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## Pickens sells Mesa Water rights to CRMWA

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T. Boone Pickens is selling most of Mesa Water rights to the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority.

Mesa and CRMWA jointly announced this week that a tentative agreement had been reached for CRMWA to buy Mesa's water rights in Gray, Roberts, Wheeler, Hutchinson, Carson, Ochitree, Lipscomb and Hemphill Counties.



Pickens

Under the agreement, according to CRMWA and Mesa, Pickens would retain the water rights of Mesa Vista, his Roberts County ranch.

The preliminary \$103 million deal between Pickens' Mesa Water and the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority for the water rights to 211,000 acres in the panhandle promised to end long-held concerns in the region that Pickens would sell the water to downstate interests.

A Dallas billionaire and Roberts County rancher, Pickens said he formed Mesa Water more than a decade ago to protect landowner's right in groundwater resources in the area.

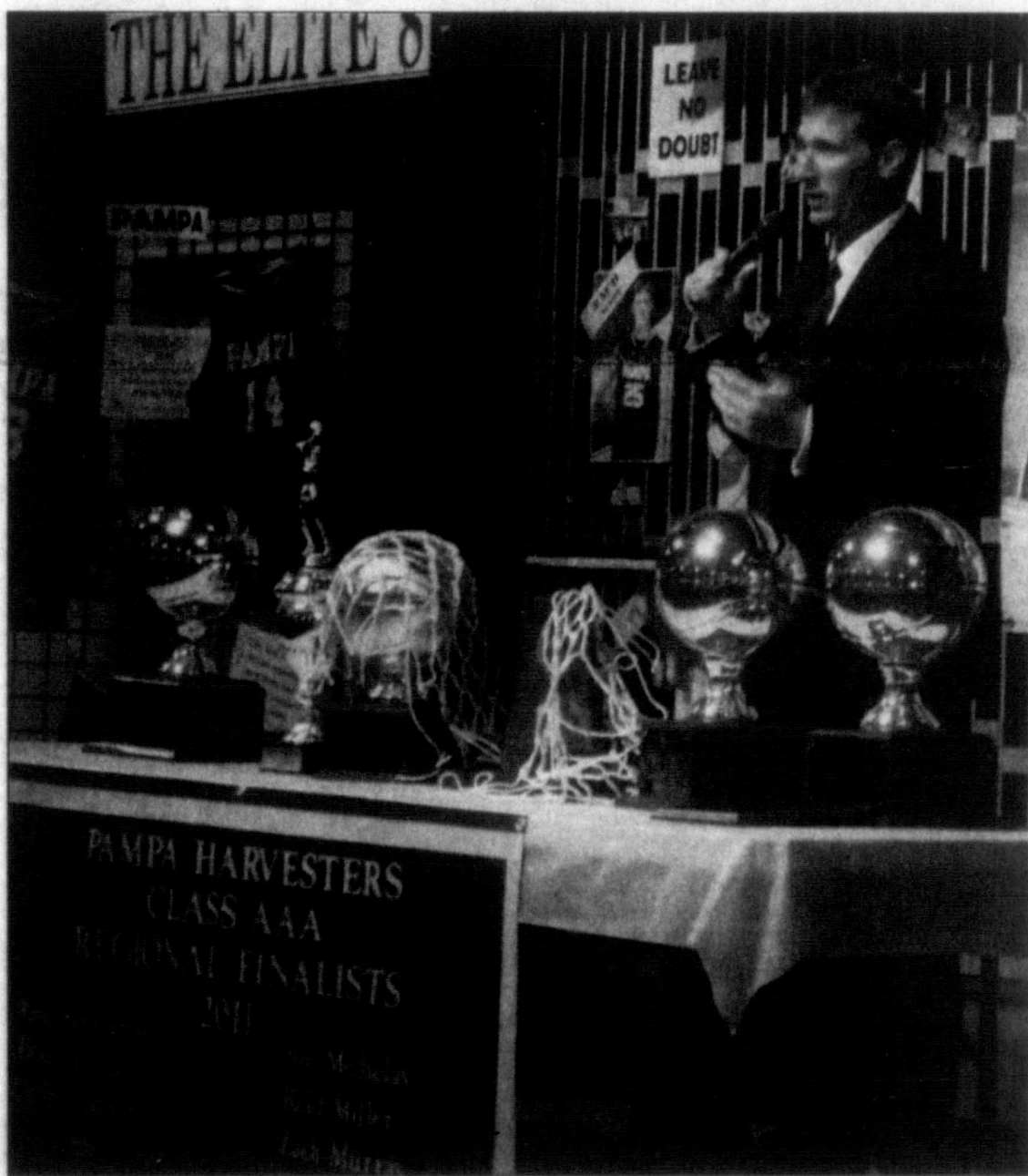
While Pickens had proposed plans to sell the water and pipe it downstate to the Dallas-Fort

