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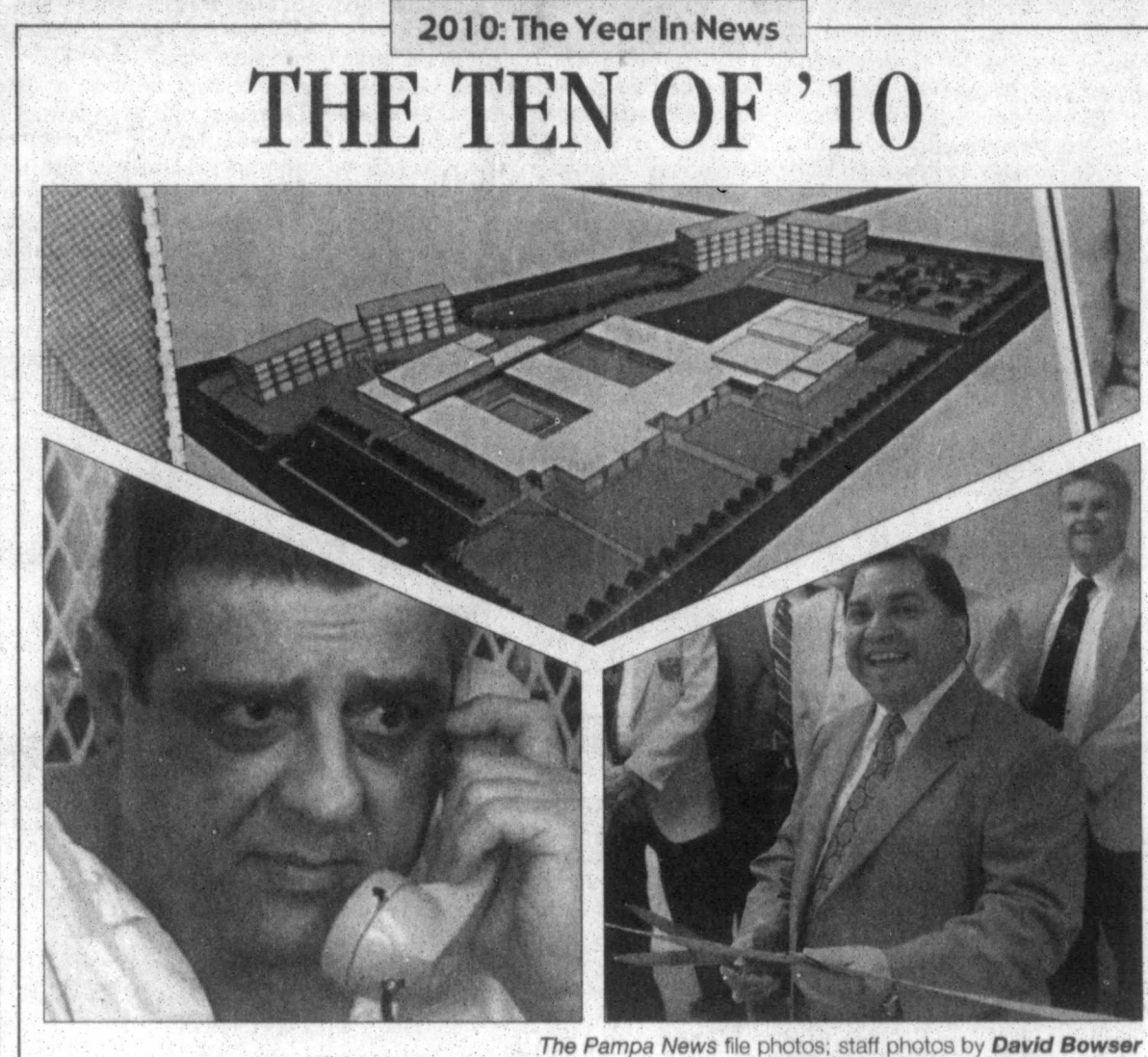
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2010: The Year In News

THE TEN OF '10

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The proposed rehab center (clockwise from top), the development of Clarendon College Pampa Center and the ongoing Hank Skinner saga top our 2010 stories countdown.

Our Top 10 stories countdown: #3 to #1

Next year may only be mere days away, but these last three stories on our countdown will arguably continue to have far-reaching effects on our community beyond the close of 2010.

A school expanding. A felon waiting. A center stalled.

Each made local headlines over the course of the year, and for better or worse, each will likely continue to have an impact to Pampa residents through the course of next year.

We don't know what else 2011 will bring, but if the new year's new developments are as locally significant as these last few on

our countdown, we here at the news can expect ourselves to stay busy.

The Top Three Stories of 2010:

- 3 Higher class**
 Clarendon College continues Pampa center development
- New programs, new buildings, and a new president are some of the changes that have come fast and furious for Clarendon College during 2010.
- The Pampa campus of the Clarendon-based institution is where the action was and

will likely be centered in the decades to come.

The year saw the beginning and the end of construction on two new buildings at the 55-acre Pampa campus. The construction added approximately 25,000 square feet of classroom space.

Clarendon President William Auvenshine, speaking in several public venues during the year, made it a point to connect the future of Pampa, noting that the college's overall enrollment has "grown by about 400 students, primarily right here in Pampa."

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Stock shows to kick off January 2011

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The New Year will begin with the Top of Texas Junior Livestock Show at the Clyde Carruth Pavilion at Recreation Park east of Pampa.

The livestock show will begin with the swine judging at 8 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 1, according to Jeff Chisum, president of the livestock association.

The show will continue beginning at 8 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 2, with lambs and goats.

The steer show will begin at 1 p.m. Sunday.

The Gray County Junior Livestock Show is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 15, at the Clyde Carruth Pavilion.

The Gray County Junior Livestock Sale will be at 5:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 17. Only Gray County FFA and 4H students will be eligible for the sale.

Swearing-in ceremony set for Sat.

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Newly elected officials will be sworn in Saturday morning at the Gray County Courthouse.

Judge Lee Waters, who is retiring from the bench, will give the oath of office to his replacement as 223rd District Court Judge, Phil Vanderpool.

Judge Vanderpool will then swear in Richard Peet as Gray County Judge, Scott Hahn as County Clerk and Scott Hahn as County Treasurer.

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Cielo to build wind farm, provide to Xcel

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The company that first developed a wind farm at White Deer is now planning to build another in the western Texas Panhandle.

Cielo Wind Power, LP, is planning Spinning Spur Wind Ranch, to be located west of Vega and north of Interstate 40.

They will sell the power generated there to Xcel Energy.

Xcel will purchase the expected 161-megawatts of electricity generated and receive the Renewable Energy Credits generated over 15 years, according to a deal signed by the two companies.

Xcel's Wes Reeves said the wind ranch is expected to generate 650,000 megawatt-hours of electricity annually. He said that is enough energy to power more than 54,000 households per year.

