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UPHILL BATTLE



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Reid Miller goes in for a shot surrounded by San Angelo defenders at the Lions Club tournament on Friday. The tournament was a struggle for the Harvesters, who went 1-2. More in **SPORTS**, page 7.

County to meet about office space

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 The Gray County Commission will meet Wednesday to discuss a lease for office space in the county annex on East Frederic. They will also consider internet service agreement for the county offices housed in the annex. Commissioners will consider applications for constable for Precincts 1 and 3. The commission will discuss the county's health insurance and COBRA rates. They will also consider declaring some county property as surplus. The Gray County Commission will meet beginning at 9 a.m. Wednesday, in the county courtroom on the second floor of the Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

Pampa man nabbed on drug charge

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 A Pampa man was in Gray County jail today following an arrest for drug possession over the Thanksgiving weekend holiday. Brent Keith Crossman, 52, was arrested by Gray County Sheriff's deputies Sunday afternoon on charges of possession of dangerous drugs. Lt. Joe Hoard of the Gray County Sheriff's Office said today that Crossman was in a car that deputies stopped for a traffic violation Sunday afternoon. Hoard said deputies stopped the car on a traffic violation about 2 p.m. Sunday at the intersection of Barnes and Crawford. The woman driving the car told **CHARGE** cont. on page 3

1981-'82 team reunites for tribute

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 Pampa honored one of the best basketball teams in its history with a tribute to the 1981-1982 PHS squad at half-time of Pampa's game against San Angelo Central on Friday. The '81-'82 team, then playing in 5A, made it to the state semifinals. Jimmy Barker, who won the team's Hustling Harvester Award that season, said that the tribute was an enjoyable time. "It was nice to get these people together," Barker said. "They came from all over. We had a good time reminiscing about the past." Barker's son, Braydon, has also played on the PHS boys basketball team and, in fact, won the Hustling Harvester award in 2006. The younger Barker is currently coaching the junior varsity volleyball and girls basketball teams. "Coach (Garland) Nichols (head coach of the 1981-1982 team) was excited to hear that Braydon won the same award, because he didn't know that." The coaches and **TRIBUTE** cont. on page 3



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Head coach Garland Nichols (second from left) and assistant coach Frank McCullough (third from left) are surrounded by family as they are honored on Friday at the Lions Club tournament.

Morning message launched Presson's emergency career

Casey Presson said he woke up one morning and his father told him that the Pampa Fire Department was hiring. That launched his career in the Pampa Fire Department and, consequently, in the Pampa EMS as a paramedic. Presson, 26, was born in Oklahoma City, but he's lived in Pampa since he was five years old. He grew up here and graduated from Pampa High School. "Class of 2002," Presson grinned. He discovered the difference between a job and a calling when his father talked to him about the fire department. "Somehow, I passed the test," Presson said of the Pampa Fire Department, "and for some reason they gave me a job." He had been selling carpet at Walmart. He was 19 years old when he joined the fire department. "I didn't know what it entailed," Presson said. "I just went to fill out an application." By the end of the day, he had found not just a job, but also a career. "I had no clue that's what my day was going to be like when I woke up that morning," Presson said. Presson's father worked for the city at the time. "He decided to pass it on to me at seven o'clock one morning," Presson said. Several of the people that work for the Pampa Fire Department, now work for Pampa EMS. One of the other firefighters mentioned one day that the Emergency Medical Service at the time was looking for people. "He said I should come down and see if **PRESSON** cont. on page 3



staff photo by David Bowser

Pampa firefighter and EMT Casey Presson joined the Pampa Fire Department at 19 and hasn't looked back.

Pampa Boomtown Christmas
 Through December 3, 2010
 Two drawings, each for \$500 in Christmas Boomtown Bucks, will be held on December 4, 2010.
 1st: White Deer Land Museum at 3:00 p.m.
 2nd: Lighting of the Tree at 6:00 p.m.
 (Must be present to win!)

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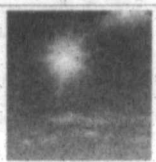
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High 50
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High 54
Low 26

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 18. Wind chill values between 4 and 14. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 46. Wind chill values between 3 and 13 early. Breezy, with a northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 20. Wind chill values between 12 and 17. West southwest wind around 5 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 50. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southeast.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 26. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north northwest.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 54. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 26. South southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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Animal control on lookout for large dog

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Pampa Animal Control is on the lookout for a large black dog. Animal Control Supervisor Monty Montgomery confirmed last week.

The dog bit a woman on Monday evening between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. on the 200 block of N. Sumner, Montgomery said. No details on the animal's exact breed are available, although Montgomery said that the dog may be a pit bull.

"There was a dog fight in the middle of a yard and this

person tried to break it up," Montgomery said. The victim required stitches after the attack, and Montgomery added that the Health Department recommended shots as a safety precaution.

As always, Montgomery cautioned that the animal should not be approached if spotted. Instead, anyone who sees the dog should call Animal Control at 669-5775 or the Pampa Police Department at 669-5773.

"We don't want anyone else to get bitten," Montgomery said. "Call us and we'll take care of it."

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

5	6	2	1	3	4	9	7	8
4	1	7	6	8	9	5	2	3
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Level: Beginner

Lee Younger Cockrell, 77

Lee Younger Cockrell of Panhandle Texas died Friday November 19, 2010 at the Presbyterian Manor in Lawrence Kan. Lee was born in Pampa Texas on May 1, 1933, to Lee Younger Cockrell and Alice Béula Ingrum. Lee grew up on the O.H. Ingrum Ranch east of Pampa. The ranch was owned by Lee's grandparents Mayetta and Oliver Ingrum. That's where Lee learned the cowboy skills that led him to a successful career as a high school, college and professional calf roping champion.



Cockrell

Like most children growing up during the Great Depression, Lee had farm responsibilities beginning at five years old. He was driving the tractor and fixing fences by the age of 10. At the age of 12, Lee went on the ranch payroll with five mother cows and 25 acres of wheat to care for. When Lee turned 18 and made plans to attend college, his grandparents said under one condition, he had to share crop one of the family farms at the same time. Lee moved to a 1,000 acre farm west of Panhandle Texas that had been in his grandmother's family. That family farm was passed down to Lee 28 years later when his grandmother passed away.

Lee was a member of the Hardin Simons University Collegiate Championship team in 1953. In 1954 Lee won all of the calf roping event at all of the college rodeos he entered.

During college, Lee coached under Sam Baugh, All American Quarterback at Texas Christian University, Washington Redskins, and pro football Hall of Famer. Lee attributes Sam Baugh for teaching him confidence, how to react under pressure and how to think like a winner. The next year, Lee went on to win the National Collegiate Calf Roping Championship.

After college, Lee went on to win all of the major rodeos. In the 1960s Lee was the only calf roper to win the so-called Grand Slam - rodeos at Madison Square Garden in New York, Cheyenne, Calgary and the Cow Palace in San Francisco.

At the Greeley Colorado Stampede, the largest of all July 4th rodeos, Lee won nine roping championships from 1958- 1969 on eight different horses.

