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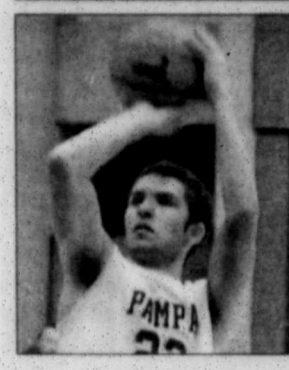
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TODAY IN SPORTS



In-game pep talk

Ericson gets boost from teammate to help team win

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inside: Chamber Music
 by Joe Weaver



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Key addition: New club gets chartered

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Pampa High School's Key Club received its formal beginnings from its parent organization Thursday evening, with a few Kiwanis luminaries on hand for good measure. The Key and Kiwanis clubs held a joint meeting Thursday evening at the First United Methodist Church to kick off their partnership. Sam Curry, governor of the Kiwanis' Texas/Oklahoma district, and Olin Norrid, the

area's regional advisor of Key Club, were among the notable Kiwanians in attendance to present the youth organization with its official charter. "I tell you what," Curry said to enthusiastic applause. "There is nothing like having Key Club members in our midst when we're having something to do with Kiwanis, don't you agree?" "Key Club is going to give these young high school students the opportunity to do a lot of things," Curry continued. **KEY** cont. on page 3

PHS BASKETBALL POSTSEASON ONWARD AND UPWARD

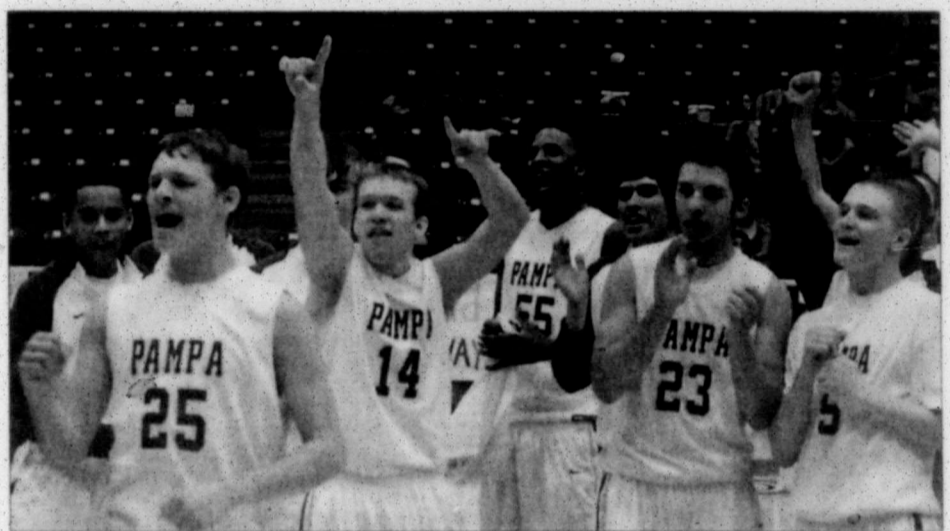


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The Pampa High School basketball team basks in the final moments of its 67-61 victory over El Paso Fabens on Thursday in Odessa. The team next faces Wichita Falls Hirschi in Lubbock; full story in **SPORTS**, page 10.

LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL



staff photo by David Bowser

Laissez les bon temps rouler! Wearing their Mardi Gras beads, Lauryn Hopson, left, and Gracie Stevens are ready for the St. Matthew's Episcopal Day School "Fat Tuesday" parade. Each year, the classes celebrate with Mardi Gras parades down the halls of the school. That night, the church will have its traditional Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.

St. Matthew's Shrove Tues. supper set

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St. Matthew's Episcopal Church's annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is scheduled from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday. The supper marks preparations for the Lenten season. "For centuries the Church has observed Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday-Carnival as a way of enjoying one last fling with worldly pleasures before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday," said Rev. Linda Kelly, Rector of St. Matthew's. The pancake supper will feature meat, eggs and butter that were at one time forbidden during Lent, she said. "We must eat up all these foods so there will be nothing in the pantry to tempt us during the great fast," Kelly said. She said guests are invited to the feast Tuesday night at the church, 727 W. Browning, and then to the Ash Wednesday services at noon. **SUPPER** cont. on page 8

Lamar Head Start classes certified 'School Ready'

SPECIAL TO THE PAMPA NEWS

Prekindergarten teachers in Texas were rewarded for their dedication to preparing students for kindergarten when their classrooms received the Texas School Ready! certification. Lamar Elementary Head Start teachers Debbie Lee and Carmela Montoya received the award. For prekindergarten classrooms from the 2008-2009

school year, 1,765 classrooms received 2010-2011 certification through a Texas Education Agency-funded evaluation system operated by the Children's Learning Institute (CLI) at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth). "This certification demonstrates the dedication of local prekindergarten classrooms to ensure that all children are prepared to enter school," **LAMAR** cont. on page 3



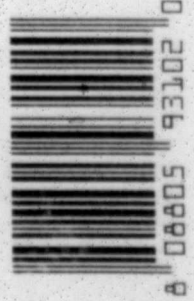
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Carmela Montoya (from left), Jan Cleek and Debbie Lee proudly display a "School Ready" banner recently earned by Lamar.

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PAMPA FORECAST

Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High 53 Low 29	High 59 Low 34	High 65 Low 42

Tonight: A chance of rain and snow showers, mainly before midnight. Some thunder is also possible. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 27. Wind chill values between 16 and 21. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 53. Wind chill values between 15 and 25 early. Breezy, with a north northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 29. Wind chill values between 19 and 24. Breezy, with a south wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 59. Breezy, with a south southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 34. Breezy, with a south southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 65. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 42. Windy, with a south southeast wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

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Obituaries

Johnny "Big John" Vanderlinden, 68

Johnny "Big John" Vanderlinden, 68, died March 3, 2011, in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Vanderlinden was born December 13, 1942, in Pampa. He attended Pampa schools, graduating from Pampa High School in 1961. He married Loretta Hinds on November 27, 1966, in Pampa, and she preceded him in death in 2007. Johnny worked for Halliburton and Triangle Well Service as a truck driver. He enjoyed the outdoors and liked to fish. Johnny loved playing with his grandchildren.

Survivors include his son, Greg Vanderlinden of Pampa; daughter, Regina Thomason and husband Chris of Pampa; two sisters, Patricia Remly of Tulsa, Okla., and Barbie Anderson and husband Roy, of Geronimo, Okla.; grandson, Reno Thomason of Pampa; granddaughter, Riea Thomason of Pampa. Johnny was preceded in death by his parents, Howard and Ruby Vanderlinden.

Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Associ-



Vanderlinden

ation, 8005 Slide Road, Suite 12-A, Lubbock, TX 79424. Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

Evelyn (Edwards) DeWoody

Evelyn (Edwards) DeWoody passed away February 24, 2011, in Aurora, Colo. while surrounded by her family.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, March 5, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Memory Gardens, Pampa.

Evelyn graduated from Pampa High School in 1961. She worked as a medical secretary for forty years, first in Pampa, then in Tulsa, Okla., and then in the Denver area after moving to Colorado in 1972.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her father, A.J. and mother, Dorothy Edwards of Pampa.

Survivors include daughters, Jennifer Ann and Julie Marie of Colorado and their father, Thomas DeWoody of Dallas.

Evelyn is also survived by her sister Barbara Smith of Tulsa and brother Raymond Edwards of Pampa.



DeWoody.

For the record

Police Department

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

Police reported 23 traffic-

related calls and two accidents.

Animal Control Officers reported 13 animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS reported four ambulance calls.

Thursday, March 3

Officers had escort duty in the 100 block of East Harvester.

Power lines were reported down in the 1800 block of North Wells.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block of North Doucette.

An alarm was reported in the 2600 block of North Fir.

City officials reported a violation of city ordinances in the 2200 block of North Wells.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1000 block of North Duncan.

Two thefts were reported to police.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 2100 block of North Banks.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of Seneca Lane.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1300 block of North Coffee.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 700 block of East Murphy.

A grass fire was reported in the 2600 block of North Seminole.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 900 block of Terry.

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

A threat was reported in the 100 block of East 27th.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of North Wells.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 100 block of West Kingsmill.

Friday, March 4
A suspicious person was reported at Alcock and Banks.

A prowler was reported in the 1000 block of Christine.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block of North Hill.

A burglary was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells.

A prowler was reported in the 1700 block of Chestnut.

LAST MINUTE ADS

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PHOTO CONTEST

Win \$100 if your photo is selected as the "best."

The theme of our photo contest is "Life in Gray County, Texas." Send us your non-posed photos of the people, places and things that make life worth living here on the high plains. The photos will be judged on creativity and general appeal by members of our staff. The top submission will receive \$100. The second-place photo will receive \$50 and the third-place photo will receive \$25.

