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Hughes: Chisum good for Railroad Commission

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Chisum

If Warren Chisum were to pursue a post at the Railroad Commission instead of returning to the legislature, he'd certainly have friends behind him. "Warren Chisum has been one of the best friends that we've had in the Austin state house," Wayne Hughes of the Panhandle Producers and Royalty Owners

Association said. "He's always been someone to whom we could turn," Hughes said. "Honestly, it's because of his background in the industry. He worked for Baker

and Taylor at one time. He knows deep down inside what we're all about." Hughes said he could think of no better candidate for the Texas Railroad Commission. "We're not in the business of endorsing candidates," Hughes said. "That's a violation of our status as a trade association, but we have no objection to him." Hughes said that Chisum, because of his work in oil and

gas exploration and because of his service as a legislator, has the ability to work through the political fog that surrounds a lot of issues in the Capitol and pick out the relevant facts. "That's because of his experience down there," Hughes said. "We think the people of Texas would be well served." The problem may not be whether Chisum is qualified. It may be **CHISUM** cont. on page 3

COUNTRY LEARNING



staff photo by David Bowser

Gray County Agent Brandon McGinty (left) talks with rancher Jack Taylor at today's Texas AgriLife Extension meeting in Pampa about alternative crops in the area.

Extension office hosts ag conference

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Sunflowers have long been raised in the Texas Panhandle for confectionary uses, said an extension agronomist today in Pampa, but now there is growing interest in sunflowers as an

oil seed crop. Dr. Brent Bean, an extension agronomist from Amarillo, opened today's conference on alternative crops with a presentation on sunflowers. The biggest threat to the crop, Bean said, is the sunflower head moth, but it can be con-

trolled with spraying. The good news, he said, is that sunflowers grow well here. "Carson County has grown a lot of sunflowers over the years," Bean said. Sunflowers are a very efficient crop here, he said. **SUNFLOWERS** cont. on page 3

Lubbock man nabbed for WMD

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI has arrested a 20-year-old Saudi student in Texas suspected of planning a terrorist attack using explosive chemicals. The FBI says his possible targets included the Dallas home of former President George W. Bush. Khalid Ali-M Aldawsari, attending college near Lubbock, Texas, was charged with attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction. Federal prosecutors say he had been researching online how to construct an improvised explosive device using several chemicals as ingredients. **ALDAWSARI** cont. on page 3

PGWCD to meet, discuss Duncan bill

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The Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District board of directors will meet Friday morning to discuss a bill introduced into the Texas Senate by the Senator who represents Pampa in state government. Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, introduced Senate Bill 667 relating to the ownership of groundwater. **PGWCD** cont. on page 2

Courtney advises awareness of Severe Weather Week

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Fred Courtney, Pampa's Emergency Management Coordinator, advised Pampans to be mindful of the oncoming severe weather season, especially during Severe Weather Awareness Week.

"It's always important to keep in mind," Courtney said. "That's what (this week) is for, to remind people."

Severe Weather Awareness Week was proclaimed jointly by Gov. Rick Perry of Texas and Gov. Mary Fallin of Oklahoma. The Awareness Week began this past Sunday and will go until Saturday. With spring marking

the onset of heightened severe storm frequency in the Panhandle, Pampans would be smart to keep themselves prepared.

"Tornadoes are our biggest threat around here," Courtney said. "Tornadoes and hail and high winds, those are the biggest threats. Then, there are the wildfires."

The weather threats also coincide with fairer temperatures, bringing with them an increase in outdoor activity and placing Panhandle residents in greater risk.

The National Weather Service in Amarillo is hosting its biennial MWS Amarillo Severe Weather Workshop on Saturday, March 19, to remind area residents to be aware of dangerous weather patterns. The workshop begins

at 9 a.m. at the heritage room of the Amarillo Civic Center and is free to the public.

Even if you're unable to attend, Courtney said, it's important to remember a few safety tips in case of severe weather.

"Thunderstorms can just happen at any time," he said. "Last year, we had eight tornadoes in one afternoon in Gray County. You never know when one of these super cells can turn into a tornado."

"(People) need to have a safe place to go to, whether it's a storm shelter or a safe room in the house... If there's no safe room, find an interior closet or hallway with four walls around you. Get out of a mobile home. Get out of your car and get into a ditch."

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PAMPA FORECAST

Friday



High 56
Low 28

Saturday



High 63
Low 37

Sunday



High 57
Low 27

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 22. Wind chill values between 15 and 20. Blustery, with a north wind 5 to 15 mph becoming east southeast. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 56. Wind chill values between 13 and 23 early. Windy, with a south southeast wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 28. Wind chill values between 20 and 25. Windy, with a south wind 10 to 20 mph becoming northeast. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 63. Windy, with a northwest wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 37. Breezy, with a south wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 57. Windy, with a southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 27. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for printing the letter from the woman who paid for her neighbor's children's school lunch bill. "Lending a Hand in the Midwest" (Jan. 10) was angry to discover they didn't qualify for free lunches because "their parents were just a couple of dollars over the limit." To top it off, the children's father is doing his second tour in Afghanistan.

Because you encouraged your readers to contact local schools to give a few dollars to a child in need of a meal, it inspired me to speak to the principal in our district. Not only did the principal like my fundraising idea, he has allowed me time on campus to promote the fundraiser.

Twenty-seven students will be joining me after school in making lollipops to sell at an upcoming event. Local businesses and individuals have donated most of the supplies necessary to make this a successful drive to help the children in need. Our goal is to raise \$1,000 for this cause.

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to "Lending" for sharing a great idea. — **HAPPILY PAYING IT FORWARD IN HAWAII**

DEAR HAPPILY: Thank you for spreading the message. "Lending's" generous act of kindness elicited many interesting and thought-provoking re-

DEAR ABBY: I am a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Vietnam Veterans of America, the American Legion and the American Legion Riders Association. One of the main functions of our organizations is to help our veterans and their families in any way we can. You would be amazed at the monies and help expended to our veterans, soldiers and their families that doesn't make the news because being "needy" is perceived as some kind of fault.

To respond to a need, we must KNOW about it. Abby, please tell your readers if there is a problem, contact your local VFW, American Legion, AmVets, etc. and we will respond. — **FRANK IN BURLINGTON, WIS.**

DEAR ABBY: I am currently serving in the military and have never thought to donate to school lunches. I'm happy knowing people are watching out for the troops' kids. As soon as I return home from Iraq, I will make the call to see where I can help. — **AIRMAN WHO HAS BEEN THERE**

DEAR ABBY: A lot of families are in the same situation. We have three kids and are \$8 over the "allowed financial amount." What's not taken into consideration is the \$100 my husband pays for Internet

PGWCD

The board will also take up the issue of David Peckenaugh of Perryton and land he has that straddles the boundary between the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District and the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District.