Worth area, San Antonio or El Paso, he never ruled out selling it locally.

"The Panhandle now has a reliable local water source that they can count on for hundreds of years," Pickens said in the statement announcing the sale.

In a separate statement, Pickens spokesman Jay Rosser said the transaction will help ensure the water supplies in the Texas Panhandle for decades. Rosser said Pickens' decision to sell the **WATER** cont. on page 2

## FRUITS OF THEIR LABORS



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Surrounded by the spoils of the season, head PHS basketball coach Dustin Miller speaks at the team's 2011 banquet at Briarwood's Full Gospel Church Family Life Center on Thursday. Full story in **SPORTS**, page 10.

## Altrusa, Inc. Style Show tomorrow

**ARNIE AURELLANO**  
 editor@thepampanews.com

The Pampa chapter of Altrusa International, Inc., will be holding its Spring Style Show tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. at Trinity Fellowship.



Johnson

Tickets for the show will be \$12 at the door, with all proceeds going towards the many projects that Altrusa supports over the course of the year, according to Pat Johnson, chairwoman of Altrusa's Style Show committee.

Those projects include two scholarships to local students, as well as contributions to groups and events such as Tralee Crisis Center, the Children's Shopping Tour, Hospice and Relay for Life, among others, Johnson said.

This year's show will feature items from seven stores: four from Pampa, two from Borger and one from Panhandle.

Twenty-one models will feature in the fashion show, including ASTRA Club member and German foreign exchange student Patricia Neimann, who will be modeling a trio of dresses for prom season.

"It'll be all the latest in spring fashions," Johnson said. "It will be fun."

## TURMOIL IN WASHINGTON

# Time's up: Gov't shutdown looms with no agreement

**BEN FELLER**  
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A deadline looming, Congress' top Democrat accused Republicans on Friday of risking a government shutdown because they want to make it harder "for women to get cancer screenings."

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid unleashed his attack as his main antagonist in long-running negotiations, Speaker John Boehner, said spending cuts — not social issues — was blocking agreement to prevent

a shutdown at midnight.

The maneuvering unfolded as President Barack Obama canceled a trip to Indianapolis and spoke in separate phone calls with Reid and Boehner.

"Discussions between the leaders and the White House aimed at reaching a budget agreement are continuing," White House press secretary Jay Carney said in a written statement.

"I assure you, these are not unresolvable issues," added Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky.

Obama, Reid and Boehner met at the White House on Thursday evening for the third time in two days, and their aides struggled without success to reach agreement in middle-of-the-night talks in the Capitol.

Republicans have been seeking \$40 billion in cuts, as well as several other provisions to advance the conservative agenda backed by a rank and file that includes dozens of first-termers elected with the support of tea party activists.

As the Senate opened for business, Reid **SHUTDOWN** cont. on page 2

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### PAMPA FORECAST

Saturday	Sunday	Monday
		
High 85 Low 44	High 66 Low 43	High 74 Low 43

**Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 52. Windy, with a south southwest wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 85. Windy, with a south southwest wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 44. Windy, with a southwest wind between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

**Sunday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 66. Very windy, with a west southwest wind 30 to 35 mph increasing to between 40 and 45 mph. Winds could gust as high as 55 mph.

**Sunday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 43. Windy, with a west northwest wind 25 to 30 mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 45 mph.

**Monday:** Sunny, with a high near 74. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southeast.

**Monday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 43. South wind around 10 mph.

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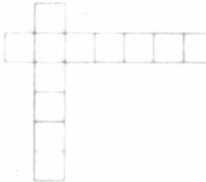
**REVIVAL WITH** Sandi Ballew and Marla Jackson, starting this Sunday April 10th at 10:30am, LCF, 18th and Banks.

