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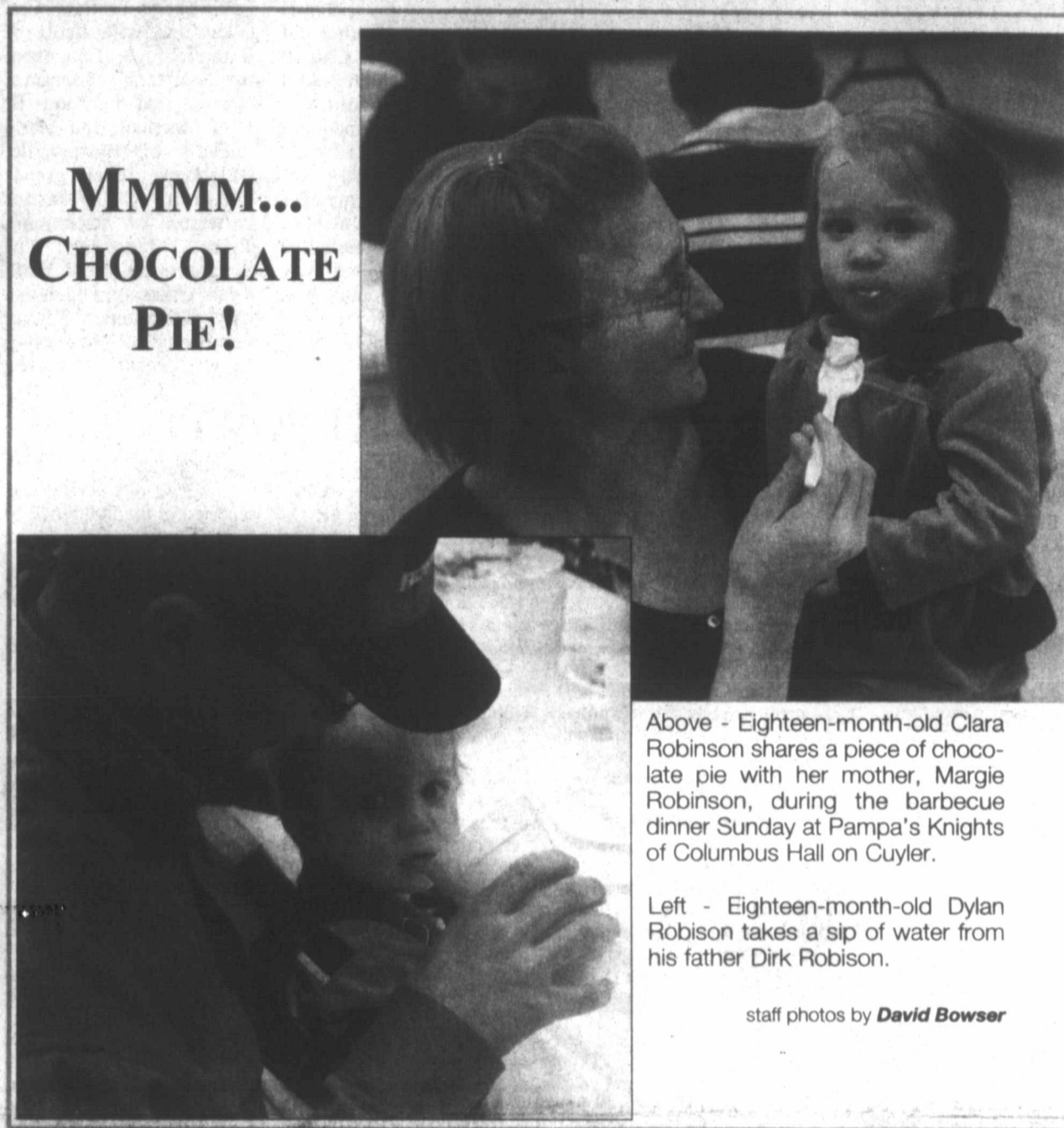
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MMMM... CHOCOLATE PIE!

Above - Eighteen-month-old Clara Robinson shares a piece of chocolate pie with her mother, Margie Robinson, during the barbecue dinner Sunday at Pampa's Knights of Columbus Hall on Cuyler.

Left - Eighteen-month-old Dylan Robison takes a sip of water from his father Dirk Robison.

staff photos by David Bowser

Work Zone Wall to visit

A special memorial to remember those who have lost their lives in work zone accidents will make an appearance in Texas next week in Amarillo, the last of five scheduled events state-wide.

The public may view the wall at the TxDOT Travel Information Center (I-40 at exit 76) beginning at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 18.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), along with Rep. David Swinford and TxDOT's transportation partners, the American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA) and construction contractor CH2M Hill, is sponsoring the 20-foot national memorial wall that holds the names of motorists and construction workers who have lost their lives in work zone accidents in recent years.

Nationally, there are over 800 fatalities and 40,000 injuries in work zone-related crashes each year. Those lives lost not only include construction workers, but also motorists, pedestrians, law enforcement officers, public safety officials and children.

In 2008, the Amarillo District had four work zone fatalities and 93 crashes.

\$3 gas coming

NEW YORK (AP) — The Energy Department still expects pump prices to climb past \$3 per gallon as more motorists hit the road in the spring and summer seasons.

In a report released today, the Energy Information Administration says for the full year, it sees a national average price of \$2.84 per gallon, up from an average price of \$2.35 per gallon in 2009.

The EIA expects oil prices to average above \$80 per barrel this spring, rising to an average of about \$82 per barrel by the end of the year and to \$85 per barrel by the end of 2011.

'Burnin' of the Bricks' plans under way

Members of the High Plains Cruisers are busy planning the seventh annual 'Burnin' of the Bricks celebration for this summer.

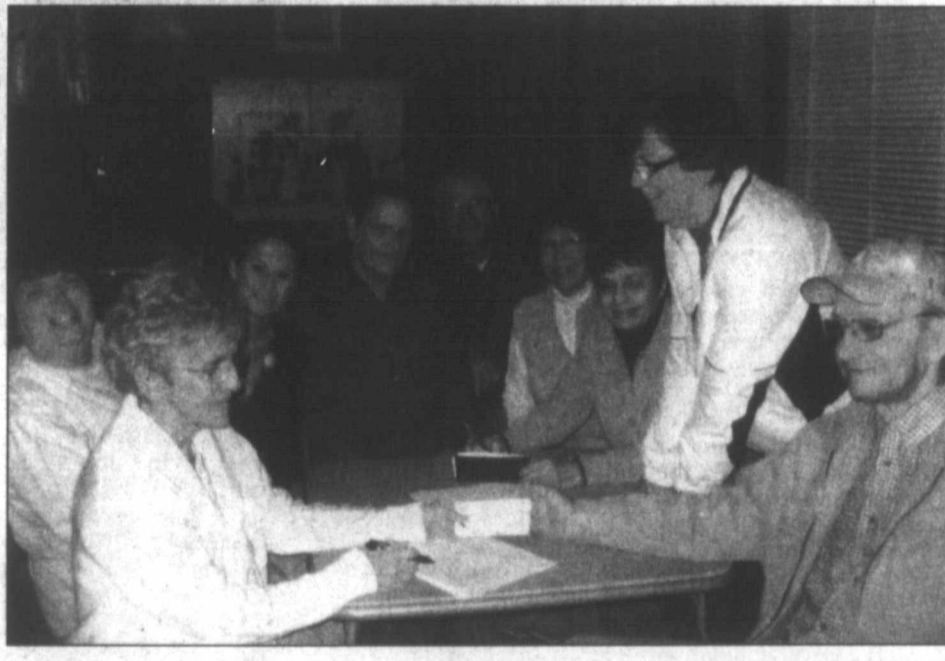
'Burnin' of the Bricks is scheduled for Saturday, June 12, and Sunday, June 13.

"We're just getting things going," said Donna Stubblefield, one of the organizers.

This year's events include a car show at Recreation Park on Saturday and drag races at Perry Lefors Airport on Sunday.

Proceeds from the events help fund college scholarships for students planning to pursue careers in the automotive tech field, Stubblefield said.

For more information call Donna or Randy Stubblefield at 669-0641, 664-2832 or 662-9892.



Members of the High Plains Cruisers who are planning this year's "Burnin' of the Bricks" include (from left) Amy Hammer, Linda Simmons, Donna Stubblefield, Ron Echals, Bill Hammer, Shelia Echals, Audrey Meaker, Nancy Brodgen and Hanfred Simmons.

Freedom Communications reorganization plan approved

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) — A federal bankruptcy judge in Delaware has approved the Chapter 11 reorganization plan of Freedom Communications, owner of The Orange County Register in California and other media properties.

Under the plan approved Tuesday, Freedom's secured lenders including JPMorgan Chase and

Bank of New York Mellon would assume ownership of the company in return for cutting the debt owed to them by nearly 60 percent, to \$325 million.

Unsecured creditors who challenged an initial proposal giving them only about \$5 million stand to recover far more than that under the revised plan.

Pension holders would get about 70 percent of

their original pensions.

In Texas, Freedom owns The Brownsville Herald, the Valley Morning Star of Harlingen, The Monitor of McAllen, Odessa American, the Mid-Valley Town Crier of Weslaco and KFDM-TV in Beaumont.

Until 1999, Freedom Communications also owned The Pampa News.

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PAMPA FORECAST

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		
30%	20%	
High 49 Low 32	High 45 Low 32	High 52 Low 32

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 32. West northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east southeast.