The board will also consider Mark Urbanczyk's request for an eight-inch irrigation replacement well in Carson County.

Also on the agenda is possible action concerning loans for sprinkler systems and action on delinquent loans. The board will also consider cost

sharing meters.

The board will also consider drilling permit for Michael and Terry Merriman in Potter County, Thomas Grant in Potter County, Tommy and Debbie Corea of Potter County, Eloisa Duerrero in Potter County, Elisa Acosta of Armstrong County, Katherine Williams in Donley County, Larry Stephens in Carson County and Dennis J. Hefley in Wheeler County.

The board will meet beginning at 9 a.m. Friday, in the Windmill Room of their offices at 201 W. Third in White Deer.

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Obituaries

Mattie Sue Adamson, 74

Mattie Sue Adamson, 74, died February 23, 2011, in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Adamson was born November 2, 1936, in Delhi, Okla. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1956. She married Howard "Blackie" Adamson, Jr., on January 7, 1972, in Pampa.

Survivors include her husband, Howard "Blackie" Adamson, Jr., of the home; four sons: Terry Barrett and wife Janet, and Tony Barrett, all of Grove, Okla., Eddie Adamson and wife Beverly of Fritch and Ray Adamson of Pampa; one sister, Mary Lister of Santa Paula, Calif.; five brothers, Walt West and Roland West and wife Dixie, all of Pampa, Jack West and wife Betty and Robert West, all of Groom, and Billy West and wife Geraldine of Flagstaff, Ariz.; eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Doc West, Whitey West and Carl West; and two sisters, Ray Jean West and Betty Bagwell.

Memorials may be made to a favorite charity.



Adamson

Earlein Elizabeth Folley, 52

Earlein Elizabeth Folley, 52, died February 21, 2011, in Pampa.

There are no services scheduled at this time. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Folley was born January 8, 1959, in Chicago, Ill. She attended Pampa schools. Earlein married Tim Folley on August 31, 1973, in Pampa, and they renewed their wedding vows on August 31, 2004. She worked at Coon Memorial Hospital in Dalhart for nearly 11 years, worked as a dietitian at Pampa Regional Medical Center for nine years, and worked at WalMart for a year and a half. Earlein loved making ceramics. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

Survivors include her husband, Tim Folley of the home; two sons, Earl Folley of Pampa and Duke Folley of Yacama, Wash.; daughter, Michalle Lee and husband Jessie of Naples, N.Y.; mother, Tammy Sullivan of Pampa; two brothers, one sister, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her father, Earl Ray Sullivan, Sr.

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

For the record

Police Department

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

There were 34 traffic-related incidents and one accident.

There were 11 animal-related incidents reported.

Pampa EMS responded to five ambulance calls.

The Pampa Fire Department responded to one structure fire and one investigation.

Wednesday, Feb. 23

An information call was reported in the 4000 block of Bad Cattle Company Ln.

An attempt to serve was reported in the 1200 block of E. Darby.

An information call was reported in the 200 block of W. Brown.

A burglary was reported in the 700 block of S. Ballard.

A suspicious person was reported in the 400 block of N. Lefors.

Forgery was reported in the 1000 block of N. Sumner.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 1100 block of Terry Rd.

An alarm was reported in the 1600 block of N. Holly Ln.

Identity theft was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

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

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2800 block of Perryton Pkwy.

A runaway was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

A 911 hang-up call was reported in the 800 block of N. Bradley Dr.

A stolen vehicle was reported in the 400 block of S. Hughes.

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

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 400 block of S. Hughes.

Two information calls were reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 600 block of N. Lefors.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of W. Sirroco Pl.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 600 block of N. Lefors.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 1100 block of Terry Rd.

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

A suspicious person was reported in the 1600 block of N. Hobart.

An information call was reported in the 1200 block of N. Russell.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 900 block of N. Crest.

An information call was reported in the 1200 block of N. Russell.

A suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of S. Starkweather.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 2100 block of N. Banks.

A threat was reported in the 1000 block of S. Christy.

A prowler was reported in the 1700 block of N. Chestnut.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 200 block of N. Russell.

Thursday, Feb. 24
A prowler was reported in the 1700 block of N.

Chestnut

An information call was reported in the 900 block of E. Browning.

A prowler was reported in the 400 block of E. Louisiana.

An alarm was reported in the 600 block of N. Somerville.

Sheriff's Office

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

Wednesday, Feb. 23

Mandel John Garcia, 24, was arrested by deputies for violation of parole in connection with possession of marijuana and for parking in a handicapped zone.

Miriam Hortensia Arellano, 32, was arrested by deputies on a motion to revoke parole in connection with charges of theft by check.

Timothy Joe Broadbent, 30, was arrested by police on charges of driving with an invalid driver's license, no registration, no inspection sticker and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Dana Mabelle Zaiontz, 42, was arrested by deputies on charges of driving while intoxicated.

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AFTERNOON RUSH

Texas resolution aimed at Feds

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Senate, facing its own budget shortfall of at least \$15 billion, on Wednesday passed a resolution urging Congress to propose a constitutional amendment to balance the federal budget.

If Congress doesn't do that by the end of the year, the resolution requests other states join Texas in calling a constitutional convention. Two-thirds of all the states would have to agree to hold such a convention, which has never been done.

Sen. Steve Ogden, chair of the Senate Finance Committee and author of the resolution, called the federal debt of \$14 trillion "a clear and present danger to our republic."

Prison jobs, dessert to be cut

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Department of Criminal Justice plans to save money by eliminating 555 non-guard jobs and changing the menu for inmates, cutting back on dessert and substituting powdered milk.

The layoffs, effective April 15, come as states agencies trim their current spending while lawmakers face the prospect of a shortfall of \$15 billion dollars in the next two-year budget period.

In a memo Friday, Executive Director Brad Livingston said 400 administrative and support jobs would be eliminated, as well as 155 positions at Project RIO, which stands for Re-Integration of Offenders.

At all units, inmates will no longer get cartons of milk. Powdered milk has been used at state jails and transfer facilities since 2003, said Lyons. Dessert servings will also be reduced to one per inmate per week, from two.

A legislative budget proposal calls for cutting nearly 1,600 jobs in the prison system, which holds almost 156,000 inmates in more than 100 facilities.

Border apprehensions down

EL PASO (AP) — U.S. Customs and Border Protection says 2010 illegal immigrants captures fell by 36 percent from the previous year to more than 463,000.

In its annual report issued Wednesday, CBP says the 2010 border apprehensions amount to a third of what they were at their peak. In 2005, Border Patrol detained 1,189,000 illegal immigrants.

CPB also says that in 2010, it seized just over 2,000 tons of narcotics. Scott A. Luck is the new chief patrol agent for CBP's El Paso sector. He says the figures indicate the agency is "making great strides in securing our borders."