### BANANAGRAMS!

For each bunch below, rearrange the letters to form two intersecting words that fit into the corresponding grid.

LEVEL 1

A F L  
M M L R  
R T P Y  
U



LEVEL 2

A C G H K  
M N O P T  
U



Yesterday's Answer: EAGERLY, OREGANO, AUDIBLE, PREDICT

### Water

water rights reflects Pickens' concern about the growing deterioration of water supplies in the Panhandle, chiefly Lake Meredith.

The lake level has fallen dramatically over the past few years. It is now at 38.15 feet compared to its record height of 101.85 feet in April, 1973. The lake was built on the Canadian River in the mid-1960s.

Rosser said Mesa Water has had productive discussions on the sale of water to other users in Texas, including North Texas and San Antonio, but Mesa believes the time is right to sell the water to the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority.

The sale involved nearly 4 trillion gallons of Ogallala Aquifer groundwater, according to a joint statement by Mesa and CRMWA.

"The addition of these groundwater rights to those currently owned by (the authority) further reduces our reliance on Lake Meredith as a source of supply," authority board President Norman Wright of Plainview said in the statement. "The result of this agreement will benefit everyone involved and ensure that (the authority) is able to continue its supply to member cities for generations to come."

The Canadian River Municipal Water Authority has 11 member cities: Pampa, Amarillo, Borger, Brownfield, Lamesa, Levelland, Lubbock, O'Donnell, Plainview, Slaton and Tahoka.

Mesa Water had obtained pumping permits in 2002 and 2004 from the Panhandle Groundwater Con-

servation District to pipe Roberts County groundwater to North Central Texas and San Antonio. However, in 2008, Pickens indefinitely suspended plans for the water pipeline project, shifting his attention instead to obtaining rights of way for electric transmission lines to carry power generated by a gigantic wind farm he planned.

The sale will be funded by contract revenue bonds issued by CRMWA to its member cities, according to Kent Satterwhite, general manager of CRMWA.

Pampa City Manager Richard Morris said today that the city won't know until the deal is complete what residents will have to pay.

The sale is expected to be completed by July or August.

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### Shutdown

said the two sides had reached agreement on \$38 billion in spending cuts and the only hangup was a Republican demand to cut a federal program that provides women's health and family planning services.

"They are willing to throw women under the bus, even if it means they'll shut down the government," he said.

"Republican leaders in the House have only a few hours left to look in the mirror, snap out of it and realize how positively shameful that would be."

But Boehner said the two sides were "close to a resolution" on the non-spending issues, and there was "only one reason that we do not have an agreement as yet, and that issue is spending."

"When will the White House and when will Senate Democrats get serious about cutting federal spending?" he asked rhetorically.

Boehner urged Obama to reconsider a veto threat against legislation to keep the government open for one additional week while negotiators continue working on a deal to fund federal programs through Sept. 30.

That measure includes \$12 billion in spending cuts, and provides enough funds to keep the Pentagon in operation through Sept. 30.

Barring an agreement or perhaps another temporary bill to keep the government operating, the shutdown of most of the government would begin at midnight. Many essential workers, such as mail carriers, air traffic controllers and the military, would stay on the job.

Obama said ominously on Friday night that the machinery of a shutdown was already in motion.

"I expect an answer in the morning," Obama told

reporters Thursday evening as representatives from the White House and Capitol Hill plunged ahead with negotiations into the night.

The aides were trying to cobble together a deal on how much federal spending to slash, where to cut it and what caveats to attach as part of a bill to fund the government through Sept. 30. A temporary federal spending measure expires at midnight Friday.

As the pressure mounted, Obama abruptly postponed plans to promote his agenda in Indiana on Friday.

For a nation eager to trim federal spending but also weary of Washington bickering, the spending showdown had real implications.

A closure would mean the furloughs of hundreds of thousands of workers and the services they provide, from processing many tax refunds to approving business loans. Medical research would be disrupted, national parks would close and most travel visa and passport services would stop, among many others.

Obama spoke after a double-barreled day of meetings with Boehner and Reid. The three have held four such meetings this week.

Throughout Thursday, the president, Reid and Boehner bargained and blustered by turns, struggling to settle their differences while maneuvering to avoid any political blame if they failed.

