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ESFT announces plans to start new clinic

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 After placing two failed bids to purchase the Panhandle Regional Medical Center (PRMC) from parent company Signature Hospital Corporation, the Emergency Services Foundation of Texas (ESFT) announced yesterday its plan to create a clinic to serve Pampa and the surrounding area.

foundation plans to construct a nonprofit diagnostic and ambulatory surgical clinic that will include outpatient care, a surgery center, a lab, radiology services and clinic services. Construction is slated to begin in spring of 2012, with the facility completed by the end of the year. Those involved with the project say that this effort will not be in competition with the hospital. "A clinic needs a hospital... They work hand in hand," said Gary Willoughby, a board mem-

ber of ESFT. The foundation reports that architectural plans are in the works, and they are currently exploring the clinic's site options. At the moment, they project to hire about 75 full time employees before the facility opens. Also, Willoughby reported ESFT plans to rent state of the art medical equipment. "I hope the community sees this as an investment in medical facilities. It's a good thing for Pampa and a good thing for Gray

County," said Dr. James Hall, who heads ESFT. In January of this year, Signature announced its intent to sell PRMC, along with its other remaining hospital in Wharton, Texas, as the company began to wind down its operations. ESFT had worked on a campaign to purchase the hospital locally, called Save the Hospital, for which the foundation originally secured the loan. "We've got doctors that need to

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GOING THE EXTRA TILE



staff photo by Andrew Glover
 Ivan Ojeda (left) and Julio Leyva of Crawford Roofing lay down stone-coated steel shingles on Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ's roof recently.

Clarendon hosting fair this evening

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Clarendon College Pampa Center will open its doors to the community when it hosts a free public college fair from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. today at the William Auvenshine Vocational Building on campus.

Clarendon College Pampa Center
 Hosting college fair from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
 Vice President of Off Campus Affairs and Dean of Workforce Development Raymond Jaramillo said that the fair is a chance for area residents to connect with college programs they're interested in, especially people who may be seeking to start or continue their technical education. "It's just an opportunity for community members to come in, see our facility and talk to the

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'Don't Crowd the Plow' on Thursday

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 With winter approaching, the Pampa Maintenance Section of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will kick off this season's "Don't Crowd the Plow" public awareness campaign on Thursday in the parking lot of the United Supermarket. TxDOT will have a fully equipped snowplow on display at the event, which will go from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. During the winter, snowplows can present a hazard for drivers who follow too closely. On Thursday, adults and children will have the chance to learn why by sitting behind the wheel to see what plow drivers can — and more importantly, can't — see when operating a snowplow. An experienced plow operator will also be on hand to answer questions and to hand out informative brochures about general winter driving safety. Thursday's event is the first in a series of "Don't Crowd the Plow" events taking place across the Panhandle in November.

Campaign offering Pampa free mammogram scheduling

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 Uninsured or underinsured Pampa women can visit Walmart from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. this afternoon to schedule an appointment for a free mammogram. The mammograms are being offered through a joint initiative of the Amarillo Breast Center of Excellence and the Laura W. Bush Institute for Woman's Health Access to Breast Care for West Texas (ABC4WT) project. The campaign qualified over 500 women for free mammograms during October for National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and now, in an effort to raise awareness in Pampa, the mammograms are being offered to women in the city. "It's important to not only talk about the importance of mammograms but to get out in the community, and talk to these women one-on-one," said Rakhshanda Rahman, director of the Amarillo Breast Center of Excellence. The screenings are made possible by a \$1.67 million grant the Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health received in 2010 from the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas. "It's free, and women just have to show up and, if they qualify, we'll schedule them for the free mammogram," said Steve Pair of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at Amarillo. "There are a actually a lot of women who qualify." To be eligible, a woman must be an uninsured or underinsured resident of the top 26 counties of Texas with proof of address, photo ID and income verification or proof of assistance. The initiative is also visiting Borger tomorrow and Childress next week. "We have a passion for educating and

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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Wednesday	Thursday
High 61 Low 31	High 50 Low 29	High 54 Low 34

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 61. Breezy, with a north northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 31. East northeast wind around 10 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 50. East northeast wind around 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 29. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 54. Windy, with a south wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 34. Windy, with a south southwest wind around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

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Obituaries

Don Edward Owens, 69

Don Edward Owens, 69, passed away November 7, 2011 in Pampa, following a brief illness.

Mr. Owens was born to Walter "Six" Owens Sr., and Hazel Poston on October 5, 1942, in Canoga Park, Calif. He was raised in Pampa, attending Pampa schools until his graduation from Amarillo High School. He moved to California, where he owned and operated Mobile Gas Station in Los Angeles. He lived in Houston and worked many years in the construction field, before returning to Pampa in 1981.

Mr. Owens is survived by his mother, Hazel Poston of Pampa; daughter, Debbie Corona and husband Tomas of El Paso; son, Lyn Owens and wife Jacque of White Deer; son, Bryan Waitman and wife Shannon of Amarillo; grandchildren, Brooke, Blake, Alyssa and Camryn all of Amarillo, and Holly of Mansfield; two brothers, Walter Owens Jr. of Houston and David Poston of Oklahoma City. He was preceded in death by his father in 1965.

Mr. Owens wished for his body to be donated to Med Care for medical science research. A memorial service will be held at a later date in Pampa. The family wishes to thank the staff of Pampa Nursing Center, Odyssey Hospice and special friend, Reed Echols for their loving care of Dad.

Wayne N. "Pappy" O'Brien Sr., 69

LEFORS—Wayne N. "Pappy" O'Brien Sr., 69, died November 13, 2011, in Lefors.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, November 17, 2011, at First Baptist Church in Lefors, with Rev. Ronnie Lambert, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be at Memorial Heights Cemetery in Lefors, under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. O'Brien was born August 14, 1942, in Springfield, Ohio, to Vernon and Mary O'Brien. He served in the military, being discharged in 1974. He married Nancy (Sam) McCoy in 1971. Together they raised seven children. They moved to Panhandle in 1976. He worked for Panhandle ISD as a bus driver, and farmed for Frank Robinson. In 1982, they returned to Ohio to be with family, and he opened OB Tank Service. They later returned to Texas and Wayne worked for Vibra Whirl in Panhandle, R. L. Gordy in Pampa, and P & B Pilot Cars until the time of his death. He was a member of the V.F.W. and the Lions Club.

Wayne enjoyed fishing, bowling and cooking out. He never met a stranger and was very generous. He had been known to give his last dollar to help someone, and many times he did. He will be missed greatly by family and friends.

Survivors include wife of 40 years, Nancy "Sam" O'Brien



O'Brien

of the home; four daughters, Bernie Austin and husband Steve and Sue Smith and husband Jeff, all of Amarillo, Teresa Gladman and husband of Springfield, Ohio, and Melinda Stover and Terry Maddox of Memphis; two sons, Wayne O'Brien, Jr., and wife Cindy of Riverdale, Ga., and Charles Steiner and wife Tami of New Philadelphia, Ohio; 12 grandchildren, Katrina Vaughn of Boys Ranch, Kym Yannayon and Kurtis Steiner, both of Ohio, Jason Hartline of Memphis, Mercedes O'Brien of Perryton, Hagen Smith, Allannah Smith, Lizzy Smith and Eryn Austin, all of Amarillo, and Stephanie Young, Teresa Bruner and Jeff Young, all of Springfield, Ohio; seven great-grandchildren; and special friend, Kathy Nord. He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers; a son, Dewayne O'Brien; two grandsons, Jimmy Stover and Eric Nord.

Memorials may be made to American Heart Association, 2514 82nd Street, Suite B, Lubbock, TX 79423, Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, 600 SW 11th Ave., Amarillo, TX 79101, or Feed the Children, P.O. Box 36, Oklahoma City, OK 73101.

The family will receive friends from 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 16, 2011, at Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Home in Pampa.

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

Cinda Kaye Johnston, 67

Cinda Kaye Johnston, 67, died November 13, 2011, in McLean.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, November 16, 2011, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Pastor Paul Nachtigall, Interim Hospice chaplain, officiating.

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

Mrs. Johnston was born August 20, 1944, in Shamrock, and raised in McLean. She came to Pampa in 1997 from Perryton. She married Billy Johnston on November 22, 1969, in New Mexico. He preceded her in death in 2001. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include two daughters, Martha Towles and Billie Brawley, both of Pampa; a son, Jack Farris of Corpus Christi; seven grandchildren, Jason Jackson and Justin Jackson, both of Fayetteville, N.C., Jarrett Towles of Odessa, Danielle Towles of Houston, Jaymison King, Saige Brawley and Skyler Brawley, all of Pampa; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Clifton and Bessie Pugh.

