
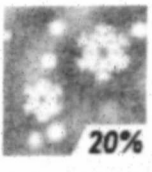



PAMPA FORECAST

Saturday	Sunday	Monday
		
High 50 Low 25	High 40 Low 19 20%	High 38 Low 23

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 23. Wind chill values between 13 and 18. West northwest wind around 10 mph.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 50. Wind chill values between 12 and 22 early. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: A 30 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 25. Wind chill values between 13 and 23. Windy, with a north northwest wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of snow. Partly sunny, with a high near 40. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 19. Blustery, with a north northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Monday: Partly sunny with a high near 38. Breezy, with a northeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 23. South southeast wind around 10 mph becoming northeast.

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For the record

Police Department

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

Police reported six traffic-related calls and four accidents.

Animal Control Officials reported eight animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS reported three ambulance calls. The Pampa Fire Department reported three medical calls.

City Water crews reported 12 frozen or broken water lines.

Thursday, Feb. 3

A burglary was reported in the 400 block of East Frederic.

Alarms were reported in the 2800 block of North Perryton Parkway and in the 1500 block of North Hobart.

Officers had escort duty in the 600 block of North Ward.

An abandoned vehicle was reported at 16th and Holly.

Identity theft was reported to police.

Phone harassment was reported to police.

An alarm was reported in the 2800 block of West Kentucky.

Obituaries

Cesar "Chito" Holguin, 21

Cesar "Chito" Holguin, 21, died February 3, 2011, in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Chito was born February 28, 1989, in Oklahoma City. He had been a resident of Pampa most of his life, graduating from Pampa High School in 2007. He attended Amarillo College and Clarendon College. Chito enjoyed watching and playing football, basketball and softball. He was a member of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church. He will be remembered for his laughter, sense of humor and his smile.

Survivors include his parents, Tiburcio and Delma Holguin of Pampa; sister, Danita Salazar and husband Johnny of Pampa; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins; a niece, Aubrey Salazar of Pampa; nephew, Zanden Salazar of Pampa; and his girlfriend, Ashley Facio of Pampa.

Memorials may be made to St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, 810 W. 23rd, Pampa, TX 79065.

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



Holguin

Douglas K. Corse, 79

MOBEETIE—Douglas K. Corse, 79, died February 3, 2011, in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Corse was born December 21, 1931, on the family ranch in Hemphill County where he lived until his death. He graduated from Mobeetie High School in 1949. He was a veteran of the U. S. Navy, serving during the Korean Conflict. Douglas married Mary Aline Walker on April 21, 1954, in Mobeetie. She preceded him in death on January 1, 2002. He later married Patricia Trimble on August 4, 2002, in Mobeetie. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Mobeetie, the American Legion, and the V.F.W. He was a member of the Wheeler County Stock Show Board, and served on the Mobeetie ISD School Board for 14 years.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Corse of the home; son, Steve Corse and wife Samie of Mobeetie; two daughters, Zana Jones and husband Rick of Claude, and Jana Corse of Amarillo; stepson, Eldon Eads of Pampa; two stepdaughters, Neta Cornelison of Midland and Brandie Killebrew of Guilford, Conn.; five grandchildren, Davis Corse of Mobeetie, Haley Jones and Ashley Jones, both of Claude, Taylor Cornelison of Midland, and Katy Tracy of Pampa. Douglas was preceded in death by a brother, Wallace Corse in 1972.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, Mobeetie, TX 79061.

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

Ralph "John" Hunter, 71

Ralph "John" Hunter, 71, died January 29, 2011, in Pampa.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, February 5, 2011, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Brad Kidder of Harvest Bible Church, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Hunter was born January 11, 1940, in Richmond, Ind. He married Jeannie Toensing on July 25, 1970, in Hampton, Iowa. He had been a resident of Pampa since July 1, 2006, moving from Prue, Okla., where he was mayor in the early 2000's. He worked as a machinist for Whentley Machine in Tulsa, Okla., for 20 years. When he was younger, he enjoyed traveling the United States, and he loved fishing and playing the guitar.

Survivors include his wife, Jeannie Hunter of the home; a son, Kelsey Jay Hunter and wife Lynn of Odessa; two sisters, Margaret Rowe and Rebecca Mullins, both of Connerville, Ind.; brother-in-law and sisters-in-law, Drs. Al and Patrice Toensing of Tucson, Ariz., and Mary Lou Chambers of Pampa; three grandchildren, Dustin Gavlichek of Clovis, N.M., Fredrick Micheal Hunter of Odessa, and a grandbaby on the way. He was preceded in death by a son, Frederick Louis Hunter in 1992, and a brother, Virgil Hunter.

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

Dee Dalton, 87

Dee Dalton, 87, died Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2011, in Pampa.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, February 5, 2011, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor of Briarwood Church, officiating.

Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Dalton was born September 8, 1923, in Eufala, Okla. She came to Pampa in 1941 from Canadian. She married C. J. "Curly" Dalton on July 14, 1940, in Canadian. He preceded her in death on September 3, 1997. Mrs. Dalton was a waitress at the Schneider House in the 1940s. She was a homemaker and a member of Briarwood Church. Her grandchildren affectionately called



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her "Dee Dee."

Survivors include two daughters, Pat Bolton and husband Al and Bobbi Brumfield, all of Pampa; a son, Curtis Dalton and wife Kim of Pampa; 12 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Debbie Martin in 1982; and by her parents, Thomas and Stella Reynolds.

Memorials may be made to Briarwood Church, 1800 W. Harvester, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

Laura Lee Stephens

Laura Lee Stephens, 68, of Horseshoe Bay, passed away on February 2, 2011. She was born on January 23, 1943, in Salt Lake City, the daughter of Arvel and Autie Bradshaw Leek. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She was a avid golfer and she enjoyed her time with her family and her many friends. She was married to her childhood sweetheart for nearly 50 years.

She is survived by her husband, Brent Stephens of Horseshoe Bay, son, Cory Stephens of Horseshoe Bay, son and daughter-in-law, Russell and Shannon Stephens of Seabrook, brother and sister-in-law, Randy and Danielle Leek of Salt Lake City, brother Tom Leek of Salt Lake City, sister and brother-in-law Glenna and Melton Stelter of Salt Lake City, sister-in-law Lucy Leek of Salt Lake City, grandchildren Kyle Stephens, Callie Stephens, Shaye Stephens.

Visitation will be Sunday, Feb. 6, 2011, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Clements-Wilcox Funeral Home in Marble Falls. Funeral Services will be Monday, Feb. 7, 2011 at 2 p.m. at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Officiating will be Bishop Fred DeBusk. Interment will follow at Lakeland Hills Memorial Park in Burnet.

Condolences may be offered at www.clements-wilcox-funeralhome.com.

Thomas Jefferson (T.J.) Cole Jr., 91

WHEELER—Thomas Jefferson (T.J.) Cole Jr., 91, died Thursday, February 03, 2011, in Wheeler.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, February 05, 2011, at 10 a.m. at the Wheeler Cemetery with Dr. Bill Wheeler officiating.

Burial will be in the Wheeler Cemetery, under the direction of Wright Funeral Home, Wheeler.

Thomas was born December 30, 1919, in Wheeler, to Thomas Jefferson Cole Sr. and Zina Ayner (Jaco) Cole. He attended school in Wheeler. Thomas farmed and ranched all his life in the Wheeler area, he enjoyed working and the farm life. He also enjoyed cabinet work, and custom farming. He established The Assembly of God Church in Wheeler in the mid 1940s. His grandkids called him Papa Brown. Thomas enjoyed gospel music, and formed a baseball team in 1940. Thomas was preceded in death by his parents; five sisters; first wife, Mary Lea (Wheeler) Cole; second wife, Lottie Mae (Clay) Hicks Cole; one grandson, Gerrod Dickey and one great-grandson, Brandon Cole.

Thomas is survived by two daughters, Zinna Kaye Dickey of Shamrock, Frances Dickey and husband Toney of Mobeetie; four sons, Tommye Cole and wife Charlotte of McLean, Jimmy Cole and wife Wendy of Pampa, Rusty Cole and wife Belinda of Longmont, Colo., Paul Hicks and wife Judy of Shamrock; 16 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The family has requested in lieu of flowers memorial be sent to M K Brown Boy Scout Camp 401 Tascosa Rd Amarillo, TX 79124 make Attn: Scott Kilian or a favorite charity.

Please sign online guest book at www.wrightfuneral-directors.com.

Claudia Inez Quarles, 91

Church services were held Friday, February 4, 2011, at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Mobeetie, with Rev. Aaron Laverty officiating.

Burial will be in the Mobeetie Cemetery, Mobeetie, under the direction of Wright Funeral Home, Wheeler.

Claudia was born May 13, 1919 in Mobeetie, to John K. Ribble and Willie Mae Poe Ribble. Claudia was a lifetime resident of Mobeetie. Claudia graduated from Mobeetie High School in 1937. She married Winfred Marion Quarles on January 19, 1939, in Sayre, Okla. She was a retail clerk until her retirement in 1986. Claudia was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Winfred Quarles, on September 12, 1990; one brother Leslie Ribble, in 1910; three sisters, Juanita Ribble, in 1925, Pauline Kerr, in 2001, and Lela Mae Sims, in 1986; and one grandson, Kelley Quarles, in 2005.

Claudia is survived by one son, Don Quarles and wife Mary of Pampa, two daughters, Paula Shahan and husband Wayne of Harmon, Okla., Kay Simpson and husband Tiny of Amarillo; five grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law; two brothers-in-law; and many nieces and nephews.

The family has requested in lieu of flowers memorial be sent to BSA Hospice 600 N. Tyler St. Amarillo, TX 79107.

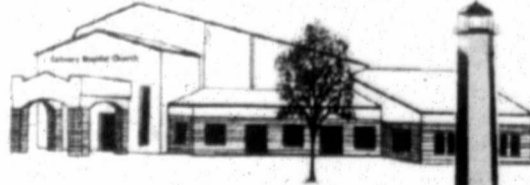


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Amarillo gunfire victim dies

AMARILLO (AP) — An SUV driver wounded during Jan. 30 gunfire in downtown Amarillo has died and charges have been upgraded against a man arrested at the scene.