Lee competed in nine National Finals Rodeos between 1959 and 1967.

In 1966 Lee won the Pro tour National Finals, the biggest prize in Rodeo. That was Lee's proudest achievement where he beat the world's best calf ropers 10 rounds in a row.

At age 45 Lee was still competing in roping contests in over 45 Senior Rodeo Association events. In 1993 at the age of 60, Lee averaged 9.7 seconds over four rounds to win the Legends of Rodeo National Finals. In 1991 Lee was the first Rodeo Champion to be inducted into the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame in Amarillo.

In addition to his record breaking rodeo career, Lee was a successful farmer and businessman operating Lee Y. Cockrell Enterprises on I-40 East in Amarillo where he operated a western store, held match ropings, conducted

roping schools and manufactured rodeo equipment. Lee trained some of the most famous roping horses used by other calf roping greats like Dean Oliver and Glen Franklin.

Lee was preceded in death by his mother Alice Ingrum Gray and stepfather Holly Gray and his first daughter Teresa Lee Cockrell.

Lee is survived by his two daughters, Trena Sue Cockrell-Santee of Lawrence Kan. and Lara Lee Cockrell-Larson of Honolulu Hawaii; three grandsons, Edward Weston Santee, Hollis Ingrum Santee and Chase Crawford; and a brother, Buddy Cockrell of Pampa.

Cremation is planned. A memorial service will be 2 p.m. Friday, December 3, 2010, at the First Christian Church, Pampa. Private family burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation and sent in care of Lawrence Chapel Oaks, 3821 W. 6th Street, Lawrence, KS 66049.

Online condolences may be made at www.barnettchapeloaks.com.

Harriett Morrison, 82

Harriett Morrison, 82, died Saturday, November 27, 2010, in Pampa.

Vigil and rosary service will be 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 29, 2010, at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2010, at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church with Rev. John Valdez of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Hereford and Rev. Francisco Perez, pastor of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, officiating.

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

Mrs. Morrison was born May 12, 1928, in Webb City, Okla. and had been a Pampa resident since 1931. She was a 1946 graduate of Pampa High School and received her nursing degree from St. Anthony's Hospital School of Nursing in Amarillo in 1949. She married Albert H. Morrison on November 8, 1950, in Pampa, and he preceded her in death on January 27, 2000. Harriett was an RN for Highland General Hospital and Dr. McDaniel for 41 years. She was a member of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church. Harriett was vital, vivacious, demanding, delightful, intelligent and beloved to the very end. She was preceded in death by a sister, Rosalie Gilbreath, and a brother, Bill Kribbs.

Survivors include a daughter, Susan Klock and husband Ed of Newton, Kan.; three sons, Albert H. Morrison, Jr. and wife Jean of Corvallis, Ore., Curt D. Morrison and wife Kathy Hornsby of Atlanta, Ga., and Dan G. Morrison and wife Brenda of Pampa; a sister, Mary Jane Burrus of Hereford; seven grandchildren, Jessica Shepard and husband Cody of Katy, Matt Klock of Lawrence, Kan., Adam Klock and Tim Klock both of Wichita, Kan., Cody Morrison of San Francisco, Calif., Drew Morrison of Lubbock, Katie Klock of Newton, Kan. and a great granddaughter, Ava Grace Shepard of Katy.

Memorials may be made to St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, 810 W. 23rd, Pampa, TX 79065, or a favorite charity.

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

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests over the Thanksgiving holidays.

Thursday, Nov. 25
 Dawn Marie Parks, 26, was arrested by police on charges of driving without a license and failure to appear.

Friday, Nov. 26
 Tyson Lee Waycaster,

27, was arrested by police on charges of public intoxication.

Saturday, Nov. 27
 Timothy Jason Selby, 34, was arrested by deputies on a fugitive warrant out of Clackamas County, Ore.

Sunday, Nov. 28
 Jonathan David Robinson, 19, and Zachary Allan Turner, 19, were arrested by police on

charges of purchasing or furnishing alcohol to a minor.

Samantha Pauline Lowe, 29, of Wheeler, was arrested by police on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Brent Keith Crossman, 52, was arrested by deputies on charges of possession of dangerous drugs.

Jeffery Baker, 45, was arrested by police on ca-

pias pro fine warrants charging him with driving without a license and failure to appear.

Sergio Rodriguez Gonzales, 42, was arrested by police on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Dewayne Eugene Chilton, 31, was arrested by deputies on charges of violating probation in connection with possession of a controlled substance.

U.S. tries to contain damage from leaks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bristling over the unauthorized release of more than a quarter million classified State Department documents, the Obama White House on Monday ordered a government-wide review of how agencies safeguard sensitive information.

Soon after, Attorney General Eric Holder told reporters at the Justice Department that the administration would prosecute if violations of federal law are found in a criminal investigation of the incident.

The weekend release of documents reflecting, in some cases, unflattering assessments of world leaders has caused embarrassment to the administration. The director of the White House's Office of Management and Budget, Jacob Lew, said in ordering the agency-wide assessment Monday that the disclosures are unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

The U.S. documents contained raw comments normally muffled by diplomatic politesse: Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah pressing the U.S. to "cut off the head of the snake" by taking action against Iran's nuclear program. Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi described as "feckless" and "vain." German Chancellor Angela Merkel dismissed as "risk averse and rarely creative."

Publication of the secret memos and documents made public by the online whistle-blower Wikileaks Sunday amplified widespread global alarm about Iran's nuclear ambitions. It also unveiled occasional U.S. pressure tactics aimed at hot spots in Afghanistan, Pakistan and North Korea. The leaks disclosed bluntly candid impressions from both diplomats and other world leaders about America's allies and foes.

It was, said Italian Foreign Minister Franco Frattini, the "Sept. 11 of world diplomacy."

In the wake of the massive document dump by online whistleblower WikiLeaks and numerous media reports detailing their contents, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton was expected to address the diplomatic repercussions later Monday. Clinton may have to con-

front the fallout first hand after she leaves Washington on a four-nation tour of Central Asia and the Middle East — a region that figures prominently in the leaked documents.

Clinton did not speak about the furor in her first public appearance since the documents were released when she appeared for photo opportunity with the visiting foreign minister of Turkey.

But while Clinton and Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu were all smiles during their joint appearance at the State Department, Davutoglu said his agenda for the meeting would include "the leak(ed) documents."

NATO ally Turkey is mentioned prominently in some of the cables.

Most of the disclosures focused on familiar diplomatic issues that have long stymied U.S. officials and their foreign counterparts — the nuclear ambitions of Iran, North Korea and Pakistan, China's growth as a superpower, the frustrations of combating terrorism.

But their publication could become problems for the officials concerned and for any secret initiatives they had preferred to keep quiet. The massive release of material intended for diplomatic eyes was quickly ruffling feathers in foreign capitals despite efforts by U.S. diplomats in recent days to shore up relations with key allies in advance of the leaks.

At Clinton's first stop in Astana, Kazakhstan, she will be attending a summit of officials from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, a diplomatic grouping that includes many officials from countries cited in the leaked cables.