Wednesday: A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 49. Wind chill values between 24 and 34 early. Windy, with a southeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming northwest between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of rain before midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 32. Wind chill values between 22 and 27. Windy, with a northwest wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Thursday: A slight chance of snow before 8 a.m., then a slight chance of rain and snow between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m., then a slight chance of rain after 9 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 45. Windy, with a north northwest wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 32. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 52. North northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 32. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

Friday, March 5.
Timothy Dwayne Fields, 31, was arrested by police for insufficient bond in connection with charges of evading arrest and failure to appear.

Earl Franklin Knotts Jr., 28, was arrested by deputies for probation violation on charges of possession of dangerous drugs.

Bennie Miller Jr., 55, of Borger, was arrested by deputies on two capias pro fine warrants.

Saturday, March 6.
Dorothy Jean Vaughn, 27, was arrested by deputies on a Potter County warrant charging her with aggravated kidnapping.

Denelda Jean Burke, 49, was arrested by police on charges of driving while intoxicated, second offense.

Sunday, March 7.
Dillon Clay Johnson, 17,

was arrested by police on charges of robbery.

Tharron Christopher Rodgers, 39, was arrested by police on charges of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

R.J. Pettinghill, 29, of Alva, was arrested on capias pro fine warrants charging him with driving without a valid driver's license and speeding.

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

Monday, March 8.
Sergio Salazar Gameros, 47, was arrested by police on capias pro fine warrants charging him with failure to appear and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Charles Wesley Cannon, 54, was arrested by police on capias pro fine warrants charging him with not having valid identification, failure to maintain financial responsibility, displaying an expired motor vehicle registration, not having valid identification and an expired motor vehicle registration.

Lisa Ann Lang, 42, was arrested by deputies on warrants charging her with not having liability insurance, theft under \$50, failure to appear on bail jumping charges and failure to appear on theft by check charges.

Obituaries

John N. Gikas, 87

Lubbock - John N. Gikas, 87, dies Sunday, March 7, 2010 a Lubbock.

Memorial services will be announced at a later date. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Gikas was born July 6, 1922 in Lincoln, Nebraska. He was a 1941 graduate of Borger High School and served in the U. S. Merchant Marines during World War II. He was a resident of Pampa since 1947 before moving to Lubbock in 2002. John married Joyce Stone on March 21, 1948 in San Antonio. From 1947 until 1951, he worked with his uncle, Bill Coronis, at the

Coney Island Café. John and his brother, Ted, owned and operated the Coney Island Café from 1951 until their retirement in 2001. He was a member and deacon of First Baptist Church in Pampa and taught the Everyman's Bible Class for many years, and was currently a member of Calvary Baptist Church of Lubbock. John was a trustee of the school board of Pampa Independent School District for 12 years and served as board president. He was a member of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce and was active in the Pampa United Way and the Gray County Red Cross. John was preceded in death by two brothers, Ted and Chris.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Gikas of the home; two sons, Tim Gikas and wife Connie of Fredericksburg, and Grant Gikas and wife Debra of Las Colinas/Austin; a daughter, Karen Jacobsen and husband Doug of Lubbock; a brother, Gus Gikas and wife Leola of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; two sisters: Margaret Herron and husband B. J. of Marshall, and Marie Puckett of Bartlesville, Oklahoma; seven grandchildren, Heather Patterson of Richmond, Tyler Jacobsen of Poughkeepsie, New York, Ryan Gikas of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Tanner Jacobsen of Brooklyn, New York, Lindsey



Gikas

Gikas of San Francisco, California, Abby Kelly of Round Rock, and Lauren Ellis of Granbury; nine great-grandchildren.

Memorials: First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 621, Pampa, Texas 79066-0621.

Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whately.com

PAMPA POLICE REPORT

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents over the weekend.

Officers reported 37 traffic-related calls and three accidents.

Animal control officers reported 27 animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS reported 14 medical calls. Pampa police reported one medication call and Lefors Volunteer Fire Department reported one medical call.

Friday, March 5.
Officers served a warrant at 225 Miami.

A hazardous material situation was reported to the Pampa Fire Department at 100 North Cuyler. Officers had escort duty in the 200 block of North West.

Officers attempted to serve papers in the 1100 block of South Yarnon.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1500 block of North Hamilton.

An assault was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

A fire investigation was launched at the intersection of U.S. Highway 60 and Texas Highway 70.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 1000 block of North Duncan.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 200 block of West Cook.

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

An assault was reported to police.

A threat was reported in the 300 block of North Davis.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 300 block of North West.

Officers had escort duty at Duncan and Louisiana.

City officials shut off the water in the 1700 block of Williston.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 400 block of South Graham.

An assault was reported in the 300 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

A threat was reported to police.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of North Starkweather.

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

Driving while intoxicated in the 1300 block of North Hobart was reported to police.

A prowler was reported in the 2600 block of North Fir.

Saturday, March 6.
Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2200 block of North Lea.

A prowler was reported in the 900 block of South Wells.

A suspicious person was reported at Francis and Hobart.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 600 block of Murphy.

A fire alarm was reported in the 1000 block of Sierra.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of East Brown.

A burglary was reported in the 400 block of North Russell.

A grass fire was reported on Texas Highway 152 west of Pampa.

A stolen vehicle was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells.

A theft was reported in the 300 block of East Brown.

A fire investigation was launched at Browning and Baer.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the Coronado Shopping Center.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported to police.

City officials shut off the water in the 2100 block of North Christine.

Officers made a good intention call at Francis and Cuyler.

A theft was reported in the 1100 block of West Alcock.

Criminal mischief was reported at Duncan and Harvester.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of Thut.

A fire investigation was launched in the 500 block of North Sumner.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 300 block of East Miami.

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

A suspicious person was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells.

Officers assisted other agencies at Francis and Gray and in the 300 block of

North Christy.

A suspicious person was reported in the 800 block of South Barnes.

Sunday, March 7.
A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 2100 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1000 block of West Harvester.

A prowler was reported in the 1100 block of North Starkweather.

A suspicious person was reported in the 800 block of East Frederic.

A suspicious person was reported at Frederic and Finley.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at Kingsmill and Russell.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2200 block of North Sumner.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of North Starkweather.

A robbery was reported in the 600 block of East Frederic.

A suspicious person was reported at Atchison and Starkweather.

A threat was reported in the 1100 block of North Starkweather.

A suspicious person was reported in the 500 block of North Lowry.

An alarm was reported in the 300 block of North Somerville.

Officers assisted another agency at Randy Matson and Banks.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 900 block of South Wells.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 300 block of Oak.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 900 block of South Wells.

A prowler was reported in the 700 block of North Frost.

Monday, March 8.
A suspicious person was reported at Kentucky and Russell.

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

Officers reported 10 traf-

fic-related incidents and one accident.

Animal control officers reported eight animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS reported three ambulance runs and the Pampa Fire Department reported one.

Monday, March 8.
An alarm was reported in the 2200 block of North Perryton Parkway.

Harassment was reported to police.

Fire officials made a service call in the 400 block of North Faulkner.

An assault was reported in the 1100 block of North Starkweather.

A warrant was served in the 700 block of North Magnolia.

An assault was reported to police.

A theft was reported to police.

A theft was reported in the 500 block of West Brown.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 500 block of South Gillespie.

Officers attempted to serve legal papers in the 1400 block of West Somerville.

A fire investigation was launched in the 500 block of Montagu.

A burglary was reported to police.

Public intoxication was reported in the 900 block of North Frost.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 100 block of South Starkweather.

Power lines were reported down in the 1100 block of South Farley.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 900 block of North Frost.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 700 block of East Murphy.

Tuesday, March 9.
A narcotics violation was reported in the 1100 block of South Hobart.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block of North Nelson.

DAILY HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, March 10, 2010:
This year, you start a new life cycle. Dealing with an anger issue needs to be of primary concern. Otherwise, you might ruin what potentially could be a sensational period. This luck cycle could impact your goals and relationships. If you are single, you will have a valid option to change your status. If you are attached, the two of you can learn to relate on a new level. The intensity and caring will only intensify if you so choose. AQUARIUS understands you well.

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)
**** Perhaps you have noticed the tension in the past few months. Finally, you see some relief on the horizon. Zero in on what is important, and follow your instincts. Know that you have the ability to change a scenario. Tonight: Find a reason to celebrate.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
**** Reach out for someone you respect and know well. If you want to eliminate a hassle, don't worry. A sudden event could do just that. A meeting proves to be instrumental and dynamic. Listen to suggestions. Tonight: During the midnight oil.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
**** Deal with someone directly, and allow greater give-and-take. You might find out how unpredictable a boss or someone you deal with can be. Perhaps you have been considering taking action. The time is coming. Tonight:

Let your imagination come into play.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
**** You will find that others could be more accommodating than in the recent past. You might not want to celebrate just yet, as a disagreement could come out of a relaxed approach. Decisions you make in the near future could stick. Tonight: Dinner with a favorite person.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
**** The more you accomplish, the better you will feel. A partner could be surprised by what is going to happen. The unexpected always reminds you that you cannot categorize people, events and situations. Tonight: Sort through your invitations.

VERGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
**** You add that humor and playfulness to situations. Your imagination delights many. Romance tempts many of you. Don't be rigid or difficult when dealing with situations. Use the afternoon to focus on work. Tonight: Ever playful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
**** Remain sure of yourself. Your sense of security might be necessary to anchor a work-related situation. Understand what is going to happen with a child or loved one. You might be encouraging a volatile situation. Tonight: Add more lightness to the moment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
**** Keep communication rolling, and be sensitive to a child or loved one. How you visualize a situation could be much different than you anticipated. Understanding evolves through a discussion. You could be surprised by what you see. Tonight: Head on home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
**** Be aware of the financial implications of your decisions. You might want to rethink plans knowing that you, too, have limits. You might like what comes up for you. The unexpected occurs around your home. Tonight: Hook up with a friend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
**** You know what you want, and in fact are quite capable of creating your fair share of uproar if need be. Feel free to toss plans aside if you don't like what is occurring. Your sense of humor emerges out of the blue. Tonight: Treat yourself on the way home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
**** Though you might be out of sorts, you can change your mood if you give in to spontaneity. The cost might be an issue at a later point. Keep smiling and remain open. You will feel better and better as the day ages. Tonight: Do only what you want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
**** Use the daylight hours to the max, when you feel as if you can handle whatever comes in your direction. Be direct with a friend who is always there for you. This person needs to understand what is going on with you. Tonight: Some time just for yourself.

