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Academic showcase to be interactive open house

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Pampa Independent School District Superintendent Barry Haensch smiled as he commented on the healthy turnout at the PISD luncheon at the M.K. Brown Civic Center's Heritage Room on Tuesday.

"The month we talked about traffic at the junior high, we packed them in here, in the auditorium — anywhere we could put somebody," he laughed. "I'm glad to see that people came out today."

Haensch was particularly excited because

Tuesday marked the announcement of the PISD's first ever academic showcase, an event designed to give the community a more in-depth look at the PISD's educational process.

"The idea of the showcase is an opportunity for the community to turn out for two hours in an evening and see everything that's done in our schools from kindergarten through their senior year in their core curriculum areas," said a beaming Haensch.

"We would spotlight all of the kids' work in the district," echoed Sabrina East, Parental Involvement Coordinator for the PISD. "The children are going to be responsible for tell-

ing us about what they're learning. It's going to be a student-led, real interactive thing with the kids so that the parents get a chance to see what their kids are doing more up close."

The showcase is set from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 17 at Pampa High School.

"It will be really easy to remember I think because it's Martin Luther King Day," Haensch said. The school day that day will be reduced to a half day to accommodate setup for the showcase.

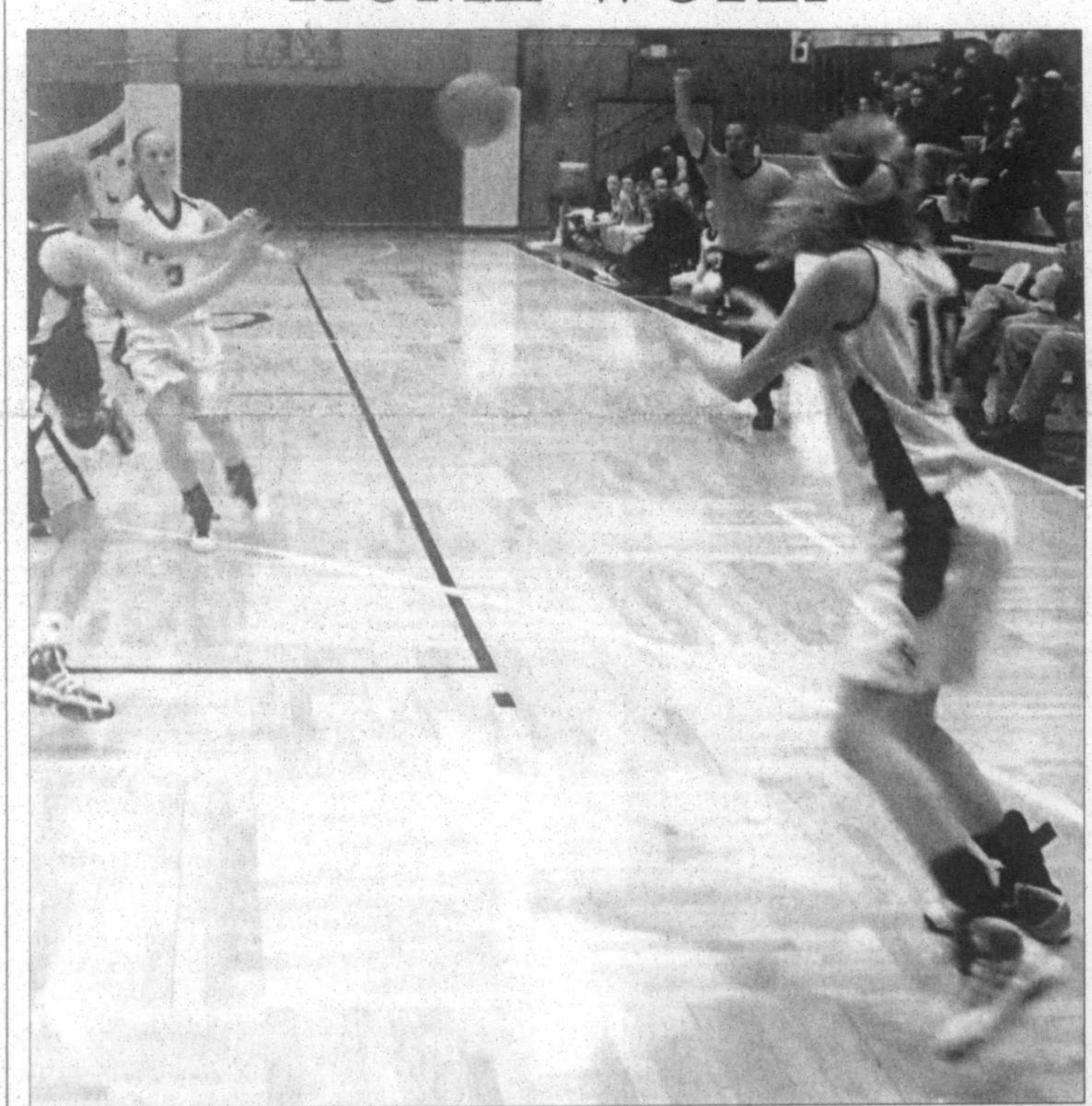
The showcase, Haensch continued, would be organized in an open house format, with **SHOWCASE** cont. on page 3

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HOME WORK



staff photo by **Andrew Glover**
Kirsten Kuhn (left) passes to **Kailyn Troxell** during the first quarter of Tuesday's home opener against Canyon. Unfortunately, the Lady eagles proved too much for the Lady Harvesters, as the home team went down 68-18. Full coverage of the game in **SPORTS**, page 7.

Downtown Christmas schedule set

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Christmas festivities in Pampa will begin the week after Thanksgiving, according to Linda Lantz.

Lantz, Pam Dalton and Myra Jimenez, all of Shepherd's Helping Hands, are spearheading the Christmas celebration festivities downtown.

The Christmas Lights Decorating Contest, sponsored by Ammons Construction, will be judged Thursday and Friday, Dec. 2 and 3.

"We have the town divided into five different areas," Lantz said. "There are residential and commercial divisions."

She said they are still looking for people to be judges.

The planned festivities will culminate Saturday, Dec. 4.

Saturday morning will begin with Breakfast with Santa at Open Range Engineering, 217 North Cuyler, in the old Hobby Shop Building.

