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Ramona Hite is congratulated by daughter Meredith moments after being named the Pampa Chamber of Commerce's 2010 Citizen of the Year. Also present were Hite's son Chris, husband Bill and past Chamber president Pat Montoya.

Honorees 'blown away' at Chamber banquet

Hite caught off-guard with 'Citizen' award

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Ramona Hite said so herself: It's not often you can leave an old teacher speechless.

Still, given the excitement of the moment, it was perfectly understandable. Hite, a retired educator who first began teaching locally in 1968, was overcome with emotion as she accepted the Chamber's 2010 Citizen of the Year award on Thursday evening at the M.K. Brown Civic Center.

"Wow," said the excited Hite, eliciting a long standing ovation from the crowd. "I am blown away. Simply blown away." Hite had no idea that she had won, up until Jay Hopkins read a letter about her written by one of her former students.
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staff photo by David Bowser

The **Stowers family** (from left: Richard, Janet, Dick and Dot) is joined by past Chamber president Pat Montoya in posing after winning the Chamber's 2010 Business of the Year award.

Culberson Stowers named 2010 Business of the Year

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To think, Dick and Richard Stowers weren't even planning on going to the Chamber banquet this year.

The family was set to head to Arizona to see the sonogram for Richard and wife Janet's first grandchild.

Fortunately for the Stowers family, they were convinced to put the trip off for another day. It gave them just enough time to accept the Pampa Chamber of Commerce's Business

of the Year award in person.

"We had no idea," said Dick, his face alight with that ever-present smile. "We didn't know anything."

There was no doubting Culberson Stowers' credentials. As John Warner, who announced the award said, not only has the family's dealership been in Pampa since 1927 (making it one of the oldest in the nation), but it contributes financial and volunteer support to over 130 civic and charitable groups locally.

From a business standpoint,
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PHS BASEBALL OPENER
AWAY WE GO



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Colin Kilgo belts a double for the Harvesters during their season-opening win against Dalhart. Full coverage in **SPORTS**, page 10.

An Evening with Laura Bush
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Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High 71 Low 37	High 64 Low 29	High 57 Low 34

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 32. Wind chill values between 22 and 27. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 71. Wind chill values between 22 and 32 early. Windy, with a southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 37. Breezy, with a south southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 64. Very windy, with a west southwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 30 and 35 mph. Winds could gust as high as 50 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 29. Very windy, with a west southwest wind 30 to 35 mph becoming north northwest 10 to 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 45 mph.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 57. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 34. Breezy, with a south wind between 5 and 15 mph.

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Obituaries

Mattie Sue Adamson, 74

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

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, February 26, 2011, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Tim Roberts, a family friend, officiating.

Burial will be at Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean, under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

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

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

Memorials may be made to a favorite charity.

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Adamson

Alleged Texas terrorist appears in court

LUBBOCK (AP) — A college student from Saudi Arabia accused of buying chemicals online as part of a plan to blow up key U.S. targets, including the home of former President George W. Bush, appeared in federal court in Texas on Friday.

Khalid Ali-M Aldawsari was arrested Wednesday and charged with attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction.

Rod Hobson, his attorney, declined to comment as he left the courtroom in Lubbock. In a statement, he said the "eyes of the world are on this case" and how Aldawsari is treated.

"This is not 'Alice in Wonderland,' where the Queen said 'First the punishment then the trial,'" Hobson's statement reads. "This is America, where everyone is entitled to the presumption of innocence, due process, effective representation of counsel and a fair trial."

Hobson said his client will plead not guilty. Judge Nancy Koenig asked the 20-year-old — handcuffed and with his feet shackled — if he understood the charges against him, and ordered him to remain in custody until a March 11 detention hearing.

Four armed U.S. Marshal's officers flanked Aldawsari as he addressed the judge.

Koenig said Aldawsari faces a maximum penalty of life in prison if convicted.

Moved by 9/11 and speeches by Osama bin Laden, Aldawsari for years had secretly planned to launch a terrorist attack in the U.S., prosecutors allege.

In his journal, the college student from Saudi Arabia who studied chemical engineering in Texas described a plan to travel to New York City, place bombs in several rental cars for remote detonation and leave the vehicles in different places during rush hour, according to court documents released Thursday.

"After mastering the English language, learning how to build explosives and continuous planning to target the infidel Americans, it is time for jihad," or holy war, Aldawsari wrote in the journal, according to the documents filed by prosecutors.

The Justice Department said Thursday that Aldawsari bought explosive materials online and planned to hide



Aldawsari

them inside dolls and baby carriages to blow up dams, nuclear plants and Bush's Dallas home.

"As we lay out in this affidavit, there were a range of targets being contemplated," Robert Casey, the FBI special agent in charge of the case, said. "I can't speak to his state of mind or the priority in his mind of any of the range of targets we think we discovered."

Aldawsari, who was legally in the U.S. on a student visa, studied chemical engineering at Texas Tech University until January when he transferred to a nearby college to study business.

The White House said President Barack Obama was notified about the alleged plot before Aldawsari's arrest.

Telephone numbers that Aldawsari had provided to others were not working Thursday. No one answered the buzzer or a knock on the door at the address listed as Aldawsari's apartment near the Texas Tech campus.

The case outlined in court documents was significant because it suggests that radicalized foreigners can live quietly in the U.S. without raising suspicions from neighbors, classmates, teachers or others. But it also showed how quickly U.S. law enforcement can move when tipped that a terrorist plot may be unfolding.

"We think we have neutralized any other threats or imminent harm surrounding the actions that he's charged with, but the investigation is continuing," Casey said.

Aldawsari wrote that he was planning an attack even before coming to the U.S. on a scholarship, the court documents say. He said he was influenced by bin Laden's speeches and he bemoaned the plight of Muslims.

Federal authorities said they learned of the plot after a chemical company, Carolina Biological Supply of Burlington, N.C., reported \$435 in suspicious order by Aldawsari to the FBI on Feb. 1.

Separately, Con-way Freight, the shipping company, notified Lubbock police and the FBI the same day with similar suspicions because it appeared the order wasn't intended for commercial use. Within weeks, federal agents had traced Aldawsari's other online purchases, discovered extremist posts he made on the Internet and secretly searched his apartment, computer and e-mail accounts and read his diary, according to court records.

A Saudi industrial company, which was not identified in court documents, was paying Aldawsari's tuition and living expenses in the U.S.

UT Chancellor worries about gun law

AUSTIN (AP) — University of Texas System Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa says students, faculty and administrators worry proposals to allow concealed handguns on Texas college campuses will make schools more dangerous.

Cigarroa expressed his concerns to Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and state lawmakers in a letter dated Thursday. The Legislature is considering bills that would allow anyone with a concealed handgun license, which would include some students, faculty and staff, to carry their weapons into

campus buildings.

"I would be remiss in my duties as chancellor of the state's largest university system, if I did not convey my concerns regarding this issue," Cigarroa wrote.

The UT system has nine university campuses and several more health science and medical school facilities.

Campus mental health professionals have a "great concern" that adding guns to the emotional and psychological pressures young people face in academics and separation from family could lead to an increase in accidental shootings and suicides,

Cigarroa said.

Campus laboratories and hospitals that use and store chemicals and gases that are kept under pressure could be especially dangerous if someone fired a weapon, Cigarroa's letter said.

Supporters say the law simply protects the rights of gun owners and would be a critical self-defense measure to help avoid shootings on the scale of the Virginia Tech massacre in 2007, when a shooter killed 32 people.

Perry, who has a concealed handgun license, has said he's in favor of the idea.

For the record

Police Department

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

Officers reported eight animal-related incidents.

There were 40 traffic-related incidents and two accidents.

Pampa EMS responded to seven ambulance calls.

The Pampa Fire Department reported one grass fire and one investigation.

The Lefors Volunteer Fire Department responded to one medical call.

Thursday, Feb. 24
Officers reported crossing guard duty in the 800 block of E. Browning.

An alarm was reported in the 400 block of N. Ballard.

Theft was reported in the 1900 block of W. Alcock.

Theft was reported in the 1000 block of N. Price Rd.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 1400 block of N. Hobart.

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

A hit and run was reported in the 1000 block of N. Hobart.

An escort was provided in the 1100 block of W. Crawford.

Officers reported crossing guard duty in the 800 block of E. Browning.

Theft was reported in the 1400 block of N. Hobart.

Officers reported a fingerprinting in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 300 block of Henry.

An open door was reported in the 1200 block of N. Garland.

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

An information call was reported in the 2500 block of Perryton Pkwy.

A violation of city ordinance was reported in the 600 block of N. Nelson.

Friday, Feb. 25
An alarm was reported in the 1200 block of N. Hobart.

An alarm was reported in the 1900 block of W. Alcock.

Sheriff's Office

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

Thursday, Feb. 24

Selena Susanne Rice, 31, of McLean, was arrested by deputies for violation of parole in connection with abandoning or endangering a child.

Robert Scott Paradise, 32, of San Angelo, was arrested by deputies on bond surrender in connection with failure to register as a sex offender.

Danté Wilbon, 20, of Lefors, was arrested by deputies for failure to report in connection with driving while intoxicated.

Bobby Jack West, 26, of Borger, was arrested by deputies on bond surrender for burglary of a motor vehicle and theft of property out of Hutchinson County.