Memorials may be made to American Heart Association, 2514 82nd Street, Suite B, Lubbock, TX 79423, or American Lung Association, P.O. Box 26566, Austin, TX 78755.

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Pampa EMS, the Pampa Fire Department and the Lefors Volunteer EMS responded to 19 medical calls.

Animal Control agents and the Pampa PD reported 14 animal related incidents.

Friday, November 11

A suspicious person was reported at the 800 block of West Kingsmill.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 100 block of East Harvester.

A missing person was reported at the 800 block of East Scott.

Criminal mischief was reported at the 2500 block of North Dogwood.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 500 block of Naida.

Burglary of a motor vehicle occurred at the 2100 block of Chestnut.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 300 block of North Perry.

A burglary occurred at the 1400 block of West Somerville.

An accident occurred at the 1300 block of North Hobart.

Police investigated an alarm at the 2400 block of North Dogwood.

An abandoned vehicle was reported at the 700 block of North Wells.

An assault was reported. A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 500 block of North Gray.

A burglary occurred at the 800 block of North Christy.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 1100 block of Willow.

Police investigated an alarm at the 200 block of East Brown.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1100 block of North Hobart.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 100 block of South Starkweather.

A domestic disturbance was reported.

A suspicious person was reported at the 300 block of South Jean.

A theft occurred at the 1300 block of West Somerville.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1200 block of North Hobart.

A burglary occurred at the 300 block of Jean.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 400 block of North Dwight.

Saturday, November 12
 Criminal mischief was reported at the 1200 block of

West Oklahoma. An assault occurred at the 100 block of North Dwight.

Suspicious vehicles were reported at the 2800 block of North Charles, the 900 block of South Wells and the 1000 block of South Farley.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 500 block of North Frost.

Criminal mischief occurred at Houston and Craven.

A hit and run occurred at the 800 block of East Kingsmill.

An accident occurred at the 700 block of North Wells.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 400 block of Carr.

Disorderly conduct occurred at Sunset and Crest.

A suspicious person was reported at the 700 block of North Dwight.

Endangerment of a child or elderly person was reported at the 2800 block of North Charles.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 700 block of North Dwight.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1100 block of Willow.

Suspicious vehicles were reported at the 700 block of North Gray, the 600 block of North Sloan, the 1000 block of South Farley, Robert and Naida, and the 400 block of North Christy.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 400 block of West Browning.

Public intoxication occurred at the 1300 block of West 22nd.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 500 block of North Frost.

A suspicious person was reported at the 100 block of East Foster.

A theft occurred at the 1300 block of North Russell.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1200 block of North Hobart and the 1200 block of East Kingsmill.

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Anadarko touts test well results

DALLAS (AP) — Anadarko Petroleum Corp. says results from test drilling in northeastern Colorado indicate that the company can produce the equivalent of 1 billion barrels of oil or more from the area. Anadarko announced results Monday from 11 wells drilled in the Wattenberg field. The company says it plans to drill 160 wells in the area next year, up from previous plans for 40 wells. Anadarko shares rose \$1.71, or 2.2 percent, to \$80.99 in after-hours trading.

Counterfeit money in area

AMARILLO (AP) — Amarillo police have received more than 40 reports of counterfeit money being circulated since October. Police say the bogus currency involves denominations of \$5, \$10, \$20 and \$50. Sgt. Brent Barbee says a number of businesses received the fake cash. The bills have a variety of serial numbers. No one has been arrested. Details of the counterfeit currency investigation were first announced last week by police, with at least 44 reports of fake cash.

Sometimes Island reappears

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas drought has revealed a bit of property that's known because sometimes you see it, sometimes you don't. So-called Sometimes Island is now part of a peninsula jutting out about three-quarters of a mile into Lake Travis. The *Austin American-Statesman* reported Monday that the lake, for the first time since the 1960s, is so low that visitors can walk from Mansfield Dam Park to Sometimes Island. The island's name came about because the land is only exposed during droughts. The chief park ranger, Dan Chapman, says the peninsula is pretty brushy and unappealing. The area was part of a farm on which cattle grazed before Mansfield Dam was finished in 1941.

Coast Guard hoists two from boat

PORT ARANSAS (AP) — The Coast Guard has rescued two people from a sailboat that was sinking off Southeast Texas. The rescue, using a Coast Guard helicopter to hoist the boaters to safety, happened Sunday night near the Port Aransas jetties. The Coast Guard says the two people, with no reported injuries, were transported to Naval Air Station Corpus Christi to be examined. Officials say the call for help came around 4:15 p.m. Sunday from the Majestic, a sailboat taking on water about 100 yards from the beach. The Coast Guard says a rescue swimmer dropped near the boat assisted in getting the two people on board hoisted into the helicopter.

Indecency charge nets 20 years

WAXAHACHIE (AP) — A man has been sentenced to 20 years in prison for assaulting a 7-year-old boy in the toy section of a Dallas-area retail store. Prosecutors in Ellis County on Monday announced the penalty for 39-year-old Phillip Wayne Waller of Maypearl. A jury in Waxahachie convicted Waller of indecency with a child over the October 2010 incident. He received the maximum penalty Nov. 9. The victim's father testified he briefly left his older boy in the toy section of a Walmart in Midlothian while taking his 4-year-old son to the bathroom. The father says he returned to find Waller was pressed up against the victim. Midlothian police say Waller fled but was chased by store employees, who turned in a description of his car. Waller was later arrested.

Nebraska to debate pipeline law

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska lawmakers are set to begin debate on an oil pipeline bill prompted by opposition to the Keystone XL project, which would carry crude oil from Canada to Texas. The Nebraska Legislature is convening Monday afternoon to examine a measure that would give pipeline-routing authority to Gov. Dave Heineman. Oil pipeline developers would need governors to certify their proposed route before they could proceed in Nebraska. The bill (LB4) by Sen. Chris Langemeier of Schuyler is the first to reach the floor during the Legislature's special session. The Keystone XL has drawn strong opposition because it would cross the loose-soil Nebraska Sandhills and part of the Ogallala aquifer, a massive groundwater supply. The U.S. State Department has said it will delay its decision on the project until 2013.

Couple can sue animal shelter

FORT WORTH (AP) — A Texas appeals court reinstated a couple's lawsuit against animal shelter that accidentally euthanized their 8-year-old dog, ruling that they can sue to recover the sentimental value of their pet. Randy Turner, the attorney for plaintiffs Jeremy and Katherine Medlen, said this would be the first time in Texas that someone could sue for a pet's sentimental value. "No matter how attached they were to their pet, and no matter how devastated they were by its death ... they (had been) only entitled to the 'market value' of the animal," Turner said. A lower court judge had dismissed the Medlens' lawsuit over the death of their Labrador mixed breed, Avery, saying they could only sue for the market value of the pet. The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Saturday. But the Second Court of Appeals in Fort Worth ruled this month that the couple can sue, saying sentimental damages can be recovered for the loss or destruction of all types of personal property, including pets. The lawsuit did not specify the amount of damages it was seeking.

Coburn's report criticizes subsidies

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Millionaires in the United States receive about \$30 billion annually in government subsidies, tax breaks and through federal grant programs, according to a report released Monday by U.S. Sen. Tom Coburn. The 37-page report, dubbed "Subsidies of the Rich and Famous," details government payments provided to individuals with annual gross incomes of at least \$1 million, through unemployment checks, Social Security payments, farm subsidies and numerous tax credits. The report notes that in tax year 2009, nearly 1,500 millionaires paid no federal income tax. "From tax write-offs for gambling losses, vacation homes, and luxury yachts to subsidies for their

ranches and estates, the government is subsidizing the lifestyles of the rich and famous," Coburn wrote in the report. "This welfare for the well-off is costing billions of dollars a year and is being paid for with the taxes of the less fortunate, many who are working two jobs just to make ends meet, and IOUs to be paid off by future generations." The report, which compiled government data mostly over the last five years, showed payments to millionaires for programs like Social Security, unemployment and farm subsidies totaled about \$1.6 billion annually. Tax credits for deductions like mortgage interest, rental expenses, cancelled debt and business entertainment expenses totaled \$28.5 billion annually, according to

the report. "What (the report) reveals is sheer Washington stupidity, with government policies pampering the wealthy costing taxpayers billions of dollars each year," Coburn wrote. The report noted that from 2005 to 2009, millionaires collected more than \$74 million in unemployment insurance benefits, according to figures from the Internal Revenue Service. A fierce critic of what he calls out-of-control federal spending, Coburn was a member of the bipartisan "Gang of Six" senators during debate over the debt ceiling this summer. He supported an alternative plan to cut the deficit by almost \$4 trillion over the coming decade through a combination of

budget cuts and increased revenue through changes to the tax code. Coburn also released a 614-page plan dubbed "Back in Black" in July that outlined how the government could slash \$9 trillion from the federal deficit over the next decade. Among the recommendations in Coburn's latest report are reducing or completely eliminating Social Security and unemployment payments to millionaires, along with the elimination of farm and conservation subsidies, and the development of means-testing for other government programs. He also suggests reducing or ending many of the tax deductions and credits for millionaires, including the mortgage interest deduction.