2010 First Place in Family Fun "First Snow in Pampa" Janelle Guymon

Entry Form

(Please fill out the following form and tape or paper clip the form to the photo. Any photo submitted without this information will be disqualified.)

Name: _____

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Name of Person/Persons in Photo (Left to Right) _____

Description of Photo: _____

* Please submit all photos by 4 p.m. Friday, March 4. Any submissions received after this date will not be judged.

Contest Rules:
All photos submitted to the contest must be taken by the person submitting it and must have been taken in Gray County since Jan. 1, 2010. The photos cannot have appeared previously in any other publication or contest. You may submit as many photos as you like. The best way to submit your photos is to send them via email to rpribble@thepampanews.com. The photos should be in .jpg format. Please include the information above. If you would rather submit your entries as prints, send them with the information to: Photography Contest, The Pampa News, 403 W. Atchison Avenue, Pampa TX 79065. If you wish the prints returned, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your entry. All entries must be postmarked or emailed by 4 p.m. Friday, March 4. Submissions after that date will not be considered. The Pampa News will publish all the winners, and many of the other submissions, in a special section of our annual Pride issue.

Key

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"To form their leadership skills, to be leaders in their schools, to go out and be Kiwanians themselves someday."

Curry and District Lieutenant Governor Bill McCarty then presented special Kiwanis pins to the Key Club's inaugural officers: President Haley Clark, Vice President Blanca Salinas, Secretary Haley Copeland and President-Elect Allison Ceyanes.

"I just know these young women are going to serve their Key Club well," Curry said. "They are young leaders, and we hope that they will stay in the 'K' family moving forward."

Lamar

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said Susan Landry, Ph.D., Albert and Margaret Alkek Endowed Chair in Early Childhood Education and executive director of CLI. "The Texas School Ready! program continues to make a difference in children's lives because of the support of parents, teachers and community and state leaders."

"Strong prekindergarten programs help get at-risk children off to a good start and improve their chances for success throughout their school career. This certification can be used by parents to quickly identify programs that are effectively preparing children for kindergarten," said Texas Commissioner of Education Robert Scott.

Seventy-one percent of eligible school district classrooms, 54 percent of eligible Head Start classrooms and 54 percent of eligible licensed childcare providers were certified.

Classrooms at Lamar Elementary School in the Pampa Independent School District are among those receiving Texas School Ready! certification.

"This certification is very important to us since it recognizes that we are following state guidelines and implementing an early childhood program that is of high value," said Jan Cleek, principal at Lamar Elementary School. "It also lets parents know that we instruct students by using best practices that will better prepare them for school and life."

To achieve certification, teachers at preschools and centers apply to CLI and provide information about their classrooms. CLI then studies information provided by Texas public school districts to assess students' early reading and social development skills after they advance to kindergarten. The annual certification shows that children who graduated from these prekindergarten classrooms went to public kindergarten with the fundamental skills in place to be successful. Licensed childcare providers, Head Start and public prekindergarten classrooms are included in the voluntary program.

Texas School Ready! also provides support throughout the certification process, such as professional development, mentoring for teachers and progress monitoring tools.

For information, to apply or to find out which classrooms are accredited with Texas School Ready! certification, visit www.texaschoolready.com or call 1-800-315-7204.

Choose the proper extension cord

Dear Pat: I was looking for extension cords at the home center, but I don't know what to buy. How do I determine what type to get? — Marcia H.

Dear Marcia: An extension cord seems like a pretty simple, straightforward item to purchase at first glance. It actually is an important purchase for safety and getting the best performance from your power tools. An extension cord is definitely not one of those items where you look for the cheapest one on sale.

Always buy a three-prong grounded extension cord even if most of your power tools have only a two-prong plug. Those tools will work fine with the three-prong extension cord, and you never know when you may use a power tool with a three-prong plug. Never force a three-prong power tool cord into a two-prong extension cord. It can be hazardous if the tool shorts out.

There are extension cords rated for indoor use and outdoor use. The ones rated for outdoor use have tougher insulation and are designed to be stronger overall. Any outdoor-rated cord can safely be used indoors, too. Most flat-extension cords are only rated for indoor use because the outer plastic covering functions as both the insulation and the protective jacket. Outdoor cords have wire insulation plus an extra jacket.

The thickness of the copper wires inside extension cords varies. You have to make sure the extension cord has large enough copper wire to handle the electrical power your tools require. Power tools can draw from as little as 2 amperes of current to as high as 15 amperes. A larger-diameter piece of copper wire can carry more electrical current.

All extension cords will be marked with the copper wire gauge. A lower gauge number indicates a larger wire. Check the nameplates on the tools you have for the amperes of current or wattage they draw. Purchase an extension cord with the appropriate wire gauge to handle the most powerful (highest amperes or wattage) tool. Using an extension cord with larger wire than a small power tool needs is not a problem.

HOME HOW-TO

Here are some general guidelines to follow for a 50-foot-long extension cord wire: If a tool uses 0-5 amperes — 18-ga. wire, 5-8 amperes — 16-ga. wire, 8-12 amperes — 14-ga. wire, 12-15 amperes — 12-ga. wire and 15-20 amperes — 10-ga. wire. For a 100-foot-long cord, the gauges should be two sizes bigger (i.e., 14 instead of 16).

For outdoor use, you must use an extension cord with a built-in GFCI (ground fault circuit interrupter) unless you have it plugged into a GFCI outlet. Outdoor electrical outlets and ones in moist areas should

already be on GFCI circuits. Even though a tool seems to be operating fine, a slight short can be enough to stop your heart if the current passes through the wrong nerve.

Other types of extension cords have a built-in circuit breaker. This will protect the tool and keep the cord from overheating if too much electrical current is being drawn. If the motor in an electric tool stops due to excessive loading, the amount of current it draws skyrockets.

Always remember to unplug an extension cord from the wall when you are done using it. Dogs and children seem to enjoy chewing on electric cords of all types.

Send your questions to: *Home How-To*, Royalgreen Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45244 or visit www.dulles.com

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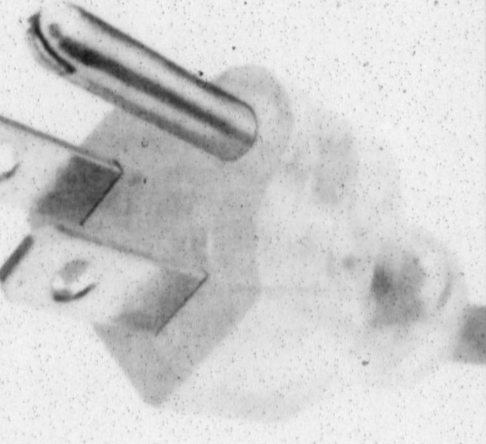
Don't Overload

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates that extension cords cause about 4,700 residential fires each year. Here are some checks you can make in your home today to ensure electrical safety:

CORD SELECTION
Make sure the extension cord is heavy enough for the intended load. Extension cords are labeled with size and wattage rating of the cord. (Lower gauge cords are bigger; for example, a 12-gauge cord is larger than a 14-gauge cord.) Here is a general guideline for extension cord size:

Gauge	Max amps	Max watts
18	5	625
16	8	1000
14	12	1500
12	15	1875
10	20	2500

AMPS TO WATTS
If the tool or appliance rating is listed in amps rather than watts, simply multiply the amps by 125 to get your wattage (for example, 10 amp tool will require 1250 watts).



EXTENSION CORD TIPS

- Use extension cords only on a temporary basis; they are not intended as permanent household wiring.
- Don't cover extension cords with rugs, clothing or carpet.
- Damaged cable jackets can expose you to an uninsulated electrical conductor.
- Unplug cords when not in use; plugged-in cords continue to conduct electricity.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Friday, March 4, the 63rd day of 2011. There are 302 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On March 4, 1861, Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated as the 16th president of the United States. The U.S. Government Printing Office began operation. The Confederate States of America adopted as its flag the original version of the Stars and Bars (not to be confused with the more familiar Confederate Battle Flag).

On this date:

In 1789, the Constitution of the United States went into effect as the first Federal Congress met in New York. (The lawmakers then adjourned for lack of a quorum.)

In 1791, Vermont became the 14th state.

In 1811, the first Bank of the United States ceased operations as its charter expired.

In 1930, Coolidge Dam in Arizona was dedicated by its namesake, former President Calvin Coolidge.

In 1940, Kings Canyon National Park in California was established.

In 1960, an explosives-laden French freighter, La Coubre, exploded in Havana's harbor, killing at least 75 people.

In 1977, some 1,500 people were killed in an earthquake that shook southern and eastern Europe.