While Reeves said that Xcel customers will benefit, he said that Xcel customers

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HOLIDAYS WINDING DOWN UNTIL NEXT YEAR



After Christmas and preparing for the New Year, Melodie Dosch takes the ornaments from the city's festive tree at city hall as Christmas decorations come down and the city prepares for 2011.

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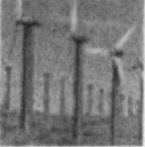

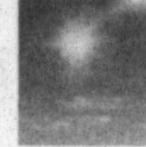
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PAMPA FORECAST

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		
High 61 Low 27	High 32 Low 7	High 29 Low 14

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 41. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

Thursday: Partly sunny, then gradually becoming sunny, with a high near 61. Wind chill values between 31 and 41 early. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

Thursday Night: A slight chance of rain showers before midnight, then a slight chance of snow showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 27. Wind chill values between 16 and 21. Windy, with a southwest wind 25 to 30 mph decreasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 32. Windy, with a northwest wind 25 to 30 mph becoming north northwest 15 to 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 7. Northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

New Year's Day: Sunny, with a high near 29. Calm wind becoming south southeast between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 14. South wind around 10 mph.

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Peggy Downs, 73

MCLEAN—Peggy Downs, 73, died December 28, 2010, in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Downs was born July 12, 1937, in Avery. She attended schools in Dumas. She married Glenn Downs on July 9, 1955, in Moore County. Peggy worked as a dental assistant in Roswell, N. M. and Dumas for many years before moving to the Gray County area in 1982. She was a member of the First Assembly of God. Peggy loved cooking, canning, decorating and gardening. She always put her family first and will be greatly missed.

Survivors include her husband, Glenn Downs of the home; son, Rick Downs and wife Darlene of Childress; daughter, Starla Williams of Ada, Okla.; two granddaughters, Twila Gallob of Hotchkiss, Colo., and Seresa Wiggins of Ada, Okla.; a grandson, Scott Downs of Amarillo; two great-granddaughters, Aarlayn Gallob of Hotchkiss, Colo., and Kyla Daulton of Ada, Okla.; two great-grandsons, Christian Wiggins of Ada, Okla.; and Ryker Gallob of Hotchkiss, Colo.; two brothers, Sonny Dickey and Jerry Dickey and wife Wazetta, all of Amarillo; and a sister, Audrey Dickey of Amarillo.

Memorials may be made to BSA Hospice, P. O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79150.

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Downs

Jimmie Lorene Thompson, 94

SKELLYTOWN—Jimmie Lorene Thompson, 94, died December 25, 2010, in Pampa.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, December 30, 2010, at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, with Rev. Fines Marchman, pastor of First Baptist Church of Skellytown, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Thompson was born September 5, 1916, in Margaret. She married Irwin Cooper in 1933, and he preceded her in death in 1965. She later married Bill Thompson in 1966, and he preceded her in death in 1988. Jimmie had been a resident of Skellytown since 1942. She was a homemaker and later worked as a waitress at various cafes in Skellytown. Jimmie was a very faithful member of the Naomi Sunday School Class, where she attended the First Baptist Church of Skellytown after the Community Church closed.

Survivors include a sister, Lillie Mae Cooper of Denison; one grandson, Cary Meredith; many great-grandchildren, several great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews in the Dallas area. She was preceded in death by three sisters, Jewell Thompson, Beatrice Hickman and Laverne Norris; three brothers, Leon Smallwood, Bill Smallwood and Robert Smallwood; two daughters, Dorothy Richardson and Jimmie Lanell; and two grandchildren, James Craig Richardson and Alesia Renea Stewart.

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

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

Police said there were 23 traffic-related calls and three accidents.

Animal Control Officers reported nine animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS reported seven ambulance calls. Lefors Volunteer EMS reported one medical call.

Tuesday, Dec. 28

Alarms were reported in the 1300 block of North Hobart and at 70 North Texas Highway 70.

A burglary was reported in the 1300 block of North Hobart.

Officers assisted another agency in the 1200 block of Carter.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of South Sumner.

A 911 hangup call was reported in the 2200 block of North Wells.

Officers attempted to serve warrants in the 1400 block of North Dogwood and in the 2100 block of North Hamilton.

Firefighters investigated a report at the intersection of 23rd and Price Road.

A theft was reported to police.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 300 block of South Anne.

A theft was reported in the 700 block of North Sumner. Disorderly conduct was

reported in the 1200 block of North Garland.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 800 block of East Beryl.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1000 block of West McCullough.

A threat was reported in the 1000 block of Varnon.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 440 block of South Graham.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells.

A domestic disturbance was reported 2200 block of North Duncan.

Officers made a welfare check in the 600 block of North Zimmers.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1400 block of North Williston.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Dec. 28
Jmico Amon Mitchell, 20, was arrested by police on charges of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.

Jera Blue Stephens, 29, was arrested by sheriff's deputies on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

Jackie Lee Carnes, 60, of Yukon, Okla., was arrested by deputies for criminal non-support.

Legislative fight expected on class-size limit

AUSTIN (AP)—Among proposed solutions to the state's massive budget deficit is changing a Texas law that holds most elementary school classes to no more than 22 students.

Legislative leaders and Comptroller Susan Combs say easing the requirement would save hundreds of millions of dollars and give school districts more flexibility in educating students.

But teachers groups, backed by Democrats in the House and Senate, say any change will reverse academic gains in elementary schools and force the elimination of as many as 12,000 teaching jobs.

Combs, a Republican, recently recommended that lawmakers scrap the 22-student limit in kindergarten through fourth grade, switching to an average class-size standard of 22. The class-size requirement has been law since 1984.

The change would mean an extra three students per class on average in those five grades. The comptroller's office says that the current average with the 22-pupil limit is 19.3 students per class.

Combs said the change would save an estimated \$558 million a year, mostly through elimination of thousands of teaching jobs.

When it meets again in January, the Legislature is set to address a budget shortfall of more than \$20 billion.

"The 22-student limit was just a number pulled out of thin air. What we want to do is simply give flexibility and freedom to

teachers, principals and superintendents to do what is best for students in their district," said Sen. Dan Patrick, R-Houston, a leading advocate of revising the class-size limit.

Patrick, who tried to put an "average" class-size standard into state law two years ago, noted that there are no class-size caps in upper grade levels in Texas. He said the change wouldn't hurt the education of students.

But Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, told The Dallas Morning News that the class-size limit has been a big factor in the academic successes that Texas has seen in the early elementary grades.

"When we put 22-to-1 in the law, there was a reason for doing it. There were a lot of studies showing that smaller classes were important for student achievement, especially in the elementary grades," he said. The newspaper reports

that some national studies have been focused on the advantages of smaller classes, but there is no recent research on how effective Texas' 22-student limit is in promoting academic success.