In the El Paso sector, including the New Mexican and far west Texan frontier with Mexico, the Border Patrol detained 12,251 undocumented aliens in 2010, 90 percent less than in 2006.

Drug gang suspects rounded up

WASHINGTON (AP) — Law enforcement officials across the country are conducting a nationwide sweep of suspected members of Mexican drug cartels working in the United States.

The Drug Enforcement Administration, which is coordinating the massive effort along with Immigration and Customs Enforcement, says the sweep is a direct response to the Feb. 15 shooting death of ICE agent Jaime Zapata in Mexico.

Aldawsari

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Federal authorities say Aldawsari's diary indicated the young man had been plotting an attack for years and obtained a scholarship so he could come directly to the United State to carry out jihad.

Aldawsari is expected to appear in federal court in Lubbock on Friday morning.

Chisum

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whether there is a railroad commission or another commission to oversee the state's energy policy.

"The Sunset Commission recommended, among other things, the governance of the railroad commission be changed from three statewide elected officials to one statewide elected official," Hughes said.

The Sunset Commission, which reviews various state commissions and organizations, said such a move would result in savings in staff and support activities and administrative expenses.

They also recommended that the railroad commission no longer hear appeals relating to the oil and gas industry. Those would be turned over to the Office of Hearing Examiners, which has already been tried once.

"That didn't work 10 years ago," Hughes said, "and it isn't going to work now."

Hughes said that the oil and gas industry is unified in Texas in their insistence that three commissioners remain and that the judicial process not be farmed out.

While it can be difficult to get rulings out of the railroad commission, Hughes said it is a workable system. Most of the industry, he said, worry that changing the system could make it worse.

"It's the devil you know," he said.

The complicating factor, Hughes said, is that the Sunset Commission also recommended that the name of the organization be changed from the Texas Railroad Commission to the Texas Energy Commission.

"If that happens," Hughes said, "it basically puts into suspended animation the Constitutional entity known as the Texas Railroad Commission."

In other words, the Texas Railroad Commission is mandated by the state's constitution.

The Texas Energy Commission could be created as a legislative entity.

"The individuals that are now serving as commissioners of the railroad commission," Hughes said, "would no longer have jobs."

Since the Texas Railroad Commission is set out in the Constitution, it is somewhat autonomous.

A Texas Energy Commission, however, could be subject to the whims of the governor or legislature, whoever appoints its members.

"There's so many different ways that that could be done," Hughes said.

Unique coffeemaker was 1938 gift

ANNE MCCOLLAM

Q: I have enclosed a photo of my mother's percolator that she received as a wedding gift in 1938. I think it is unique, and although I could not find the cord to it, I remember it was a red-and-white striped cord. Marked on the bottom of the warming device are the words: "8 Cup Genuine Silex Glass Coffee Maker." It was made in Hartford, Conn. At this point, it is 72 years old and in excellent condition, except for the missing cord.

Do you have any idea where to find a replacement cord? I wonder if it has any value because I would like to pass it along to one of the grandchildren. If you can give me any help learning more about my coffee maker, I would really appreciate it.

A: You have a vacuum coffee maker rather than a percolator. The glass is Pyrex, and it was made around 1937. At that time, it cost \$6.95. Check on the Internet for replacement cords.

Similar Silex coffee makers are selling in the range of \$75 to \$125.

Q: This mark is on the bottom of a vase that belonged to my grandmother. Decorated with the image of a young girl against a glazed brown background, the vase stands about 10 inches tall and is in perfect condition.

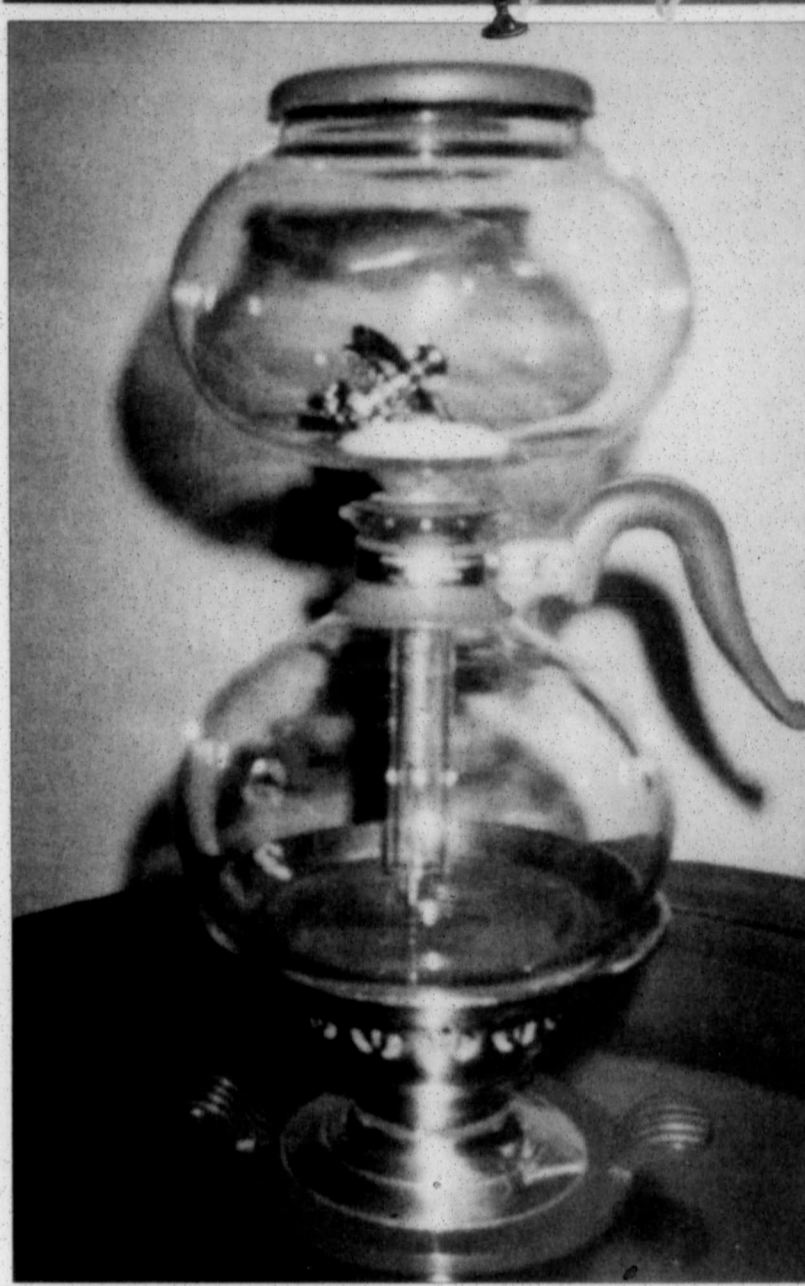
What can you tell me about my vase?



The Warwick factory was located in Wheeling, W.Va.

