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LOCAL HEROES

PHS basketball players Joe Mechelay (left) and Jesus Cabrales sign autographs for a group of adoring fans at Lamar Elementary. The high school players visited the kids after a successful postseason run that took them within one win of the state tournament.

photo courtesy of Tammy Rodriguez

Lines get OK, but chicken issues linger

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The final link in the Cross Texas Transmission line has been approved across Gray County and into Carson County.

Gray County Judge Richard Peet said today that 40 mile stretch of power lines from near Lefors to near White Deer is fine. It is the line approved by the Public Utility Commission of Texas coming up from Childress to Lefors that has stirred controversy.

The line from Childress to Lefors goes through land the U.S. Fish and Wildlife has designated as possible critical habitat for the Lesser Prairie Chicken, a candidate for listing as an endangered species.

The line from Lefors to White Deer, approved last week by the PUCT, does not cross critical habitat, Peet said.

The approval of the 345 kV transmission line from Lefors to White Deer completes the final selection of routes through the area.

The transmission line is part of the Competitive Renewable Energy Zone (CREZ) initiative being developed to carry wind-generated electricity from the panhandle to downstate urban areas in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) grid.

According to Cameron Fredkin with Cross Texas Transmission, the company began development of the Lefors to White Deer transmission line in early 2009. The final route was approved by the PUCT on Feb. 24.

Construction is expected to begin in 2012 with a scheduled completion date in the spring of 2013.

Fredkin said Cross Texas Transmission plans to invest hundreds of millions of dollars in the project. The project, in turn, is expected to generate tax revenue; construction, operation and maintenance jobs.

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Officials discuss unfunded mandates

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Resolutions concerning unfunded mandates and oil and gas appraisals will be forwarded to the West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association next month.

The Panhandle County Judges and Commissioners Association, meeting in Amarillo Thursday, passed a resolution regarding unfunded mandates.

Gray County Judge Richard Peet, this year's president of the association, said that the Gray County Commissioners Court had to add more jailers to the sheriff's staff in the middle of the budget year last year to meet a state jail commission mandate, but the state wasn't the one that had to pay for the additional salaries. Those costs would have to be paid by local taxpayers, Peet said.

He indicated that this was just one of such mandates by the state without additional funding being provided.

Peet also said that the county judges and commissioners association passed a resolution asking the state to correct under valuation of oil and gas properties.

He said the valuations are made the first of the year and may not reflect actual values at the end of the year when the Texas Comptroller's Office sends out statements.

Rodney Kret, director of Mineral Appraisals for Prichard and Abbott, Inc., of Fort Worth, spoke to the association concerning oil evaluations by appraisal districts Thursday morning. He indicated that the counties weren't getting full value for their oil and gas resources.

Representatives of area legislative offices also spoke to the county government group concerning actions being proposed by the Texas Legislature that is now in session.

Pampa native A.J. Swope, executive director of Class 4 Winds and Renewables, updated the county government association on **JUDGES** cont. on page 3

HOOVER TORNADO CLASS WHIRLWIND TOUR



staff photo by Arnie Aurellano

Sarah Johnson of the National Weather Service out of Amarillo talks with Wayne Hinds, captain with the Hoover Volunteer Fire Department, before a storm spotter training class Thursday night at the fire department's headquarters off Price Road. Johnson has been speaking at towns around the Texas Panhandle as tornado season begins in the area concerning tornados, flooding and wind storms that usually lash the Panhandle from now through the early summer.

Young Professionals Meeting Monday, March 14 5:30 p.m. Plaza Restaurant	Chamber Luncheon Tuesday, March 15 • 11:45 a.m. MK Brown Room at the Chamber (Kingsmill Entrance) 200 N. Ballard • \$10/person
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PAMPA FORECAST

Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High 59 Low 34	High 60 Low 39	High 65 Low 45

Tonight: Clear, with a low around 34. Wind chill values between 26 and 31. Breezy, with a north northeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 59. Wind chill values between 26 and 36 early. North wind around 10 mph becoming east southeast.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 34. East southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 60. Breezy, with a northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.
Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 39. Breezy, with a east southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 65. Breezy, with a south southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.
Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 45. Breezy, with a south southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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- GOSPEL SINGING,** Sunday afternoon, 2-4, Pentecostal Fellowship Church, 1700 Alcock. Everyone welcome.
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- PAWS ADOPTION Event,** United Parking Lot, Sat. 1-4 p.m. Call 662-1801 for more info.
- PREGNANCY SUPPORT & Hope House Fundraiser!** Indoor Garage Sale, Sat. March 12th, 210 N. Ward, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Baby items & clothes, toys, sound equip. & misc.

BANANAGRAMS!

There is one letter that when added to all of the six letter words below can be used to form new seven-letter words. Find the letter that works for all four words, add it to each word, and then rearrange each set of letters to form a new word.

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PIERCE MOCHAS

COMMON LETTER

Yesterday's Answer: POTATO RHYTHM

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

6	4	7	2	5	8	1	9	3
2	8	1	9	4	3	7	5	6
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Level: Intermediate

Obituaries

Kevin Karl Rawls, 48

Kevin Karl Rawls passed away peacefully in his home on March 10, 2011, after a 2 1/2 year fight with throat cancer.

Kevin was born on December 5, 1962, in Abilene; he was the husband of Ronda Redman Norris, and the son of Buddy and Sheila Rawls.

Kevin graduated from Eisenhower High School in Lawton, Okla., in 1980; he played football and was a hard running fullback, he liked to hunt, fish, water ski, snow ski, and thoroughly loved riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle. He and Ronda made many trips together on his bike. Kevin also served in the US Air Force for a short period of time, but was medically discharged due to his "football injury."

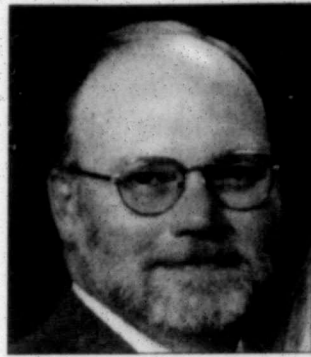
He was employed with Burlington/Northern Santa Fe before becoming a railroad inspector in Texas. This is where Kevin met the love of his life Ronda; they were married 15 years. He also worked 15 years as a Federal Railroad Inspector for the Dept. of Transportation and received a medical retirement in December.

He is survived by his parents; wife; his brother; Kirk Rawls of Lawton; his sister, Cherie Tedesco of Tampa, Fla.; daughter, US Army PFC Shelby Rawls of Ft. Sill, Okla.; son, US Army 2nd Brigade PFC Chris Boren of Ft. Drum, N.Y.; daughter, USMC PFC Alisha Chapman of Japan; stepson T.J. Norris and family of Edmond, Okla.; stepdaughter, Chrissy Canty and family of Nacogdoches; four grandchildren, Maddox, Alana, Nicholas, and Noah; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at Smith Memorial Chapel on Monday, March 14, 2011, at 2 p.m. with Reverend W.R. Rains officiating. Interment will follow at Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Mulhall, Okla. Services are under the direction of Smith-Gallo Funeral Home, Guthrie.

Visitation will be Sunday, 3 p.m. - 8 p.m. and Monday, 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. with family receiving friends 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. on Sunday. Kevin Karl Rawls was dearly loved and will be deeply missed!

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Zion Lutheran Church, 424 East Warner Avenue, Guthrie, OK 73044 or American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718.



Rawls

Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.smith-gallo.com.

Price Temilton Smith, 82

Price Temilton Smith, 82, died March 8, 2011, in Pampa.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 12, 2011, at First Christian Church, with Dr. Jeff Knighton, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whalley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Smith was born January 18, 1929, in Decatur. He attended grammar school in Texas, moving to Oklahoma and graduating from Marlow High School in Marlow, Okla. He was a 1950 graduate of the University of Oklahoma with a B. S. degree in civil engineering. Upon graduation, Price moved to the Pampa area where he met Carolyn Foss in Borger, and they were married on June 20, 1952 in Borger. He worked for a local builder in Pampa, and would later start Price T. Smith, Inc. in Borger. Price built homes throughout the Panhandle, including Amarillo, Pampa, Borger and Tulia, among others. He was a member of the Lamar Christian Church where he served as chairman of the building committee and the Board of Elders. Price was a current member of First Christian Church in Pampa. He served as president of the Panhandle Builders Association and was a member of the Pampa Senior Citizens Board, the Board of the First National Bank of Borger, Knife and Fork Club, Pampa Fine Arts Association, and Pampa Community Concert. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather and will be sorely missed.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Smith of the home; a son, Rick Smith and wife Jennie of Katy; two grandsons, Erich Temilton Smith and Elliott Hale Smith, both of Katy; a granddaughter, Emily Rebekah Smith of Katy; and numerous cousins. Price was preceded in death by his parents, George and Elizabeth Smith.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6-7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 11, 2011.