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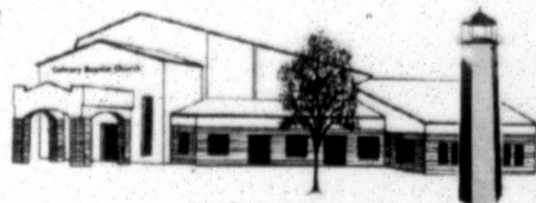
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AFTERNOON RUSH

Burglary suspect drives into bank

SAN MARCOS (AP) — A burglary suspect in Central Texas allegedly created his own drive-thru lane at a bank.

San Marcos police say a 25-year-old man early Friday crashed his car into a closed Bank of America branch and then drove away. His vehicle license plate remained in the lobby.

Police later arrested Elias Mercado on charges of burglary of a building and evading arrest. Bond was set at \$15,000. Officials had no details on an attorney for Mercado.

Police say Mercado plowed his car through two sets of glass doors and into the customer waiting area, circled and struck the teller counter, then drove out the newly created exit. Officers following a trail of glass managed to stop a damaged car, missing a license plate, and arrested Mercado.

Surveillance video is being reviewed.

Dad in shock after toddler's death

HOUSTON (AP) — The father of a toddler who was among three children killed and four injured in a Houston day care fire says he's still in shock.

Emmanuel Kojah told The Associated Press on Friday that he and his family are trying to cope with the loss of 20-month-old Elizabeth Kojah in the fire that apparently started in the center's kitchen Thursday.

He says his baby daughter's death is very difficult and "something we never expected to happen."

Harris County authorities have identified a second victim as 20-month-old Kendall Stradford. The names of the third victim and the four children who remain hospitalized haven't been released.

The day care was operating out of a one-story Houston home, and investigators are still trying to find out what started the fire there.

Inmate admits Obama threat

TYLER (AP) — A Texas prison system inmate has pleaded guilty to making a written threat against President Barack Obama.

Prosecutors on Friday announced 28-year-old Robert Lee Berkley Jr. of Rusk pleaded guilty to making threats against the president.

No sentencing date was immediately set by a federal magistrate in Tyler, Berkley, who pleaded guilty Wednesday, faces up to five years in federal prison.

Investigators say Berkley last June was in the Hodge Unit when he wrote a letter claiming, when he's released, he planned to travel to Washington in order to kill the president and his family. Berkley was indicted last July.

A spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice did not immediately return a message Friday from The Associated Press to provide details on Berkley's state imprisonment.

IDs released in triple shooting

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston police have identified two people found shot to death at a residence and say the attacker is sought.

Police on Friday said 42-year-old Beverly Jean Parish and 46-year-old Curtis Llewellyn Wyatt were pronounced dead in their home.

A third victim, 38-year-old Erica Morgan, was shot but survived.

Police say the three victims were in the home early Thursday when the shootings happened. Police say Morgan was able to flee and identify the gunman. Police say the suspect also lived at the residence.

A motive for the shootings is sought.

Ex-coach gets 50 years

BEAUMONT (AP) — A Southeast Texas jury has ordered 50 years in prison for a former girls softball coach convicted of sexually abusing a teenage player.

The penalty was decided Friday in Beaumont for 49-year-old Louis Bowden Matthews Jr. He was convicted Thursday of continuous sexual abuse of a child.

Prosecutors say the girl was 13 when the more than two dozen sexual encounters began in 2008.

Matthews, who's 5 feet 9 inches tall and divorced, denied the allegations. Matthews testified that he had high blood pressure, weighed as much as 340 pounds and physically could not have had relations with the girl.

She testified Matthews promised to marry her when she turned 18.

He has a daughter who's about the same age as the victim.

Beached whale had infection

GALVESTON (AP) — A 12-foot pygmy sperm whale that had to be euthanized after turning up on a Texas beach had a bacterial infection and an abscess.

The Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network on Friday released preliminary necropsy results on the whale discovered on a Galveston beach.

The sick animal was found Wednesday on Jamaica Beach and transported to the rescue group's nearby rehabilitation center.

The necropsy also indicated the more than 1,000 pound whale suffered from heart failure.

New charges in Ft. Bragg death

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — A Fort Bragg soldier accused of killing a fellow paratrooper last year in Iraq now faces additional charges of negligent homicide and obstructing justice.

The *Fayetteville Observer* reports that Spc. Nicholas D. Bailey of Pflugerville, Texas, was originally charged with involuntary manslaughter, conspiring to obstruct justice and giving false statements.

Nineteen-year-old Spc. Morganne McBeth of Fredericksburg, Va., was stabbed in a tent on an air base on July 2.

Spc. Tyler Cain is also charged.

All three soldiers were members of the 1st Special Troops Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division.

The two men told investigators the stabbing was accidental.

Bailey's court-martial will take place between May 31 and June 6.

Building a new fireplace mantel

Dear Pat: I bought an older house that has a brick fireplace and rustic beam mantel. I would like to update its appearance with a newer mantel and perhaps a surround. What is the easiest design to build myself? — Julie M.

Dear Julie: If your home was built 25 to 50 years ago, it probably has the typical brick front, simple wooden mantel that was so common in that era. It was a functional, inexpensive-to-build design, but not the most attractive by today's standards.

By building an attractive, more contemporary mantel and perhaps a surround, the fireplace will become the focal point and gathering place in the room, even when a fire is not burning. When you think about it, the percentage of time most families have a fire burning is very small.

Building a mantel is not a difficult do-it-yourself task. If you think adding a complete wood surround is beyond your skill level, try just cleaning the bricks first. Over many years of burning fires, dirt and soot probably have dulled the surfaces of the bricks and mortar. With a good cleaning, the brick might look nice with a new wood mantel.

Before you start to build your mantel, it is a good idea to have the chimney cleaned and inspected. If it needs repairs, have it done before your new mantel is installed. Also contact your local fire department or building inspections department for the current fire safety codes. Since wood is combustible, you must maintain the proper clearances.

Removing the old mantel is simple. Most old mantels are supported by two bricks that extend out from the brick front. You should be able to easily pry the old mantel loose and lift it off of the bricks. Using a hammer and chisel, knock off the support bricks that extend out so the front surface is flush.

Use 3/4-inch plywood for the top and bottom surfaces of the mantel. The front exposed edge can be flat for simplicity, but using crown molding is more decorative. The bottom of the mantel will be shorter than the top so the crown molding slopes up at a 45-degree angle. Use narrow filigree molding between the top of the crown molding and the mantel top.

Once you purchase all your lumber and moldings, cut a 3-inch wide section of each. Lay them on a flat table, fit them



together to provide the edge detail you prefer and glue them together for a pattern.

Make a support nailing blocks from 2-by-4s with one end that fits against all the interior surfaces of the mantel pattern. Make them 2 inches shorter than the depth of your mantel, and make enough of them to be spaced every 16 inches inside the mantel. Assemble all of the pieces with nails and glue to complete the mantel.

Mount a horizontal ledger

board (use a level) to the fireplace front above the opening. It should be slightly less than 2 inches thick and as wide as the mantel support nailing blocks. Slide the mantel over the ledger board and nail it securely in place. A hollow, box-type surround can be built to fit under the mantel. This will also provide some extra support for the mantel.

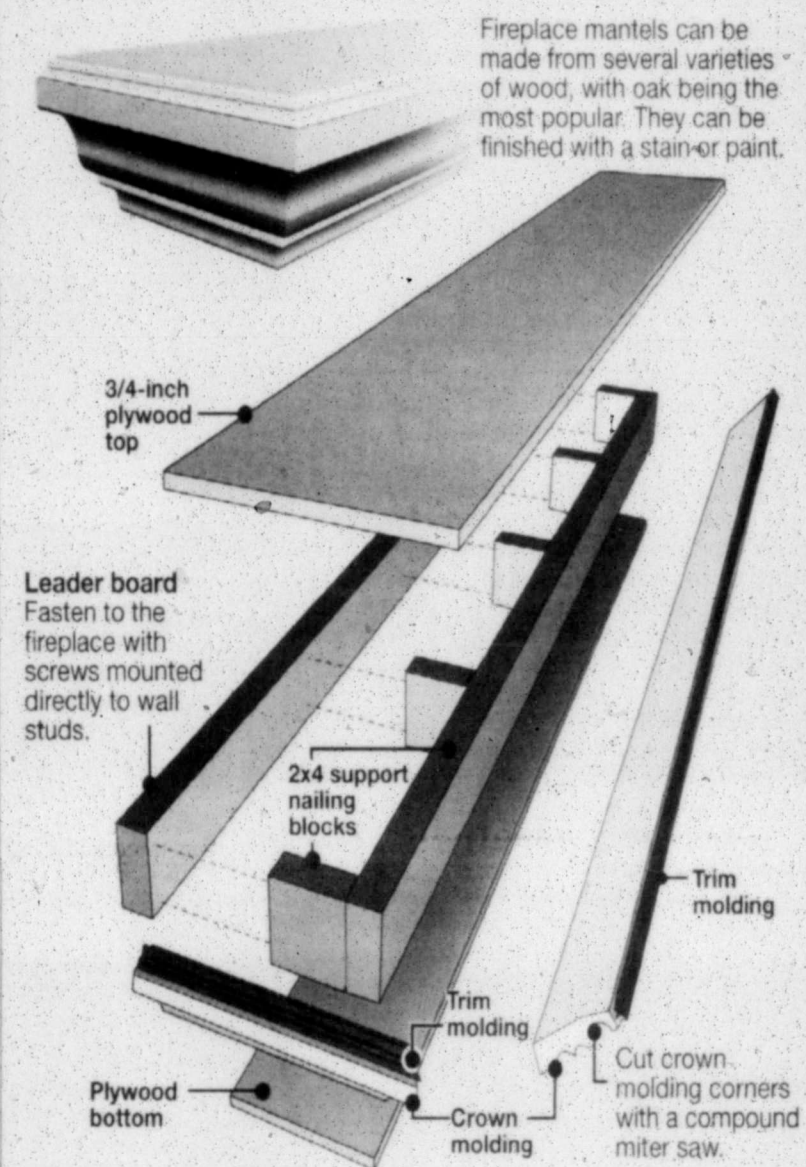
Tools and materials required: miter box, saw, hammer, level, tape measure, lumber, plywood, nails, glue, paint.