In 1981, a jury in Salt Lake City convicted Joseph Paul Franklin, an avowed racist, of violating the civil rights of two black men who'd been shot to death.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush dedicated a \$4 billion aircraft carrier in honor of former President Ronald Reagan. An oceanside memorial was held in Hawaii for 35 people who died in the accidental sinking of a Japanese fishing boat by a U.S. submarine.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush, visiting Islamabad, praised Pakistan's fight against terrorism as unflinching, but turned down an appeal for the same civilian nuclear help the United States intended to give India.

One year ago: A Hollister, Calif., man with a history of severe psychiatric problems opened fire at a Pentagon security checkpoint, John Patrick Bedell, 36, wounded two police officers before being killed by police.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Paula Prentiss is 73. Movie director Adrian Lyne is 70. Singer Bobby Womack is 67. Rock musician Chris Squire (Yes) is 63. Singer Shakin' Stevens is 63. Author James Ellroy is 63. Texas Gov. Rick Perry is 61. Singer Chris Rea is 60. Actor Ronn Moss is 59. Actress Kay Lenz is 58. Movie director Scott Hicks is 58. Actress Catherine O'Hara is 57. Actor Mykelti Williamson is 54. Actress Patricia Heaton is 53. Actor Steven Weber is 50. Rock musician Jason Newsted is 48. Actress Stacy Edwards is 46. Rock musician Patrick Hannan (The Sundays) is 45. Rock singer Evan Dando (Lemonheads) is 44. Actress Patsy Kensit is 43. Gay rights activist Chaz Bono is 42. Actor Nick Stabile is 41. Rock musician Fergal Lawler (The Cranberries) is 40. Jazz musician Jason Marsalis is 34. TV personality Whitney Port is 26. Actress Andrea Bowen ("Desperate Housewives") is 21. Actress Jenna Boyd is 18.

Thought for Today: "I do not understand the world, but I watch its progress." — Katherine Anne Porter, American author (1894-1980).



Feathers, decals, envelopes and jam

Jammin'

Jam session tonight (Friday) at the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center on South Cuyler. (Look for the "Harris Drug" storefront.) Come to play or just to listen. 6:30 p.m. until whenever it ends.

The envelope please...

While the world was awaiting the Oscars, here in Pampa we were recognizing the people that REALLY matter! Congratulations to Ramona Hite and Culberson-Stowers, Inc., for taking home the plaques for Citizen and Business of the Year at the Annual Awards banquet. John Warner, introducing the auto dealership mentioned many of the charitable, business, civic, religious, and children's organization the company assists in one way or another. John pointed out that when you deal with local businesses, the money helps more than just the owners.

Thanks to all the sponsors, the committee, the workers, the band, those who bought tickets and all who helped make the banquet a roaring success.

...and the other envelope please...

A couple of months ago, I was approached by a member recommending that since we have just finished up the first decade of the century, we recognize someone as the "Citizen of the Decade", and had her own nomination for the honoree. I took the suggestion to the board, who felt that the recommended honoree was certainly deserving, but since we had not advertised for such an award, it would not be right to bestow it.

They are correct—not only in their decision not to proceed, but especially in their comments about the potential honoree being deserving. Darlene Birkes (who was honored

Chamber Music



JOE WEAVER

as Citizen of the Year in 1982) has, in the words of Thelma Bray, "been involved in many organizations, events, and activities for the betterment of Pampa". An excellent organizer, historian, and journalist, those that have benefited from her expertise and energies are too numerous to list here, but include not only local committees of state and national organizations, but local ones that make Pampa distinctive.

I count myself fortunate that I was interviewed by Darlene for Focus Magazine shortly after I arrived in town. She may not have received a plaque, but she certainly deserves the honor of "Citizen of the Decade".

A feather in Woody's — and Pampa's — cap

Folksinger/songwriter/author Woody Guthrie was born in 1912 and there are big plans underway to celebrate the centennial of his birth next year. Pampa's Folk Music Center has been contacted by Bob Santelli (editor of "Hard Travelin'—The Life and Legacy of Woody Guthrie") who is doing research for the celebration. This is big news. Santelli has written numerous works for music publications (including Rolling Stone), has worked with the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland, and is currently director of the Grammy

Museum. He will be in town on March 15 for research purposes, and I hope we can get him to come to the Chamber Luncheon that day.

The times, they are a-changin' (or at least the decals are!)

For a long time, the Chamber has provided large square decals of the Chamber "neon" logo for members to display on their doors, and windows. We have recently redesigned the decal to smaller size—one where PAMPA is a little more prominent. Also, the first "A" represents an oil derrick, recognizing the impact oil and gas have had on the area, and the second "A" represents a windmill, acknowledging our farming and ranching heritage, as well as giving a nod to potential wind development.

We appreciate all our members and strongly encourage our readers to do business with them. Be looking for the new decals within a few weeks.

What's in a name?

What if the Pampa Police Chief, one of the NBC tellers, and the organist at the Methodist Church started a school for stunt drivers? They could call it "Rushing, Rushing, and Skidmore".

I have known people named Early, but I have never met a Late. (Though plenty would qualify!)

And I have known people named Art, Wise, and Wiseman, but I have never met a Dumb, Stupid, or Senseless. (And again, there would be plenty of nominees!)

Joe Weaver is the Executive Director of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce. "Chamber Music" (and other entries) can be found on the web at: warwood.livejournal.com. The site, "Around Town and Other Things" is not produced, sponsored, or endorsed by the Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

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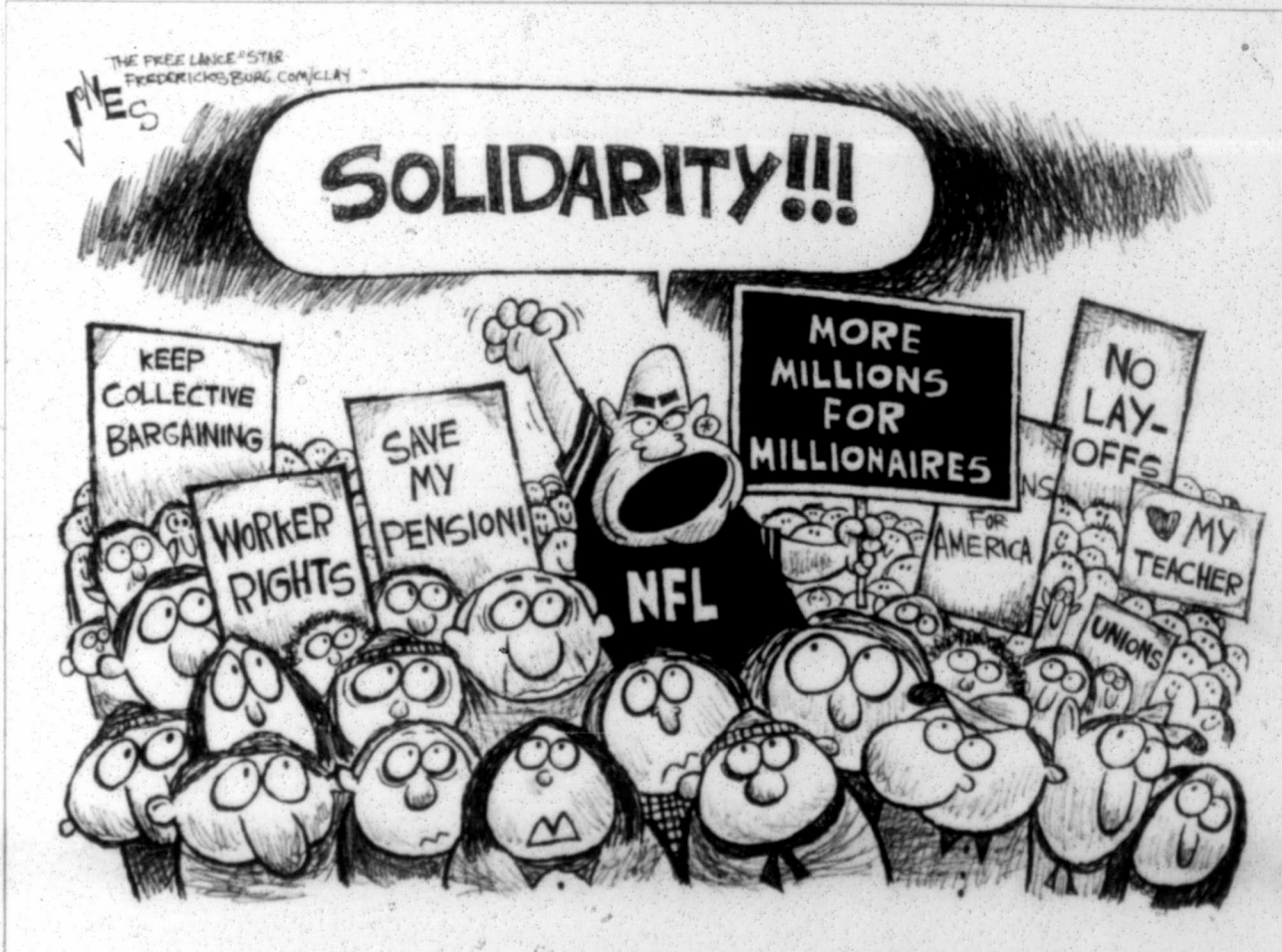
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Of soldier's and sacrificial love

My father served in the U.S. Navy and continued to serve in the Reserves until he retired a few years ago. I am very proud of my father and I respect all of the men and women in our military that are willing to sacrifice so much for the benefit of others. And I firmly believe that the sacrifices that they make are a reflection of God's sacrificial love.