Airline fined \$900,000 for lengthy tarmac delays

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Department of Transportation said Monday it has fined a regional affiliate of American Airlines \$900,000 for keeping hundreds of passengers cooped up for hours on planes in Chicago earlier this year, a clear warning to airlines on the eve of the holiday travel season that similar incidents won't be tolerated.

American Eagle Airlines had tarmac delays of more than three hours on 15 flights arriving at O'Hare International Airport on May 29, the department said in a statement. A total of 608 passengers were aboard the delayed flights. The airline must pay \$650,000 of the fine within 30 days, the department said. But up to \$250,000 can be credited for refunds, vouchers, and frequent flyer mile awards provided to the passengers on the 15 flights, as well as to passengers on future flights that violate the three-hour rule, the department said.

The department implemented a new rule in April 2010 limiting tarmac delays on domestic flights to three hours. After that, airlines must either return to a gate or provide passengers who wish to leave planes with some other means of safely getting off. Airlines that violate the rule can be fined as much as \$27,500 per passenger.

The rule has since been extended to international flight delays, which are capped at four hours. "We put the tarmac rule in place to protect passengers, and we take any violation very seriously," Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said in a statement. "We will work to ensure that airlines and airports coordinate their resources and plans to avoid keeping passengers delayed on the tarmac."

American Eagle blamed the delays on airport congestion caused by a slow-moving weather system. The airline said it has apologized to passengers and provided either travel vouchers or frequent flyer program mileage credit. "We take our responsibility to comply with all of the department's requirements very seriously and have already put in place processes to avoid such an occurrence in the future," American Eagle President and CEO Dan Garton said in a statement. American and American Eagle are owned by AMR Corp. of Fort Worth, Tex. AMR is in the process of spinning off American Eagle into a separate company. The airline is the first to be fined for violating the three-hour rule since it took effect 20 months ago. The fine also represents the largest penalty to be paid by an airline in a consumer protection case not involving civil rights violations, although airlines have paid much higher fines for violating federal safety regulations.

The rule was prompted by a series of incidents in which passengers complained of being kept virtual prisoners on planes in sight of an airport terminal. In one famous incident on Valentine's Day 2007, snow and ice in the northeast led to JetBlue Airways stranding hundreds of passengers on 10 planes on the tarmac at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport for up to 10 1/2 hours. In August 2009, 47 people were stuck overnight aboard a cramped Continental Express plane with a stinking toilet and crying babies after an employee for another airline refused to let them inside a closed airport terminal in Rochester, Minn., where the plane was diverted due to thunderstorms.

LaHood has hailed the three-hour delay rule as a success. Between May 2010 and April 2011, the first 12 months after the time limit was in effect, airlines reported 20 tarmac delays of more than three hours, none of which was more than four hours long. In contrast, during the 12 months before the rule took effect, airlines had 693 tarmac delays of more than three hours, and 105 of the delays were longer than four hours. But airlines, which opposed the three-hour limit, say passengers have paid a price. In order to avoid steep fines, airlines are more likely now to cancel flights than risk a fine by pushing up against

the three-hour limit to see if they can get passengers to their destination. A recent Government Accountability Office report confirmed that has been the case: "As our analysis has shown, the rule appears to be associated with an increased number of cancellations for thousands of additional passengers - far more than DOT initially predicted - including some who might not have experienced a tarmac delay." And lengthy delays haven't entirely disappeared. A freak October snow storm and trouble with landing guidance systems at two New York-area airports recently caused more than 20 flights to be diverted to Bradley International Airport in Hartford, Conn., overwhelming the smaller airport. Passengers on at least three JetBlue planes and an American Airlines plane were stranded on the tarmac for seven hours or more. The captain of one of the JetBlue flights could be heard pleading over his radio with authorities for help getting passengers, some of whom were becoming unruly, off the plane. The ordeal continued after they were eventually let off and had to spend the night on cots and chairs in terminals.



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Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 15, the 319th day of 2011. There are 46 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 15, 1777, the Second Continental Congress approved the Articles of Confederation.

On this date:

In 1806, explorer Zebulon Pike sighted the mountaintop now known as Pikes Peak in present-day Colorado.

In 1889, Brazil was proclaimed a republic as its emperor, Dom Pedro II, was overthrown.

In 1935, the Commonwealth of the Philippines was established as its new president, Manuel L. Quezon, took office.

In 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt laid the cornerstone of the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D.C.

In 1948, William Lyon Mackenzie King retired as prime minister of Canada after 21 years; he was succeeded by Louis St. Laurent.

In 1961, former Argentine President Juan Peron, living in exile in Spain, married his third wife, Isabel.

In 1966, the flight of Gemini 12 ended successfully as astronauts James A. Lovell and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin Jr. splashed down safely in the Atlantic.

In 1969, a quarter of a million protesters staged a peaceful demonstration in Washington against the Vietnam War.

In 1979, the British government publicly identified Sir Anthony Blunt as the "fourth man" of a Soviet spy ring.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin failed to resolve their dispute over U.S. missile shield plans but pledged to fight terrorism and deepen U.S.-Russian ties as their summit, which began at the White House before shifting to Bush's Texas ranch, came to a close.

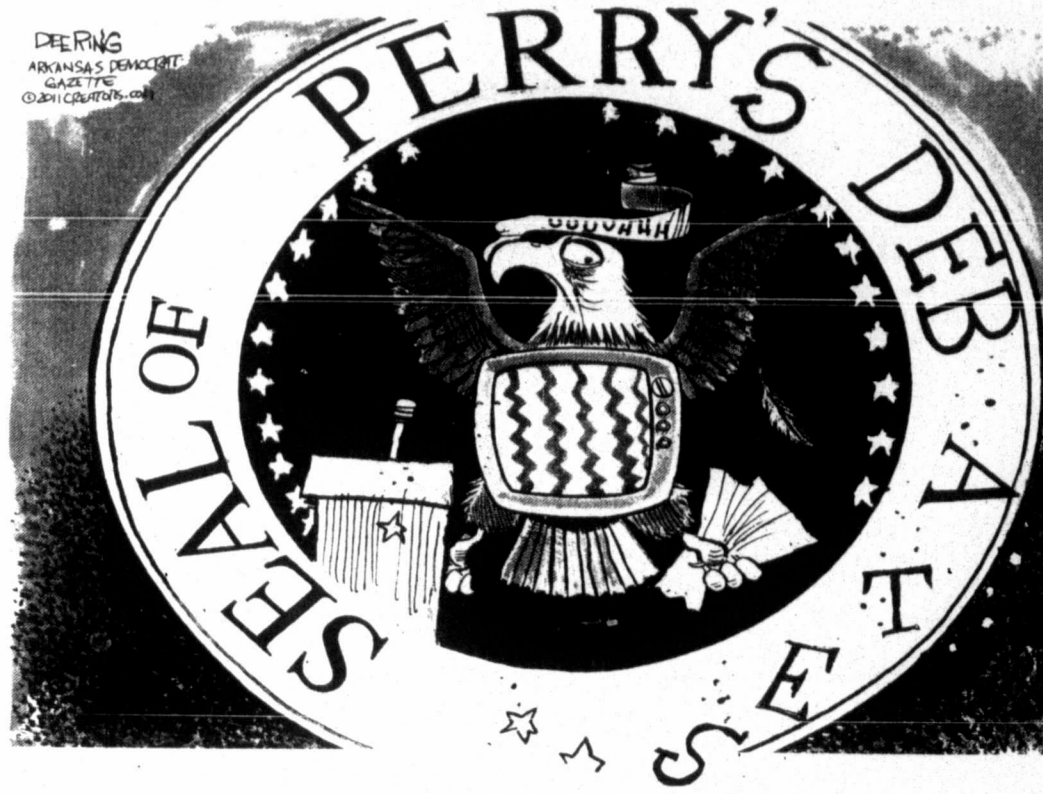
Five years ago: O.J. Simpson caused an uproar with plans for a TV interview and book titled "If I Did It," in which Simpson describes how he would have committed the 1994 slayings of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ronald Goldman. (The project was scrapped after an outcry condemning it as revolting and exploitive.)