Four Amarillo police officers who shot at the SUV, as the vehicle allegedly was driven toward them, remain on administrative duty.

Police say autopsy results are expected to be released next week on 24-year-old Claudio Gregory Trujillo of Amarillo.

Investigators dropped an aggravated assault with a deadly weapon charge against 28-year-old Michael Manyoun.

Manyoun was in the Potter County Detention Center on Friday on a deadly conduct charge. No bond had been set, pending arraignment. No attorney was listed for Manyoun, who allegedly was seeing shooting at the SUV.

Investigators say Trujillo died late Wednesday at a hospital.

Giffords' husband to fly shuttle

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The astronaut husband of wounded Rep. Gabrielle Giffords will head to space in April, a stunning decision coming almost one month to the day that his wife was shot through the head.

The congresswoman not only survived, but by all accounts she is making good progress in rehab in Houston, where husband Mark Kelly will resume training Monday for shuttle Endeavour's final voyage. One doctor has described her recovery as "lightning speed."

NASA confirmed late Friday morning that Kelly will be aboard Endeavour as commander of the two-week mission. He is holding a news conference at Johnson Space Center in Houston on Friday afternoon.

Kelly, who's been on leave since the shooting, said in a news release that he's looking forward to rejoining his crew and finishing all the training. He noted that they have been preparing for the space station delivery mission for more than 18 months and will be ready to carry it out.

"I appreciate the confidence that my NASA management has in me and the rest of my space shuttle crew," Kelly said.

Weather affects state agencies

AUSTIN (AP) — Most state agencies in the state capital either closed for a long weekend or opened late Friday after an inch of ice and snow covered the city.

The initial precipitation on Thursday night was freezing drizzle, which iced over roads. Then an inch of snow followed. Austin only receives snow every few years and the city owns few trucks capable of spreading sand.

The result was extremely slippery roads, which resulted in hundreds of minor accidents. Most state agencies told their employees to stay home. A rare exception was the Texas Department of Public Safety, which opened Austin offices at 10 a.m. On Thursday, state lawmakers adjourned until Monday, but they normally take Fridays off.

Area schools, universities, city offices and country services in Austin also closed.

Loughner to go to federal court

PHOENIX (AP) — State and federal prosecutors agreed that the suspect in the shooting of Rep. Gabrielle Giffords and 18 others will be tried first in federal court before any prosecution begins on state charges.

The agreement reached in the case of suspect Jared Loughner was announced Friday by Pima County Attorney Barbara LaWall and Dennis Burke, the U.S. Attorney for Arizona.

In a written statement, the prosecutors say federal law requires all state prosecutions to be suspended while a federal case is pending.

Loughner pleaded not guilty to federal charges of trying to assassinate Giffords and kill two of her aides.

He will likely face state charges in the attack and federal murder charges for the deaths of Giffords aide Gabe Zimmerman and U.S. District Judge John Roll.

Bus passengers stranded

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Hundreds of Greyhound bus passengers are stranded in terminals as a winter storm makes driving hazardous.

Greyhound spokeswoman Bonnie Bastian says a storm is disrupting travel through Texas, Oklahoma and parts of Arkansas and Tennessee.

By late Friday morning, 23-year-old Katrina Smith had been waiting in the Kansas City terminal for more than 30 hours. She was supposed to be in the city just 15 minutes to transfer buses as she headed from Denver to Tulsa, Okla.

She says the crowd of stranded travelers is growing and becoming more frustrated.

Bastian says she knows the delays are inconvenient. But she stressed that it isn't safe to travel across icy roads.

The company is providing meal vouchers and leaving buses running outside to give passengers another place to wait.

More snow before big game

FORT WORTH (AP) — Another blast of winter weather slammed Dallas with up to 5 inches of snow Friday, making driving hazardous and prompting the cancellation of hundreds of flights as tens of thousands of football fans descended on the city for the Super Bowl.

North Texas was still struggling to recover from Tuesday's ice storm, part of a massive system that paralyzed a large swath of the country with blizzards, thundersnow and bone-chilling temperatures this week.

The National Weather Service issued a winter storm warning Friday for Arlington, home of the \$1.3 billion Cowboys Stadium where the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Green Bay Packers are set to face off this weekend. Forecasters expect a mostly sunny Super Bowl Sunday with highs in the 40s, and organizers said last week that the retractable roof of \$1.3 billion stadium will be closed.

Build a kitchen island counter



Dear Pat: I added a breakfast area onto my house and now I plan to remodel my kitchen. I want to build an island with a workspace countertop now that I have room. What is the best method to build one myself? — Pat B.

Dear Pat: If you like to cook and have the space in your kitchen, adding an island countertop will be a great convenience and time saver. Just think how many times you carry items from the range to the sink countertop and back. The island countertop will shorten the path and provide more overall workspace.

In addition to the countertop space, you will gain storage area in drawers and cabinets below the island. You might consider installing a two-element electric cooktop in the countertop. This will require running a 220-volt line to the island.

Another option is a mini-free-standing induction cooking element. You place it on top of the countertop to use it, and store it away in the cabinets below when not in use. Induction elements provide the precise heat control of cooking with gas without the complicated installation. A manufacturer of the induction unit is CookTek, (888) 266-5835.

Go to a kitchen center store and pick out two kitchen cabinets that will fit side by side in your open area. Unfinished oak cabinets are an excellent choice. They are strong, reasonably priced and readily available. You will probably want to cover the sides and backs of the cabinets with paneling to match your new kitchen decor.

For convenient access to the cabinets below, reverse the hinge location on one of the cabinets so they both open from the center. Measure carefully when you drill the new hinge holes. If they are off just a little, it will be very apparent when the cabinet doors are closed.

Using a circular saw or a hand saw, cut the inside flanges off the countertops so the inner sides of the cabinets fit flush together. Save one of the flanges you saw off. You will attach it to the cabinets to cover the seam between them.

Making sure the cabinets are level, spread construction adhesive

on the inner sides and push them together. Use 1-inch-long wood screws inside the cabinets to secure them together. Don't rely on the adhesive alone to hold them permanently together.

Cut the pieces of paneling to fit the sides and the back of the island. Even though you will be adding molding at the top, bottom and corners of the paneling, still try to cut as accurately as possible. It is all too easy to become careless and then be so far off that the molding will not cover the edge completely. Mitering the base molding will make a more professional-looking job.

The final step is to add the countertop. This procedure will depend

somewhat on the type of countertop material you selected. For most standard countertops with a wood backing, glue it with more construction adhesive to the tops of the two cabinets. Run screws from inside the cabinets through the corner supports into the underside of the countertop.

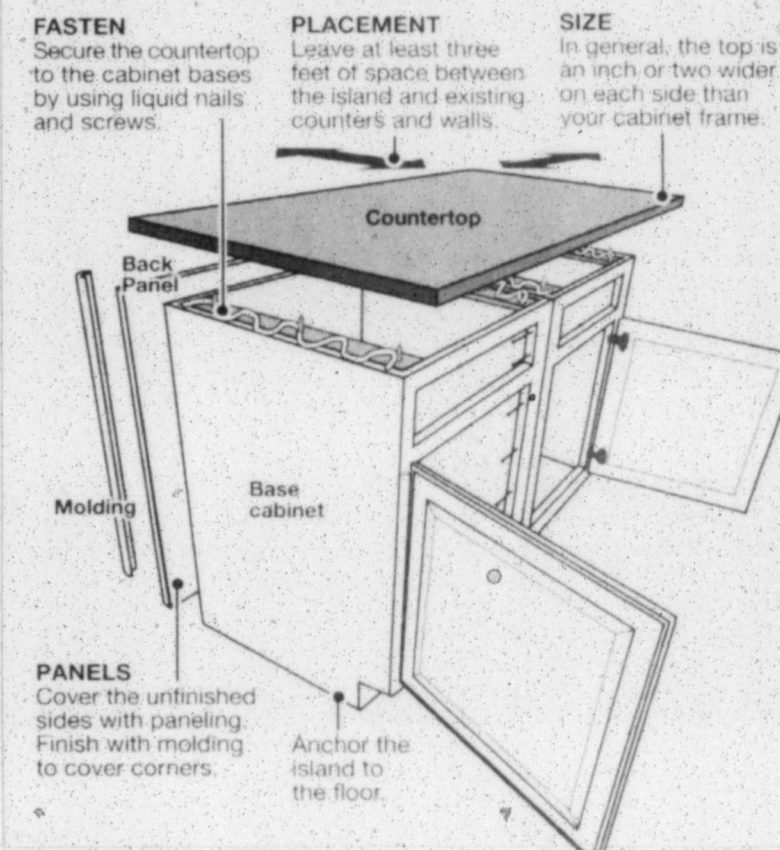
Tools and materials required: drill/driver, circular saw, hammer, miter saw or box, clamps, safety goggles, two oak cabinets, drawer/cabinet hardware, molding, paneling, countertop, towel bar, nails, screws, construction adhesive, sandpaper.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Friday, Feb. 4, the 35th day of 2011. There are 330 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 4, 1861, delegates from six southern states that had recently seceded from the Union met in Montgomery, Ala., to form the Confederate States of America.

On this date:

In A.D. 211, Roman Emperor Lucius Septimius Severus died at age 65.

In 1783, Britain's King George III proclaimed a formal cessation of hostilities in the American Revolutionary War.

In 1789, electors chose George Washington to be the first president of the United States.

In 1932, New York Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt opened the Winter Olympic Games at Lake Placid.

In 1941, the United Service Organizations (U.S.O.) came into existence.

In 1948, the island nation of Ceylon—now Sri Lanka—became an independent dominion within the British Commonwealth.

In 1961, Angola began its war of independence from Portuguese colonial rule. (Although independence was achieved in 1975, the country was then plunged into a 27-year civil war.)

In 1974, newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst was kidnapped in Berkeley, Calif., by the Symbionese Liberation Army.

In 1976, more than 23,000 people died when a severe earthquake struck Guatemala with a magnitude of 7.5, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

In 1999, Amadou Diallo, an unarmed West African immigrant, was shot and killed in front of his Bronx home by four plainclothes New York City police officers. (The officers were acquitted at trial.)