A: Warwick China Co. made your portrait vase. The factory was located in Wheeling, W.Va., from 1887 to 1951. They produced decorative pieces, dinnerware, hotel and railroad china and utilitarian ware. Your vase is decorated with the portrait of Madame Lebrun when she was a child. She was a famous 18th-century French artist. Your vase was made in the early

Antique OR JUNKIE?



A Silex vacuum coffee maker is at least 72 years old.

1900s and would probably be worth \$175 to \$250.

Q: Fifty years ago, my wife's mother was given a set of dishes from her mother. They were 50 years old at that time, so a conservative guess would make the dishes well over 100 years old. We have a platter, a gravy boat and 10 plates. The platter is decorated with fish, and all the items are in mint condition. Marked on the back of each dish are the words: "Bassett - Limoges - Austria."

Could you please give me the set's value?

A: Bassett was located in New York City and imported table china to the United States. They had factories in Limoges, France, and Austria from 1800 to World War I.

You have a game fish set that would probably fetch \$2,000 to \$2,300 in an antiques shop.

If you have any antique inquiries, address your questions to Anne McCollam, P.O. Box 247, Notre Dame, IN 46556. Items of a general interest will be answered in this column. Due to the volume of inquiries, she cannot answer individual letters.

Sunflowers

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The bad news is that sunflowers use a lot of water and nitrogen in the soil and can come back the following year in a field planted to something else.

Still, the extension agronomist said the downside of sunflowers can be overcome with proper management.

Bean also talked about raising canola and safflower in the region.

The agronomist also spoke about the grasses grown in the area, noting that Old World Bluestem has the highest yields and

is one of the most efficient under irrigation, but it also provides the lowest amounts of crude protein.

Buffalo Grass, Bean said, is among the lowest yielding grasses, is one of the least efficient under irrigation and one of the least digestible.

Nich Kenny, an extension program specialist, talked about irrigation needs for such crops while Dr. Ted McCollum III, extension beef cattle specialist, talked about grazing and forage sorghums.

Dr. Steve Amosson,

extension economist, will talk this afternoon about the marketing and economics of such crops.

Speaking in Groom earlier this week, Amosson said prices for cotton in this area are soaring, but warned that what goes up in the market rapidly tends to come down rapidly.

Bean, this morning, noted that wheat has greened up by following moisture from snows earlier this month, but the story will be the weather, particularly the amount of moisture this area gets

between now and when the wheat harvest begins in this area in June.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Thursday, Feb. 24, the 55th day of 2011. There are 310 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 24, 1761, Boston lawyer James Otis Jr. went to court to argue against "writs of assistance" that allowed British customs officers to arbitrarily search people's premises, citing English common law. Otis declared - "A man's house is his castle." (Although Otis lost the case, his statement provided a source of inspiration for American independence.)

On this date:

In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII issued a papal bull, or edict, outlining his calendar reforms. (The Gregorian Calendar is the calendar in general use today.)

In 1803, in its *Marbury v. Madison* decision, the Supreme Court established judicial review of the constitutionality of statutes.

In 1863, Arizona was organized as a territory.

In 1868, the House of Representatives impeached President Andrew Johnson following his attempted dismissal of Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton; Johnson was later acquitted by the Senate.

In 1920, the German Workers Party, which later became the Nazi Party, met in Munich to adopt its platform.

In 1942, the Voice of America went on the air for the first time.

In 1961, the Federal Communications Commission authorized the nation's first full-scale trial of pay television in Hartford, Conn.

In 1981, Buckingham Palace announced the engagement of Britain's Prince Charles to Lady Diana Spencer.

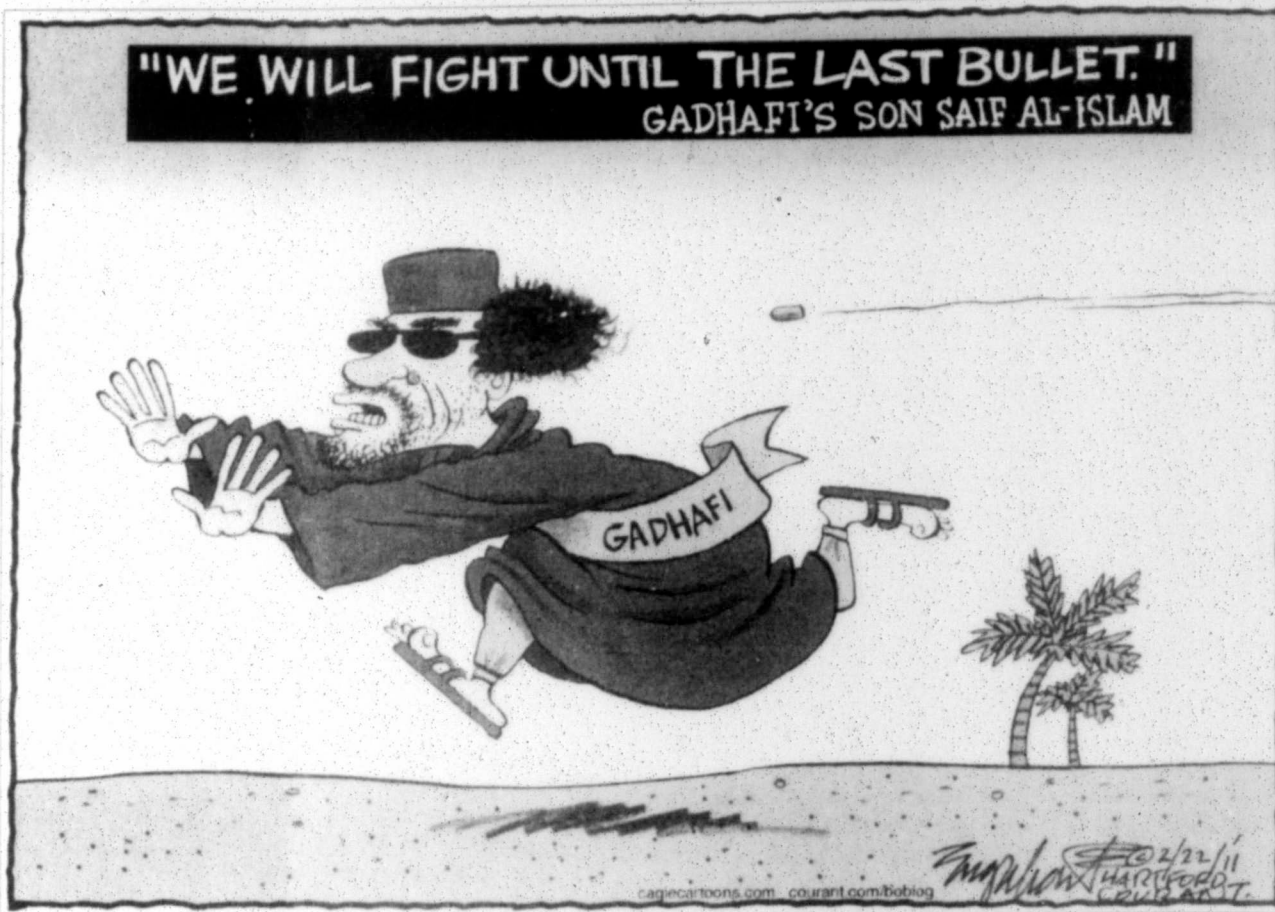
Ten years ago: Mathematician and computer scientist Claude Shannon, whose theories about binary code became the basis for modern mass communications networks, died in Medford, Mass., at age 84.