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HOME HOW-TO

Fireplace Mantel

Fireplace mantels are decorative in themselves. But no matter the design, it must be built and installed with strength in mind.



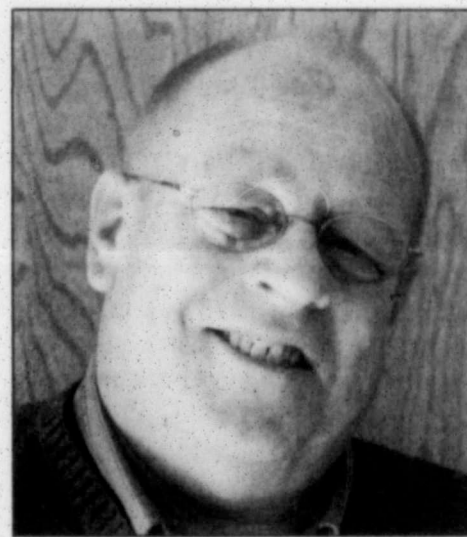
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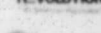
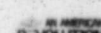
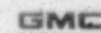
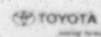


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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Friday, Feb. 25, the 56th day of 2011. There are 309 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 25, 1913, the 16th Amendment to the Constitution, giving Congress the power to levy and collect income taxes, was declared in effect by Secretary of State Philander Chase Knox.

On this date:

In 1836, inventor Samuel Colt patented his revolver.

In 1901, United States Steel Corp. was incorporated by J.P. Morgan.

In 1919, Oregon became the first state to tax gasoline, at one cent per gallon.

In 1940, a hockey game was televised for the first time, by New York City station W2XBS, as the New York Rangers defeated the Montreal Canadiens, 6-2, at Madison Square Garden.

In 1948, Communists seized power in Czechoslovakia.

In 1950, "Your Show of Shows," starring Sid Caesar, Imogene Coca, Carl Reiner and Howard Morris, debuted on NBC-TV.

In 1964, Cassius Clay (later Muhammad Ali) became world heavyweight boxing champion by defeating Sonny Liston in Miami Beach.

In 1986, President Ferdinand Marcos fled the Philippines after 20 years of rule in the wake of a tainted election; Corazon Aquino assumed the presidency.

In 1991, during the Persian Gulf War, 28 Americans were killed when an Iraqi Scud missile hit a U.S. barracks in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

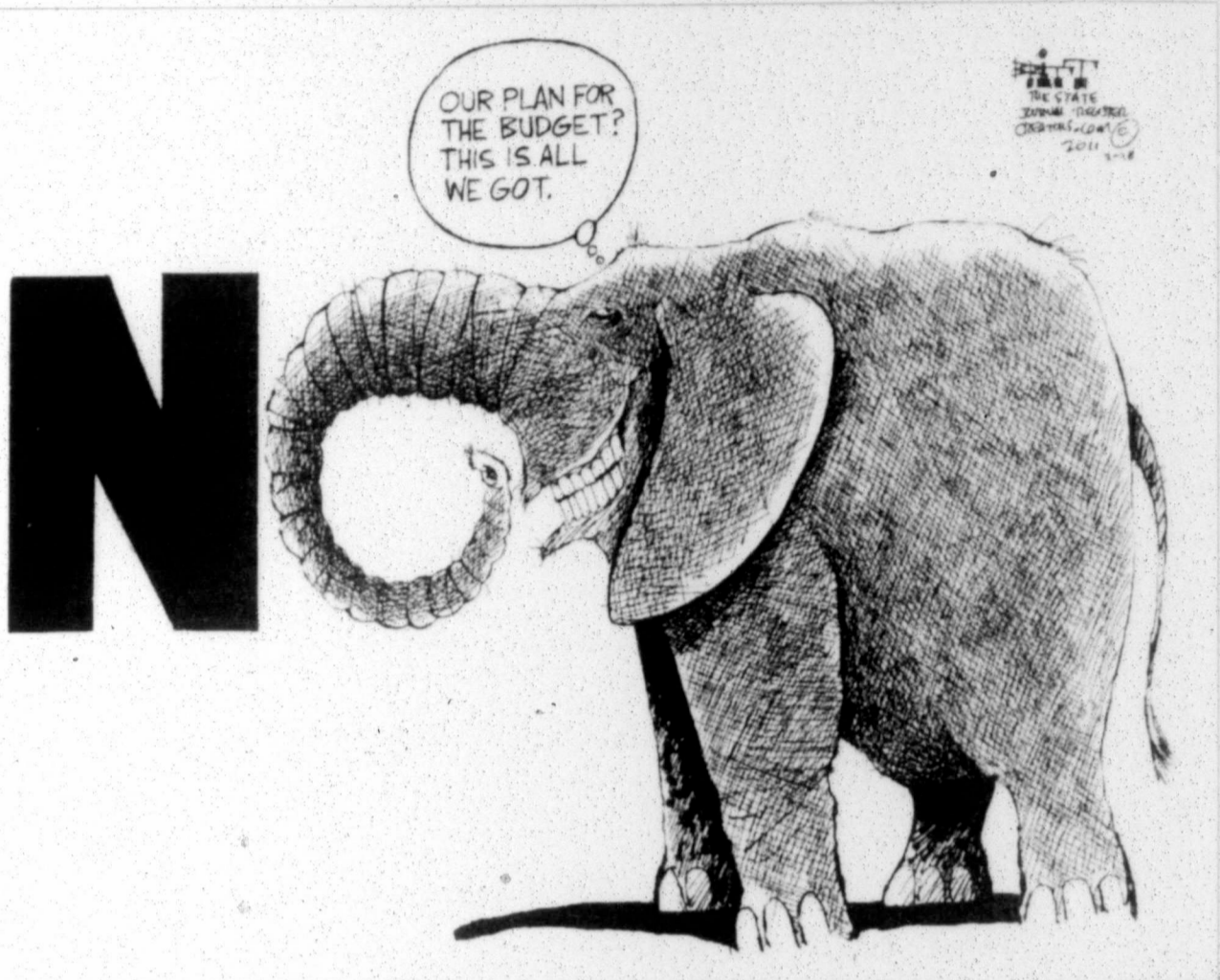
Ten years ago: The commander of the U.S. submarine that struck and sank a Japanese trawler off Hawaii expressed his "most sincere regret" - but Cmdr. Scott Waddle stopped short of an apology.

Five years ago: In Uganda, President Yoweri Museveni was declared the winner in the central African country's first multiparty election in 25 years. Actor Darren McGavin died in Los Angeles at age 83.

One year ago: President Barack Obama convened a health care summit with Democrats and Republicans; after a day of debate and disagreement, the president concluded the talkfest with a bleak assessment that an accord might not be possible. In Vancouver, the Canadian women beat the United States 2-0 for their third straight Olympic hockey title.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Ralph Stanley is 84. Actor Tom Coughtenay is 74. CBS newsman Bob Schieffer is 74. Actress Diane Baker is 73. Actress Karen Grassle is 67. Movie director Neil Jordan is 61. Rock musician Dennis Diken (The Smithereens) is 54. Actress Veronica Webb is 46. Actor Alexis Denisof is 45. Actress Tea Leoni is 45. Comedian Carrot Top is 44. Actress Lesley Boone is 43. Actor Sean Astin is 40. Singer Daniel Powter is 40. Latin singer Julio Iglesias Jr. is 38. Rock musician Richard Liles is 38. Actor Anson Mount is 38. Comedian Chelsea Handler is 36. Actress Rashida Jones is 35. Actor Justin Berfield is 25. Actors James and Oliver Phelps ("Harry Potter" movies) are 25. Rock musician Erik Haager (Carolina Liar) is 24.

Thought for Today: "He who never leaves his country is full of prejudices." — Carlo Goldoni, Italian playwright (born this date in 1707, died 1793)



Wisconsin 'Ground Zero' for labor war

During the showdown in Wisconsin, Republican Gov. Scott Walker's determination to repeal collective bargaining rights of state employees has led to open conflict with those employees and the unions that represent them. My conservative friends argue that unions now make sense in the private sector, where employers are powerful and rich, but do not make sense in the public sector, where the "employers" are average citizens like Joe Six-Pack.



MARK SHIELDS

This very recent conservative conversion to the cause of unions -- whose depleted ranks now represent barely one out of 12 private-sector workers, with their political muscle having shrunk correspondingly -- represents a complete U-turn from barely a generation ago, when labor unions -- then representing better than one out of three private-sector workers -- constituted, according to conservative doctrine, a mortal threat to both American democracy and our free enterprise system.

Let us stipulate that American labor unions are flawed, imperfect institutions (not unlike American businesses) run by flawed, imperfect individuals. Then we can also agree that history makes unmistakably clear that without the energy, passion and political clout of organized labor, United States workers would not have had an eight-hour work day, a five-day work week, a minimum-wage law, paid vacations, health and retirement benefits, child-labor laws or health and safety standards in the workplace.

Because of the ripple effect of labor contracts raising the hourly

wages of their members, non-union employees benefited with bigger paychecks and benefits. The rise of the American middle class in the postwar era was largely the product of the GI Bill and organized labor.

