wind chill values between -8 and -18. West northwest wind around 5 mph.

**Thursday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 8. Wind chill values between -3 and 2. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 41. West northwest wind around 10 mph.

**Friday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 25. West northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Saturday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 52. North northwest wind around 10 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 27. North northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest.

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## Obituaries

### Consuelo Villarreal, 80

Consuelo Villarreal, 80, died February 1, 2011, in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Villarreal was born August 9, 1930, in Sabin, and attended schools in Robstown. She married Victor Villarreal on August 26, 1946. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1957. Consuelo was a longtime member of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church. She enjoyed working in her garden. She was a beloved mother and grandmother and will be greatly missed by her family.

Survivors include her husband, Victor Villarreal of the home; four sons, Richard Villarreal and wife Elidia, Gilberto Villarreal and wife Tina, Roy Villarreal and wife Mary, and Arthur Villarreal and wife Melissa, all of Pampa; six daughters, Luzelida Allen and husband Don of Oklahoma City, Maria De Los Santos, Irma Estela Shorter, Rachel Villarreal and Ermelinda DeLeon, all of Pampa, and Cruz B. Villarreal of Weatherford; 24 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren. Consuelo was preceded in death by her parents, Victor and Cruz Ybarra; two sisters, Tomasa Rodriguez and Erlinda Ybarra; four brothers, Victor Ybarra, Jose Ybarra, Manuel Ybarra, and Enrique Ybarra; granddaughter, Christina Ann Shorter; three grandsons, Migel Shorter, Rick Villarreal and Marcos Victor Villarreal; and a great-granddaughter, Bethany Nichole Caviness.

Memorials may be made to Shriners International Headquarters, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607, or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Attn: Memorial/Honor Program FH, One St. Jude Place Bldg., P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 300, Memphis, TN 38148-0552.

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Villarreal

Survivors include his wife, Teresa Poole of the home; daughter, Kandra Renee Smith of Pampa; son, William Andrew Poole of Stephenville; mother, Peggy Poole of Pampa; two brothers, George Poole and Robert Poole and wife Nancy, all of Pampa; a granddaughter, Caitlin "Sky Baby" Smith of Pampa. Jimmie was preceded in death by his father, William Preston Poole.

Memorials may be made to Soldiers for Christ Fellowship, P.O. Box 294, Skellytown, TX 79080.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, February 2, 2011.

Sign the online register at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).

### Norris Calvin Walker, 84

AMARILLO—Norris Calvin Walker passed away January 29, 2011. He was born March 8, 1926, in Twitty, to Ed and Sarah Walker. Mr. Walker was raised in the Locus Grove Community. He was preceded in death by his parents and four brothers, Frank Walker, Cash Walker, Bus Walker, Huffman Walker and one sister, Stacy Walker (Hill).

Mr. Walker served his country bravely in two wars. He served in the United States Navy during WWII from March 1944 to January 1946. He then was recalled to duty in 1950 to serve with the Navy in the Korean War. He was honorably discharged in 1951.

In 1952, Mr. Walker was hired by Phillips Pipeline Company and moved to Pampa. He continued with Phillips until his retirement in 1985.

Mr. Walker met and married Leoma Martin, from Shamrock, on December 18, 1954. Mr. and Mrs. Walker made their home in Pampa until Mr. Walker's health declined requiring them to move to Amarillo in 2009.

Mrs. Walker and family would like to thank the Ussery-Roan Texas State Veterans Home and staff for their loving care of Mr. Walker these last two years.

Mr. Walker was a Christian and dedicated loving husband as well as a dear uncle to many nieces and nephews. He worked tirelessly to serve his family, his neighbors, his church and his community. He gave generously to all who were in need and had a special place in his heart for children and especially children who were in need of foster care or adoption.

Mr. Walker's funeral services were held in Pampa at the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ on Monday, January 31, 2011. Burial followed in Shamrock.

Mr. Walker and his family request in lieu of flowers please consider making a donation to the Westview Boys Home in Hollis, Okla. in Mr. Walker's name. Mr. Walker and sweet remembrances of his life will live long in the hearts of all he touched.

Please sign our online guest register at [www.schoolerfuneralhome.com](http://www.schoolerfuneralhome.com).



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### Jimmie "Y-Dawg" Poole, 55

Jimmie "Y-Dawg" Poole, 55, died January 31, 2011, in Pampa.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, February 3, 2011, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with Pastor Chip Watson of Soldiers for Christ Fellowship of Skellytown, officiating.

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

Mr. Poole was born February 16, 1955, in Borger. He had been a resident of Pampa most of his life, graduating from Pampa High School in 1973. He worked for Dresser-Rand for over 20 years as a field service representative. Jimmie was a retired member of the Boozefighters Motorcycle Club, serving as chaplain for Chapter 33. He was a member of Soldiers for Christ Fellowship. He enjoyed hunting, playing pool and motorcycles.



Poole

## For the record

### Police Department

Pampa police officers responded to nine animal control calls, made one traffic stop, had two ongoing investigations and responded to two requests for information from 7:00 a.m. Monday to 7:00 a.m. Tuesday.

#### Monday, Jan. 31

Officers responded to a medical call in the 1200 block of E. Kingsmill Avenue.

A 911 hangup was reported in the 1800 block of N. Christine Street.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 100 block of E. Harvester Avenue.

Lost property was reported in the 100 block of N. Somerville Street.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 1100 block of S. Prairie Drive.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2200 block of N. Sumner Street.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill Avenue.

A traffic complaint was reported in the Dwight and Crawford intersection.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 300 block of W. McCullough Street.

A gas drive off was reported in the 100 block of S. Starkweather Street.

An open door was reported in the 700 block of Municipal Drive.

An alarm was reported in the 600 block of North Frost Street.

Assault was reported in the 1000 block of W. Wilks Street.

Officers responded to a medical call in the 1000 block of S. Farley Avenue.

Phone harassment was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill Avenue.

A traffic complaint was reported in the 1100 block of S. Finley Street.

A prowler was reported in the 600 block of W. Francis Avenue.

A gas drive off was reported in the 300 block of E. Hobart Street.

The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls over the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Officers responded to four traffic complaints and one accident.

Officer reported one medical call.

Animal control officers responded to nine calls.

Pampa EMS reported five ambulance calls.

The Pampa Fire Department responded to two structure fires and two carbon monoxide reports.

#### Tuesday, Feb. 1

A threat was reported in the 4000 block of N. Bad Cattle Company Ln.

Theft was reported twice in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

A welfare check was conducted in the 1000 block of N. Wilks.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 1200 block of E.

Kingsmill.

Theft was reported in the 1500 block of N. Hobart.

Theft was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

Lost property was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

A sewer choke was reported in the 400 block of N. Ballard.

An information call was reported in the 2100 block of N. Faulkner.

Water was shut off in the 1000 block of E. Foster.

An alarm was reported in the 300 block of W. Kingsmill.

An alarm was reported in the 100 block of W. 30th.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1900 block of N. Faulkner.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 1400 block of W. Somerville.

Water was shut off in the 1100 block of N. Terry Rd.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1300 block of Terrace.

#### Wednesday, Feb. 2

An information call was reported in the 1700 block of W. Kentucky.

A burglary was reported in the 400 block of N. Somerville.

Officers completed a special assignment in Lubbock.

Water was shut off in the 1300 block of N. Christine.

Water was shut off in the 2400 block of N. Mary Ellen.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 900 block of E. Browning.

Water was shut off in the 800 block of N. Wells.

