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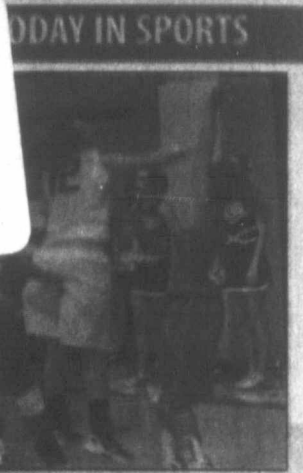
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City moves forward with well, animal shelter projects

■ Bid awarded to Wichita firm for wells; negotiations to begin for new shelter

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Pampa's City Commission approved the next steps to a pair of municipal projects at its regular meeting on Tuesday, held at 4 p.m. at the City Commission Chamber in City Hall.

The Commission awarded a bid for the drilling of two new municipal wells to the Layne Christensen Company, based in Wichita, Kan.

Layne Christensen had submitted a base proposal bid of \$1,052,728 for the construction of the wells and discharge piping improvements.

The company had submitted the lowest of three bids received by the city. Consultants Parkhill, Smith & Cooper recommended that the city accept Layne Christensen's bid, a recommendation the city heeded.

"We did call (Layne Christensen's) references and checked to see how they

responded," said Scott W. Honeyfield, vice president of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper. "Not all of them were good. I'll say the majority of them were good. We just take that as a symbol that we need to be very proactive pre-bid to let them know what the project is or what's expected, and then during construction that we give ample oversight during that."

The wells are funded through the city's **CITY** cont. on page 2

RISING ABOVE



Senior Reid Miller leaps for a rebound in the second half against Peryton. Miller and his teammates achieved a measure of vindication during their tough district run, as the Harvesters used a team effort to win their first district game, 67-60, Tuesday at McNeely Fieldhouse. Full story in **SPORTS**, page 10.

Cielo grants \$75,000 to Clarendon

■ Pact facilitated through PEDC, PEC involvement

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Cielo Wind Services has presented a \$75,000 grant to the Clarendon College Pampa Center Wind Energy Technology training program.

At the college's wind technology building on Tuesday morning, Jon Robertson, development manager at Cielo, made the check presentation to Raymond Jaramillo, Clarendon College Pampa Center's vice president of off-campus affairs. The grant was facilitated by the Pampa Economic Development Corporation and the Pampa Energy Center, with whom Cielo has been working with for the last few months, Robertson said.

"I first met (PEDC executive director) Clay (Rice) out at the **GRANT** cont. on page 2

Siberian bishop speaks at Pampa's Zion Lutheran

■ Lytkin returns to Pampa after first visit in 2008

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Churchgoers and guests at the Zion Lutheran Church on Monday weren't spared the details. "The Lutheran church lost all property," Reverend Vsevolod Lytkin, bishop of the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church, said in his presentation. "The priests one by one were arrested and died in prison. After 1940, there were no Lutheran priests."

Lytkin described the events that happened 70 years ago under the reign of Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin to talk about the progress the Siberian Lutheran Church has made since that time.

It was the Russian bishop's second visit to Zion Lutheran; he had previously visited the church in 2008.

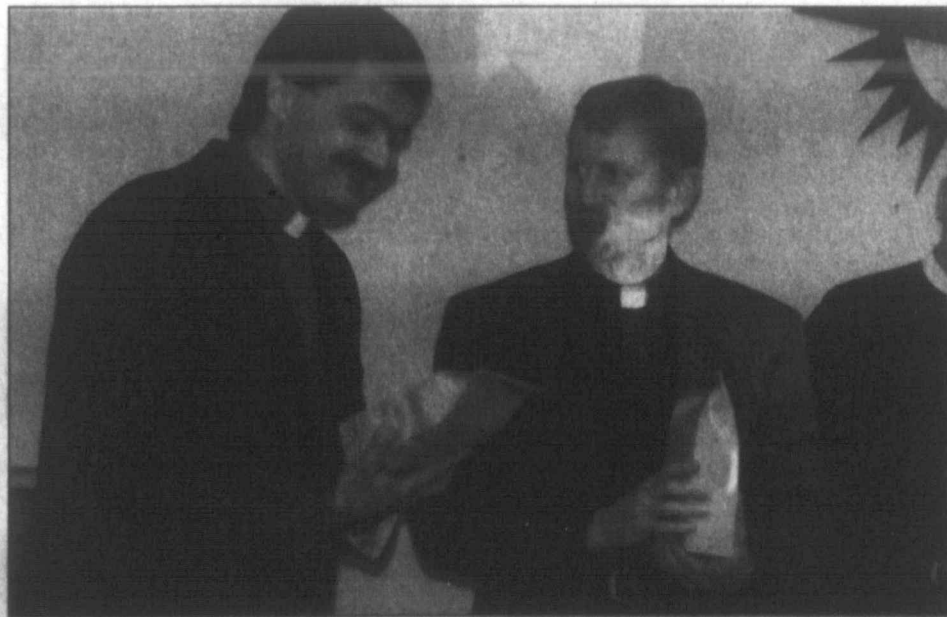
Zion Lutheran Michael Erickson said it was an honor for him to return. "He does a really good

job of presenting the challenges Lutherans face in a country where Christianity is decimated," Erickson said. "As Americans, we get complacent because we have so much. Our brothers in Siberia are very faithful with the gospel and want to share with a country that is in need of that."

Lytkin said he enjoys visiting Zion.

"I like the people here and their hospitality," Lytkin said. "I like how they are warm to us and they have helped us."

Zion Lutheran has sent funds to Lytkin's church, which Lytkin said still **LYTKIN** cont. on page 2



Reverend Vsevolod Lytkin (left) receives two bags of coffee from Zion Lutheran Church pastor Michael Erickson Monday night.

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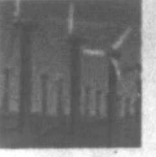
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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Thursday	Friday
		
High 52 Low 30	High 50 Low 27	High 57 Low 24

Today: A 20 percent chance of rain before noon. Partly sunny, with a high near 52. Wind chill values between 21 and 31 early. North wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 30. Wind chill values between 19 and 24. North wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 50. Windy, with a north northeast wind 25 to 30 mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 27. North northwest wind around 10 mph.

Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 57. Breezy, with a north northwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 24. Blustery, with a north northwest wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

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Lytkin

faces several challenges. "It's very cold," Lytkin said. "The distances are far. We have to travel all the time. Our parish is very poor. Our church can't support itself." After talking about the communists' persecution, Lytkin showed pictures of the old Lutheran churches that were destroyed. He added the restoration was a challenge because the Christian tradition was broken. "Many people don't remember Christianity," Lytkin said. "Some remember their great

grandfathers were Christians. Most people don't know about Christianity." Lytkin showed a map of Russia and talked about how big the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church is now. "Our territory is 7,000 miles," Lytkin said. Some of the parishes and mission stations don't have resident pastors, forcing Lytkin and some of his fellow bishops to travel to them. The Siberian bishop wrapped up his presentation talking about his church's

ministries. "We brought Christmas gifts to a very poor village," Lytkin said. "We have bread distribution. We buy bread from locals and distribute to locals." Erickson said it was important for his congregation to hear Lytkin's message. "It helps us appreciate what we have," Erickson said. "It challenges us to share the gospel as well." Erickson and Lytkin presented gifts to each other at the end of the presentation.