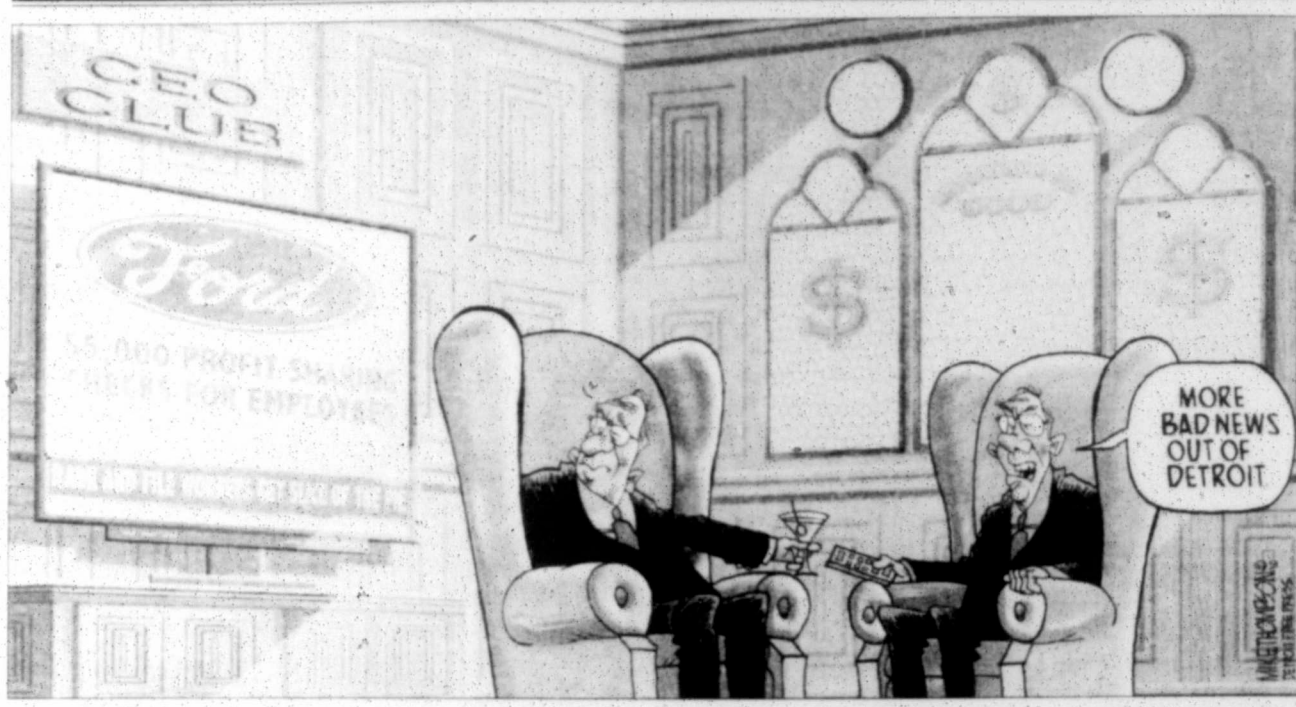
Ten years ago: In the NHL All-Star game, the North America team beat the World squad 14-12.

Five years ago: Thousands of Syrians enraged by caricatures of the prophet Muhammad torched the Danish and Norwegian embassies in Damascus. In Gaza, Palestinians marched through the streets, storming European buildings and burning trierqan and Danish flags.

One year ago: Republican Scott Brown took over the seat of the late Massachusetts Sen. Edward Kennedy as he was sworn in by Vice President Joe Biden at a Capitol Hill ceremony.

Today's Birthdays: Actor William Phipps is 89. Actor Conrad Bain is 88. Actor Gary Conway is 75. Movie director George A. Romero is 71. Rock musician John Steel (The Animals) is 70. Singer Florensy LaRue (The Fifth Dimension) is 67. Former Vice President Dan Quayle is 64. Rock singer Alice Cooper is 63. Actor Michael Beck is 62. Actress Lisa Eichhorn is 59. Rock singer Jim Booth is 51. Rock musician Henry Bogdan is 50. Country singer Clint Black is 49. Actress Gabrielle Anwar is 41. Actor Rob Corddry is 40. Actor Michael Gornjan is 40. Singer Natalie Imbruglia is 36. Rapper Cam'ron is 35. Rock singer Gavin DeGraw is 34.

Thought for Today: "Habit is necessary, it is the habit of having habits, of turning a trail into a rut, that must be incessantly fought against if one is to remain alive." —*Fifth Wave*, American author (1967)



A new bookstore, a nice gesture, a great name

Read any good books lately?

I have often commented on what Pampa has compared to other communities our size.

There was one thing lacking, however, that it lacked — and now that has been corrected.

What Pampa was missing was adventure, drama, romance, fantasy, and anything else you can find in a book. I was on my way from the Combs-Worley Building to T-Shirts and More when I made a serendipitous discovery. Rachel Schmidt has opened "Rachel's Pages" at 115 W. Kingsmill. I've seen books in some of the collectibles stores, but thought a town this size really ought to have a store dedicated to used books.

Thanks, Rachel, for filling the need!

A nice gesture

Pampa is full of nice folks. I have been meaning to write about an incident ever since it happened, but I kept forgetting and it must be almost a year since it happened.

I was walking into the building with a folder full of papers when I realized I needed to take down the flags. As I was reaching for the halvard, the folder fell out. It was a windy day and the papers took to flight. I didn't have copies, so it

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was imperative that I rounded them up, but I despaired of accomplishing it, when a car pulled into a parking space. A very nice lady got out solely to help me gather the papers. As luck would have it, they rounded the corner of the building and blew up against the chain link fence, so it wasn't the disaster it could have been, but I was really touched that the lady — and I have no idea who she was — made the effort to stop and help. Thanks, ma'am!

What's in a name?

A few years ago I went to Palo Duro Canyon to see TEXAS. I was greeted at the gate by a woman whose last name was Smart. As I went into the eating area, I was greeted by a man named Smart. "I

just met a woman down there named Smart," I told him. "Any relation?"

"Mister," he said, "I made that woman Smart. She wasn't Smart until she married me." I got a kick out of that. So did he, but I got the distinct impression that she merely put up with it!

Smart is not an uncommon name, but every once in a while I run into someone whose name is a very common English word, but you don't hear it as a surname very often. Just a few days ago, I talked to a woman named Penny — her last name, that is. Don't know that I've ever run into that before. A few years ago I ran into a young woman whose last name was Sleep. She, a Canadian, agreed that it was very unusual name — that all Sleeps are related. She told me her family had a sense of humor about the name. When she first got a drivers license, her folks put a bumper sticker on her car that said: "A Sleep at the Wheel!"

(And I was typing this. I got an email from a woman named "Belt.")

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

Why not freeze America's foreign spending, too?

Last week, in his State of the Union address, President Barack Obama was adamant about freezing U.S. government domestic spending over the next five years. But why not do the same for U.S. spending abroad?

The president said: "So tonight, I am proposing that starting this year, we freeze annual domestic spending for the next five years. Now, this would reduce the deficit by more than \$400 billion over the next decade."

Forget for a moment that I believe we need to cut government spending by at least 10 percent across the board (including in foreign support) and not just freeze it. Can you imagine American homes in which the primary breadwinners lost their jobs freezing their household spending but not doing the same in their financial support of almost every household in their neighborhoods?

I'm not trying to be heartless to international need, just trying to get our stateside house in order. We can't help others until we first fix ourselves.

What wisdom is there in freezing domestic spending for five years and not doing the same with foreign spending? A crippled U.S. economy is no-brainer evidence of a nation that needs to pull back from being not only the world police but also the world provider.

Despite the fact that I'm no fan of the United Nations, proof of the impotency and hollowness of U.S. foreign aid is reflected in the General Assembly votes from countries to which the U.S. offers aid, for they rarely translate into U.S. agreement and support. In other words, too many countries want and are overly dependent on U.S. generosity, without an iota of allegiance, business or trade reciprocity.

The Heritage Foundation reported, "Of the 30 largest recipients of U.S. foreign aid that have voted during the past eight sessions (years), 29 countries voted against the U.S. in a majority of the non-consensus votes, and 25 voted against the U.S.



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in a majority of the important non-consensus votes."

In short, the feds are chronic enablers of not only their own U.S. citizens on welfare but also other countries on our foreign aid, preventing all of them from bearing their own responsibilities. The feds have become the parents in the global house, and they are making excuse after excuse as to why others can't tie up their bootstraps, grow up and get along without our help.

This "savior" mentality is crippling the U.S. and ushering in our economic demise, but it's exactly the role of government that President Obama espouses and enacts.

If I were president, here's what I would propose for foreign realignment. I'd have the U.S. State Department inform all other countries that we are freezing domestic and foreign spending for at least the next five years. And at the end of those five years, we'd reassess U.S. support not only on the basis of the health of the U.S. economy but also, more importantly, on the basis of how other countries support U.S. interests and trade over the same time period. One might call that blackmail, but I call it business.

The truth is that in the second five-year period, I would work voraciously to wean other countries off "U.S. milk." They don't need our finances to feel our support. There are many other ways. And in so doing, we'll grow up to be a healthier global community. (I just learned that Rand Paul, the new senator from Kentucky, proposed ending all foreign aid last week.)

And for those who would say that we have to give to get American interests and security, I would reply: Maybe the proof that other countries can't be friends to America without

our money is proof that they are no friends at all. No surprise that nearly 60 percent of Americans in a new Gallup Poll said they would be in favor of cutting foreign aid — the highest percentage in the entire poll.

In his State of the Union speech, President Obama even confessed to "the deep need for change in our relations with the world: "Our success in this new and changing world will require reform, responsibility and innovation. It will also require us to approach that world with a new level of engagement in our foreign affairs."

So let me propose that the "new level" is no new level at all, but an old level — a foreign policy articulated well by our Founding Fathers 200 years ago and other patriots today. I agree with Ron Paul, the father of Rand Paul and an exceptional representative and example of a constitutional statesman. In his book "The Revolution," Ron writes, "It is time for us to consider a strategic reassessment of our policy of foreign interventionism, occupation, and nation building."