### Sheriff's Office

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

**Monday, Jan. 31**  
Adam, Chase Knop, 20, was arrested by the Gray County Sheriff's Office on a warrant for indecent exposure.

Jennifer Michelle Sul-lins, 30, was arrested by the Gray County Sheriff's Office on warrants for failure to appear and failure to maintain financial responsibility for an expired motor vehicle inspection, failure to appear for theft under \$50, failure to appear for speeding and failure to stop for a school bus.

Joe Bob Davis, 46, was arrested by the Gray County Sheriff's Office on warrants for driving without a suspended license, expired license, and no driver's license.

Luis Ubaldo Baca Jr., 25, was arrested on warrants for failure to appear for possession of drug paraphernalia and no valid driver's license.

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# AFTERNOON RUSH

## Obama signs nuclear treaty

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama pushed a key foreign policy goal a step closer to completion Wednesday with the signing of documents for a nuclear arms treaty with Russia.

The treaty is a cornerstone of Obama's efforts to "reset" U.S. relations with Russia.

The New START treaty, negotiated last year, limits each side to 1,550 strategic warheads, down from 2,200. The pact also re-establishes a monitoring system that ended in December 2009 with the expiration of an earlier arms deal.

Although Obama, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and other administration officials had argued strongly and repeatedly that the treaty was a key foreign policy goal of the president's, he signed the documents in the Oval Office in the presence of news photographers only.

Obama also did not issue a statement afterward. He was joined by Clinton, Defense Secretary Robert Gates, Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman John Kerry, D-Mass., Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., the committee's top Republican, among others.

## No shadow for groundhog

PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa. (AP) — The country's most famous groundhog predicted an early spring Wednesday but wasn't willing to go out on a limb to forecast whether his state's Pittsburgh Steelers will win the Super Bowl.

Punxsutawney Phil emerged just after dawn on Groundhog Day to make his 125th annual weather forecast in front of a smaller-than-usual crowd in rural Pennsylvania who braved muddy, icy conditions to hear his handlers reveal that he had not seen his shadow.

Including Wednesday's forecast, Phil has seen his shadow 98 times and hasn't seen it just 16 times since 1887, according to the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club's Inner Circle, which runs the event. There are no records for the remaining years, though the group has never failed to issue a forecast.

The Groundhog Day celebration is rooted in a German superstition that says if a hibernating animal casts a shadow on Feb. 2, the Christian holiday of Candlemas, winter will last another six weeks. If no shadow was seen, legend said spring would come early.

## NASA finds planets aplenty

WASHINGTON (AP) — NASA's planet-hunting telescope is finding whole new worlds of possibilities in the search for alien life. An early report from a cosmic census indicates that relatively small planets and stable multi-planet systems are far more plentiful than previous searches showed.

NASA released new data Wednesday from its Kepler telescope on more than 1,000 possible new planets outside our solar system — more than doubling the count of what astronomers call exoplanets. They haven't been confirmed as planets yet, but some astronomers estimate that 90 percent of what Kepler has found will eventually be verified.

Kepler, launched in 2009, has been orbiting the sun between Earth and Mars, conducting a planet census and searching for Earth-like planets since last year. It has found there are more planets that are much smaller than Jupiter — the biggest planet in our solar system — than there are giant planets.

Some of these even approach Earth's size. That means they are better potential candidates for life than the behemoths that are more easily spotted, astronomers say.

## Farrah's swimsuit in Smithsonian

WASHINGTON (AP) — The red swimsuit that helped make "Charlie's Angels" actress Farrah Fawcett a 1970s icon is going to the Smithsonian in Washington.

Fawcett's longtime companion Ryan O'Neal donated the swimsuit and other items to the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History on Wednesday. A 1976 poster of Fawcett in the dampened one-piece swimsuit sold millions of copies.

Also donated to the Smithsonian were Fawcett's copies of scripts for the first season of "Charlie's Angels" and a 1977 Farrah Fawcett doll.

The items will be part of the museum's popular culture history collection.

Fawcett died in 2009 at the age of 62 after battling cancer.

## Metro unemployment drops

WASHINGTON (AP) — The unemployment rate fell or stayed the same in December in two-thirds of the nation's largest metro areas, fresh evidence that employers are slowly adding jobs.

The Labor Department says the unemployment rate dropped in 207 of the 372 largest metro areas, the most to report a decline since September. The unemployment rate rose in 122 areas and was the same in 43.

Nationwide, the unemployment rate dropped sharply in December to 9.4 percent from 9.8 percent. About half that decline was because more unemployed workers gave up on their job searches. The government doesn't count people as unemployed when they stop looking for work.

Even with high unemployment nationwide, five metropolitan areas reported large job gains last year, including: Washington, D.C.; Dallas-Fort Worth; Boston; Phoenix, Ariz.; and Minneapolis-St. Paul.

## Perry chooses Tech regents

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry has reappointed Plano insurance executive Larry Anders and San Antonio socialite Debbie Montford to the Texas Tech University System Board of Regents.

He also appointed Lubbock banker John Steinmetz to succeed Daniel Serna, whose board term expired Monday. The appointments are subject to Texas Senate confirmation and are for terms expiring Jan. 31, 2017.

Anders is chairman and chief executive of Summit Alliance Companies. Montford is former chairwoman of the Texas Cultural Trust Council. Steinmetz is president of Vista Bank.

# How do you solve a problem like Mooch?

**MATTHEW "UNCLE MATTY" MARGOLIS**  
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## Dog Talk with Uncle Matty



Mooch, a 10-year-old brindle mixed breed, has spent the past eight years living large on the Sierra View golf course in Roseville, Calif. She trees squirrels, rolls in the sand traps, chases geese, naps in the grass and avails herself of goodies from the clubhouse kitchen and the on-course snack shack, where she's always welcome.

In fact, she's more than welcome. Over the years, Mooch made herself a fixture at Sierra View, her presence on the fairways as expected as the sun rising in the east.

But that all changed last summer, when Mooch sunk her teeth into the pants of a 13-year-old boy. The *Sacramento Bee* reported that it was her first overtly aggressive act since her 2003 arrival.

The key word being "overt."

Mooch lived her first two years on the course avoiding all human interaction. Eventually, the ever-present offering of treats lured her closer, but never with the carefree, tail-wagging approach of a well-socialized dog. Rather, by all accounts, Mooch's behavior is typical of a feral dog — mistrustful, aloof, with a clear indifference

to humans. But playing "hard to get" worked. Mooch has a fan in just about every member of Sierra View, including John Relja, who told the *Bee*, "Just because she's not all lick and tailwaggy doesn't mean she isn't lovable." And the incident last summer has done little to change hearts or minds when it comes to Mooch — with nine exceptions.

Sierra View's nine-member board voted to relocate Mooch a few months ago, with one member saying, "It's not in the best interest of the club to have a dog with a little bit of history running loose on the property."

And so Mooch went to live with a Sierra View member who offered to take her after rescue organizations hesitated because of her history. But about a month ago, after vanishing from the member's home, Mooch reappeared at Sierra View, where she immediately relaxed into her old routine and where she remains at least for now.

While Mooch's return is cheered by most of the club's members, the Sierra View board is still searching for a solution to the problem sparked last summer.

People weighing in on this story have strong opinions, mostly in favor of letting Mooch be Mooch and banning the 13-year-old from the club. The board will likely stick to its guns and insist on relocation. And perhaps there is a rescue group or sanctuary out there that will take Mooch in and give her a good home.