One year ago: A House ethics committee panel began closed-door deliberations on 13 counts of alleged financial and fundraising misconduct by U.S. Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., who walked out of the proceeding after pleading unsuccessfully for more time to raise money for a lawyer. (Rangel was convicted the next day of 11 rules violations.)

Today's Birthdays: Judge Joseph Wapner is 92. Actor Ed Asner is 82. Actor John Kerr is 80. Singer Petula Clark is 79. Comedian Jack Burns is 78. Actress Joanna Barnes is 77. Actor Yaphet Kotto is 72. Actor Sam Waterston is 71. Pop singer Frida (ABBA) is 66. Actor Bob Gunton is 66. Rock singer-producer Mitch Easter is 57. Former "Jay Leno Show" bandleader Kevin Eubanks is 54. Comedian Judy Gold is 49. Actress Rachel True is 45. Country singer Jack Ingram is 41. Actor Jay Harrington is 40. Actor Jonny Lee Miller is 39. Rock singer-musician Chad Kroeger is 37. Rock musician Jesse Sandoval is 37. Actress Virginie Ledoyen is 35. Actor Sean Murray is 34. Pop singer Ace Young is 31. Actress Shailene Woodley is 20.

Thought for Today: "To oppose something is to maintain it." - Ursula K. LeGuin, American writer.

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Spin meter: Perry decries, chases gov't spending

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Associated Press Analysis

AUSTIN (AP) — Rick Perry, who bashes federal spending everywhere he goes on the presidential campaign trail, has spent 11 years as Texas governor asking Washington for money.

Perry sought and received \$24.2 billion in stimulus funding for Texas while saying the program was bad federal policy. He helped secure more than \$100 million to protect against drug violence and illegal immigration on the Mexican border. The governor also endorsed his state's request for money under President Barack Obama's new health care law, though he now promises to help repeal the measure should he win the White House.

Most of all, Perry asked for emergency federal aid for victims of wildfires, tornadoes, hurricanes, droughts, flooding and crop-killing heat waves and freezes in his state's 254 counties. Texans hit by natural disasters "deserve a more immediate, compassionate response from their federal government," Perry wrote in a November 2009 letter complaining that the Housing and Urban Development Department was slow in aiding hurricane victims.

That's a far cry from today's Perry, who has promised to make the federal government as inconsequential in peoples' lives as possible.

"I'm going to show up in Washington, D.C., with a sledgehammer, and they're not going to like it," he said during a recent campaign swing in Iowa.

Perry made 1,180 requests for federal aid since 2001, according to an Associated Press analysis of documents obtained through a state Open Records Act request. That means the governor sent letters seeking money from Washington at a rate of about one every four days.

Perry isn't the only conservative official who campaigns against federal spending while trying to get as much of it as possible. In a letter to the White House in February

2009 requesting stimulus funds, he explained his reasoning. "Through the years, Texas taxpayers have sent substantially more dollars to Washington than we receive on issues ranging from transportation to border security and hurricane relief," he wrote. Texans deserve to "receive their fair share."

But Perry stands out for the vehemence and frequency of his rhetoric that government programs are threatening the nation's future. He also stands out for getting an especially large share of the benefits. During his tenure, Texas has ranked in the top quarter of states in federal funds received per capita, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Perry has asked for money for bioterrorism preparedness at Texas hospitals, for state scientists mapping the bovine genome, for port improvements statewide and for border sheriffs who wanted better communications systems. He implored officials not to scale back the B-1, F-22 Raptor or C-17 fighter-jet projects, or NASA's manned space exploration program - which are economically important to Texas' Air Force bases and the Johnson Space Center in Houston.

"He's 'keep the federal government out of our business' and 'everything from Washington is terrible,' and then he is quietly getting as much money as he can," said Jim Dunnam, a former Democratic state representative who once headed a House committee that tracked federal stimulus money sent to Texas.

Federal funds accounted for between 29 and 35 percent of the Texas state budget between 2000 and 2009, and stimulus money saw the percentage grow to near 40 percent in fiscal year 2010, according to the nonpartisan Legislative Budget Board. Nationwide, federal funds were in the 26 to 29.5 percent range in fiscal years 2008 and 2009, and hit 35 percent in stimulus-inflated 2010.

Richard Cole, a professor at the University of Texas at Arlington who has studied the relationship between states and the federal gov-

ernment, said that even without the stimulus spike, the percentage of federal funds in the Texas budget is now higher than it was under Perry's gubernatorial predecessors, Republican George W. Bush and Democrat Ann Richards.

"All governors ask for help from the federal government, but most aren't making the case Perry is making," said Cole, referring to his criticism of government programs.

Katherine Cesinger, a spokeswoman for Perry's campaign, noted that the governor refused to apply for \$700 million in federal stimulus education grants that he said had too many conditions. He also turned down around \$556 million for the Texas unemployment insurance program. Perry rejects federal intrusions on individual or state rights, she said, but added of Washington, "When it comes down to what their core responsibilities are, you bet we're going to try to hold them accountable and ask them for everything that Texans deserve."

Perry opposes the Obama administration health care overhaul, though Texas state agencies have received \$56.9 million in Health and Human Services Department grants alone as part of it. The governor wrote a letter to Washington in August 2010 supporting a \$1 million federal grant proposal that Texas wanted to explore setting up a related state-wide health care exchange.

Meanwhile, Perry has taken credit for the \$78 million in federal Justice Department grants he obtained for border region between 2006-2010, and the \$624 million Texas received under the Homeland Security Grant Program since 2005.

He also found himself defending a federal program in May 2009 when the Obama administration wanted to scrap the program's funding for imprisoning illegal-immigrant felons.

In April 2003, Perry also sought a federal bailout for troubled airlines including American Airlines, headquartered in Dallas, and Continental, now part of United Continental Holdings Inc., based in Houston.

Mexican transport trucks draw road safety concerns

After years of negative votes in Congress and the opposition of the American people, on Oct. 21 Barack Obama allowed the first Mexican truck to cross the border at Laredo, Texas, and head north to deliver door-to-door service of its industrial equipment. This was implemented by an agreement quietly signed by Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood in Mexico City on July 6 with Mexico's secretary of Communications and Transportation.

Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., calls this deal a major anti-jobs program saying, "We're literally taking good jobs here in America and passing them over the line to Mexico." Todd Spencer, executive vice president of the Independent Drivers Association, a non-union trade association, said 100,000 trucking jobs will be lost.

The Mexican company that won the distinction of being first-in-line to cross the border was Transportes Olympic. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration immediately

granted it "permanent operating authority," instead of making the company abide by the specified 18-month waiting period, which means Transportes' trucks will not have to be inspected at the border every time they cross.

FMCSA announced that all Mexican trucks participating in this project will be given Electronic On-Board Recorders equipped with global positioning capabilities and paid for by the U.S. taxpayers. FMCSA also announced that U.S. trucks must install similar equipment at their own expense.

U.S. taxpayers are also being required to pick up the cost of replacing old mufflers on dozens of Mexican trucks at a cost of \$1,600

each, while U.S. truckers must buy their own mufflers. The excuse is that this will improve air quality on our highways.

But EOBRs and mufflers are only part of the expensive regulations hitting U.S. truckers. Obama has imposed new fuel-efficiency regulations, new emissions targets and new safety regulations.

The large trucking firms may be able to absorb the cost, but independent truckers will be hit hard. If they can't afford to buy compliant rigs, they will have to cease operation.

It's apparently Obama's conscious policy to disfavor small trucking firms by regulatory favoritism. It's also Obama's policy to favor Mexican trucks with U.S. taxpayer handouts.

The chatter in Washington is about creating jobs for Americans and cutting spending. However, Todd Spencer says, "this program does exactly the opposite for both" and



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Brewer wants law challenge dismissed

PHOENIX (AP) — Gov. Jan Brewer urged a federal judge to throw out one of the three remaining legal challenges to Arizona's immigration enforcement law, arguing the state's attempt to fix its border problems isn't trumped by federal law.

The governor's lawyers said in a court filing Friday that the group that filed the lawsuit in question was offering speculation about the law's effects and implications.

The lawsuit by the League of United Latin American Citizens, or LULAC, alleges that Arizona's law should be invalidated because it's superseded by federal immigration law and the state can't enact statutes to control the flow of immigrants.

A federal judge has already put the law's most controversial elements on hold, but the 2010 lawsuit by LULAC seeks to invalidate other sections that took effect, such as a ban on blocking traffic when people seek or offer day-labor services on streets.