Five years ago: Suicide bombers attempted to drive explosive-packed cars into the world's largest oil processing facility in Saudi Arabia, but were foiled by guards who opened fire, detonating both vehicles; al-Qaida claimed responsibility. Death claimed actors Don Knotts in Los Angeles and Dennis Weaver in Ridgway, Colo., both were 81.

One year ago: Testifying before Congress, Toyota CEO Akio Toyoda apologized personally and repeatedly to the United States and millions of American Toyota owners for safety lapses that had led to deaths and widespread recalls. Trainer Dawn Brancheau was dragged to her death by a killer whale, Tilikum, at SeaWorld in Orlando, Fla.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Abe Vigoda is 90. Actor Steven Hill is 89. Movie composer Michel Legrand is 79. Actor James Farentino is 73. Actor Barry Bostwick is 66. Actor Edward James Olmos is 64. Singer-writer-producer Rupert Holmes is 64. Rock singer-musician George Thorogood is 61. Actress Helen Shaver is 60. Apple CEO Steve Jobs is 56. News anchor Paula Zahn is 55. Country singer Sammy Kershaw is 53. Singer Michelle Shocked is 49. Movie director Todd Field is 47. Actor Billy Zane is 45. Actress Bonnie Somerville is 37. Rock musician Matt McGinley (Gym Class Heroes) is 28.

Thought for Today: "The house of every one is to him as his castle and fortress, as well for



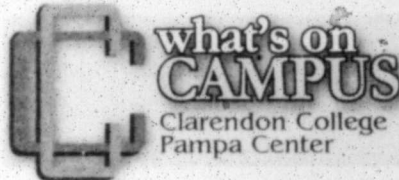
Clarendon's spring semester in full swing

The spring semester at Clarendon College Pampa Center is off and running.

We are ecstatic to report that, as you may have probably already heard, Clarendon College has once again set a record for enrollment, and Clarendon College Pampa Center is a big part of that improvement.

This semester, we have 454 students working on reaching their respective goals in higher education. These 454 individuals have each come through our office and told us how we can help them reach their goals, and they have all started or continued to pursue that path. Clarendon College is proud to be able to help each of them get on their way.

Those of you reading this who are in the 454 students this semester, we congratulate you on your accomplishments and hope that you will be persistent and never give up



on your goals.

For those of you who are not, we challenge you to come to the Pampa Center any time — with any idea of what you would like to achieve — and allow us to offer our services and help you get there.

As you may have noticed, the facilities at the Pampa Center have grown. We are now having classes in a new welding shop, wind energy lab, vocational nursing class and



DAVID HALL

lab, BMT classroom, and a state-of-the-art Cosmetology Salon.

We have no one single person to thank for the assets we have. Still, on behalf of the teachers, administrators, staff, and most importantly, the students, we at Clarendon College offer thanks to all the citizens of Gray County for their support of our mission: To provide a once-in-lifetime opportunity to the students we serve to help them receive the highest quality education in the most advanced setting we can provide.

For more information on Clarendon College Pampa Center, please do not hesitate to contact us at 806-665-8801, or on the Web at www.clarendoncollege.edu.

David Hall is an enrollment services counselor at Clarendon College Pampa Center. He can be reached at 806-665-8801.

Severe Awareness Week: Be cautious of lightning

AUSTIN — Severe Weather Awareness Week in Texas is Feb. 20 through Feb. 26.

Lightning is especially dangerous because it does not depend on severe storm conditions. It can occur during any storm, no matter how small, and can strike miles away from the storm itself.

The Texas Division of Emergency Management and the National Weather Service want to remind you that Severe Weather Awareness Week is a good time to talk to your friends and family about emergency preparedness. Here are some important tips to protect yourself and your family.

Lightning can strike as far away as ten miles from the area in which rain

is falling. That's why you should follow the "30/30" lightning safety rule. If you cannot count to 30 between the time lightning flashes and the time that you hear the rumble of thunder, it is not safe to remain outside. Remain indoors for 30 minutes after hearing the last sound of thunder.

Lightning tends to strike tall objects as well as metal objects, and can travel through moist soils for dozens of feet. Move into a sturdy building and stay away from windows and doors. For increased protection, avoid electric appliances or metal plumbing. Stay off the telephone.

If you are outside, the interior of a car, truck or bus is relatively safe from lightning. To be safe, do not touch metal on the inside of the

vehicle. The outside bed of a truck is a deadly location. Do not lean against a car or truck — get inside the vehicle quickly.

If you are outdoors with no shelter available, stay low. Move away from hills and high places, and avoid tall, isolated trees. Do not touch metal objects, such as tennis rackets, baseball bats or golf clubs. Do not ride bicycles, or lean against fences or metal sheds.

If you feel your hair suddenly stand on end, it means you may be a lightning target. Crouch low on the balls of your feet and try not to touch the ground with your knees or hands. Avoid wet areas that can conduct the lightning charge.