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City

2009 bond and will be drilled to supplement the city's water production, a concern heightened by the decrease in supply from water sources such as Lake Meredith. Additionally, according to Pampa Director of Public Works Donny Hooper, of the city's 12 municipal wells, five are currently out of service. Also, Hooper said, two of the city's wells were constructed in 1949 and another couple in 1955, cementing the need for the building of new facilities. "They serve their purpose their purpose," Hooper said, "but other than that, we do have still a couple of '55 and one '49 well (that are) out there, so we see the writing on the wall. We knew this was coming. ... Lake Meredith's probably not coming back at any time in the near future, if at all. We're preparing for that lake not to come back, which means our allocations have been cut. This is a necessary thing that we have to do. I'm glad to finally get it done.

"This is a good price," Hooper later added. "This is less than what we expected it to be." The two new wells will be located at Marcus Sanders Park and at the pump station off of Hobart Street. Hooper said that the wells should be completed prior to June. Also, with the city moving forward on plans to build a new animal shelter, the Commission also awarded Phase 1 of the Animal Control Facility project to GH2 Architects, a firm out of Tulsa, Okla. Six firms submitted qualifications for the new shelter, and city staff had whittled down the list to three before GH2 was chosen, according to Assistant City Manager Shane Stokes. In the end, Stokes said, the city was impressed with the qualifications of GH2 associate principal architect Brian Thomas. "This was really the only group that had the principal architect and the animal shelter expert (that) were one and the

same," Stokes said. "Each other group, they had a principal architect and they had an animal expert going with them. ... (Thomas) has a great deal of experience in designing shelters similar to what we're looking for. He has a great deal of experience designing shelters within tight budgets, which is always nice. They have an in-house cost control expert on staff that watches over all their projects. It's a benefit to us to have that person that's always watching over it to keep us within budget." The Commission's approval is only for the city to enter into negotiations with GH2 for Phase 1 of the project. Stokes said that a deadline of Feb. 27 has been set for GH2 to provide cost estimates and schematic designs for the new shelter. In other business, the Commission: • Approved an agreement and two loans from the Pampa Economic Development Corporation to Mark W. Ford Jr.; • Appointed Chuck Morgan and John

Howell to the Hidden Hills Golf Advisory Board, Morgan to a two-year term ending in Sept. 30, 2013, and Howell to fill an unexpired term ending Sept. 30 of this year; • awarded a \$450 bid from Yolanda and Pedro Mejia for delinquent tax property at 1149 and 1145 Varnon; a \$311 bid from M&S Land and Cattle Co., LLC, for 424 N. Dwight; and a \$311 bid from M&S Land and Cattle Co., LLC, for 505 N. Naida; • approved the list of disbursements dated Dec. 31, 2011; • heard a request from Thelma Bray of the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center to rename the 300 and 400 blocks of S. Russell Street to Woody Guthrie Street; and • heard reports from Dr. James Hall on Pampa EMS, Fred Courtney on the CERT and Regional Mass Notification System programs, and Stokes on Pampa H2O.

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staff photo by Arnie Aurellano

Ray Jaramillo (foreground, left), vice president of off-campus affairs at Clarendon College Pampa Center, accepts a check from Jon Robertson, development manager at Cielo. The check was for a \$75,000 grant for the college's wind energy technology program; applauding the new pact between Cielo and Clarendon were (background, from left) Glennette Goode, Gary Sutherland and Ken May of the PEDC board.

Cielo

wind energy conference this past summer in Anaheim, Calif.," Robertson said. "He had shared with me the assets that are here in Pampa, the type of development that is going on. We were able to forge a relationship, and he brought me together with Pampa Energy Center. Out of that relationship, we had developed the grant that we are presenting today." In addition to the grant funds, Cielo has agreed to donate a demonstrative meteorological (MET) tower to the college, which will allow students to monitor real-time wind resource data collected by the tower. "This is a significant investment in our program," said Raymond Jaramillo, vice president of off-campus affairs at Clarendon College Pampa Center. "We can always beef up our equipment,

but with the addition to the MET tower, we're going to look at our program and see if we can enhance it to incorporate some of the meteorological advancements, so that when somebody comes through our program, not only are they trained as a wind technician, but they also understand how the MET tower situation works." Jaramillo touted the Cielo contribution as another addition to his school's growing wind energy program, which was approved last year by the Texas Skills Standards Board with a state-recognized certificate. "(The certificate) will let business and industry know that our students are ready to go. They're not there for just a check. They're ready to go to work." With Cielo looking to establish its footprint within the MET tower industry (the company, according to Robertson, has roughly 50 MET towers scattered around Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma and currently has a project under construction in the Vega area), Robertson said that partnerships with educational programs like Clarendon's will be valuable moving forward. "We couldn't progress without it," Robertson said. "If we weren't able to utilize students from Clarendon College Pampa Center and the type of training that they have, we would have to reach out and form that on-the-job training ourselves. It's a win-win for us."

forward to building a long-term relationship with the wind program and Pampa community." Robertson also said that Cielo is expecting to develop a meteorological technology center in Pampa, with negotiations for a local building under way. He added that the company expects to be up and running in Pampa this summer with "several employees." "We feel like Pampa is a good fit," Robertson said. "It's centrally located within the wind zone here, and particularly as new transmission lines come online, it will be an ideal location for the development of meteorological technology services for Cielo." PEC and PEDC representatives said that they were thrilled to be able to connect Cielo with Clarendon. "The wind energy and renewable energy industry is going to play a significant role in Pampa's economic future," said Ken May, PEDC board member and president of Pampa Energy Center, LLC. "I think a key part of making that successful for Pampa is to grow the knowledge and the skill level of those future employees who will be working in that industry. I think that's why this is a really important first step that we're witnessing here today of having a really strong partnership begin to develop between Cielo Wind Services and Clarendon College. I'm extremely pleased and happy that we're all able to get together and celebrate this significant moment in the future of the college and the development of a skilled labor force in Pampa."

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State parks suffer as visitors decrease

Earthquake shakes west Texas

EL PASO (AP) — Authorities say there were no immediate reports of injuries or damage after a 3.6-magnitude earthquake struck a remote area of west Texas.

Brewster County Sheriff Ronny Dodson said about a dozen people called to report the temblor Tuesday afternoon.

Don Blakeman of the U.S. Geological Survey says the earthquake struck at 12:21 p.m. CST about 17 miles southeast of Alpine, Texas, not far from Big Bend National Park.

Blakeman says earthquakes are fairly common in the region. A quake of similar strength struck in the same area about a year ago. There was a 5.7-magnitude earthquake in the vicinity in 1995.

Redistricting trial end near

WASHINGTON (AP) — A three-judge panel is moving up closing arguments in the federal court hearing in Washington on Texas political redistricting.

The panel has been hearing testimony on whether the Texas Legislature violated the federal Voting Rights Act when it redrew political district maps.

U.S. District Judge Rosemary Collyer says a U.S. Supreme Court decision last week to return interim district maps to a San Antonio federal court means many of those involved in the Washington trial will be needed in San Antonio.

Closing arguments, which had been scheduled for Feb. 3, will now be held Jan. 31.