With the economy just now beginning to create jobs in large numbers, the president said a shutdown would damage the recovery.

"For us to go backwards because Washington couldn't get its act together is just unacceptable," he said.

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### Obituaries

#### Charles "Ken" Pace, 73

Charles "Ken" Pace, 73, died April 7, 2011, in Pampa.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 9, 2011, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Pace was born December 22, 1937, in Pol-



Pace

luck, La. He married Terri King on April 23, 1983. He had been a resident of Pampa for the past ten years. Ken was a Baptist. He was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather.

Survivors include his wife, Terri Pace of the home; two daughters, Shirley Stice and husband Ken of Pueblo, Colo. and Kelli King of Pampa; two sons, Kirk King of Amarillo and Todd King and wife Carmela of Temple; 11 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild; two brothers, William Mitchell and Raymond Mitchell, both of Pueblo, Colo.; three sisters, Ethel Nelson, Sue Gray and Clara Debski, all of Pueblo, Colo.

Memorials may be made to a favorite charity. Sign the online register at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).

### 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 14 traffic-related calls and two accidents. They also reported three attempts to serve legal papers.

Animal Control Officers reported six animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS reported six ambulance calls. The Pampa Fire Department reported one medical call.

**Thursday, April 7**  
 A burglary was reported in the 500 block of North Lowry.

A grass fire was reported

at Taylor Ranch Road and Seminole in Lefors.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1500 block of North Banks.

An alarm was reported in the 1300 block of North Hobart.

Officers had escort duty at the police department and in the 100 block of West 30th.

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

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 1200 block of North Darby.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1900 block of North Hobart.

An open door was reported in the 900 block of Barnard.

A threat was reported in the 400 block of North Doyle.

**Friday, April 8**  
 A prowler was reported in the 1300 block of Garland.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1500 block of North Williston.

A theft was reported in the 300 block of North Hobart.

#### 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, April 7**  
 Ronald Scott Davis, 52, was arrested by deputies on charges of making a false report to a police officer.

Franklin Don Bliss, 56, was arrested by police on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

Mark Jeffries, 19, of Amarillo, was arrested by deputies on charges of burglary of a vehicle.

**Sudoku**

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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


## REVIVAL

Sunday, April 10 at 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.  
 April 11, 12 & 13 at 7:00 p.m.  
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Sandi Ballew is a powerful anointed speaker, according to pastor Ed Barker. Sandi brings the Word of God alive through preaching, teaching, prayer and prophetic ministry, Barker said. She carries a strong prophetic anointing to minister strength, and truth to the body of Christ, according to pastor Barker. Barker said, "Sandi ministers with fresh revelation to awaken, equip, and transform the Body of Christ into powerful weapons for the kingdom of God."



Marla Jackson is a gifted psalmist. Marla leads prophetic worship, teaches and ministers throughout the United States with Stonethrowers. Marla carries a prophetic authority to change the atmosphere. Using the keyboard as an instrument of war, her gifting pierces the darkness and breaks down barriers to make way for even the hardest of hearts to receive and respond to the Word of God. As a psalmist inspired by scripture, Marla composes most of the songs she uses in ministry.



Nursery services will be provided for all services for ages infant through three years.



## AFTERNOON RUSH

### Chief charged with sexual assault

MCKINNEY (AP) - A former North Texas police chief is accused of having sexual relations with a girl between 2001 and 2004.

A Collin County grand jury has indicted 61-year-old ex-Sulphur Springs Chief of Police Donald "Donnie" Gene Lewis of Dallas.

Lewis was jailed Friday with bond set at \$250,000. Electronic jail records did not list an attorney for Lewis, who was arrested Thursday on three counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child, eight counts of indecency with a child/sexual contact and five counts of sexual assault of a child. If convicted, Lewis faces up to life in prison.

Plano police have declined to release details of the active case. Lewis was indicted last week.

Lewis served as a Sulphur Springs officer for more than 25 years. He retired in mid-2001.

### Feds seek millions from day care

SHERMAN (AP) - Federal prosecutors say they will seek a forfeiture of \$60 million from a North Texas day care center operator accused in an indictment of running an unlicensed money transmitting business.

The recently unsealed one-count indictment returned March 10 by a federal grand jury in Sherman accuses Christina Sang Bates of transferring at least \$60 million without having the appropriate license.