In London, Steve Field, a spokesman for British Prime Minister David Cameron, said "it's important that governments are able to operate on the basis of confidentiality of information." French Foreign Ministry spokesman Bernard Valero said "we strongly deplore the deliberate and irresponsible release of American diplomatic correspondence by the site Wikileaks."

AFTERNOON RUSH

Snowbirds avoiding Mexico

PORT ARANSAS (AP) — Some companies that cater to winter Texans are avoiding drug violence-plagued Mexico this season.

The Corpus Christi Caller-Times reported Monday that a Rockport-based bus charter company has eliminated tourist trips to Progreso, Mexico.

Barbara Jordan of Jordan and Jordan Charters says she's concerned after news stories of beheadings and shootouts.

George Garrett, who's homeland security director for Weslaco and Donna, says people can still travel to Mexico to enjoy dinner or buy medicine, but his advice is to be aware of the surroundings. Garrett also says he would not recommend winter tourists go to Reynosa or Matamoros, Mexico.

Dr. Brian Smith with the Texas Department of State Health Services says "no locals" are going to Mexico to buy medicine because worries about violence outweigh concerns over the safety of prescriptions.

Leslie Nielsen dead at 84

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Leslie Nielsen, who traded in his dramatic persona for inspired bumbling as a hapless doctor in "Airplane!" and the accident-prone detective Frank Drebin in "The Naked Gun" comedies, died on Sunday in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. He was 84.

The Canadian-born actor died from complications from pneumonia at a hospital near his home at 5:34 p.m., surrounded by his wife, Barbaree, and friends, his agent John S. Kelly said in a statement.

"We are saddened by the passing of beloved actor Leslie Nielsen, probably best remembered as Lt. Frank Drebin in 'The Naked Gun' series of pictures, but who enjoyed a more than 60-year career in motion pictures and television," said Kelly.

OK cities want tobacco options

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A group that represents cities and towns across Oklahoma wants state lawmakers to give cities more power to crack down on smoking in public.

The Oklahoma Municipal League will formally request legislation on Monday that would allow local governments to adopt tobacco policies that are more restrictive than current state law. Under current law, smoking is banned in most indoor businesses to which the public has access, but there are numerous exceptions, including bars and some restaurants.

Cities and towns are prohibited from enacting tobacco policies that are more restrictive than state law.

House Speaker-elect Kris Steele, R-Shawnee, already has said he supports local control and plans to introduce a bill to eliminate that prohibition during the upcoming legislative session.

10 hurt in 32-car wreck

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Arlington police say 10 people have been hurt in a chain-reaction wreck involving 32 vehicles.

Officer Zhivonni McDonnell told The Associated Press that the accidents happened Monday morning as traffic slowed while one driver tried to exit from State Highway 360.

She says the 10 people who are hurt have non-life threatening injuries and were transported to hospitals. McDonnell had no immediate details on what types of vehicles were among the 32 in the pileup.

Parts of the Dallas-Fort Worth area received rain early Monday. McDonnell says police are investigating whether condensation on the road played a role in the accidents, which happened around 5:40 a.m.

Presson

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I could get a job," Presson said.

The fire department requires its personnel to be an EMT. The fire department pays for all the training.

"That's one other thing I didn't know when I applied for the job," Presson said. "I found that out later."

The Pampa Fire Department sent Presson to the regional fire academy when he first joined the department.

"When I got back," he said, "they sent me to EMT school."

Since then, he's taken advanced classes to become a paramedic.

"I decided to put them to use on the ambulance," Presson said.

He had worked for the previous ambulance service, and when Pampa EMS was formed and took over the ambulance service, he joined them.

"I made the transition for these guys and went to work for them," he said.

The main thing that keeps him coming to work at Pampa EMS, he said, is the people with whom he works.

"They're good people," Presson said. "It's like working with a whole bunch of your best friends."

It may be tough to get up and go to work in the morning, he admitted, but he knows that his friends are depending upon him.

There can, however, be moments of doubt, he admitted, such as working a shift at the fire department and then going to work on the ambulance.

"You dread it while it's coming," Presson said, "but when you're in the middle of it, it's not that bad."

As for the future, Presson said he's been impressed by Michael Ryan, Pampa's Fire Marshal.

"That may be the way to go," he said. "I want to be the Fire Marshal in some small resort town in Colorado."

He laughed that he's had a lot of friends offer to help him if he finds such a job.

Charge

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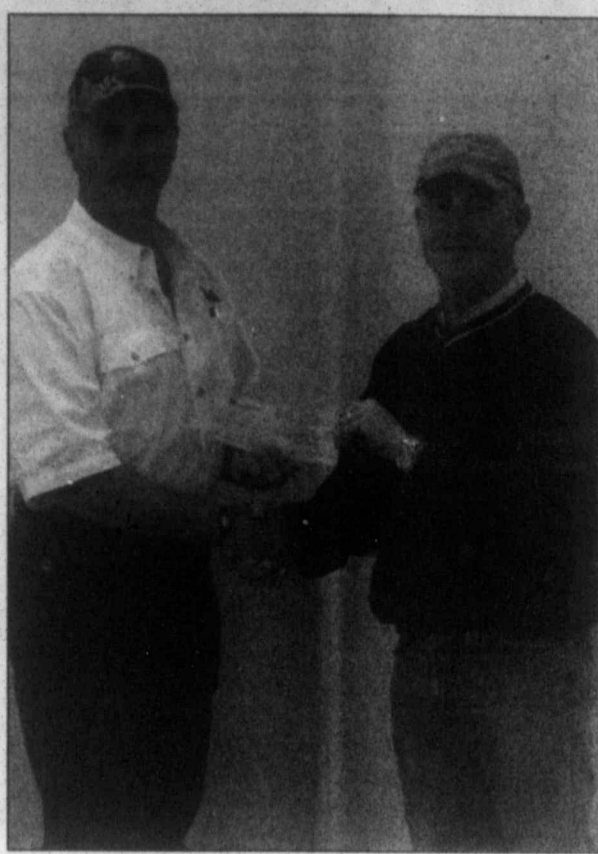
officers that she was simply providing a ride for someone in the car, but the stories of the passengers in the vehicle didn't match.

Deputies received permission to search the occupants and, during a pat down, they found a small box containing pills in Crossman's pocket.

Hoard said Crossman could not produce a prescription for the pills and was arrested. The others in the car were sent on their way.

Gray County Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman set bond for Crossman on three counts of possession of dangerous drugs at a total of \$30,000.

CHECK IT OUT



submitted photo

The Gray County 4-H Shooting Sports Shotgun Project recently received a \$1,000 donation from High Plains Chapter Quail Forever. 4-H Adult Leader Andy Brown (right), pictured with Gray County Extension Agent Brandon McGinty is a charter member of High Plains Chapter Quail Forever, a group dedicated to conservation of quail, pheasant, and other wildlife through education, public awareness and land management. Not pictured is 4-H Adult Leader Jeff Haley.