Testimony will continue Wednesday with more expert witnesses.

Clemency petition rejected

HUNTSVILLE - (AP) — The Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles has rejected a clemency petition that sought to keep convicted murderer Rodrigo Hernandez from the death chamber later this week in Huntsville.

The board voted 7-0 Tuesday against Hernandez' request.

The 38-year-old prisoner is set for lethal injection Thursday for the 1994 abduction, rape and strangling of 38-year-old Susan Verstegen in San Antonio. The woman's body was discovered in a 55-gallon trash barrel days after her disappearance. Her slaying went unsolved for nearly a decade until DNA evidence pointed to Hernandez.

At the time, he imprisoned in Michigan for assault and had to provide a DNA sample as a condition of parole. DNA also has tied him to the slaying of a homeless woman in Grand Rapids, Mich., in 1991.

Austin redoing old pool

AUSTIN (AP) — Crews are working to give a new lease on life to the oldest concrete swimming pool in Texas.

They're digging up and preparing to resurface the 96-year-old Deep Eddy Pool on the north shore of the Colorado River, just west of the Mo-Pac Expressway.

The Austin American-Statesman (<http://bit.ly/zzV5s2>) reports that designers consulted old photos of the spring-fed swimming hole to preserve and enhance the historic appearance of the pool, which is scheduled to reopen in March.

Kohl's plans Dallas center

DeSOTO (AP) — Kohl's Department Stores has announced plans for a distribution center in the Dallas area to serve online customers.

Wisconsin-based Kohl's on Tuesday announced the facility, to be built in DeSoto, is expected to provide about 400 jobs.

Hiring should begin March 1. The company says the regional Kohls.com distribution facility should open this summer.

Kohl's currently operates 84 retail stores in Texas.

Jurors: Dogs not abused

CANYON (AP) — A jury in the Texas Panhandle has decided that nearly 200 rescued dogs were not abused and should be returned to the owners.

A Randall County jury sided with Mark and Sandra Smith of Lockney, who operate the Alpha Tex Kennel.

The dogs were seized in September. A justice of the peace in Floyd County ruled in the November that the Smiths treated the animals cruelly and must repay nearly \$237,000 for the cost of caring for the animals.

Ownership of the dogs was transferred to the Humane Society of West Texas, which placed many of the animals in foster care.

The Smiths appealed, rejecting allegations that the animals were denied clean food, water and shelter. A jury in Canyon on Friday ruled in the couple's favor.

JFK hearse sold at auction

DALLAS (AP) — The man who paid \$176,000 for the white hearse used to transport President John F. Kennedy's body following his assassination in Dallas plans to include it in his collection of about 400 cars in Colorado.

Stephen Tebo, a real estate developer from Boulder, bought the hearse Saturday that was being offered by Barrett-Jackson Auction Co. of Scottsdale, Ariz. He got the car with a bid of \$160,000, plus a \$16,000 buyer's premium.

The auction company said that the 1964 Cadillac hearse carried Kennedy's body as well as first lady Jacqueline Kennedy from Parkland Memorial Hospital to Air Force One at Dallas' Love Field for the flight back to Washington following his assassination on Nov. 22, 1963.

Tebo said that he plans to eventually turn his car collection into a museum.

AUSTIN (AP) — Wildfires caused as much as \$11 million in damage to Texas state parks and, coupled with the worst single-year drought in state history, continue to drive down the parks' visitation rates, a top official told state lawmakers Tuesday.

Carter Smith, executive director of Texas Parks and Wildlife, reported to members of the Texas House Culture, Recreation and Tourism committee that the parks have seen an 8.4 percent decline in revenue from visitors in the first quarter of the 2012 fiscal year, which began Sept. 1. He said that represents \$928,000 in losses, which are especially costly because 55 percent of total park funding comes from visitor-generated revenue.

State park officials had announced last month that fewer visitors already had resulted in a \$4.6 million funding deficit for fiscal year 2011.

Smith said the number of visitors in August alone fell by a quarter. He said some of Texas' most popular parks with water attractions saw declines of nearly 55 percent in visitation revenue rates.

"These oppressive summer temperatures, no water in rivers and lakes, burn bans ... all of those things conspire to keep people inside as opposed

to going outside," Smith said.

Texas' 94 state parks and historic sites, which average 8 million visitors annually, endured between \$10 million and \$11 million in damages from last year's fires, Smith told the committee. Overall across Texas, nearly 4 million acres and 4,000 homes were destroyed, making it the state's most destructive fire season ever.

Davis Mountains, Possum Kingdom and Bastrop state parks were all severely damaged.

Texas also sweated through what by most measures was the hottest summer on record in U.S. history in 2011, while suffering from the punishing drought. Though some winter rains have helped ease severe drought conditions, La Nina weather patterns likely mean dry months ahead.

Surveys at more than 220 lakes statewide found half of them had closed boat ramps or otherwise limited public access because of low water levels, Smith said. Freshwater fishing license sales last year dropped 30 percent from 2010. Meanwhile, non-Texas resident hunting license sales fell about 8 percent and hunting licenses overall slumped almost 5 percent, a downward trend Smith said was likely to continue as long

as the drought persists.

Karen Huber, a Travis County Commissioner, presented the committee with a study that showed persistently low water levels at Lake Travis in Austin have resulted in 50 percent fewer visitors — and an estimated \$33 million less in revenue and 580 lost jobs. Officials estimate Lake Travis typically generates at least \$112 million in revenue related to recreation, boat sales and visitor spending, including at lakefront restaurants.

"We could well come to a grinding halt if this drought persists," Huber said. "And I'm not talking about recreation, I'm talking about growth in general."

David Teel, president of the non-profit Texas Travel Industry Association, said preliminary figures

showed overall business and leisure tourism statewide increased 8 percent in 2011 compared to the previous year, but that the industry has yet to climb back to pre-recession revenue levels like in 2008, when it generated \$60.4 billion overall.

In 2010, the most recent final figures available, travel to Texas generated \$57.5 billion.

Teel said while final overall figures for 2011 still were being tallied, the preliminary figures show hotel occupancy tax revenues increased about \$2 million across Texas in 2011, and tourism added about 41,000 jobs.

But, Teel said, the vacation industry now must cope with the perception from "would-be visitors, that Texas is burnt to a crisp."

Last original Navajo code talker turns 92

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — The last surviving member of the original Navajo Code Talkers has turned 92 years old.

The city of Albuquerque recognized Chester Nez for his contributions in World War II.

Nez was one of 29 original code talkers who developed a code based on their native language that helped confound the Japanese and win World War II.

Nez told KOB-TV that he's happy to represent

such an important part of U.S. history.

He says a lot of people still ask him questions about the war.

Along with the birthday celebrations Monday, Albuquerque Mayor Richard Berry proclaimed Jan. 23 as Navajo Code Talker Chester Nez Day.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 25, the 25th day of 2012. There are 341 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 25, 1949, the first Emmy Awards, honoring local Los Angeles TV programs and talent, were presented at the Hollywood Athletic Club.

On this date:

In 1533, England's King Henry VIII secretly married his second wife, Anne Boleyn, who later gave birth to Elizabeth I.