All of our soldiers sacrifice time away from their loved ones. When I was a toddler my dad went to the Persian Gulf on a six and a half month call of duty. When my dad came back from his tour we went to meet him at the base. My dad says that he still remembers that when I first saw him, I hid behind my mother's legs because it had been so long since I had last seen him. Six and a half months is a long time to be away from your family — and many of our soldiers are serving tours of 18 months or longer. Our soldiers and their families sacrifice time away from the ones they love.

Our soldiers often make financial sacrifices as well. I know a number of people who serve in the reserves that take a drastic cut in pay when they go on active duty because they make a lot more in their civilian job than they can make on active duty. And many active duty soldiers could take their same skill-set and make much more money as a civilian, but instead choose to serve in the military.

Many of our soldiers are wounded during training or combat. These wounds can be physical, mental, emotional, relational, or even spiritual. A report found on the Wounded Warriors Project website says that one out of every five soldiers who come back from the Middle East, experience Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. We need to pray for God to heal our soldiers who are wounded physically, mentally, emotionally, relationally, and spiritually.

And while all of our soldiers put their lives on the line, some of them lose their lives while protecting others. A common saying among Veterans is, "All have sacrificed some and some have sacrificed all." When my dad was a few months away from finishing his time at one of his squadrons, his unit got deployed for another six month tour, so they replaced him. His replacement died in a helicopter accident a few months later. That could have been my father. It was someone else's father. Our soldiers put their lives on the line on a daily basis.

In John 15, Jesus said, "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." Each and every,



KENNY RIGOULOT

the good word

one of our soldiers knows that they are putting their lives on the line. This is love. Jesus said that we should love each other as he loves us. Jesus gave his life for us. God gave his son for us. How many soldiers have given their lives to protect us and the freedoms we enjoy? How many military families have lost a loved one to protect the freedoms that we so often take for granted? How often do we take God's sacrifices for granted? And yet God loves us anyway. How often do we take our freedoms for granted and yet our soldiers serve anyway. We should honor our military and their families. And what's more, we should recognize the ways in which their service and sacrifice reflects the love of God.

On April 2, I am planning to run in my first half marathon — the Chilly Hilly Half Marathon in Amarillo. A friend of mine who is being deployed to Iraq later this month has said that he would like to see if he could turn this race into a Shadow Run by getting a group of his fellow soldiers to run in Iraq on or as close to the time when we will be running in Amarillo. We would like to use this event to raise awareness and funds for the Wounded Warriors Project (WWP) — which is an agency designed to honor and empower wounded soldiers by raising public awareness and financial support for those who have been wounded while serving our country. If you would like more information about the WWP please go to www.woundedwarriorproject.org. If you would like more information about the race please go to www.lonestarrunnersclub.net. And if you would like to donate to the Wounded Warriors Project, please feel free to donate directly through their website or you can send it to the First Presbyterian Church in Pampa with a note that it is for the WWP and we will be sure to let you all know how much this event raises for the WWP. Let us give thanks for the men and women in our military as we give thanks to God for all the blessings in our lives.

Kenny Rigoulot is the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

Highland revival on Sunday

ANDREW GLOVER
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Highland Baptist Church is hoping for lives to be changed, when they hold their revival services Sunday through Wednesday at the church.

Sunday's services are at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday's services are at 7 p.m. A nursery will be provided for each service. Brother Paul Nachtigall said he hopes people will get closer to God.

"We are believing God will reveal Himself in a wonderful way during this time," Nachtigall said. "We have been praying God will move mightily in our midst bringing a renewed spirit in our midst."

Brother Mike Martin from Shamrock and Wes Bryant of Pampa will be leading the service. Martin will preach and Bryant will minister with music. Nachtigall said Martin has the heart to see people come to know Christ.

"He is actively involved in his community as well as working with churches all across the Texas Panhandle," Nachtigall said.

Nachtigall said these services are important because people need to follow God.

"God's people need to stand against the things of this world so that God's will might be done," Nachtigall said.

Highland Baptist is located on the 1300 block of N. Banks Street.

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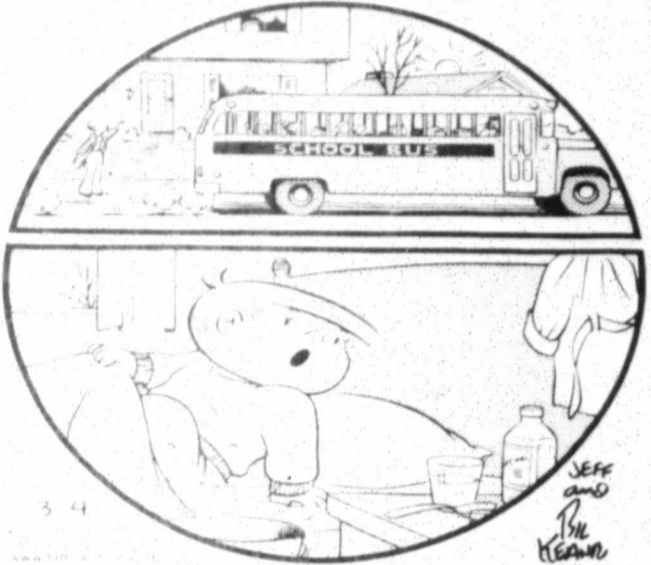
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



"I'm startin' to feel better, Mommy! Can I get up now?"

Non Sequitur

"I LIKED IT BETTER WHEN CONGRESS AT LEAST PRETENDED TO CARE WHAT WE THINK"



Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, March 5, 2011.

That year, you'll have a number of... etc. Your work... the... will have more... than... and... being... and... Note that people... with you... If you... speaks... The person... today could be... from the one you would... with... If you are attached, remember that a relationship is a 50/50 proposition. Be... to your sweetie's needs... be...
The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-No-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21 - April 19)
 *** Try to relax... everything seems to make... Talk about what ails you with a trusted friend. A little spontaneous exercise... jumping jacks in your living room... could help, too. Tonight: Out on the town, becoming...
TAURUS (April 20 - May 20)
 ***** Friends might give you an earful. You could be exhausted by their chatter and want to... Hang in there. Friends are... A change of plans really does delight you. Go with whimsy. Tonight: Where the action is...
GEMINI (May 21 - June 20)
 ***** Imagine what it might be like to be someone else who, in particular, could be unusually annoying. Once you walk in this person's shoes, your perspective could change radically. Be spontaneous with an older relative. Tonight: Find your friends.
CANCER (June 21 - July 22)
 ***** Travel to, or at least intimate communication with, someone afar. When you get outside of yourself, you could be amazed at how different your universe looks. Make that extra effort to be nonjudgmental. Listen to a friend again. Tonight: A force to be behold.
LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
 ***** Work with a loved one or friend. Know that you have the same goals. You might want to take another shot at realizing a desire. Your timing is right-on. Don't talk an idea to death. Be spontaneous. Listen to another person's sharing. Tonight: Just the two of you.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
 ***** Let go of a no-win situation or argument. You might be stunned by how

last another person splits, even without pushing a favorite cause. Allow this person to feel free to communicate and let him or her know that you understand, if you do. Tonight: Where people are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)
 *** Clear out some additional work. Your mind also could be on overdrive, going over a situation again and again. Take a break or accept a sudden invitation. Refreshed, you could accomplish a lot more. New ideas will come forth, too. Tonight: Where people are.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)
 ***** Remain spontaneous and forthright. Let go of what doesn't work, which becomes clearer after a conversation with a loved one. Spontaneity needs to be honored. You could have... insightful and fun adventure. Tonight: Don't push. When you are tired, go to bed!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
 ***** You come from a solid premise, but might be questioning it once more. A family member reveals a well-kept secret that could be a shock. You don't want to let the cat out of the bag. Tonight: Be your mischievous self.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
 ***** Mean what you say, as your words could provoke quite a sensation. Discussions are animated. Refuse to challenge another person or attempt to manipulate him or her. In the long run, this type of behavior will backfire, not rewarding either of you. Tonight: Your treat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
 *** Be sensitive to your budget. If you think carefully, you could buy a token of affection without breaking the bank. It simply might take more mental effort. The uniqueness of your choice will make another person smile. Tonight: To the movies or dinner, but out.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20)
 ***** Your spontaneity and reputation as someone who is always full of surprises will end soon enough. However, you might want to stop that behavior sooner and note the end-results. Someone might feel uncomfortable. Rather than act out, share more of your feelings. Tonight: Indulging is OK. Just know that there is a tomorrow.