A 2000 study by the Rand Corp. praised Texas for its progress with elementary school children, citing smaller classes as a key factor in improved scores on the National Assessment of Educational Progress.

The study determined that "states at the top of the heap generally have lower pupil-teacher ratios in lower grades."

A 1999 report from the Texas Education Agency said that research across the country indicated that class-size restrictions have the greatest impact on student achievement when classes are less than 20 students, especially for economically disadvantaged and minority students.

Wind

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won't see a direct effect on their bills because of the new project, he said that the expansion is still a good investment because it represents an added option with regard to power availability.

"Our modeling shows this purchase is economically beneficial to our customers, and it also decreases our reliance on traditional generating resources," said Riley Hill, president and CEO of Southwestern Public Service, an Xcel Energy company. Xcel Energy has more than 900 megawatts of wind capacity connected to its Texas-New Mexico system.

Reeves said that Xcel has been the nations number one provider of wind energy for six years.

Cielo, an Austin-based wind-develop-

ment company, is the largest independently-owned wind company in the U.S. and has developed 1,234 megawatts of wind ranches in Texas and New Mexico over the past 11 years.

Cielo plans to start construction on the Spinning Spur project in July. They estimate it will create 150 to 200 jobs onsite during the peak construction period in 2011 and 2012.

"Tax incentive agreements with the Oldham County and Vega Independent School District are key reasons the project is planned to be located in Oldham County," said Walt Hornaday, Cielo's president.

The White Deer wind farm is now owned by Shell Wind Energy.

AFTERNOONRUSH Lawmaker does not remember fatal Texas crash

Pastor 'unbelievable'

DALLAS (AP) — A Texas woman says a pastor who's accused of stealing valuable items from her house knew she wasn't home and that the clergywoman's excuse that she was trying to protect her belongings is unbelievable.

In an interview on ABC's "Good Morning America" Wednesday, Serita Agnew says she was "devastated and in disbelief" when Dallas police told her they had arrested Sandy McGriff on Christmas Eve after she climbed through a broken window at Agnew's home and removed two fur coats.

Agnew says the two women had spoken about 30 minutes earlier.

She says McGriff's assertion that she was investigating a possible burglary "does not make sense," and that the pastor had lied to police by saying Agnew asked her to stop by.

McGriff is charged with burglary and resisting arrest.

Church fire suspect arrested

CRANE, Texas (AP) — Police say a man has been arrested after a fire burned most of a church complex of four connected buildings.

Tuesday's fire at Faith in Christ church was one of five within a period of about three hours in the small West Texas town of Crane. Officials are trying to determine whether the fires are related.

Crane police Chief J.D. Smith says 25-year-old Steven Scott Cantrell, arrested Tuesday night, is charged with arson relating to the church fire. Smith said bond had not yet been set and he did not know whether Cantrell had an attorney.

The other smaller fires were at a utility trailer, a gym, an unoccupied house and in a church van at another church.

Crane, population about 3,000, is located about 30 miles south of Odessa.

'Large cat' kills goats

SKELLYTOWN, Texas (AP) — Authorities are warning residents in the eastern part of Carson County in the Texas Panhandle to be alert after a several goats in a pen were killed by what the sheriff suspects was some kind of "large cat."

Carson County Sheriff Tam Terry says the tracks left behind after the Tuesday morning attack in Skellytown were larger than a bobcat.

He tells the Amarillo Globe-News, "Everybody thinks it's a mountain lion, but we don't have a way to verify that. There are tracks, indications it was a cat larger than what we normally see."

As a precaution, Terry said everyone on the east side of the county was notified of the attack using a reverse 911 calling system.

Skellytown, population about 600, is about 60 miles northeast of Amarillo.

Jeffs pleads not guilty

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) — Polygamist sect leader Warren Jeffs stood mute during an arraignment on bigamy and sexual assault charges and a West Texas court has entered not guilty pleas on his behalf.

The 55-year-old is scheduled to stand trial for aggravated sexual assault Jan. 24 and said during a pretrial hearing Wednesday that he intends to hire a Texas attorney but has yet to formally do so. Separate trials on other charges will come later.

Jeffs sat and said nothing as prosecutors read charges that he had sex with a girl younger than 17.

He was ordered to stand and simply glanced down as charges alleging sex with a girl younger than 15 and bigamy were read.

Jeffs is the ecclesiastical head of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Bus crash kills SUV driver

CROSBY, Texas (AP) — Authorities say the driver of an SUV was killed in a collision with a South Texas school bus carrying a girls' basketball team.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office says the accident happened Tuesday night outside Crosby. The bus was carrying the Crosby Independent School District ninth grade girls' basketball team.

Sgt. Glen Wolverton told The Houston Chronicle that nine players, the coach, the coach's daughter and the 69-year-old bus driver were taken to a hospital. Their injuries are not considered life-threatening.

The team was returning from a tournament in Liberty, about 20 miles away.

Wolverton said the SUV was traveling north when a vehicle in front of it slowed down or stopped to turn left. The SUV then moved into oncoming traffic and struck the bus head-on.

'Psychic girlfriend' tops lies

MILWAUKEE (AP) — A Wisconsin man has earned bragging rights as the champion liar of 2010 with this line: "I almost had a psychic girlfriend but she left me before we met."

Forty-nine-year-old David Milz of Bristol says he came up with it when he was joking around with colleagues. Then he figured it might be good enough to win the Burlington Liars Club's annual contest.

A lifetime membership to the club started in 1929 costs \$1 and gives the holder the right to submit an unlimited number of fibs each year.

Milz says the key to winning is being able to laugh at oneself.

The runners-up include this line from Ellen Everts of New London: "My luck is so bad that if I bought a cemetery, people would stop dying."

Heroin belongs to Granny

DETROIT (AP) — A 53-year-old Oklahoma man says \$50,000 worth of heroin found during a customs inspection at Detroit Metropolitan Airport was intended as a pain reliever for his ailing grandmother.

Federal authorities say Stevan Patong Thao was arrested after arriving about noon Sunday on a flight that originated in Laos and stopped in Narita, Japan.

Thao was caught transporting two pill bottles containing 490 heroin capsules. Thao said he had a prescription for the illegal drugs, then said his nephew bought them in Laos and were intended for his diabetes and high blood pressure. Authorities say both stories were false.

Thao was released on \$10,000 bond and is headed back to Oklahoma.

DENVER (AP) — A Colorado lawmaker has no recollection of a weekend crash north of Amarillo, Texas that left a pregnant woman dead and her baby in critical condition, a state trooper said Tuesday.

Texas trooper Gabriel Medrano said that no charges have been filed and the Sunday accident remains under investigation. He said Sen. Suzanne Williams will be questioned again and the department has 30 days to complete the investigation.

"She doesn't remember what happened in the crash," Medrano said.

Williams' son and grandsons were also injured after Williams' SUV veered into oncoming traffic and collided with another carrying the family of 30-year-old Brianna Michelle Gomez of Amarillo.