Our Founders would not endorse the global presence we have today, especially with the costs of doing so in light of our colossal deficit and debt. As George Washington said, "the great rule of conduct for us in regard to foreign nations is in extending our commercial relations to have with them as little political connection as possible. ... 'Tis our true policy to steer clear of permanent alliances, with any portion of the foreign world."

Could it get more any wiser and simpler than that?

In the end, the fact is that the U.S. economy could collapse, and the rest of the countries of the world would survive and probably even thrive. I pray that it doesn't take that form of U.S. economic earthquake to prove that very case.

Chuck Norris is a martial artist, actor and columnist for WorldNetDaily.

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Worship

The healing gift of forgiveness

I've been thinking about forgiveness lately. Sometimes forgiveness is easy. Like when one's offender comes, hat-in-hand, offering a heartfelt apology. Or when they help pick up the pieces and set things right. But what about when there is no admonition of wrong-doing, and your forgiveness isn't really sought after, thank-you-very-much? When the person who hurt or offended you isn't inclined to show remorse and you are left to pick up the pieces on your own, that's when forgiveness becomes tough.

Often, when discussing forgiveness, the same questions come up: What if they won't change? What if they keep trying to use or manipulate me? In such situations, here are a few thoughts to consider.

First, it's okay for Christians to establish boundaries within relationships. It's okay to say no when others seek to manipulate, and it's okay to refuse to accept unkind or crass comments. Most importantly, any cycles of abuse within relationships must come to an end. Forgiveness is never license for abuse, and it never allows wrongdoing to continue. As boundaries change, the nature of the relationship may change. However, within proper boundaries, a relationship can remain and even flourish despite the imperfections of those involved.

Secondly, we recognize that some relationships may never be perfect in this life. We are imperfect people, seeking to be made whole in Jesus Christ. As most of us have discovered, however, this process of transformation and sanctification is sometimes a slower work than we would like. The truth is, we have no control over another person's progress in this endeavor. But it is possible to maintain relationship with those who have hurt or disappoint us, even if



BLOSSOM MATTHEWS

the good word

they don't change. This will likely mean forgiving them not only for what they have done, but also for being the kind of person who will most likely do it again. We forgive people for being broken people: stuck in attitudes, actions and addictions that hurt themselves and others. If our forgiveness of others were based on their achievement in transformation, then it wouldn't really be grace. But forgiveness, the Christ-like kind, anyway, is more of an indication that our souls are so full of the grace of God that it just overflows into the lives of others. We aren't keeping score, meting out forgiveness based on what our offender can offer. Rather, we are simply extending the love and grace of God to them.

Finally, we recognize that forgiveness is not a solitary task. God is ready and willing to help us walk through the process of forgiveness. By allowing God's grace to work a miracle of healing in our soul, we discover the peace and joy that comes with forgiveness. As we are freed from the bitter memories of the past and look forward to the possibility of the present moment, we learn one of life's great truths: forgiveness is the greatest gift you will ever give yourself.

Blossom Matthews is the co-pastor at First United Methodist.

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

McLean Cowboy Church worships in new building

JULIE FERGUSON
Special to The Pampa News

McLean Cowboy Church and the Arena of Life enjoyed the first service in their new building on Sunday, Jan. 23rd.

In attendance were 169 children and adults, including some from as far as Borger, Stinnett and Pampa. The diversity of people in attendance only went to show that you don't have to be a cowboy to attend Cowboy Church!

The children were eager and excited to have Children's Church in their new rooms and the adults equally excited to participate in the first of many services in their new sanctuary! As the service opened, glory was first given to God for His guidance in the acquisition of property and for His provision in the entire building process.

Thanks was also given to the contractors, builders, workers, sound specialists, donors, and the many other people who made the transition into the new building possible. Praise and worship

was then led by elder and worship leader, Jeremiah Soto with help from Summer Ferguson.

It was awesome to see and hear the audio video ran on sound equipment donated by the Solid Rock Church of Monroe, Ohio. The service then progressed with a time of dedication in honor of Buddy Burns and Bobby Sanderson for the integral part they had in bringing Cowboy Church to what it has become today.

The tributes were given by Pastor Casey Carter and Billy Billingsley, respectively. In closing, Pastor Ronnie Ferguson delivered a message from the Word of God to the congregation. All in all, you could say that the McLean Cowboy Church Grand Opening was a success and they pray for many more life-changing services to follow!

The McLean Cowboy Church and the Arena of Life is located at I-40 and Hwy. 273 just off Exit 142. Sunday worship and service is at 10:30 am and the midweek service is on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

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Thousands in N.M. without gas service

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — With tens of thousands of people across New Mexico without natural gas service, Gov. Susana Martinez on Thursday declared a state of emergency, ordered government offices be shut down Friday, and urged schools to "strongly consider" remaining closed for the day.

Demand has soared because of extremely cold weather across the state since Tuesday. New Mexico Gas Company said rolling blackouts in West Texas also impeded the delivery of natural gas to New Mexico.

Martinez declared a state of emergency for the entire state, urging residents to turn down their thermostats, bundle up and shut off appliances they don't need for the next 24 hours.

She later announced all state operations not providing critical services would be closed Friday to decrease the strain on energy resources throughout New Mexico.

"Due to statewide natural gas shortages, I have ordered all government agencies that do not provide essential services to shut down and all nonessential employees to stay home" on Friday, Martinez said after meeting with public safety personnel in Albuquerque.

"I have also encouraged all schools that have not already announced closures to strongly consider doing so," she said.

New Mexico Gas Company said service was disrupted throughout the state — in Bernalillo, Placitas, Taos, Questa, Red River and parts of Albuquerque, Silver City, Alamogordo, Tularosa and La Luz.

Emergency shelters were set up in several areas. Martinez said residents needing help finding a shelter or getting to one should call the non-emergency police or fire phone number in their community.

"As New Mexicans, we've always gotten through difficult situations," Martinez said. "We will get through this situation as well."

Earlier Thursday, Taos Mayor Darren Cordova declared a state of emergency in the northern New Mexico community after gas service was disrupted. He urged area residents to conserve electricity to prevent an outage of that energy source.

Martinez also urged people to curb electrical use to prevent blackouts and allow compressors to function so the state can get natural gas supplies.

"The use of electricity and the use of natural gas are not isolated; one is impacting the other," she said.

The state's largest electrical utility, Public Service Company of New Mexico, asked customers in the southern New Mexico communities of Alamogordo, Tularosa and Ruidoso to reduce their use of electricity because a transmission line serving the area was over capacity.

The overload occurred because a second line into the area was out of service, but PNM said crews were repairing that line.

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service company, an Xcel Energy company. "Our customers have helped us through similar situations in the past, and we look to them today to help us maintain the integrity of their electricity system."

We at Xcel Energy — and your friends and neighbors — thank you.

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"It's something that I had mentioned to our youth group during our first Super Bowl here, which was in 2009," said Rigoulot. "They thought it was a great idea. We talked about the biblical foundation for helping those in need and feeding the hungry, and everyone wanted to get involved."

"Basically, there's a lot of hungry people in the world," added Linda Slaybaugh, church secretary at First Christian. "We're celebrating the Super Bowl with food and all that jazz, so it's good to help the hungry, too."

Donations collected during the Souper Bowl of Caring in Pampa have gone and will go towards

local organizations such as Good Samaritan Christian Services, Meals on Wheels and the Tralee Crisis Center.

"All the money is supposed to stay local," Rigoulot said. "It raises awareness that people are not only hungry in third world countries, but also in (our kids') schools, on their streets,

in their own backyards."

For more information on the Souper Bowl of Caring locally, contact First Presbyterian Church at 665-1031 or First Christian Church at 669-3225.

BANANAGRAMS!

Use the 18 tiles in this bunch to create words that fit into the grids below. To get you started, a few tiles from the bunch have been placed in each grid, and the BANANA BITES provide hints. Reuse the 18 tiles in the bunch for each grid.

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BANANA BITE: One word is an element.

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BANANA BITE: One word is something you're served.

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Yesterday's Answer: LOTTERY, LETDOWN, NOTABLE SPONSOR

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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 - 13 Tea cake
 - 14 Parts
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 - 16 Bauble
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 - 20 "— had it!"
 - 21 Follow
 - 22 Bills from tills
 - 23 Keg attachment
 - 24 Director's cry
 - 25 Diamond Head setting
 - 27 RPM measurers
 - 29 Goose formation
 - 30 Some nuts
 - 32 Cordillera Real natives
 - 34 Get-up-and-go
 - 35 Top actors
 - 36 "What do —?"
- DOWN
- 1 Nest builders
 - 2 Houdini feat
 - 3 Wild guess
 - 4 Score half
 - 5 California county
 - 6 School near Windsor
 - 7 Easy task
 - 8 Coat part
 - 10 Establishes
 - 12 Senator Kefauver
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 - 19 Jacob's twin
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: Every one knows the economy has hit hard times and, as a result, more people are working past the age of retirement. This means some of the workplace are beginning to deal with Alzheimer's and other dementia-related illnesses.

Anita is in her late 90s and we are certain she is showing symptoms of dementia. She has worked in our office about three years, after working in this field for more than 30 years elsewhere. But if you saw her in our office today, you would think it was her first week — if not her first day.

Anita makes multiple mistakes every day, then sits at her desk and cries her eyes out. Our supervisor insists there is nothing he or HR can do in regards to talking (gently) to her because she could sue the company.

I'm sorry Anita is suffering, but must we let her deteriorate for three more years in our office? That's how long she is planning on staying, even though she's eligible for retirement. Her family lives elsewhere in the state and may not realize she is ill. Were she my mother, I would want someone to do something. What's the right thing to do for everyone involved? — STUMPED IN CALIFORNIA

should be counseled and given the opportunity to fix the problem — if, indeed, it is fixable."

DEAR ABBY: My husband runs an auto body shop and has always warned me to be extra careful in parking lots — "People don't pay attention. They drive too fast. Everyone's always in a hurry," etc. Well, tomorrow I am going to the memorial service for a dear friend, "Mara." She was only 46.