If you believe, as I do, that every worker is entitled to a just wage and a working environment that does not threaten her physical health or moral integrity, as well as to a pension and insurance for old age and sickness, then chances are that you agree with Catholic social teaching that workers have the right to form and join unions to secure these fundamental rights. Unions at their best can be instruments of solidarity.

At their worst, corrupt unions can exploit and sell out the interests of their own members, abet criminal activity and damage the larger community.

Which brings us to 2011 and Wisconsin -- where, like all Americans, workers in the private sector have taken a major economic hit. Between 1979 and 2009, the median hourly wage of the working American man actually fell by 2 percent. During those three decades, according to the reliable, if pro-worker, Economic Policy Institute, the nation's productivity -- the expansion of the whole economic pie -- increased by 80 percent.

Where did it go? The bottom 90 percent of American earners together were rewarded with just 16 percent of the economic benefits, while the top 1 percent collected 56 percent of all the economic prize and the top tenth of that most fortunate 1 percent -- approximately 129,712 privileged princes -- cornered 34 percent of all the economic growth or more than twice as much as the bottom 117 million-plus collectively earned.

Does it surprise you that this gaping economic disparity between the Incredibly Rich and the Rest of Us has exploded during an era when labor has basically been excluded from national economic policymaking? It shouldn't. Organized labor frankly has been less than inept in making any public case for its own existence, let alone for the cause of its membership.

Nor should it surprise anyone that hurting Wisconsin citizens who feel their own economic security and futures under assault could be vulnerable to a specious argument that it's somehow the fault of nurses, teachers, librarians, social workers and other public employees.

Understand that Wisconsin is nothing less than ground zero in the battle to strip American workers of their right to bargain collectively with their employers.

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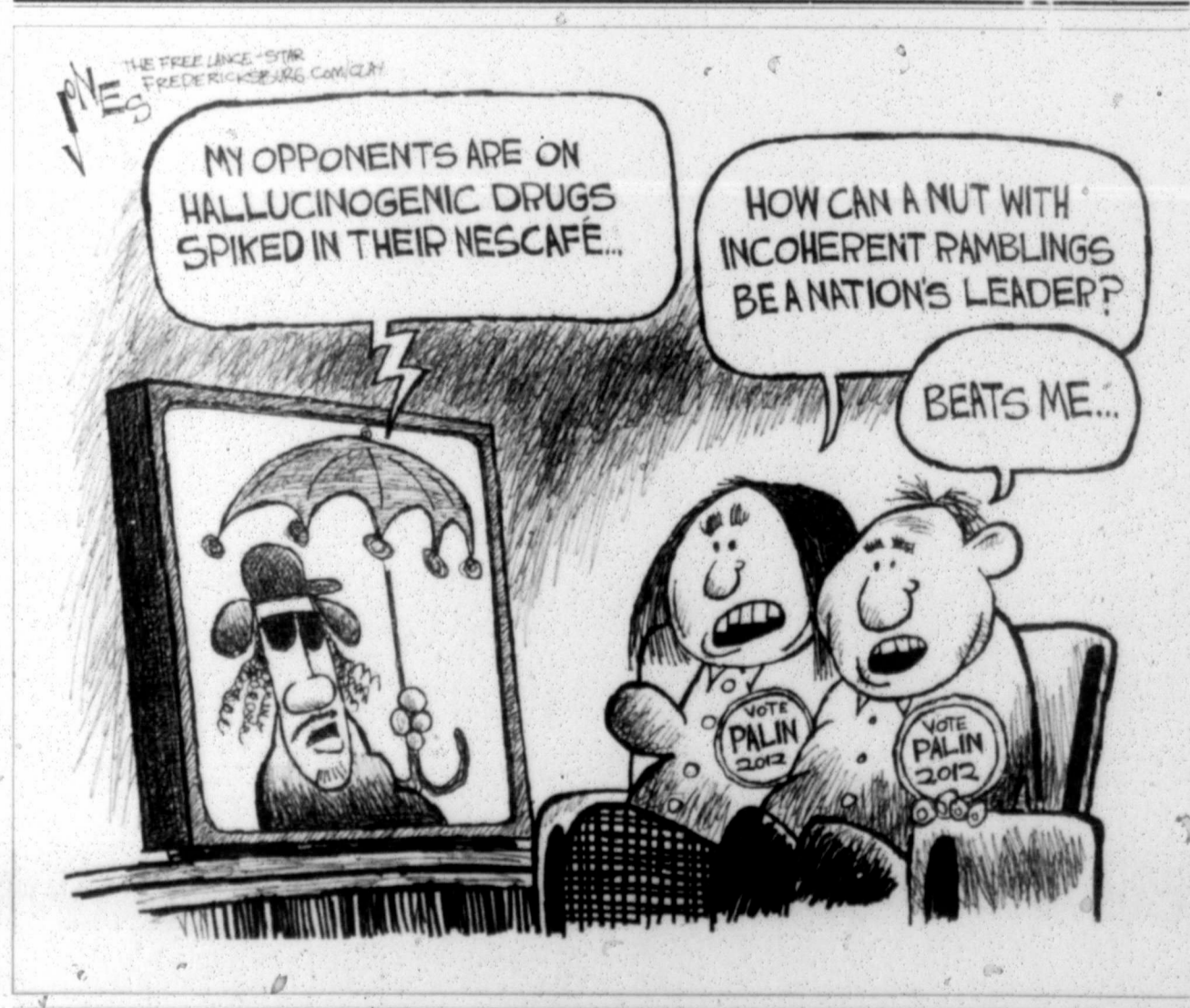
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Worship

How does a wife submit to her husband?

"Be nice, cook him food, do not talk back and kiss him," says Drew, 6.

Drew, have you considered life as a bachelor?

Cody, 8, has some thoughts on talking back: "Mom told Dad that bears did talk on the Discovery Channel. Mom argued that bears did not talk with words. Dad said they talked with sounds."

Is this bearing one another's burdens or just a spirited conversation?

No man in his right mind would marry a woman without opinions. Wives should never equate submission with passivity. But if your husband doesn't agree with you, don't pout. Let it go. Never resort to passive aggression. It cuts communication lines and erects barriers that lead to much bigger problems than the original disagreement.

"Wives should do most of the chores around the house, such as dusting, vacuuming, polishing, cleaning and window washing," says Sean, age unknown. "Let your husbands have some time to themselves to watch the game and eat chips."

Hmm, I wonder if Sean omitted his age to make it harder for a potential wife to identify his statements.

Many marriages might improve if guys pitched in around the house and if women paid more attention to their husbands' interests. Men would do well to lighten up on TV sports, increase conversation and decrease chip intake.

"Wives should submit to their husbands because they always know what is right," says Morgan, 7. "When a wife submits to her husband, she does it because she loves him."

Morgan cites two reasons for submission: love and conviction. When a woman loves her husband, it's easy to follow him. But what happens after an argument or when feelings are hurt? What happens when love for your husband seems like a distant memory and bitterness battles for your soul?

If a woman understands the biblical view of marriage, she'll submit not primarily because of love or even respect for her husband, but because she is honoring God by keeping the lifetime covenant she made on



CARY KINSOLVING

KIDS talk about GOD

her wedding day. She'll pray for her husband when he fails to love her as Christ loves his people. God will honor her faithfulness.

What if Jesus had failed to submit to his father's will because he didn't feel appreciated by the people for whom he died? Jesus established a new covenant when he died for our sins by which we receive eternal life. Would the new covenant hold any value if God divorced us every time we failed him?

Marriage represents something greater than love between a man and a woman. In God's design, it's a model of the union between Christ and the church, which is also known as the bride of Christ. In the Bible, the church consists of all who have trusted the Lord Jesus as their savior.

Think about this: God placed eternity in our hearts when he gave us a longing for intimacy. Submission is a beautiful thing, and it's essential for intimacy in marriage and in relationship with God. Receiving the gift of eternal life by faith alone in Christ is itself an act of submission. We submit to the Lord Jesus as the author and finisher of our salvation when we trust him alone as our savior.

Memorize this truth: "Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything" (Ephesians 5:24).

Ask this question: If the pizzazz has vanished from your marriage, can you trust God to show you ways to submit to your husband?

Cary Kinsolving is a syndicated newspaper columnist and seasoned religion reporter. Many of Kinsolving's feature articles have appeared in The Washington Post and other major newspapers via news services such as The New York Times News Service, Cox, Hearst and Donrey.

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

Nazarene Church to start revival and renewal service

JIMMYE COLE
Special to The Pampa News

Pastor Jimmye Cole and the congregation of the Church of the Nazarene welcome Rev. Larry & Tamla Leckrone for spiritual renewal from Saturday through Wednesday.

Larry Leckrone is an ordained elder and commissioned song evangelist in the Church of the Nazarene. He has devoted his life since graduating from Olivet Nazarene University to itinerant ministry in the field of evangelism. He has traveled full-time, conducting revivals, camp meetings, concerts, family life festivals, and kids' crusades.

Tamla is also a gifted musician and contributes greatly to ministry through the keyboards and singing. Her passion is to see people saved and sanctified and grow in grace.

They have a number of musical projects available for sale for you to enjoy long after they leave. Ministry

in other world areas has expanded as they personalize the gospel to many cultures and customs. They are in demand in a variety of settings and carry a burden to see God's Church revived in this day of nominalism. Their spirit is contagious and their message is pertinent.

The Leckrones' outreach to all ages emphasizes the great need for renewal in everyone. Their thirst for the Word and desire to proclaim the need for holy living helps others to catch a glimpse of the process and adventure in serving God through a surrendered life.