The governor's response to the lawsuit came as the U.S. Supreme Court is mulling whether to hear her appeal of a July 2010 decision by U.S. District Judge Susan Bolton that halted enforcement of elements of the law. The Supreme Court hasn't yet said whether it would accept Brewer's appeal.

The blocked portions include a requirement that police, while enforcing other laws, question people's immigration status if officers suspect they are in the country illegally.

The sections that were allowed to take effect and that are being challenged by LULAC include an addition to Arizona's 6-year-old ban on immigrant smuggling that allows drivers to be pulled over if officers have reasonable suspicion they have broken traffic laws.

Four of the seven challenges to Arizona's immigration law have been dismissed.

No trial dates have been set for the three remaining lawsuits, which the governor is seeking to dismiss.

Brewer had filed a counter-lawsuit in one case. She accused the Obama administration of failing to enforce immigration laws or maintaining control of her state's border with Mexico. Bolton threw out Brewer's claims against the federal government last month.

Man attempting to aid Al-Qaeda convicted

HOUSTON (AP) — A Texas man accused of attempting to sneak out of the country with restricted U.S. military documents, money and equipment in order to join al-Qaida was convicted Monday of trying to help the terrorist organization.

Barry Walter Bujol Jr. was convicted of attempting to provide material support to a foreign terrorist organization and aggravated identity theft. He faces up to 20 years in prison when he is sentenced Feb. 8.

Bujol, who is a U.S. citizen, represented himself at his trial, which was heard at his request by a judge instead of a jury. The verdict by U.S. District Judge David Hittner came after a trial that lasted less than four days, with testimony ending last week.

Bujol, who was handcuffed, wore leg irons and sat when the verdict was read, did not appear to react after Hittner announced his decision.

"The prosecution of this case and its result should serve as a deterrent and sends a clear message to anyone contemplating the illegal support of terrorist organizations," said U.S. Attorney Kenneth Magidson. "This office will continue to vigorously pursue all cases involving those who attempt to engage in similar illegal activities."

Bujol had dismissed his court-appointed attorneys, but one of his former lawyers, Edward Mallett, was on hand during the trial to answer legal questions. Mallett declined to comment.

Prosecutors said Bujol sought to join al-Qaida and to provide it with money, the documents and GPS equipment. He was arrested in May 2010 after a two-year investigation and was taken into custody after using fake identification to sneak into a Houston port and board a ship bound for the Middle East, authorities said.

But the 30-year-old said he never sought to harm the United States or any American, and the reason he wanted to leave the country was due to his displeasure with U.S. foreign policy. He said he wanted to become a better Muslim.

An FBI agent testified that authorities used an undercover informant who befriended Bujol and posed as a recruiter for al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula to find out if he was serious about joining the terrorist group. The informant, who isn't a law enforcement agent, testified at the trial, using a mask and a partition to protect his identity.

Authorities said Bujol agreed to a plan in which the informant would help him travel to the Middle East by sneaking him on the ship at the Houston port. The plan also called for Bujol taking to al-Qaida operatives a bag the informant had given him that contained GPS receivers, two nonpublic restricted-access Army manuals and other items.

Authorities said Bujol had previously made three unsuccessful attempts during February and March 2009 to travel to Yemen or elsewhere in the Middle East.

Prosecutors also alleged Bujol exchanged emails with the U.S.-born cleric, Anwar al-Awlaki, who had ties to al-Qaida.

Al-Awlaki, who was killed by a U.S. drone strike in September in Yemen, is also alleged to have exchanged emails with Maj. Nidal Hasan, the Army psychiatrist charged with killing 13 people in the November 2009 shootings at Fort Hood in Texas.

According to court documents, Bujol used at least 14 email addresses to hide his activities from authorities and he advocated attacking U.S. facilities where military weapons were manufactured.

Bujol, who lived in Hempstead, about 50 miles northwest of Houston and was a student at nearby Prairie View A&M University, had been set to plead guilty in the case in October 2010, but changed his mind.

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MoneyShow shows fresh ideas

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The World MoneyShow came to Chicago recently, bringing thousands of curious investors to hear speeches and attend seminars and workshops on almost every aspect of investing. It's a spin-off of the famed Las Vegas and Orlando shows, which attract visitors from around the world. In the exhibit hall, the content was tilted toward technology to help traders of stocks, options and futures, although there were the requisite displays from energy companies and precious metals firms.

Interestingly, the content of the three-day event seemed far more conservative than at the other shows, perhaps reflecting the mostly Midwest audience, or maybe because the enthusiasm for speculation has been tempered by the sideways, but volatile, market activity recently.

There was heavy interest in the EverBank presentation, given by Frank Trotter, who co-founded the bank in 1990 and has guided its growth to a \$12 billion institution.

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Trotter says that while interest in the euro has understandably waned in recent years, many depositors are opening accounts denominated in Chinese renminbi or the Brazilian real. While, the bank can't deliver



actual cash currency for those two countries, you can get the benefit of the trends that make those currencies stronger, or weaker.

Once again reflecting the nature of the crowd, mostly older investors looking to preserve capital and yet gain more income than traditional bank CDs offer, there was a large crowd for the luncheon panel "The Best Income Plays for a Low-Yield World."

The experts on the panel each offered five investment suggestions, some of which yield as much as 7 percent, or more. But each agreed that chasing yield can be a dangerous game, and suggested diversifying these investments over a broad range of opportunities.

And each of them made clear -- as I do -- that these suggestions may not be appropriate for those who cannot afford risk. Or in my words, these ideas offer temptingly higher yields, but are not appropriate substitutes for "chicken money."

For example, Mark Skousen (www.markskousen.com) suggested a Houston-based pipeline master limited partnership, with a 5.7 percent yield, that has increased its dividend every quarter.

He also recommended the Gabelli Gold and Natural Resource Income Fund, listed on the NYSE, a closed-end fund that invests in mining and energy companies and writes covered calls for income. It currently carries a 10.8 percent yield.

Richard Lehmann, publisher of the Forbes/Lehmann Income Securities newsletter (www.incomesecurities.com), recommended Penn West Petroleum, a Canadian energy company (formerly a trust) with a 7 percent yield.

However, he cautioned this should be purchased in an IRA to avoid

complications with Canadian taxes on the dividend.

And for those willing to take on more risk, he highlighted an 11 percent yield on a partnership that owns container ships -- and is dependent on the global trade.

Kelly Wright is managing editor of the long-running Investment Quality Trends newsletter (www.IQTrends.com), which recommends stocks based on a screening tool for companies that have paid dividends for at least 25 years, as well as other criteria listed at the website.

His suggested investments include common stocks such as Altria Group, yielding nearly 6 percent, and Phillip Morris International, yielding 4.65 percent. Of course, you have to be willing to invest in the tobacco industry. But he notes even AT&T, with a yield of 5.95 percent, and Chevron, paying 3.2 percent, make his list of investments with upside potential that give you a lot more return for your money than bank deposits. Of course, there is also a downside risk.

All MoneyShows are free and open to the public, subsidized by the exhibitors' booths. There are some events set aside for paying guests at the "Investment Masters" portion of the program. The next show is in Orlando, on Feb. 9-12. For investors, it's a veritable Disneyland of ideas, advice and enticements. Go to www.MoneyShow.com for more information.

There's nothing like being overwhelmed with possibilities, warns show Chairman Kim Githler, who suggests that everyone go home and think calmly before jumping into any new investments. Good advice, and that's The Savage Truth.

Terry Savage is a registered investment adviser and is on the board of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. She appears weekly on WMAQ-Channel 5's 4:30 p.m. newscast, and can be reached at www.terrysavage.com. She is the author of the new book, "The New Savage Number: How Much Money Do You Really Need to Retire?"

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will "jeopardize the livelihoods of tens of thousands of U.S.-based, small-business truckers" as well as "undermine the standard of living for the rest of the driver community."

Americans who drive daily on U.S. highways are very concerned about safety when Mexican trucks are added to the many U.S. trucks already on our roads. The U.S.-Mexico agreement requires us to accept Mexican commercial driver licenses, but Mexico has no real system of driver licensing, training, drug testing, physical requirements, truck safety inspection or brake standards that match U.S. rules.

Mexico cannot produce records of drivers' accidents or drug, alcohol use or a truck's record of brake safety or emissions. Also, Mexico is a country where bribes are the customary

method of bypassing regulations.

George W. Bush's Transportation Secretary Mary Peters admitted at a Senate hearing that the U.S. regularly checks "proficient in English" when Mexican drivers answer questions and explain U.S. traffic signs in Spanish. Senator Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., was so incredulous at this reply that he had her repeat it, which she did.