In 1787, Shays's Rebellion suffered a setback when debt-ridden farmers led by Capt. Daniel Shays failed to capture an arsenal at Springfield, Mass.

In 1890, the United Mine Workers of America was founded in Columbus, Ohio.

In 1915, Alexander Graham Bell inaugurated U.S. transcontinental telephone service between New York and San Francisco.

In 1936, former Gov. Al Smith, D-N.Y., delivered a radio address in Washington, titled "Betrayal of the Democratic Party," in which he fiercely criticized the New Deal policies of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

In 1947, American gangster Al Capone died in Miami Beach, Fla., at age 48.

In 1959, American Airlines began Boeing 707 jet flights between New York and Los Angeles.

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy held the first presidential news conference to be carried live on radio and television.

In 1971, Charles Manson and three women followers were convicted in Los Angeles of murder and conspiracy in the 1969 slayings of seven people, including actress Sharon Tate. Idi Amin seized power in Uganda in a military coup.

In 1981, the 52 Americans held hostage by Iran for 444 days arrived in the United States.

In 1990, an Avianca Boeing 707 ran out of fuel and crashed in Cove Neck, Long Island, N.Y.; 73 of the 158 people aboard were killed.

Ten years ago: J. Clifford Baxter, a former Enron executive who'd reportedly complained about the company's questionable accounting practices, was found shot to death in a car, a suicide. A judge in Cambridge, Mass., sentenced Thoma

Five years ago: Ford Motor Co. said it had lost a staggering \$12.7 billion in 2006, at that time the worst loss in the company's 103-year history. (Ford later reported a loss of \$14.6 billion for 2008.)

One year ago: Pleading for unity in a newly divided government, President Barack Obama used his State of the Union address to implore Democrats and Republicans to rally behind his vision of economic revival, declaring, "We will move forward together or not at all."

Today's Birthdays: Actor Gregg Palmer is 85. Actor Dean Jones is 81. Country singer Claude Gray is 80. Movie director Tobe Hooper is 69. Actress Leigh Taylor-Young is 67. Actress Jennifer Lewis is 55. Actress Dinah Manoff is 54. Country musician Mike Burch (River Road) is 46. Rhythm-and-blues singer Kina is 43. Actress China Kantner is 41. Actress Ana Ortiz is 41. Musician Matt Odmark (Jars of Clay) is 38. Actress Mia Kirshner is 37. Actress Christine Lakin is 33. Rhythm-and-blues singer Alicia Keys is 31. Actor Michael Trevino is 27.

Thought for Today: "A first-rate organizer is never in a hurry. He is never late. He always keeps up his sleeve a margin for the unexpected." - Arnold Bennett, English poet, author and critic (1867-1931)



Romney tries pit bull approach in Florida

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Associated Press Analysis

WASHINGTON (AP) - Mitt Romney spent years building a presidential candidacy based on corporate success, a squeaky clean image and an aura of electability that let him focus on President Barack Obama rather than his GOP rivals.

South Carolina Republicans destroyed that strategy in an instant, saying they see Newt Gingrich, not Romney, as the man best positioned to beat Obama. Romney, who cast aside several moderate positions after leaving the Massachusetts governorship, repositioned himself in a more tactical sense Monday, tearing into Florida like a hungry underdog.

No longer leaving his friends to handle the messy work of attacking Gingrich, Romney lit into the former House speaker with a gusto that changed the campaign's tone and arc in one day. Florida's Jan. 31 primary will prove whether the GOP establishment's buttoned-down favorite can turn himself into a pit bull without appearing desperate, phony or un-presidential.

Campaigning in Tampa, Romney called Gingrich a "highly erratic" operative who possibly engaged in "wrongful activity" as a highly paid Washington consultant.

Then Romney opened Monday night's televised debate by saying Gingrich "had to resign in disgrace" in 1998 after four years as speaker, only to spend the ensuing years "working as an influence-peddler in Washington."

Gingrich's shift in tone was nearly as striking as Romney's, only in the opposite direction. After belittling reporters and electrifying studio audiences in two South Carolina debates, the usually combative Gingrich said Monday he wouldn't waste his time refuting Romney's charges point by point.

"This is the worst kind of trivial politics," Gingrich said dismissively. Nonetheless, he spent several min-

utes explaining why the \$1.6 million he received from mortgage backer Freddie Mac was for consulting work, not lobbying.

He added, somewhat curiously, that his consulting firm brought in a "lobbying expert" to tell employees what was legal and what wasn't. The expert is "prepared to testify," Gingrich said.

The live audience was silent. After his South Carolina thumping, Romney had little choice but to become the aggressor. Gingrich's sudden nice-guy aura may be slightly riskier, because his fire-breathing performances in South Carolina clearly touched resentful voters who feel Washington's "elites" look down on them.

"Gingrich sees that he is increasingly in the driver's seat in the race, and was not challenged about his personal life, so he did not need to go out aggressively," said Republican strategist John Ulyot. "Less is more at this stage, from his perspective."

Romney still holds several advantages, however, starting with his superior campaign treasury. There's little doubt that much of it will go into TV ads and mailers attacking Gingrich.

"I learned something from that last contest in South Carolina," Romney said in the Tampa debate. "I'm not going to sit back and get attacked day in and day out without returning fire."

Romney himself is now leveling the toughest accusations against Gingrich, rather than leaving them chiefly to allies such as former New Hampshire Gov. John Sununu and a well-funded "super PAC." The super PAC's withering ads on Iowa television nearly wrecked Gingrich's campaign three weeks ago.

Gingrich revived himself with two South Carolina debates in which he made journalists as much a target as Romney and Obama. There were no such fireworks Monday in Tampa.

Romney, Gingrich and the other two candidates — former Sen. Rick Santorum and Rep. Ron Paul of Texas — will debate again Thursday night in

Jacksonville.

Romney, who made millions with a consulting and corporation-restructuring firm, is bracing for reports Tuesday when he releases his most recent tax returns. The Washington Post and The Wall Street Journal reported late Monday that Romney paid an effective tax rate of about 14 percent on \$21.7 million in income in 2010, nearly all of it from dividends or interest from investments.

In Monday's debate, Gingrich - who paid a higher rate on the \$3.1 million he made in 2010 - showed little interest in pursuing the subject.

When Romney said he would have paid zero taxes under Gingrich's plan to eliminate capital gains taxes, Gingrich calmly said that would be fine, provided Romney used his good fortune to create jobs.

Santorum, who finished a distant third in South Carolina, and Paul, who is not campaigning in Florida, were relegated to the sidelines in what now seems to be a two-person race. Santorum noted that the contest has held many surprises, and took a shot at the two frontrunners.

Romney and Gingrich abandoned conservative principles, he said, by supporting elements of "cap and trade" legislation to curb pollution emissions from industrial sites.

"When push came to shove, they were pushed," Santorum said.

He will struggle to be heard in Florida, which dwarfs Iowa and New Hampshire in terms of size, population and cost of campaigning. The pushing and shoving between Gingrich and Romney will dominate Republicans' attention.

If Romney's newly sharpened elbows don't stop Gingrich's momentum, the Republican establishment will face a hard choice. It can start making peace with the former speaker's mercurial ways and anti-elite rhetoric. Or it can heap even more criticisms on him in a contest that must be prompt - at least a few smiles in the White House.