Gomez died and her baby boy was delivered by cesarean section and remains in critical condition. She also leaves behind a husband and two daughters, who were treated and released following the crash.

Williams says the tragedy is a burden she will carry the rest of her life.

"I cannot express the horror, sadness and grief I feel for an accident that will change forever the lives of a young family," Williams said in a statement.

The Texas Department of Public Safety said the accident occurred after Williams' 2010 Honda CRV veered into oncoming traffic "for an unknown reason" on Sunday night and collided with the 2003 GMC Yukon carrying the Gomez family.

Williams' son, 41-year-old Todd Williams, was in serious condition Tuesday at Northwest Texas Hospital. His 7-year-old son Tyler was in satisfactory condition but his 3-year-old son Tristan has been released, hospital spokeswoman Caytie Martin said. Both Todd Williams and Tyler were thrown from the vehicle in the crash.

Williams has pushed for stronger regulations on seat belts in Colorado. She was wearing a seat belt but neither her son nor her grandsons were.

Williams didn't immediately return a telephone call seeking further comment Tuesday.

Rep. Nancy Todd, D-Aurora, said she spoke with Williams on Monday night and Williams told her that she has "a blurred memory" of the accident.

She said the family told her Todd Williams unbuckled his seat belt and climbed into the back seat to put pajamas on his children, who were also unbuckled so he could put them to bed

for the long drive to Colorado. Todd said it only took a moment of distraction and Williams deeply regrets the tragedy.

"She has been a real fighter for real change, with the protection and safety of children foremost in her mind. The fact that her children and grandchildren were endangered will be something she will use to make others realize how important seat belts are," Todd said.

Todd said Williams was taking her family to Vail to go skiing over the holidays.

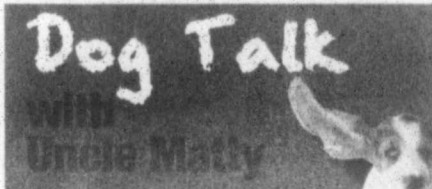
Williams sponsored legislation this year to increase fines on all drivers and passengers not wearing seat belts, but agreed to amend her bill to apply only to children not properly restrained in car seats after Republicans claimed it would violate the civil rights of drivers.

Williams told the Senate Transportation Committee at a hearing on her bill in February that parents have to set an example by using seat belts.

"We are the models, the adults are the models for these children. If you have children or grandchildren of your own as I do, you know that they don't buckle up," she told the committee.

If Santa brought a puppy for Christmas

MATTHEW "UNCLE MATTY" MARGOLIS
Creator's Syndicate



It's no iPad, but the idea has been around a lot longer and still makes the short list of the most popular Christmas gift ideas: the puppy.

The great thing about the gift of a pup is that it works both ways. After all, there is no better gift for a dog than a loving home.

The downside of Christmas pups is that the idea is not always fleshed out. Bringing a dog into the family means big change. And the big changes come instantly. They don't wait until the chaos of the holidays dies down. They don't wait until the weather warms.

If you find yourself the lucky recipient of a holiday hound, congratulations! You're in the first days of what could be one of the most wonderful relationships of your life. As my Christmas gift to you and your dog, I'd like to share a few "secrets" that will get you off to a good start.

I recently visited a family that just got a 9-week-old puppy. The two little girls are thrilled; their mother, not so much. The pup has gnawed through wires, chewed up furniture and urinated everywhere, and Mom wasn't handling it well. She found the word "no" pushing its way through her lips constantly, to no avail.

The problem wasn't with the dog. It was with the owners. There were a few key things they simply did not know.

First, they didn't know their puppy's personality. This is important information as it is the very foundation of your relationship. Your dog's personality determines how you handle him, how you talk to him, how you train him, how you correct him, as well as what not to do.

Turns out, this family's new pup is shy and scared — and all that yelling was only making it worse.

Next, they didn't realize their puppy was teething. Just like children, all puppies go through a teething

stage that can be quite uncomfortable, even painful. Chewing relieves the discomfort. Now that Mom has a better understanding of the chewing behavior, she can help.

Cheap and easy puppy teething tool: Soak some washcloths in water, roll them up and put them in the freezer. Keep a stockpile on hand to offer your pup whenever he needs a good chew. You'll know when that is.

Finally, Mom didn't want to crate her puppy because she thought it was mean. Done right, though, a crate is exactly the opposite. Your dog's crate should be a safe, warm, comfy retreat, a place all his own. It isn't a punishment and should never be used as such.

The perfect crate will give your dog enough room to stand up and lie down comfortably. It should be of wire construction with good visibility from all angles. Ideally, you'll line the bottom with a padded fleece bed or soft blankets. And he'll even find a few of his favorite chew toys waiting for him inside.

The perfect placement of the crate is in your bedroom or another open, friendly room in the home where the rest of the family congregates. Neither dog nor crate belongs in a laundry room or a closet.

Puppies and dogs, when new to a home, should not have free rein of the house. Housebreaking, for one, requires routine and supervision, and it takes time for a new dog to learn the rules of the home. His crate is a safe place for him to rest when you're sleeping or have to be away for a couple of hours.

For more information on how to get off on the right foot with your new pup, check out my book "I Just Got a Puppy. What Do I Do?"

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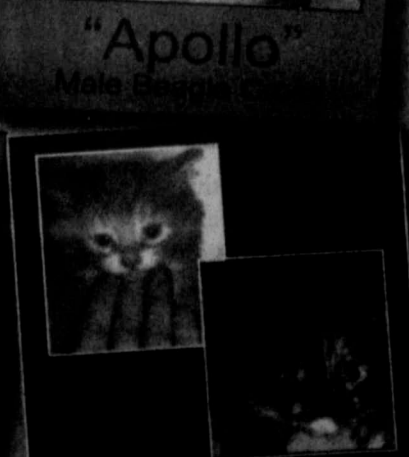
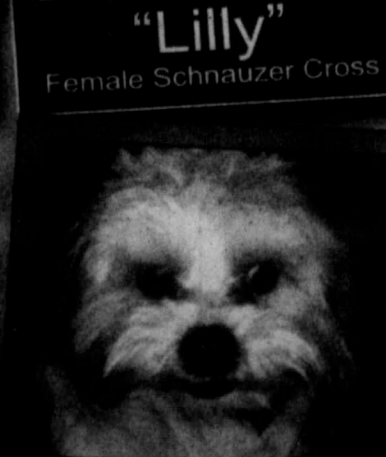
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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 29, the 363rd day of 2010. There are two days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 29, 1910, the capital of Oklahoma was moved from Guthrie to Oklahoma City as the state legislature approved a bill which was signed by Gov. Charles N. Haskell. (Although the move was challenged in court, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the action.)

On this date:

In 1170, Thomas Becket, the Archbishop of Canterbury, was murdered in Canterbury Cathedral by knights loyal to King Henry II.