The LaHood-Mexican agreement pretends to address this prevarication, stating that the exams are to be conducted orally in English. However, the agreement does not specify that the Mexican driver must speak English when he responds and explains U.S. laws and signs.

Even though Obama is a big advocate of clean air and green jobs, there is no mention in the agreement

that Mexican trucks should adhere to the environmental standards imposed on American trucks. Juan Carlos Muñoz, president of Mexico's National Chamber of Motor Transport of Freight, said that Mexican companies "do not have sufficient capacity to supply the diesel suitable for these new technologies," and that, if held to these requirements, Mexican truckers would

be unable to "ever enter the United States, at least not for the next 20 years."

The reciprocal promise to allow U.S. trucks to drive into Mexico doesn't pass the laugh test. A U.S. trucker would be taking his life into his hands if he drove his truck into northern Mexico, where he would become a target to be robbed and killed by the Mexican drug cartels.

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make a living and (who) are leaving. Pampa needs a quality medical facility, and we're moving forward in that direction," said Gray County Judge Richard Peet, a board member of ESFT.

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caring for the women in our area, going above and beyond to make sure they have the best information possible on all aspects of breast health," Rahman said.

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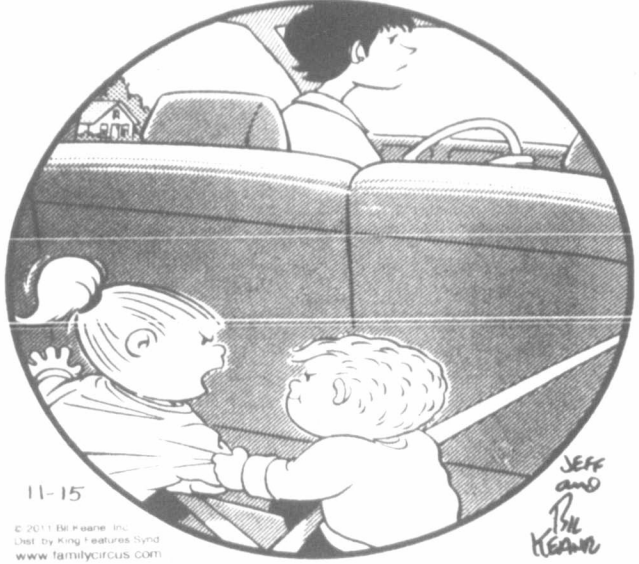
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2011:

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Let your imagination flourish. Use care with your finances and domestic matters. Your creativity flourishes, and you recover from any stumbling blocks very well. Don't back off from a conversation. Know that there is a point of resolution. Tonight: Know when to call it a night.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You sense a change coming, but perhaps not right away. You have a way of affecting others that you might not be aware of. Listen to what is being shared by a family member. Don't choose to take his or her comments personally. Instead,

learn from them. Tonight: Say what you think.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Lie back and gain a better insight into what is really going on. The less said the better. You gather new information. The unexpected occurs. Honor your feelings. More often than not, you don't share your feelings. Tonight: Lie back.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Meetings and friends gather around you. You feel as if you are on top of the world, as success comes toward you after an awkward moment or two. Don't lose sight of your goals. You feel that there are many options, but don't take someone for granted. Tonight: Where the gang is.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You are in the limelight more than you might be comfortable with. You could feel out of sorts. Read between the lines with others. What isn't said might be more important than what is said. Don't sell yourself short. Tonight: Could go way late.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Keep reaching out for others. You tend to make the impossible happen. A partner prefers to deal with you directly. Listen to this person carefully. This dialogue has many gems of possibilities. Let others follow through on what you think is possible. Tonight: Go along with another's ideas.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Let someone else take the lead. This person needs to know whether he or she is capable of handling a situation. You must let go in order to allow this person to find out. A get-together proves to be most worthwhile. Say little; listen a lot. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Listen to what others say more often. Pace yourself and get the job done. You feel more relaxed with a certain associate. Take the lead with a work project for now, knowing it isn't forever. Keep an even pace. Tonight: Put your feet up.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Your creativity flows, and you come up with one solution after another. Allow your ingenuity to speak once and for all. If you follow your emotional sixth sense, you'll wind up A-OK. Later on, you will need to get into some more serious work. Tonight: Ever playful.

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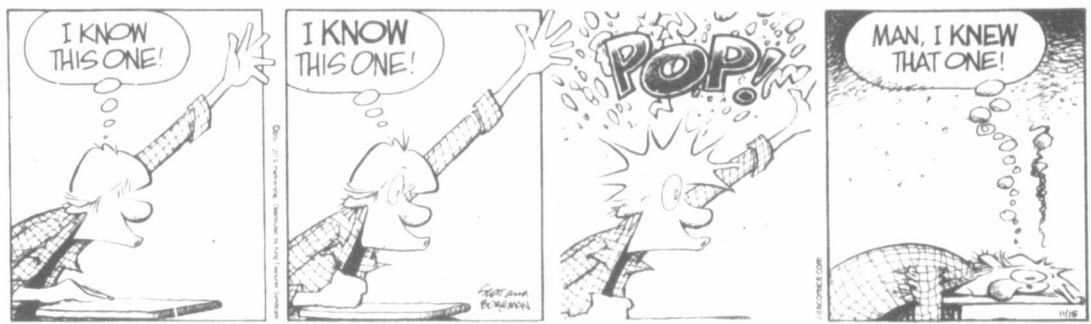
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TransCanada says it will reroute planned pipeline

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Canadian pipeline developer TransCanada will shift the route of its planned oil pipeline out of the environmentally sensitive Sandhills area of Nebraska, two company officials announced Monday night.

Speaking at a news conference at the Nebraska Capitol, the officials said TransCanada would agree to the new route, a move the company previously claimed wasn't possible, as part of an effort to push through the proposed \$7 billion project. They expressed confidence the project would ultimately be approved.

Alex Pourbaix, TransCanada's president for energy and oil pipelines, said rerouting the Keystone XL line would likely require 30 to 40 additional miles of pipe and an additional pumping station. The exact route has not yet been determined, but Pourbaix said Nebraska will play a key role in deciding it.

The announcement follows the federal government's decision last week to delay a decision on a federal permit for the project until it studies new potential routes that avoid the Sandhills area and the Ogallala aquifer as the proposed pipeline carries crude oil from Canada to Texas Gulf Coast refineries.

Debate over the pipeline has drawn international attention focused largely on Nebraska, because the pipeline would cross the Sandhills — an expanse of grass-strewn, loose-soil hills — and part of the Ogallala aquifer, which supplies water to Nebraska and parts of seven other states.

Company officials had claimed that moving the route was impossible because of a U.S. State Department study which found the Sandhills route would leave the smallest environmental footprint.

Pourbaix said he was confident a new route would also avoid the parts of the aquifer that sit closest to the surface, which was a major concern cited by environmentalists and the region's landowners. He said moving it out of the Sandhills region would likely ease many of the concerns posed by landowners.

"We do remain confident that we could have built a safe pipeline through the original route that was

approved by the State Department" in an environmental impact statement released earlier this year, Pourbaix said. "At the same time, it has always been a priority of TransCanada to listen to our stakeholders."

He added: "We're confident that collaborating with the state of Nebraska will make this process much easier."

The final federal decision on the pipeline will likely take 12 to 18 months, a State Department official familiar with the process said Monday. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because no final decision has been made.

Delaying the decision on the pipeline went over badly in Canada, where it was seen as a signal that the country must diversify its oil exports away from the United States and toward Asia.

Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper said he made it clear in a weekend meeting with President Barack Obama that the nation will step up its efforts to sell oil to Asia since the decision was delayed, and would keep pushing the U.S. to approve the project.

"This highlights why Canada must increase its efforts to ensure it can supply its energy outside the U.S. and into Asia in particular," Harper said.

Harper said he emphasized the pipeline would mean economic growth on both sides of the border.

Business and labor groups who support the project say the environmental criticism is overblown, and based more on opposition to oil than the project itself. They say the project will create construction jobs, although the exact number is disputed.

Environmentalists and some Nebraska landowners fear the pipeline would disrupt the region's loose soil for decades, harm wildlife, and contaminate the aquifer.

The speaker of Nebraska's legislature, Mike Flood, said the state will conduct an environmental assessment of its own at state expense to determine a route that avoids the Sandhills area and other ecologically sensitive areas. The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality will oversee the process, with collaboration from the U.S. State Department.

Noah Greenwald, a spokesman for the Center of Biological Diversity, said his group remains opposed to the pipeline and still believes it poses an environmental threat. The center is one of three environmental groups that have sued the U.S. State Department, seeking a judge's order to block the project.

"Even with the reroute, we still feel like we can push forward," he said. "We're going to keep up the public pressure on the administration as this moves forward."

Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman had called a special legislative session to seek a legal and constitutional solution to the pipeline debate. But the session's stated goal — to enact oil pipeline legislation — has lacked a clear consensus about what, if anything, state officials ought to do.

Nebraska State Sen. Ken Haar of Malcolm, an outspoken pipeline critic, was pleased with Monday's announcement.

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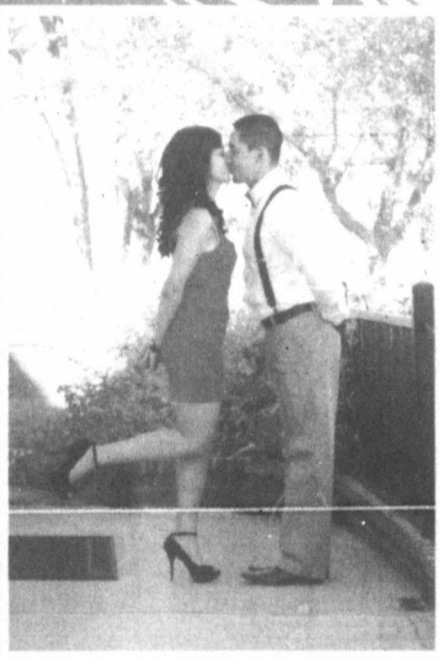
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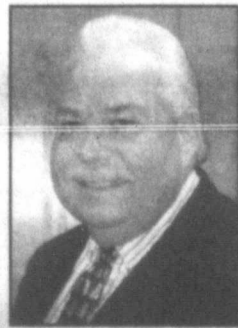
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Sports

Strong outing for girls wrestling at River Road Takedown

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The Pampa High School Lady Harvesters' wrestling team had strong individual performances in the River Road takedown Saturday at River Road High School.

Head coach Michael Stovall said it was a good meet to see where his team are at. "It was a point of reference of what we

need to work on," Stovall said. "I was very impressed with some of the girls."

The tournament was the first for the girls. Sophomore Krysten Miller won the 138 pound weight class. Junior Cheyenne Young finished fourth. Freshman Miranda Foreman finished third in the 110 pound weight class. Junior Bella Wilson finished fourth in the 215 pound weight class.

Stovall said it was good to see both

the experienced and first time wrestlers compete.

"Krysten Miller is one of the top girls in the state at her weight," Stovall said. "Anytime she steps out on the mat she has to prove herself. With Miranda, Bella and the other girls, they had that first match that threw them out there. They lose that first one, they are like 'Hey this isn't going to happen again.'"

The Lady Harvesters and Harvesters

will compete in Dumas Saturday.

Stovall said the team will pick up their conditioning.

"Some of our kids have never been pushed to that wall," Stovall said. "In getting them to the wall and through the wall is going to be a tough task. They have done everything we have asked. We're not turning the heat up but we are turning the proverbial heat up."

PHS girls swimming places fifth, boys eighth at Pecos Invitational

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters' swimming team finished fifth and the Harvesters finished eighth at the Pecos Invitational Saturday.

Head coach Edward Garvin said he had several swimmers that performed well.

"We had some good results," Garvin said. "We were missing quite a few swimmers. Tyler Lambright, Samantha VanHouten, and JT Brown all improved. We had some important improvements."

Lambright swam 2:38.64 in the 200-yard freestyle to finish ninth and five seconds faster than her previous time. In the 100-yard backstroke, Lambright



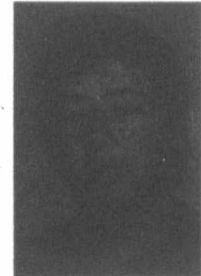
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improved her time by four seconds for an 11th place finish (1:25.54). VanHouten improved by four seconds in the 200-yard freestyle (2:43.17) finishing 12th. In the 100-yard butterfly, VanHouten improved by eight seconds (1:33.73) finishing sixth. Brown improved by .25 seconds in the 100-yard freestyle (1:03.24) finishing seventh. In the 100-yard breaststroke, Brown improved by 1.15 seconds (1:16.57) finishing fourth. The Lady Harvesters scored 96



Ramey

points. Top performers included senior Samantha Wilson finished 11th in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 32.67, senior Kendle Ramey finished fifth in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 6:29.62 and fourth in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:14.93 and sophomore Morgan Graef finished third in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:21.18. The Harvesters scored 71 points. Top performers included Senior Nate Towry finished fifth in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:54.09, senior Karl



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Pfiftzner finished seventh in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2:16.08 and freshman Dalton Hudson finished eighth in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:10.75. In the relays the girls finished fifth in the 200-yard medley (2:24.79), seventh (2:08.82) and 12th (2:26.10) in the 200-yard freestyle. The boys finished third (1:49.22) in the 200-yard freestyle relay. The Lady Harvesters and Harvesters will compete in the Tascosa Dual, December 3 in Pampa.

Players reject NBA's latest proposal, begin to decertify union

NEW YORK (AP) — NBA players rejected the league's latest offer Monday and began disbanding the union, likely jeopardizing the season.

"We're prepared to file this antitrust action against the NBA," union executive director Billy Hunter said. "That's the best situation where players can get their due process."

And that's a tragedy as far as NBA Commissioner David Stern is concerned. "It looks like the 2011-12 season is really in jeopardy," Stern said in an interview aired on ESPN. "It's just a big charade. To do it now, the union is ratcheting up I guess to see if they can scare the NBA owners or something. That's not happening."

Hunter said players were not prepared to agree to Stern's ultimatum to accept the current proposal or face a worse one, saying they thought it was "extremely unfair." And they're aware what this battle might cost them.

"We understand the consequences of potentially missing the season; we understand the consequences that players could potentially face if things don't go our way, but it's a risk worth taking," union vice

president Maurice Evans said. "It's the right move to do."

But it's risky. The league already has filed a pre-emptive lawsuit seeking to prove the lockout is legal and contends that without a union that collectively bargained them, the players' guaranteed contracts could legally be voided.

During oral arguments on Nov. 2, the NBA asked U.S. District Judge Paul Gardephe to decide the legality of its lockout, but he was reluctant to wade into the league's labor mess. Gardephe has yet to issue a ruling.

Stern, who is a lawyer, had urged players to take the deal on the table, saying it's the best the NBA could offer and advised that decertification is not a winning strategy.

Players ignored that warning, choosing instead to dissolve its union, giving them a chance to win several billion dollars in triple damages in an antitrust lawsuit.

"This is the best decision for the players," union president Derek Fisher said. "I want to reiterate that point, that a lot of individual players have a lot of things personally at stake in terms of their careers and where they stand. And right now they feel it's important — we all feel it's important to all our players, not just the ones in this room,

but our entire group — that we not only try to get a deal done for today but for the body of NBA players that will come into this league over the next decade and beyond."

Fisher, flanked at a press conference by dozens of players including Kobe Bryant and Carmelo Anthony, said the decision was unanimous. But there were surely players throughout the league who would have preferred union leadership put the

proposal to a vote of the full membership instead.

Hunter said the NBPA was in the process of converting to a trade association and that all players will be represented in a class-action suit against the NBA by attorneys Jeffrey Kessler and David Boies — who were on opposite sides of the NFL labor dispute, Kessler working for the players, Boies for the league.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have been battling breast cancer and have been blessed to have a lot of support from family, friends and some awesome medical providers. My husband's best friend and his wife socialize with us quite often, and the friendship is important to him. I recently celebrated a birthday and these friends had us over for a belated birthday dinner. They bought me beautiful flowers and a gift. The card attached made a joke about my "aging breasts," which she found quite funny.

Abby, I had a mastectomy, which she knew about! To make matters worse, my hair has just started to grow back from the chemo, so I decided to have some highlights put in, and she told me she didn't like my new hair.

I am hurt and dumbfounded by her insensitive behavior. Unfortunately, this isn't the first time she has said things like this. How do I tell her I'm offended by her rudeness without compromising my husband's friendship with them? — HARRIED FRIEND

DEAR HARRIED FRIEND: You nailed it. The woman is insensitive — but you said she has also made tasteless comments in the past. For the sake of the friendship between your husbands, tune

her out and spend less time with her one-on-one. It's OK to tell her that her joke about your "aging breasts" hurt your feelings in light of your mastectomy, and that as your hair is growing back you thought you'd like to try something "different." However, if you use the word "offended" she'll probably become defensive, so avoid that word.

A final thought: Most people are terrified of cancer. People sometimes try to make jokes about things that make them uncomfortable in an effort to diffuse those feelings. This may be the reason the woman tried to joke about it, so don't let it cause you to carry a grudge.