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First female Canadian prime minister Kim Campbell (1947), terrorist Osama bin Laden (1957), actress Sharon Stone (1958)

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3-9 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: **TO LOVE AND BE LOVED IS TO FEEL THE SUN FROM BOTH SIDES.**

— **DAVID VISCOTT**

Valero executive gets \$10.9M

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) - The top executive of Valero Energy received compensation valued at \$10.9 million in 2009, representing a 64 percent increase from the prior year, according to an Associated Press calculation of figures disclosed in a regulatory filing by the nation's largest independent petroleum refinery.

The compensation of Bill Klesse, Valero's president, chairman and CEO, came even as Valero reported a loss of nearly \$2 billion in 2009 as refiners have struggled to pass much higher oil prices on to cus-

tomers.

Klesse's salary of \$1.5 million remained the same as in 2008 and he drew no bonus last year unlike the \$705,510 bonus he received in 2008, according to the March 2 filing.

Klesse asked that he not be paid a bonus last year because of the difficult industry conditions and since Valero lost money, the filing said.

The big difference was in stock and options awards valued at \$9.2 million when they were granted in 2009, more than double the \$4.3 million he received in 2008.

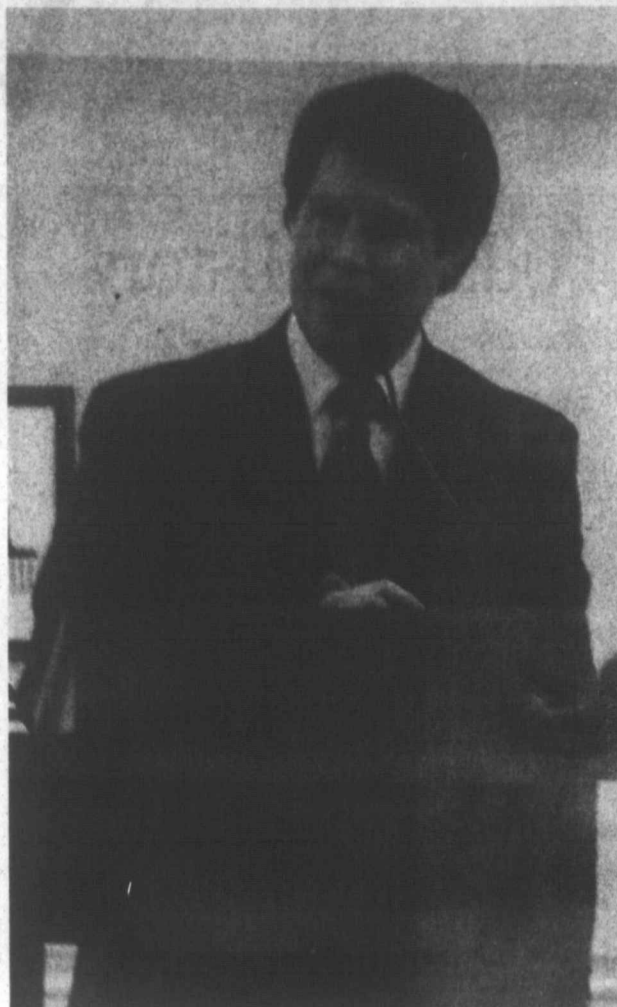
Oil prices have more than doubled in the past year even though Americans' appetite for energy is not as strong as in prior years. Gasoline prices have risen, but not at the same rate, shrinking margins for refiners such as Valero.

Valero, like other refiners, has been cutting back production to bring it more in line with demand. It also has shut down a refinery in Delaware.

Klesse said Valero, based in San Antonio, has taken steps to cut unprofitable parts of its business, and 2010 should be Valero's first profitable year since

2007.

Valero's stock declined nearly 26 percent in 2009. The Associated Press calculations of total pay include executives' salary, bonus, incentives, perks, above-market returns on deferred compensation and the estimated value of stock options and awards granted during the year. The calculations don't include changes in the present value of pension benefits, and they sometimes differ from the totals companies list in the summary compensation table of proxy statements filed with the SEC.



staff photo by David Bowser
John Harris Chief Meteorologist at Amarillo's television station channel 4, was the guest speaker last week at a noon luncheon meeting of the Pampa Lions Club

Oldest person in US dies in NH

WESTMORELAND, N.H. (AP) - Mary Josephine Ray, the New Hampshire woman who was certified as the oldest person living in the United States, has died at age 114 years, 294 days.

She died Sunday at a nursing home in Westmoreland but was active until about two weeks before her death, her granddaughter Katherine Ray said.

"She just enjoyed life. She never thought of dying at all," Katherine Ray said. "She was planning for her birthday party."

Even with her recent decline, Ray managed an interview with a reporter last week, her granddaughter said.

Ray was the oldest per-

son in the United States and the second-oldest in the world, according to the Gerontology Research Group. She was also recorded as the oldest person ever to live in New Hampshire.

The oldest living American is now Neva Morris, of Ames, Iowa, at age 114 years, 216 days. The oldest person in the world is Japan's Kama Chinen at age 114 years, 301 days.

Ray was born May 17, 1895, in Bloomfield, Prince Edward Island, Canada. She moved to the United States at age 3.

She lived for 60 years in Anson, Maine. She lived in Florida, Massachusetts and elsewhere in New

Hampshire before she moved to Westmoreland in 2002 to be near her children.

Ray's husband, Walter, died in 1967. Survivors include two sons, eight grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Morris, the Iowa woman now believed to be the oldest U.S. resident, lives at a care center. Only one of her four children, a son in Sioux City, is still alive.

"She has some hearing deficiencies and a visual deficiency, but mentally she is quite alert and will respond when she feels like it and isn't too tired," said her 90-year-old son-in-law Tom Wickersham, who lives the same care center.

Wickersham said he visits his mother-in-law - who plays bingo and enjoys singing "You Are My Sunshine" - nearly every day.

"You can put aside any of those typical mother-in-law jokes," Wickersham said. "When I visit her, I spend probably at least a half an hour with her on a daily basis that involves as much conversation as you'd share, the usual things, the weather."

Trial begins for polygamist

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) - Jury selection has started in the West Texas trial of a member of a polygamist group accused of sexual assault of an alleged underage bride.

The San Angelo Standard-Times reports that jury selection began Monday in the San Angelo trial of Merrill Leroy Jessop, the fourth mem-

ber of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints to be tried for sexual assault of a child since Texas authorities raided the group's ranch in April 2008.

The 35-year-old faces up to life in prison if convicted.

Jessop has also been charged with bigamy but will be tried on that sepa-

rately.

Prosecutors allege that when authorities raided the Yearning For Zion Ranch, Jessop attempted to delete photos and other documents connecting him to the alleged underage bride in the case.

Agenda items include the hearing of late protests and approval of changes outlined in the Texas Property Tax Code.

The meeting will be held in the district's conference room at 815 North Sumner in Pampa.

CC to offer GED exam

Clarendon College will be administering the General Education Degree (GED) exam later this month.

The exam is scheduled for Tuesday, March 23, and Wednesday, March 24 at the Clarendon College Pampa Center.

Registration will be held on Monday, March 22, at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. Examinees must register and make payment in the Office of the Enrollment Services Counselor at one of these times. There is a charge to take the test. You must bring your ID and Social Security Card with

you when you register.

The GED will begin at 10 a.m. on Tuesday with the math portion of the exam followed by the writing portion at 1:30 p.m. On Wednesday the science portion will begin at 10 a.m., followed by the social studies portion at 1 p.m., and the reading portion at 3 p.m.

The Clarendon College Pampa Center is located at 1601 Kentucky in Pampa, Texas.

For more information, please contact David Hall at 806-665-8801 or Ann Huey at 806-874-4867.

Democrat White hits Perry on state budget cuts

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - Democrat Bill White is criticizing Republican Gov. Rick Perry for pressing state agencies to cut their budgets by five percent, calling the approach "Soviet-style" budget management.

With Texas facing a budget shortfall of at least \$11 billion, White says he'd insist on "fiscal discipline" but refuses to rule out possible tax increases to close the gap. He says he'd first have to "look under the hood" of state government to identify possible savings and inefficiencies.

White, who faces Perry in the November elections, spoke Tuesday at a confer-

ence hosted by the Texas Tribune online news site.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, March 9, the 68th day of 2010. There are 297 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 9, 1862, during the Civil War, the ironclads USS Monitor and CSS Virginia (formerly USS Merrimac) clashed for five hours to a draw at Hampton Roads, Va.

On this date:

In 1796, the future emperor of the French, Napoleon Bonaparte, married Josephine de Beauharnais (boh-ahr-NAY'). (The couple later divorced.)

In 1910, American composer Samuel Barber, best remembered for his Adagio for Strings, was born in West Chester, Pa.

In 1916, Mexican raiders led by Pancho Villa attacked Columbus, N.M., killing 18 Americans.

In 1932, Eamon de Valera was appointed head of government of the Irish Free State.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. B-29 bombers launched incendiary bomb attacks against Japan, resulting in an estimated 100,000 deaths.