Memorials may be made to First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson, Pampa, TX 79065.

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



Smith

For the record

Police Department

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

Police reported 23 traffic-related incidents and three accidents.

Animal Control Officials reported 11 animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS reported six ambulance calls.

Thursday, March 10
Criminal mischief was reported in the 1800 block of North Banks.

Firefighters provided a program in the 1000 block of North Sumner.

An alarm was reported

in the 2800 block of North Charles.

Officers assisted a motorist at 23rd and Christy.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 200 block of North Houston.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 700 block of East Craven.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 400 block of South Cuyler and in the 300 block of South Finley.

A theft was reported in the 800 block of West 25th.

A suspicious person was reported in the 800 block of North Hobart.

A drunk driver was reported in the 4000 block of North Bad Cattle Company Lane.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 100 block of North Hobart.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 800 block of North Nelson.

A gas drive off was reported in the 100 block of South Starkweather.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 1200 block of East Kingsmill.

Friday, March 11
Disorderly conduct was reported in the 600 block of North Lefors and in the 300 block of South Rodeo.

A suspicious person was

reported in the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

Sheriff's Office

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

Thursday, March 10
Javier Garcia, 22, was arrested by deputies on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility and not having a valid driver's license.

Holly Renee Mesneak, 23, of Amarillo, was arrested by deputies on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: My 3-year-old son is terminally ill. My sister-in-law, "Anita," has a son who is a year old. Anita always wants to compete for attention between the two boys. She makes nasty comments to family members, suggesting that her son is ignored while mine gets all the attention. No one says anything to her because they're afraid of her "blowups."

I don't know how much longer I can live with this. It is hard enough watching my son slip away a little more each day, but having to deal with this has pushed me over the edge. How can I handle a crazy in-law in this situation? — FALLING APART IN ILLINOIS

DEAR FALLING APART: Please accept my sympathy for the heartache you are experiencing. It's a shame that no one in the family is willing to point out to your volatile sister-in-law that the "annoyance" she's feeling is selfish and insensitive.

However, because no one is, it might be better that Anita be excluded from family gatherings in which she might feel her son is getting short shrift. And you should ask the person who is repeating

her complaints to you to please stop sharing them. That should solve your problem.

DEAR ABBY: I am a married man, but not happily. I have been taking the kids on play dates with a neighbor woman who has been kind enough to meet with the children and doesn't seem to care too much that I'm a guy. As you can imagine, most women will not bother to befriend a man they know is married.

She has two kids who are close in age to mine. She is 19 years younger than I am and lives with her boyfriend.

I have fallen in love with her. I know I can't tell her, and I doubt she feels the same toward me. When we part, we do hug each other. It makes me feel fantastic, something I haven't experienced for a long time.

Should I continue getting together with her or should I avoid her? I feel both happy and sad when I see her because I realize she is basically out of reach. — PERPLEXED IN WISCONSIN

DEAR PERPLEXED: You feel lonely and isolated. It is understandable that you would be drawn to whatever warmth you can get, but this young woman is not the

answer to your problem. Call a halt to this relationship so that you can work on your real problem -- which is your unhappy marriage. Once you sort that out, everything else will fall into place. But continuing to see this woman as things are will only perpetuate your pain.

DEAR ABBY: A few months ago I ran into an old friend at the spa. She told me to call her and plan to get together with her. I have called her, but she never seems receptive to actually getting together. She called me once and invited me over to sit by the pool, but that's been the extent of it.

We're both married with children and work part time. I feel as though I'm bothering her when I call since she never makes an effort to return my calls or accept my invitations. However, when we run into each other at events or the spa, she's chatty and friendly.

Should I stop putting out the effort? — CAN'T FIGURE IT OUT

DEAR CAN'T: Yes. You've taken the first step, and the second. The ball is now in her court. Stop calling and let her make the next move. If she doesn't, she was probably making polite conversation when she suggested you get together.

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AFTERNOON RUSH

Hundreds killed by tsunami

TOKYO (AP) — A ferocious tsunami unleashed by Japan's biggest recorded earthquake slammed into its eastern coast Friday, killing hundreds of people as it carried away ships, cars and homes, and triggered widespread fires that burned out of control.

Hours later, the tsunami hit Hawaii but did not cause major damage. Warnings blanketed the Pacific, putting areas on alert as far away as South America, Canada, Alaska and the entire U.S. West coast. In northeastern Japan, the area around a nuclear power plant was evacuated after the reactor's cooling system failed.

Police said 200 to 300 bodies were found in the northeastern coastal city of Sendai, the city in Miyagi prefecture, or state, closest to the epicenter. Another 137 were confirmed killed, with 531 people missing. Police also said 627 people were injured.

The magnitude-8.9 offshore quake unleashed a 23-foot (seven-meter) tsunami and was followed for hours by more than 50 aftershocks, many of them of more than magnitude 6.0.

Dozens of cities and villages along a 1,300-mile (2,100-kilometer) stretch of coastline were shaken by violent tremors that reached as far away as Tokyo, hundreds of miles from the epicenter. A large section of Kesenuma, a town of 70,000 people in Miyagi, burned furiously into the night with no apparent hope of being extinguished, public broadcaster NHK said.

Giffords continues improvement

HOUSTON (AP) — Rep. Gabrielle Giffords has been told that she was shot. Her ability to walk and talk is improving. And there's "a good chance" she'll be able to attend her husband's space shuttle launch next month.

Doctors provided the new details about Giffords' condition Friday, describing several milestones that have occurred in her recovery in recent weeks.

They include the removal of her breathing tube and her improving ability to walk with assistance and talk in complete sentences such as "I'm tired and want to go to bed."

Dr. Imoigele Aisiku called the breathing tube removal as a "first-pump" moment.

"I'm very happy to report that she's making leaps and bounds in terms of neurological recovery," Dr. Dong Kim said.

Her memory is also improving, although she does not recall the tragic event in Tucson that wounded her and 12 others and killed six people.

S.A. firefighters suspended

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — San Antonio's fire chief has suspended three firefighters for traveling too fast and not buckling up while racing to a fire.

The firefighters were involved in a wreck last year that injured one of the four men on a ladder truck and destroyed the \$600,000 vehicle.

Fire Chief Charles Hood said he's disciplining the three to send a strong message to his department about the importance of always fastening their seatbelts.

"It is a wake-up call," the chief told the San Antonio Express-News.

Firefighter Brandon Wheeler, 29, was driving to a structure fire on Nov. 14 when the truck rolled on its side during a left turn and came to a stop in oncoming traffic lanes. Police said speed caused the crash. The truck was going 33 mph into the turn.

Texan guilty in kickback scheme

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A Texas man has pleaded guilty to conspiring with a New Orleans police captain to defraud the Federal Emergency Management Agency in a kickback scheme.

Thirty-seven-year-old Joseph Branch faces up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine after Thursday's guilty plea. His sentencing is set for June 16.

Federal prosecutors say Branch, owner of Brownsboro, Texas-based Gladius Inc., negotiated a contract at inflated rates to provide armed guards to Entergy Services Inc. after a hurricane.

The plot called for parts of the federally reimbursed contract to be kicked back to Branch and Capt. Michael Roussel.

Roussel's trial is scheduled to begin March 28.

DeLay judge recuses self

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The judge who presided over the money laundering trial of former U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay recused himself Thursday from presiding over the upcoming trial of two top DeLay fundraising lieutenants.

Texas Senior District Judge Pat Priest granted the recusal motion from attorneys for John Colyandro of Austin and James Ellis of Washington during a hearing in Austin. However, he denied DeLay's motion for a new trial. DeLay is appealing a three-year prison sentence assessed by Priest.

Priest has sealed the reasons set forth in the written defense motion for recusal and his reasons for granting it, and attorneys declined to comment.