"Breakfast with Santa Claus is the first event that morning," said Linda Lantz.

There will be letters to Santa and a coloring contests, she said.

The Holiday Bazaar will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Scheduled for 200 North Cuyler and the VFW building at 106 South Cuyler, it's sponsored by **CHRISTMAS** cont. on page 3

New scholarship named for retiring Auvenshine

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A new \$1,000 scholarship, to be awarded every year for the next five years, has been established in honor of retiring president William Auvenshine.

Don Lane, chairman of the Pampa Center Foundation, presented the honor to Auvenshine yesterday at a luncheon held at the new Pampa Campus building.

A yet unnamed replacement for Auvenshine will take the helm in January.

"Thank all of you for the great honor you have bestowed upon

me," said Auvenshine to the group of faculty and friends gathered at the luncheon to bid him farewell.

In his short remarks, the president gave recognition to the original Pampa campus steering committee, the board of regents and numerous local volunteer who made the Pampa campus a reality.

"Pampa will continue to grow," he said. "In fact, we have left 10 acres in front of this building for some "signature buildings, such as a library, a gymnasium or a student center; buildings that will make this a campus."

Auvenshine predicted those **AUVENSHINE** cont. on page 3

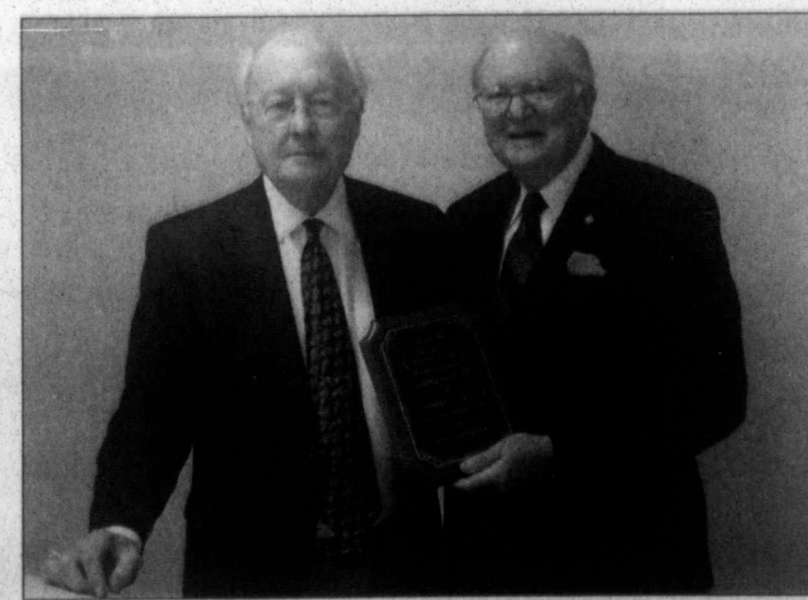
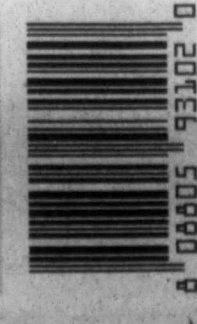


photo courtesy of **Kathy Cota**
Bill Auvenshine (right), outgoing Clarendon College president, is presented a plaque by **Don Lane**, chairman of the Pampa Center Foundation.

Pampa Boomtown Christmas
 Through December 3, 2010
 Two drawings, each for \$500 in Christmas Boomtown Bucks, will be held on December 3, 2010.
 1st: White Deer Land Museum at 3:00 p.m.
 2nd: Lighting of the Tree at 6:00 p.m.
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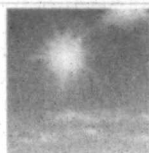
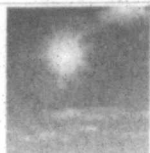

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PAMPA FORECAST

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		
High 54 Low 32	High 66 Low 34	High 63 Low 39

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 27. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southwest.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 54. Wind chill values between 18 and 28 early. South southwest wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 32. Wind chill values between 23 and 28. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 66. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 34. Southwest wind around 10 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 63. West wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south southwest.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 39. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

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Ada Mae Murray, 83

Ada Mae Murray, 83, died November 16, 2010, in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Murray was born May 20, 1927, in Minneola. She spent many years in the El Paso and San Angelo areas, moving to Pampa in 1959. She cooked at the Black Gold Restaurant for many years and managed the Silver Spur Restaurant. Ada Mae worked for the Crutchfield family for many years. She was a long-time member of the Southside Church of Christ and an active supporter of the Southside Senior Citizens Center. She had a loving and caring spirit and enjoyed cooking for, and sharing with others.

Survivors include three sons, Tommy L. Murry and wife Patricia and Charlie Walker, Jr., all of Pampa, and Arthur H. Williams and wife Gloria of Mesquite; two daughters, Bobbie L. Randon and husband James M. of Amarillo and Judy F. Evans of Pampa; 14 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren; sister, Mary M. Mack of Colorado Springs, Colo.; numerous nieces and nephews. Ada Mae was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Charles Price; 10 brothers and three sisters.

Memorials may be made to Southside Senior Citizens Center, 438 W. Crawford, Pampa, TX 79065.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Marvin E. Stephenson, 86

Marvin E. Stephenson, 86, of Washburn, died Monday November 15, 2010, in Amarillo.

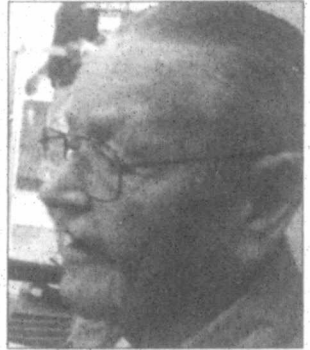
Celebration of life services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday November 20, 2010, in First United Methodist Church, 400 Trice Street in Claude with the Reverend Janet Edwards officiating. Burial will be at Claude Cemetery. Arrangements are by Schooler Funeral Home, 4100 South Georgia, Amarillo.

Marvin was born March 9, 1924, in Claude, to Clarence and Ida Stewart Stephenson. He married the former Ruth Goldsmith on May 24, 1946, in Claude. They moved to Washburn in 1957 from Amarillo. Marvin retired in 1986 from Southwestern Public Service Company after 34 years. He was active in the Armstrong County Museum, where he was named "Volunteer of the Year" in 1999. Marvin was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Claude.