Tribute

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players were introduced and accomplishments were read about each member. The coaches and players were escorted by family members.

Frank McCullough, assistant coach of the 1981-82 team, said it was an honor to be remembered as one of the most successful teams.

"It was awesome getting to see the kids," McCullough said. "I just wish everyone could have been there."

McCullough currently officiates high school games. Though he isn't able to officiate Harvesters games, he said that he still enjoys seeing them play.

Current Harvester basketball coach Dustin Miller said he watched and looked up to those guys growing up.

"Some of the guys I wanted to be as a player," Miller said. "Those guys made me dream of being a Hustling Harvester. Got to visit with a lot of them. One of my coaches, Garland Nichols, got to talk to my players before the game."

Barker said he would like to thank Pampa Lions Club Tournament Director Brad Pingel and the Lions Club for giving the team this opportunity.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My 24-year-old daughter married her high school sweetheart whom she has been with for nine years. He was unfaithful to her while they were dating. They have been married a year now, and he has been unfaithful several more times during their married life.

She has left him twice. The second time she filed for divorce, but he talked her into taking him back. He promises to be faithful to her now.

They are so young, and I hate to see her live a life with a man who is a cheater. There are no children, and my daughter has a college education. Abby, my question is: After repeated cheating, do men ever become faithful husbands? — SICK WITH WORRY IN MONTANA

DEAR SICK WITH WORRY: Because your son-in-law continued being unfaithful to your daughter more than once, I seriously doubt that he's going to quit. When a man — or woman — forms a pattern of cheating, it rarely stops. I hope your daughter understands that BEFORE having children.

DEAR ABBY: My 6-year-old daughter "Kaylee" recently spent a week

end with her grandparents. While she was there, they bought her several gifts.

Today her grandmother called and asked to have one of the gifts back. A friend of hers would like to have the decorative musical instruments she gave to Kaylee. Grandma's idea is to offer to buy something else for my daughter and "trade."

I don't know how to handle this. I can't imagine asking someone to return a present I had given him or her. Kaylee loves the instruments and has been playing with them every day since she received them. However, I think her grandma (my stepmother) will be upset if I don't go along with her plan. Abby, help! —

A woman's guide to Social Security



TOM MARGENAU
Creator's Syndicate

Many readers of this column know that for some time now, I have been promising a fact sheet to help women understand the benefits they are potentially due from Social Security -- primarily the benefits they might get from a husband's or ex-husband's Social Security record. I have struggled with that fact sheet for many months, but it is finally ready. And now I am offering a free digital copy to any reader who wants one. However, that offer comes with a plea for help -- something I'll explain in just a bit. But before I do that, I need to discuss two points.

First, why does a woman need a special guide to Social Security in the first place? After all, almost all Social Security rules are asexual. For example, retirement benefits are figured the same way for men and women. Spousal benefits are also gender neutral. In other words, a woman can possibly qualify for benefits as a wife or widow in the same way that a man might qualify for benefits as a husband or widower.

But even though Social Security's rules treat men and women equally, society and history have not treated men and women the same way. Men tend to work for a longer period of time and have more years of earnings on their Social Security record; in part because women bear more of the burden of child rearing and spend more years out of the paid work force. And statistically, men tend to earn more than women, so they have higher earnings on their Social Security record.

Those and other factors are why men usually end up with higher monthly Social Security retirement benefits than women. And because women have lower retirement benefits, it means they are more likely to qualify for supplemental benefits as a spouse on their husband's or ex-husband's Social Security record. And that is the primary reason why I wrote the fact sheet: To help women (and their husbands) understand the rules associated with eligibility for benefits as a wife, a divorced wife, a widow or a divorced widow.

Second, you may wonder why I struggled with the preparation of the fact sheet. It was primarily because there are so many variables associated with a woman's potential eligibility for benefits as a spouse, especially when those benefits are coupled with her Social Security retirement payments. Those variables include your age, your husband's age, your marital status, your work history, your current work status, your retirement plans, your life expectancy, and many more. In other words, there are just so many "ifs, ands, or buts" that need to be covered when discussing your Social Security benefits.

For example, IF you are over age 66 AND your husband retires, BUT you previously took reduced retirement benefits on your own record, then one set of rules applies to you. Or, IF you are divorced AND your ex-husband is over 62, BUT he has no plans to retire, then another set of rules applies to you. Or, IF you are getting your own Social Security AND your husband dies, BUT you are under 66, yet another set of rules applies to you. And the "if, and, or but" permutations can go on almost ad infinitum. Believe me, to write a fact sheet that tries to cover all of these variables is a daunting task, indeed!

But I've done as good a job as possible and covered as many bases as I think necessary. So now I'm ready to share the fact sheet with my readers -- under one condition. I'd like to use you as a focus group. I'd like readers who are interested in the topic to get a free electronic copy of the fact sheet and read it over. You can ask for one simply by sending me an e-mail. My e-mail address is thomas.margenau@comcast.net.

If the fact sheet answers every question you've ever had about Social Security, that's great. It means I've done my job. But if you read it and find yourself still confused about one issue or another, I'd like you to let me know. I'll gather all those reviews and comments, revise the fact sheet if necessary, and eventually come out with a final product that satisfies every woman's need for Social Security information.

If you have a Social Security question, Tom Margenau has the answer. Contact him at thomas.margenau@comcast.net.

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Today in History

Today is Monday, Nov. 29, the 333rd day of 2010. There are 32 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 29, 1910, British explorer Robert F. Scott's ship Terra Nova set sail from New Zealand, carrying Scott's expedition toward Antarctica on what turned out to be a futile - as well as fatal - race to reach the South Pole first.

On this date:

In 1530, Cardinal Thomas Wolsey, onetime adviser to England's King Henry VIII, died.

In 1864, a Colorado militia killed at least 150 peaceful Cheyenne Indians in the Sand Creek Massacre.

In 1929, Navy Lt. Cmdr. Richard E. Byrd, pilot Bernt Balchen, radio operator Harold Gurnee and photographer Ashley McKinney made the first airplane flight over the South Pole.

In 1947, the U.N. General Assembly passed a resolution calling for the partitioning of Palestine between Arabs and Jews.

In 1961, Enos the chimp was launched from Cape Canaveral aboard the Mercury-Atlas 5 spacecraft, which orbited earth twice before returning.

In 1967, Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara announced he was leaving the Johnson administration to become president of the World Bank.

In 1981, actress Natalie Wood drowned in a boating accident off Santa Catalina Island, Calif., at age 43.

In 1986, actor Cary Grant died in Davenport, Iowa, at age 82.

In 1990, the U.N. Security Council voted to authorize military action to free Kuwait if Iraq did not withdraw its occupying troops and release all foreign hostages by Jan. 15, 1991.