The week of renewal begins Saturday, at 7 p.m. with a gospel concert. Sunday services are at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Monday through Wednesday services are at 7 p.m. Come Wednesday at 6 p.m. for hotdogs and more. The church is located at 500 N West Street Call 669-3144 if you have any questions.

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Libya draws condemnation from UN

GENEVA (AP) — Governments around the world sharply condemned Libya's crackdown against opposition protesters Friday, calling for a probe into possible crimes against humanity and recommending the country's suspension from the U.N.'s top human rights body.

The unanimous decision at the end of a daylong emergency meeting of the U.N. Human Rights Council was dramatically preceded by the public defection of all Libyan diplomats in Geneva to the opposition — swelling the rebellion of Libyan officials around the globe.

Within hours Friday, senior Libyan diplomats in Portugal, France, Sweden and at the U.N.'s cultural and education organization UNESCO announced their rejection of Moammar Gadhafi's regime.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy, meanwhile, called on Gadhafi to relinquish power after more than four decades.

The U.N.'s High Commissioner for Human Rights warned that the mass killings in Libya, possibly of thousands, required the world to "step in vigorously" and immediately end the government's brutal suppression of protests in the North African country.

"The crackdown in Libya of peaceful demonstrations is escalating alarmingly with reported mass killings, arbitrary arrests, detention and torture of protesters," U.N. rights chief Navi Pillay told the 47-nation council.

Stowers

Warner added, Culberson Stowers' trademark has always been their excellent customer service.

"In her letter nominating the Pampa Business of the Year, (Redonn Woods) reports that its customers and employees say the same thing," Warner said. "They treat you right. As a customer of Pampa's Business of the Year, I can tell you from personal experience that's true."

"If you have a problem or a question, you can walk right in without an appointment and speak with one of the owners."

The Stowers certainly got their share of walk-ups on Thursday, but there were no problems or questions — just smiles and congratulations. And for the first time in a very long time, the Stowers didn't know what to say.

"I just want to thank everyone," Richard said. "It's the employees that we have, the people, the customers. Everybody. This is a big honor, and I just want to say thanks."

For more on Culberson Stowers as the 2010 Pampa Business of the Year, check out next week's The Pampa News special section on the Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet.

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Hite

Hopkins was very complimentary to Hite in presenting her award.

"(She has) a kindness and a vitality that draws those around an individual like this to them, no matter what they're doing," Hopkins said. "Whether it be their activities one-on-one with someone or their demeanor in a room full of people, this person has that effect on people."

"This person has definitely had their share of adversity, as we all do," continued Hopkins. "But it seems that these great people usually at some point in their lives have endured some great adversity or continue on a daily basis. I think this person has and continues to do that. They continue to live their lives in a positive way that affects those around them."

Hite, as she usually is, was humble about the honor.

"Thank you, thank you Pampa," Hite said in a statement on Friday morning. "Pampa people have been a blessing to me and my family. Our little city has caring, loving, and genuine people who care about each other."

"Being selected Pampa Citizen of the Year is a humbling honor, I hope it encourages other citizens to take action in our community."

For more on Ramona Hite as the 2010 Pampa Citizen of the Year, check out next week's The Pampa News special section on the Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm concerned about my friend Nyla. She's 15 and pregnant. Nyla and her family are happy about it! As her friend, I'm not. I think she should have waited.

I keep telling her that her life is ruined and she'll regret having a baby this early, but she doesn't listen. It would be better if she had help, but she doesn't. Nyla's family is poor.

Now she is angry with me because of what I keep telling her. What can I do to help her understand me, and not get mad when I tell her something? — VIRGINIA TEEN

DEAR VIRGINIA TEEN: If you want Nyla to "understand" you, quit lecturing her because it's only making her defensive. Defensive people don't listen. How any family, rich or poor, could be "happy" about the pregnancy of an unwed 15-year-old is beyond me. But your friend IS pregnant and she's keeping the baby.

So be a real friend and encourage her to finish high school so she can prepare herself for a job that will enable her to support her little one. If she completes her edu-

cation, the chances are better that her child will, too. But if she doesn't, the reverse is also true, and the repercussions will go on for another generation.

DEAR ABBY: I need help. When we started dating, my (now) husband told me he didn't care about past relationships because "the past is the past and it's over." Now he has begun grilling me about every boyfriend I've ever had, demanding details about every aspect of the relationships, physical, emotional — whatever.

He makes snide remarks and asks if I would like him to track them down and if I'd like to sleep with them again. At first, I thought he was joking, but it has escalated to text messages and threats of divorce if I don't tell him everything he wants to know. I have been sick to my stomach the last few days, and I think this fits the definition of emotional abuse. I don't know whether to suggest counseling or just tell him to go.

He was wonderful when we first got together, but now he says marrying me was just a ruse to get sex. What can I do? I

miss the person he used to be. He has always seemed concerned that I would eventually cheat on him, although I have given him no reason to think so and have assured him repeatedly that I want only him. Why is this happening? — SICK TO MY STOMACH IN OHIO

DEAR SICK TO YOUR STOMACH: It's because you didn't really know the man you married. The way he presented himself was, in his words, "all a ruse" to convince you to marry him "to get sex." He appears to have increasing anxiety about how he measures up to your past lovers.

Harassing you for details and threatening to contact them is, frankly, sick behavior. He needs counseling, and unless he seeks it immediately you should get out of there. If you stay, the emotional abuse could escalate to physical abuse. To ensure your safety, contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline (800) 799-7233 and discuss this with a trained counselor.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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BANANAGRAMS!

For each of the words below, replace one letter with the tile after the plus sign. Then rearrange the letters to spell the name of a U.S. state.

ADVENT + A

SAUNAS + K

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RADIO + H

Yesterday's Answer: MAGNUM, TATTOO, STUDIO, BEFORE, ELIXIR, EMBLEM

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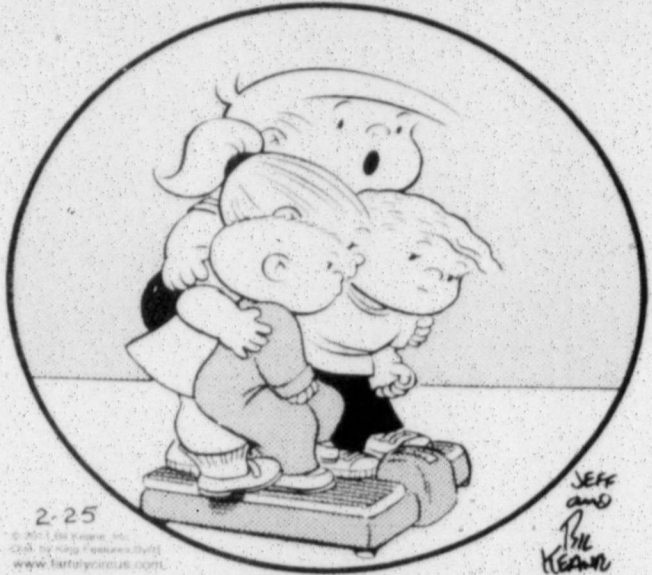
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



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"Mommy, guess how much children you have?"

Non Sequitur



Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Feb. 26, 2011:

This year, you will make a big difference. Your diligence comes forward. Your intuition guides you with authority figures. Adapt to new and old friends with changing needs. Your popularity will soar. If you are single, you will have the opportunity to change that status. If you are attached, the two of you will bond even more if you step out into your community and circle of friends more. CAPRICORN can be counted on.

A baby born Feb. 26, 2011, before 11:32 a.m. Pacific Time has a Sun in Pisces, Moon in Sagittarius. After that time, a Sun in Pisces, Moon in Capricorn.

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)
***** Allow yourself the luxury of simply responding, of going off and doing exactly what you want. Late afternoon demands your full attention. Be clear as to your intentions. Tonight: You could go till the wee hours.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20)
***** Luxuriate, doing what you most enjoy, spending time with a loved one. Don't allow plans or someone else to interfere with this special moment. This afternoon, go for an adventure. Tonight: Opt for something different.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20)
***** Others knock on your door. It seems as if many people need to speak to you and just you. Establish your limits. In the afternoon, take off and pursue a favorite activity or hobby. A partner or friend doesn't mean to be controlling. Tonight: Add more romance to the moment.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22)
***** Clear out errands quickly, and leave time for the frivolous or simply for enjoying a special friendship. Really, it doesn't matter what you do, as much as spending quality time together. Tonight: Accept an invitation that tosses you among many people.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
***** Be true to your core and allow more joyfulness. Not only do kids and lovers delight in your inner child, so do people in general. By example, you are giving permission to do the same. Use care with a project or mechanical equipment. Tonight: Don't push.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
*** Push to get through some per-

sonal projects. By the afternoon, you'll free yourself up and really kick back. Only you can stop you from enjoying yourself. Romance — for those of that mind-set — could flame and delight even the most logical Virgos. Tonight: Fan the flames.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)
***** Return calls, make plans and don't feel limited by normal constraints. The afternoon presents time with the family, or you might be up for throwing a shindig at your place. Reach out for someone who has seemed a little off as of late. Tonight: Do what comes naturally.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)
***** Be aware that you have a lot to offer. Your intelligence and many of your characteristics might be valued by quite a few people. A discussion over lunch could go till the wee hours. Exchanging ideas could develop into other favorite shared activities. Tonight: Ask.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
***** Spread your wings and follow your feelings. Touch base with an old friend, or maybe toss plans into the waste basket. Perhaps instead of watching the ball game you would rather play. You can do that too. Tonight: Relish the moment.