Prosecutors have also served notice that they will seek forfeiture of her Jr. Academy of McKinney.

A message left Thursday with Bates' attorney, Federal Public Defender Denise Benson, was not returned.

Aside from the forfeitures, conviction on the single count would be punishable by up to five years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

### House OKs 85 mph speed limit

AUSTIN (AP) - The Texas House has given final approval to a bill that could up the speed limit on some highways to 85 mph.

The Texas Senate is considering a similar bill, which would make the state's speed limit the highest in the nation.

The measure by Brenham state Rep. Lois Kolkhorst, which won initial approval Wednesday, is part of a larger transportation bill. Final approval came Thursday.

The bill would authorize the Texas Department of Transportation to raise the speed limit on designated lanes or entire stretches of roadway after doing engineering and traffic studies. Texas currently has more than 500 miles of interstate highways where the speed limit is 80 mph.

### Firemen fired over nude photos

VICTORIA (AP) - Two South Texas firefighters have been dismissed after photos of nude men were displayed at a fire station.

The Victoria Advocate, through an open records request, obtained copies of the montage of about 10 photos after the city announced the firings Wednesday.

The newspaper reported Friday that the racy photos, including men in sexually provocative poses, were displayed at Victoria Fire Station No. 2.

A complaint was filed with the city last month. The city has declined to release the names of the male firefighters who've been fired. City spokesman O.C. Garza declined comment.

A statement from Victoria, a city of about 63,000 located 110 miles southwest of Houston, says conduct that interferes with operations, discredits the city or is offensive to customers or fellow employees will not be tolerated.

### Human trafficking bill passed

AUSTIN (AP) - People convicted of human trafficking would face tougher penalties under legislation that has passed the Texas House.

The bill makes it a felony to force children into prostitution, extends the statute of limitations for trafficking crimes and requires anyone convicted of sex trafficking to register as a sex offender.

The legislation also makes life sentences automatic for repeat offenders and creates separate definitions for sex trafficking and labor trafficking. Children who have been forced into prostitution will be allowed certain provisions similar to sexual assault cases under the Texas law. The bill, which has widespread support, faces a final procedural hurdle before being sent to Gov. Rick Perry, who has indicated he will sign it.

### Internet sales tax bill approved

AUSTIN (AP) - The Texas House Ways and Means Committee unanimously approved a bill that would increase sales tax collection on Internet transactions.

Proponents say the bill will even the playing field for local retailers who are required to collect state sales tax. Under current rules, if a company does not have a physical presence inside Texas, the company does not have to collect sales tax. Under state law, the customer is required to pay it instead, but rarely does.

The bill expands what constitutes a physical presence to include bloggers who are paid to promote sales on the other websites. Companies like Amazon.com often pay these bloggers a commission. Amazon.com recently shutdown a warehouse in Irving after the state insisted the website must collect tax on sales in Texas.

### Texas gas prices jump again

IRVING (AP) - Retail gasoline prices took another springboard leap across Texas and the nation this week as refiners switch to more expensive but cleaner-burning summer fuel blends.

The weekly AAA Texas gasoline price survey released Thursday shows a gallon of unleaded regular gasoline rose an average of 13 cents to \$3.65 in Texas and by 10 cents to \$3.71 nationally.

The Texas average is still 34 cents per gallon below the record of \$3.98 per gallon set on July 17, 2008.

Dallas is paying the most for its gasoline with a gallon of regular unleaded averaging \$3.68 at the pump, 11 cents more than last week. Beaumont and San Antonio have the cheapest at \$3.59, 12 cents more than last week in Beaumont and 13 cents more in San Antonio.

## Repairing rotting deck stairs

### HOME HOW-TO

Dear Pat: The stairs to my deck are shaky and rotting, and I think they are dangerous. I want to replace them myself. What is the best way to build new ones so they are stronger and more stable? — Carolyn R.

Dear Carolyn: Shaky stairs are not only uncomfortable to walk on, but they can be very dangerous and cause people to lose their balance. We become accustomed to the standard height of a step. If the stairs are weak, sagging or on an angle, they can easily cause someone to stumble.

It is wise to build entirely new stairs, especially if some of the lumber already appears to be rotten. The rotten areas are usually more extensive than they appear to be on the surface. Just take a crowbar and pry off the old stairs. Since they are made from pressure-treated lumber, don't burn them in your fireplace.