In 1808, the 17th president of the United States, Andrew Johnson, was born in Raleigh, N.C.

In 1845, Texas was admitted as the 28th state.

In 1890, the Wounded Knee massacre took place in South Dakota as an estimated 300 Sioux Indians were killed by U.S. troops sent to disarm them.

In 1916, Grigory Rasputin, the so-called "Mad Monk" who'd wielded great influence with Czar Nicholas II, was murdered by a group of Russian noblemen in St. Petersburg.

In 1934, Japan formally renounced the Washington Naval Treaty of 1922.

In 1940, during World War II, Germany dropped incendiary bombs on London, setting off what came to be known as "The Second Great Fire of London."

In 1975, a bomb exploded in the main terminal of New York's LaGuardia Airport, killing 11 people.

In 1986, former British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan died at his home in Sussex, England, at age 92.

Ten years ago: President-elect George W. Bush filled four more Cabinet slots, tapping Rod Paige to be Secretary of Education, Gale Norton to be Secretary of the Interior, Anthony J. Principi to return as Secretary to the Department of Veterans Affairs and Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson to be Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Five years ago: International monitors said they would review Iraq's parliamentary elections in response to fraud complaints by Sunni Arab and secular Shiite groups.

One year ago: Brushing aside international appeals, China executed British drug smuggler Akmal Shaikh, who relatives said was mentally unstable and unwittingly lured into crime; it was China's first execution of a European citizen in nearly 60 years.

Today's Birthdays: ABC newscaster Tom Jarriel is 76. Actress Mary Tyler Moore is 74. Actor Jon Voight is 72. Country singer Ed Bruce is 71. Rock musician Ray Thomas is 69. Singer Marianne Faithfull is 64. Jockey Laffit Pincay, Jr. is 64. Actor Ted Danson is 63. Actor Jon Polito is 60. Singer-actress Yvonne Elliman is 59. Actress Patricia Clarkson is 51. Comedian Paula Poundstone is 51. Actor Michael Cudlitz is 46. Actor-comedian Mystro Clark is 44. Actor Jason Gould is 44. Movie director Andy Wachowski is 43. Actress Jennifer Ehle is 41. Actor Patrick Fischler is 41. Rock singer-musician Glen Phillips is 40. Actor Kevin Weisman is 40. Actor Jude Law is 38. Actor Mekhi Phifer is 36. Actor Shawn Hatosy is 35. Actress Katherine Moennig is 33. Actor Diego Luna is 31.

Thought for Today: "If a child is to keep alive his inborn sense of wonder, he needs the companionship of at least one adult who can share it, rediscovering with him the joy, excitement and mystery of the world we live in." - Rachel Carson, *American biologist (1907-1964)*



To the victor belong the spoils

WASHINGTON — It is often said of our representative system of government that the voters choose their senators while the House chooses its voters.

The Republicans, with the help of some sophisticated computer technology and the latest census data, will do just that next year by redrawing congressional-district lines that could give their party a net gain of anywhere from three to 15 GOP House seats in 2012.

The political art of reshaping House-district boundaries began last week after the 2010 census figures showed that close to a dozen seats will be shifting mostly from the heavily Democratic Northern states to the more Republican-leaning South and West.

Under the reapportionment process to ensure that congressional districts contain roughly the same number of people, the population shift means that New York and Ohio will lose two seats each, and Illinois, New Jersey, Michigan, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Iowa and Louisiana will each lose one seat.

Gaining House seats are Texas (four) and Florida (two), with Arizona, Nevada, Utah, South Carolina, Georgia and Washington gaining one each.

How the congressional-district lines are drawn depends on who controls the governorships and legislatures in each state, and the GOP's statehouse victories last month put them squarely in charge of five

of the eight states that are gaining seats.

Republicans, for example, are in control of the state governments in Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania, where incumbent Democrats like Cleveland Rep. Dennis Kucinich, the left-wing firebrand, is in danger of losing his seat. Democrats are in control of only two of the 10 states losing seats: Massachusetts and Illinois. In New York, Republicans won control of the state Senate, which will likely result in the elimination of one seat from each party.

The congressional power shift from the North to the South and West has been going on for quite some time. The New York House delegation has shrunk from 45 in the 1940s to 27 under the 2010 census. Florida's delegation is expanding from six House members in the 1940s to 27 in 2012.

Overall, Republicans will be in control of House redistricting in 196 districts, or four times the 49 districts Democrats control, according to House elections analyst David Wasserman at the Cook Political Report. However, Wasserman thinks Republicans will be more focused on redrawing congressional-district lines to lock in the 63-seat gains won in 2010 than "creating new opportunities" in the 2012 elections.

Even so, the population shifts open up a number of opportunities to add some new "safe" seats to the GOP's forces, and a number of Republican strategists are already testing boundary-line changes —

precinct by precinct, street by street — on computer models that take full advantage of the new census data.

"The Republicans are going to have their hand on the computer mouse, and when you have your hand on the computer mouse, you can change a district from a D to an R," Kimball W. Brace, president of Election Data Services, told the *New York Times*.

But the net House gains the Republicans hope to achieve under redistricting and reapportionment may pale to the gains they may make in the Senate in 2012. The reason: 23 Democratic senators — many of whom are on the endangered list — will be up for re-election, compared to a mere 10 Republicans, most of whom are considered safe. Among them:

— Claire McCaskill of Missouri: A down-the-line vote for the entire Obama agenda, she won her seat in a 49.6 percent squeaker in 2006. This month, a Democratic Public Policy Polling survey showed her approval rating at a dismal 43 percent. Former Sen. Jim Talent is considering a rematch.

— Sherrrod Brown of Ohio: After last month's Democratic blood bath,



DONALD LAMBRO

with the GOP winning the Senate and governorship races and a handful of House seats, Brown is in trouble. He's a knee-jerk liberal vote for Obama's agenda, and the PPP poll shows just 45 percent would vote to re-elect him now.

— Jim Webb of Virginia: Republicans are back in charge of this conservative state, and Webb, who won his seat in an upset in 2006 by a margin of 0.6 percent, will have to defend a pile of big-spending liberal votes, beginning with Obamacare. Former Sen. George Allen is weighing a rematch.

— Jon Tester of Montana: Tester won his first term by just 3,500 votes with strong liberal netroots support, but the left has turned against him bitterly. Jean Lemire Dahlman, the state's Democratic national committee chair, says, "He's alienated his base in the progressive Democratic circles." GOP leaders see this seat as "a strong pick-up."

The Democrats enter the 2012 presidential election cycle with the certain prospect of losing a clutch of House seats, even before any ballots have been cast, and nearly half-a-dozen freshmen senators are on the endangered candidate's list.

But that's only half of their troubles. This time they will be on the same ballot with Barack Obama.