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Looking for a Republican who can beat Obama

When Newt Gingrich called CNN anchor John King's decision "despicable" to begin last Thursday's GOP debate with a question about Gingrich's second wife, the Charleston audience responded with a standing ovation. Surely, I thought to myself, South Carolina Republicans are not going to vote for a candidate just because he is good at dressing down the media.

Then I saw a TV ad that used a squealing pig to sell car insurance, and I realized that people don't always make the most carefully considered choices. It prepared me for the Gingrich landslide victory Saturday.

Exit polls indicate that electability was the most important factor behind the Palmetto State vote; 51 percent of those who care most about picking a nominee who can beat Barack Obama voted for Gingrich.

These folks clearly are unaware of the Fox News poll that found that only 27 percent of voters have a favorable view of Gingrich, whereas 56 percent don't like him.

Many Gingrich supporters have assured me that the former speaker of the House was the best Republican because he would trounce President Obama in the debates. Claremont McKenna College professor of government Jack Pitney, however, points out: "Gingrich knows how to make Republicans applaud. That's very

different than appealing to a broad electorate."

Pitney does not see Gingrich as the most electable Republican. For one thing, Pitney noted, "people who aren't Republicans don't like him." Pitney remembers 1996, when Gingrich was such a polarizing figure that President Bill Clinton ran ads against GOP presidential nominee Bob Dole and Gingrich — as if Gingrich, not Jack Kemp, were Dole's running mate.

We all have met guys like Gingrich before. At first, they seem charming and authentic, but over time, you watch them burn everyone around them.

Gingrich had so much promise when he became speaker in 1995, but he couldn't ditch his superego. He publicly whined about Clinton's snubbing him on Air Force One. In his never-ending self-aggrandizement, Gingrich earned himself the first and only reprimand of a House speaker, as well as a \$300,000 fine. When Republicans lost so many seats that they decided to oust Gingrich in 1998, he accused them of "cannibalism."

A Clinton aide told The Washington Post that the White House was in mourning, as "Gingrich literally was the best thing the Democratic Party ...



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had going for it."

Voters have seen the same man on the 2012 trail. One week Gingrich is indignant about negative campaigning. The next week he is slinging mud.

One day he says he wants politicians who enabled Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac in jail; the next he boasts that Freddie paid him — some \$1.6 million, it turns out — for his deep thoughts

as a historian. When it serves his purpose to berate King for asking a question about his second marriage, Gingrich gamely takes on the task. The rest of the time, he dispatches his daughters to explain his extramarital activities.

In the end, I believe that Republican primary voters are too pragmatic to nominate such a flawed candidate. So I'll go with Pitney, who explained, "In South Carolina, people were trying to send a message that they didn't like the mainstream media, but if it starts to appear that Gingrich has an actual chance of winning the nomination, then it's a different vote. People's calculations will change."

Debra J. Saunders writes for the San Francisco Chronicle and is a nationally syndicated columnist.

Worship

Lessons from a two-year-old girl

As a father to a wonderful little two year old daughter I'm learning a thing or two about behavior, intent and punishment.

I love how curious, adventurous, loving and articulate she is, but as she grows in her independence and explores her world there have been some behavioral challenges. Now don't get me wrong she doesn't do anything real unusual or different from any other two-year-old running around, but as my wife and I seek to gently shape her and encourage her to be obedient, I've realized something.

I have realized as concerned as I am about her being obedient, saying "sorry" and following accepted cultural norms of behavior, I am just as concerned with the intent behind her behavior, her "sorry," and her obedience. I don't just want her to be outwardly compliant but to be changed inwardly. I don't want her to just say "sorry" when I give her a look or tell her to, but to sincerely mean it. I was reminded of this when I saw one of my wife's tweets this week: "If I can't say something nice, silence is not enough. I must repent for, "out of the overflow of the heart, the mouth speaks" (Matthew 12:34)

Jesus was and is concerned with our outward behavior and actions, but not at the expense of our hearts. One without the other wasn't sufficient. This is why he tells us in Matthew 5 during the Sermon on the Mount that it isn't just enough to not murder but not to hate and that it isn't enough to not commit adultery but not to lust. We can clean up our outsides with behavior modification, but if our hearts aren't changed then we are like the Pharisees Jesus confronts in Matthew 23, when He says in verses 27 and 28, "Woe to you, scribes and



JEREMY BUCK

the good word

Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people's bones and all uncleanness. So you also outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness."

This can seem overwhelming and impossible until we realize that it is God who does the work in us and through us and so my prayer for my daughter is that she will love Jesus and be obedient. Not in a legalistic way or to simply please or pacify me, but with a new heart, like Ezekiel 36 verses 25-27: "I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules."

So until then I will love her, pray for her, guide her, and attempt to model for her what God has done in her mom and mine's hearts so that she will not have simply changed behavior but, by God's grace and for His glory, a changed heart.

Jeremy Buck is the lead pastor at Redeemer Pampa.

Are you too busy making a living?

"Too many people die at 20 and are buried at 80," says Robin S. Sharma, the best-selling author of "The Monk Who Sold His Ferrari."

We start life with great hopes for our future, but sometimes the pressures of life cause us to lose our dreams or just settle for less. Jesus tells us, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

Let me give you several tips on living abundantly:

1. Counting your blessings will remind you of the good in your life that we too often take for granted (Psalm 40:5).
2. Laugh more. The Bible says laughter does you good like a medicine. Laughter relaxes you and ensures you don't take yourself too seriously (Proverbs 17:22).
3. Make time to think. Saying you are too busy to take time to be still and think is like



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saying you are too busy driving to stop for gas — eventually it will catch you (Proverbs 23:7).

4. Take more risks. When you walk by faith you are willing to risk trusting God. This brings an excitement of adventure and passion to your life. You grow when you move out of your comfort zone. It was said by Sharma, "It will be the things we haven't done, rather than the things we have done, that we will regret more."

5. Be a Person of Action. We are told in James to be "doers of the Word, not hearers only..." (James 1:22). We are truly enriched when we act upon what we know. In acting we experience the blessing of walking with God.

6. Simplify your life. Learn to spend your life on that which is eternal and counts forever. The most focused and successful people live a purpose-guided life (Matthew 6:33).

7. Live in the moment. Life is a gift from God. This year is the time to act upon your dreams. Time moves rapidly and your opportunity will be lost.

"Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark." — Adrian Rogers

David Bouler is a pastor at Highland Park Baptist Church in Chattanooga, Tenn.

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

First United Methodist to host Fifth Sunday Sing this month

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First United Methodist Church invites the community to join them for Fifth Sunday Sing 6 p.m. Sunday.

Pastor Blossom Matthews said the Ministerial Alliance churches get together for worship.

"The Fifth Sunday sing allows the community to get together for fellowship and to enjoy musical talent," Matthews said.

The service has a choir with members from different churches

and a different church hosts the event. Matthews said the church is currently undergoing a building project and encourages people to enter by the staircase on the North side of Foster Avenue. She added that there will be plenty of parking. "In addition to the ample parking near the church in the downtown area, a valet team will be on hand to welcome visitors and park cars for those needing assistance," Matthews said.

First United Methodist is located on the 200 block of Foster Avenue.