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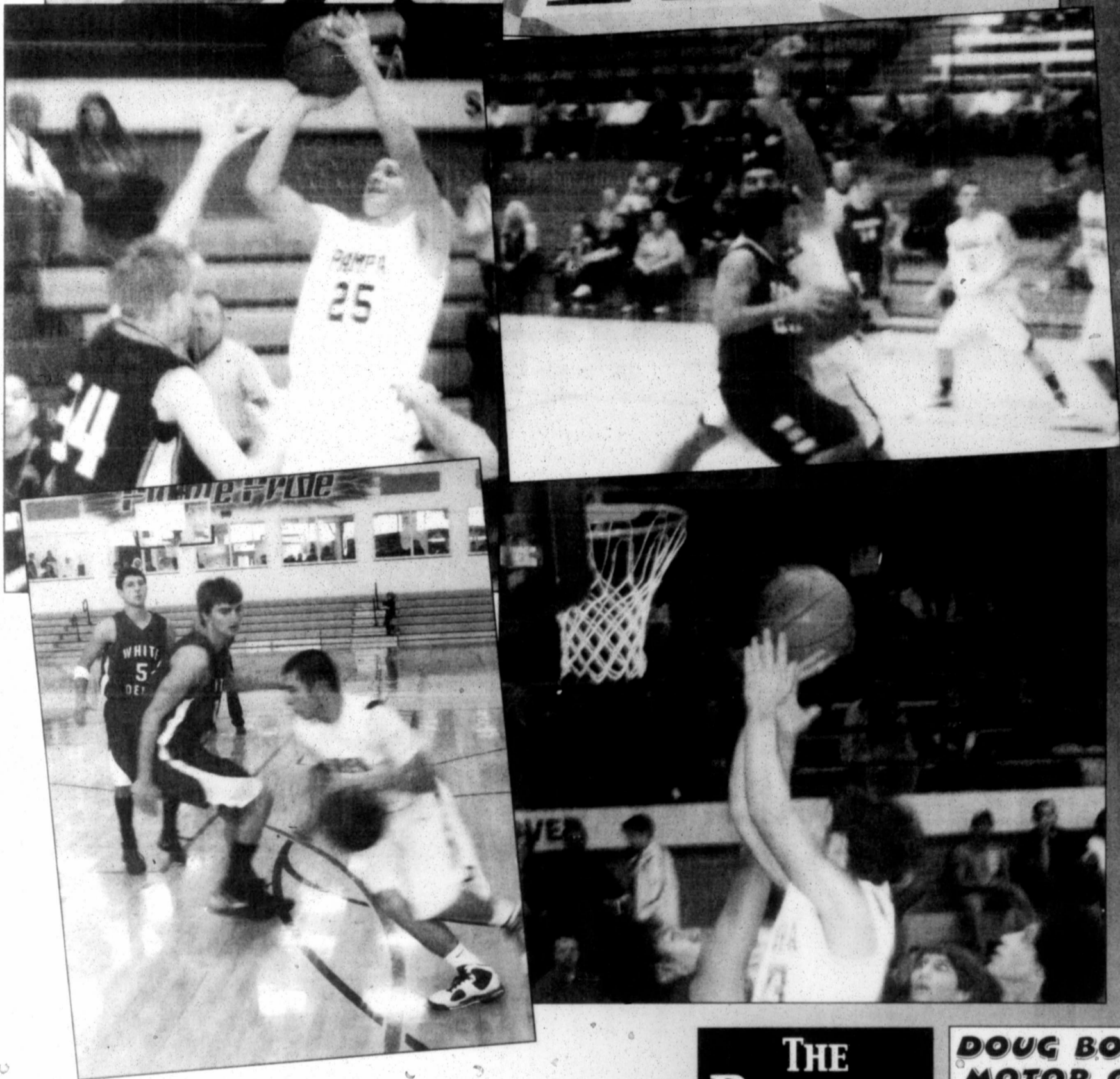
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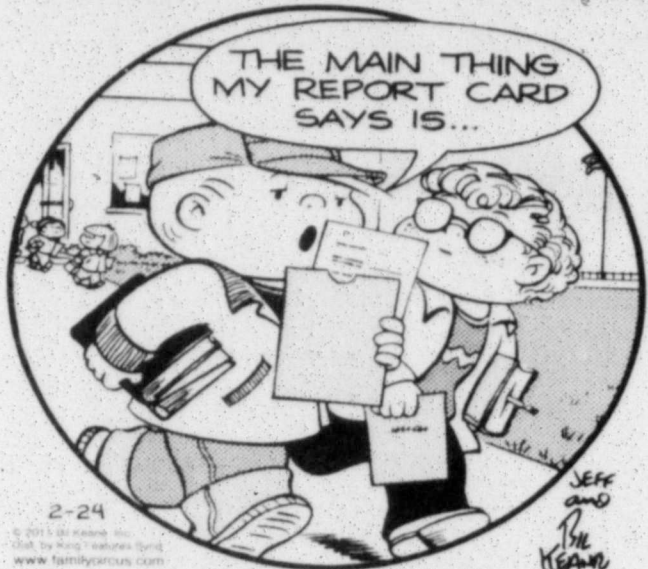
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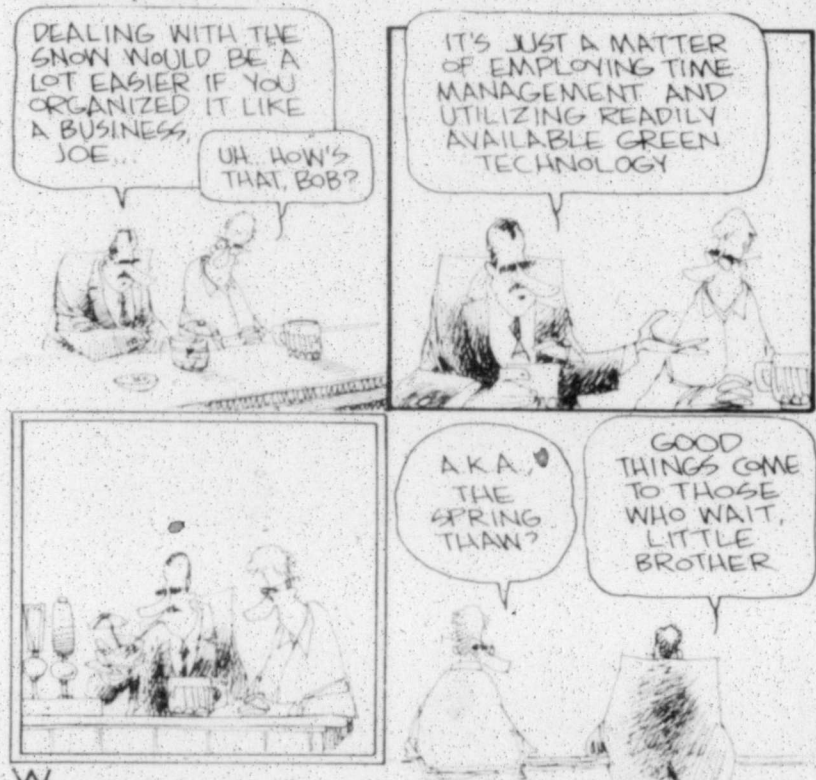
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"... I won't be havin' much fun this weekend."

Non Sequitur



Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Feb. 25, 2011:

This year, you greet many changes. Your circle of friends transforms. Key friends seem to be changing. Support the inner growth of others. Sometimes this might be difficult. Take the lead at work, within your community and/or within your immediate circle. Your attitude rubs off on others. If you are single, you could meet many people. Who do you feel most connected with? What type of relationship does this person offer? Asking yourself these questions could help determine what you really want. If you are attached, the two of you become more visible as a couple. **SAGITTARIUS** likes you in the limelight.

A baby born Feb. 25, 2011, has a Pisces Sun and a Sagittarius Moon.