Nine reprimanded for Ft. Hood

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nine Army officers are being reprimanded for leadership failures in connection with the shooting rampage at Fort Hood, Texas, and their failure to detect and report problems with the accused shooter, Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan, as he moved along in his medical career.

Saying that although no single event directly led to the tragedy, Army Secretary John McHugh found that certain officers failed to meet expected standards, an Army statement said Thursday. The officers — all lieutenant or above — will receive punishments ranging from an oral reprimand to the far more serious written letter of censure that is considered a career-ender.

CORRECTION

The story in Tuesday's issue of *The Pampa News* headlined "Extension to sponsor cattlemen's meeting" is incorrect. The meeting is not being sponsored by the Extension office. For more information about the meeting call Joe VanZandt at 845-2101 or 806-669-5436 by March 15. *The Pampa News* apologizes for the error.

Select proper measurement tools

Dear Pat: Whenever I attempt a project, I measure something wrong, and the parts don't fit properly. Other than a long tape measure, what measurement tools should I have and are there any usage tips? — Cindi Y.

Dear Cindi: If you don't make accurate measurements, even the best materials and power tools cannot salvage the job. It is not difficult to measure accurately, but it does take a little time and the proper measurement devices for the task at hand. The old saying "Measure twice, cut once" is still wise advice today.

A long tape measure is an indispensable tool for any project, but it is not the most accurate way to make precise measurements. It is ideal for rough cutting lumber, drywall, etc., and long noncritical measurements.

A good example is when laying out a patio or a deck in which you want to have perfect 90-degree corners. Use a tape measure for the overall size and drive corner marking stakes in the ground. Next, measure across the diagonals. If the corners are square, the diagonal lengths will be identical. Move the stakes accordingly until the diagonals are the same.

Another measuring tip is how to determine the area of an irregular shape. This could be important when determining how much concrete, mulch or paneling to buy. Break down the entire shape into smaller rectangular areas, which you can easily measure with a tape measure. Add them together.

For more precise measurements, ones on angles, or parallel ones, other specialty measuring tools are easier to use and more accurate than your tape measure. A long metal straight edge is a convenient tool to transfer long measurements onto one or more pieces. It is also useful to determine if a piece of lumber or concrete slab is actually flat.

Use your tape measure and mark the distance you desire on the straight edge. This can easily be done by sticking a piece of masking tape on the straight edge and making your measurement mark on it. The straight edge can also be used as a guide when making cuts or score marks with a utility knife.

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A bench rule is a longer, thinner, more flexible straight edge with dimension marks on it. This is ideal for measuring on curved surfaces. On tightly curved surfaces, the measuring tape is better to use.

You can also use a bench rule to divide a piece into parts of equal width. If you want to divide a 7-inch board into five parts, place the bench rule on the board at an angle with the 1-inch and 11-inch marks at either edge of the board. Make marks at 3, 5, 7 and 9 inches for equal parts.

Using a carpenter's square is the best method to mark a 90-degree

line or check squareness of a cut. A large T-square also comes in handy for laying out cuts on large pieces such as plywood and drywall. When you are making angled measurements, use a sliding bevel. It allows you to select any angle and then tighten the edge at that position.

Although not a tool, don't forget adequate lighting, preferably from above the work. When you are measuring in inadequate lighting, it is too easy to mark at shadow line instead of a real edge. When working with lumber, grain lines can be misleading and throw a measurement off.

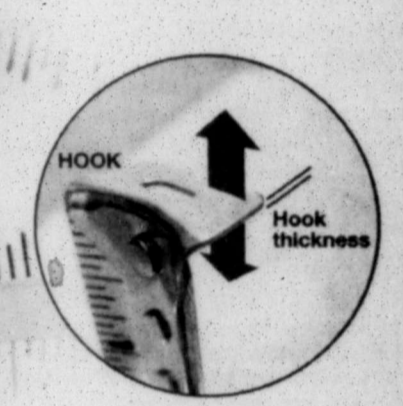
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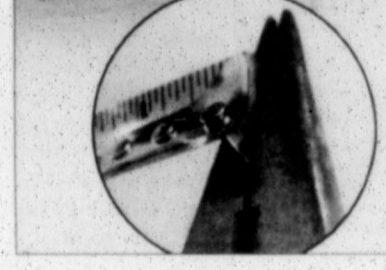
Tape Measure

One of the most commonly used measuring tools is the flexible tape measure. Here are a few tips to improve its accuracy.

REFERENCE LINE
Draw a reference mark to compare the tape accuracy.



HOOK MOVEMENT
The hooks on tapes should have a movement range of the thickness of the hook, so when you "push" a measurement, it slides in, and when you "pull" a measurement, it slides out. This compensates for the thickness of the hook itself and gives you an accurate measurement either way.



ADJUSTMENT
You can make measurement adjustments by bending the hook.

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Cross Texas will now begin preconstruction activities for Lefors to White Deer line, Fredkin said. Officially, it will be known as the Gray-White Deer Transmission Line.

The preconstruction phase will include acquiring easements, obtaining permits and complete engineering and surveying studies.

Fredkin said Cross Texas Transmission will be talking to landowners along the route in the coming months.

Cross Texas Transmission is a part of LS Power Group and will build, own, operate and maintain the transmission facilities, he said.

Judges

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wind energy and transmission lines.

Paul Braun with the Amarillo office of the Texas Department of Transportation spoke to the county judges and commissioners about wildfire preparedness.

Panhandle county judges and commissioners will journey to Lubbock April 25 for the West Texas Conference of County Judges and Commissioners, where they will present the resolutions passed by the Panhandle association.

The resolutions deal with problems common to all counties in the state, Peet said.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Friday, March 18, the 77th day of 2011. There are 288 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On March 18, 1911, Irving Berlin's first major hit song, "Alexander's Ragtime Band," was first published by Ted Snyder & Co. of New York. The Theodore Roosevelt Dam in Arizona was dedicated by its namesake, the former president.

On this date:

In 1766, Britain repealed the Stamp Act of 1765. In 1837, the 22nd and 24th president of the United States, Grover Cleveland, was born in Caldwell, N.J.

In 1861, Sam Houston stepped down as governor of Texas after refusing to accept the state's decision to secede from the Union.

In 1910, the first filmed adaptation of Mary Shelley's novel "Frankenstein," produced by Thomas Edison's New York movie studio, was released.

In 1931, Schick Inc. marketed the first electric razor.

In 1940, Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini met at the Brenner Pass, where the Italian dictator agreed to join Germany's war against France and Britain.

In 1959, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Hawaii statehood bill. (Hawaii became a state on August 21, 1959.)

In 1965, the first spacewalk took place as Soviet cosmonaut Aleksei Leonov went outside his Voskhod 2 capsule, secured by a tether.

In 1974, most of the Arab oil-producing nations ended their embargo against the United States.

In 2009, Tony-winning actress Natasha Richardson, 45, died at a New York hospital two days after suffering a head injury while skiing in Canada.