Marvin was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers Sam Stephenson and Glenn Stephenson and a grandson Eric Stephenson.

Survivors include his wife of the home; a son, Edwin Stephenson and wife Carol of Oshawa, Ontario, Canada; a daughter, Nancy Philley and husband Darrell of Washburn; three grandsons, Jason Stephenson and wife Tonya of Pampa, Shannon Philley and wife Tiffany of Washburn, and Adam Philley of Shreveport, La.; four great-grandchildren Sadie Stephenson, Shane Stephenson, Matthew Philley and David Philley.

The family would like to thank BSA Hospice for its wonderful care of Marvin.



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in repose in Claude at Schooler Armstrong Chapel on Thursday from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. and on Friday 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. The family will receive visitors at Armstrong Chapel in Claude on Friday evening from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

The family suggests memorials to the Armstrong County Museum or BSA Hospice of Amarillo.

Please sign our online guest register at www.schoolerfuneralhome.com.

Jesse Paul Skinner, 69

Jesse Paul Skinner, 69, died November 15, 2010, in Amarillo.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, November 18, 2010, at Memory Gardens Cemetery, with Steve Cox, pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Skinner was born December 17, 1940, in Pampa. He attended schools in Lefors and Pampa. He worked as a machinist at Panhandle Industrial for several years. He had been a resident of Odessa for most of his life, returning to Pampa approximately 10 years ago. He was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church. He will be missed by his best friend, his dog Chiquita. He loved building and racing race cars.

Survivors include two sons, Chad Bickle of Odessa and Dickey Bickle of Hong Kong; two sisters, Pat Morrow of Grand Prairie and Frances Conner of Pampa; three brothers, James Skinner of Longview, Duane Hankins of Elgin, and Franklin Hankins of Garland; 27 nieces and nephews, and numerous friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to the American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, TX 79065.

The family will be at 409 Hazel in Pampa.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Mildred Fern Swinford Salsman, 97

Mildred Fern Swinford Salsman, 97, died November 13, 2010, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, November 17, 2010, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Leland Lewis, pastor of First Assembly of God, officiating.

Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Salsman was born March 3, 1913, in Bristow, Okla. She was the first of eleven children born to Ernest and Mattie Reed Barnett. Her father was a carpenter and her mother was a homemaker. Mildred married James Rufus Swinford and they had a son, James D. Swinford. James preceded her in death, and she later married James H. Salsman, who also preceded her in death. She had been a resident of Pampa, Artesia, N.M. and Poteau, Okla. She was a member of First Assembly of God. Mildred enjoyed crocheting and collecting dolls.

Survivors include her son, James D. Swinford and wife Kay of Canyon; daughter, Gwyn Kirkpatrick and husband Ron of Tulsa, Okla.; two granddaughters, Laura Taylor and husband Victor of Amarillo, and Rhonda Harder of Tulsa, Okla.; grandson, Brad Bridges and wife Becky of Tulsa, Okla.; great-granddaughter, Morgan Harder of Tulsa, Okla.; great-grandson, Mark Bridges of Tulsa, Okla.; sister, Ilene Baxter of Stillwater, Okla.; and brother-in-law, James L. "Pee-Wee" Romines and wife Vivian of Pampa. She was preceded in death by her parents and nine siblings.

Memorials may be made to Gideons International, 2200 SW 7th Ave., Amarillo, TX 79106.

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Salsman

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department

(Continued from Tues.)

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block of Zimmers.

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Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of Juniper.

A suspicious person was reported on Hobart ad Kentucky.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1400 block of Hobart.

Monday, Nov. 15 Carbon Monoxide was reported in the 600 block of West.

A prowler was reported in the 1700 block of Buckler.

An alarm was reported in the 1200 block of Hobart.

A 911 hang-up call came from the 1900 block of Banks.

An accident was reported on Wilks and Hobart.

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buildings would be a reality within a decade, but he also noted that it will take some action by local property owners and citizens.

"Every building on the Clarendon Campus has a name on it," he said. In fact, the original campus building in 1968 was made possible by a multi-million donation from a pair of elderly ladies.

"Someone in the next couple of years is going to come forward and say, 'I've got a couple of million. Could you use that and maybe raise some funds to match it?'"

The luncheon concluded with a tour of the building. A December community open house is planned for the facility.

Showcase

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different areas of the high school allotted for the district's core fields of study.

"(Each) section will be one academic area. By walking that area, you can see what a kindergartner learns with and how that learning builds year after year until they graduate in that area, whether it's science or social studies or English language arts or math."

The areas will have tables manned by students from the various PISD schools, each prepared to present what they've learned in an interactive fashion.

"The idea is that, (for example) at Travis Elementary's first grade section, maybe they're doing math. They would be showing to everyone who walks by the best lesson they've had this year in math. You can ask them questions about what they've learned, why they've learned it, what was happening, what was going on before it, what followed. It's an opportunity with the community to interact with the kids about their learning."

In addition to the core academic areas, Haenisch said that electives, such as art and foreign languages, and the performance arts will also be highlighted.

"There will be a demonstration from the show choir, from the junior high special choirs," he said. "There will be some solos, some ensembles, some instrumentals... There will be some elementary music performances. There will be some elementary P.E. performances. There's just going to be a little of everything."

The showcase idea was inspired by a similar program held yearly by the school district in Midlothian, Haenisch said.

"I've been friends for years with the superintendent at Midlothian and he was just telling me about it," Haenisch said. "He's been saying it's just been a huge deal for them to get the community to understanding what they were doing and where they were trying to go academically."

"It's just a day to celebrate academics just like you would football or basketball, and well, what a great idea."

Academic showcases are still a relatively new to Texas schools, with only two other communities in the state currently hosting such events, Haenisch said. Still, he said that the idea is a novel one that the PISD has embraced from the start, and that he is confident that the event will be a success for both the district and the Pampa community.

"We've been planning this for our schools for at least three years," Haenisch said. "We are now getting close to the time where it's kind of like the Nike commercial. We're just going to do it and see what happens. It's going to be neat, and I think that it's something that really going to catch on here."

Christmas

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Shepherd's Helping Hands.

About 55 people have signed up for booths and another 10 have inquired. They are offering everything from chili to jewelry.