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)
***** Reaching out for more information usually doesn't cause a problem, especially when dealing with a new topic. Follow that inclination, but also consider how to manifest a long-term dream. What would be the first step? Talk about this possibility with friends. Tonight: Take off, knowing you are going for something new.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20)
***** Deal with someone directly. You can float from person to person once you see the power of this approach. Problems will ensue if you are trying to mesh new technology or ideas with an already comfortable situation. Remember how much you hate change! Then you can identify. Tonight: Sipping a drink, sharing.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20)
***** Going forward looks like incorporating others into your ideas. This is not to say that anyone is right or wrong. Teamwork is important more often than not in achieving a desire. At least turn a key person into a supporter. Tonight: Join a friend or loved one.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22)
***** You might have many great ideas and want to move forward with a project. Work with someone who would like to turn an idea inside-out, and you will see a very different situation evolve. Testing your concept in this manner can only make it better. Tonight: Relax. It's finally the weekend. Make it yours.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
***** Creativity floats through everything you do. You cannot seem to put a cap on it. Try. Dealine with people could be

inordinately challenging otherwise. By not sharing, you trigger others to want to hear your opinions. Tonight: Let your imagination rock and roll.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
***** Take another person's opinions with a grain of salt. What is important is not to get too involved in a risk. You could be very sorry in the long run. Beating around the bush might feel better but also could have a sum-total negative effect. Tonight: Skedaddle on home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)
***** Listen to what is happening with a friend. You could be closing down. Stop. Breathe. Though you might be uncomfortable with the topic, you do want to understand and be helpful. Tonight: Blowing off steam.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)
***** Listen to someone and make it a point to get his or her message. Accept an opportunity; you cannot say "no." Say "yes" and deal with those fears. You might be uncomfortable, but the end experience will be worth it. Indulge in a new item for yourself. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
***** Your beaming smile warms up not only your day but everyone else's. Try it, especially if you feel you don't smile enough. A situation surrounding finances and a friendship could indeed be sticky. Tonight: Your wish hopefully is another's command.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
***** Know when to back out. A light, misanthropic approach brings many different reactions. Others depend on you being the voice of reason — why not give up the role for a day or so? Tonight: Read between the lines.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
***** Zero in on what you want, knowing full well what is going on behind the scenes. A meeting, networking and/or remaining responsive to others helps point out the way. Don't let a fear dominate; it can color a situation. Tonight: Where the gang is.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20)
***** Acknowledge what is going on behind the scenes. Your ability to make a difference comes out. Someone might challenge a decision, and that could be costly on some level. Know how to establish some boundaries in order to prevent this type of happening. Tonight: Count on a late night.

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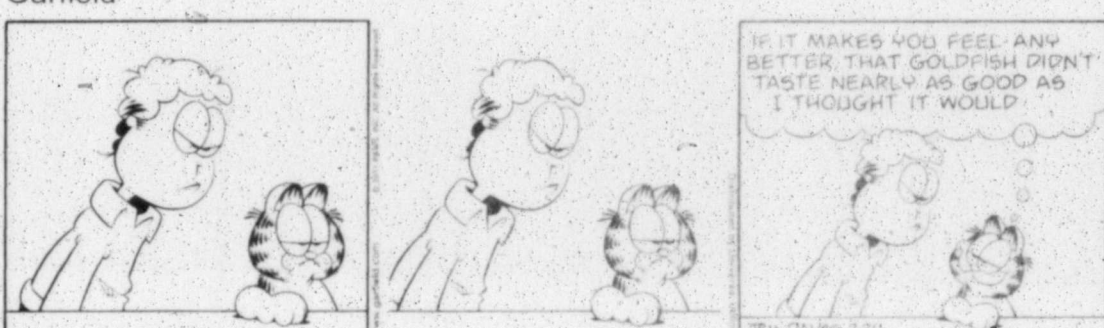
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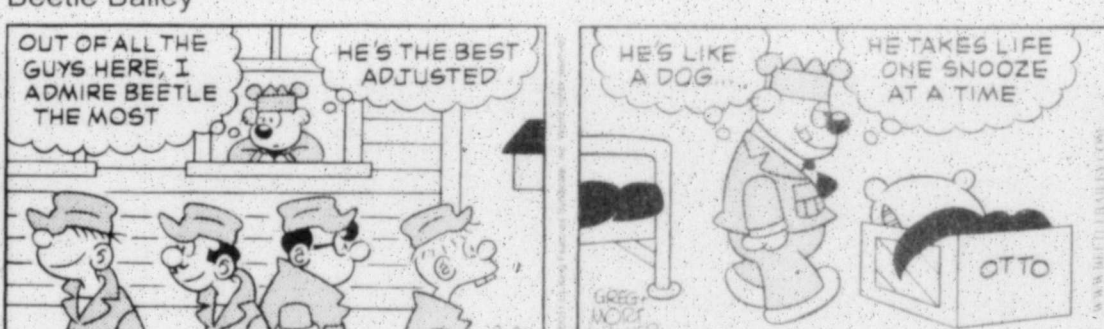
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Sports

With new attitudes, baseball team seeks district title

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After the Pampa Harvesters baseball team finished 2010 with a 7-19 record and a 2-10 district finish, they enter 2011 with new attitudes and prestigious goals.

Head coach Kaleb Snelgrooves, who is in his second season, said that he and his players spent time in the off-season reflecting on last season.

"If you are going to build a program, you are going to have to look at what you did," Snelgrooves said. "Either change it or add to it."

"We put them through a tough offseason and I'm interested to see if it will pay off."

Senior outfielder Tyler Malone said they more positive attitudes.

"We worked hard and tried to change the attitude of everybody," Malone said. "Instead of giving up every time we get down just try to fight back."

The Harvesters graduated three last year in Braden Hunt, Mitchell Killgo and Anthony Allen. Hunt and Killgo were the leaders last year in home runs and RBIs.

Malone said everyone has to hit well.

"We should come together more and hit all the way down the lineup and not just hit a ball

farther," Malone said.

"We need to try and hit small ball more. We're not going to hit as many home runs as last year."

Snelgrooves said they might have lost power in their lineup, but continued to say that they are now a more experienced team.

"We're replacing those seniors with experience," Snelgrooves said.

"That's something we didn't have last year. We had two players with varsity experience last year, and the other seven or eight had to learn on the fly. Those juniors returning as seniors have the experience they gained last year."

Like most of PHS' other sports programs, the baseball team enters into a new district with their drop to 3A.

Malone said the new district should help.

"I think it will give us a better chance at making playoffs," Malone said. "We should win and make playoffs."

Senior catcher Brent Green said it will help not playing the teams from their old 4A district, but it still won't be easy.

"We're not going to be able to sit back any," Green said. "We just go to keep working hard."

Snelgrooves agreed, saying that he won't miss playing Randall and Canyon. Still, he added that they will

have to get to know their current opponents.

"I was talking to someone and they said (they) scrimmaged Amarillo High and Randall," Snelgrooves said. "I said, 'You can have all that... I don't know anything about anybody.'"