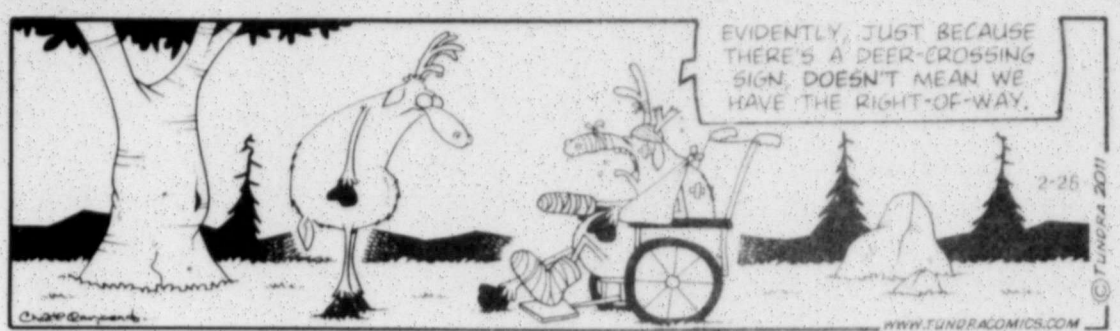
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
*** Imagine what it is like to be someone else. Then, perhaps, it will be easier to remain courteous and caring toward this person. You might even make plans with him or her in the afternoon or near future. Tonight: Make the first move, no matter where or what.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
*** Touch base with friends, but honor a need to perhaps vanish and get extra work done in the afternoon. Fess up — you also might want to snooze or watch a movie. You need down periods in order to function on as high of a level as you do most of the time. Tonight: Remember, you don't need to tell everyone what you do.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20)
*** Restore your relationship with an older or conservative friend or relative. You will rejoice once you have taken action, feeling free and relieved. Why live in worry, concern and the abstract when you can change that situation? Tonight: Where you are, there is a party.

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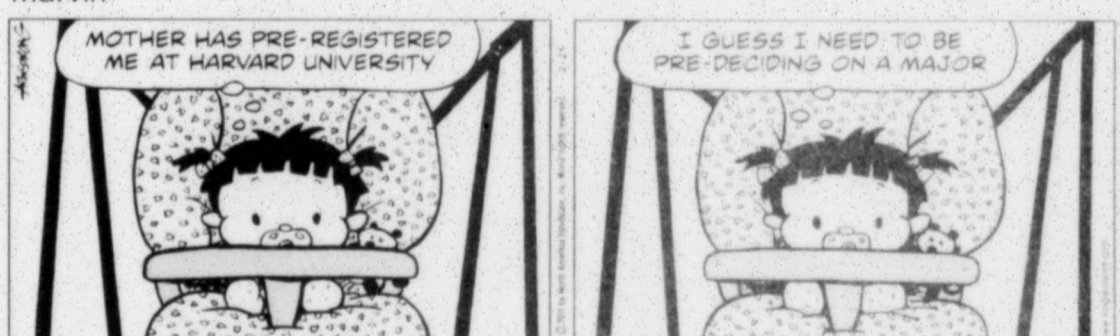
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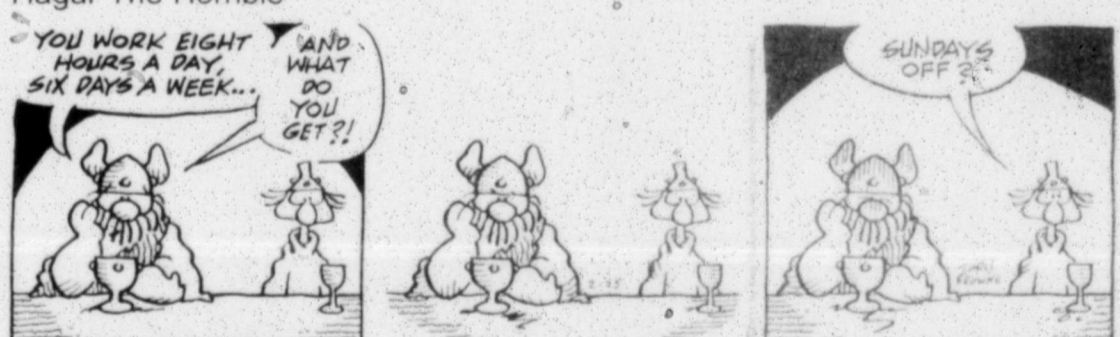
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 Saturday

Truck Series
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BURNING ISSUES

► The great exception to Daytona's two-car drafting phenomenon was the Camping World Truck Series, where the racing was about the same as always.

► Up until Trevor Bayne's incredible upset in the Daytona 500, the "feel-good" story of Daytona Speedweeks was Michael Waltrip's victory in the NextEra Energy Resources 250, run exactly 100 years after Waltrip's first Daytona 500 victory and the death of Dale Earnhardt.

► One big question emerging out of Daytona will be set aside for now: Given the surprises of Daytona, what will happen at the next "pole race," at Talladega Superspeedway on April 17.

► Most thought the advantageous place to be on the final lap of the Daytona 500 was second place. Bayne disproved that.

► The most recent Daytona 500 established records for lead changes (74), leaders (22) and caution flags (16).

► The "feel-good story" of Daytona was Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s practice crash after winning the 500 pole. Though officially credited as the pole winner, he had to start the race in last place and wound up placing 24th after a late crash.

► Nationwide Series driver Michael Annett received only probation from NASCAR after being arrested for "driving while intoxicated" after a traffic accident. His blood alcohol content was four times the legal limit in North Carolina, and the accident occurred while he was "texting."

► Carl Edwards has finished first, first and second in his past three races, dating back to the end of 2010. Since Bayne "declared" to compete for the championship in the Nationwide Series, Edwards is the Cup points leader with 42 points. Tied for second, with 41, are David Gilliland and Bobby Labonte, the 2000 champion.

2011 STANDINGS

Sprint Cup	Pts.
1. Carl Edwards	42
2. David Gilliland	41
3. Bobby Labonte	41
4. Kurt Busch	38
5. Juan Pablo Montoya	33
6. Regan Smith	28
7. Kyle Busch	27
8. Paul Menard	26
9. Mark Martin	25
A.J. Allmendinger	24
11. Bill Elliott	10
12. Tony Stewart	11

Nationwide Series	Pts.
1. Landon Cassill	41
2. Reed Sorenson	32
3. Jason Leffler	30
4. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	25
5. Trevor Bayne	24
6. Mike Bliss	20
7. Danica Patrick	10
8. Joe Nemechek	12
9. Jeremy Clements	13
10. Bobby Santos	14

Camping World Truck Series	Pts.
1. Clay Rogers	42
2. Miguel Paludo	32
3. Jeffery Earnhardt	25
Ricky Carmichael	25
James Buescher	25
6. Matt Crafton	8
Timmy Peters	8
8. Max Papis	10
9. David Starr	11
10. Cole Whitt	12

WHO'S HOT AND WHO'S NOT

Who's hot: Trevor Bayne needed a mere two races to reach Sprint Cup victory glory. His wasn't the only surprise. ... Another relatively obscure driver, David Gilliland, finished third.

Who's not: Kevin Harvick, who had been running at the finish in 150 consecutive races, placed 42nd after suffering engine failure. ... Another driver from the Childress stable, Jeff Burton, suffered a similar fate, placing 36th.



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WHAT'S UP NEXT

SPRINT CUP
Race: Subway Fresh Fit 500
Where: Phoenix International Raceway, Avondale, Ariz. (1.0 mi.), 312 laps/miles.
When: Sunday, Feb. 27
Last year's winner: Ryan Newman, Chevy
Qualifying record: Carl Edwards, Ford, 136.389 mph, Nov. 14, 2010.
Race record: Tony Stewart, Pontiac, 118.132 mph, Nov. 7, 1999.
Last week: Trevor Bayne, competing in only his second Cup race, pulled off a memorable upset in NASCAR's most prestigious race, holding on to win the Daytona 500 over another Ford driver, Carl Edwards.

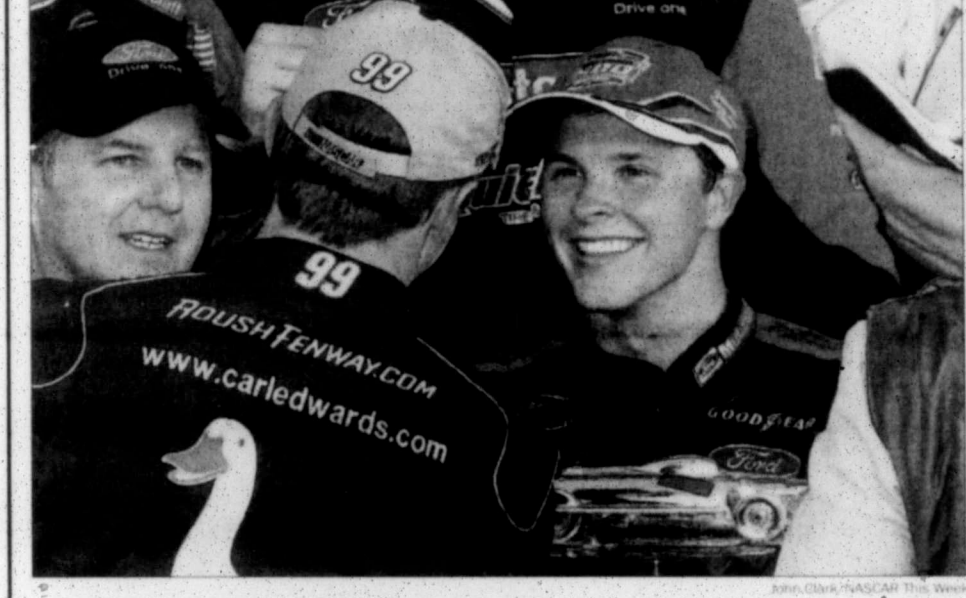
NATIONWIDE
Race: Bashas' Supermarkets 200
Where: Phoenix International Raceway, Avondale, Ariz. (1.0 mi.), 200 laps/miles.
When: Saturday, Feb. 26
Last year's winner: Kyle Busch, Toyota
Qualifying record: Joey Logano, Toyota, 134.048 mph, Nov. 13, 2010.
Race record: Jeff Burton, Ford, 115.145 mph, Nov. 4, 2000.
Last week: Tony Stewart won Daytona's annual Nationwide season opener, the Drive4COPD 300, for the fourth consecutive year, edging another Chevy driver, Clint Bowyer by only 7/10,000ths of a second.