One suggestion I haven't seen, though, is training. A professional board-and-train facility could do wonders for Mooch. This environment would afford her the opportunity to be handled by many different people and to be exposed to many other dogs, thus improving her social skills, as well as receiving professional obedience and behavior training.

It's not a guarantee, but it's certainly worth pursuing if Mooch, by popular demand, is back to stay. 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!"*

# Chaos continues with clashes in Cairo

CAIRO (AP) — Thousands of supporters and opponents of President Hosni Mubarak battled in Cairo's main square Wednesday, raining stones, bottles and firebombs on each other in scenes of uncontrolled violence as soldiers stood by without intervening. Government backers galloped in on horses and camels, only to be dragged to the ground and beaten bloody.

At the battle's front line, next to the famed Egyptian Museum, at the edge of Tahrir Square, pro-government rioters blanketing the rooftops of nearby buildings dumped bricks and firebombs onto the crowd below — in the process setting a tree ablaze inside the museum grounds.

On the street, the two sides crouched behind abandoned trucks and pummeled each other with hurled chunks of concrete and bottles, and some among the more than 3,000 government supporters waved machetes.

Bloodied anti-government protesters were taken to makeshift clinics in mosques and alleyways, and several hundred were reported injured. Some wept and prayed in the square where around 10,000 protesters had massed Wednesday morning and where only a day before they had held a joyous, peaceful rally of a quarter-million, the largest yet in more than a week of demonstrations demanding Mubarak leave power.

Some pleaded for protection from soldiers stationed at the square, who refused. Soldiers did nothing to stop the violence beyond firing an occasional shot in the air and no uniformed police were in sight. Many protesters accused the regime of paying its supporters to assault them — a tactic that security forces have used in the past — and the military of letting them do it.

"After the revolution, they want to send people here

to ruin it for us," said Ahmed Abdullah, a 47-year-old lawyer in the square. "Why do they want us to be at each other's throats, with the whole world watching us?"

Another man shrieked through a loudspeaker, "Hosni has opened the door for these thugs to attack us."

The clashes marked a dangerous new phase in Egypt's 9-day-old upheaval: the first significant violence between supporters of the two camps. Clashes began, first in the port city of Alexandria, just hours after Mubarak — the country's authoritarian ruler for nearly 30 years — went on national television Tuesday night and rejected protesters' demands he step down immediately. He defiantly insisted he would serve out the remaining seven months of his term.

That speech marked an abrupt shift in the deteriorating crisis. A military spokesman appeared on state TV Wednesday and asked the protesters to disperse so life in Egypt could get back to normal. That was a major turn in the attitude of the army, which for the past few days allowed protests to swell.

Also, the regime for the first time Wednesday began to rally its supporters in significant numbers to demand an end to the unprecedented protest movement.

Some 20,000 pro-government demonstrators held an angry but mostly peaceful rally across the Nile River from Tahrir, saying Mubarak's concessions were enough and demanding protests end now that he has promised not to run for re-election in September, named a new government and appointed a vice president for the first time.

Their gathering was shot through with bitterness at the jeers hurled against the 82-year-old Mubarak over the past nine days.

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 2, the 33rd day of 2011. There are 332 days left in the year. This is Groundhog Day.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 2, 1848, the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, ending the Mexican-American War, was signed.

### On this date:

In 1536, present-day Buenos Aires, Argentina, was founded by Pedro de Mendoza of Spain.

In 1653, New Amsterdam - now New York City was incorporated.

In 1876, the National League of Professional Baseball Clubs was formed in New York.

In 1882, Irish poet and novelist James Joyce was born near Dublin.

In 1897, fire destroyed the Pennsylvania state capitol in Harrisburg. (A new statehouse was dedicated on the same site in 1906.)

In 1943, the remainder of Nazi forces from the Battle of Stalingrad surrendered in a major victory for the Soviets in World War II.

In 1948, President Harry S. Truman sent a 10-point civil rights program to Congress, where the proposals ran into fierce opposition from southern lawmakers.

In 1961, the hijackers of the Portuguese ocean liner the Santa Maria allowed the passengers and crew to disembark in Brazil, 11 days after seizing the ship. Chinese-American actress Anna May Wong died in Santa Monica, Calif., at age 56.

In 1971, Idi Amin, having seized power in Uganda, proclaimed himself president.

In 1990, in a dramatic concession to South Africa's black majority, President F.W. de Klerk lifted a ban on the African National Congress and promised to free Nelson Mandela.

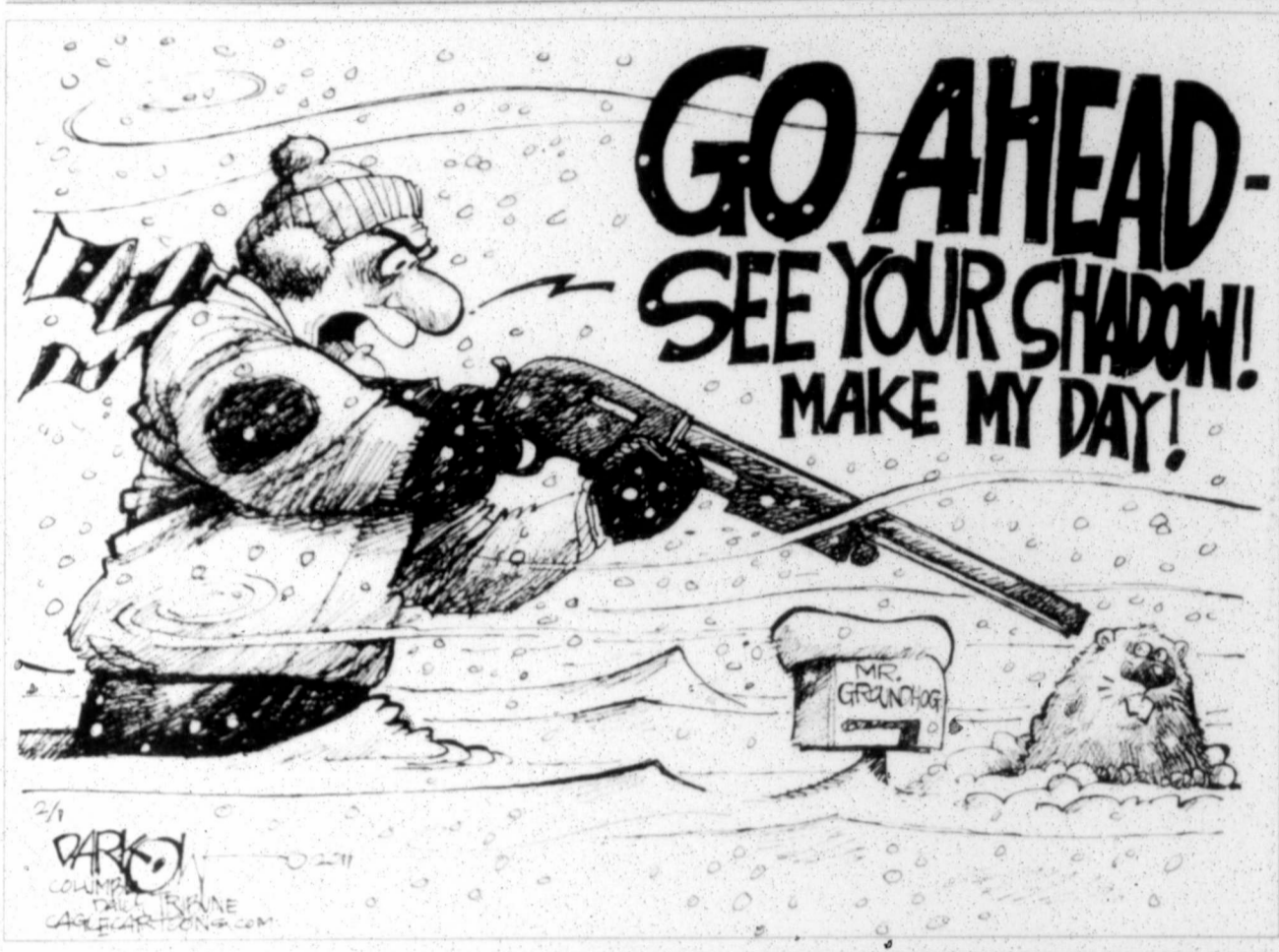
Ten years ago: Former President Bill Clinton and Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., said they would pay for \$86,000 worth of White House gifts they'd chosen to keep.