While Mara was putting her granddaughter into a stroller, they were hit. A woman driving too fast hit a car backing out of a parking space, careened off that car and ran over Mara. Mara was pinned underneath the car until the fire department arrived and lifted it off her. Mara's daughter saw it all. The 3-year-old is still in the hospital, but will survive.

I realize my friend died over a parking spot. I hope people reading this will see that we all need to slow down and pay attention. A car can be as lethal as a gun. I didn't "get it" before, but now I do. Because of the reckless actions of a complete stranger, you can

kiss your husband goodbye, go shopping and never return! I hope this nightmare can help others. — MISSING THE SISTER OF MY HEART

DEAR MISSING: Please know how sorry I am about the tragic death of your friend. I cannot stress enough how important it is to remain fully present while behind the wheel of a vehicle. Our streets and highways are filled with distractions, as are our cars — billboards, cell phones, stereo buttons, the GPS, etc. I am sure the woman who struck Mara and her grandchild will never get over the fact that she took one life and could have taken another.

Readers, I hope you will review this woman's letter and remember it the next time you're "in a hurry." It could save a life.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: "How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." — Anne Frank

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is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: PUT ALL YOUR EGGS IN ONE BASKET — AND WATCH THAT BASKET. — MARK TWAIN

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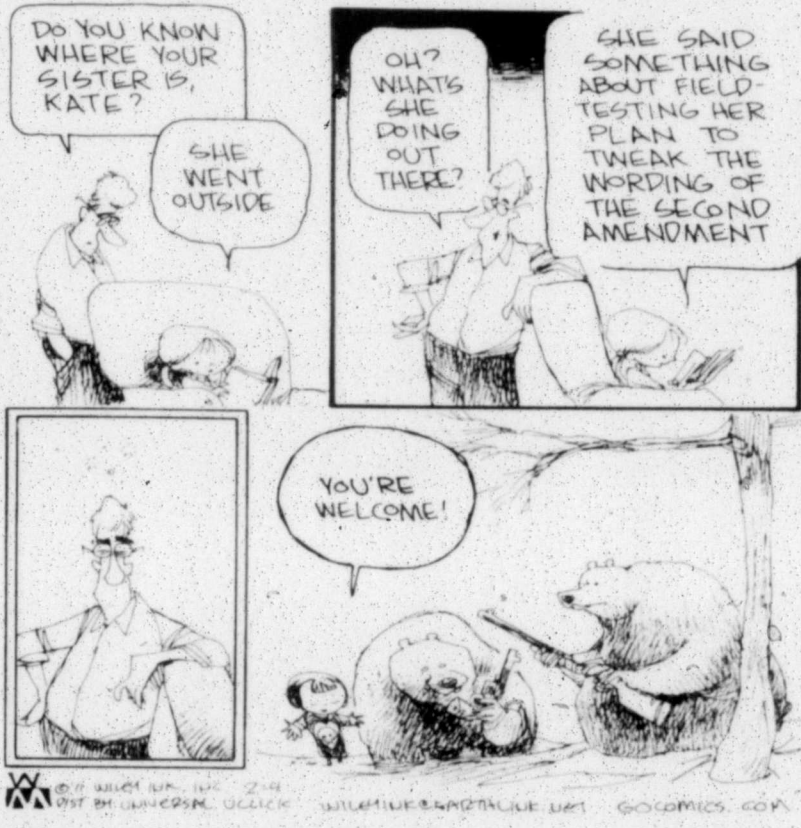


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"Could you please just listen and stop saying 'you don't say?'"

Non Sequitur



Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Feb. 5, 2011:

This year, you easily energize just by indulging a little, whether it is visiting with a friend or pursuing a hobby. Your concern will revolve around security more than in the past, thus creating a better sense of well-being. You will be more upbeat and happy. Meeting people occurs with ease as well. If you are single, don't commit too quickly. Enjoy the dating phase. If you are attached, the two of you will enjoy even better communication. Curb a need to possess or impress PISCES.

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)

★★★ A friendship could play a major role in plans and how you feel. The two of you might decide it is time to head to the country and relax together. You could feel as if a heavy weight has been lifted off your back. A new setting and a good friend can work miracles! Tonight: Remain low-key.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Keep your eye on the big picture. Be careful with a friend you love to pieces — you easily could make a key person in your life jealous. A little diplomacy could go a long way. You revive your energy just by going out and about. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ A take-charge attitude scores with a family member who is just as happy to let you do the work. You also might need to squeeze in some extra work time. A child or loved one is testy. Help him or her relax. Tonight: In the limelight.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Take off as soon as you have firm plans. Go off to the movies or choose a day trip — just get out of your day-to-day environment. You'll recycle and feel great. Meet friends or loved ones at an exotic restaurant for dinner. Tonight: Out late!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You spend quality time with a friend or loved one. Both of you will feel better as a result and recharge your batteries. A discussion that seemed difficult might feel irrelevant at this point. An opportunity heads in your direction. Tonight: Keep it simple. Best would be two people.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Others have great ideas. You decide to go with one of them despite what it might do to your wallet. What you gain and the rapport that evolves with a key person in your life is more than worth it. Be willing to ask for help if you need it. Tonight: Go with the moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You know what you need. Others don't. If you need some time alone, for whatever reason, make sure you get it. A loved one's enthusiasm could bowl you over right now. Know that you don't have to go along. You can be your own person. Tonight: Put your feet up. Veg.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Mischief simply is more appealing than usual. Laugh and share with a child or loved one. Express your joy of the moment and let those around you know how much you care. Funnel some energy into a project that might add to your comfort level. Tonight: Be naughty and nice.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Staying close to home doesn't need to be boring, especially with your imagination and energy. A spontaneous invitation from some friends could prove to be a noteworthy gathering. Let go and enjoy those around you. Tonight: Make it easy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Though you might intend on just a short visit with a friend or neighbor, before you know it, much time has passed. Don't worry so much. Realize how significant your personal relationships are. Tonight: Join friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Your ability to move through problems and clear them out is substantial. How you see someone and the choices you make rapidly change once you feel relaxed. Allow yourself to kick back and indulge. Don't you feel great? Tonight: Your treat.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You are all smiles as you note what is going on around you. A partner, family member or dear friend who has been touchy or difficult makes an attempt to perk up. Be appreciative of that gesture, even if success is not the outcome! Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.

BORN TODAY

Comedian Christopher Guest (1948), actor Michael Sheen (1969), baseball player Henry "Hank" Aaron (1934)

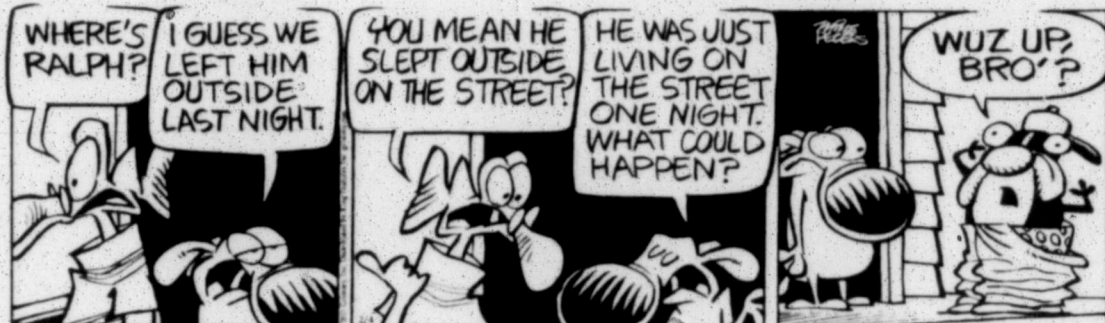
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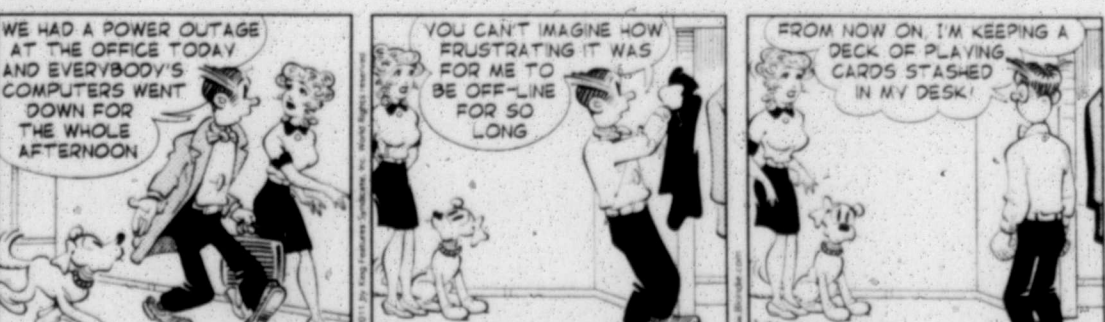
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PAID ANNOUNCEMENT



Drivers to celebrate 60th anniversary

Morris and Christeen Driver will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with a reception on Saturday, February 5, 2011 at 2:00 in the afternoon at Central Baptist Church in Pampa.

The couple wed on February 12, 1951 in Meridian, MS. At the time of their wedding, Morris was stationed at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, MS, and Christeen was attending nursing school in Meridian. After Morris fulfilled his duties with the Air Force in Germany, the couple lived in Fort Worth, Stinnett, Spearman, and Lamar, CO before moving to Pampa in 1976.

The reception is going to be hosted by the couple's daughters, Christie Jackson of Amarillo and Labrenda Koch of Perryton and their families.

Dating

also more likely to report binge drinking, suicide attempts, physical fighting and sexual activity, according to CDC information. Rates of drug, alcohol and tobacco use are more than twice as high in girls who report physical dating violence or sexual abuse than in girls who report no violence. Dating violence is also associated with unhealthy sexual behaviors that lead to unintended pregnancies, sexually transmitted diseases and HIV infections.

"As adult role models, this is our window of opportunity to teach young people the importance of mutual respect and to help them understand that good communication and honesty are essential to a healthy relationship," Laramore said. "We must challenge the way we see teen relationships portrayed

in so-called television reality shows and movies."