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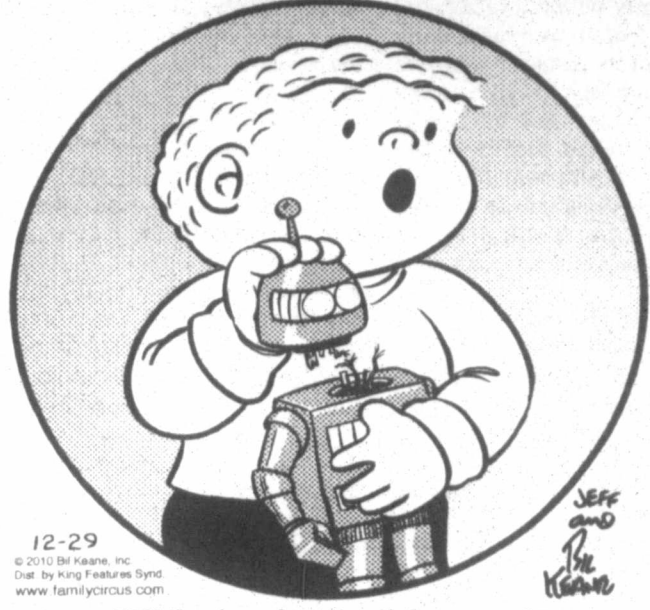
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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Dec. 30, 2010:

This year, you must eye the big picture more often. If you do, you'll achieve your goals more easily. Friendships support you in making some of your dreams happen. In fact, if you are single, a friendship could become a lot more. Otherwise, you might meet this person through your friends. You have strong magnetism and drive, which, if frustrated, could turn into anger. Learn to set boundaries and express your feelings before they get out of control. If you are attached, the two of you as a couple achieve a long-desired goal. Celebrate! SCORPIO remains a dedicated friend and is strong enough to be your friend!

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)
★★★★ Stay direct in your dealings. The unexpected occurs. Your ability to deal with a boss or respected authority figure emerges. You are clear about the possibilities, and a discussion provides more insight. Tonight: Best with one other person.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Pace yourself, knowing you have a lot of ground to cover. Finally, someone is willing to open up. You feel that communication is flourishing. You also might see some anger. Make that OK. Tonight: Go with another suggestion.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You feel more energized than you have in a while. Work with a partner to clear out some to-do errands or preparations for the new year. A partner could be hot under the collar. Watch out. Tonight: Stay easy. Walk; relax.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Your creativity fills in the blanks. Others understand a lot more than you realize. Creativity and mirth blend together to find solutions. Finally, you understand what has been left unsaid. Tonight: Be naughty and maybe nice.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You finally get more clarity on a domestic or personal issue. This knowledge allows you to flow more easily and connect with others. Don't negate the possibility of needing to see stronger boundaries. Tonight: Order in ... get ready.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Keep reaching out for others, specifically those you couldn't talk to in the past few weeks. You'll discover how much easier it is now. Exchange good wishes. A fun invitation brings even more fun than anticipated. Tonight: You don't have to go far.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Last-minute running around and perhaps spending could keep you busy. Reach out for someone at a distance you often don't hear from. Be careful with a roommate or family member. He or she could be on the warpath. Tonight: Indulge a little.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Approach a friend and/or close loved one. Even if he or she has been difficult of late, you are more likely to get a positive response now. Communication flourishes. Avoid a heated or sarcastic discussion, if possible. Tonight: Know that you are top dog.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Continue to maintain a low-profile. You need extra R and R anyway. You will accomplish much more that way as well. Your ability to clear out problems emerges. Meanwhile, you recover from recent events. Tonight: Do listen to your intuition.

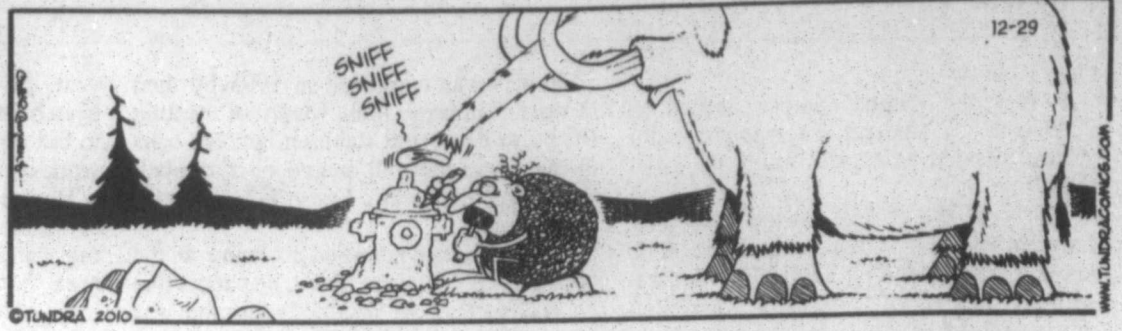
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Timing is with you. Go for your key goals and desires. A meeting or group of people could help energize you, pointing to the right direction. With a goal close in sight, you might be impossible to stop. High energy and a sense of direction mix well. Tonight: Where the action is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Follow your sixth sense, and you won't go wrong. You understand a lot more than you are letting on. If you are angry or need to clear your mind of an issue, schedule time before the new year. A boss or older friend might need some attention. Tonight: In the thick of things.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Reach out for someone at a distance. You might be more content than you realize if you break out of your mold. Sometimes it is hard to make that decision. Be true to yourself, and be aware of how many actions you do because you "should." Tonight: Use your imagination.