"I haven't seen them play and haven't talked to anybody."

Regardless of which district they play in, Green said their goal is to win district and win in the playoffs.

"We want to go as far as we can," Green said.

Snelgrooves agreed and added he challenged his players to win gold gloves.

"We are going to win a district championship and get the tradition back to what it used to be," Snelgrooves said.

"We used to win district year in and out... I told (the players) if you look (at the team's playoff appearances), three of those Gold Gloves I was a part of. I know what it takes. I put a challenge out there: I won this many. How many are you going to win?"



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Mitch Simon tags out a baserunner in a Feb. 26 game against Tulia. Simon will be one of six seniors that look to lead the Harvesters back into the playoffs. Pampa hasn't been to the playoffs since 2007 and finished last season 7-19.

Player to Watch

Senior infielder and pitcher Collin Killgo should provide a good amount of the power in the Harvesters lineup. Killgo should also be improved on the mound, coming out of the bullpen to help maintain late inning leads. Killgo is one of six Harvester seniors.

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A look at your district champion Pampa Harvesters



Dustin Miller, coach
Miller enters his sixth season at the helm of the Harvesters and has an overall record of 95-81. Miller led the Harvesters to their first district title since 1996 and their third playoff appearance under him.

#22 Greg Cabrales, Sr.
Cabrales made the most of his minutes and always gave a strong effort. Cabrales sparked a rally against Perryton February 15. Against River Road JV December 4, Cabrales made five wide-open layups.



• Coach Miller recently called up four players from the junior varsity squad to travel with the team. Those four players are:

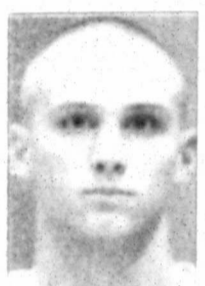
#10 Brandon Chairez, Sr.
Chairez was called upon to create a spark off the bench. Against Perryton February 4, Chairez scored five points in less than 30 seconds.



#23 Garrett Ericson, Sr.
Ericson became one of the scoring and rebounding leaders. The senior forward was always a threat beyond the arc. Ericson hit seven threes in a December game at Randall.

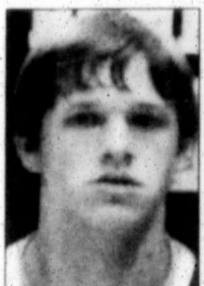
#40 Laketon Harris, Jr.
One of the scoring leaders on junior varsity.

#44 Jonathan Cox, So.
One of the JV's scoring leaders and a good defender.



#12 Cole Engle, Jr.
Engle was the sixth man and can play several positions. Engle started Pampa's opener in the Caprock Classic last December. The junior swingman proved dangerous beyond the arc.

#25 Zach Murray, Sr.
Murray was a solid ball distributor in his first season as starting point guard. Defensively, Murray is good at getting steals and turning them into fast break layups.



#35 Jesus Cabrales, Jr.
A strong physical forward and a leading rebounder.

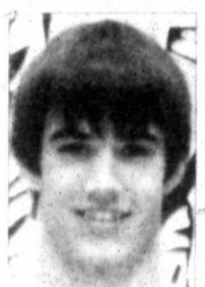
#30 Trey Teel, So.
Solid at driving to the basket and scoring second chance points.

Pampa will face off against Midland Greenwood at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Frenship High.

#14 Jonathan Polasek, Sr.
Polasek started every game at forward. The senior forward played with high intensity and occasionally was one of the leaders in scoring and rebounds. Polasek is great at forcing turnovers on defense.



#55 Derrek Pollard, So.
Pollard was the youngest player on varsity. His youth didn't stop him from being a solid post presence. Pollard can hit the jumper and grab offensive rebounds. Defensively, Pollard led the team in blocks.

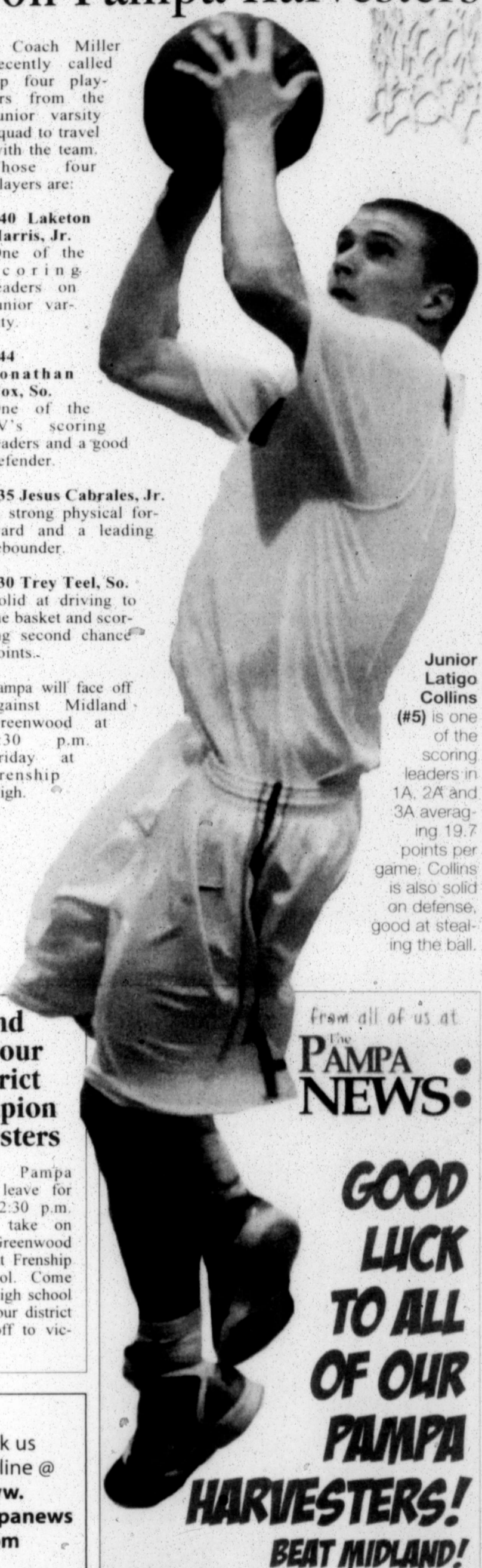


#15 Reid Miller, Jr.
Miller started every game at post and was leader in blocks. The junior post was never hesitant to take a charge and at times led in scoring and rebounds.

Joseph Mechelay, Sr.
Mechelay was called upon to relieve Pampa's big men if they got in foul trouble. Mechelay always gave solid effort and helped defend opposing teams' dominant post players.



Junior Latigo Collins (#5) is one of the scoring leaders in 1A, 2A and 3A averaging 19.7 points per game. Collins is also solid on defense, good at stealing the ball.



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