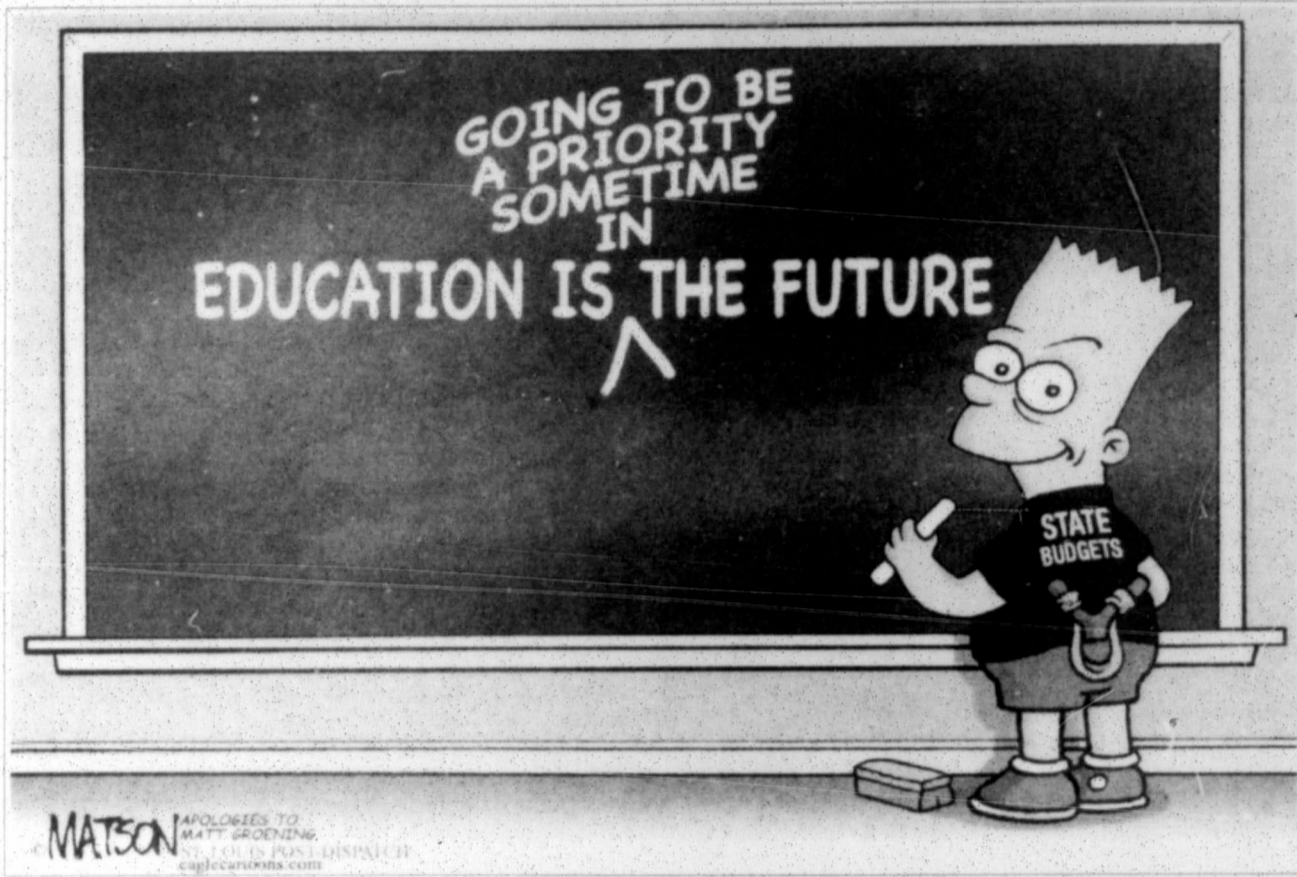
Ten years ago: The Socialists conquered Paris in municipal elections, ending a century of nearly unbroken rule by the right.

Five years ago: Thousands of anti-war protesters took to the streets around the world, marking the third anniversary of the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq.

One year ago: President Barack Obama signed into law a \$38 billion jobs bill containing a modest mix of tax breaks and spending designed to encourage the private sector to start hiring again.

Today's Birthdays: Composer John Kander ("Chicago") is 84. Country singer Charley Pride is 73. Actor Kevin Dobson is 68. Actor Brad Dourif is 61. Jazz musician Bill Frisell is 60. Singer Irene Cara is 52. Movie writer-director Luc Besson is 52. Actor Thomas Ian Griffith is 49. Singer-songwriter James McMurtry is 49. Singer-actress Vanessa L. Williams is 48. Olympic gold medal speedskater Bonnie Blair is 47. Rock musician Jerry Cantrell (Alice in Chains) is 45. Rock singer-musician Miki Berenyi is 44. Rapper-actress-talk show host Queen Latifah is 41. Actor-comedian Dane Cook is 39. Rock musician Stuart Zender is 37. Singers Evan and Jaron Lowenstein are 37. Singer Devin Lima (LFO) is 34. Rock singer Adam Levine (Maroon 5) is 32. Actor Adam Pally is 29.

Thought for Today: "It's easy to be independent when you've got money. But to be independent when you haven't got a thing - that's the Lord's test." — Mahalia Jackson, American gospel singer (1911-1972)



Scrooge ain't broke; neither is the gov't

Maybe instead of playing budgetary chicken with congressional Republicans, the White House should search carnival sideshows and TV shopping channels for a Democratic Glenn Beck. Any glib pitchman could outline a Republican scheme to sabotage the U.S. economy to gain political power far more plausible than Beck's shaggy-dog conspiracies.

Think about it. Here we are three years into the hardest times since the 1930s, caused by a nationwide real estate bubble and Wall Street scams that would make a blackjack dealer blush. (Actually, come to think of it, unemployment in Las Vegas remains among the nation's worst.)

Catastrophe was averted. The economy's mending. Nevertheless, nationwide unemployment hovers near 9 percent and the recovery's limping at a pace that will take years to restore normalcy. So what do Republicans want to do? Why, to slash spending and put thousands of government employees on the unemployment lines to compete with millions already standing there, of course.

If that makes sense to you, then you've been successfully hoodwinked by what I call the Scrooge McDuck conspiracy. Uncle Scrooge, if you recall, was Donald Duck's tightwad zillionaire relative who wore spats and a top hat even when dabbling in his bullion vault.

Washington's filled with McDuck-sponsored think tanks with names like "The Heritage Foundation" and "Americans for Prosperity." Staffed by hired propagandists and bespoke economists, their fundamental message never changes: more wealth for Scrooge.

For some of these jokers, there's not enough money in the world. So sure they want to put people out of work during a recession. Fear creates a placid, easily dominated workforce. Some call it "crisis capitalism."

Anyway, before last November's election, GOP Speaker John Boehner promised "a relentless focus on creating jobs." Informed that reliable esti-

mates predict that GOP-sponsored budget cuts would result in upwards of 700,000 lost jobs, Boehner responded, "So be it."

Translation: quack, quack, quack. The speaker claimed that America's "broke" and simply can't afford current budget deficits.

Yeah, well, Scrooge ain't broke, and neither is the U.S. government. Anyway, enough about cartoon ducks. Here's a little fish story, a parable if you will, that demonstrates home truths about government spending and economic prosperity:

In Arkansas, where I live, trout fishing is both a major pastime and source of tourist income. Although rainbow trout are a cold-water species not native to the state, world-record fish are taken frequently. Just writing about it makes me want to load my gear and head for Calico Rock.

Anyway, whether you know it or not, these are government trout. Your tax dollars created and maintain this matchless resource. How it started was that mainly under President Eisenhower, the Army Corps of Engineers built several flood-control and power-generating dams in the White River basin: an Arkansas and Missouri version of the TVA.

The dams created a string of picturesque lakes straddling the state border: Beaver Fork, Table Rock, Bull Shoals and Norfork. Each became a magnet for real-estate developments and resort communities, transforming one of the nation's historically poorest regions. No government daffs, no Branson, Mo., is one way of thinking about it.

My child bride cherishes a snapshot she took of President Kennedy when he came to Arkansas to dedicate Greer's Ferry Dam. However, the dams also submerged thousands of acres of cropland and drowned an excellent smallmouth bass fishery.

Water emerging from lake depths to power electrical generation is too cold for native fishes. Hence federal trout hatcheries, offered to mitigate environmental damage.

So now (surprise!) the Obama administration wants to cut the Fish & Wildlife Service budget, potentially closing fish hatcheries that keep it afloat. Trout can't breed in dark tailwaters and must be constantly restocked. Should hatcheries close, the fish would soon vanish. So would the economic benefit to dozens of communities along the White and Little Red Rivers.

It's an absurd false economy. Resort operators say they pay more in taxes than the cost of operating the hatcheries. (Roughly \$7 million is involved.) Arkansas Democrat-Gazette outdoor columnist Bryar Hendricks argues that "closing those hatcheries would exacerbate the dams' negative environmental impact and would essentially constitute a breach of contract."

So did some Obama political appointee decide: "To hell with Arkansas. They didn't vote for us anyway. Let them ask the tea party to pay."

It could be. Almost certainly, a way will be found to keep the hatcheries open, almost certainly involving tax money.

Contrary to McDuck and teaparty dogma, American prosperity has always depended upon countless such examples of public/private synergy. There are similar stories all across the country.

Meanwhile, measured as a percentage of GDP, federal tax revenue is at 14.4 percent — the lowest since 1950. (The 40-year average is 18 percent.) Marginal income tax rates on the McDuck class top out at 35 percent — compared to 50 percent under President Reagan.

Only Mexico and Chile, among industrial nations, pay less.

Is that the new competition?