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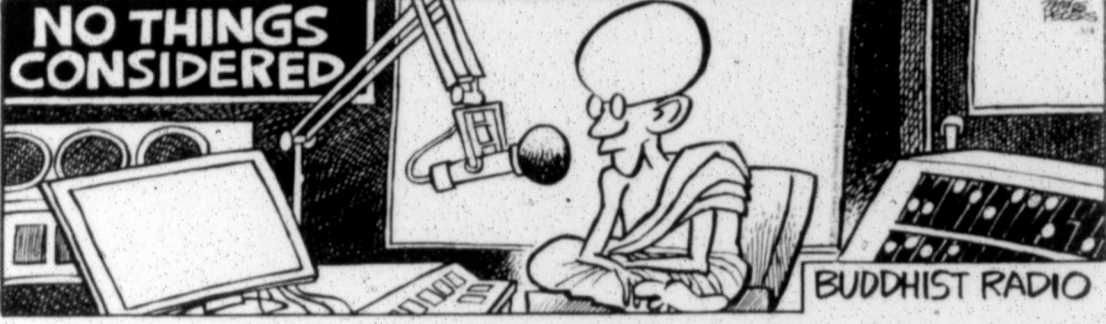
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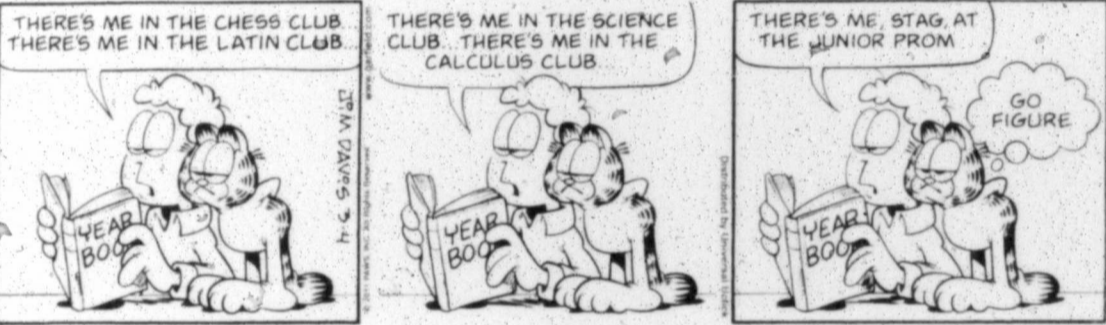
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(1) Authorization for the Pampa Economic Development Corporation to enter into the Membership Interest Purchase Agreement by and among Pampa Energy Center LLC, Babcock & Brown Infrastructure Group US LLC and Pampa Economic Development Corporation, attached hereto, wherein Pampa EDC will acquire 100% of the membership interest in Pampa Energy Center LLC from Babcock & Brown Infrastructure Group US LLC.

(2) Authorization for the Pampa Economic Development Corporation to use reserve cash in the amount of \$500,000.00 towards the purchase price of the membership interest of Pampa Energy Center LLC.

(3) Authorization for the Pampa Economic Development Corporation to borrow the sum of \$2,500,000.00 from local lenders upon terms satisfactory to the Board of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation, to fund the project described in the Membership Interest Purchase Agreement by and among Pampa Energy Center LLC, Babcock & Brown Infrastructure Group US LLC and Pampa Economic Development Corporation.

(4) Authorization for the Pampa Economic Development Corporation to make a capital contribution to Pampa Energy Center LLC in the amount of \$600,000.00, for operating and administrative expenses, upon closing of the Membership Interest Purchase Agreement by and among Pampa Energy Center LLC, Babcock & Brown Infrastructure Group US LLC and Pampa Economic Development Corporation.

(5) Authorization for the Pampa Economic Development Corporation to enter into a project outside of the city limits of Pampa, Texas that will have a significant impact upon the City of Pampa, Texas. This notice is published pursuant to the sixty (60) day public notice requirement set forth in Section 4-B (a-1) of the development Corporation Act of 1979. 6-71 Mar. 4, 2011.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of MARY LEA GARRETT, Deceased, were issued on February 28, 2011, in Docket No. 9814, pending in the County Court of Gray County, Texas, by JAMES PERRY GARRETT. James Perry Garrett is a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama. The resident agent for James Perry Garrett is Marilyn E. Keagy of Gray County, Texas. Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate, addressed as follows:

James Perry Garrett, Independent Executor Estate of Mary Lea Garrett, Deceased c/o Don R. Lane P.O. Box 1781 Pampa, TX 79066-1781. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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Supper

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and again at 6 p.m. the following day to mark the beginning of Lent.

This will be the 55th year the local church has held the pancake supper.

On Feb. 14, 1956, St. Margaret's Guild of St. Matthew's Day School sponsored their first Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper in the parish hall.

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Classes are offered for three-year-olds and pre-kindergarten, four-year-olds. Day care is also available for 18-month old and up, Whitsell said.

During the morning, other learning experiences include daily chapel, music and gym, computer and Good Shepherd Class.

In the afternoon, pre-k classes have Reading Rocks and Discovery Club, she said.

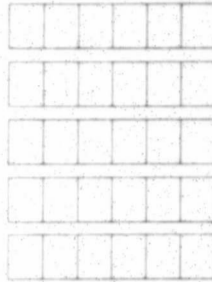
The Day School Support Group will be having a bake sale and scholastic book fair during the pancake supper, Whitsell said. The school will also be selling tickets to the Big Fat Pig raffle.

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Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Intermediate

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Field sounds
 - 5 "M*A*S*H" actor
 - 9 Corn-husker city
 - 11 "Star Wars" address
 - 13 Odometer units
 - 14 Argentina-set musical
 - 15 Squid's squirt
 - 16 Idle talk
 - 18 Chef's specialty
 - 20 Superlative ending
 - 21 Derisive sound
 - 22 Producer's hopes
 - 23 Pool need
 - 24 Jailbird
 - 25 Effrontery
 - 27 Hotel units
 - 29 "The Name of the Rose" author
 - 30 Commuting choice
 - 32 Sampling
 - 34 Compete
 - 35 Notions
 - 36 Blazing
- DOWN**
- 1 Standup guy?
 - 2 Fairly good grade
 - 3 Apartment assets
 - 4 That lady Simpson
 - 5 Designer output
 - 6 Kilauea output
 - 7 Outdoor entertainments
 - 8 Swear
 - 10 Have high hopes
 - 12 Stags
 - 17 Kitchen pest
 - 19 Music store section
 - 22 Old skirt part
 - 24 Winding dances
 - 25 "Understand?"
 - 26 Maine park
 - 27 Galloped
 - 28 Evening bash
 - 30 Shop clamps
 - 31 Onions' kin
 - 33 Chat
 - 37 Winter ailment

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ON THE TUBE

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Sprint Cup
 Kobalt Tools 400,
 3 p.m., Sunday

Nationwide Series
 Sam's Town 300,
 5:30 p.m., Saturday

Truck Series
 Too Tough To Tame 200,
 5 p.m.,
 March 12

BURNING ISSUES

► For the first time, in the sixth race across three touring series, after five different winners, one of them, Jeff Gordon, actually received points.

► Gordon ended a 66-race winless streak at Phoenix International Raceway, and it ended another long waiting period. Gordon's 83rd career victory ties him with Cale Yarborough for fifth place on NASCAR's all-time list of winners.

► We're not saying that Speedweeks took too long a time, but it was actually difficult to get accustomed to cars that were not racing in two-car bunches again.

► It gets a bit tiresome to hear Fox's broadcasters remind us over and over that "every point counts now." Yes, the system has changed, but just when was this not true?

► Kyle Busch led every lap of Phoenix's Nationwide Series event, which took the green flag three cars shy of a full field.

► Go easy on Trevor Bayne. He had just pulled off the Upset of the Century (so far). The law of averages was bound to catch up.

► Carl Edwards was remarkably understanding after having his potentially race-winning Ford wrecked by Kyle Busch's Toyota. Whether Edwards is similarly magnanimous in upcoming races bears watching.

► Isn't it ridiculous to be preoccupied with points after two races in a 36-race season?