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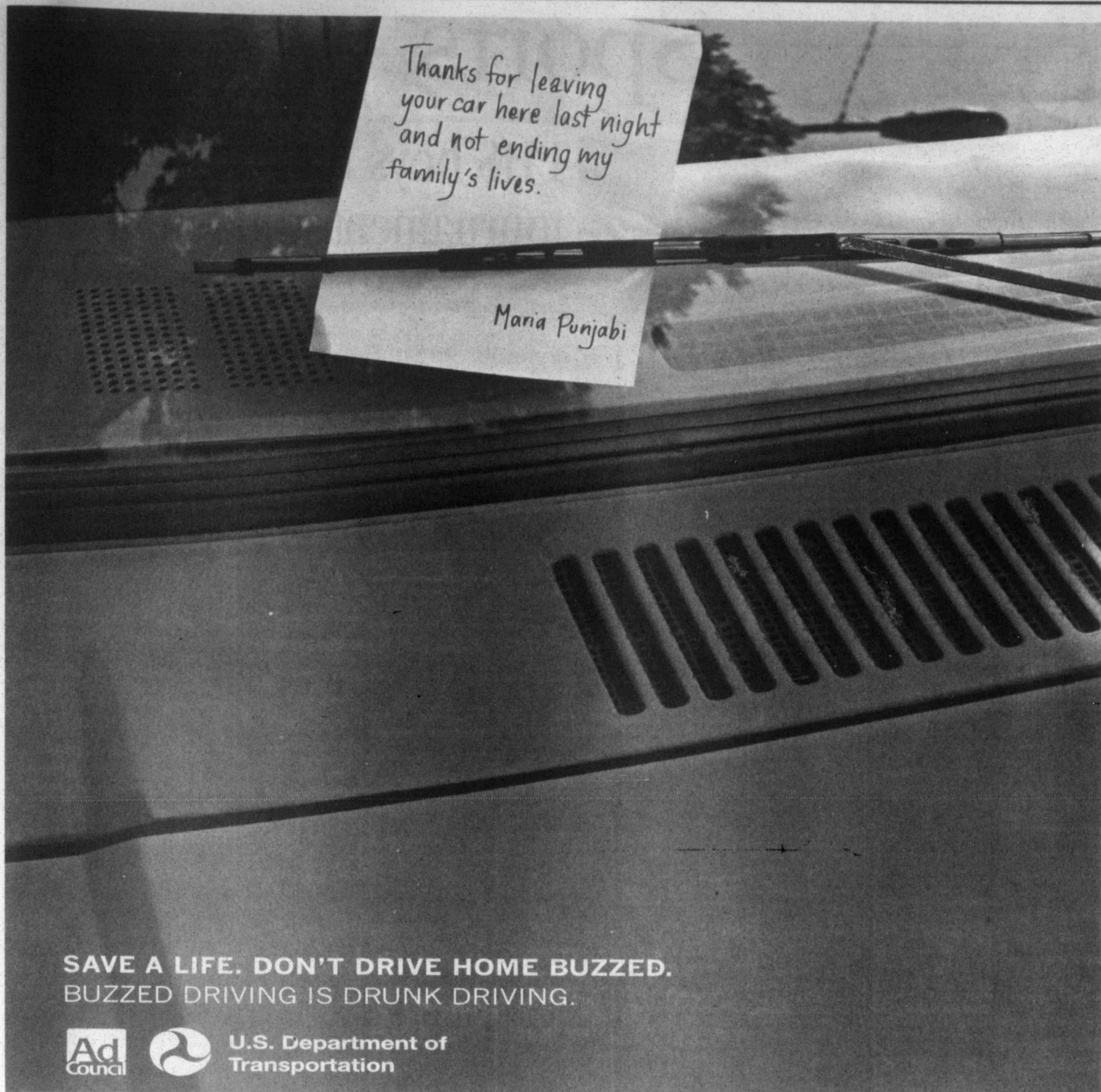


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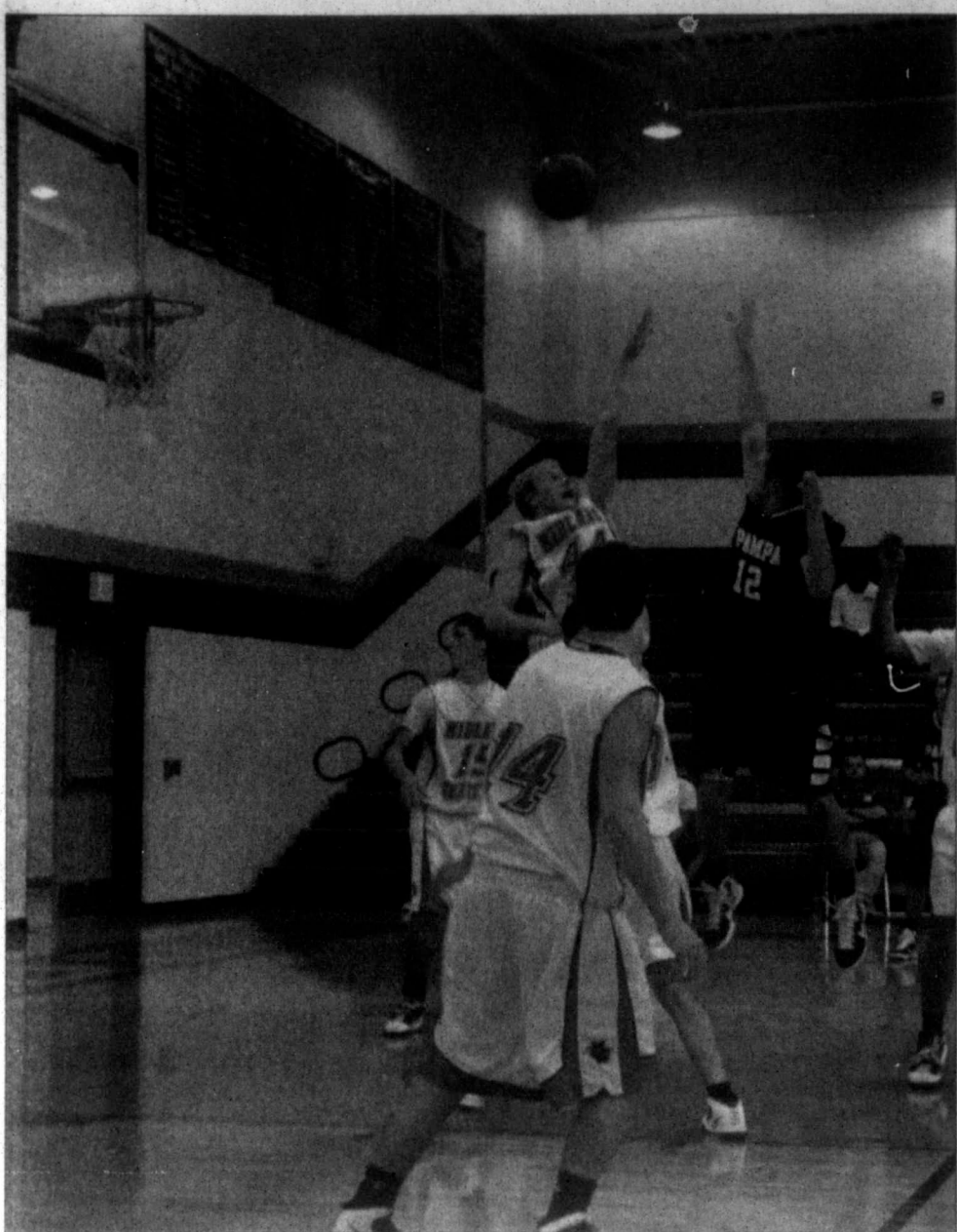


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Cole Engle attempts a jumper against the Mustangs Tuesday. Engle scored 9 and Pampa won their opening game of the Caprock Classic 64-37.

PHS boys basketball opens tournament with big victory

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It's an ongoing goal for the Harvesters to allow their opponents 45 points or fewer.

On Tuesday, in their opening game of the 52nd Annual Fibermax Caprock Classic, they accomplished just that in a 64-37 victory over the Midland Christian Mustangs at Lubbock Estacado High School.

Head coach Dustin Miller said he was pleased with how they played but saw room for improvement.