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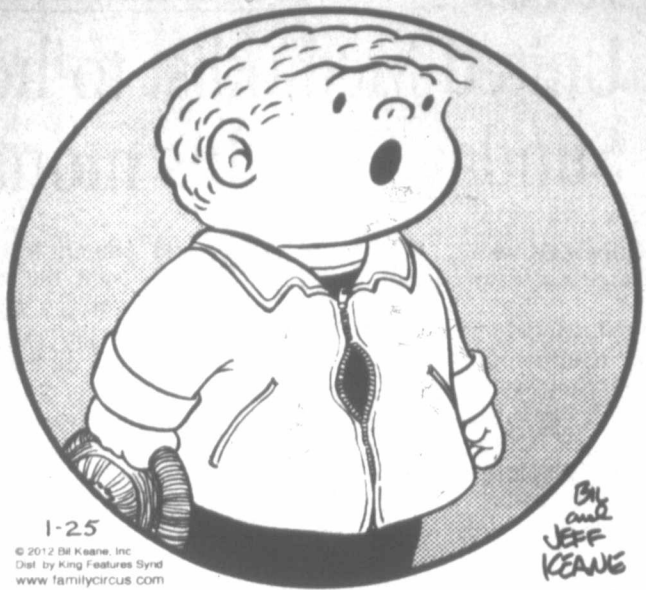
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"My zipper can't keep its mouth shut."

Non Sequitur



Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Jan. 26, 2012

You have a very appealing manner that draws many people to you. However, because you are surrounded by so many admirers, often jealousy comes into play. Be careful as to what you promise, and make sure you are clear about your expectations and desires. If you are single, you might commit to someone, only to suddenly find the bond volatile. Try to avoid commitment this year. If you are attached, the two of you often find that you disagree. Learn to respect your sweetie's perspective, and peace will be restored. PISCES spends money differently than you do.

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)
★★★★ You might want to pull back and get a better understanding of a friendship. This person sometimes goes overboard. Anger develops when you least expect it. Could someone expect more than you can give? Tonight: Get some R and R.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Being driven points a venture toward success. Another person's creative idea might backfire. No matter how nice you are when you nix this concept, the end results could be volatile. Do not spend too much energy on this issue. Tonight: Find your friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Be as upbeat as you can when dealing with a higher-up or boss. Listen to feedback. On a personal level, your home life could be disruptive. Do not take the events here into your professional life. Focus on your public image. Tonight: A must appearance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You see a situation much differently than a partner. Through what might be animated conversation, you come to terms. If you detach, you see this person's caring. Otherwise, anger could be the result. Know you are cared about. Tonight: Catch up on calls.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Be sensitive to your needs financially. A close partner might have a different perspective and interests. This person has a very caring manner that often ropes you in. Know your limits, and be willing to say "no." Tonight: Go with

a suggestion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Recognize how easily triggered you are. Pull back rather than lose your temper. Words spoken could cause a problem and cannot be taken back. A partner or another person you are financially tied to triggers strong reactions. Tonight: The only answer is yes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Sitting on strong feelings could be difficult. Pick and choose the timing to release your aggravation. Go back to the original issue. Others keep requesting your help with various projects. Toss yourself into at least one. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You are all smiles, no matter how you look at a situation. A friend might be aggressive about you pursuing a certain path. You know how to say no, but in this case, it might not be heard. Trust your judgment. Tonight: Enjoy the one you are with.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Take a serious look at a schedule change. You clearly cannot do as you desire with your present commitments. Though you may not see the path immediately, it is there. Brainstorm with a buddy. Tonight: Buy something for your home or roommate.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Make calls, schedule meetings and do not forget to make or confirm weekend plans. You could be overwhelmed by all that you have to do. News coming in from a distance could trigger a strong reaction. Sort fact from fiction. Tonight: You don't have to go far.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Only you can decide what to do with your funds. You do not always have to defer to a partner. You care a lot about this person, regardless of how volatile he or she might be, yet you do not have to say yes all the time. Tonight: Make sure your budget is in the plus column.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Beam in others. Make a decision about who would be best to go to an event or begin a project with. Honor what you feel, and it all works out. One person could become quite irritated. You cannot change his or her reaction, but you also do not need to react! Tonight: Do your own thing.