PHOENIX DATA
FOX Feb. 27 Nov. 13 ESPN

Distance: 1.0 mile oval
Length of frontstretch: 1,179 ft.
Length of backstretch: 1,551 ft.
Miles/Laps: 312 mi. - 312 laps

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

TREVOR BAYNE SPRINT CUP SERIES No. 21 MOTORCRAFT FORD FUSION



After 51 Nationwide races and just one Sprint Cup race last season, 20-year-old Trevor Bayne, seen shaking Carl Edwards' hand in victory lane, won the Daytona 500. Bayne, a Knoxville, Tenn., native, ran among the leaders all day long and led only the last six laps.

Bayne From Out Of Nowhere

Youngest Daytona winner conjures memories of Cope, Lund

By Monte Dutton
 NASCAR This Week

Without question, Trevor Bayne is a young man we shall get to know better.

That's what happens when a 20-year-old wins NASCAR's premier showcase, the 53rd Daytona 500.

Here's some of what we know about Bayne: (1) He turned 20 on the day before the race; (2) because he "declared" to compete for the Nationwide Series instead of Sprint Cup, he received no driver points for one of the great upsets in NASCAR history; (3) he is deeply religious; (4) his victory was the 600th in the history of Ford in NASCAR's top series, and (5) he gave the historic Wood Brothers team its first victory in almost 10 years.

Bayne, whose No. 21 Ford ran among the leaders all afternoon, actually led only the final six laps, resisting a last-lap charge by another Ford driver, Carl Edwards, who has now finished first, first and second in his past three races.

Team co-owner Eddie Wood said of Bayne, who was competing only his second Cup race: "That's what I noticed in him right off the bat. He knows how to do this. It's new to him. It's all brand-new. He caught on to the

way everyone else was doing it. ... He's got a tremendous awareness. I guess, in the car, the great ones are like that."

Bayne is from Knoxville, Tenn. In winning the 500, he earned \$1,462,563, which is more than \$10,000 more than his earnings in a career total of 51 Nationwide Series races.

"Definitely, I want to model myself after Jesus," said Bayne. "He was just the man. You know, I mean, I want to follow in His footsteps, just model myself after everything that He did, which is impossible."

"The biggest thing I've ever done and could ever do is just finding Christ. That's the biggest thing. That's the reason I'm here. That's my whole platform. He's put me here for this reason. ... These are great things, but they go away with time. That's something that can never go away."

Bayne's victory was the biggest Daytona 500 upset in 48 years, surpassing Derrick Cope's 1990 victory and bringing back memories of the late Tiny Lund's victory in 1963. Lund was a substitute driver for Marvin Panich, who had been severely burned in a sports car crash. Lund helped pull Panich from the burning wreckage and got a chance to compete in his place. That victory was also in No. 21, a Ford owned by ... the Wood Brothers.

FEUD OF THE WEEK



MICHAEL WALTRIP VS. DAVID REUTIMANN

Waltrip, who had won the Camping World Truck Series race two nights earlier, got together with his teammate and employee, and the incident touched off a massive pileup that eliminated many of the sport's stars from its biggest race.

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his take: "Waltrip defended himself vigorously, declaring that he had done nothing wrong in either this incident or an earlier one involving Kyle Busch. The mistake was one of judgment. Many others thought it a bit risky (but 25) to be racing so aggressively for position."

YOUR TURN

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

A Plan For Daytona

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,

I think I have a solution for that mess they call a race at Daytona. Here goes! Instead of one winner, why not make it a two-car deal? After a certain number of laps, say 20, whoever you are hooked up with is your partner for the rest of the race. The first car across the finish line would be declared the winner with the "pusher" also declared the winner. It would be feasible for the "pusher" to be actually in third or fourth place so we would have to declare the "pusher" as a winner also. Things could get a little technical as there are 43 cars out there racing. The odd car would bid his time until attention took care of the numbers and gave him a dancing partner. This would conceivably put that car laps down but that would not count against him—only the lead car, the one being pushed, would have his position on the track count for or against him. So, open up the grille, fix it so the entire race can be run "hooked up" and let the fans enjoy the race again.

As it is now, unless you are just waiting on the wrecks, there is nothing about Daytona that will appeal to the average race fan.

Charlie Gholston
 Dallas, N.C.

Your is certainly an imaginative solution, Charlie, but we don't think NASCAR is going to go for it.

FAN TIPS

Toyota's Newest Contest

Toyota Racing has announced the third round of its popular Sponsor's contest, where fans can design and enter their own NASCAR Sprint Cup car at www.toyotaracing.com from now until March 20. This year's contest raises the stakes and gives one lucky fan the opportunity to receive a visit from his or her favorite Toyota NASCAR driver away from the race track.

LEGENDS AND LORE

Desert Mile's First Champ was Kulwicki in 1988

NASCAR's first appearance at Phoenix International Raceway, the so-called Desert Mile, occurred on Nov. 6, 1988. The winner was the late Alan Kulwicki, who would go on to capture the 1992 Winston Cup championship. Kulwicki, from Greenfield, Wis., remains the only champion of NASCAR's premier series to have earned a four-year college degree. Kulwicki died in a plane crash near Bristol, Tenn., on April 1, 1993, at the age of 38.

Matter of time — Eventually Rick Hendrick's NASCAR empire touches almost everything. Bill Elliott never drove a Hendrick-owned Chevy, but his 15-year-old son Chase signed a contract to join the Hendrick Motorsports development program. The younger Elliott will compete in a variety of series this year.

By the numbers — The Daytona 500 has never been postponed by rain. The races in 1965, 1966, 2003 and 2009 were all shortened by rain. In 1964, Richard Petty led a record 184 of the 200 laps, and there were only seven lead changes in both '64 and '65.

Stewart gives the two-car drafts the thumbs up

By Monte Dutton
 NASCAR This Week

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Many fans don't like the two-car drafts that have revolutionized the racing at Daytona International Speedway this year. Many drivers profess to love it.

Why the difference? Tony Stewart said it makes the driver more important.

"Yeah, it's definitely put a lot more back into the driver's hands, for sure," he said. "Where you're at, with the partner you choose to run with out there at the time where you place your car and where you make the changes, it's all about what the drivers are doing. It's not the car doing the exchanges anymore. I like that aspect of it."

"Historically, in the past, it's been just hoping you got in the right line and hope that it went forward enough that you could switch and go back and forth; kind of like being in a traffic jam. At least we're out of the traffic jam now and have a little more control over our own destinies. Like the aspect that at least it's put some of the driver back into the equation."

Block magic — No one would dare overturn, or for that matter discredit, Michael Waltrip's inspirational victory in Friday night's Truck race, but an

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incredible stroke of luck contributed mightily. When Waltrip's Toyota zipped past Elliott Sadler between the fourth turn and the finish, it was aided in no small part by the absence of most of the rear spoiler, which had been knocked down somehow. The absence of drag on the straight contributed to Waltrip's surge past Sadler's Chevy.

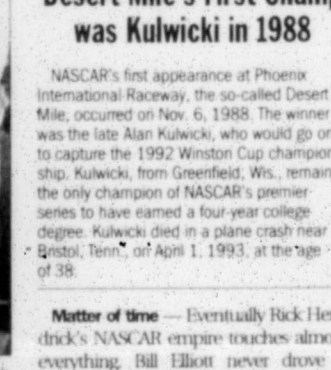
Perfect crime — Denny Hamlin, who lost the Shootout because he drove below the yellow line, pointed out that it is also against the rules to force someone below it.

"That's probably the least-used rule in the book," he said. "The guy who forces the guy down ... is the one who's causing these wrecks. He's the guy who's forcing these wrecks to happen."

Hamlin said he wasn't talking about Ryan Newman, with whom he was drafting in the Budweiser Shootout.

Somewhat — Restrictor plates, though obviously not carburetor restrictor plates, will remain in use at Daytona and Talladega a year from now when NASCAR finally makes a change to fuel-injected engines in the Cup series.

LEGENDS AND LORE



While many drivers are not fond of Daytona's repaved track, Tony Stewart has come out saying he likes the fact that driver skill comes back into the equation.

NASCAR Vice President Robin Pemberton said the new power plants will be "cheaper proof," thanks to technology developed by McLaren. Concerns about policing the technology has long been a red flag cited by NASCAR when the subject of fuel injection arose.

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Sports

Hunt's hit, Killgo's strong outing carry Harvesters

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Before Thursday's opener against the Dalhart Golden Wolves, Pampa head baseball coach Kaleb Snelgrooves told freshman Ethan Hunt that he is going to get playing time this weekend.