In 1954, CBS newsman Edward R. Murrow critically reviewed Wisconsin Sen. Joseph R.

'Delay is the deadliest form of denial.'

— C. Northcote Parkinson, British author (1909-1993)

McCarthy's anti-Communism campaign on "See It Now."

In 1959, Mattel's Barbie doll, created by Ruth Handler, made its public debut at the American International Toy Fair in New York.

In 1964, the Supreme Court, in New York Times Co. v. Sullivan, ruled that public officials who charged they'd been libeled by news reports could not recover damages unless they proved actual malice on the part of the news organization.

In 1977, about a dozen armed Hanafi Muslims invaded three buildings in Washington, D.C., killing one person and taking more than 130 hostages. (The siege ended two days later.)

In 1990, Dr. Antonia Novello was sworn in as surgeon general, becoming the first woman and the first Hispanic to hold the job.

Ten years ago: John McCain suspended his presidential campaign, conceding the Republican nomination to George W. Bush. Bill Bradley ended his presidential bid, conceding the Democratic nomination to Vice President Al Gore.

Five years ago: Michael Jackson's young accuser took the witness stand, saying he once considered the pop star being tried for allegedly molesting him "the coolest guy in the world." (Jackson was later acquitted.) Dan Rather signed off for the last time as principal anchorman of "The CBS Evening News."

One year ago: President Barack Obama lifted George W. Bush-era limits on using federal dollars for embryonic stem cell research.

Today's Birthdays: Former Sen. James L. Buckley (Conservative-N.Y.) is 87. Singer-actress Keely Smith is 78. Singer Lloyd Price is 77. Actress Joyce Van Patten is 76. Actor-comedian Marty Ingels is 74. Country singer Mickey Gilley is 74. Actress Trish Van Devere is 69. Singer Mark Lindsay (Paul Revere and the Raiders) is 68. Former ABC anchorman Charles Gibson is 67. Rock musician Robin Trower is 65. Singer Jeffrey Osborne is 62. Country musician Jimmie Fadden (The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band) is 62. Actress Jaime Lyn Bauer is 61. Magazine editor Michael Kinsley is 59. TV newscaster Faith Daniels is 53. Actor-director Lonny Price is 51. Actress Linda Fiorentino is 50. Country musician Rusty Hendrix (Confederate Railroad) is 50. Actress Juliette Binoche is 46. Rock musician Robert Sledge (Ben Folds Five) is 42. Rapper C-Murder is 39. Actor Emmanuel Lewis is 39. Actress Jean Louisa Kelly is 38. Actor Kerr Smith is 38. Rapper Chingy is 30. Actor Matthew Gray Gubler is 30. Actress Brittany Snow is 24. Rapper Bow Wow is 23. Actor Luis Armand Garcia is 18.

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Letters

Objects to candidate's campaign comments

Dear Editor,

I would like to address the recent campaign for Steve Hall, candidate for Gray County Judge.

During his campaign Mr. Hall had a lot to say about the Levi King trial and the costs associated with it. I can absolutely say that the price of that trial cannot compare to the costs that the families of Zach, Michell and Brian have paid. I can't imagine that Robin will ever feel safe again. What would be the price on that?

Mr. Hall, you have insulted and sickened our family with the public remarks you have made over and over again. Gray County employees weren't granted raises because of the Levi King trial? Really! Most

people I know, myself included, didn't get a raise last year either, the reason being, (you may have heard of it) this thing called a recession.

I know that Gray County did not foot the bill for this trial alone. The DA was granted money from the state for some expenses, and I believe she used some confiscated drug monies as well. This was ongoing for about four years, and you're leading people to believe that the complete trial costs came from this last year's budget?

I find it interesting that you quoted Joe Mar Wilson as saying that we could have only been out \$10,000 if we would have settled for a plea bargain. That's really sweet. Mr. Wilson was the lead defense attorney for King. He caused one painful

unnecessary delay after the next for four years, racking up a bigger paycheck each time. Did he disclose how much of that \$750,000 went into his pocket or that of his sidekick?

If you have issue with the way the Gray County Judge runs his office, why then did you attack the DA? Ms. Switzer's job is to prosecute criminals. She did her job, and did it well. We did not get the verdict we hoped for and what the defendant deserved, but nonetheless Ms. Switzer did her job.

Patricia Doan Squires
Pampa

Letters

Release DNA evidence

Dear Editor:

Hank Skinner is scheduled to be executed next month for killing Twila Busby and her grown sons in Pampa. From the beginning, Skinner's case has had issues.

Skinner was represented by a lawyer who had previously prosecuted him and who left his job as the Gray County D.A. after pleading guilty in a drug scandal. The state's star witness has recanted and said that she was pressured into making false statements about Skinner. Experts reviewing the results of toxicology tests run on Skinner on the night of the crime have stated that he was too inebriated to have committed murder. And Twila herself was being pursued by her uncle that night, a man who had reportedly abused her in the past and who was seen cleaning out his vehicle after the murder.

Despite all this, we have a way of knowing for sure whether Skinner is guilty and bringing final peace of mind to Twila's family and the people of Pampa.

The District Attorney of Gray County, Lynn Switzer, has DNA evidence collected at the scene of the crime, but she will not release it for testing. Whether you believe Hank Skinner is guilty or innocent, we need these tests to be sure that we are executing the right man. We need to end this embarrassing controversy and get true justice for Twila Busby and her sons. We all want to punish the right man for committing the killings. Ms. Switzer can grant the people of the Panhandle certainty and finality. Please visit www.medilinnocenceproject.org/skinner for more information.

Darla Wright
Amarillo

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We must not give up on space exploration

BY KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON
U.S. Senator

More than 40 years ago, our nation and the world paused to witness history as astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin saw firsthand the "magnificent desolation" of the moon. That defining moment reminded our nation that America can overcome insurmountable challenges and achieve great things when we are committed and dedicated to a singular purpose. But NASA's strong history of innovation, as well as our dominance in space, is in danger because President Obama has decided to shift the agency's mission to more "earthbound" tasks.

If President Obama has his way, the U.S. will retire the Space Shuttle program later this year, just as the International Space Station is finally complete and without a viable alternative to take its place. America has spent billions of dollars building and maintaining the space station. Now that

it is complete, the Obama budget plan ensures that we will no longer have easy access to it.

Current plans for the next generation space vehicles are years away from completion. This human space flight gap threatens not only our nation's access to the International Space Station and other areas of space, but also our national security and economic interests. America's decades-long dominance of space will finally come to an end. This is wrong.

Instead of sending up a white flag for our nation's premiere science agency, I believe we must close the gap in human space flight. To do so, I have introduced legislation allowing NASA to extend the shuttle's service while work continues on the development of the next generation of space vehicle. My legislation will make the shuttle retirement dependent on the availability of a replacement ship or until NASA determines that the space shuttle capabilities are not needed to

keep the space station viable. The measure will also provide acceleration of the nation's human space flight programs to ensure we continue to have future access to space.

Unless we make every effort to close the gap in U.S. human space flight, we will have no choice but to face the reality that we will be totally dependent on Russia for access to space. Should Russia, far from our strongest ally, "renegotiate" the terms of our cooperation, the U.S. could be blocked from space for years. This would leave Russia and China as the only nations in the world with the capability to launch humans into space.

This must not be an 'either or' proposition in which we are forced to choose between continuing to fly the shuttle and maintain our independence in reaching space, or investing in the next generation of space vehicle. We can and must do both. By maintaining our independence from

other nations in reaching space, the U.S. can fully realize the research potential of the space station as a national lab while protecting and promoting our national interests.

We must seize our nation's proud history of innovation and dominance in space as inspiration to move forward. As President John F. Kennedy said at Rice University in 1962: "We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one which we intend to win." Investing in the next generation of space vehicle while continuing to fly the shuttle will not be easy, but we must accept the challenge and overcome the obstacles to reach our nation's goals.



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Employers vs. Consumers: Who will blink first?

BY CHRISTOPHER LEONARD
AP Business Writer

To understand why jobs are so scarce, consider John McFarland and Nicole Rosen. The two share something in common: They're reluctant to spend freely.

McFarland is CEO of Baldor Electric Co. in Fort Smith, Ark.; Rosen is a consumer in Washington state. Each is earning and saving money. Yet McFarland won't hire until consumers spend more. And Rosen won't spend more until jobs seem secure.

Therein lies the standoff that helps explain the weakness of the recovery and the depth of the jobs crisis. Each side, employers on one, consumers on the other, is waiting for the other to spend more. Until then, the recovery will likely feel shaky. And job openings will be few.

Which side will blink first?

Many economists predict it will be businesses. Sometime this year, many companies are likely to decide they must replace worn-out equipment or they can't squeeze any more output from their existing staff, according to estimates from Moody's economy.com and IHS Global Insight. Some will then ramp up hiring.

Yet business expansion and hiring are likely to remain so modest that it could take until 2011 or 2012 for consumers to respond by opening their wallets wide, Moody's economy.com and IHS Global Insight predict. Once they do, households are expected to finally unleash a pent-up demand for appliances, clothes and cars.

Until then, consumers and employers will likely remain wary of hiring or spending much. The jobless rate, now 9.7 percent, will stay high. And employers will create nowhere near the roughly 10 million jobs that economists say are needed to restore the job market to its pre-recession health.

"There's a little bit of a standoff, a chicken-and-egg problem," said Robert Reich, a professor of public policy at University of California, Berkeley.

Reich holds out the possibility the stalemate will end soon. But short of a major industrial innovation — some new energy technology, for instance — he thinks businesses will remain slow to hire and consumers wary of spending freely for most of this year.