Most stairs for decks range between 3 and 6 feet wide. The easiest way to build the new stairs is using pre-cut stringers, which you can purchase at any home center store or lumberyard. Stringers are typically 2-by-12s with the notches cut in them to properly locate each step with the correct rise and run.

Unless your old stairs were an odd size, just get a stringer with the same number of steps as the old one. If your stairs are very narrow, you will need only one stringer on each side. For most stairs, though, you will need several stringers spaced no more than 30 inches apart to support the steps.

To make the stairs as stable and rigid as possible, pour a concrete footer at the location of the bottom of each stringer. The concrete needn't be very deep so use 2-by-6s to make the form for the footers. Embed galvanized anchors in the concrete to attach the lower end of the stringers.

Use galvanized metal joist hangers to attach the top of the stringers to the skirt of the deck. These are special metal hangers made just for stair stringers. The bracket portion is tilted down at an angle to prop-



erly position the stringer.

Before you actually start nailing the stringers in the metal hangers, check all of the stringers for alignment. You can do this by laying a 4-foot level across the notches. You may have to adjust one or two of the stringers up or down for the proper alignment. Attach the bottom end of the stringers to the anchors in the concrete footers.

Always use galvanized or stainless steel nails for outdoor projects. They hold up much better than plain steel nails, and they will not create rust stains on the wood.

Using 2-by-6 lumber, cut the stair

treads to length to allow for a 1-inch overhang at each end of the outside stringers. Use 12d or 16d spiral-shank casing nails to attach the treads.

Most stairs on decks are open stairs, meaning the vertical space between each step is open to beneath the deck. If you prefer to install vertical risers to block off the openings, it is much easier to install them first before nailing the treads into place.

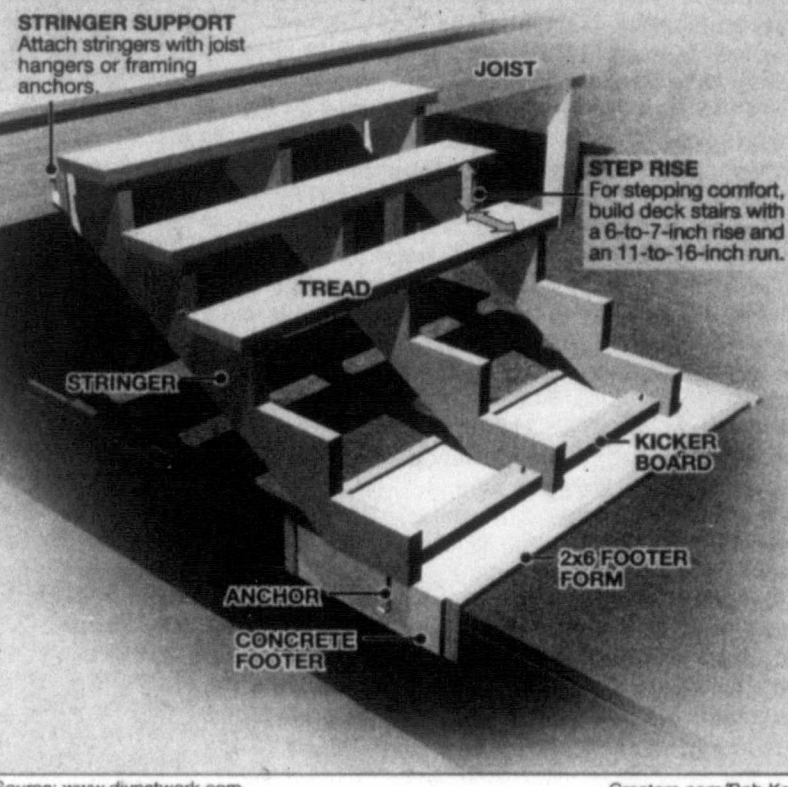
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### HOME HOW-TO

#### Deck Stairs

If you own a deck, naturally, years of exposure to the sun, rain and snow may wear it down and make it unsafe to use. Repair of rotten deck stairs is not a difficult task.



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## Texting while driving ban passes Texas House

AUSTIN (AP) - Driving while sending text or email messages from a cellphone would become a crime under a bill that passed the Texas House on Thursday.