Five years ago: House Republicans elected John Boehner of Ohio as their new majority leader to replace the indicted Tom DeLay.

One year ago: President Barack Obama, speaking in Nashua, N.H., branded Republicans as electoral opportunists more concerned about their own interests than the people's.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actress Elaine Stritch is 86. Former French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing is 85. Actor Robert Mandan is 79. Comedian Tom Smother is 74. Rock singer-guitarist Graham Nash is 69. Actor Bo Hopkins is 69. Television executive Barry Diller is 69. Country singer Howard Bellamy (The Bellamy Brothers) is 65. Actor Jack McGehee is 62. Actor Brent Spiner is 62. Rock musician Ross Valory (Journey) is 62. Sen. John Cornyn (R-Texas) is 59. Model Christie Brinkley is 57. Actor Michael Talbot is 56. Actress Kim Zimmer is 56. Rock musician Robert DeLeo (Army of Darkness; Stone Temple Pilots) is 45. Actress Jennifer Westfeldt is 41. Rock musician Ben Mize is 40. Rapper T-Mo is 39. Actress Marissa Jaret Winokur is 38. Actress Lori Beth Denberg is 38. Singer Shakira is 34. Country singer Blake Carson is 25.

**Thought for Today:** "The great temptation is to have an alibi." *George Abbott, American theatrical producer (1897-1988).*



## Letter to the Editor

### Board Chairman addresses hospital situation

**To the Editor:**  
In reading last Tuesday's *The Pampa News*, two pieces on page 4 caught my attention:

• The letter to the editor on "Community should consider a hospital district," and

• The week's poll question: "How concerned are you about the proposed sale of Pampa Regional Medical Center?"

As chairman of the Pampa Regional Medical Center Board of Trustees, both of these issues struck a chord with me and prompted me to put a pen to paper and address the issue of hospital ownership and the rumors floating around the community, like "is the hospital going to close."

I am in my third year as a member of the board and have been privileged to be part of the conversations and reviews that occur at the hospital in our monthly board meetings.

First and foremost, the hospital is just like any other business. It has to constantly evaluate its internal processes and external feedback to improve its major products or services. In addition,

the hospital is a volume driven business that needs the community support just like every other business in town. If everyone buys their groceries somewhere besides the grocery store in Pampa the pretty soon the grocery store in Pampa would have no reason to stay open. The same is true of the hospital or the car dealerships or pharmacies.

Supporting the hospital also includes the support of the medical staff or medical community as the medical staff (physicians, physicians Assistants and nurse practitioners) are the only professionals who can admit or independently order services. Physicians depend on the patients to come to them for service and the hospital depends on physicians to use the facility when necessary to treat the patients.

Without the volumes necessary to financially support the hospital, we address the inevitable issues of matching expenses to revenues and adjusting those two items to reflect a positive bottom line. Pampa Regional has seen a decline in its business as well as in its bottom line; however, it is not in danger of closing now or in the future.

The hospital performance reflects a variety of community economic

impacts and the hospital has experienced the same economic decline that the rest of the community has experienced.

General sales within the community went down in 2009, continuing to decline even further as the economy failed to recover in 2010. The same is true for the hospital. Its "sales" (admissions and outpatient procedures) have been down but do not show further erosion.

In fact, the hospital should see some increases with the opening of Genesis Clinic.

Signature Hospital Corporation has made a decision to sell all three of its facilities: two in Texas and one in West Virginia. The decision is a business decision based on the current economic climate, the economic indicators for future business opportunities for a company its size, and what is best for the company (and its hospitals) and the communities the hospital serves.

Signature believes that by finding a new owner, the facility and the community both benefit.

Our success is in the quality and volume of business and how we improve our services to encourage all of Pampa and the surrounding area to choose Pampa Regional and its medical staff for

its health care needs. The medical community is a partnership: your physicians and the hospital trying to provide high quality services to encourage people to use local medical resources.

As we go forward into the New Year, our focus will be on what we do - taking care of the

Pampa community. We will continue to improve our level of services as well as our customer service. The sale will not impact the services on a local basis.

Board of Trustee members include Darville Orr, Glenette Goode, Jeff Andrews, Kevin Sieck MD, Laxmichand Kaminani, MD, Renee Grabato, MD.

Dan Powell, MD, chief of staff. I would encourage any citizen wishing to know more about the hospital to make contact with a board member or with the CEO, Bill Buck. The board believes the facility has a strong future in front of it and through our combined efforts we can make some very good things happen within our medical community.

**Doug Ware**  
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# Snow

"We haven't had any road closures," Hoard said. Miami officials also reported cold temperatures but clear roads north of Pampa. "We're doing good," said Roberts County Judge Vernon Cook today. He reported that all county services were open. "They haven't even delayed school," he said. Perryton and Wellington school systems both

delayed opening until 10 a.m. today, but few other schools in the Eastern Panhandle reported delays. C.E. Williams of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, headquartered in White Deer, said streets were clear in that community today. Cook said the county's getting low on fly ash that they put out on the roads, but he expects to replenish their supply before

another cold front moves through at the beginning of next week. "The main thing that we're hearing," Hooper said today, "is that there are a lot of people experiencing frozen water pipes in their homes." He said he heard of several accounts of frozen water pipes yesterday and two more this morning. Hooper said he had one report of a hot water heater going out overnight and flooding a Pampa home. "You need to keep a facet dripping," Hooper said, "and try to keep the water moving through the system so it doesn't freeze up." Outside faucets should be covered and protected from the cold, he said. The high temperature today was forecast at 10 degrees with the temperature dropping below zero again tonight. Yesterday's high was nine degrees. Things should start to warm up Thursday with a forecast high of 24 degrees. The National Weather Service is predicting a high Saturday in the mid-50 degree range, before another cold front arrives as the week begins, bringing more snow. Pampa officially received a tenth of an inch of moisture from two inches of recorded snowfall.

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**Sudoku**

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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# County

wanting to lease the property decides what he'd like to do with it. "It's property the county owns that was in CRP (the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Conservation Reserve Program) grass," Peet said, "which is no longer." He said there is a man who wants to lease the land. "We don't want him to plow it," Peet said. "If he wants to graze it or something like that, it's different." Commissioners passed a resolution to eliminate unfunded mandates. "We did this before," Peet said. "We're going to try it again." He said Gray and other counties in the state are opposed to unfunded mandates, mandates that the state is imposing but not allocating money for. The cost of the projects falls to the counties and communities to pay for. "We had one in November," Peet said of Gray County, "when we had to hire four new people in our jail." The state agency — in this case the Commission on Jail Standards — dictated to the county the employment levels that had to be maintained, but the state didn't provide the funds for the employees. The commission removed the Genesis House from the jury donation list. The organization closed down last year. Commissioners declared February GrayCares Month. Peet explained that a local non-denominational organization of volunteers that started last year in February go around and do odd jobs for the elderly. He said it could be building a ramp for a wheel chair or mowing a yard.