There will be carriage rides, sponsored by Top of Texas Ice Company, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday.

The Top of Texas Rodeo Association will be serving free cookies and cider at the Open Range Engineering Building all day Saturday as Santa, Mrs. Claus, Frosty, Toy Soldiers and Gingerbread Men wander the streets of downtown amid Salvation Army bellringers.

U.S. Marines from Amarillo will be in Pampa as part of their Toys for Tots campaign and Good Samaritan House will be collecting canned goods for the holidays.

"The Festival of Trees is going on that day," Lantz said.

That will be at M.K. Brown Auditorium, 1100 West Coronado Drive.

"From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., we have soup with Mrs. Claus," she said.

That's sponsored by Altrusa at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Cuyler.

There's a Holiday Pet Contest from noon to 1 p.m. at Von Brunow Park at the corner of Foster and Cuyler. It's sponsored by Lee Ann's Grooming.

The White Deer Land Museum will be celebrating its 40th anniversary that Saturday and classic and antique cars will be displayed outside the White Deer Land Museum at 116 South Cuyler.

The Boomtown Christmas Parade, sponsored by the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, will start down Cuyler at 2 p.m., Saturday.

Lovett Memorial Library,

111 North Houston, will have story and craft time from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Christmas pictures will be taken with Santa from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

The Pampa Christmas Tree lighting ceremony with caroling will take place at the Gray County Courthouse from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

At 7:30 p.m., the curtain will go up on the Pampa Civic Ballet production of the Nutcracker at M.K. Brown.

The Festival of Trees will continue Sunday afternoon at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

The 20th Century Cotillion Study Club is sponsoring a Christmas Tour of Homes beginning at 1 p.m. Sunday. The homes include the Husdon Home, 12035 Berry Lane; the Powell Home, 1101 Christine, and the Sutherland Home, 8878 Texas Highway 70.

There will be caroling beginning at 7 p.m. Sunday.

Letter of the law for dog owners

Dog Talk



MATTHEW "UNCLE MATTY" MARGOLIS
Creator's Syndicate

Editors note: The following column by Matthew Margolis was originally published in 2007.

Every day, I get e-mails from people who have problems with their dog. Occasionally, I get e-mails from people who have problems with their fellow man. Here's one of them:

"I thought it might be useful if I mentioned that your efforts to persuade owners of the need for training, as well as a lot of the discussion in recent news about possibly banning pit bulls, etc., would be unnecessary if we had proper laws to motivate the owners.

"There is definitely a problem with aggressive dogs. There are hundreds of reported dog bites in our (Brevard, Fla.) county alone every month. Nobody seems to know what to do about it. I have a simple solution.

"We need simple laws that make the dog owner totally responsible for the actions of their dogs. It could say, in effect, we don't care what kind of dog you have, how many or how you train them, but we will have your head on a platter if your dog harms anyone.

"If the owner truly needed to be concerned about the consequences of his dog's behavior, the owner would automatically make sure the dog would not do anything that would lead to adverse consequences. He would take care of training, veterinary care, etc. If he did not know how, he would find out.

"The problem now is, dog owners practically have a license to kill. Dogs can cause serious harm to innocent people, and the owners get a slap on the wrist. A dog owner has little to fear because the laws are written and enforced in a way that strongly favors the dog owner and they provide such mild penalties.

"If we had laws like I propose, you wouldn't have to persuade and cajole owners to get them to properly train their pets. The owners would beat a path to your door to make sure they had proper training for their pet. Or they wouldn't own one."

While I have mixed emotions about people beating a path to my door, I do love the idea of everyone having properly trained pets — just as I love the idea of everyone having polite children and well-behaved congressional representatives. What a wonderful world it would be.

The author of this letter makes a necessary point: Dog aggression is a serious problem. More than 4.5 million people are bitten by dogs each year. And

some of those "bites" cause serious injury or even fatality. Those are the bites that feed the media frenzy surrounding pit bulls, Rottweilers, Doberman pinschers, German shepherds and other so-called dangerous breeds.

He's also right in suggesting that breed bans aren't the solution. Just ask the police departments, bomb squads, fire departments, military units, and search and rescue teams that depend on those highly intelligent breeds for their survival and our protection. Just ask the thousands of dachshund, beagle, Chihuahua and Lhasa apso owners who have had ankles chomped, faces marred and fingers gnawed. Banning pit bulls isn't going to help them.

But he is wrong in saying dog owners have a license to kill. There are a growing number of cases in which dog owners are sentenced to years in prison for some degree of criminal negligence or culpability in tandem with their dog's infliction of serious bodily injury to another person. And there are more and more states becoming "strict liability" states and moving away from the "common law" theory of dog bite law.

According to attorney Kenneth Phillips, in 2006, "Deanna Large, whose pit bulls killed Dorothy Sullivan, was sentenced to three years in a Virginia prison and a fine of \$500. She had been convicted of involuntary manslaughter, and two misdemeanor charges for allowing her dogs to run loose."

So be informed. As Phillips says, "Dog owners need to understand not only their responsibilities, but also their potential liability, criminally as well as civilly. If a dog owner cannot control, socialize, train and keep healthy his or her dog, there can be serious consequences."

I believe the solution is education more so than legislation. That's why I write this column. That's why I emphasize the importance of training whenever I can. That's also why I co-authored the book "GRRR! The Complete Guide to Understanding and Preventing Aggressive Behavior in Dogs." It addresses the letter author's understandable frustrations and spells out for dog owners both their responsibilities and their options.

From the introduction to "GRRR!": There is a strong, growing reaction against aggressive dogs and owners who refuse to confront the issue of aggressive behavior. This reaction has brought about a great deal of anti-dog legislation that attempts to place severe limits on breeding and owning, and even attempts to ban specific breeds. We hope to make a contribution to responsible dog ownership in order to help change the negative feelings developing toward all dogs and their families." You can find "GRRR!" and other helpful information on dealing with aggression at unclematty.com.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 17, the 321st day of 2010. There are 44 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 17, 1800, Congress held its first session in Washington in the partially completed Capitol building.

On this date:

In 1558, Elizabeth I acceded to the English throne upon the death of Queen Mary.

In 1869, the Suez Canal opened in Egypt.

In 1917, French sculptor Auguste Rodin died in Meudon at age 77.