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Worship

The word of the Lord endures

Periodically, I will cut articles out of something I read that I think you will enjoy. I tore this out of some copy of the Reader's Digest. It is by the humorist, Robert G. Lee, and he titled the piece, "The Childproof Life."

"When I was a kid, we didn't have padding under our jungle gyms. We had rocks. We didn't have safety belts on our swing sets. The whole goal was to get as high as you could, then launch yourself into the stratosphere. We rode our bikes without helmets. Without shoes. Sometimes without clothes.

"We played in creeks, ran through abandoned houses, went dam sliding, jumped on trampolines, ran our go-karts straight into oncoming traffic, and played with BB guns, with half the time spent pumping them up 'cause we heard you could take out an eye.

"We parachuted out of trees with bedsheets, threw lawn darts at each other, and had no sunblock, so we got burned to a crisp. Summer officially started when the first kid turned as red as a thermometer. Then we had peeling parties.

"We blew up Barbie dolls with M-80s, we ran with scissors, and our Halloween costumes were made of asbestos."

"But for our safety, our moms made us wait an hour after we ate before we went swimming."

I really do remember some of those days. Of course, what the writer did not go on to mention, were all the broken arms and ankles from jumping from those swings. The skinned and bloodied knees, elbows, and concussions had from biking without safety gear. The nail-punctures, dust-clogged windpipes, and tetanus shots from those old



JOHNNY FUNDERBURG

the good word

abandoned houses. The go-kart wrecks. The emergency room visits to extract the BBs. The lawn dart punctures. And today, the skin cancer from no sunblock. But then, we never cramped up from swimming too soon, either.

Yes, times will change. Those "in the know" will instruct us on the new and best safety ideas. But the one thing that will never change: The word of the Lord endures forever.

Peter said it this way, "All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, and its flower falls away, but the Word of the Lord endures forever" (1 Peter 1:24-25).

Yes, no matter the day, regardless of the time, and in spite of the age, the truth and lasting principles of God's Word is sure. It is a Lamp unto our path and a Light unto our feet. The values of society may change. Certain lifestyles will become vogue. Politics may try to alter our priorities.

But the truth of God will never change — Jesus is the same today as He was Yesterday and He will be Tomorrow.

Thank God for His timeless revelation!

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CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

Hebrew lecturer Moody to have Pampa lecture

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Lecturer and author Valerie Moody will be speaking at the 200 block of North Ward Street 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. March 19.

Moody and her husband David are co-founders of the Hebrew Roots Discovery Center in Lubbock. Her lecture will address Hebrew vs. Greek thinking, prophetic images in the temple menorah, end times prophecy and God's appointed times of feasts and festivals.

Cathy Bell said it's important for people to know where they come from.

"It's important to learn the origins of the Christian faith from a Hebrew perspective," Bell said. "As we read the Bible, we discover that Jesus is found throughout and not just in the New Testament."

Moody will release her book *Rethinking Revelation: A Hebraic View of the End of the Age* later this year. She also wrote *The Feasts of Adonai: Why Christians Should Look at Biblical Feasts*. Moody is a presbyter for the Messianic Israel Alliance and teaches weekly on an international Christian Television station that reaches over 100 countries.

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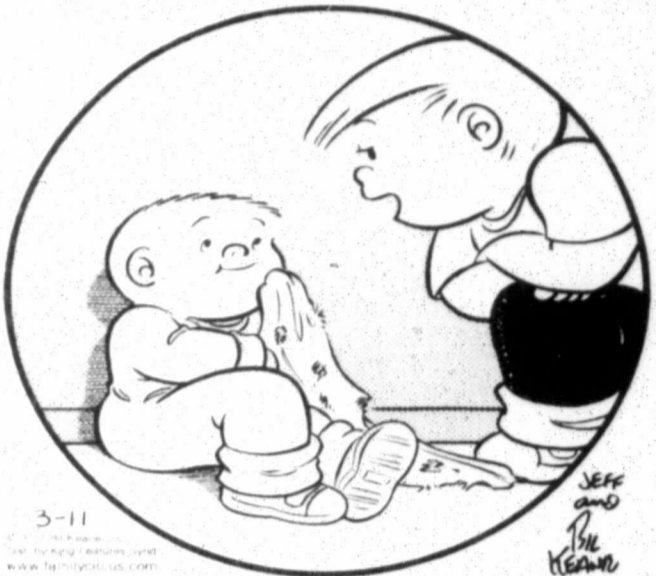
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"You're lucky, PJ. Your only job around here is to be cute."

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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, March 12, 2011:

This year, tension could build. Many of you will know the reason for this stress. Observe how you might say one thing but do another. Some people might act strangely, not knowing which voice to respond to. This behavior could be a problem. If you are single, you could meet someone through your family, roommates and/or around your home. If you are attached, the two of you might start to love nesting in at home. GEMINI can create a lot of tension.

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)

**** Don't be too serious. Your point can be made without a stern attitude. A conflict exists between what is being said and what people do. Return calls before setting up appointments. Easily, news could tumble into your lap tonight. Catch up on a friend's news.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20)

*** A difficulty can become a drama if you don't stay anchored. You might wonder what is happening behind the scenes. You might feel unappreciated on some level. Look to a mixed message, and you'll understand that it isn't you. Tonight, browse at a favorite store.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20)

***** You might feel anchored by a situation far more than you realize. Open up to new possibilities. You see someone in a different light than in the past. You might hear promises from a boss or someone you look up to. Remember, action counts. Tonight, say "yes."

CANCER (June 21 - July 22)

*** Stay content, and follow your intuition, as long as you can sort fear from feelings. If not, hold off and understand that you could be negative. Do for yourself — take a walk, or whatever works to clear tension. Tonight, a true vanishing act.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)

***** If you would like to approach a situation differently, now is the time. No one will push or force you in any way, shape or form. Pick and choose your words. Be aware of an incongruity between what one person says and his or her actions. Tonight, where the action is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

*** Responsibilities call. A parent or

older friend might need your feedback or help. Don't hesitate to pitch in. Try walking in his or her shoes. Your finances could limit you in some manner. Others seek you out. Sort through what you want. Tonight, a force to be dealt with.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

***** Please be aware of how seriousness could color a situation. You might not be comfortable with what is happening and the available choices. Deal directly with someone at a distance. This person really cares more than you realize. Tonight, try a new spot.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

***** Your natural preference is to be with one person at a time. You could be taken aback by everything that is occurring between you and a key person. Let go of judgments as soon as possible. Relax and understand what is motivating him or her. Tonight, add some spice to the moment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

***** Others seem to be spinning around you — all with their own set of plans. You might wonder where, who and when. Go for the most intriguing set of plans. Crowds could energize you. Tonight, fun and games.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

*** You might be in the mood to relax yet also do something. Some of you might opt for the movies, while others might enjoy hanging out with a friend or two. Decide what you want to do, then make plans. Let the world revolve around you. Tonight, keep it easy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

***** Your playful sense of humor comes out with someone who might be very serious. Listen and help this person work through his or her issue. Though you might feel like taking an emotional or financial risk, ask yourself, at what cost? Tonight, let your hair down.

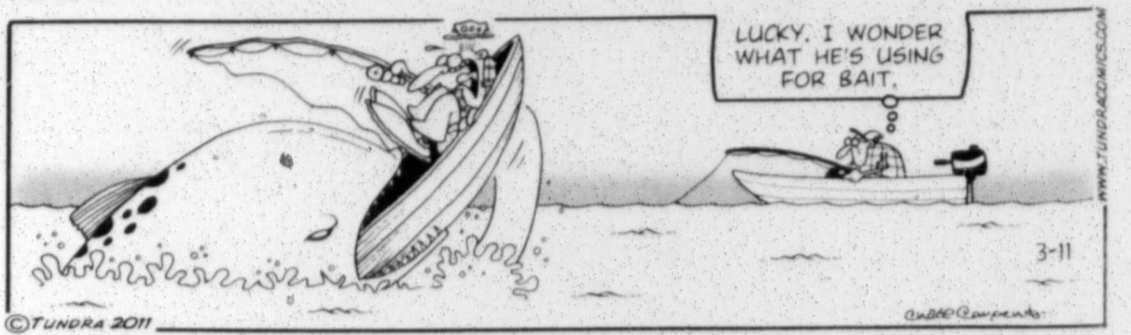
PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20)

**** Sometimes the best of intentions can go haywire. Know what is happening within your household or family. A partner could be overly stern and not helpful. Look at how you express yourself, if perhaps you are sending a different message than you intend. Tonight, you don't have to go far.