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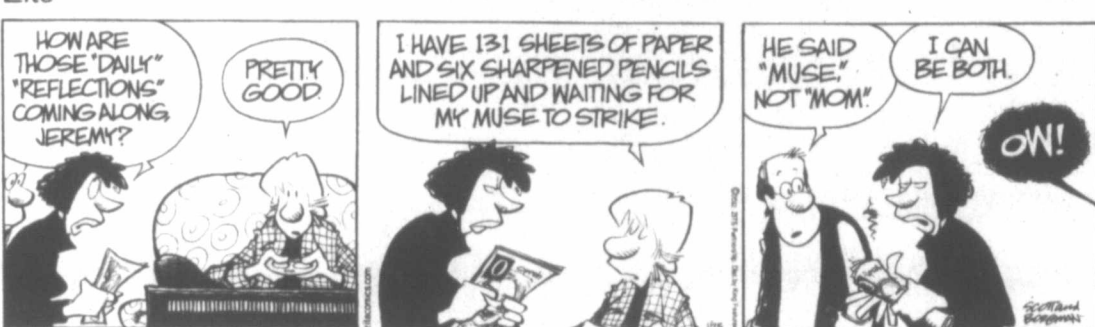
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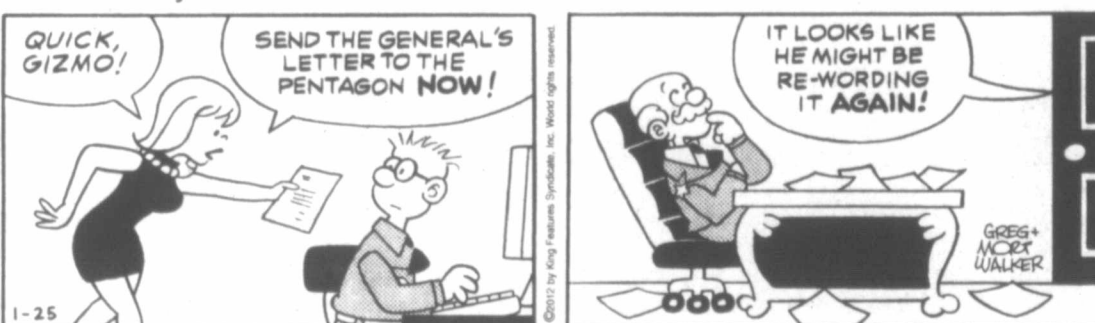
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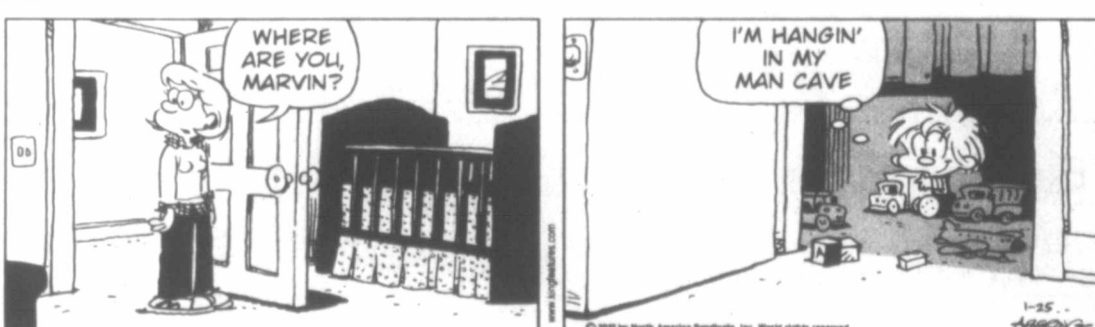
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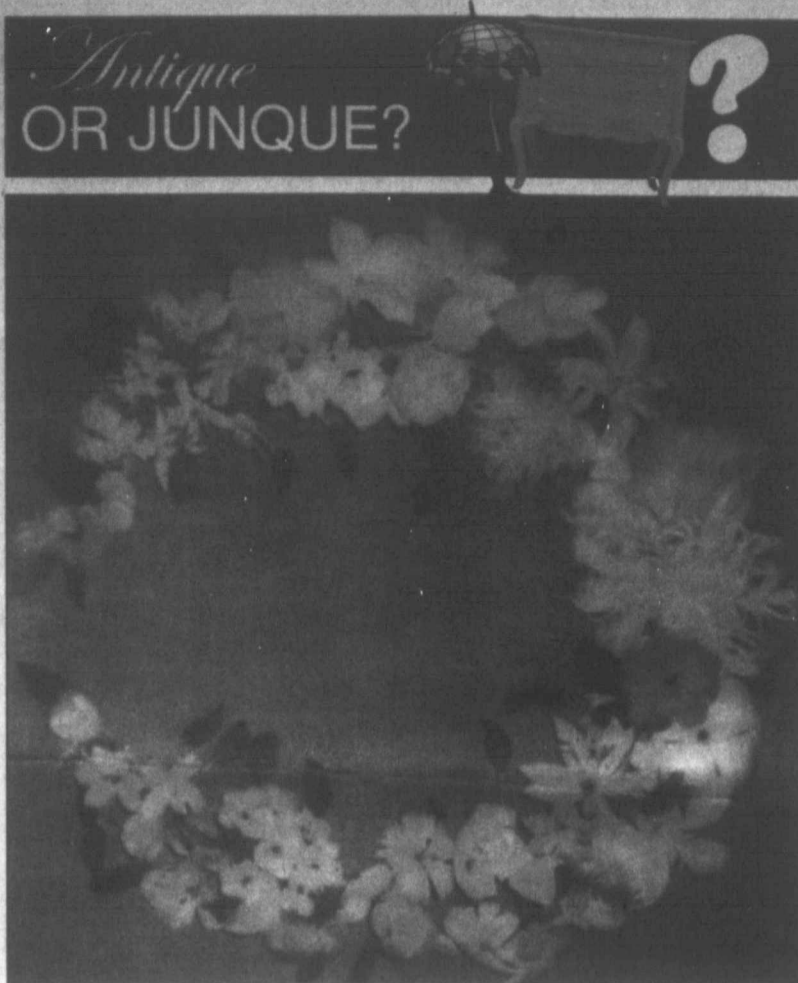
Victorian ladies feathered their nests

Q: I am sending you a photo of an antique feather wreath that was a gift to me from my aunt in 1947. It is in the original mahogany wood, shadow box and the overall measurements are approximately 28 inches by 26 inches. Each feather was hand cut and varies in color from beige to white. Silk ribbon, rather than the floral tape that is used today, was used to bind the feather grouping. The olive green velvet background is not the original. It was replaced in 1954 due to extensive damage to the original.

I would like to sell my wreath, since my children do not want it. Any suggestions that you have will be appreciated.

A: Creating feather wreaths, as well as hair wreaths, was a popular craft in the Victorian era, from around 1860 to the 1880s. Ladies would gather feathers and arrange them in round or oval wreaths and showcase them in elegant shadow-boxes. Although some were decorative, some were mourning wreaths made to commemorate the death of a family member.

Similar wreaths have been seen selling on eBay in the range of \$500 to \$700.



Feather wreaths were created by Victorian ladies to decorate their homes.



Federal Glass Co. was located in Columbus, Ohio.

Q: This mark is on a set of red glassware that belonged to my mother. There are 6 tumblers and 6 dessert plates. They are decorated with etched flowers and leaves. My mother told me she collected the set in the 1940s. She said movie theatres gave a piece of glassware to each

person attending the film each week. What can you tell me about my set?

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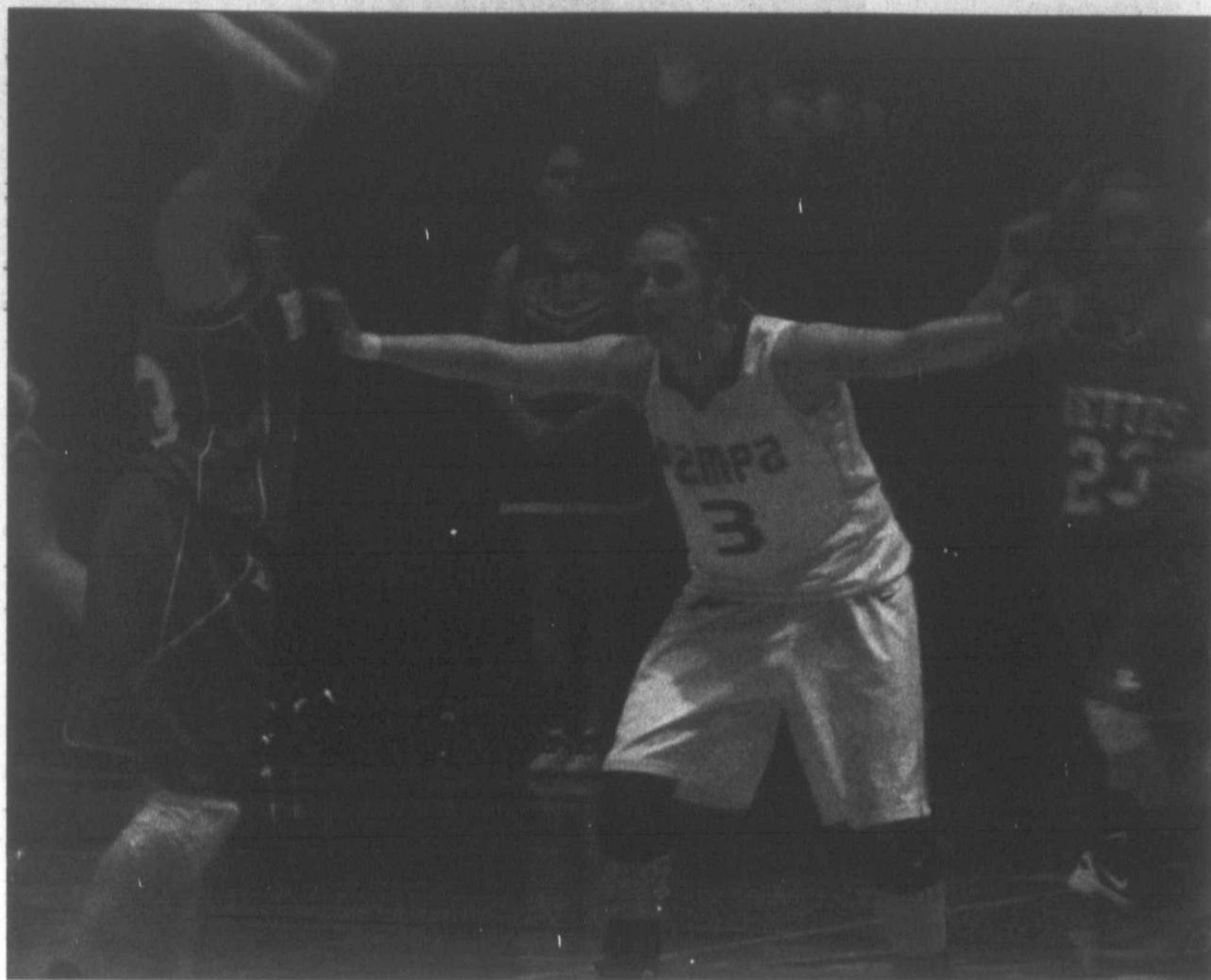
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Sports