The government likely won't help much. Stimulus spending is waning. So are the Federal Reserve's

emergency support programs. That leaves more of the job-creation burden for employers and consumers.

Yet companies are hoarding cash. And consumers, squeezed by flat wages, a tight job market and shrinking home equity, and loath to take on more debt, are stashing away savings and paring debt. They did begin to spend more in the past few months. But only slightly so.

Jobs aren't likely to be created without robust consumer spending because shoppers fuel about 70 percent of economic activity.

Since the financial crisis erupted, consumers have focused on saving. In 2009, the U.S. personal savings rate reached 4.3 percent, the highest since 1998.

Companies, meanwhile, are "sitting on a mountain of cash," said Nariman Behravesh, chief economist at IHS. The volume of cash U.S. corporations have on hand equals about one-tenth of the annualized gross domestic product over the past 12 months — near a record high, according to an IHS analysis of Commerce Department data.

Eventually, businesses will need to replace old equipment or invest in projects that were delayed by the recession. And at some point, they won't be

able to get their employees to keep producing more.

Productivity rose by an outside 6.9 percent last quarter. The productivity gains will eventually slow. Hiring would be needed to boost output.

Steven Fazzari, economics professor at Washington University in St. Louis, cautions that even if companies ramp up spending this year, they will eventually pull back unless consumer demand responds with enough punch to justify further hiring and investment.

Corporate investment in computers and office furniture did rise in the second half of 2009. Yet companies remain reluctant to invest in major projects that would require adding workers.

McFarland's is among them. Baldor Electric makes industrial motors for factories. Sales have ticked up this year. But nothing gives McFarland confidence that economic growth is poised to accelerate.

That's why Baldor isn't increasing spending or hiring. It ended 2009 with a record \$215 million in cash flow. In better times, McFarland said Baldor would have plowed that money into upgrading equipment or adding to its work force of 6,500.

This year, Baldor used cash to pay down \$121 million in debt. McFarland still feels burned from the financial crisis and recession, which led to the biggest year-over-year revenue drop Baldor had ever seen.

After orders all but stopped in December, Baldor had to cut costs. It replaced client visits with

phone calls. It slashed the work week at some plants. And it ended overtime pay. McFarland said he'll be slow to hire again even after business picks up.

So will David Farr, CEO of Emerson Electric Co. The St. Louis manufacturer has 125,000 employees in more than 150 countries.

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Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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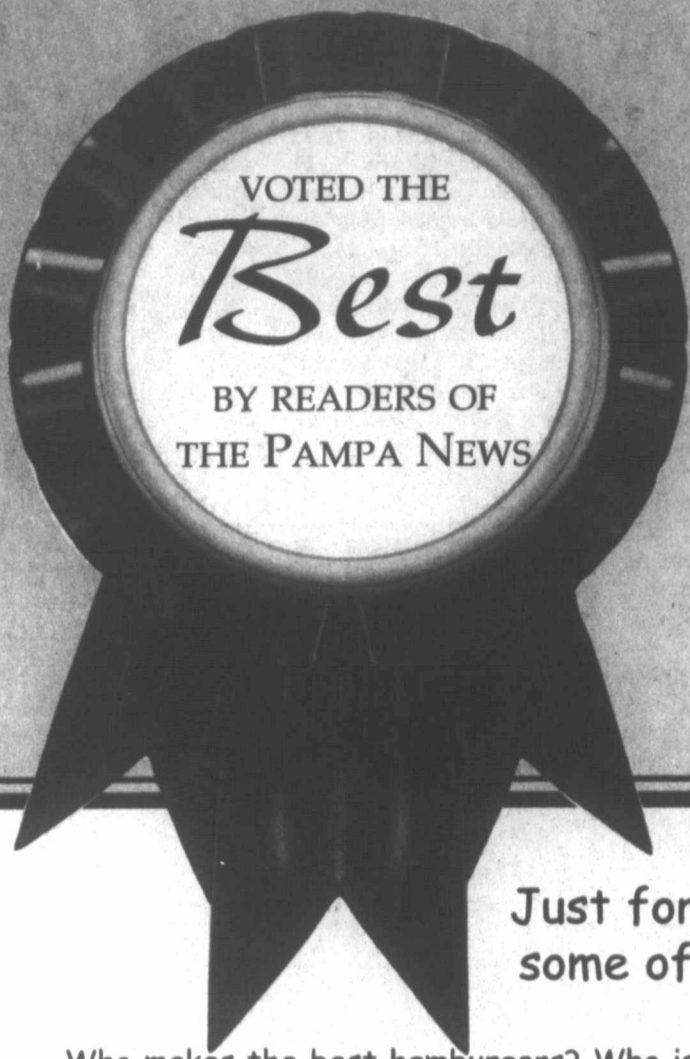
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and buying up firms is vital to its business strategy.

But Farr said its overall investment, including acquisitions and new facilities, will grow only about 3 percent by summer. That's far less than the 10 percent boost he'd consider if consumer spending were higher.

Emerson is doing some limited hiring. But Farr said he won't consider major job-creating investments, "like building plants or expanding production," until demand increases.

If CEOs like McFarland and Farr expect consumers like Rosen to start spending freely again, they'll be waiting a while. Rosen, 29, manages the budget for her family of four in Roy, Wash., outside the Fort Lewis Army base where her husband is stationed.

A few years ago, Rosen might have used a credit card to pay for family meals or new electronic gear. As a college student, she said she piled up card debt, buying "stupid stuff" like CDs, movies and restaurant meals.

The freewheeling days are over. Rosen and her husband bought a \$275,000 house in 2006 with an adjustable-rate mortgage. The rate is around 8.5 percent now, and Rosen fears it will rise further.

Her husband makes a steady income as an Army cook. But there isn't overtime pay to fill in the gaps if their mortgage payments balloon, she said.

Rosen works part time at a tax-prep agency during tax season. She uses what disposable income she has to shore up the couple's savings. High unemployment makes her wary of spending much.

"Nobody is giving us the confidence to go out and spend our savings," she said. "We may need it to pay our house payment. Or we may need it to pay medical bills."

Reich wonders whether some wild-card factor - a new technology or some breakthrough akin to the spread of the Internet - might eventually ignite both business and consumer spending.

Will it happen?
"In my optimistic moments, I say yes," Reich said. "Something always seems to come along when you look back at economic history. The times that I just scratch my head, I worry that we're in for a very long period of high unemployment."



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Regarding your answer to "Yoo-Hoo, I'm Over Here!" (Jan. 10), who was bothered by her husband's constant leering at women, you've got to be kidding. Men have been looking at young women since the beginning of time. My husband and his friends hold "office hours" every morning at our neighborhood coffeehouse. I've told him as long as he "touches" only with his eyes, there won't be a problem.

My husband and his pals are not "creepy old men." They are leaders in our community -- doing what they can to make the world a better place, while enjoying the scenery. There must be something terribly wrong with "Yoo-Hoo's" marriage if she's contemplating divorce because of this. -- **KEEPING IT REAL IN TAMPA**

DEAR KEEPING IT REAL: I told "Yoo-Hoo" that from her description, her husband's behavior seemed obsessive, that it showed a lack of sensitivity to her feelings and I recommended marriage counseling. Responses from my readers were varied. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: In marriage we promise to love and cherish our wives. That is not what "Yoo-Hoo's" husband is doing. It is disrespectful to her, his supposed one and only, and to the women he is ogling. When a man stares at another woman, it is not just looking. He is fantasizing about her. And sometimes it doesn't stop there. -- **TOM IN HALF MOON BAY, CALIF.**

DEAR ABBY: I have been happily married for 18 years, we have four children, and I can attest that all men do NOT do that. My husband isn't blind to a beautiful woman, but he is respectful of my feelings and has enough self-respect to not openly drool over any women in my presence.

Unfortunately, we do know "Yoo-Hoo's" husband's type. We have seen "men" like him gawking open-mouthed at the teenage girls wearing tight jeans at school. We have

also made careful note of who they are and who their children are. If an invitation comes for one of our girls to visit their kids at their house, the answer is always NO.

"Yoo-Hoo's" husband has a problem. The sooner she realizes it, the better. -- **WATCHFUL MOM IN BUTLER, PA.**

DEAR ABBY: You said that if "Yoo-Hoo's" husband were 20 years younger, his behavior would be chalked up to "boys will be boys." Boys of all ages can be respectful of women -- the ones they're dating or are married to, and the ones who do not want to be ogled by strangers. Appreciating attractive people without being creepy is something people of all ages and both genders are capable of. Please don't perpetuate this stereotype. -- **BROOKE IN HILLIARD, OHIO**

DEAR ABBY: The way she describes her husband's behavior with women sounds like he may have a sexual addiction. If so, he is powerless over his behavior and will do anything to justify his addiction. It's a waste of time asking him to change unless he goes into recovery for it. Other signs of this addiction are affairs, frequenting bars, using Internet chat rooms and looking at porn. -- **KNOWS FROM EXPERIENCE**

DEAR ABBY: I wonder how that man would feel if he caught someone his age leering at HIS daughter? Maybe then he would think twice about what he is doing. -- **DIVORCED IN KANSAS CITY**

DEAR ABBY: Women look, too. I look! I think it's healthy to be aware of the people around you. But that doesn't mean we have to be obvious about it -- certainly not so obvious that we are inconsiderate of the people we are with.

That said, the other side of the coin is: Did he act like this when they were dating? Did she know what she was getting when she married him? As they say, a leopard doesn't change its spots. -- **IRENE IN SAN ANTONIO**

Chevron to shed 2,000 jobs, sell some assets

DENVER (AP) — Chevron Corp. said Tuesday it will cut 2,000 jobs this year and sell some overseas operations as it revamps its struggling refinery, marketing and transportation operations.