2011 STANDINGS

Sprint Cup

1. Kyle Busch	80
2. Kurt Busch	-3
3. Tony Stewart	-11
4. A.J. Allmendinger	-11
5. Jeff Gordon	-15
6. Mark Martin	-15
7. Bobby Labonte	-16
8. Ryan Newman	-16
9. Juan Pablo Montoya	-16
10. David Gilliland	-17
11. Paul Menard	-17
12. Carl Edwards	-21

Nationwide Series

1. Reed Sorenson	78
2. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	-5
3. Jason Leffler	-7
4. Danica Patrick	-20
5. Joe Nemechek	-20
6. Eric Almirall	-22
7. Mike Bliss	-23
8. Justin Allgaier	-25
9. Kenny Wallace	-28
10. Jeremy Clements	-28

Camping World Truck Series

1. Matt Crafton	71
2. Clay Rogers	-1
3. Cole Whitt	-3
4. Johnny Sauter	-4
5. Timothy Peters	-5
6. Austin Dillon	-8
7. Jeffrey Earnhardt	-9
8. Max Papis	-10
9. Miguel Paludo	-12
10. Ron Hornaday	-14



WHO'S HOT AND WHO'S NOT

Who's hot: Jeff Gordon's latest victory, his 83rd, was a long time coming. ... Kyle Busch won Truck and Nationwide races and finished second in the big one.

Who's not: What goes up must come down. At Phoenix, Trevor Bayne was spinning around. ... Carl Edwards broke his own track record but had his Ford wrecked in the race.

If you have a question or comment, write: NASCAR This Week, c/o The Gaston Gazette, P.O. Box 1538, Gastonia, NC 28053 or send an e-mail to: mdutton@gastongazette.com

SPRINT CUP
 Race: Kobalt Tools 400
 Where: Las Vegas Motor Speedway (1.5 mi.), 267 laps/400.5 miles.
 When: Sunday, March 6
 Last year's winner: Jimmie Johnson, Chevy.
 Qualifying record: Kurt Busch, Dodge, 188.719 mph, Feb. 28, 2010.
 Race record: Mark Martin, Ford, 146.554 mph, March 1, 1998.
 Last week: Jeff Gordon, driving a Chevy, ended a winless streak of 66 races, and in so doing, tied Cale Yarborough for fifth place on the all-time Cup list with the 83rd victory of his career and second at Phoenix International Raceway.

NATIONWIDE
 Race: Sam's Town 300
 Where: Las Vegas Motor Speedway (1.5 mi.), 200 laps/300 miles.
 When: Saturday, March 5
 Last year's winner: Kevin Harvick, Chevy.
 Qualifying record: Brad Keselowski, Dodge, 185.427 mph, Feb. 27, 2010.
 Race record: Jeff Burton, Ford, 135.118 mph, March 4, 2000.
 Last week: Kyle Busch, in a Toyota, earned a rare distinction at Phoenix, leading every single lap. Carl Edwards' Ford was in second place for every lap, and Edwards challenged Busch late in the race but never led at the start finish line.

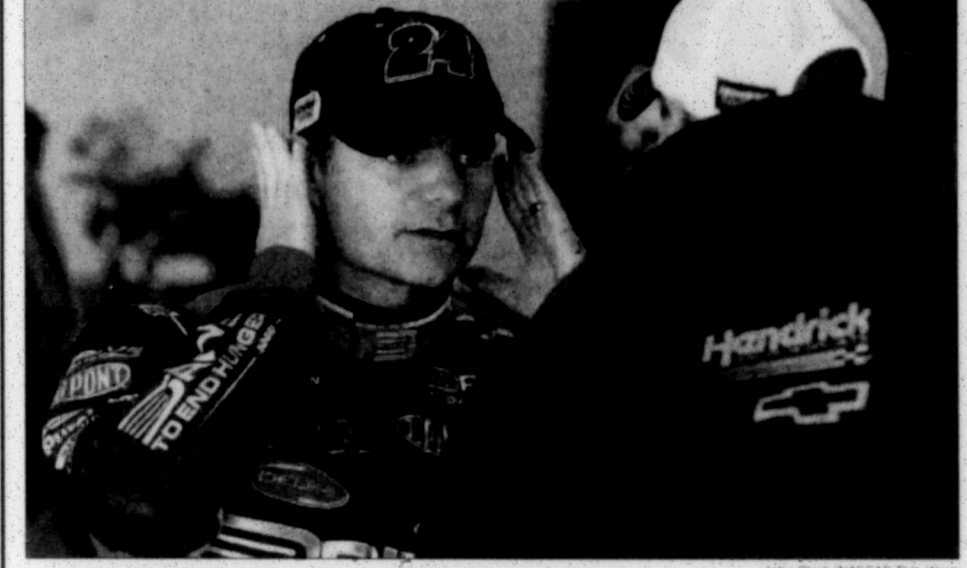
CAMPING WORLD TRUCK
 Race: Too Tough To Tame 200
 Where: Darlington (S.C.) Raceway (1.366 mi.), 147 laps/200.802 miles.
 When: Saturday, March 12
 Last year's winner: Todd Bodine, Toyota.
 Qualifying record: Timothy Peters, Toyota, 170.845 mph, Aug. 14, 2010.
 Race record: Bobby Hamilton, Dodge, 133.645 mph, March 14, 2003.
 Last week: Kyle Busch, in a Toyota, dominated the series' stop at Phoenix, and his average finish, in three weekend races in separate series, was 1.33. Another Cup "vistor," Clint Bowyer, finished second in a Chevy.

LAS VEGAS DATA
FOX March 6

Distance: 1.5 mile oval
 Length of frontstretch: 2,275 ft.
 Length of backstretch: 1,572 ft.
 Miles/Laps: 400 rpt. = 267 laps

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

JEFF GORDON SPRINT CUP SERIES No. 24 DRIVE TO END HUNGER CHEVROLET



Four-time Cup champion Jeff Gordon broke a streak of 66 races without a victory on Sunday. Gordon's 83rd victory ties him with Cale Yarborough for fifth place on NASCAR's all-time list of winners.

Jeff Gordon Puts Field On Notice

Chase regular still feels like he has victories, confidence left

By Monte Dutton
 NASCAR This Week

Lost perhaps in the knowledge that Jimmie Johnson has won five straight Sprint Cup championships is the fact that Jeff Gordon has won four.

Perhaps, by winning at Phoenix International Raceway, Gordon served notice that he may just equal his Hendrick Motorsports teammate this year. Sixty-six races had passed between the 82nd and 83rd victories of Gordon's career.

Gordon, 39, won four championships in his first nine seasons but hasn't won any in the nine years since his most recent championship (2001).

"There was a lot of pressure on us, not just this year ... but going back the last 66 races that we have not had a win," said Gordon, "so there was a lot of pressure. ... You hear it from the media, you hear it from the fans, and it's hard to ignore that."

"I guess every race-car driver knows that there's going to be that time in their life when they are not going to go to victory lane again, and you don't know when that time is going to come. I was so hoping that time was not for me now."

Gordon hadn't gone away. He was just missing in victory lane for quite a while.

Though Gordon has never won a championship under the so-called Chase format, he made the Chase in six of its seven years, finishing second to Johnson in 2007 and third in 2009 (to Johnson) and 2004 (to Kurt Busch). Still, Gordon was winless in 2008 and 2010, winning once in 2009.

"I felt like I still have it in me," he said. "I know how passionate I am about it, but things have changed in the sport. The cars have changed. Tires have changed. Competition has changed."

"So, when you go through a streak without winning, you think, OK, is it me or what is it? Days like (this) allow you to gain that confidence in yourself, just keep doing what you're doing, what's gotten you victory lane in the past, keep giving that good information, and when the tools are around you, and the chemistry is there throughout the whole team and good decisions are made, days like (this) will happen."

Simple as that.

No. 24 took special pride in win over Kyle Busch

By Monte Dutton
 NASCAR This Week

After watching his driver win at Phoenix, Rick Hendrick said of Jeff Gordon, "I think he had something he wanted to prove."

The victory was Gordon's first in 67 races. According to Hendrick, Gordon's first words after taking the checkered flag were, "I just beat Kyle Busch."

Busch had won Camping World Truck and Nationwide races at the track over the previous two days.

Of Busch, Gordon said, "I respect his team ... and his aggressiveness. I think everyone knows you don't want to go up against him on a restart. He's just won a lot of stuff lately."

Really, I'm sorry — Kyle Busch insisted that wrecking Carl Edwards early in the race was unintentional.

"It was a real big mistake on my part, and the first person I have to apologize to is Carl Edwards, obviously for what happened there on the backstretch," said Busch. "It just got out from underneath me, and we were getting bounced around like a ping-pong ball there for a while. I got into him and just killed his day."

Nuts — Clint Bowyer led the charge

NUTS AND BOLTS

after a race marred by huge early crashes.

"I have no idea," he said. "We're all smarter than this. We're all better race-car drivers than this. We're driving like idiots. Everybody is taking two tires, four tires, everybody is on complete different agendas right there, and we never could get going. It's just stupid."