In 1934, Lyndon Baines Johnson married Claudia Alta Taylor, better known as Lady Bird, in San Antonio, Texas.

In 1962, Washington's Dulles International Airport was dedicated by President John F. Kennedy.

In 1969, the first round of Strategic Arms Limitation Talks between the United States and the Soviet Union opened in Helsinki, Finland.

In 1970, the Soviet Union landed an unmanned, remote-controlled vehicle on the moon, the Lunokhod 1.

In 1973, President Richard Nixon told Associated Press managing editors in Orlando, Fla., "People have got to know whether or not their president is a crook. Well, I'm not a crook."

In 1979, Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini ordered the release of 13 black and/or female American hostages being held at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran.

In 1987, a federal jury in Denver convicted two neo-Nazis and acquitted two others of civil rights violations in the 1984 slaying of radio talk show host Alan Berg.

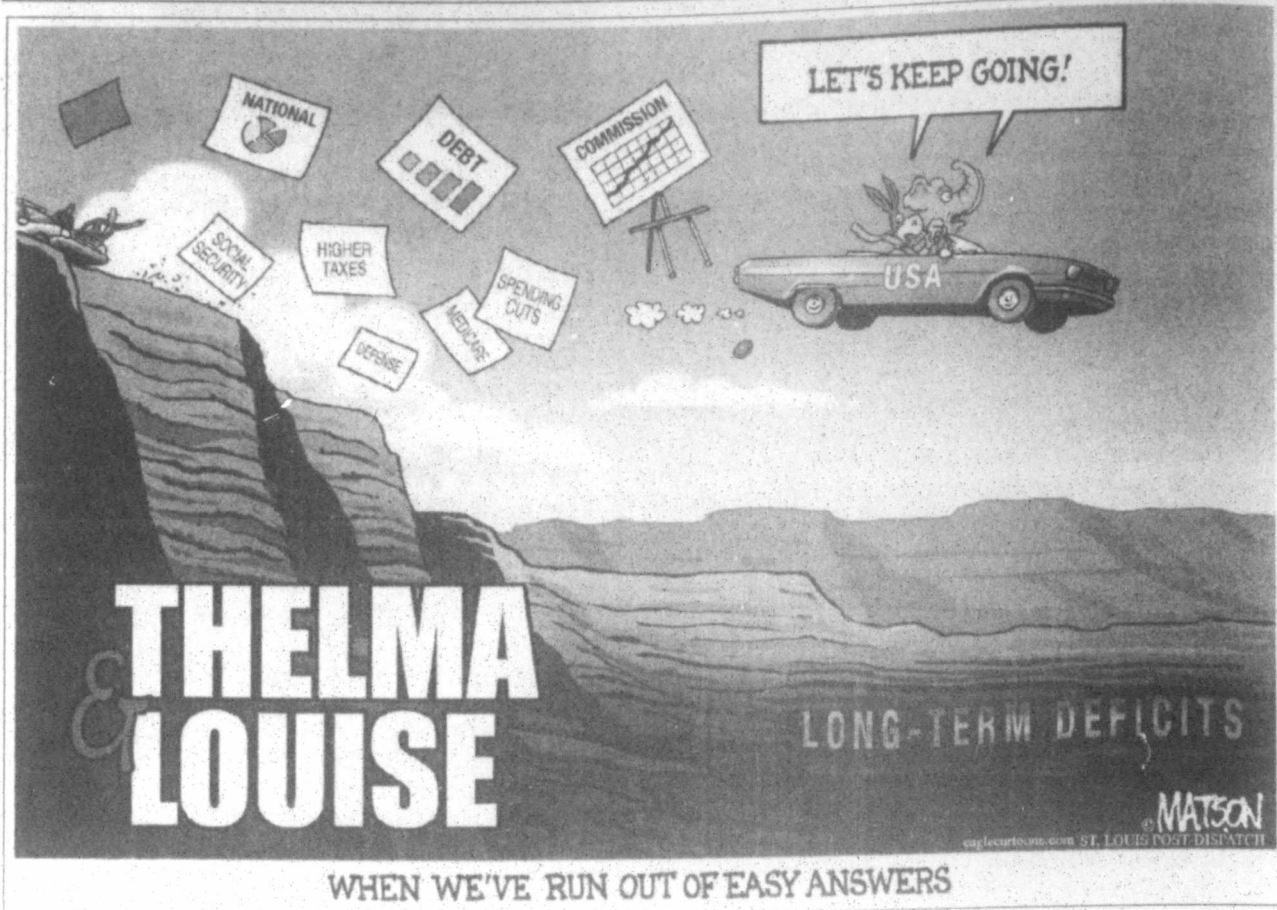
Ten years ago: The Florida Supreme Court froze the state's presidential tally, forbidding Secretary of State Katherine Harris from certifying results of the marathon vote count just as Republican George W. Bush was advancing his minuscule lead over Democrat Al Gore. Also, a federal appeals court refused to block recounts under way in two heavily Democratic counties.

Five years ago: U.S. Rep. John Murtha of Pennsylvania, considered one of Congress' most hawkish Democrats, called for an immediate U.S. withdrawal from Iraq.

One year ago: President Barack Obama held formal, closed-door talks in Beijing with Chinese President Hu Jintao.

Today's Birthdays: Rock musician Gerry McGee (The Ventures) is 73. Singer Gordon Lightfoot is 72. Singer-songwriter Bob Gaudio is 69. Movie director Martin Scorsese (skor-SEH'-see) is 68. Actress Lauren Hutton is 67. Actor-director Danny DeVito is 66. "Saturday Night Live" producer Lorne Michaels is 66. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Tom Seaver is 66. Movie director Roland Joffe is 65. Former Democratic National Chairman Howard Dean is 62. Actor Stephen Root is 59. Rock musician Jim Babjak (The Smithereens) is 53. Actress Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio is 52. Actor William Moses is 51. Entertainer RuPaul is 50. Actor Dylan Walsh is 47. Actress Sophie Marceau is 44. Actress-model Daisy Fuentes is 44. Rock musician Ben Wilson (Blues Traveler) is 43. Actor Leonard Roberts is 38. Actress Leslie Bibb is 37. Actor Brandon Call is 34. Country singer Aaron Lines is 33. Actress Rachel McAdams is 32. Actor Justin Cooper is 22. Actress Raquel Castro is 16.