The job cuts represent almost 12 percent of its 17,000 workers in the so-called downstream part of its business and just over 3 percent of its overall workforce.

Executives of the second-largest U.S. oil producer are still deciding where and when they will eliminate the jobs as they try to complete the restructuring by the third quarter, company spokesman Lloyd Avram said. Additional cuts are expected next year.

Chevron said it will also seek bids for the Pembroke refinery in southwest Wales, and fuels marketing, aviation and lubricants businesses in the Caribbean and some markets in Central America.

Oil refineries, which turn crude into gasoline, diesel and other fuels, struggled amid rising oil prices and

falling demand last year. In addition, new refineries are being built.

"Downstream conditions are likely to be difficult for the next several years," Mike Wirth, executive vice president of Chevron's global downstream business, said in a statement.

Argus Research analyst Phil Weiss said he believes Chevron is making the right move but he questions whether the producer will get a good price for the assets in the difficult business environment which has affected the entire sector.

Chevron has said it will reduce spending by \$1 billion this year on downstream businesses, which include refining, marketing and transportation.

Chevron wants to focus its downstream portfolio in North America and the Asian-Pacific region, and is shifting its production toward natural gas and Asian assets.

In addition to seeking bids for the Pembroke refinery and for fuels marketing, aviation and

lubricants businesses in the Caribbean and Central America, Chevron said it is reviewing refinery operations in Hawaii and other undisclosed operations outside South Africa, Avram said.

The company, which is based in San Ramon, California, said severance charges are expected to range between \$150 million and \$200 million on an

after-tax basis in the first quarter.

The company has about 60,000 employees worldwide, including about 17,000 in downstream operations that include refining, marketing and retail operations. It laid off 1,900 employees in downstream operations last year.

Shares of Chevron fell 4 cents to \$74.60 in midday trading Tuesday.

Clarendon College Team earns top spots in competition

The Clarendon College Meats Judging Teams competed at the Houston Livestock Show Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest March 6, and finished in the top two spots.

The CC Green Team finished first with 3,604 points and the CC White Team placed second with 3,577 points. Garden City Community College came in third with 3,571 points. A total of 8 teams competed in the contest.

Ryan Rotramel was high individual; Cade Lockett placed 5th; Tyler Travis placed 6th; and Kodie Carroll placed 8th.

The Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest allows collegiate teams to apply their industry knowledge and judging skills. Teams of four contestants judged beef, pork and lamb carcasses. Written reasons pertaining to the quality and yield differences were given.

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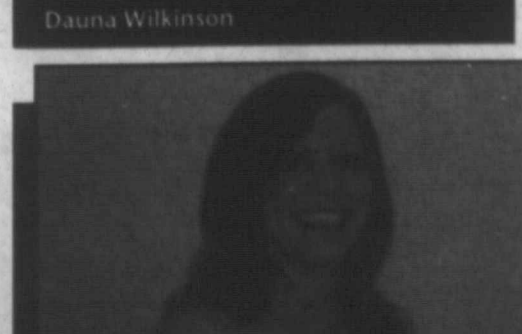
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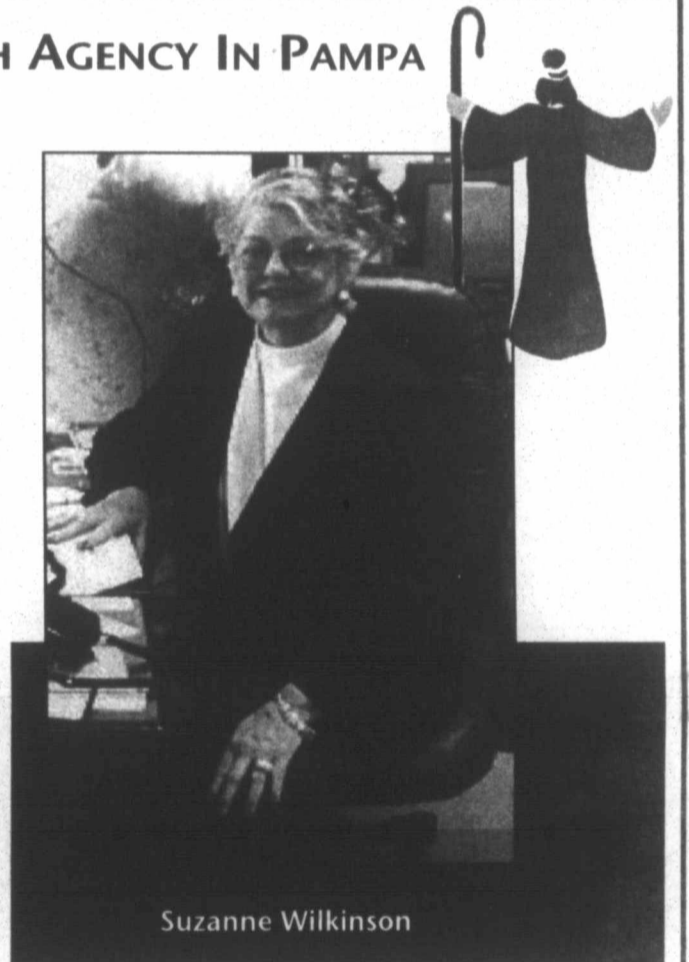
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Michael Kirkpatrick acts as administrator and director of nursing. Teresa Henson is office operations manager. Both have been with Shepard's Crook since its inception.

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Sports

JV girls soccer falls in season finale to Lady 'Horns

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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The Pampa Lady Harvesters junior varsity soccer team lost 2-1 to the Caprock Lady Longhorns Monday at Harvester Field.

This was the last game of the season for the junior varsity. Coach Libby Garza said she was proud of how her team played.

"We've improved so much from the beginning of the season," Garza said. "Half our girls never played soccer before. You know they did a great job today I thought. I'm proud of the way they ended."

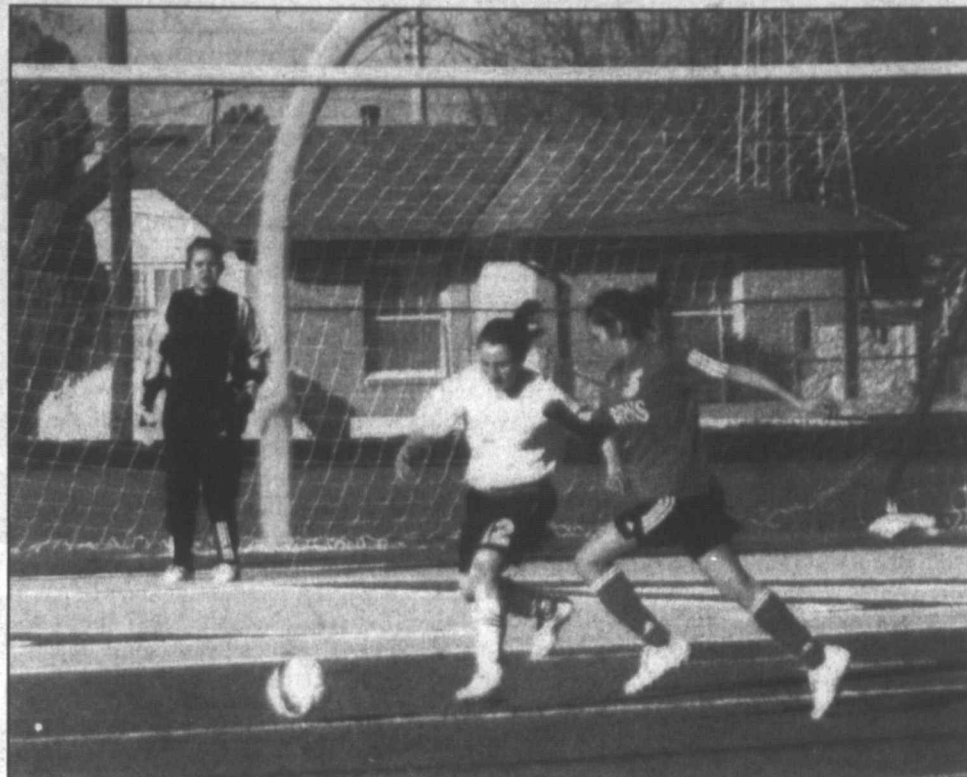
Caprock struck early in the game as they scored on a penalty kick in the opening minutes of the game. The Lady Longhorns expanded their lead with another goal towards the middle of the half, as they scored from about 20 yards away to make it 2-0. Pampa scored their only goal towards the end of the half when Alex Porter scored. Garza said they scored because of their pressure at the net.

"We did that by putting pressure on the ball and being first to the ball," Garza said. "That is something we've been trying to

do all year. It was nice to finally see that.

In the second half the teams were scoreless as both teams had a few chances to score. Garza said her team has come along way since the beginning of the season.

"We were not that great at the beginning of the year and we ended up being a real good team," Garza said. "These girls aren't the most athletic. They work really hard and play with a lot of heart and do what their told to do. I couldn't have asked for a better team this year."



staff photo by Andrew Glover
Bianca Apodaca tries to keep the ball away from a Lady Longhorn Monday at Harvester Field. The junior varsity lost 2-1 in their final game of the season.

Lady Tigers finish 09-10 season as state runner up

BY MIKE HAYNES

The McLean Lady Tigers came up one game short of a state championship Saturday in Austin but still took home a second-place trophy for only the second time in 59 years.

Two Lady Tigers — seniors Sheri Haynes and Alexis Menefield — were named to the Class 1A Division II all-tournament team.