That's about it — Asked how close his team was to "catching Jeff Gordon," Dale Earnhardt Jr. said, "We finished nine spots (16th) behind him, and that's about how close we are."

Distinctions — Ryan Newman has finished in the top five in the past three races at Phoenix, one of them being his most recent victory. ... Four of the first five Phoenix finishers drove Chevs.

... Chevy drivers have won 13 of the last 16 races at PIR. ... It was Gordon's second Phoenix victory.

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BRIAN VICKERS VS. MATT KENSETH

A huge crash at Phoenix began with Vickers' spin. Replays showed light contact with Kenseth's Ford. Toyota driver Vickers made it sound as if he'd been slammed into the wall. Kenseth's defense was that he gave Vickers adequate room.

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his take: "Kenseth's bump certainly didn't seem to be intentional. One of the two, and perhaps both, made a small mistake, which is the most common way that crashes start."

YOUR TURN

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Congrats and A Little Help

This Week welcomes letters to the editor, but please be aware that we have room for only a few each week. We'll do our best to select the best, but individual replies are impossible due to the bulk of mail received. Please do not send stamped and self-addressed envelopes with your letters, which should be addressed to: NASCAR This Week, The Gaston Gazette, P.O. Box 1538, Gastonia, N.C. 28053.

Dear NASCAR This Week,

How about that Trevor Bayne and the Wood family? Best "big good" victory I have seen in years, and years! What a great day for NASCAR and a wonderful day to hear a driver give praise to our God.

Ron Wishon
 Mooresville, N.C.

It was indeed a great story; one we greatly enjoyed getting to witness and write about.

Dear NASCAR This Week,

Yes, Bob Olin, they are tire eaters. Do something, NASCAR.

I make Texas and Phoenix because of the proximity. I'm a retired school teacher. I would like to know if there might be a place for my talents in the NASCAR circuit. If so, spread the word.

Della Currier
 Midland, Texas

P.S. I've never been to North Carolina. I would love to visit.

Well, we aren't formally affiliated with NASCAR, but we'll put your words in circulation. Thanks so much for writing.

LEGENDS AND LORE

The premiere Vegas race

The first NASCAR race in the state of Nevada occurred on Oct. 16, 1955 at Las Vegas Park Speedway, a mile dirt track. Norm Nelson drove a Carl Kiekhafer-owned Chrysler to victory, averaging 44.449 mph, beating Oldsmobile driver Bill Hyde by two laps. The winner of the first Southern 500 (Darlington, 1950), Johnny Mantz, finished seventh. The race was shortened to 111 of a scheduled 200 laps by darkness.

FAN TIPS

Legends and Stuntmen

One of the best NASCAR books of recent years was Robert Edelstein's "Full Throttle: The Life and Fast Times of NASCAR Legend Curtis Turner." Now Edelstein is back with "NASCAR Legends: Memorable Men, Moments and Machines in Racing History" (New York: The Overlook Press, \$25.95). It's a history of NASCAR told through the eyes of Bill France, Bobby and Davey Allison, Dale Earnhardt and Dale Earnhardt Jr., Tony Stewart, Jimmie Johnson, Cale Yarborough, and Richard, Kyle and Adam Petty, among others.

Stuntman! My Car-Crashing, Plane-Jumping, Bone-Breaking, Death-Defying Hollywood Life by Hal Needham (New York: Little, Brown and Company, \$25.99) is an autobiographical memoir. Needham, in addition to his legendary Hollywood exploits, was involved in NASCAR for many years, and his relationship as an owner with Harry Gant is richly recalled, along with the making of the movie "Stroker Ace."

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Sports

Pampa moves on Harvesters take care of El Paso Fabens, 67-61

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Last week in the area round, senior forward Garrett Ericson missed two crucial free throws with the game tied late.

That's something that stuck with Ericson going into Thursday's regional quarterfinals against the El Paso Fabens Wildcats, and, when he missed his first two free throws of the fourth quarter, Ericson thought it was deja vu.

Thanks to a little talk with a teammate, Ericson would recover his poise and help his Harvesters to a 67-61 victory over the Wildcats at Odessa College.

Ericson told senior teammate Jonathan Polasek that he misses his free throws when he thinks about them. Polasek helped his teammate get his mind off the free throws with the game tied at 57.

Polasek asked him what he was doing tonight. "Polasek said, 'We talked about chilling at the hotel and getting ready to play at United Spirit Arena Friday.'"

Ericson got his mind off of his woes at the charity stripe, Ericson tied his next free throw coolly after a single dribble. The second went through in the same, fashion, and the Harvesters took a lead they would never relinquish.

Ericson said it felt good to hit those free throws.

"Whatever I can do to help this team, win that's what I'll do," Ericson said.

Head coach Dustin Miller said Ericson and others were big at the free throw line at the end of the game.

"Who else do you want to have the ball in their hands?" Miller said. "You want the seniors shooting free throws with their careers on the line. Garrett hit four big ones. Zach (Murray) missed the front end and could not easily miss the second one but made it. Jonathan Polasek did the same thing. I'm really proud of our seniors."

Pampa scored the first basket but El Paso Fabens could run out to an 18-9 lead. The Wildcats used a zone defense that gave the Harvesters fits. Miller took a timeout and Pampa played even the rest of the quarter ending 19-11.

The Harvesters got off to a quick start taking advantage of turnovers. Pampa got as close as three but the Wildcats didn't allow them to get closer. El Paso Fabens scored the last six points of the half and led 30-21.

Miller said he challenged some of his players at halftime.

"I told them at halftime if they wanted their season to

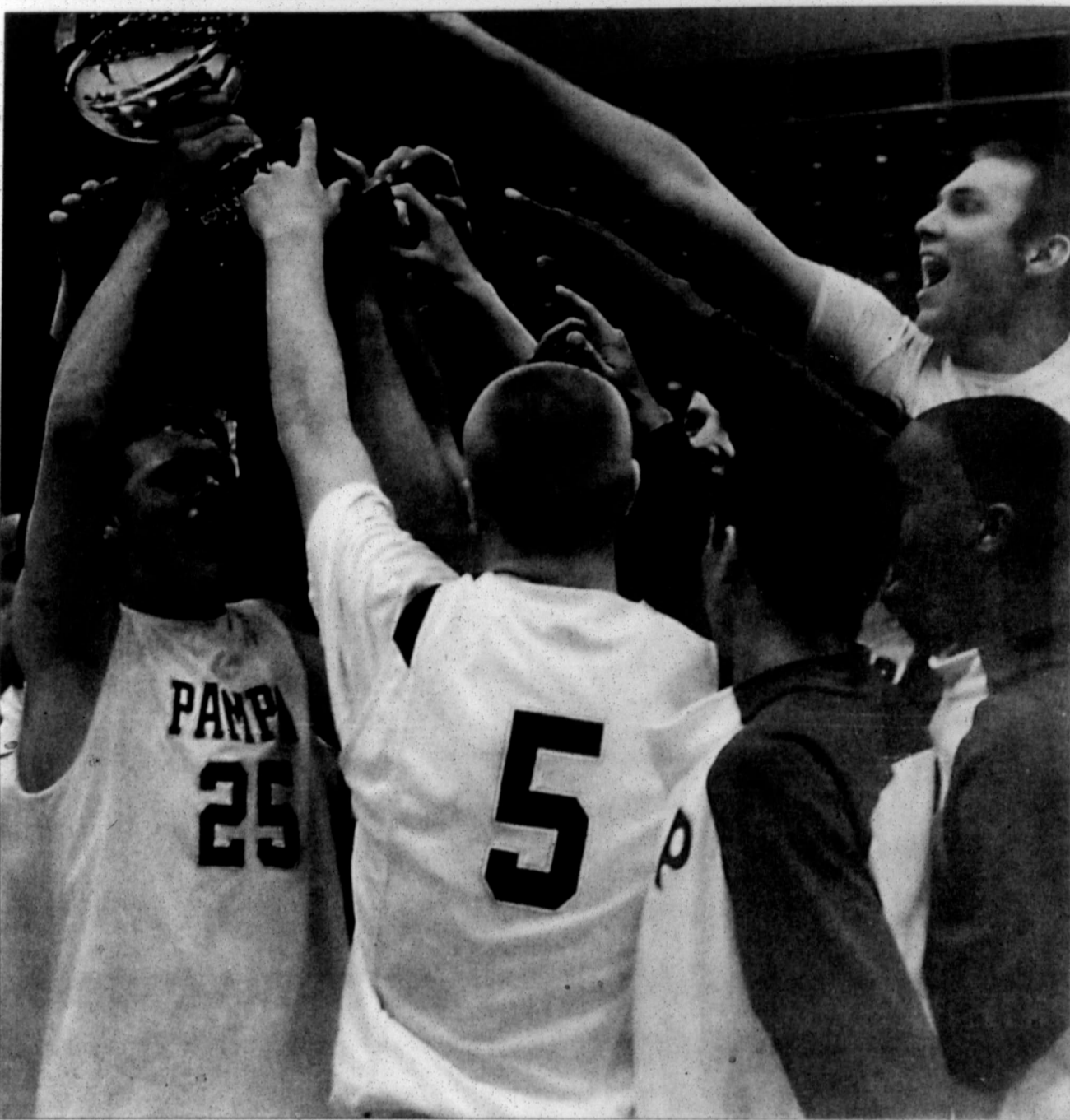


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The PHS boys basketball team reaches for another trophy after defeating El Paso Fabens to advance to the regional semifinals. The team will face Wichita Falls Hirschi tonight.

end like that, it was going to end in 16 minutes," Miller said. "If they wanted to play a little further where we had our goals and dreams set, they'll pick it up and change that."