Thought for Today: "The upper classes are merely a nation's past; the middle class is its future." —(v) Rand. Russian-American author (1905-1982)



It's not all about the earmarks, stupid

It isn't the earmarks, stupid.

Bullying Republican Senate leaders into a "voluntary" ban on earmarks may represent a political triumph for the tea party movement, but as a measure to reduce the federal deficit it is a meaningless substitute for real action. The facts about earmarks -- and the deficit, for that matter -- are so simple that even the dumbest birther should be able to understand.

Funds directed to specific projects by legislators -- which is what earmarks are -- account for around 1 percent of any annual budget, so they represent far too little money to substantially reduce the budget. Besides, banning earmarks won't reduce the budget (or the deficit) anyway, because they are drawn from funds that have already been appropriated.

So much for that side-show, a cynical exercise whose only conceivable purpose is to deceive voters. How would serious people try to reduce the deficit? First, it is essential to understand how and why the deficit grew in the first place.

It isn't the stimulus, stupid. And it isn't the bail-outs, either.

Compared with the actual causes of the long-term deficit, neither the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act nor the Troubled Asset Relief Program amounts to much -- even though they were successfully demonized by

the same people who make noise about earmarks. Most of the TARP expenditures will be recovered eventually. And according to the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, whose analysis is broadly respected as nonpartisan and accurate, all of the stimulus spending will account for slightly more than \$1 trillion between 2009 and 2019, including debt service.

Now a trillion dollars sounds like a lot of money, even over a decade, and it is -- except when measured against the far greater costs of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and the tax cuts enacted during the Bush administration.

As many commentators noted at the time, no president before George W. Bush had embarked on a major war -- let alone two wars -- without raising revenue to pay the costs. The CBPP estimate of the combined cost of the Iraq and Afghan conflicts and the Bush tax cuts adds nearly \$7 trillion to the federal

deficits between 2009 and 2019, or roughly six to seven times the amount attributed to the stimulus.

Still paying attention? The other underlying causes of the long-term deficit are the lingering costs imposed by the recession, which will continue to eat away at the federal budget for a decade to come, and the rising national bill for health care as the population ages.

No, stupid, that doesn't mean the deficit is caused by health care reform or "Obamacare" -- although that has been demonized, too. In fact, the president's attempt to reform America's broken, ridiculously inflated system of delivering medical care is

likely to reduce health care costs significantly, but that is only a beginning.

Proposals to reduce the deficit by impoverishing seniors, punishing middle-class families, and neglecting infrastructure and education will do more harm than good. The deepest problem in the U.S. economy is the gross tilt of income and wealth toward the very top and the distortion of policy to favor financial manipulation rather than real growth.

Perhaps it is time to listen again to the only president in recent memory who balanced four budgets and left a surplus for the Republicans to squander. He achieved those goals not by cutting spending, shutting down the government or ending welfare, but raising taxes on the wealthy in his first budget. There will be no progress toward fiscal balance and economic sanity until we acknowledge those facts -- and stop listening to stupid.

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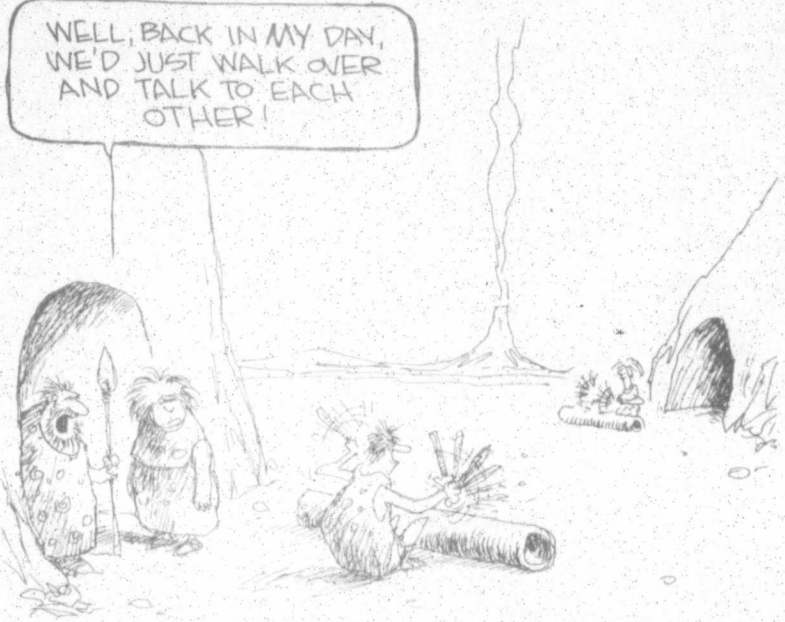
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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Nov. 18, 2010:

This year, you open up to many new ideas and opportunities. Often, as you look around and see no answer, magically, solutions appear. Tap into your creativity. No matter what your interests are, you will gain. If you are single, romance certainly becomes a strong possibility. Just be sure that you don't connect with someone who is emotionally unavailable. It might take a while to determine that. If you are attached, the two of you love getting away together. The more often you can do these "escape" weekends, the more your closeness evolves. ARIES zeros in on the basics.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** You sense a change in pace. Optimism seems more prevalent. Though you might need to cover a lot of ground, you seem to breeze from one meeting to the next, one decision to another. What had been immovable now can be pushed across the finish line. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** You might have been wondering which is the best decision, especially in a situation revolving around work. The smart Bull has put decision-making on the back burner. By evening, you might sense that the time has come. Tonight: Share with a trusted adviser.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** You might be right on time with a decision or advancing a project that could impact your standing in your immediate community. Only test your idea on trusted friends. You'll get unusual and dynamic feedback. Tonight: Where the action is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Expand and open up to new ideas. You might feel that you have pushed a situation past its limits. Listen to news that is forthcoming. You finally can grasp what has happened in a personal matter. Tonight: Count on a late night.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** You might want to rethink a personal decision. Don't push too hard to accomplish your to-do list. An opportunity heads your way. Be willing to push aside your normal plans. A partner suddenly becomes more