Laramore stressed the need to recognize that technologies such as cell phones, email and social networking websites play a major role in the lives of teenagers.

"Tragically, the same technologies that are so much fun for teenagers can be used to control, stalk and victimize," she said. "It's called electronic aggression and about 33 percent of teens have been victimized by it."

Warning signs of dating violence include suspicious injuries, failing grades, loss of interest in activities or hobbies, alcohol or drug use, excuses for dating partner's behavior, fearfulness around their dating partner or when his or her name is mentioned, and avoidance of friends and social events.

An unhealthy relationship involves control, dependence, dishonesty, disrespect, hostility, intimidation, physical violence, and sexual violence, Laramore pointed out.

Healthy relationships, on the other hand, involve mutual respect, trust, honesty, compromise, individuality, good communication, anger control, problem solving, fighting fair, understanding, self-confidence, and being a role model, she said.

For more information about services available to victims of dating violence or other types of violent crime, call Tralee Crisis Center at 669-1788 or 1-800-658-2796.

Websites such as www.LovelsRespect.org or www.CDC.gov/ChooseRespect are also resources for teens or concerned parents or friends.

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Sports

Harvesters can open up district lead with victory

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The Pampa Harvesters have a golden opportunity to move closer to clinching their first district title since 1996 with a victory over Perryton tonight.

The Rangers (14-12, 3-2) lost to Dalhart Thursday giving Pampa a full game lead in District 1-3A. A victory tonight will put the Harvesters two games ahead of the Rangers with three games left. Junior guard Latigo Collins said it's something they need to take advantage of.

"That will give us a big lead up two games with only three left," Collins said. "I'm wanting the district championship more. I can't wait to cut down the nets next time Perryton comes (Feb. 15) and getting better to make a playoff run."

Head coach Dustin Miller said tonight is a big game for several reasons.

"Obviously it will be really nice (to win) with three games left," Miller said. "We want to win this for so many other reasons. It's a district home game and it's another step toward our ultimate goal. Not to mention this a team that put it on us at their place."

Junior post Reid Miller said they are extremely motivated after dropping the first game to Perryton.

"After (Perryton) played last night I feel like we should have the upper hand on them," Miller said. "After the loss last time we have a lot of motivation for a win."

Perryton beat Pampa 69-60 January 25. Miller said the key tonight will be playing better defense.

"We have to contain their post bet-



Miller



Collins

ter," Miller said.

Collins agreed and said getting off to a good start will also be key.

"We have to make big adjustments from the first game," Collins said. "We have to get off to a good start and not fall behind early."

Miller and Collins both agree Perryton having to play last night will help them tonight.

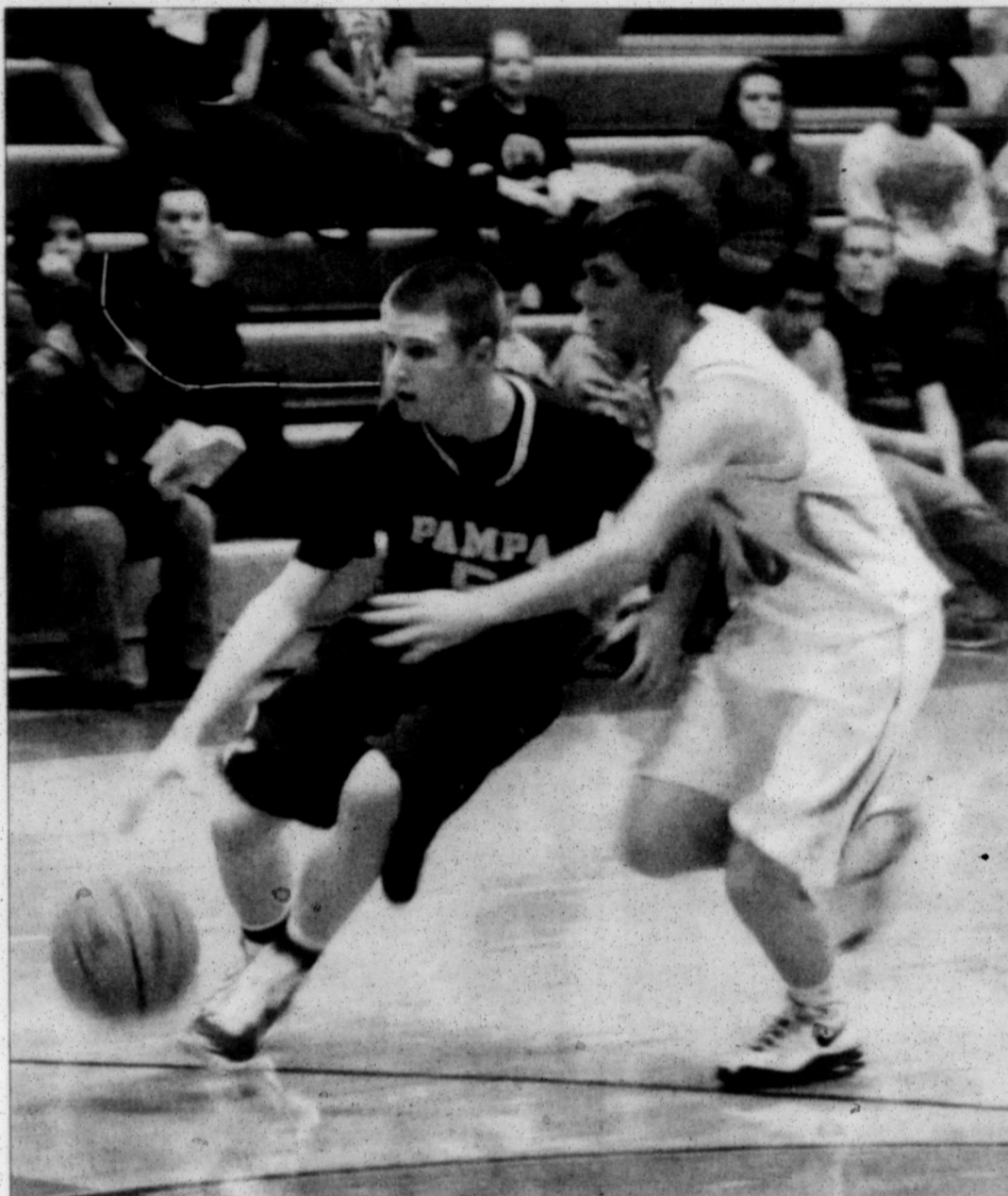
"They played a tough physical Dalhart team last night and had to put in a lot of effort to win that one," Collins said. "We have had some rest from Borger. We're going to try and run early see if we can take advantage."

"I think most importantly, we got to stay in our routine of games which led to keeping the practice schedule the same," Miller said. "We have had two days to not only recover physically but prepare for our opponent."

If the Harvesters (14-10, 4-1) win they only need a combination of two wins or Perryton losses to clinch district.

Reid Miller said it would be a huge honor to win the district title.

"It will be a big deal for the community and the basketball program," Miller said. "It's a big deal to me and everyone else on the team."



Latigo Collins drives against Borger Tuesday. Collins and the Harvesters will have a chance to open up a two-game lead in district with a victory tonight. photo courtesy of Joe Murray

Harvester and Lady Harvester seniors keys to success

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Tonight the Harvester and Lady Harvester basketball seniors will be honored at McNeely Fieldhouse after the girls game against Perryton. Cori Cook and Kayla Hughes will play their last game on their home floor. Garrett Ericson, Jonathan Polasek, Zach Murray, Brandon Chairez, Greg Cabrales and Joseph Mechelay will be honored as well. Both the guys and girls seniors have been solid leaders and contributors to their teams' success.

Cook was a clutch shooter in her junior season, hitting two buzzer beaters. This season, Cook was clutch at the free throw line in Pampa's victory over Borger January 11. In every single game Cook gives her all and isn't afraid to go against anybody. The senior guard has also been a leader off the court. In the Caprock Classic, she ran a team meeting that sparked a four-game winning streak.

Hughes has been a strong defensive player. In some games, she's been the leader in rebounds. Though she doesn't



ANDREW GLOVER

always led in stats, she is very physical and isn't afraid to jump in and force a jump ball. No matter what the game situation is, Hughes always hustles.

Ericson has been a leader for the Harvesters since his sophomore season and can be counted on to score at least 15 points every game. The senior forward is especially dangerous if he starts getting hot beyond the arc. Defensively, Ericson has been one of the leaders in rebounds and isn't afraid to take a charge.

Polasek at times can be a leading scorer but the great thing about him is the energy he brings on the court. Last season, Polasek came off the bench to provide a spark. This season he plays his hardest from tip-off to the final buzzer. Polasek has assisted a lot of scores. Defensively, Polasek is a solid contributor in rebounds and also isn't

hesitant about giving himself up for a charge.

Murray has been a solid point guard this season. Though he may not be a triple-double threat, he is very key to the Harvesters being successful on offense. Murray has great floor vision and can give the ball to the right guys at the right time. Defensively, Murray is very good at getting steals and setting up fast break lay-ups. From time to time, Murray has found himself amongst the leaders in rebounds.

Chairez has been a solid contributor off the bench, though sometimes his actions go unnoticed. The senior swingman is a very physical player who won't shy away from the physical action. His ability to penetrate has set him up for opportunities at the free throw line or set up one of his teammates with a good shot. Defensively, Chairez is a good defender. In a game against Panhandle, when Reid Miller had to set with an injury, Chairez was the one whose number was called.

Cabrales is a solid back up point guard and the Harvesters don't skip a beat when he's in the game. Cabrales

can nail the open three with great consistency and can drive for the layup as well. Defensively, Cabrales is persistent and can also create turnovers which in turn creates points.

Mechelay has been a solid contributor off the bench. When any of Pampa's big men get in foul trouble, Mechelay is usually first off the bench. Offensively, Mechelay can hit the jumper or penetrate and set up a teammate. The senior forward can also clear the boards and score second chance points. Defensively, Mechelay has been called on to shut down the other teams' big men. Against Floydada in the Caprock Tournament, Mechelay shut down their post, who scored 15 points before Mechelay came in. Mechelay also is good at taking the charge.