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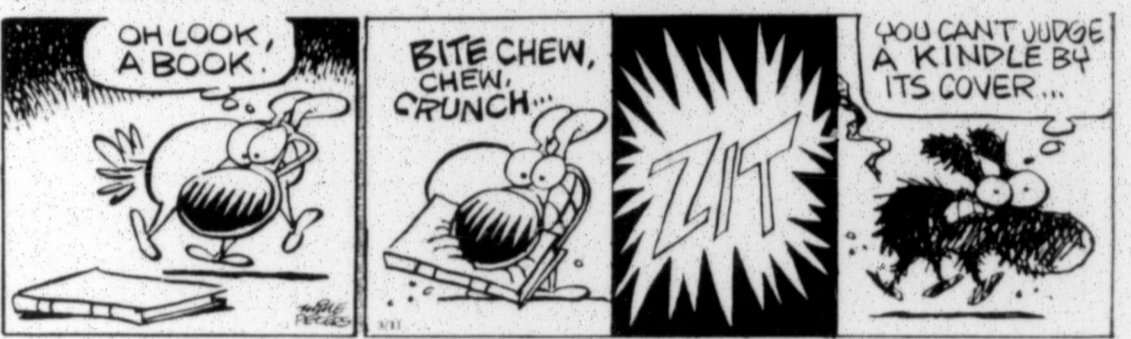
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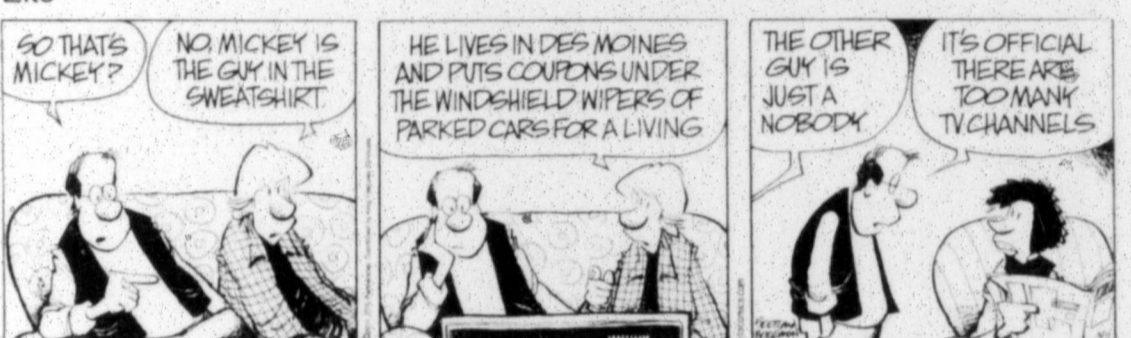
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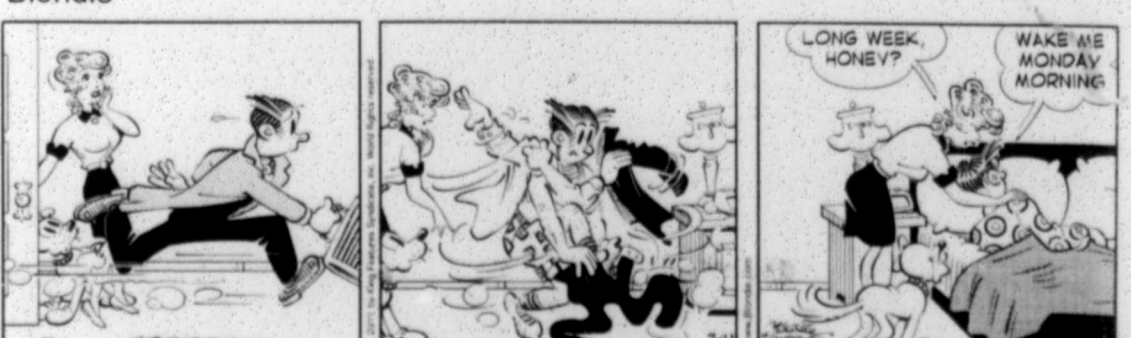
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NASCAR THIS WEEK

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All times Eastern
Sprint Cup
 Food City Jeff Byrd 500,
 1 p.m., March 20

Nationwide Series
 Scotts EZ Seed 300,
 2 p.m., March 19

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

BURNING ISSUES

► Changes in the Nationwide Series title format have had little practical effect thus far. Sprint Cup drivers have won all three races.

► Carl Edwards has a first, a second and a wreck so far. At the scene of his misfortune, Phoenix, Edwards likely had his strongest car.

► One of Daytona's Cinderella stories, Brian Keselowski, has failed to make the field in the two races since.

► There is cause for optimism in the Dale Earnhardt Jr. camp. The most popular driver is off to a solid start.

► It was sort of refreshing to see Tony Stewart angry at finishing second. Being at the top of the points standings was little consolation for Tony the Tiger.

► The bitterness came out in Greg Biffle. His radio remarks were caustic after pit-road mistakes cost him dearly at Vegas. How the team reacts will be worth watching.

► The first four races are almost a microcosm of the season. The series visits a restrictor-plate track, a flat mile, an intermediate track and a short track. No road courses till the summer, though.

► The Sam's Town 300 was a fuel-mileage race, which is the principal reason Mark Martin won it. Fuel conservation was also a powerful factor in Danica Patrick's fourth-place finish, best ever by a woman driver in the series.

2011 STANDINGS

Sprint Cup	Pts.
1. Tony Stewart	113
2. Kurt Busch	113
3. Carl Edwards	7
4. Juan Pablo Montoya	7
5. Ryan Newman	10
6. Paul Menard	17
7. Martin Truex Jr.	18
8. Denny Hamlin	18
9. A.J. Allmendinger	19
10. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	22
Mark Martin	22
12. Jimmie Johnson	26
Kasey Kahne	26

Nationwide Series	Pts.
1. Reed Sorenson	111
2. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	2
3. Jason Leffler	5
4. Danica Patrick	13
5. Justin Allgaier	16
6. Trevor Bayne	24
7. Arc Almirola	26
8. Kenny Wallace	27
9. Mike Bliss	29
10. Joe Nemechek	30

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



WHO'S HOT AND WHO'S NOT

Who's hot: Dating back to 2010, Carl Edwards has won three of the past five Sprint Cup races. ... In the Nationwide Series, Danica Patrick is coming off a fourth-place finish, best ever by a woman driver.

Who's not: The season has been fruitless so far for Jamie McMurray, 29th in points, and Jeff Burton, 31st. Burton is already 63 points behind, which is the equivalent of 252 under the system formerly used.



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WHAT'S UP NEXT

SPRINT CUP
Race: Food City Jeff Byrd 500
Where: Bristol (Tenn.) Motor Speedway (.533 mi.), 500 laps/266.5 miles.
When: Sunday, March 20
Last year's winner: Jimmie Johnson, Chevy.
Qualifying record: Ryan Newman, Dodge, 126.759 mph, March 21, 2003.
Race record: Charlie Guitman, Chevy, 101.074 mph, July 11, 1971.
Last week: Ford's Carl Edwards captured his first victory of the season at Las Vegas but his third in his past five, dating back to 2010. Edwards took advantage of a mistake on pit road by runner-up Tony Stewart's team. That mistake forced Stewart to change four tires while Edwards needed only two.

NATIONWIDE
Race: Scotts EZ Seed 300
Where: Bristol (Tenn.) Motor Speedway (.533 mi.), 300 laps/159.9 miles.
When: Saturday, March 19
Last year's winner: Justin Allgaier, Dodge.
Qualifying record: Greg Biffle, Ford, 127.132 mph, March 26, 2004.
Race record: Brad Keselowski, Chevy, 93.909 mph, Aug. 22, 2008.
Last week: Mark Martin, the series' all-time leader in victories, collected career victory No. 49 at Las Vegas. The Chevy driver took advantage of fuel issues by the field who had been racing ahead of him near the end. It was tire failure, however, that kept Brad Keselowski out of victory lane.