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"They have volunteers and they do a lot of this work voluntarily for the elderly," Peet said. Commissioners also approved a request by the White Deer Land Museum to install a gate in a short wall to keep visitors from having to walk around storage areas to enter the new south building. The commission eliminated some names from the sheriff's checking account and adding others due to a change in personnel. It also approved Sheriff Don Copeland's request to purchase two new vehicles and trade three old vehicles in on them. The commission also reviewed Precinct 2 Constable Chris Lockridge 2010 Racial Profile Report. Lockridge gave 20 citations last year. Most were to Caucasians, one was to an African-American and two were to Hispanics. The commission approved the sale of two tax delinquent properties in McLean to Robert Tanner. One was for \$270, and one was for \$275. Commissioners also agreed to continue their Hazard Mitigation Plan with the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission. They also agreed to refund one of the two payments that had been made to Atmos Energy. Atmos had two different individuals pay the same tax bill on some property, Peet explained. The commission also recognized Gray County Clerk Susan Winborne and retired District Clerk Gaye Honderich for their continuing education hours, and it approved the bond for Joint Election Administrator Linda Lewis.

# CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeannie Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband has been talking about many married couples who take showers together. In fact, he claims that most couples do. Our relationship in the bedroom has been great so far, and I'd like to keep it there. I don't want a twosome in the bathroom. Am I wrong to enjoy my privacy in the shower? — SQUEAKY CLEAN IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR SQUEAKY CLEAN: Many married couples take showers together, and many don't. Among those who do, some find it arousing; others just enjoy the intimacy and having someone to scrub their backs.

If you feel your time in the shower is sacred alone time, you're entitled to your feelings. If an encounter isn't pleasurable for both parties involved, then it's usually not particularly satisfying for either one.

DEAR ABBY: My younger sister, "Janet," and I are very close. We live near each other and have many of the same friends. My problem is, Janet likes to share stories about our childhood, and our childhood was horrible. We were poor and homeless more than once.

Both our parents were on drugs, and our father was abusive to our mother. I have tried telling my sister that when she shares these stories, I not only find it humiliating, but also find myself reliving the awful experiences. Her response is to remind me that we're not those kids anymore. She doesn't think it's anything to be ashamed of. Is she wrong to tell these horror stories that involve both of us, or do I need to stop trying to forget? — NOT LOOKING IN THE REARVIEW MIRROR

DEAR NOT LOOKING: Your sister is correct that your childhood is nothing you should be ashamed of. Both of you have managed to thrive in spite of the chaotic environment in which you were raised. However, for her to persist in raising a subject that you have told her is painful is insensitive -- particularly if she's doing it in your presence. You may have a shared history, but you clearly have different coping mechanisms, and she should respect yours.

DEAR ABBY: When my daughter was 14 months old, she had a serious accident while under my parents' supervision. They were not negligent.

What happened could have occurred if I had been there. I rushed to the hospital, where we stayed for five days and, thankfully, my daughter recovered. I was shocked and hurt that my mother never once apologized. When I brought it up, she said it's obvious she feels terribly guilty, that I know how devoted she is to my daughter and, therefore, an apology is ridiculous.

I know it wasn't her "fault," but I still feel the right thing to do in that situation would have been for her to say, "I'm sorry this happened. I wish I had been more observant." Is this superfluous? Are my feelings reasonable? — EXPATRIATE NEW YORKER IN SAXONY, GERMANY

DEAR EXPAT: How old is your daughter now? How long have you hung onto your anger at your mother over this incident? You said there was no negligence on the part of your parents, and the accident could have occurred while your daughter was under your supervision. DO you know that your mother loves your daughter and feels terrible about what happened? If so, LET IT GO, ALREADY!

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# Sports

## Lady Harvesters edge Lady 'Dogs, playoffs in sight

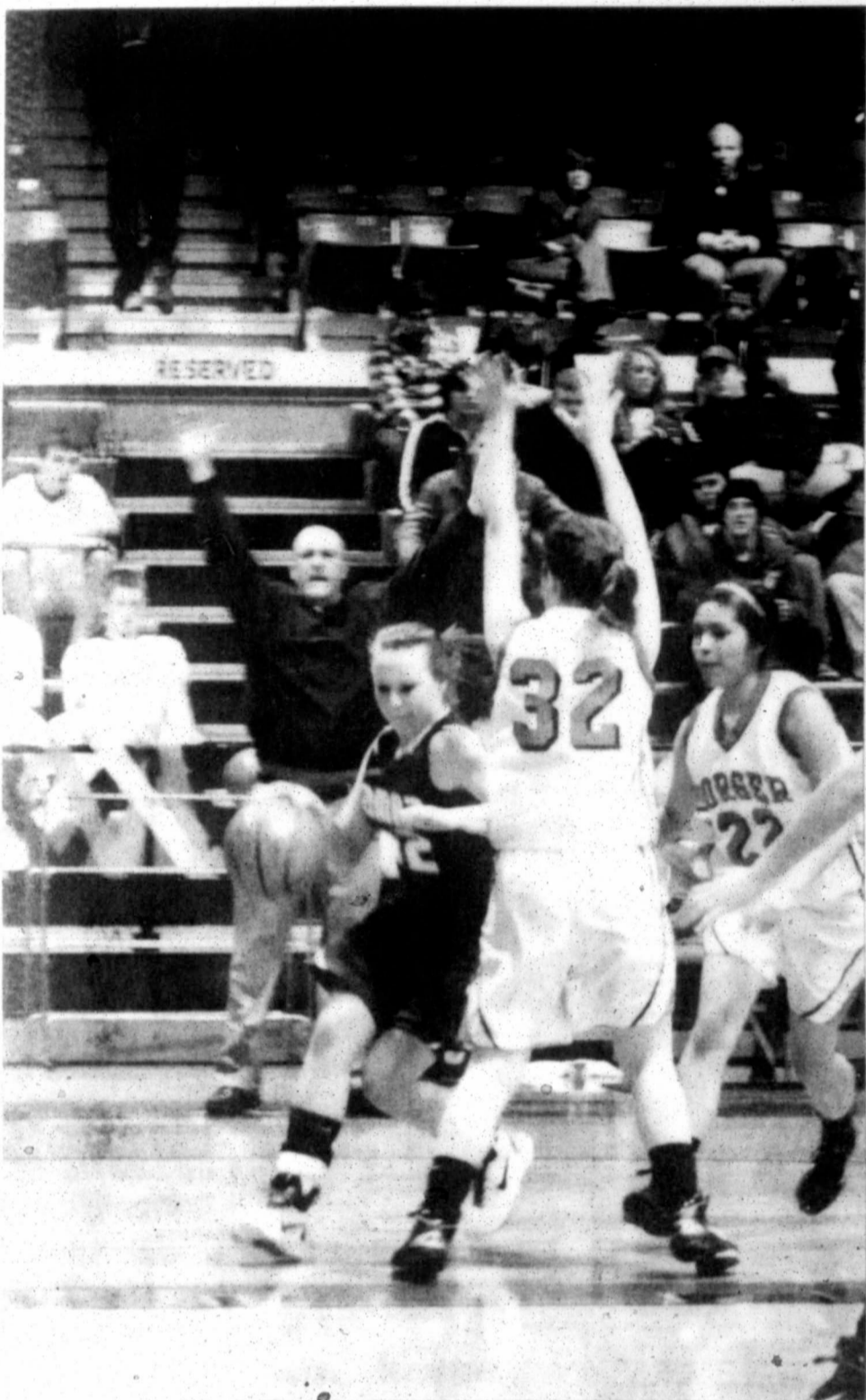


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Taylor Morgan drives past Borger's Madison Argo in the first half Tuesday. Morgan scored eight points in the Lady Harvesters 47-44 victory.