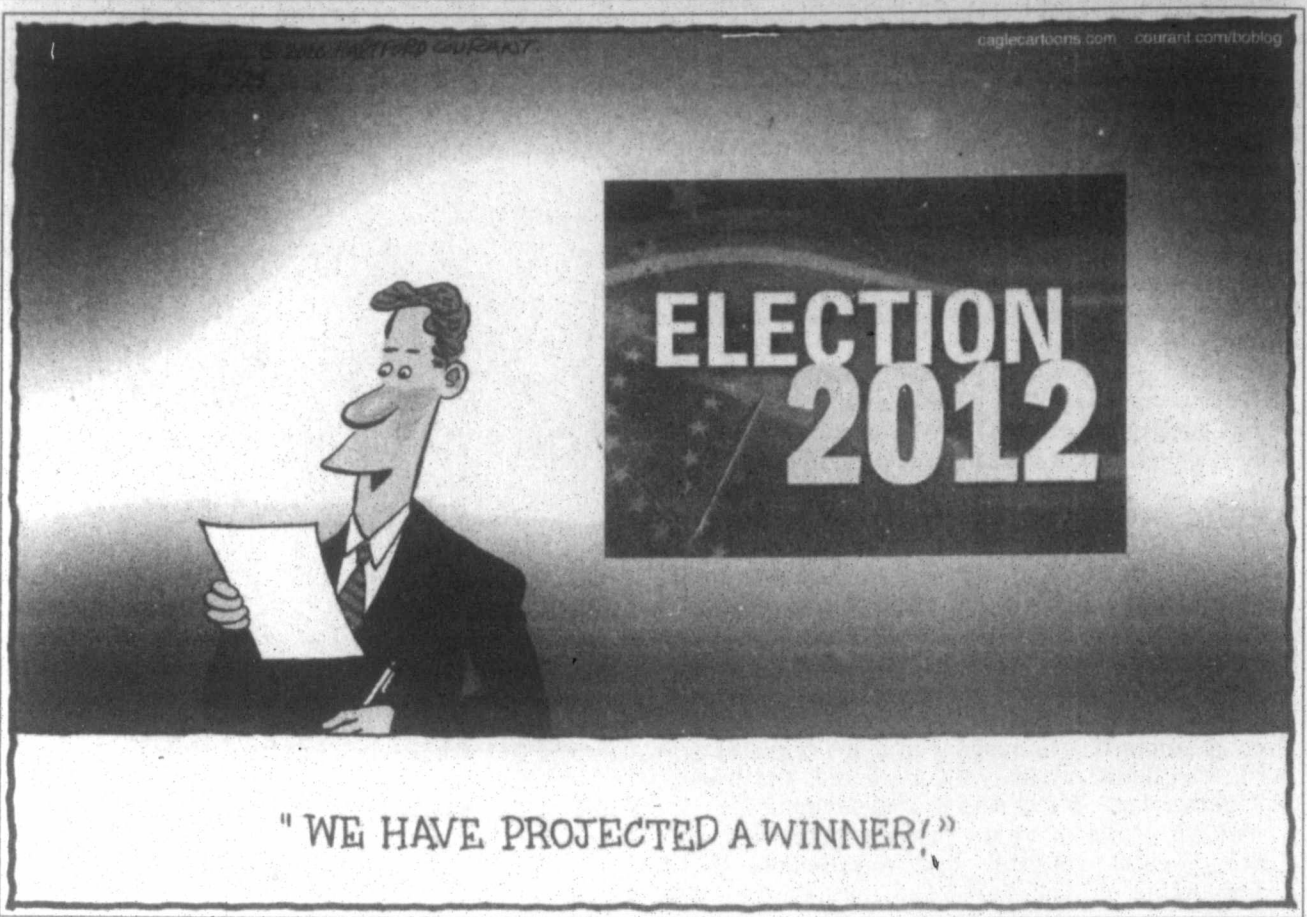
Ten years ago: Bracing the public for more legal wrangling, Vice President Al Gore said in a series of TV interviews that he was prepared to contest the Florida presidential vote until "the middle of December."

Five years ago: Al-Jazeera broadcast video of four Western peace activists taken hostage in Iraq by a previously unknown group, the Swords of Righteousness Brigade. (Three of the hostages were later released, but one of them, American Tom Fox, was killed.)

One year ago: A gunman shot and killed four Lakewood, Wash. police officers at a coffee shop (Maurice Clemmons, the accused gunman, was shot to death by a Seattle police officer two days later). Iran approved plans to build 10 industrial scale uranium enrichment facilities in defiance of U.N. demands it halt enrichment.

Today's Birthdays: Hall-of-Fame sportscaster Vin Scully is 83. Former French President Jacques Chirac is 78. Blues singer-musician John Mayall is 77. Composer-musician Chuck Mangione is 70. Country singer Jody Miller is 69. Pop singer-musician Felix Cavaliere (The Rascals) is 68. Comedian Garry Shandling is 61. Actor Jeff Fahey is 58. Movie director Joel Coen is 56. Actor-comedian-game show host Howie Mandel is 55. Homeland Security Director Janet Napolitano is 53. Former White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel is 51. Actress Cathy Moriarty is 50. Actress Kim Delaney is 49. Actor Andrew McCarthy is 48. Actor Don Cheadle is 46. Actor Larry Joe Campbell is 40. Actress Gena Lee Nolin is 39. Actor Brian Baumgartner is 38. Actress Anna Farris is 34. Actor Lucas Black is 28.

Thought for Today: "Superstition is the religion of feeble minds." - Edmund Burke, British statesman (1729-1797)



Is the GOP risking a new Cold War?

Before Republican senators vote down the strategic arms reduction treaty negotiated by the Obama administration, they should think long and hard about the consequences.

In substance, New START has none of the historic significance of Richard Nixon's SALT I or ABM treaty, or Jimmy Carter's SALT II, or Ronald Reagan's INF treaty removing all intermediate-range missiles from Europe, or the strategic arms reductions treaties negotiated by George Bush I and Bush II.

The latter cut U.S. and Russian arsenals from 10,000-12,000 nuclear warheads targeted on each nation to 2,000 -- a huge cut.

If Republicans could back those treaties, what is the case for rejecting New START? Barack Obama's treaty reduces strategic warheads by 450, leaving each side 1,550.

Is this not enough to deter when we consider what the Chernobyl disaster did to the Soviet Union and what the knockdown of two buildings in New York has done to this country? Ten hydrogen bombs on the United States or Russia could set us back decades, let alone 1,000.

Sen. Jon Kyl of Arizona is holding up the treaty until he gets more assurances that the administration will do the tests and upgrades necessary to maintain the reliability of U.S. nuclear weapons. He should receive those assurances.

Maintaining the credibility of the U.S. deterrent is

a vital national interest. But does this justify holding the treaty hostage?

Without a treaty, we lose our right and our ways and means to verify that Russia is carrying out the terms of arms treaties already agreed upon.

How does leaving the United States in the dark about who is doing what with Moscow's nuclear weapons enhance our security?

Not only are our allies behind this treaty -- as are Republican secretaries of state and defense and ex-national security advisers -- so, too, is the Pentagon.

If the joint chiefs say this treaty is good for America, what do the reluctant Republican senators believe is wrong with it? Have they considered the impact of the treaty's defeat on Russia?