freeing. Tonight: Reach out for new insight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Your creativity allows greater give-and-take. Still, be cautious with your finances for a little longer. You might not have absorbed everything that is happening financially. You could feel unusually inspired by an associate, friend or loved one. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** You like what is going on between you and others. A feeling of uptightness fades away, allowing great give-and-take. Note a change between you and a friend. Together you inspire each other. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** A nice, easy pace marks your decisions. You will find that many people around you feel strongly about a project. You didn't know you had so many supporters for a venture, did you? Tonight: Know when to switch gears.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Your imagination will open up many doors if you just let it go. Of course, a certain amount of discipline might be necessary to realize a key goal or two. A meeting could be more instrumental than you realize. Tonight: Acting like it is the weekend already.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** You cannot eliminate certain fundamental basics, but you can lighten up. You are more likely to relax with a boss and others in your daily environment. You wonder how all this is possible. Just know that it is. Tonight: Catch up on a neighbor's news.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** You might be wondering what to do to make a situation work. Note that suddenly you feel far more optimistic and upbeat. That attitude also creates more possibilities. News from a distance starts flowing. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** You note a dramatic difference in how you feel and what goes on. You are more upbeat than you have been in a long time. Listen up about possibilities that surround a partnership, business or personal matter. Financial matters will clear up. Tonight: A close encounter.

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Junior Kirsten Kuhn said they allowed Canyon's pressure to get to them.

"They are a great defensive team," Kuhn said. "We just got to overcome their pressure and be confident with the ball when we have it."

Head coach Gene Valentine said they played well defensively early but poor shooting and mistakes put them in a hole.

"We ran a couple different defenses on them," Valentine

said. "We forced them to have to shoot and they didn't shoot the ball well early. We just had to start battling back...I told them that we had to shoot the ball more and be more aggressive on defense."

The first quarter was very defensive. Pampa junior Delaney Clendening had the only points with a short range jumper for the first half of the quarter. That's when the Lady Eagles would take flight, outscoring Pampa 16-2 the rest of the quarter. Senior Nicole Hampton scored six points in the first and helped start Canyon's run.

The Lady Eagles continued their run in the second quarter scoring the first 15 points of the quarter. The Lady Harvesters turned it over 15 times in the first half and only made three field goals and a free throw. The Lady Eagles outscored Pampa 22-5 in the second and held a decisive 38-9 lead at halftime.

Canyon outscored Pampa 20-6 in the third quarter. Pampa sophomore Taylor Morgan made the Lady Harvesters' only field goal of the quarter. Senior Kayla Hughes contributed two free throws and Clendening and senior Cori Cook each made one. Canyon junior Shawna Monreal scored six points in the third and Hampton scored five.

Hughes led Pampa in scoring with seven, Clendening

followed with five. Hampton led Canyon in scoring with 15 and Monreal followed with 11.

The junior varsity lost 70-16 to Canyon. The Lady Eagles led 14-8 at the end of the first and outscored Pampa 16-3 in the second to expand their lead to 30-11 at halftime. In the second half, Canyon outscored Pampa 40-5 including 28-0 in the fourth. Coach Braydon Barker said they let the pressure get to them.

"We couldn't handle the pressure today," Barker said. "We worked on ball handling all week."

Freshman Krysten Miller led the team in scoring with five points.

The Lady Harvesters (0-5) visit Wellington Saturday with the junior varsity tipping off at 10 a.m. and the varsity starting at 11:30 a.m.

Cook said they just need to hit the gym and go to work.

"We just have to practice hard like we always do," Cook said. "Work on things we didn't do well tonight."

Valentine said after a tough start to the season they are going to be playing more teams at their level.

"We got Caprock coming in Tuesday and we played well with them in the tournament," Valentine said. "Right now we are trying to keep their heads up and keep them positive. Keep them focused on district."

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Intermediate

Check out tomorrow's sports page for gridiron previews on postseason area round games featuring **White Deer, Miami and Wheeler.**



staff photo by Andrew Glover
Kirsten Kuhn tries to keep control near the Canyon sideline Tuesday at McNeely Fieldhouse. The Lady Eagles won 68-18 dropping Pampa to 0-5.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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13 Allude residents

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15 Going dim

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18 Golf peg

19 Promoting aggressively

22 Gin flavor

23 Verdi opera

26 Posting to an online journal

29 Army sack

32 Water cooler

33 "Aw, shucks!"

34 Set straight

36 City founded by Pizarro

37 Coffee-bar order

38 Lesson giver

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Yesterday's answer

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: At Christmas, "Santa" always fills my children's stockings with a mix of fun, edible and practical items. A few years ago, when my oldest child was beginning to write, my husband and I started the tradition of tucking packets of thank-you cards into their stockings.

We explained that Santa must have given them the cards so they would have stationery to write thank-you notes to family and friends for the gifts they had received. The cards are a wonderful reminder to my children that they need to express their gratitude to those who have spent time and money to buy and send them a gift. Usually there are cards left over to cover thank-you notes at birthday time as well.

Unfortunately, these days, not enough people — even adults — take the time to write a note of appreciation for presents they are given. I believe parents should encourage children to do this as soon as they are able to understand the concept. I hope my husband and I are instilling a lifelong habit in our children. Abby, can you help get the point across? — THANKFUL MOM

IN BRUNSWICK, MAINE
DEAR THANKFUL MOM: Gladly. You are teaching your children an important lesson. It's a formality that started being ignored decades ago. Then, as years passed, it was a custom that was not just ignored, but many people forgot it existed. The result was that parents who hadn't been taught the social niceties did not teach them to THEIR children.

When I publish letters about thank-you notes, I invariably receive an avalanche of letters and e-mails from readers complaining that they are hurt and offended because they don't receive thank-you notes. Some individuals use texts and e-mails to acknowledge gifts. However, for most people a handwritten note is much more memorable. Thanking someone for a gift, an invitation to a party or a kind deed in writing is important.