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Pampa High School junior Delaney Clendening was at the free throw line with less than a minute in the fourth and her team up by one, needing to hit them not only for the game but for the season. The junior was clutch and swished both shots, keeping the Lady Harvesters' playoff hopes alive in a 47-44 victory over the Borger Lady Bulldogs Tuesday in Borger.

Clendening said she was scared when she was at the line.

"I was shooting well early," Clendening said. "I knew I had to make both in case they hit a three."

Head coach Gene Valentine said it was a huge win, especially since they were still without junior starting point guard Kirsten Kuhn.

"We beat someone on their home court," Valentine said. "We battled and played without Kirsten. She was available if I wanted to use her. She still wasn't very mobile but she suited up and kind of motivated them."

The Lady Harvesters (6-19, 2-5) led most of the first quarter, with their largest lead being three. Clendening scored the first five points of the game. With Pampa up 10-7, the Lady Bulldogs scored the last six points of the quarter and led 13-10 after one. J'Cece Pool led Borger's offense with six points.

The Lady Bulldogs (10-17, 2-5) held the lead the most of the second quarter with five points being their largest. Pampa took over the second half of the quarter. Clendening and senior guard Cori Cook hit three pointers. Junior guard Caitlin Sieck made two free throws to tie the game at 25.

In the second half, Borger held the lead early. Valentine argued a foul call midway through the third and was given a technical with his team trailing 30-27. Pool couldn't convert the technical free throws and the Lady Harvesters closed the quarter on a run. Pampa outscored Borger 8-1 the rest of the quarter. Sophomore guard Taylor Morgan made two jumpers to lead the Lady Harvesters' offense. Pampa held Borger to six points in the third and led 35-31.

The Lady Harvesters maintained their lead for the first part of the fourth. The

Lady Bulldogs rallied back with a 7-1 run. Jones made a layup and converted a free throw to put Borger ahead 42-40. Sieck gave the lead back to Pampa with a three. Madison Argo tied the game at 43 with a free throw. Pampa gained the lead back for good with two free throws. Hayley Calder missed a last second game-tying three to seal the game.

Pool led the Lady Bulldogs in scoring with 11. Brittany Thomas followed with nine. Pool, Argo and Thomas led the team in rebounds with six each. Clendening led the Lady Harvesters in scoring with 14. Sieck followed with 11, junior guard Lindsay Brown and Morgan each scored eight. Clendening led the team in rebounds with 13.

Valentine said he had a lot of people step up tonight.

"I told them before the game we need more than one person to step up," Valentine said. "Down the stretch Clendening hit big free throws. Lindsay Brown hit some big shots."

Nellie Embers, who scored 15 points in Borger's January 21 victory over Pampa, was held to three points. Clendening said the team was more prepared for her.

"No way were we going to allow a JV player to be the hero again," Clendening said.

With the victory the Lady Harvesters guaranteed the tiebreaker over Borger. As long as Pampa has the same record or better than Borger they clinch a playoff spot.

Brown said it was a big victory and confidence booster.

"I'm excited," Brown said. "It was our goal at the beginning of the season to return to the playoffs."

The junior varsity (10-14, 5-2) won their fifth straight 36-24. Coach Braydon Barker said their defense helped win the game.

"We started slow offensively," Barker said. "Our defense played well and you can always win with good defense. It has turned our."

The Lady Harvesters host the Perryton Rangerettes (19-8, 6-0) who clinched district 6 p.m. Friday. Valentine said it's a winnable game.

"We have played well against both of those schools (Perryton and Dalhart)," Valentine said. "I told my team after the game if that doesn't give you motivation then nothing will."

## Second quarter defense carries Harvesters past Borger

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A game that started as shootout, the Lady Harvesters forced turnovers in the second leading to easy baskets and a 75-55 victory over the Borger Bulldogs Tuesday in Borger.

Pampa forced 16 turnovers and clinched the head-to-head tiebreaker over Borger. Head coach Dustin Miller said it was a good win for his team and sets up a bigger game Friday.

"Any game you can get in district is big but any game you can get on the road is huge," Miller said. "I just told them we have not the biggest game of the season but the biggest game of our lives Friday night."

Junior guard Latigo Collins said their defense was key to their victory.

"Our defense wasn't playing well in the first quarter," Collins said. "In the second and third quarter we tightened things up, got steals and scored lay ups." In the first quarter, it seemed neither team could miss. Pampa was four for six on three-pointers while their counterpart hit three of four. Neither team led by more than three until the end of the quarter, when Collins hit a three to expand Pampa's lead to 21-17. Senior forward Garrett Ericson made a three early in the quarter and was fouled. Ericson made the free throw to convert a four-point play.

Junior guard Cole Engle got the Harvesters off to a quick start in the second hitting a three and converting a layup. The Bulldogs had 10 turnovers in the first half to the Harvesters four. Ericson and Collins both hit their third threes of the game. Senior forward Joseph Mechelay also contributed a three and increased Pampa's lead to 39-27. Borger didn't get closer than six and trailed 41-27 at halftime.

Borger (11-10, 1-4) hit a three to get within 10 to start the third but that's as close as they would get. The Harvesters outscored the Bulldogs 9-2 to open up a 50-33 lead. Ericson converted another four-point play. Midway through the third, Borger's head coach Lance Simpson was called for a technical arguing a foul call. Ericson converted one of two technical free throws.

The Harvesters outscored Borger 17-14 and expanded their lead to 58-42. In the

fourth quarter, the Bulldogs made a run to get back in the game. Using a press defense, Borger was able to force several turnovers and outscored Pampa 12-3. The Harvesters put away the Bulldogs at the free throw line as Borger had to foul to conserve time. Pampa made eight of 12 free throws and outscored Borger 9-1 the rest of the quarter.

Miller said they knew Borger was going to make a run and his team just had to regroup.

"We're on the road," Miller said. "We just had to call a timeout and set up our press breakers. Once we did that it didn't cause us any problems. The bottom line is we pulled it out and that matters most."

Collins said they have to finish games better because they will play better teams.

"We got to finish games better," Collins said. "We are going to be playing better teams than Borger in the playoffs and got to finish better."

Jamon Heaton led the Bulldogs in scoring with 24 points and was four-for-seven from the three-point line. Tyrell Haynes followed with nine. Collins led the Harvesters in scoring with 25 and hit three three-pointers. Ericson followed with 21 and nailed five three pointers.

The junior varsity (7-11, 2-3) won 45-38. Coach Matt Embry said the defense won the game.

"Our offense was stagnant in the first half but our defense held them to 13 for the half," Embry said. "When you hold teams to 13 in a half you're going to win ball games."

The freshman (3-15, 1-4) won 39-37. Cager Osborne led the team in scoring with 14. Coach Forrest Harding said they have shown improvement.

"If we played like we did tonight, we could run the table the rest of district," Harding said.

The Harvesters (14-10, 4-1) hold a half-game lead over Perryton (14-11, 3-1), who they host 7:30 p.m. Friday. Perryton's game with Dalhart was postponed till Thursday.

Miller said it was a big deal for his team to get their game in.