Lady Harvesters can't overcome offensive struggles, fall to Perryton



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Senior Kirsten Kuhn defends Perryton's Lacey Herbert in the first half Tuesday. Herbert was tough to defend as she put 12 in Perryton's 43-25 victory. Pampa fell to 12-13 and 1-2 in district play.

ANDREW GLOVER
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In the first meeting with the Perryton Rangerettes, scoring droughts kept the Lady Harvesters from winning. Tuesday at McNeely Fieldhouse was déjà vu for Pampa, as it was held scoreless for most of the second quarter in a 43-25 loss.

"I told (the girls) I wish I had a magic wand or some dust to throw on (the shots), to make them go in," head coach Gene Valentine said. "We had shots, ones we normally make."

Senior Kailyn Troxell said it wasn't Pampa's night.

"Sometimes we weren't taking the best shots," Troxell said. "I think we think about them too much."

Perryton jumped out to an early lead. Besides a small spurt that tied the game early, the Lady Harvesters offense struggled. Pampa missed several jumpers and turned the ball over six times in the first half. The Lady Harvesters didn't score in the second quarter until senior Kirsten Kuhn made a free throw with a little over a minute left.

The Rangerettes (20-5, 5-0) were able to get the ball inside and earned 10 trips to the free throw line. Lacey Herbert led the offense with eight points. Perryton led 23-10 at halftime. Valentine said free throw opportunities were key to the game.

"(Perryton) shot 20 more free throws than we did," Valentine said. "That made a difference. They

made 23 out of 33 free throws."

Troxell said the team made adjustments at halftime.

"We went to a zone," Troxell said. "They didn't get inside as much."

Things didn't improve in the second half for Pampa as it trailed by double digits most of the way. With 2:53 left in the third, sophomore Hayley Burnett hit the floor hard. She was able to walk back to the bench on her own power.

Perryton again took advantage of second chance opportunities, getting three or four chances on some possessions. The Rangerettes led 30-17 after the third.

Senior Caitlin Sieck led the Lady Harvesters in scoring with nine points. Bailey Walker and Lacey Herbert led the Rangerettes

in scoring with 12 points each.

The Lady Harvesters (12-13, 2-3) visit Dalhart 6 p.m. Friday.

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Dear Abby...

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In reality, the only people I don't get along with are my parents. This is unsettling to me because next fall I will be across the country from them and I feel they will be happy that I'm gone. I'm at a loss as to what to do to control my temper and fix my relationship with my parents before I leave. Your advice would be appreciated. — CLIMBING THE WALLS IN CLEVELAND

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Sports



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Senior Latigo Collins shoots a layup between two Perryton defenders. Collins scored 21 second half points, which was key in the Harvesters 67-60 victory over the district leading Rangers.

Harvesters use team effort to win first district game against Rangers

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After losing the first two district games, head coach Dustin Miller told his team that it was going to take all of them. Tuesday against the district-leading Perryton Rangers, the Harvesters received solid contributions from its starters and the bench in a 67-60 victory at McNeely Fieldhouse.

"Laketon (Harris) was huge tonight," Miller said. "Jon Cox may not have got anything in the scorebook, but he tipped a ball that (Perryton) would usually come up with that we came up with and saved us two points. Ty Hutto saved an inbounds pass. Jesus Cabrales gave us some great minutes and gave us good rest with our big."

Senior Latigo Collins, who struggled in the second half of the first two district games, scored 21 of his 25 in the second half and hit all nine free throws. Miller said Collins takes it personally to perform well.

"He knows he isn't getting the job done," Miller said. "He's the guy this year. Nobody has been harder on himself than Latigo. That's who we want to give the ball to. I'll give him the ball every time until the season is over."

Collins said he just played more aggressively in the second half.

"I finally found some (shots) open in the second half," Collins said. "(Perryton) did a good job defensively. Second half, I stayed aggressive and it worked out."

Junior Derrek Pollard helped Pampa's cause with eight points and was strong on the offensive and defensive boards. Junior Tyler Powell scored a season-high nine points. Miller said Powell is figuring things out.

"He was hurt in football," Miller said. "He started slow on his basketball feet but he's figuring it out. Tyler is a great player and his effort makes up for anything."

Senior Cole Engle got the Harvesters' offense going with a three. Pampa went on a 15-0 run. Engle hit two more threes to bring his total to nine in the first quarter. Collins added a pair of layups during the run. Pampa led 17-8 after the first quarter.

Powell said the team was prepared for the game.

"Miller told us in the locker room this was the most prepared game that his players have been in close to seven years," Powell said. "We knew what we were doing."

In the second quarter, the Harvesters' offense vanished. Junior Derrek Pollard made Pampa's only basket. The Rangers went on a 14-0 run and led 22-19 at halftime. Kenton Willeford, Blake Turner and Michael Hester paced the Rangers' offense.

Powell said he the team went with a different offense in the second quarter.

"We did good first quarter," Powell said. "Then we changed the offensive plan and that's where things went no so good for us. Once we went back to that second offense, things started clicking for us."

In the third quarter, the Harvesters received a spark from Powell, who scored seven points and gave Pampa a 31-30 lead. Powell said he was grateful that he was able to contribute.

"I thank God for that," Powell said. "There's nothing more I can say but thank Him for the points that I scored."

The Harvesters (14-7, 1-2) were unable

to pull away, though, as the Rangers were able to match them. Russell Anderson, Cole Underwood and Hester all hit threes. Perryton (19-6, 2-1) held a couple of brief leads before Pampa ended the quarter on a run. Collins hit a three with two minutes left to put Pampa ahead 43-41.

Senior Laketon Harris hit a three at the end of the quarter to increase the Harvesters' lead to 46-42.

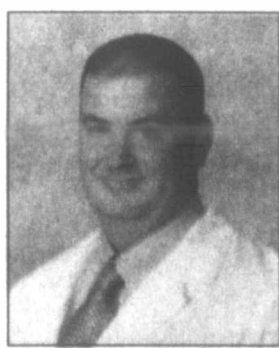
Collins said Harris' shot was key.

"Laketon Harris played big tonight," Collins said. "He hit those two big threes. Everyone that played stepped up."

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