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

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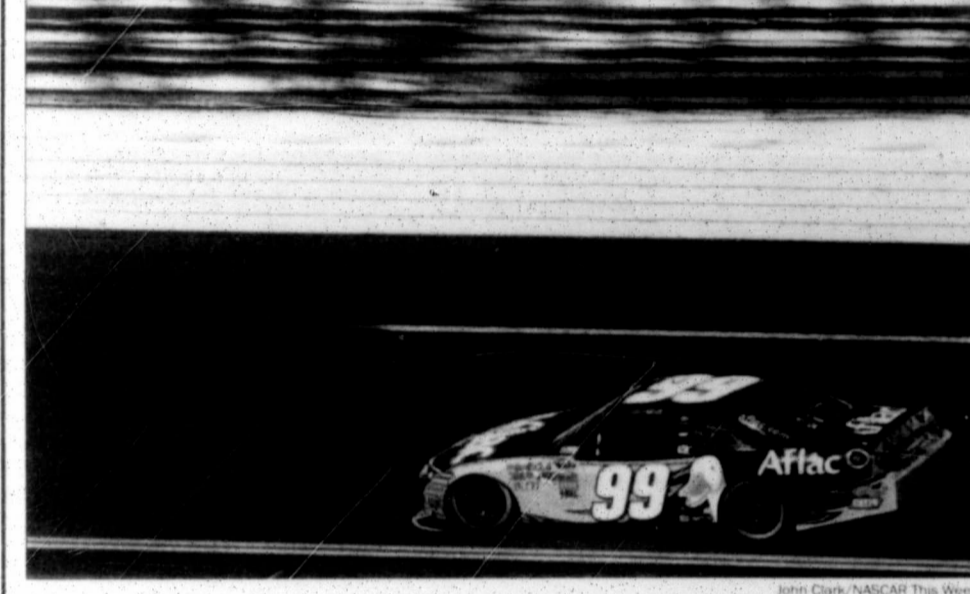
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Length of backstretch:.....650 ft.
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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

FORD RE-EMERGENCE



Carl Edwards is showing that Ford is back to running competitively after a tough 2010 season (four wins in 36 races). Edwards, who has won three of the past five Sprint Cup races, has worked wonders with Doug Yates' Ford FR9 engine. Besides Edwards, another Ford driver, A.J. Allmendinger is in the top 10 in points after three 2011 races.

Ford Toughens Up In New Season

Edwards' brand is back with a vengeance after poor 2010 season

By Monte Dutton
 NASCAR This Week

Three races do not a season make, but those three races have certainly given Ford Motor Company reason for optimism where its Sprint Cup program is concerned.

Ford drivers have won two of the season's three races to date. The auto manufacturer's Fusion brand took the first three positions in the Daytona 500. Go back to the end of 2010 and Ford's Carl Edwards has won three of the past five races.

Perhaps the season is too young to draw broad conclusions, but one is obvious. The Blue Oval Camp is flourishing. Performance has dramatically improved. By the proud standards of Ford racing history, 2010 was a dreary year in NASCAR.

Ford's first 2010 victory was the season's 21st race. By season's end, and in spite of Edwards' victories in the final two races, the Ford winning percentage was only .111 — four victories in 36 races.

At the moment, the winning percentage is .667. That won't last, but it's a good sign.

"We have been performing really well, and it's just a joy to drive these race cars right now," said Edwards after winning the Kobalt Tools 400. "You look at the way we qualified (third) and ran. The Fords are back and strong. ... It's great to drive these race cars."

"This is the best start to a season that I've ever had. Daytona could have gone any way. There was a lot of luck involved in our good finish at Daytona. Phoenix was a very strong performance from everyone, but we had bad luck there. I felt (in Las Vegas) we had a solid, top-three car all day. Those are three different types of tracks, with success on all three, so I'm really excited about the season. This is a great start."

The man most responsible for development of Ford's FR9 engine, Doug Yates, said, "We've done a lot of work on this engine, and I think we all saw how the performance was at the end of last year by winning a couple of races."

"We've done our homework, not only on power but also the cooling system, so I'm really proud of that."

Two Ford drivers reside in the current top 10 in points. Edwards is third, and A.J. Allmendinger is ninth.

FEUD OF THE WEEK



ROBBY GORDON VS. KEVIN CONWAY

The two former associates had a tiff in the Las Vegas garage area, and Conway called the cops. NASCAR responded by putting Gordon on probation. Each has a claim against the other, and, yes, they involve money.

What happened? Officials have attempted to downplay the physical confrontation.

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his take: "The fact that Gordon was punished — if NASCAR probation can be described as punishment — suggests that he got the best of it, whatever happened between the two."

YOUR TURN

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Sprint Girl, 45 and Boredom

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

Dear NASCAR This Week,
 I have been watching NASCAR for a long, long time. The coverage is awesome, the cars a lot safer than ever, and they told the drivers "have it" and they have since.

I have noticed during the races, after the driver wins and is celebrating, there is a hot-looking girl that stands behind the winner in a black leather suit. Who is that? She reminds me of the "Hot Man" of the '80s, Bill Brodnick, who would greet drivers with Unisal 75.

Another problem I see is with former driver Kyle Petty. I notice each week he wears a hat with "45" and black duct tape over the number. Why?

Will Garcia
 Manatee, Mich.

The woman is the "Sprint Girl" — there are several — and she represents the series sponsor, basically giving Sprint exposure in victory lane. No. 45 is in memory of Kyle Petty's son, Adam, who was killed in a racing accident in 2000.

Dear NASCAR This Week,
 Having now watched what was formerly called the Busch Clash and now the GoTaste Duets, many viewers seem to be as bored as I am.

This morning in the Evansville, Ind., newspaper, on their sports page was a big story about this two-by-two, so-called racing. For the most part, the speculations are already bored. NASCAR is making some changes to prevent permanent hookups between cars, but already some of the teams have overcome those changes.

Supposedly ... the drivers like this new style of racing. At the end of (the Daytona 500), I would be willing to bet that those some drivers will be beyond exhausted trying to drive two cars instead of one. For my part, this two-by-two racing is interesting, but for less than exciting.

David Qualkenbush
 Huntingburg, Ind.

The racing, from communication from fans, seems to have mostly been planned. It will be interesting to see if the surprise ending changes that perception.

Hall changes include changing induction time

By Monte Dutton
 NASCAR This Week

Why would the NASCAR Hall of Fame change its induction ceremonies from May to January?

Apparently, the May races at Charlotte Motor Speedway draw crowds to the financially challenged Hall anyway. The idea is to draw crowds independent of the NASCAR races at the nearby track and give the Hall another big payday.

Still, it seems a bit insensitive from the fans' perspective, doesn't it? If a fan traveled from out of town for the ceremonies, wouldn't it be convenient to include a race in the plans?

This year's inductions will go off on May 23. The January inductions are to begin next year. The Charlotte Regional Visitors Authority's Tim Newman said, "We believe we can complement the star-studded main event with a full slate of activities that will draw fans from around the country."

One possibility? A Charlotte-based fan preview, similar to the one conducted in Winston-Salem by Winston back in the pre-NexTel/Sprint days. That event was held at Lawrence Joel Coliseum.

Hard to compare — Mark Martin has

NUTS AND BOLTS

1,052 total starts in NASCAR's three principal touring series. He won for a record 49th time in the Nationwide Series at Las Vegas Motor Speedway's Sam's Town 300.

Since it is fashionable these days, some are comparing Martin's career starts in three series to Richard Petty's record 1,199 in one. The notion seems dubious, and, by the way, if series are going to be compared, Petty's 15 races in NASCAR's long-forgotten Convertible Division should be counted. That would make Petty's total 1,214, but it's still not much of a comparison since Petty never raced in what are now the Nationwide and Camping World Truck series.

Trivia time — When was the last time two members of the same family entered a (now) Sprint Cup race ranked first and second in points?

It was the second race of the 1988 season, after Bobby Allison edged son Davey in the Daytona 500. Entering Sunday's third race of the current season, brothers Kyle and Kurt Busch

were ranked first and second, respectively.

Kurt Busch remains tied for first place. He and Tony Stewart each have 113 points. Kyle Busch fell from first to 14th.

Good citizen ... good guy — Before the LVMS weekend began, driver Morgan Shepherd helped Las Vegas police apprehend a shoplifter — the 69-year-old Shepherd ran down the suspect — and Carl Edwards spontaneously agreed to serve as best man in a wedding of fans.