"(Perryton) has to play a physical game with Dalhart Thursday," Miller said. "Then (Perryton) has to get on a bus Friday and come to Pampa with little preparation time. I would rather be in our shoes than theirs."



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Reid Miller rises above the defense in the first half to shoot a jumper. Miller scored two points in the Harvesters 70-55 victory over the Borger Bulldogs.

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# "Cutest Pet Contest"

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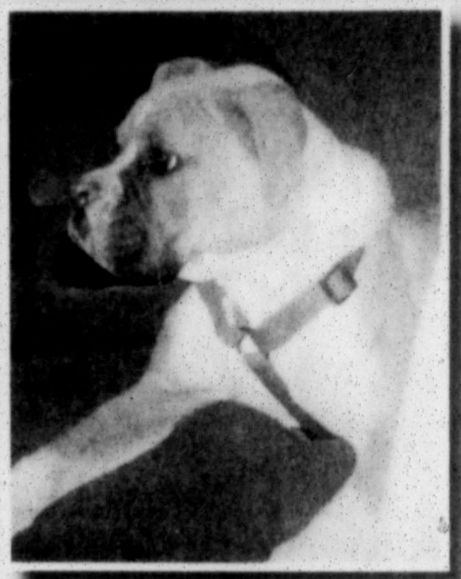
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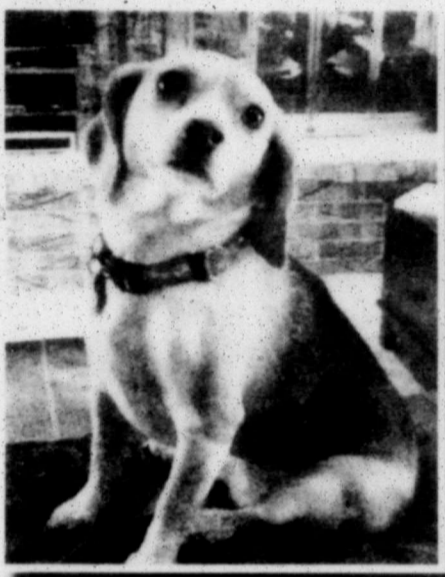
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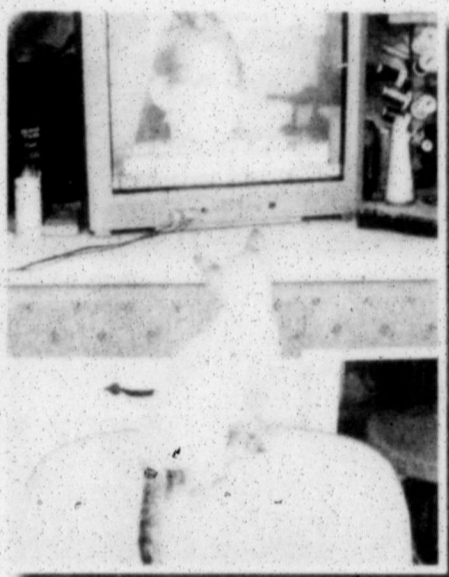
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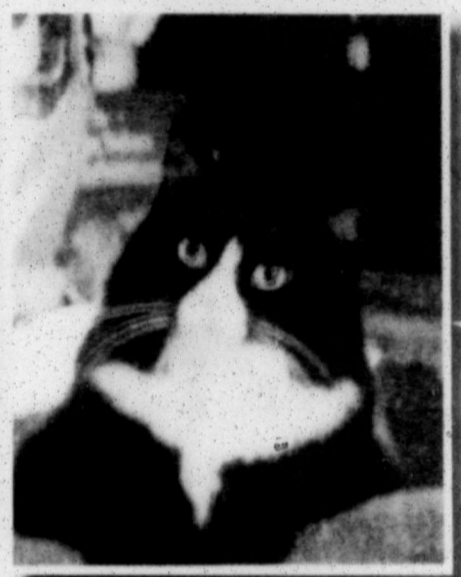
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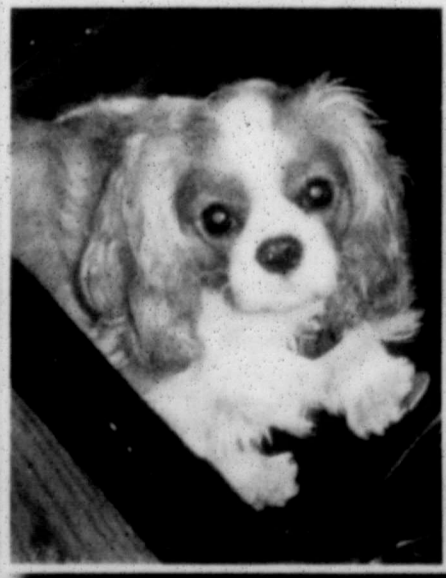
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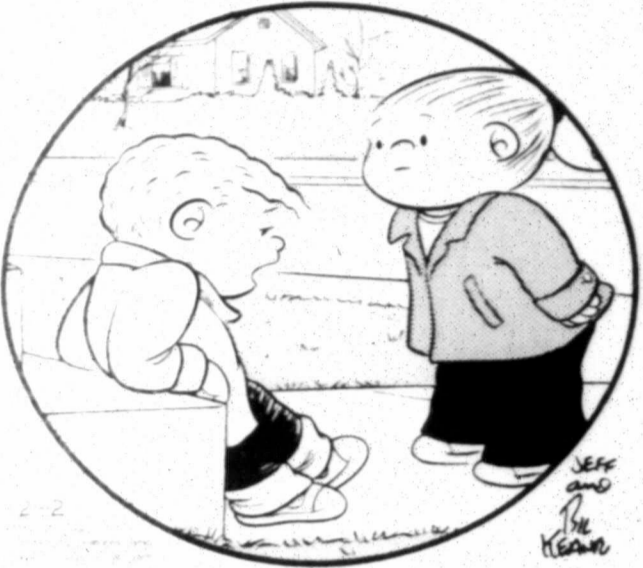
#19 Marlie Mae



#20 Marvin

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



Mommy just told me we DON'T get presents on Groundhog Day."



## daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Thursday, Feb. 3, 2011.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) \*\*\*\*\* You are on your priorities. You may get later another chance. You feel odd deal. You are a person who refuses to ask what is going on. Catch up on a friend's news.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\* You could be overly serious. Don't let others take how you get the job done. Keep yourself in tiptop shape. Catch up on a friend's news.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\*\* You generally think of things as being a bit dear. You might try to be a bit more and wind up making a person even more closed down. Sometimes, honoring another's feelings rather than trying to make all the difference might be a better imagination.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\* You are your own worst critic. A friend or close associate encourages you to try. Being uptight can only add to a difficulty. Don't push yourself too hard. Take a break as soon as you can, just for you. Catch up on a friend's news.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\*\* A serious talk does a lot to help a relationship. You might wonder exactly what is going on behind another's cool behavior. Conversations open up a different point of view. Watch another person's mood. Catch up on a friend's news.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\*\* An easy exchange with an associate might not be possible. Give this person time to relax and flow. Throw yourself into your work. Others have a lot of questions about a project. Don't hesitate to get into a conversation about the matter at hand. Tonight, Relax.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Your normal playfulness seems to be gone. A sad quality or edge could mar an excellent relationship. Slow down and think about what has occurred. Perhaps you need to revise your thinking. Open up. Creativity will flow once more. Tonight, Go for fun.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\* Allow others to know of your disdain for an evolving situation. Perhaps you are taking someone too seriously. Know that you might need some downtime in order to recycle and take another look at what ails you. In a couple of days, your perspective will change. Tonight, Catch up on a friend's news.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\*\* A meeting could set the tone for the day. You could be exhausted and tired by everything that wings by today. You might choose to do something very differently from what others want. Keep talking in order to fully grasp others' concerns. Tonight, Visit with a neighbor. Catch up on news.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\* Be aware of the costs of proceeding in a chosen direction. A boss or an authority figure might have strong opinions. Conversations need to involve different ideas, which might cause less total damage. Tonight, Be responsive to another's ideas.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\*\* Though someone at a distance could be difficult, you can bypass his or her negativity. Try as you may, you cannot change this person's mood. Stay on top of your work; you might need to screen some calls. You wonder why so many people want you! Tonight, As you like it.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\* Take your time making decisions. You could find a source to be somewhat closed down. Get feedback and ideas from others. In the end, it is you and only you who will be making the decisions. Sit down and reflect for as long as you need to. Tonight, Some solo time.