In Russia today, there is a widespread belief that when the Soviet Union gave up its global empire, allowed itself to be split apart into 15 nations and brought the Red Army home from Europe, America exploited her weakness by moving NATO onto her front porch.

We brought the Baltic states, all former republics of the USSR, into an alliance aimed against Russia. George W. Bush sought to bring in Ukraine and Georgia, thereby surrounding a Russia that had sought our friendship with U.S. power.

Among Russia's elite, there is an understandable distrust of the intentions of their old superpower rival. For Republicans in the Senate to kill New START

would clinch the case of the anti-Americans in Moscow that we are not interested in nuclear parity but seek strategic superiority.

Killing the treaty would morally disarm those Russians who see their future with the West.

On taking office, Obama put the Ukraine-Georgia accession to NATO on a back burner and canceled the anti-missile missile system planned for Poland and the Czech Republic. His policy has paid dividends.

Half of the U.S. supplies going to the war in Afghanistan go through Russia. Moscow has backed U.N. sanctions on Iran and refused to deliver to Iran the A-300 surface-to-air missile system it had promised. President Dmitri Medvedev is interested in Russia's participation in a missile defense for all of Europe.

Behind the Obama policy lies this reality: The best way, the only way to secure the freedom and independence of former Soviet republics like Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Ukraine and Georgia is not by threatening Russia with war, but by bringing Russia in from the cold and giving Russia a growing stake in aligning with the West.

No matter the NATO war guarantees we have given

to the Baltic republics, we are not going to war with Russia over Estonia. For the first result of such a war would be the annihilation of Estonia.

Moreover, many of Russia's concerns are our concerns. Moscow does not want to see a Taliban triumph in Afghanistan, as that would embolden Islamic secessionist movements across the North Caucasus that have conducted terror attacks inside Russia itself.

Russia is also deep into a demographic crisis, with more than 500,000 Russians disappearing every year. That this should happen is both a human tragedy and a strategic disaster, for Siberia and the Russian Far East, and all their resources could wind up under the de facto control of 1.4 billion Chinese.

Richard Nixon would have supported this treaty. Ronald Reagan would have supported this treaty, as he loathed nuclear weapons and wished to rid the world of them. And simply because this treaty is "Obama's treaty" does not mean it is not in America's interest.

If Republicans should kill New START, and Vladimir Putin responds by using U.S. rejection to rev up Russian nationalism, to terminate the "reset" and return to a policy of cooperating with America's enemies from Pyongyang to Tehran to Caracas, does the Republican Party wish to be held responsible for that?

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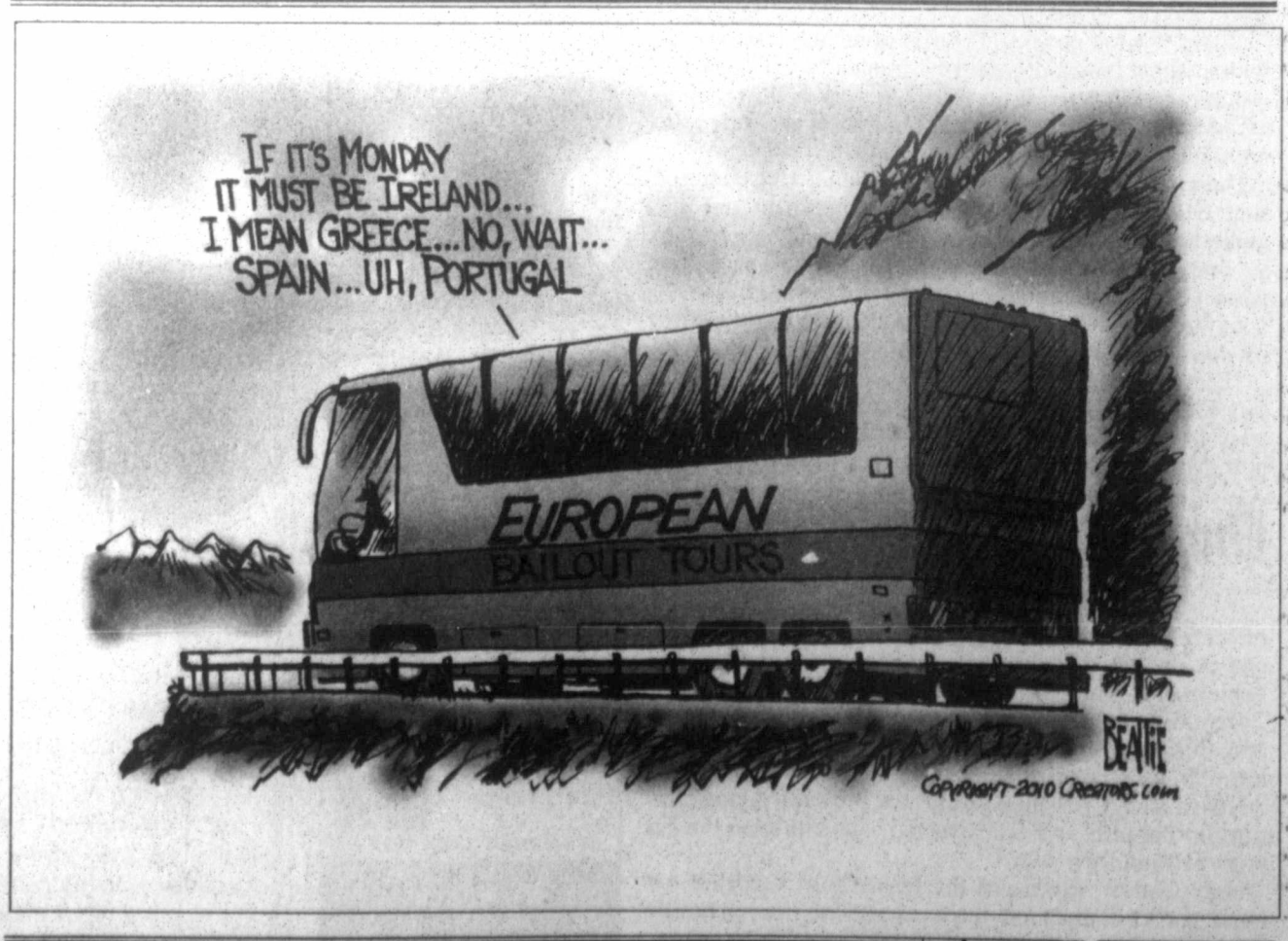
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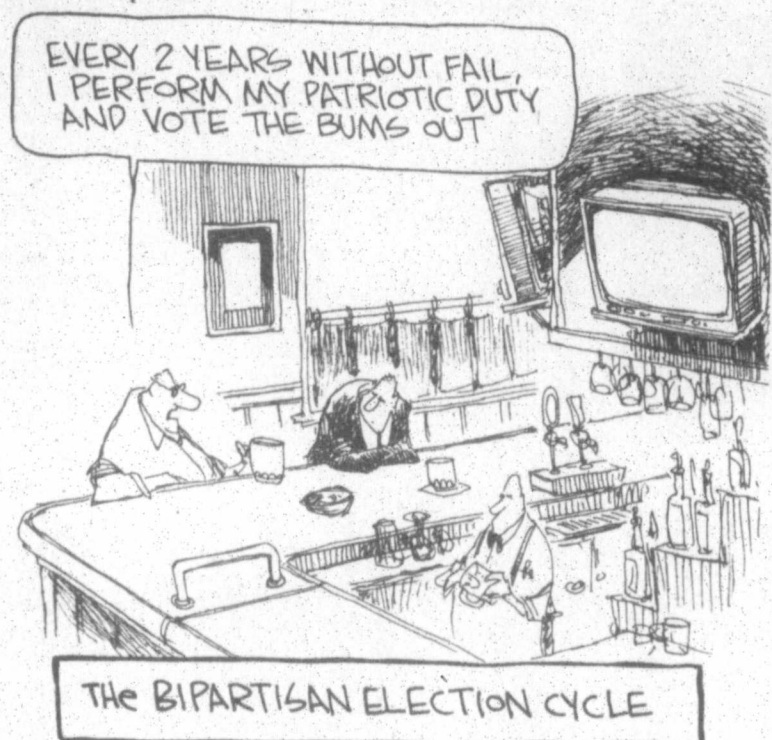
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2010:

This year, you often feel as if your nerves are fried. How you handle a personal matter and the choices you make depend on your ability to detach and flex. Your network of friends and associates will support you in various ideas, though the cost might not be worth it. If you are single, you'll meet someone out of the blue, when you least expect it. Spring 2011 attracts a special suitor. Romance is intense in 2011 for single and attached Sagittarians. If you are attached, develop a stronger friendship as well. LIBRA proves to be a friend through thick and thin.

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)

★★★★ A different energy greets you. A power play or someone in charge creates a situation where you feel you must respond. A discussion with this same person demonstrates the different options you might have. Tonight: Detach and relax more.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★ Understanding the parameters of a situation, whether social or at work, allows you to make the best choice. Stop and talk to various people during the day. Sometimes people move too swiftly to be cordial. Tonight: Can you squeeze in some exercise?

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Someone you have counted on vanishes way too quickly. Allow greater give-and-take in the next few days. Don't cut off someone just because you disagree. Evaluate this person's position. Tonight: Go with a spontaneous idea.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Maintain a low profile no matter where you are or what you are up to. Your ability to relax and be more present depends on the ability to let go. Don't try to change anyone. Have a dialogue and express your different views. Tonight: A quiet night at home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You might be correct. You might be absolutely sure that you are right. Nevertheless, your words fall on deaf ears, as no one seems to get the gist of your message. Try a different mode of communication. Tonight: Meet a friend halfway.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★ Swing into action knowing full well your limits and another's needs. A child or a loved one might be pushing the envelope. Recognize this person's need to be in control, and help him or her find it within rather than outside. Tonight: Pay bills first.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ While others seem to be running around, you might feel as if you are in danger of being tripped up or distracted. Make it your business to stay focused on one issue at a time. Don't overthink a domestic matter, for now. Tonight: As you wish.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Maintain a low profile, especially as you seem easily drawn into an argument or sharp discussion. Your ability to relate might feel impaired. It might be that you are in the whirlwind of this person's life. Tonight: Do your thing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ A take-charge attitude allows you to have a greater say in what appears to be a very chaotic situation. Remain relaxed, knowing what is needed. Others will eventually respond to the voice of clarity and sanity. Tonight: Where people are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Your tone seems to draw a stronger reaction than you intended. Ask yourself if you have an issue involving what is going on. Could you be giving mixed signals? A discussion could evolve into a brainstorming situation. Tonight: The only answer is yes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Step up to the plate. A challenge might not be personal, but it will help you detach in order to understand the complete perspective, as full as your mind allows. A male or very strong-willed friend plays a role that pushes too hard for you. Tonight: Put on some music on the way home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ A partner gives you his or her share of advice. Will you listen? Do you want to listen? The discussions that revolve around this matter open up a lot of different feelings or ideas. Make it OK not to agree. Tonight: With a trusted adviser.

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Sports

Harvesters drop two, finish sixth in Lions Club tourney

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Pampa head basketball coach Dustin Miller said it would be a challenge for his team to win a game in the Lion's Club Tournament.

After it was all said and done, Miller turned out to be right. The Harvesters went 1-2 and finished sixth in the Pampa Lion's Club Tournament Friday and Saturday at McNeely Fieldhouse.

Miller said he was not satisfied that they lost two games but could take some positives.

"You are never content when you lose two games, but we lost to two quality opponents," Miller said. "We lost to two 5A schools. There are some positives we can take from the last game."

Senior forward Garrett Ericson said the tournament was a good measuring stick.

"(South Garland) is good and they are better athletes than we are," Ericson said. "It's good to play a team like that and see where you are."

The Harvesters (3-2) opened the tournament with a 79-56 loss to the San Angelo Central Bobcats. The Bobcats started strong early and built a 7-0 lead. The Harvesters responded with a 10-2 run and took their only lead of the game. San Angelo Central responded and closed the quarter on a 9-1 run to lead 18-11 after one.

The Bobcats broke the game open in the second, outscoring the Harvesters 17-7. Pampa failed to convert a field goal and only scored on seven free throws. The closest Pampa got was within four, with junior Latigo Collins converting three free throws. Angelo Central took control with a 10-0 run to hold a 28-14 edge and led 35-18 at halftime.

In the third quarter, the Bobcats outscored Pampa 25-18 and expanded their advantage to 60-36. Collins provided most of Pampa's points with 10. The Harvesters however, outscored the Bobcats 20-19 in the final quarter.

Collins led the team in scoring with 20. Ericson followed with 10 and junior center Reid Miller followed with seven.

The junior center said they didn't play good defense.

"We gave up too many easy layups," Reid Miller said. "We gave up too many shots in the paint and too many second chance shots."

On the positive end, all but one player scored for the Harvesters.

Pampa opened play Saturday with a

77-37 victory over the Dumas Demons. It was the Harvester bench that powered Pampa to victory, scoring 46 of Pampa's 77 points. Junior Cole Engle led the team in scoring with 15 and senior Greg Cabrales followed with 14.

The first quarter was close as Pampa led 13-8. The Harvesters broke the game open in the second quarter as they continued their run and expanded their lead to 20-8. Pampa led 30-16 at halftime.

In the third, Pampa only allowed five points and outscored Dumas 14-5 to expand their lead to 44-21. In the final quarter, the Harvesters scored 33 points despite having the bench play the majority of the quarter. Again, all but one player scored at least five points.

Pampa lost to the South Garland Colonels 65-63 in the fifth place game. South Garland controlled the first half. Pampa's only lead was 4-3 early in the first. The Colonels outscored the Harvesters 11-4 and led 14-8 after the first quarter.

In the second quarter, South Garland led by as many as 13 and outscored Pampa 21-17 to lead 35-25 at halftime. In the third quarter, Pampa couldn't cut into that deficit, trailing by as many as 16. The Colonels led 50-40 after the third quarter.