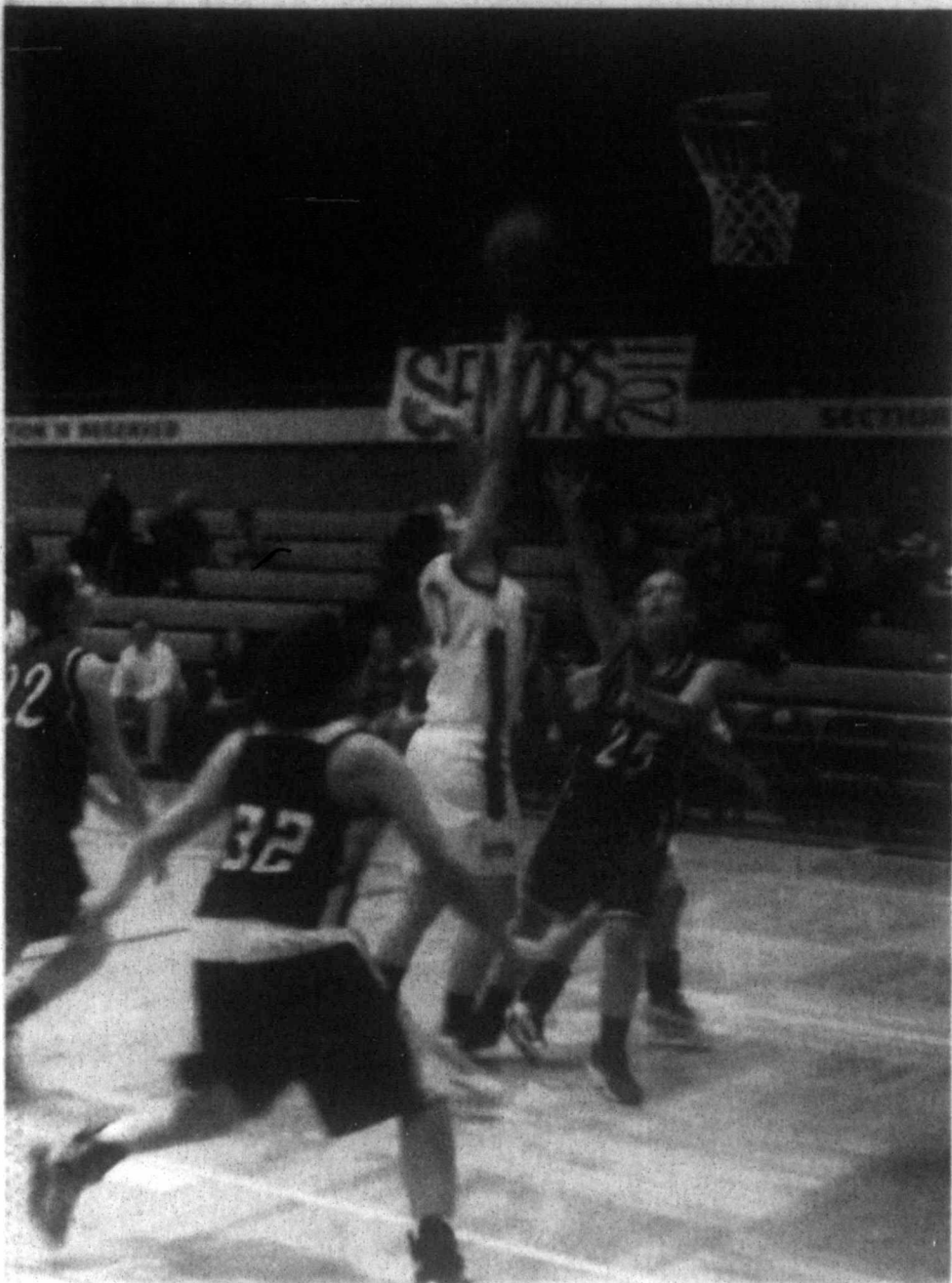
While composing a letter may always be a chore to some people, there are occasions when the written message is the only proper means of communication. It shows

effort, and can become a keepsake. For those people who have difficulty expressing their thoughts, my booklet "How to Write Letters for All Occasions" covers a few basic rules for acknowledging gifts, expressing sympathy and accepting or declining an invitation. It can be ordered by sending your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$6 (U.S. funds), to Dear Abby — Letters Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. Not everyone can write letters that are literary masterpieces, but for anyone who wonders how to put in writing a brief, charming thank-you note, a letter expressing congratulations, a love letter — or one that announces a broken engagement — my booklet will serve as a guide to those who have put off writing because they didn't know what to say, how to say it, or even how to begin.

Because the season for exchanging gifts is nearly here, "Thankful Mom," your letter is an important and timely one.

Sports

More on Pampa vs. Canyon



staff photo by **Andrew Glover**.

Dinah Radke attempts a layup over a Canyon defender Tuesday in the junior varsity's game at McNeely Fieldhouse. Pampa lost 70-16 and fell to 1-3. This was the second time Pampa has played Canyon; they met in last week's Amarillo Tournament, which was also won by Canyon.

Quick Summary

Canyon Lady Eagles 68, Pampa Lady Harvesters 18

Records: Canyon 3-0, Pampa 0-5

It was over when: The third ranked team in 4A started making shots while Pampa struggled to even attempt a shot.

Game ball goes to: Nicole Hampton, Canyon Sr. Hampton led the team in scoring with 15 points. Hampton was also a strong contributor in rebounds and steals.

Pampa Game ball goes to: The Fans. Despite how bad Pampa was losing, the green and gold faithful stayed until the end of the game showing their undying support.

Teams	1	2	3	4	Final
Canyon	16	22	20	10	68
Pampa	4	5	6	3	18

The Pampa News Fantasy Football Results and Standings

Masked Riders (Andrew Glover) 95, The Supermen (Travis Tidmore) 88, Hard2Kill (Greg Collins) 88, Pampa Team 1 (Garrett Ericson) 61, Pampa Team 2 (Jonathan Polasek) 124, Samuel-son (Sam Steen) 27, gardenweasles (Bob Cummings) 131, Choir Boys (Cullen Allen) 84, Team of PreDestiny 104 (Kenny Rigoulot), The Editor (Arnie Aurellano) 52

Division 1

Team	Owner	Record
Samuel-son	Sam Steen	6-4
Masked Riders	Andrew Glover	6-4
The Editor	Arnie Aurellano	5-5
gardenweasles	Bob Cummings	4-6
Pampa Team 1	Garrett Ericson	3-7

Division 2

Team	Owner	Record
Team of PreDestiny	Kenny Rigoulot	8-2
The Supermen	Travis Tidmore	5-5
Pampa Team 2	Jonathan Polasek	5-5
Choir Boys	Cullen Allen	4-6
Hard2Kill	Greg Collins	4-6

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