Hunt was at the plate in the bottom of the fourth with the game tied at two and facing a full count with the bases loaded. The freshman stepped out of the batter's box and got the sign from Snelgrooves to swing away. Hunt stepped back into the box, brought the bat up and nailed the next pitch to left field for a two RBI double. That double put the Harvesters in front and sparked a seven-run inning in a 12-2 victory at Harvester Field.

Head coach Kaleb Snelgrooves said he couldn't be more happy for Hunt.

"For him to come through with a big hit on a full count, bases loaded and a freshman, I'm really excited what he can do the next four years," Snelgrooves said.

Hunt said it felt good playing in his first varsity game and was glad he had an impact.

"It felt great to be on varsity as a freshman," Hunt said. "I was so nervous that I was going to miss but I took (the sign) and it felt great to drive those guys in and give us the lead."

Junior Collin Killgo pitched a gem allowing two runs on two hits, walked one and struck out 10 to earn the win. Killgo said he was able to develop good chemistry with senior catcher Brent Green.

"Brent (Green) gave me a sign and I gave him a sign," Killgo said. "I knew what I had to do to get (Dalhart) out."

Snelgrooves said Killgo delivered like he did on opening day last season.

"Anytime you can get 10 strikeouts from your pitcher, especially when it's their first outing its unbelievable," Snelgrooves said. "He hit the ball for us today and pitched well. I gave him the ball last year on opening day and he delivered again this year."

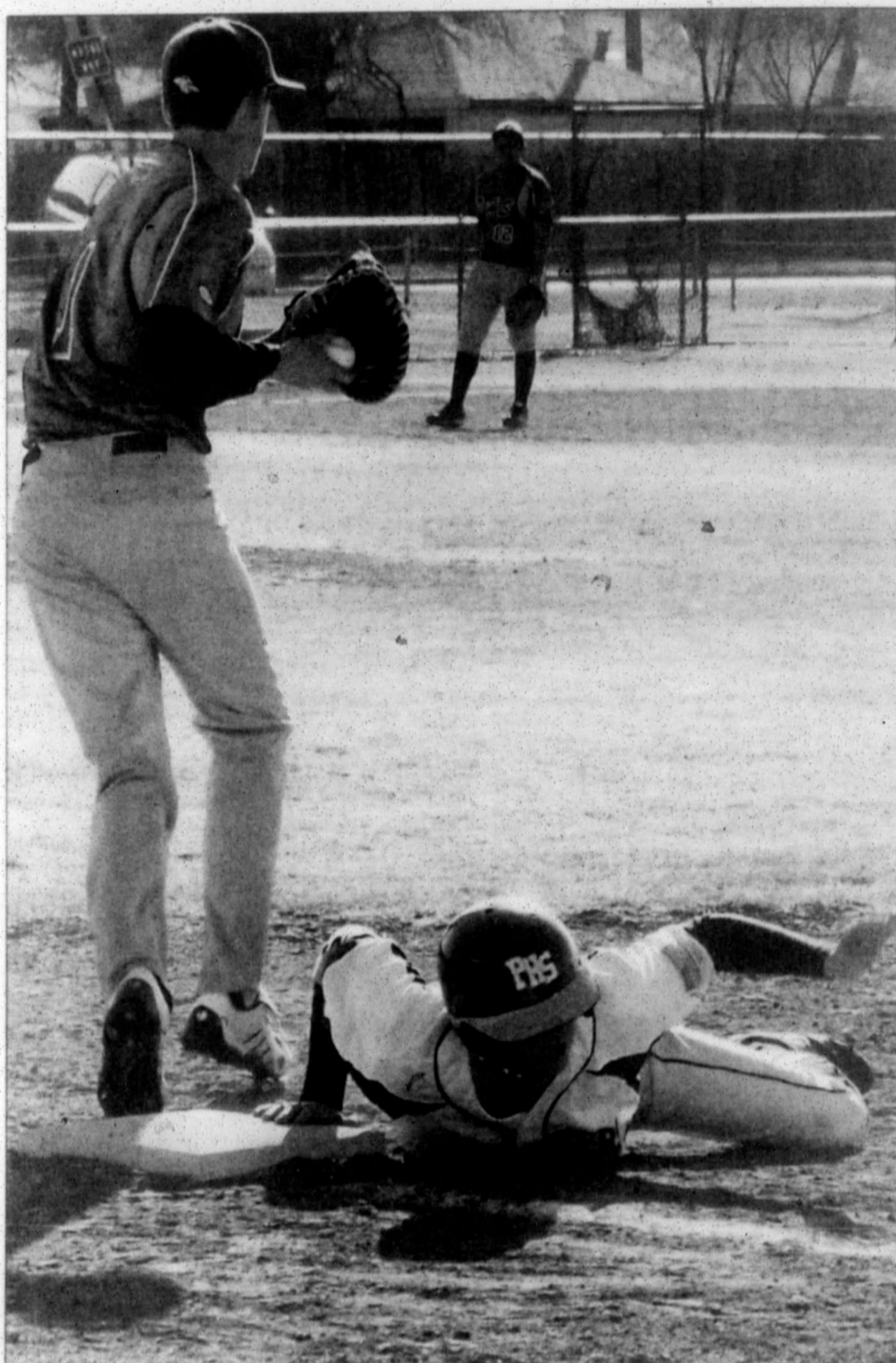
The Harvesters took the lead in the bottom of the first inning. Senior Mitch Simon was up and got a ball in the dirt. Killgo got a large lead of first and drew the catcher's attention prompting a throw. Green ran for home and slid in safely ahead of the throw. Killgo made it to third where he would be stranded.

The Golden Wolves took their only lead of the game in the top of the second. With two outs and runners on second and third, Luis Morales hit a flyball to left and Zach Graves couldn't haul it in allowing the ball to reach the fence. Victor Martinez and Antonio Ottaviani scored to make it 2-1 Dalhart.

The Golden Wolves lead was short lived. In the bottom of the third Killgo hit a two-out double to center and scored Tyler Malone to tie the game at two. Pampa broke the game open in the bottom of the fourth, as they scored seven runs on five hits. Hunt drove in two with a double, Green walked a run home and Killgo and Simon each hit RBI singles. Dalhart used three pitchers to get through the inning.

Kevin Watson started for the Golden Wolves and earned the loss in three innings pitched. Pampa scored four runs with three earned on four hits, walked three and struck out four. Morales pitched one third of an inning and Martinez pitched the rest of the game.

The Harvesters (1-0) host Sanford-Fritch 1 p.m. Friday and close out pool play with River Road 3:30 p.m. Friday.



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Senior catcher Brent Green is safe at first after returning to the base on an attempted pickoff. Green and senior pitcher Colin Killgo developed a good rapport during the game.

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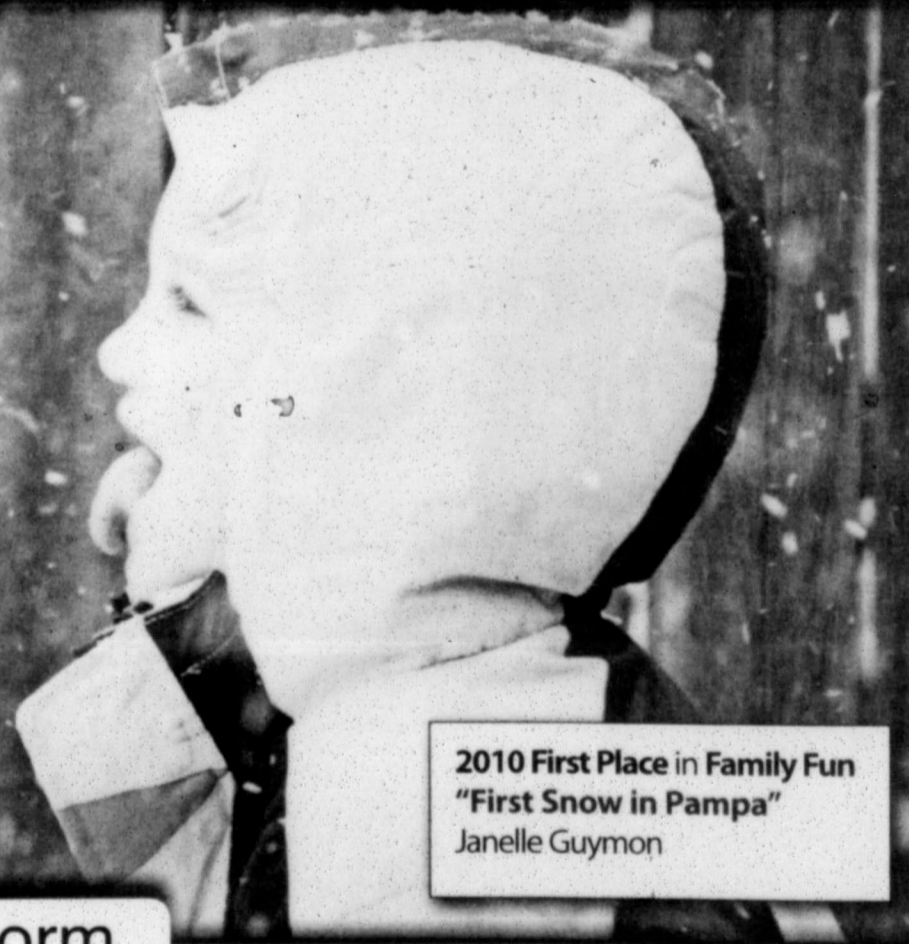
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