In the fourth, South Garland maintained its lead until the last three minutes. Miller hit a three-pointer to cut the Colonels' lead to four. The Harvesters' defensive pressure forced a turnover and Pampa cut the lead to two. Pampa got as close as one twice, including the last six seconds, but Collins missed the free throw that would have tied the game at 64. The Colonels got the rebound but traveled, returning the ball to the Harvesters at their own end. Senior Jonathan Polasek's inbound pass was stolen and the Colonels added one more free throw. Pampa had a chance to convert a game-tying or game-winning shot but Collins couldn't get a shot off.

Coach Miller said if they would have started earlier it might have been a different result.

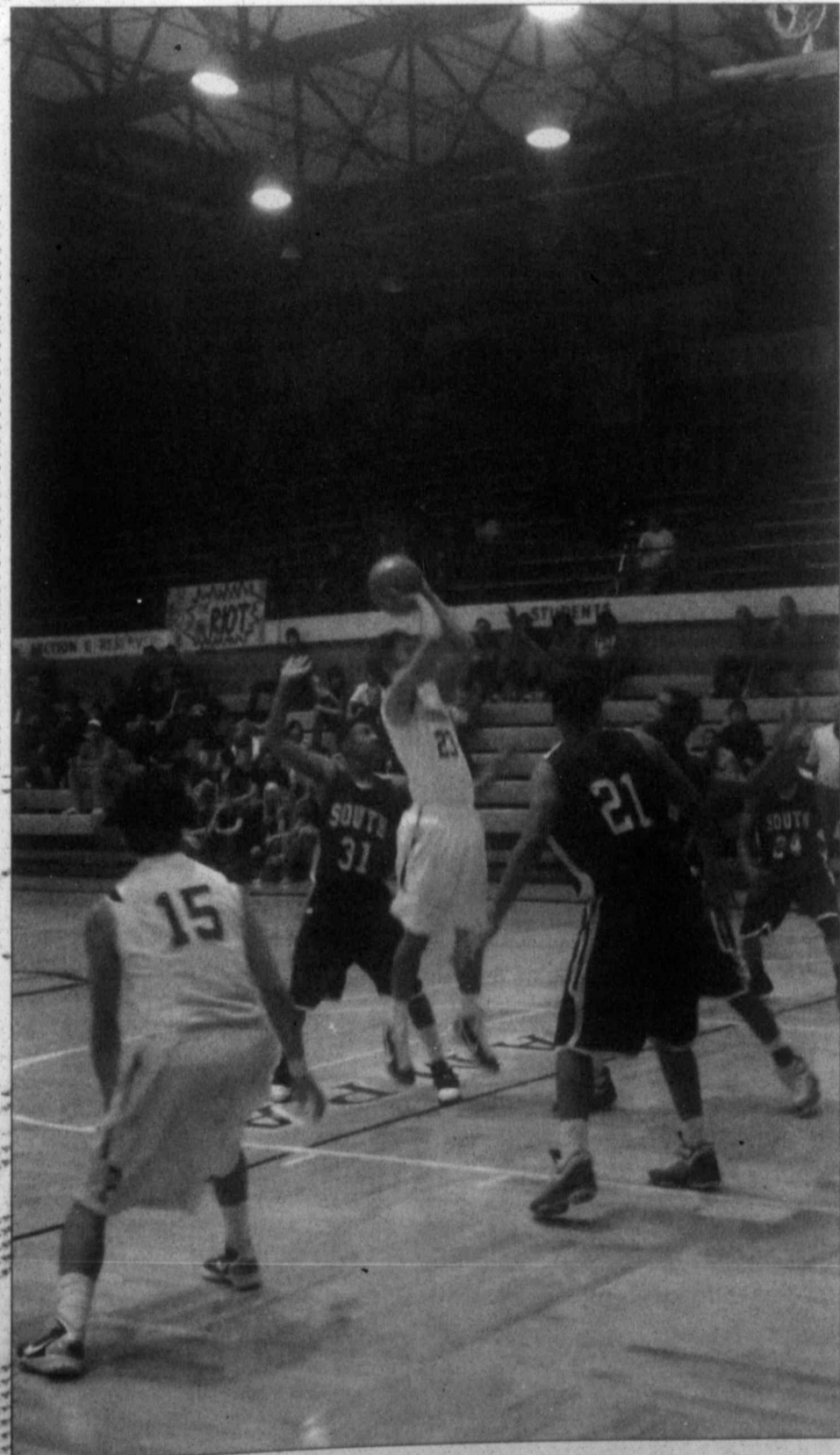
"If we didn't dig ourselves into such a big hole, we could have won that game by 10 or 15," Miller said. "I don't think they felt they belonged on the court with those guys until the third or fourth quarter."

Miller led the team in scoring with 16. Collins and Ericson followed with 14 points each. The Harvesters will play in the River Road Tournament Thursday through Saturday in Amarillo.



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Latigo Collins shoots a jumper Saturday against Dumas in the Pampa Lion's Club Tournament. Collins scored 12 and the Harvesters won 77-37.



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Garrett Ericson attempts a jumper against South Garland Saturday in the Pampa Lion's Club Tournament. Ericson scored 14 points but Pampa lost 65-63 and finished sixth in the tournament.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Sports

Lion's Club tourney results

First Place Richland High
Second Place San Angelo Central
Third Place Amarillo Tascosa

FRIDAY'S SCORES

Richland High 81 El Paso Parkland 62
 Amarillo Tascosa 53 South Garland 45 ot
 Lawton 88 Dumas 35

San Angelo Central 79 Pampa 56

SATURDAY'S SCORES

Loser's Bracket
 South Garland 74 El Paso Parkland 72 of

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Winner's Bracket

San Angelo Central 62 Lawton 56

Richland High 65 Amarillo Tascosa 34

Seventh Place Game

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South Garland 65 Pampa 63

Third Place Game

Amarillo Tascosa 68 Lawton 64 OT

Championship

Richland High 75 San Angelo Central 39

CORRECTION

The photo on page 1B of the Friday-Saturday edition was taken by Emily Hart, not Andrew Glover. *The Pampa News* apologizes for the error.



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Derrek Pollard attempts a jumper against Dumas Saturday. Pampa won 77-37. The Harvesters went 1-2 in the tournament and finished sixth.

THE PAMPA NEWS

athletes

of the week

Delaney Clendening
Pampa High School

Garrett Ericson
Pampa High School

Pampa High School senior basketball player **Delaney Clendening** is *The Pampa News* Female Athlete of the Week. Clendening scored 16 points to led the Lady Harvesters in scoring against Caprock Tuesday.

Pampa High School senior basketball player **Garrett Ericson** is *The Pampa News* Male Athlete of the Week. Ericson scored nine points in Pampa's victory over Caprock Tuesday. Friday in the Pampa Lion's Club Tournament, Ericson scored 10 points in Pampa's loss to San Angelo Central. Ericson was the second leading scorer with 14 points in Pampa's loss to South Garland Saturday.

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