Milestone — Danica Patrick finished fourth in the Sam's Town 300, the best finish ever by a woman driver in one of the three major series. It should be noted, however, that Sara Christian's fifth-place finish on Oct. 2, 1949 at Heidelberg Raceway in Pittsburgh, Pa., was a race in what is now the Sprint Cup Series.

Lee Petty won that race in a Plymouth. Christian drove a Ford.

FAN TIPS

Hof Ceremony Prices

The NASCAR Hall of Fame has announced three ticket packages for admission to the second induction ceremony, to be held on Monday, May 23, at the Charlotte Convention Center's Crown Ballroom adjacent to the Hall of Fame. A VIP Package is \$150. Premium Admission is \$75. Regular Admission is \$55. The Hall of Fame's second class includes Bobby Allison, Ned Jarrett, Bud Moore, David Pearson and Lee Petty. For more information, go to www.nascarhall.com.

LEGENDS AND LORE

Remembering Maryville

NASCAR's top series once raced at a half-mile track in Maryville, Tenn., Smoky Mountain Raceway. After three years and five major races on dirt (1965-67), the track was paved for the final seven races, five of which were won by Richard Petty. Petty brought down the curtain on the track, at least in terms of major NASCAR races, with a victory on April 15, 1971. Overall, Petty won six times at the track, followed by Bobby Isaac and Dick Hutcherson with two victories each.

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Sports

PHS baseball split first two in Midland Tourney

KEVIN HUNT
Special to The Pampa News

The Pampa Harvesters opened the Greenwood tournament with a hard-fought 5-3 victory over Graham on Thursday night.

Pampa opened the scoring in the top of the first. Senior Brent Green singled and advanced to third base when the ball skipped past the center fielder's glove. Senior Tyler Malone doubled down the left field line to score Green. Malone would score on a double by Junior Collin Killgo.

In the second inning, Pampa would add a run when Devin Coleman doubled to left field. Senior Zach Murray, laid down a sacrifice bunt moving Coleman to 3rd base. Coleman would eventually score on a double by Green.

In the top of the fifth, and leading 3-2, Pampa would add their final two runs. Killgo singled to left. Jared Lusk sacrificed him to second and with one out, Cole Engle lined a single to center that would score Killgo. Engle scored on a single by Coleman.

Tyler Malone pitched 6 1/3 solid innings, for Pampa, giving up three runs on nine hits. Malone struck out 5 and walked two. Brent Green came in with out one out in the seventh to record the final two outs and recorded a save. Killgo led all Pampa hitters with a double and 2 singles.

Head baseball coach Kaleb Snelgrooves said it was nice to end their losing streak.

"Malone pitched unreal," Snelgrooves said.

In Game two, Pampa lost to Midland Greenwood by a score of 12-2. Greenwood plated 6 runs in the 5th inning to end the game. Pampa only recorded 2 singles, one by Tyler Malone in the 4th and one by Devin Coleman in the 5th.

Senior pitcher Garrett Ericson took the loss in his first start since returning from basketball. Snelgrooves said Ericson pitched well considering the circumstances.

"He had good velocity," Snelgrooves said. "We pulled him when we were down 6-2 because of his pitch count."

Snelgrooves said the game against Midland Greenwood was more competitive than what the score showed.

"The score doesn't show how we played," Snelgrooves said. "We played well for five and they got momentum and couldn't stop it."

The Harvesters (4-7) played Pecos and Coahoma today. Depending on those results Pampa will play between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

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Sports

Junior High swim team breaks seven school records

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The Pampa Junior High swimming team broke seven school records and finished in the top 10 at Odessa March 5.

Head coach Edward Garvin said he was impressed by their performance.

"We got a lot faster," Garvin said. "We took 29 kids. This program has gotten bigger every year. Last year I took 17."

The boys finished fourth and the girls

finished sixth. Dalton Hudson broke the school records in the 100 individual medley (1:11.18), the 50-yard butterfly (32.23) and the 50-yard breaststroke (36.46). Olivia Tyler broke the school record in the 50-yard backstroke with

a time of 52.65. Pampa broke school records in the girls medley relay (2:35.75), boys medley relay (2:21.68) and the girls 200-yard freestyle relay (2:16.09).

The Reapers next meet is in Pecos March 26.

NFL LABOR TALKS

NFL, players' association face expiration of labor contract

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the NFL on the brink of its first work stoppage in nearly a quarter of a century, Commissioner Roger Goodell and union head DeMaurice Smith met at a federal mediator's office Friday, the day the league's twice-extended labor contract was set to expire.

Goodell was joined by nine of the 10 members of the owners' labor committee, along with various league executives and lawyers. Smith walked over from the NFL Players Association's nearby headquarters with about 20 people, including New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees and several other current or former players.

Friday was the 16th day of negotiations since Feb. 18. The collective bargaining agreement originally was scheduled to run out last week, another extension was possible.

"We're going to head inside today, but to get some work done," Smith said. "I said lead NFL negotiator Jeff Pash: 'We'll do our best.'"

But with little apparent progress on key economic issues — how to divide more than \$9 billion in annual revenues, and the union's demand for full financial data — and a public series of back-and-forth barbs Thursday night, there was a chance talks would break off.

But a total lead to the union dissolution itself, meaning players would give up their rights under labor law and

instead pursue antitrust cases in court, and the owners could impose a lockout. Both actions could threaten the 2011 season of a sport at the height of its popularity. The past two Super Bowls are the two most-watched programs in U.S. television history.

The NFL hasn't lost games to a work stoppage since 1987, when a strike shortened the season and some games included nonunion replacement players.

The current CBA was agreed to in 2006. It included an opt-out clause for each side, and the owners exercised it in May 2008.

There have been various issues discussed during the current negotiations, including the owners' push to increase the regular season from 16 games to 18; a rookie wage scale; and benefits for retired players.

Truly, though, the dispute centers on money: how to divide the billions in revenues, how much of that should go to owners off the top to cover certain costs, and the union's insistence on what it calls "financial transparency."

Under the old CBA, owners received an immediate \$1 billion to go toward operating expenses before splitting remaining revenues with players. Owners initially tried to add another \$1 billion to that. Although they have lowered the upfront figure they want — at least down to an additional \$800 million — Smith said it is still too much.

Rangers CEO Greenberg leaving

ARLINGTON (AP) — Media reports say Texas Rangers CEO Chuck Greenberg is leaving just seven months after he helped rescue the team from bankruptcy.

Citing unidentified sources, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, The Dallas Morning News and other outlets reported Friday said Greenberg left the team abruptly last weekend. The team declined comment and Greenberg did

not respond to messages seeking comment left by The Associated Press.

In August, an investment group led by Greenberg and team president Nolan Ryan beat Mavericks owner Mark Cuban in a dramatic auction for the purchase of the club. The Pittsburgh attorney was popular with fans as the Rangers followed the courtroom drama with their first trip to the World Series.

Longhorns dominate Sooners

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Jordan Hamilton and Tristan Thompson each had a double-double, helping No. 10 Texas cruise past Oklahoma 74-54 on Thursday night in a lopsided quarterfinal at the Big 12 tournament.

The Longhorns, who beat Oklahoma for the third time this season and 11th in 13 meetings, led by as many as 25 and never let the Sooners (14-18) get closer than 13 after that.

Hamilton had 22 points and 10 rebounds, and Thompson totaled 13 points and 11 boards for second-seeded Texas (26-5), which lost three of its last five in the regular season to finish second in the Big 12 behind No. 2 Kansas.

Oklahoma got 17 points from Cade Davis in a foul-plagued game. Officials called 21 fouls on Oklahoma and 14 on the Longhorns, who had a 39-23 rebounding edge and held the Sooners

to 3-of-13 shooting from behind the 3-point line.

Hamilton had a bucket and Jai Lucas connected on the game's first 3-pointer as the Longhorns got off to an 11-2 start, setting the tone for the entire evening.

The Texas defense, which held Oklahoma to a season-low 46 points in a 66-46 blowout on Jan. 15, forced the Sooners into 23 percent shooting. The Longhorns gave up only one conventional basket over the first 8:38. Davis had a field goal early in the half and that was the Sooners' only true bucket until Davis scored at the 11:22 mark to make it 11-6. In between, Andrew Fitzgerald was awarded two points on basket interference.

The Sooners made a mild run in the second half, chipping a 43-20 halftime lead down to 53-39 with an 8-0 spurt.

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