McLean's Saber Bohlar hit a three-pointer with 1.3 seconds left on the clock in the state semifinal game against Leggett Friday night. To give the Lady Tigers a 66-63, come-from-behind win over the Lady Pirates from East Texas. Leggett held a 17-point

lead in the first half.

McLean never got on track in the state final game Saturday night and lost to Neches, also an East Texas team, 61-32. Haynes led the Lady Tigers in both games at the Frank Erwin Center with 22 against Leggett and 12 against Neches.

Other McLean players scoring against Leggett were Menefield with 16, Nancy Castillo with 14, Bohlar with 10, and Rudy Rodriguez with 4.

Against the Neches Lady Tigers, Menefield had 11 points, Castillo had 7 and Rodriguez had 4.

In the semifinal game, Leggett led 23-11 after one quarter and 35-27 at the

half. McLean had taken a 50-48 lead going into the final quarter but fell behind 60-55 with 4:08 left before making another scoring surge.

As one of the top two Class 1A Division II teams in the state, McLean duplicated the efforts of the 1951 team, which fell in the finals to Comanche, 50-49, in the first UIL girls state tournament. This year's Lady Tigers finished with a 29-5 record.

About a fourth of McLean's population, an estimated 230 fans, joined the team at the state tournament. The city's population is 828. Enrollment at McLean High School this year is 76 students.



staff photo by Andrew Glover
Sheri Haynes attempts a layup in the state semifinal game against Leggett Friday in Austin. The Lady Tigers won 66-63 to advance to the state championship game. Haynes was the leading scorer with 22 points. Haynes also led the team in scoring with 12 points in their loss to Neches. Haynes is a senior and played her final game for the Lady Tigers. McLean made to their first state championship since 1951 when they lost to Comanche. The Lady Tigers finished the 2009-2010 season 29-5.



The McLean Lady Tigers pose with the UIL State Runner up trophy after the state championship. McLean lost 61-32 to Neches Saturday at the Frank Erwin Center

Congrats McLean Lady Tigers on a great season!!

Lefors boys finish second, girls ninth in Pirate Relays

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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The Lefors Pirates finished second and the Lady Pirates finished ninth at the Pirate Relays Friday in Lefors.

The Pirates scored 93 points and were only beat by Follett High School who won the meet with 137 points. The Lady Pirates scored 20 points and were four points behind eighth place Hedley. Miami High School won the meet with 135 points.

Marrisa Ponce finished sixth in the women's 200 meter dash with a time of 31.69 seconds. Taylor Overstreet finished sixth in the 400 meter dash with a time of 1:17.84 and finished second in the long jump with a 29 feet and 11.5 inch jump. The Lady Pirates finished sixth in the 4x100 Meter relay with a

time of 1:02.12. Lefors finished seventh in the women's 4x200 meter relay with a time of 2:14.94. The Lady Pirates finished sixth in the 4x400 meter relay with a time of 5:16.92.

Wakely Pairsh finished fifth in the men's 200 meter dash with a time of 25.59 seconds. Trever Czubinski won first in the 400 meter dash with a time of 58.69 seconds. Cody Hess finished fourth with a time of 1:03.19. Hess finished sixth in the 800 meter dash with a time of 2:39.59. Spencer Nicholson finished fourth in the 1600 meter run with a time of 5:59.15. Andrew Morriss finished fourth in the 3200 meter run with a time of 12:30.60. Seth Scully finished fourth in the 110 meter hurdles with a time of 22.25 seconds. Dennis Sprouse finished fifth with a time of 22.38

seconds. Taylor Ray finished sixth with a time of 24.98 seconds.

Scully finished sixth in the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 52.93 seconds. In the relays, the Pirates finished second in the 4x100 meter relay with a time of 48.44 seconds, second in the 4x200 meter relay with a time of 1:42.44 and third in the 4x400 meter relay with a time of 4:06.06.

Keenan Lott and Sprouse tied for third in the high jump, successfully reaching 5 feet and four inches. Czubinski finished fifth in the long jump with a 17 feet and eight and one quarter of an inch jump and finished third in the triple jump with a 38 feet and two and a half inch jump. Austin Brooks finished seventh in the discus throwing it 82 feet and eight inches.



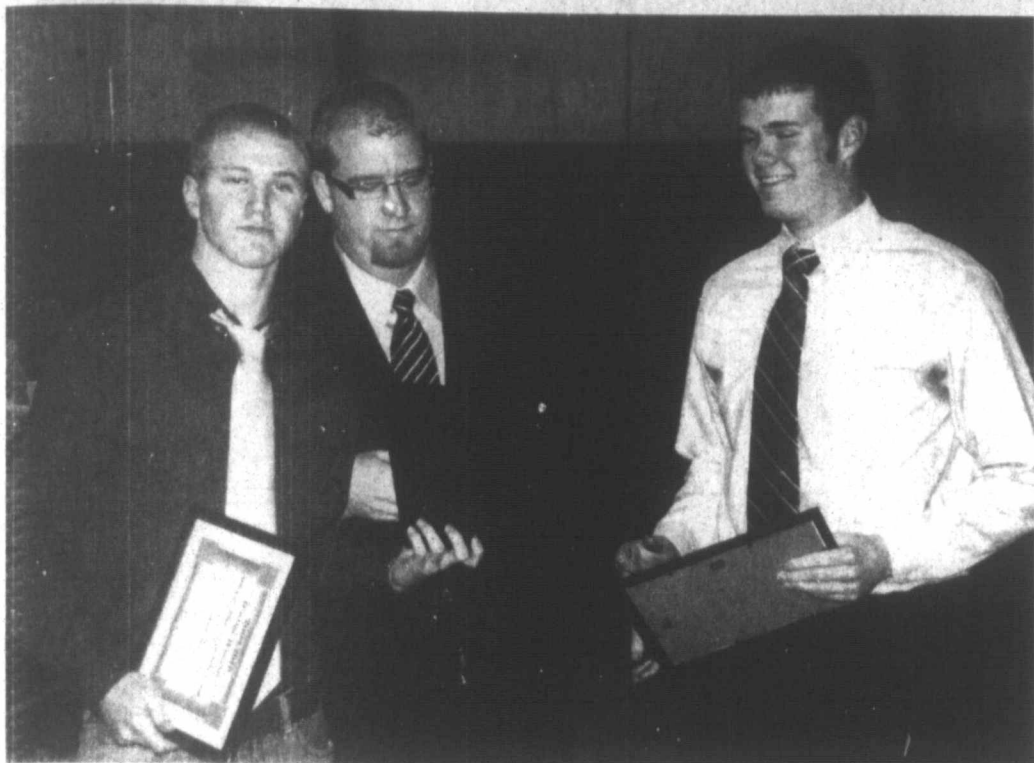
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Keenan Lott attempts to clear the bar in the high jump Friday in Lefors. Lott jumped as high as five feet and four inches before being eliminated at five feet and six inches. Lott finished in a tie for third with teammate Dennis Sprouse.

CANCELLATION

The Pampa junior varsity baseball team's game against Perryton yesterday was cancelled. Make up plans were not known as of press time. The junior varsity's next game is March 23 against Clarendon.

Sports

Hustlin' Harvesters reaping in the awards for 09-10



staff photo by **Andrew Glover**

Latigo Collins (left) and Alex Clendening (right) hold their offensive player of the year awards with Coach Matt Embry between them. Collins and Clendening also made the all-district team. Collins was an honorable mention and Clendening was first team.



staff photo by **Andrew Glover**

Garrett Ericson accepts the free throw award from coach Matt Embry Sunday at the basketball banquet at Briarwood Church. Ericson won the award for having the highest free throw shooting percentage.



staff photo by **Andrew Glover**

From left to right: Ryan Jimenez and Travis Hagerman show their defensive game faces after they won the defensive player of the year award at the basketball banquet Sunday. Also standing with them is Coach Matt Embry.



staff photo by **Andrew Glover**

Matt Embry stands with Most Improved Player award winners Cole Engle (left) and Zach Murray (right). At the banquet Head Coach Dustin Miller said Engle and Murray worked hard last off season to make varsity and will see more playing time next season.

Congrats to all the boys basketball award winners!! Work hard in the off-season.