**BORN TODAY**  
 Novelist James Michener (1907), actress Morgan Fairchild (1950), comedian Shelley Berman (1925)

### Tundra



### Shoe



### Mother Goose and Grim



### Zits



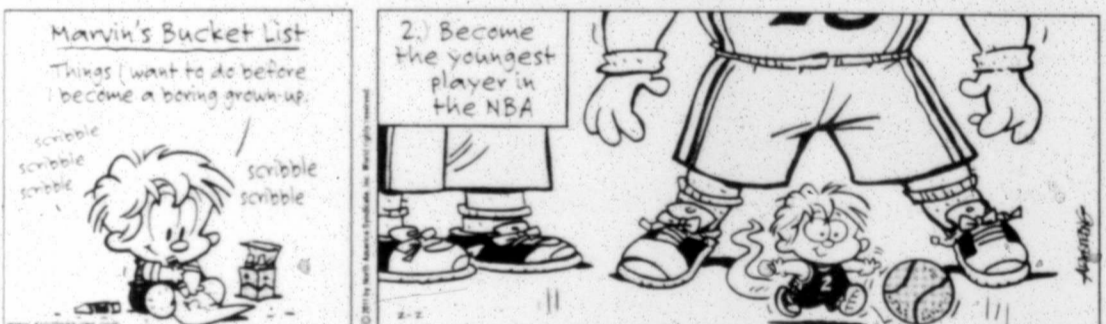
### Garfield



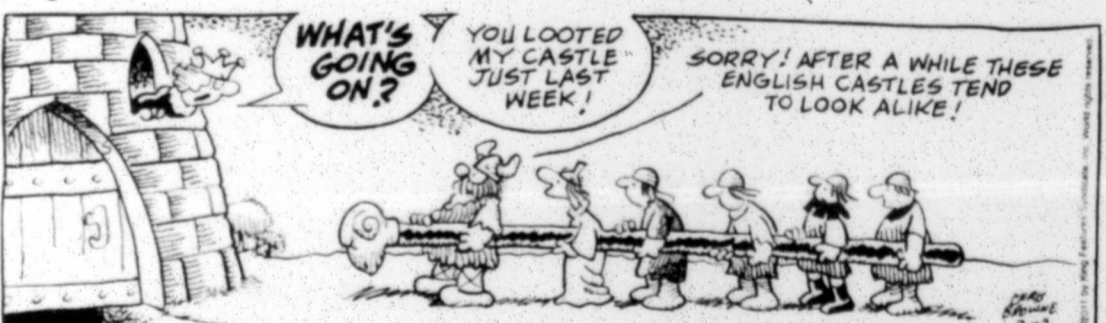
### Beetle Bailey



### Marvin



### Hagar The Horrible



### Peanuts



### Blondie





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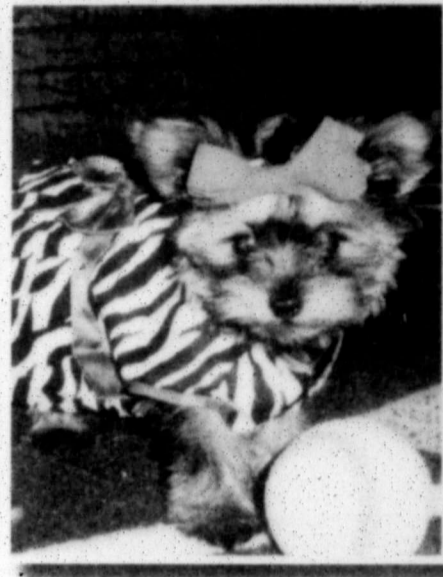
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#22 Millie



#23 Mindy Sofia



#24 Ms. Maggy Hula



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#26 Pancho



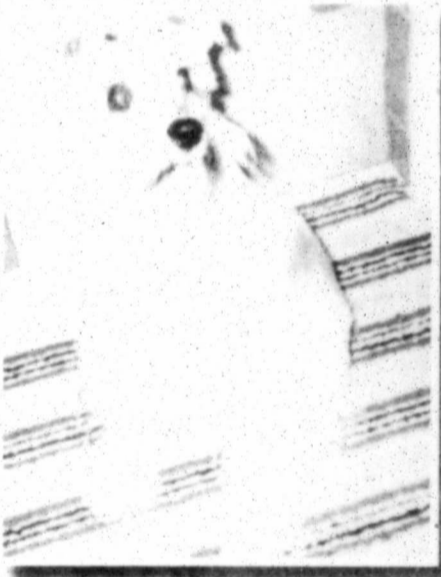
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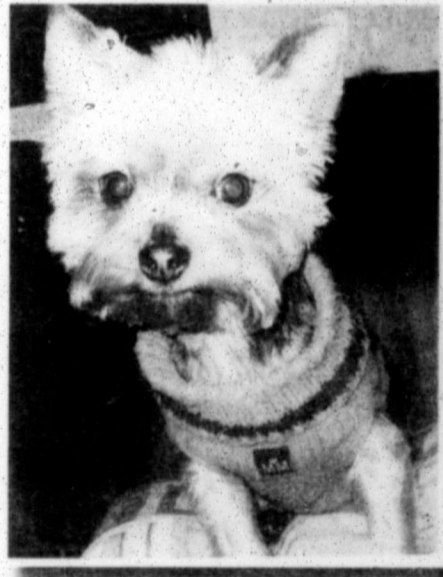
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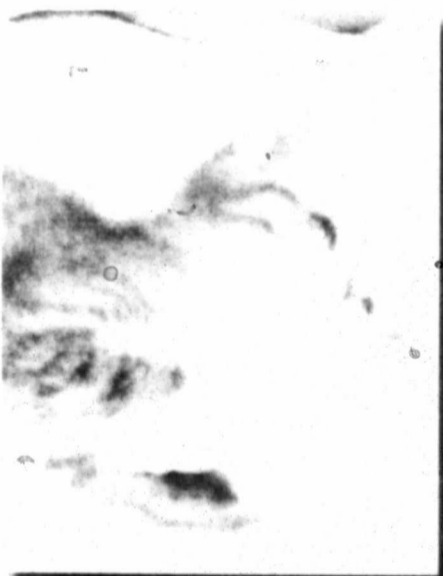
#30 Raider Red



#31 Ratchet



#32 Sergeant Gunner



#33 Smokey



#34 Sophia



#35 Sophie

Thank you to our readers who shared these photos of their beloved pets with us for this contest!

## Now it's up to you!

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Write the number and name of the pet you wish to vote for in the space on this form. Cut out this form and mail it to:

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or bring it by 403 W. Atchison.

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**VOTE**

**My vote for The Cutest Pet goes to:**

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