All of these seniors have put the Harvesters and Lady Harvesters in position to win games and hopefully they will still be playing beyond Tuesday and Friday.

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BURNING ISSUES

► TV analyst Larry McReynolds thinks the media should acknowledge the positive — just as he does. Many think the job is to describe what happens "as is."

► The same drivers who, after last year's Daytona races, expressed fear and loathing at a new coat of pavement are now describing it as the greatest development since indoor plumbing.

► Tony Stewart likes the new points system because, he said, consistency ought to be more important. Brian France insisted that the changes make winning more important. What Stewart said was surprising but accurate. France wants us to think wishfully.

► Under both systems, old and new, the percentage of points awarded to the runner-up, compared with those of the winner, is virtually the same.

► The base points, in positions 1-43, are awarded in single increments, from 43 for first to one for last. Three bonus points go to the winner, along with one each for leading a lap and leading the most laps. The maximum is 48.

► Under the new system, a 25-point lead is roughly equivalent to a 100-point edge under the previous system.

► Part of the reason for the change was simplicity. NASCAR's analysts apparently revealed a need to make the system easier to understand.

► Under the previous system, last place in points was worth about 20 percent of winning. Now it's worth about 2 percent.

2011 SPRINT CUP SCHEDULE	
Feb. 12	Bud Shootout
Feb. 17	Gatorade Duel
Feb. 20	Daytona
Feb. 27	Phoenix
March 6	Las Vegas
March 20	Bristol
March 27	Fontana
April 3	Martinsville
April 9	Texas
April 17	Talladega
April 30	Richmond
May 7	Darlington
May 15	Dover
May 21	All-Star Race
May 29	Charlotte
June 5	Kansas
June 12	Pocono
June 19	Michigan
June 26	Sonoma
July 2	Daytona
July 9	Kentucky
July 17	Loudon
July 31	Indianapolis
Aug. 7	Pocono
Aug. 14	Watkins Glen
Aug. 21	Michigan
Aug. 27	Bristol
Sept. 4	Atlanta
Sept. 10	Richmond
Sept. 18	Chicago
Sept. 25	Loudon
Oct. 2	Dover
Oct. 9	Kansas
Oct. 15	Charlotte
Oct. 23	Talladega
Oct. 30	Martinsville
Nov. 6	Texas
Nov. 13	Phoenix
Nov. 20	Homestead

2011 NATIONWIDE SERIES SCHEDULE	
Feb. 19	Daytona
Feb. 26	Phoenix
March 5	Las Vegas
March 19	Bristol
March 26	Fontana
April 8	Texas
April 16	Talladega
April 23	Nashville
April 29	Richmond
May 6	Darlington
May 14	Dover
May 22	Iowa
May 28	Charlotte
June 4	Chicago
June 18	Michigan
June 25	Road America
July 1	Daytona
July 8	Kentucky
July 16	Loudon
July 23	Nashville
July 30	LOR at Indianapolis
Aug. 6	Iowa
Aug. 13	Watkins Glen
Aug. 20	Montreal
Aug. 26	Bristol
Sept. 3	Atlanta
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Oct. 1	Dover
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Oct. 14	Charlotte
Nov. 5	Texas
Nov. 12	Phoenix
Nov. 19	Homestead

SPRINT CUP

Race: Budweiser Shootout
Where: Daytona (Beach, Fla.) International Speedway (2.5 mi.), 75 laps/2 segments (25, 50)/187.5 miles
When: Saturday, Feb. 12
Requirements: Once a race primarily for pole winners, the Shootout is now much more inclusive.
This year's invitations go to: (a.) the 12 drivers who qualified for the 2010 Chase; (b.) past Sprint Cup champions; (c.) past Budweiser Shootout winners; (d.) past winners of either the Daytona 500 or Coke Zero 400; and (e.) winners of Raybestos Rookie of the Year, 2001-10.
Eligible to compete: Jimmie Johnson, Denny Hamlin, Kevin Harvick, Carl Edwards, Matt Kenseth, Greg Biffle, Tony Stewart, Kyle Busch, Jeff Gordon, Clint Bowyer, Kurt Busch, Jeff Burton, John Andretti.

WHAT'S UP NEXT

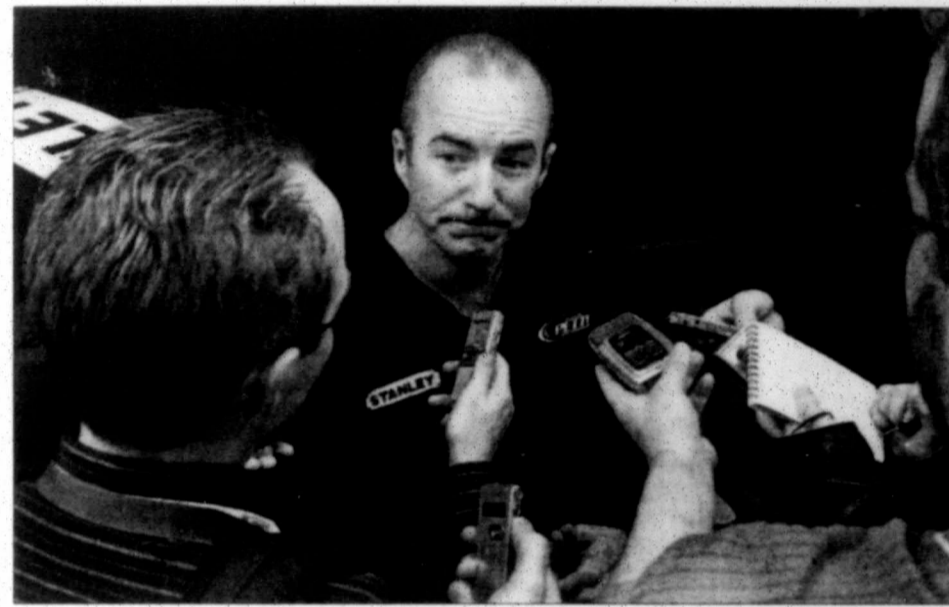
Geoff Bodine, Kevin Conway, Derrick Cope, Dale Earnhardt Jr., Bill Elliott, Kasey Kahne, Bobby Labonte, Terry Labonte, Joey Logano, Sterling Marlin, Mark Martin, Jamie McMurray, Juan Pablo Montoya, Ryan Newman, Ken Schrader, Regan Smith and Michael Waltrip.
Notably excluded: David Reutimann, who did not qualify despite winning a race in 2010.
Last year's winner: Kevin Harvick, Chevy.
Fun fact: The driver who went on to win the Daytona 500, Jamie McMurray, finished third in the 2010 Budweiser Shootout, trailing Harvick and Kasey Kahne.
Last race: Ford driver Carl Edwards carries a two-race win streak into the new season. Edwards won the final two races of 2010, the latter being Homestead-Miami Speedway's Ford 400.

DAYTONA DATA

Distance: 2.5 mile oval
 Length of frontstretch: 3,800 ft.
 Length of backstretch: 3,000 ft.
 Miles/Laps: 187.5 mi. = 75 laps

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

MARCOS AMBROSE SPRINT CUP SERIES No. 9 STANLEY TOOLS/DeWALT FORD FUSION



After falling to 26th in the Sprint Cup standings last season, Marcos Ambrose is driving with a new team (Petty Motorsports) in a new car (No. 9 Ford). With strong roots in road racing, Ambrose has been working on oval tracks and hoping to develop his racing.

Petty Gets Touch Of Ambrose

Good-natured Tasmanian looks to develop on all tracks

By Monte Dutton
 NASCAR This Week

Marcos Ambrose, the NASCAR driver from the Australian island of Tasmania, is hoping a change will put his Sprint Cup career back on track.

In his first full season, Ambrose finished a creditable 18th in the 2009 points standings while competing for JTG/Daugherty Racing, a Toyota team affiliated with Michael Waltrip Racing. He finished second at Watkins Glen, N.Y., and had three other top-five finishes.

But he fell to 26th in the Cup standings last year and moved to Richard Petty Motorsports this year. This puts Ambrose back in the Ford camp. Ambrose, 34, has won the Nationwide Series race at Watkins Glen in each of the past three seasons. He found his first success in Australia's V8 Supercar Series, winning the 2003-04 championships.

Asked about driving for a team named for NASCAR's most successful driver, the good-natured Ambrose said, "Well, it is a little intimidating. Not only now will he say 'Good-day, how is it going?' but he will also want to

know why I didn't win the race. There is a lot of prestige being associated with Richard Petty Motorsports, and it is a real honor for me to drive for The King. I never thought I would get that chance.

"I am looking forward to the opportunity, and hopefully, he is going to be proud of me, just like I am of his company."
 Ambrose joked about teammate AJ Allmendinger's laughable attempts at an Australian accent, but added that "He and I get on great. We have known each other for a few years now, and it's going to be fun to have him as a teammate."

While learning the ropes of oval-track racing, Ambrose has enjoyed the bulk of success in road races. Allmendinger also has a road-racing background.

"I think that both of us really want to just be known as NASCAR contenders," said Ambrose. "I know AJ had a really good second half last year and has momentum. I'm trying to catch up to him as quickly as I can. We just want to be known as contenders every week. We want to be known not just as road-race specialists, but NASCAR drivers in general."

FEUD OF THE WEEK



Childress Johnson
RICHARD CHILDRESS VS. JIMMIE JOHNSON

The Sprint Media Tour was mainly a lovefest of hope and optimism, but team owner Childress predicted one of his drivers would upset Johnson and end the Hendrick Motorsports driver's record streak of five straight championships. The likeliest threat, of course, is Kevin Harvick.
NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his take: "Johnson predictably took the high road. It works for him."

YOUR TURN

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Follow Me For A Minute

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 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'm a NASCAR fan. It's more fun when they make more than left turns. It's more exciting when you have road courses like California. I miss the days of Pikes Peak Road Course. I'm glad you go to Japan, South America, England. Six maybe one of the drivers will get revived and deal to go back to Bonneville and break Bobby Isaac's record in a stock car. Can you hear all their sound waves like me?
 John Phillips
 Shelby, N.C.