DEAR ABBY: I have recently reconciled with my girlfriend of six years, "Molly." It has been five months since our last fallout and longest breakup. While we were apart, a woman I knew through my business made it clear that she was interested in me. One thing led to another and "Tish" and I slept together. Now she's pregnant.

I'm happy to be back with Molly now, but have been contacted recently by Tish with proof of the pregnancy. I'm afraid Molly will leave me if she knows about it. She's the woman of my dreams and the one I want to

spend the rest of my life with. Help, please. — IT'S COMPLICATED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR IT'S COMPLICATED: I'll try. Talk to Molly about this and consult an attorney. Molly should not hold against you something that happened while you were separated. Whether the child is yours can be determined by a paternity test. If it is yours, you will be responsible for providing child support until he or she is an adult and emotional support well beyond. If Molly is, indeed, the woman of your dreams, she'll stand beside you. If not, you are better off without her.

And in the future, please use birth control, so you can plan the number of offspring you bring into this world.

DEAR ABBY: I work as a mattress salesperson. Often when I tell my senior customers about the 10-year warranty on a bed, they'll reply, "Oh, I doubt I'll be around that long."

At that point I'm usually at a loss for words. Any suggestions as to an appropriate response? — SPEECHLESS IN SUFFERN, N.Y.

DEAR SPEECHLESS: Smile and say, "Then be sure to include the mattress in your will."

Sports

Lady Harvesters face first road test with Bushland

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters hope to build off their success in the Frenship Tournament when they go on the road to play the Bushland Lady Falcons 6:30 p.m. at Bushland today.

"We did some good things (at Frenship)," head coach Gene Valentine said. "Hopefully this gives the girls some confidence."



Valentine

The Lady Harvesters enter the game coming off a 2-1 record at the Frenship tournament. Pampa beat Bushland last season. The Lady Falcons won their season opener 45-33 over Friona. Last season Bushland made it to the bi-district round. Sophomore Hayley Burnett said the team should do

well. "I think if we play like we did against Frenship, we have a good chance of beating them," Burnett said.



Burnett

The Lady Harvesters return home Friday to face the Wellington Lady Sky Rockets at 6 p.m. Valentine said it should be a competitive game.

"It will be a tough battle," Valentine said.

Last season, Wellington won 43-39 at home. The Lady Sky Rockets advanced to the regional quarterfinals. Wellington is 2-0 this season. Senior Lindsey Brown said the team has to do a better job of hitting shots and protecting the ball.

"We couldn't hit a shot last year," Brown said. "We had a lot of turnovers. We pretty much beat ourselves."

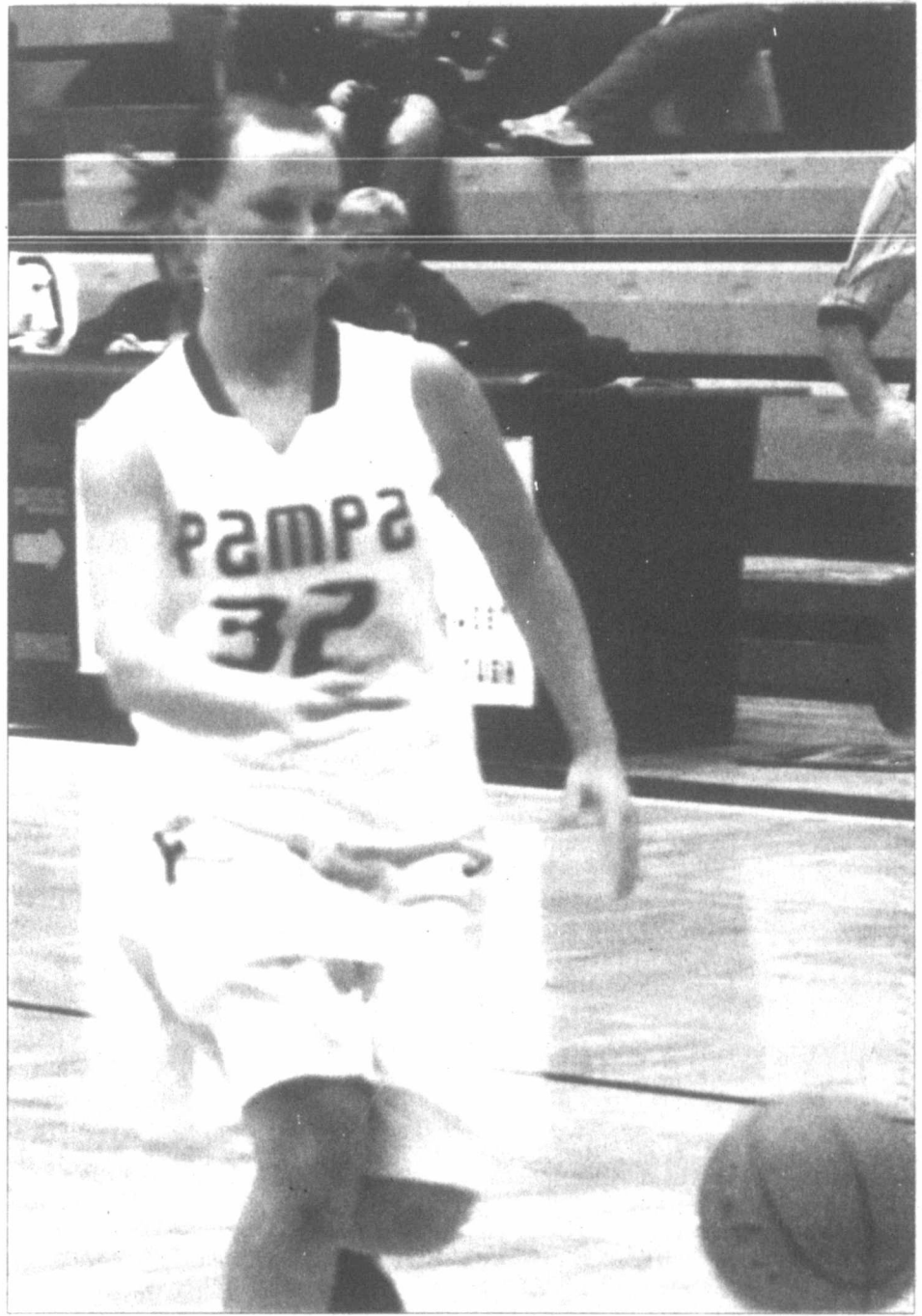


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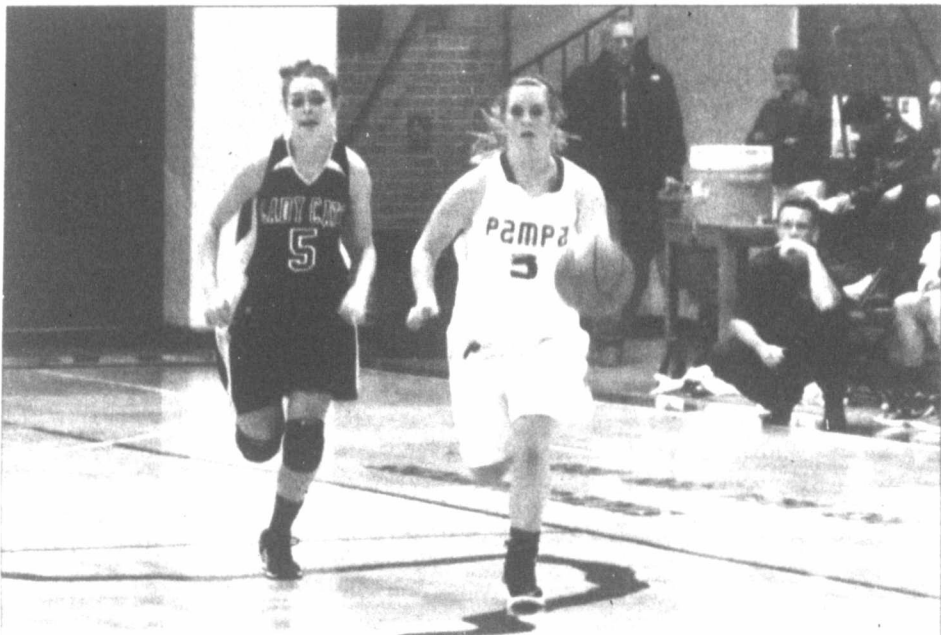


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Senior Kirsten Kuhn looks upcourt against Canadian Tuesday. The Lady Harvesters hope to build on their 2-1 record at the Frenship Tournament.

Junior Taylor Morgan drives against Canadian November 8. Pampa faces Bushland and Wellington this week.

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