His players responded. Junior guard Latigo Collins scored six of Pampa's first eight points and cut Fabens' lead to two. Junior post Reid Miller hit a jumper and tied the game at 32. Junior swingman Cole Engle hit two free throws to give Pampa their first lead since the first quarter. Later in the quarter, Collins made a layup and was fouled and put Pampa ahead 39-36. The Harvesters outscored the Wildcats 24-8 and led 47-38.

One of the players Miller challenged was Polasek. The senior forward rose to the challenge and made several hustle plays including setting up some of Latigo's layups. Polasek said Miller's challenge stuck with him.

"Coach Miller told me at halftime 'You're a way better player than that and I want you to show me that in the second half,'" Polasek said. "I came out and the sentence resonated in my head as we came into that lead."

The Harvesters opened the fourth quarter strong and increased their lead to 12. The quarter wouldn't be uneventful for Pampa. Fabens went on a 13-1 run and tied the game at 57. With 2:37 left Collins fouled out. Junior post Miller fouled out about a minute later.

After Ericson hit his free throws, Miller hit two free throws, Zach Murray hit one and Engle hit made a layup to put the game away.

Coach Miller said he was pleased with the win but his team needs to finish better.

"We need to win and not give our fans heart attacks," Miller said. "Bottom line is that they are finding ways to win. That's all you can ask for these group of kids. We are growing to the regional tournament and not too many kids have that opportunity."

Andrew Gabaldon led the Wildcats in scoring with 19. Jaime Portillo followed with 13. Collins led the Harvesters in scoring with 27, scoring 13 in the third quarter. Ericson followed with 19.

The Harvesters (19-12) face Wichita Falls Hirschi Huskies (22-12) in the regional semifinals at Texas Tech's home arena, United Spirit Arena 8:30 p.m. Friday.

Ericson and Polasek said the game means a lot. "It's something I dreamed about as a kid," Polasek said.

"To win against Midland Greenwood was one thing," Ericson said. "To beat Fabens out here was even bigger."

NFL LABOR TALKS

Execs, NFLPA talk at mediator's office

WASHINGTON (AP) — Use a 24-hour extension to get a longer reprieve.

That appeared to be the approach for the NFL and the players' union Friday.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell and several league executives arrived at the offices of federal mediator George Cohen in the morning, with the current collective bargaining agreement set to expire at midnight. Both groups agreed to a 24-hour extension on Thursday, with another extension on the agenda.

NFLPA executive director DeMaurice Smith and Kansas City Chiefs guard Brian Waters showed up about two hours later, then Smith left the building at about 1 p.m. after a two-hour stay.

Smith refused to answer questions about another extension.

"We want to continue to thank our fans for still being patient as we work through this," he said.

Each side had been expected to meet separately with Cohen before any negotiations would be held.

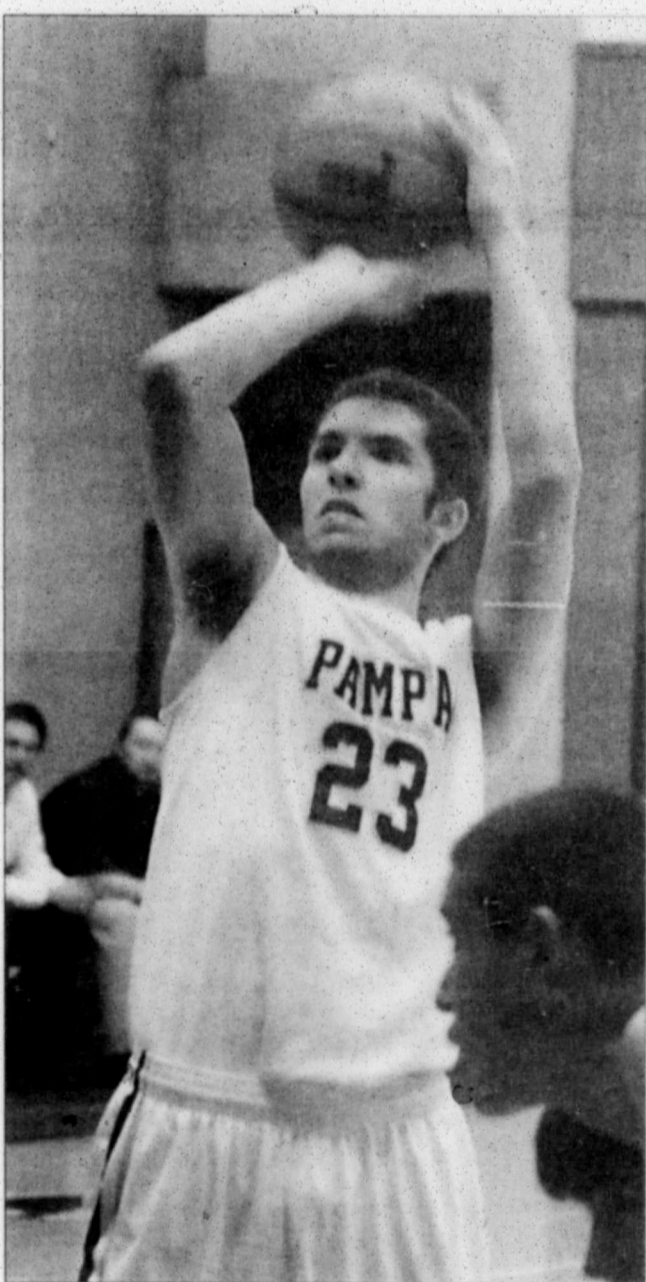


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Senior Harvester Garrett Ericson takes aim at the charity stripe for one of his key fourth quarter free throws.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: For several years, a group of ladies in my work have held fundraisers so they could participate in cancer charity walks. We all donated willingly, but one recently pointed out something disturbing.

Every year, this group travels to a different location for the walk, using the funds we have raised for the charity. There is a walk within walking distance. The funds they raise could be donated to the cause instead of spent on hotels, meals, etc. One of them commented that they might as well get something out of it.

Are we wrong to feel this is a good thing? Someone said we're paying for their station. At this point we're confused about the whole thing. Any comments?

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DEAR BAFFLED: You're not wrong. Any monies raised the way these "ladies" have done should have been donated to cancer research. The comment your co-worker made to you was revealing. What you have described sounds like fraud. What those women should have "gotten out of it" was the satisfaction of knowing they were doing something for a worthy cause. This would not include treating themselves to a group vacation. If you continue to support this effort, the check(s) should be made payable to the charity.

DEAR ABBY: Are there any rules of etiquette involving unwanted guests at funerals? While I have many loved ones and friends, I have also made a few enemies in my life. I have made clear to my husband that I do not want "certain people" to be allowed to attend my funeral when I die.

I have always found it distasteful when folks show up at funerals for someone they

disliked or didn't know well. It ruins it for those who really did love the deceased. I do not want my enemies trying to make themselves feel better by showing up and pretending they cared.

My husband is against the idea. I made him promise that he'd do this for me because, even though I'll be dead and may not care then, I do care very much now.

P.S. My husband wants to know how one would keep people away from a funeral in the first place. — PLANNING AHEAD IN SODDY-DAISY, TENN.

DEAR PLANNING: Let's hold a good thought that you'll be around for a long, long time and outlive your enemies. However, if that doesn't happen, a way to ensure that only those you want to attend your funeral will be there is to make it "invitation only." And when your death is announced in the newspaper, it should be stated that the service will be private.

DEAR ABBY: I have been seeing the same gynecologist for eight years. I trust her with my health and my privacy. She recently moved to a new practice and I would like to follow her. My problem is the wife of one of my co-workers is an employee in the new office, and I'm worried that patient confidentiality may not extend to "pillow talk." How do I handle this delicate situation? — VALUES MY PRIVACY IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR VALUES: Handle it by having a frank talk with your gynecologist, explaining that one of your co-workers is married to an employee in the new office, and asking her how she plans to guarantee your privacy. Explain that you would like to remain her patient, but that this has raised a red flag for you.