OK, let's see: The only possible road course at Pikes Peak is the Hill Climb, which is a dirt road up the famous mountain in which the racing is one at a time. The track, now out of business, that carried the name Pikes Peak was an oval. One disadvantage of road courses is that fans who attend can see relatively little of the action. A stock car on the Bonneville Salt Flats would be cool, but it's doubtful it's going to happen. If you are referring to NASCAR exhibitions, South America and England haven't hosted any, and it's been many years since the Japan exhibitions. The Nationwide Series raced for several years in Mexico City, but Mexico is not in South America.

FAN TIPS

Just a Matter of Time

Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen and Cathy Elliott edited and compiled a second version of a "NASCAR 'Chicken Soup for the Soul,'" subtitled, "NASCAR: 101 Stories of Family, Fortitude and Fast Cars." Among the contributors are Jimmie Johnson, Tony Stewart, Ryan Newman, Kerry Earnhardt, Kurt Busch, Joey Logano, Michael Waltrip, Brian Vickers and Buddy Baker. For more information, check out chickensoup.com.

LEGENDS AND LORE

Ford Milestone Ahead

Ford's next Sprint Cup victory will be its 600th. Ford victory No. 300 came from one of the manufacturer's most loyal clients, Bud Moore, who was named to the NASCAR Hall of Fame's second class. Benny Parsons drove Moore's No. 15 Ford to victory in the last Cup race ever run at Texas World Speedway, the Budweiser 400 of June 7, 1981. Only 18,000 or so watched Parsons' outduel Dale Earnhardt for a half-second victory.

but the simple fact is, it's still a steering pedal, a gas pedal and four tires. Fundamentally, it's not that different.

Trimmer in the plural — For years, Tony Stewart has habitually used first-person plural even when speaking solely of himself. He undoubtedly does so as a means of stressing the team concept.

"We won the race." "OK, fine." "We had a good pit stop." "Yeah, that works." "We hit the wall." Not so much.

Stewart, who engaged in some extra-curricular activities recently in Australia, was humble to the nth degree when asked about his offseason weight loss.

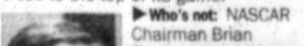
"We have lost some weight," he allowed.



WHO'S HOT AND WHO'S NOT

► **Who's hot:** Chip Ganassi, whose motorsports empire added another Rolex 24 to its list of achievements. ... Joe Gibbs, who is celebrating his 20th anniversary in NASCAR with a team that appears to be at least close to the top of its game.

► **Who's not:** NASCAR Chairman Brian France, whose Media Tour speech, and the new changes in the points system he announced, received decidedly mixed reviews. ... TV analyst Larry McReynolds, whose pseudo-journalistic lecture was resented by, uh, the media.



NUTS AND BOLTS

By Monte Dutton
 NASCAR This Week

Brad Keselowski was astonishingly consistent en route to winning the Nationwide Series championship last year. The contrast could scarcely have been greater in Sprint Cup, where he was notably erratic.

Why? "I think we continuously underestimate, in this sport, the importance of teamwork," said the Penske Racing driver. "I don't know why that is. That's what it's about having a team that clicks. We look up and say, so-and-so, he's a great driver, and he's just going to automatically run well. Well, no, it's a team sport, and for some reason in racing, we all just look right at the drivers and don't ever look at the crew chiefs and crew members, and give them any value."

"I had a very valuable, great team on the Nationwide side last year. ... We weren't able to do that on the Cup side. I think that's the best way I can explain it. Never, ever underestimate the value of a great team."
 When the time comes — Mark Martin is

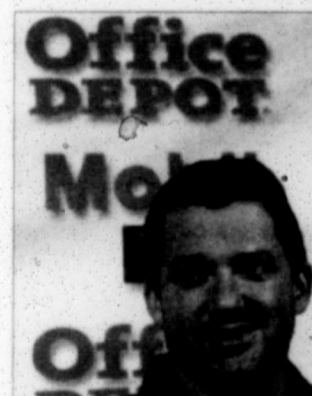
not ready to ponder life after Hendrick Motorsports, where his tenure will come to an end, at least as a Cup driver, at the completion of the coming season.

"It would be better to ask me about that in September," he said. "I can't see that far ahead. I'm just looking at what's in front of me. I couldn't care less about 2012 right now."

"I doubt I'll have the first conversation about it for some time. The best deals come together late. ... I'm thrilled at what's in front of me. I won't make that decision until there's a decision to be made."

Respect the experience — Lance McGrew is now Martin's crew chief after serving Dale Earnhardt Jr. in that capacity, and it represents a change in the driver-crew chief relationship.

McGrew said it would be foolish not to show deference to Martin's experience and make use of it.
 "A guy with that kind of experience makes a difference," said McGrew.



Team owner-driver Tony Stewart showed up to the Sprint Media Tour last week and was humble about his offseason weight loss.

"You'll still be focusing on where the car's going to be on Sunday. What Mark Martin brings to the table is, he knows, he's been there, done that. He knows what's bothering him today, what's not going to be bothering him tomorrow. He's seen it."

"You can't put a price on a guy who's had the laps on every race track, knows where he needs to be. A lot has changed,

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All prospective bidders are encouraged to attend the pre-bid conference for contract 6221-75-001 to be held on February 22, 2011 at 2:00 pm at 150 EAST RIVERSIDE, DR., ROOM 1B1, AUSTIN, TX.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist. Div. Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contracts are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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REQUEST FOR CMAR SERVICES

The Board of Trustees of the Grandview-Hopkins Independent School District is requesting proposals for **CONSTRUCTION MANAGER-AT-RISK SERVICES (CMAR SERVICES)** for Phase III Renovations (the "Project"). Interested parties may obtain an RFP packet with Project information from the superintendent at (806)669-3831 or via email at Bryan.Hanna@region10.net.

THE PROCUREMENT METHOD IS CONSTRUCTION MANAGER-AT-RISK, ONE STEP PROCESS.

Project Objective: Renovate the old school building and renovate the superintendent's house to provide updated materials and finishes for each. Owner has materials for the school renovations, which are to be inventoried and used.

Estimated Construction Budget - \$500,000

Architects - Dekker Pench Sabatin, Amarillo and Lynn Ramsey, Shamrock.

Proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 15, 2011, and will be

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opened and read immediately thereafter. Please enclose **eight (8)** copies of your completed response. All responses are due no later than the deadline at the following address:

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G-31 Jan 28, Feb 4, 2010

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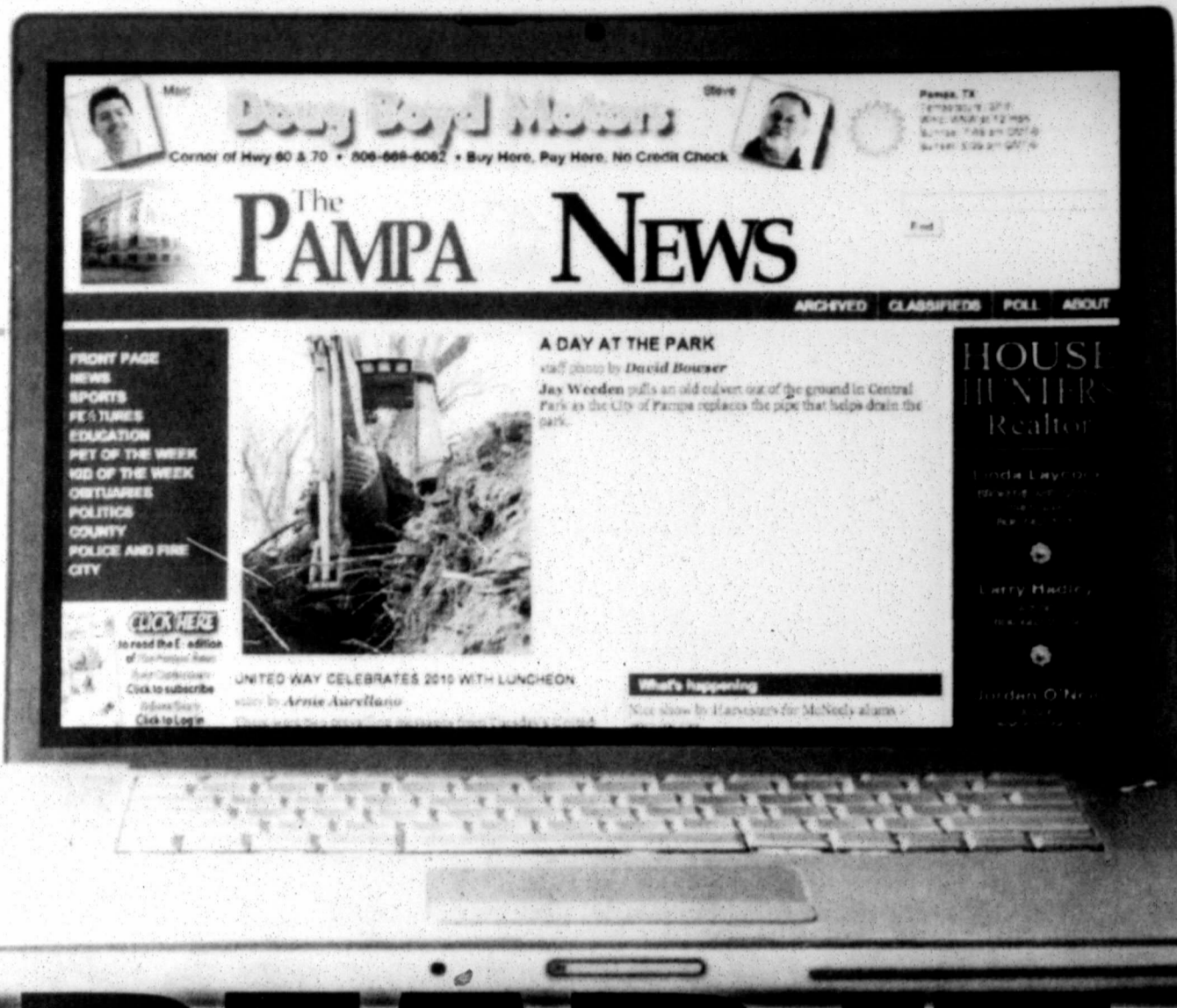
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