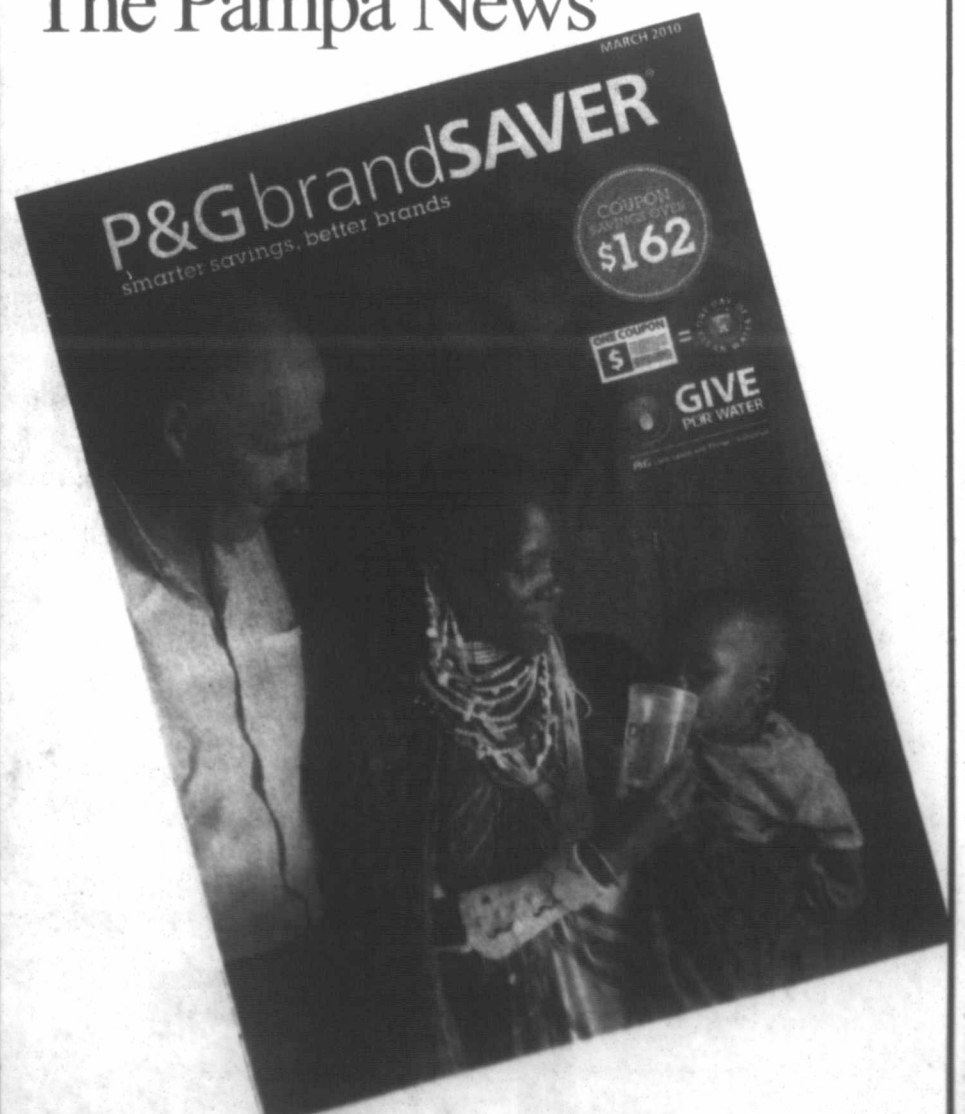
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Jonathan Polasek stands with Coach Embry after winning the Hustlin' Harvester Award at the basketball banquet Sunday at Briarwood Church. Miller said Polasek provided a spark off the bench and looks forward to his senior leadership next season.

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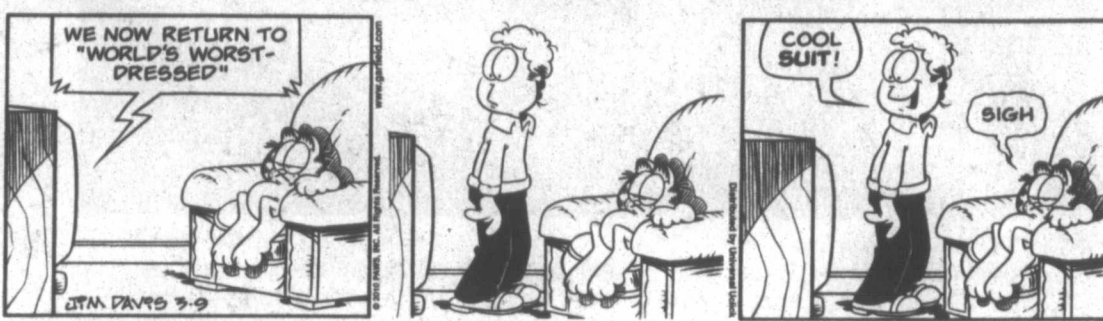
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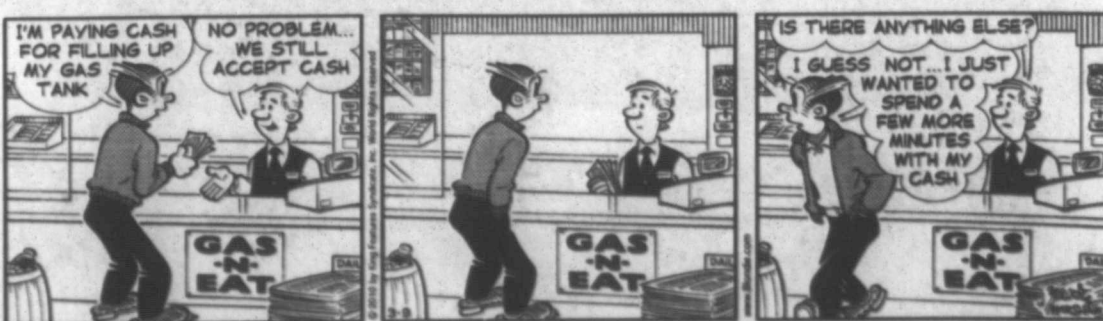
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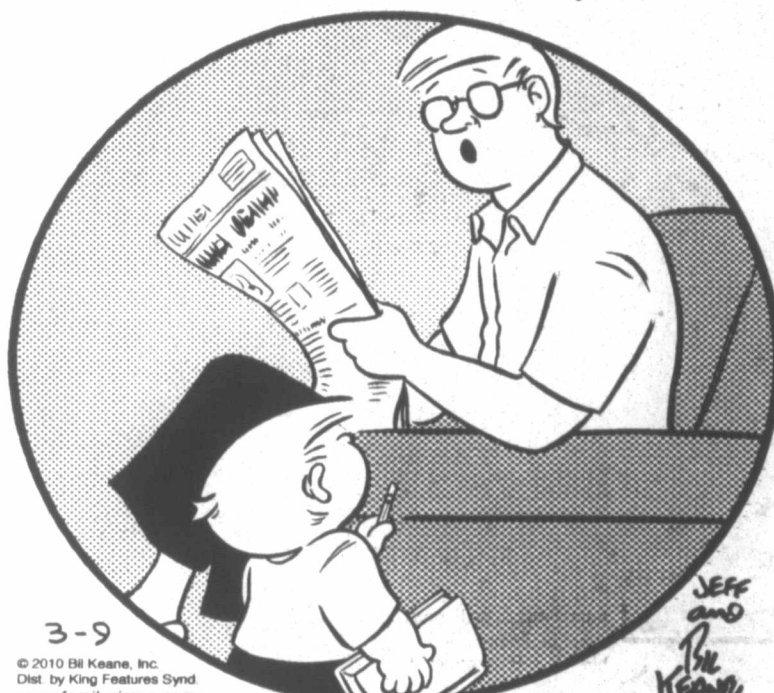


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By Bil Keane



"No, I read about it. I didn't witness George Washington cutting down the cherry tree."

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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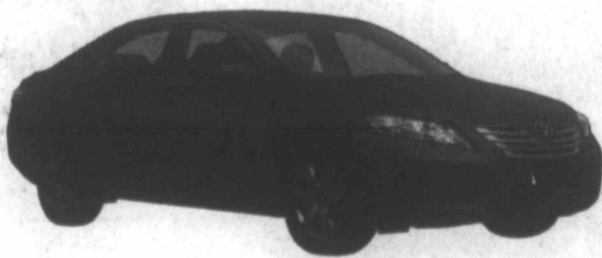
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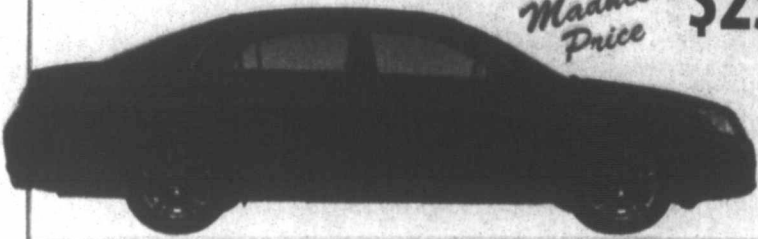
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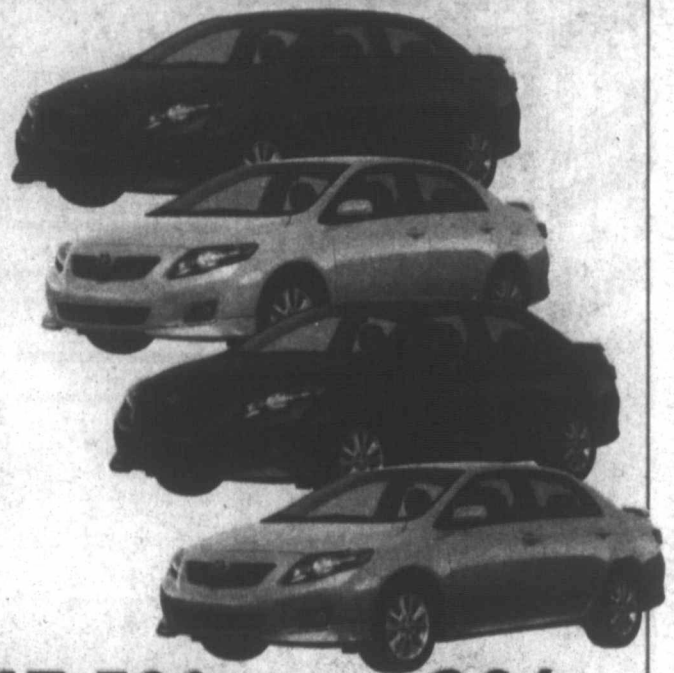
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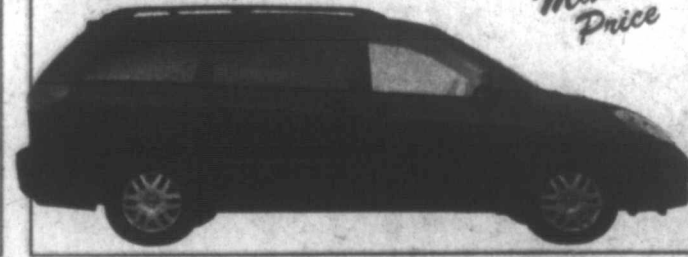
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