"When you take all that time off and only have one practice before coming down here, you can always play defense," Miller said. "We played OK. We could have done better. It was a good start coming back."

Senior forward Garrett Ericson said the defense was the focus in practice.

"Our defense is key to winning games," Ericson said. "We average 60 to 70 points offensively. 45 is the limit we set defensively."

Pampa was missing two players in their starting point guard Zach Murray (illness) and senior guard Greg Cabrales (out of town). Sophomore Derrek Pollard said those absences were tough but they had to step up.

"We had to clean it up to make up for our other teammates that weren't there," Pollard said.

The Harvesters (8-5) jumped out to a 7-2 lead in the first quarter. The Mustangs got within one but Pampa

closed the quarter on a 7-2 run and led 14-8 after the first. Ericson led the Pampa offense with two three-pointers and nearly had the point total of Midland Christian.

The Mustangs came out strong in the second quarter and trimmed Pampa's lead to 14-10. Pampa didn't allow them to get closer and scored the next eight points to expand their advantage. The Harvesters led by as many as 13. Junior guard Latigo Collins led the Harvesters with eight points in the second. Pampa led 30-17 at halftime.

In the third quarter, the Harvesters didn't allow Midland Christian to get closer than 10. Pampa led by as many as 23 and led 47-27 after three. Ericson, again led the Harvester offense with two more three-pointers and scored eight in the third.

The Harvesters forced 23 turnovers and scored several fast break layups. Ericson said the defense was key to victory.

"When we play good defense like that, the offense gets easy transition baskets and gets us the lead," Ericson said.

Collins led the Harvesters in scoring with 23, Ericson followed with 16, junior guard Cole Engle scored nine and Pollard scored eight. Ericson led the team in rebounds with seven. Jacob Longbotham led the Mustangs in scoring with 16. Mason Alsop followed with 8.

The Harvesters played Floydada 9 a.m. today and if Pampa won they will play 10:30 a.m. Thursday. If Pampa lost they will play 6 p.m. today against either Brownfield, Stratford or White Deer.

Lady Harvesters sputter early, lose to Quanah

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters have had problems getting started at the beginning of games. Tuesday in their opening game at the Fibermax Caprock Classic, it was no different in a 47-40 loss to the Quanah Lady Indians at Lubbock Estacado High School.

Head coach Gene Valentine said they have to figure out a way to get going faster.

"We didn't play for a quarter in a half," Valentine said. "Once we decided to play we did good. I just don't know why we came out they way we did."

Junior guard Kirsten Kuhn said slow starts have plagued them all season.

"Rather than get up in the second, we have to dig ourselves out," Kuhn said.

In the first quarter, the Lady Harvesters failed to score. Pampa missed shots on four possessions and turned it over four times. The Lady Harvesters were called for six fouls in the first half of the quarter. The Lady Indians led 7-0 after one.

Both teams played close in the second quarter. Quanah went on a 7-0 run after Kuhn got Pampa on the board with a layup. The Lady Harvesters went on their own run, outscoring the Lady Indians 12-1 and got within one. Quanah scored the last five points of the quarter to lead 20-14 at halftime.

Senior forward Kayla Hughes said they were more aggressive in the second.

"We were driving (to the basket)," Hughes said.

The Lady Indians started the third quarter strong and expanded their lead to 10. The Lady Harvesters rallied and went on a 12-5 run and cut the deficit to 29-26. Kuhn led the offensive attack with seven points in the third.

Quanah expanded their advantage at the beginning of the quarter, scoring the first seven points. Pampa didn't get closer than six points and trailed by as many as 11.

Kuhn led the Lady Harvesters in scoring with 17. Sophomore Taylor Morgan, Junior Caitlin Sieck and senior Cori Cook followed with six points each. Taylor Fischer led the Lady Indians in scoring with 13. MacKenzie Andrews followed with 11 and Taylor Newsom and Kylie Watson each scored eight. Junior Delaney Clendening led Pampa in rebounds with seven. Watson and Felicia Brown led Quanah in rebounds with six each.

The Lady Harvesters (1-14) played the Spearman and Midland Greenwood loser 1:30 p.m. today. If they won that game they will play in the Consolation finals at 10:30 a.m. Thursday. If they lost they play at 7:30 p.m. today.

Valentine said they will have to be ready for whoever they play.

"Once we decide to play we are pretty good," Valentine said. "When are we going to decide to do it? We have to be ready to go tomorrow."



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Delaney Clendening attempts a jumper against Quanah in the Fibermax Caprock Classic. Clendening scored five points.

Wrestling team begins new era; PHS soccer gets rare win

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This week, The Pampa News will take a look back at the sports events from 2010. This is the second of a four part series. This story will take a look back at the 2009-10 Wrestling, Swimming, Golf and soccer.

The 2009-10 Pampa Wrestling team started a new era with Billy Smith taking the reins as head coach.

The Harvesters finished fourth in the District Five meet and sent then-seniors Stephen Botello, Robert Douglas, then-juniors Joe Denclau, Jason Martinez and then-freshman Quaid Chennault to regionals.

Botello advanced past regionals and finished in the top eight at the state meet.

Then-junior Joseph Denclau won the Fighting Harvester award and Botello won the most valuable player award.

The Pampa Harvesters swimming team continued their domination with their

11th straight district title. The boys finished sixth and the girls finished ninth in regionals.

Pampa didn't advance anyone past regionals. The Harvesters finished in the top five at the Abilene Invitational.

The Pampa Harvesters golf team A finished third in district and were 22 strokes from qualifying for regionals as a team. Cole Buck was eighth in the whole meet with a score of 161 and was three strokes from qualifying for regionals.

The Pampa Lady Harvesters finished sixth in the district meet. Then-junior Liz Hoelting was led the team with a 211. Head coach Alan Segura said he is optimistic about both teams in 2010-11.

"Each one of my players has improved and are working to get better," Segura said. "This is a good group of kids and I don't have to worry about them putting in the time. We should be able to have a good run the next few years with the youth that we have. I will have all

of the "A" team back and hopefully a few coming up from Jr. High that will be able to help in a few years."

After a rough start, the Pampa Lady Harvesters soccer team missed qualifying for playoffs by a point.

The Lady Harvesters started the season 0-5 and didn't score a goal until their sixth game. In district, Pampa finished 1-5-4 in district. The Lady Harvesters only had two seniors: Cindy Meza and Audri Leal.

Then-senior Cindy Meza made first team all-district.

Then-freshman Olivia Stovall won newcomer of the year. Then-senior Audri Leal and then-sophomore goalie Bree Howard earned second team all-district.

Though, the Harvesters soccer team didn't quite achieve what they wanted to in the 2010 season, they

did accomplish something they haven't done in a couple of years: Win a game.

That happened in the season finale against Caprock. The Harvesters finished the season 1-15-1 and were 1-8-1 in district-play. Senior Leonel Madrid made first team all-district.

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