Reading messages would still be legal. The last-minute change making an exception for drivers who look at or read text messages gave voice to opponents who thought the measure was a slap at basic freedom and an invitation to police to harass drivers.

Rep. Larry Taylor, R-League City, who won passage of the modification, said the bill as originally drafted went too far.

"Just looking down briefly at your phone - I don't want to be pulled over as a criminal or breaking the law," Taylor said. "The actual act of typing up a message and sending it to somebody else is very dangerous. I have no disagreement with that."

About 30 states and many municipalities, including San Antonio and El Paso, already have laws that limit texting while driving.

Rep. Tom Craddick, a former Republican House speaker from Midland, sponsored the bill and tried to fight off the amendment making it less stringent. But he said after the vote that it would still curb the activity that is most hazardous.

"I think the main problem is the people with their hands off the wheel," Craddick said.

It's already against the law in Texas to use a cellphone in a school zone, and people under age 18 can't use a phone at all while driving. Studies have shown that texting while driving is the equivalent of having a 1.6 blood-alcohol level.

Under the bill adopted Thursday, police could fine texting motorists up

to \$200. People could still press buttons allowing them to answer phones and could operate voice-activated devices that allow them to send messages.

The bill, which passed on a 124-16 vote, faces a final procedural hurdle and is expected to move to the Senate.

Debate over the legislation sparked often humorous exchanges between opponents and backers of the texting ban. After he introduced the amendment, Taylor was asked how much time he spent reading text messages in his car. He said he frequently got short messages

on his phone, such as "love ya," and "you're the best."

Rep. Dennis Bonnen, a Houston-area Republican who was presiding over the debate at the time, jokingly admonished Taylor: "You're under oath, even on the floor, Mr. Taylor."



## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My son has refused to speak to me ever again because his girlfriend asked me if he had another child from a previous relationship. I didn't think it was right to lie to her, so I told her the truth about his daughter. My son called me yesterday and told me I was "dead to him" and he never wants to see me again. I feel so guilty having betrayed him.

I'm not sure how to make amends with my son. Abby, can you help me? — SAD MOM IN OHIO

DEAR MOM: Your son may have preferred his girlfriend be kept in the dark about his daughter, but if the girlfriend didn't have some strong suspicions, she would not have raised the subject with you. Frankly, I admire you for telling the truth and not going along with your son's deception. I'm not sure how you should "make amends" with your son. He is the one who should be making amends with you. His lack of character is lamentable.

DEAR ABBY: My wife has been out of work for four months. Last week she applied for a job at a loan office. During the interview, she learned it was a payday loan operation, and she would be expected to

get people to sign up for loans they could not afford.

This goes against our principles. We have seen family members caught in payday loan schemes that buried them in debt, and we find the whole industry to be immoral and abhorrent.

My wife is currently receiving unemployment compensation. One of the rules of unemployment is, if a company offers you work, you must accept it. She said if she knew what the position entailed, she would not have applied. Now she is terrified she may be offered a position in a business she finds repugnant, but she may not be able to decline the offer. What can she do? Please answer fast! — STUCK FOR AN ANSWER IN KANSAS CITY

DEAR STUCK FOR AN ANSWER: Your wife should contact the payday loan company and tell them she is not interested in the position before she gets an offer. That way, she won't be breaking any rules, and the company can hire a willing applicant.

DEAR ABBY: I have an issue regarding my 18-year-old son, "Jake." His father and I divorced several years ago — amicably for the most part. Since then, and even before, Jake

has had emotional problems.

My son makes up stories about himself. On one of his online social network sites he has been talking about a vehicle he doesn't own. He even invited a friend to go four-wheeling with him in his nonexistent vehicle. This is only one of many lies Jake has told. When I call him on it, he admits it but says it's "no big deal."

Abby, people believe what my son is telling them. What is going on, and what can I do? — CARING PARENT, LITTLETON, COLO.

DEAR CARING PARENT: Your son may lie in order to impress others, or be so emotionally troubled that he can't tell the difference between what he fantasizes and what is real. I assume that because Jake has had emotional difficulties for some time that he has been under the care of a therapist. If so, contact the therapist and explain what's going on. If Jake doesn't have a therapist, find one. Perhaps an intervention will help Jake. If the lying persists, your son will become increasingly isolated as it gets out that no one can believe a word he says.



# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Friday, April 8, the 98th day of 2011. There are 267 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On April 8, 1911, an explosion at the Banner Coal Mine in Littleton, Ala., claimed the lives of 128 men, most of them convicts loaned out from prisons.

### On this date:

In 1861, Elisha Otis, inventor of the first elevator safety brake, died in Yonkers, N.Y. at age 49.

In 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Emergency Relief Appropriations Act, which provided money for programs such as the Works Progress Administration.

In 1946, the League of Nations assembled in Geneva for its final session.

In 1952, President Harry S. Truman seized the steel industry to avert a nationwide strike. (The U.S. Supreme Court later ruled that Truman had overstepped his authority.)

In 1961, a suspected bomb exploded aboard the passenger liner MV Dara in the Persian Gulf, causing it to sink; 238 of the 819 people aboard were killed.

In 1974, Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves hit his 715th career home run in a game against the Los Angeles Dodgers, breaking Babe Ruth's record.

In 1981, General of the Army Omar N. Bradley died in New York at age 88.

In 1994, Kurt Cobain, singer and guitarist for the grunge band Nirvana, was found dead in Seattle from an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound; he was 27.

**Ten years ago:** U.S. officials said President George W. Bush was sending a letter to the wife of a missing (later presumed lost) Chinese fighter pilot as a humanitarian gesture. (The pilot's plane had collided with a U.S. spy plane April 1, forcing the spy plane to make an emergency landing in China.)

**Five years ago:** The Rolling Stones made their debut in mainland China with a censored - but still raucous - concert in Shanghai.

**One year ago:** President Barack Obama and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev signed the New START treaty in Prague.

**Today's Birthdays:** Former first lady Betty Ford is 93. Comedian Sheeky Greene is 85. Actor-turned-diplomat John Gavin is 80. Author and investigative reporter Seymour Hersh is 74. Basketball Hall-of-Famer John Havlicek is 71. "Mouseketeer" Darlene Gillespie is 70. Singer J.J. Jackson is 70. Singer Peggy Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 70. Songwriter-producer Leon Huff is 69. Actor Flywel Bennett is 67. Actor Stuart Pankin is 65. Rock musician Steve Howe (Yes) is 64. Movie director John Madden ("Shakespeare in Love") is 62. Rock musician Mel Schacher (Grand Funk Railroad) is 60. Actor John Schneider is 51. "Survivor" winner Richard Hatch is 50. Rock musician Izzy Stradlin is 49. Singer Julian Lennon is 48. Actress Robin Wright is 45. Actress Patricia Arquette is 43. Actress Emma Caulfield is 38. Actress Katee Sackhoff is 31. Actor Taylor Kitsch is 30. Actor Taran Noah Smith is 27. Actress Kirsten Storms is 27.

**Thought for Today:** "Computers are useless. They can only give you answers." - Pablo Picasso (spanish artist (born 1881, died this date in 1973))



## Glenn Beck: Just a guy with an opinion

My pal Glenn Beck is leaving his program on Fox News Channel later this year. This has caused great joy among some uber-liberals who object to free speech, as well as to anything Beck.

The Media Matters outfit took just seconds to misstate why Beck is changing venues, but what else is new? George Soros partially funds Media Matters, so why would the website ever say anything truthful when far-left propaganda is so much easier to dish?

When you get past all the rubbish, Glenn Beck is really Norm, the guy on the sitcom "Cheers." He sits on a symbolic bar stool and vents. He sees bad things happening to his country and objects.

Because his rap is so interesting, millions of Americans want to hear it. What on earth is wrong with that?

If you just got off the plane from Mongolia and dialed into the left-wing U.S. media, you might think Glenn Beck is the Antichrist. The hue and cry about Beck is downright hysterical. Why do they care?

Beck isn't an elected official; he's

not even a journalist. He's just a guy with an opinion. So what's the beef?

Well, again, it goes to free speech. Many hard-core ideologues in both camps simply do not want to hear opinions other than their own. And if someone is successfully bloviating views that differ from their orthodoxy, they go ballistic. And Glenn Beck is certainly successful.

Remember that he's the guy who exposed President Barack Obama's "green jobs czar," Van Jones, as a communist sympathizer and 9/11 truther. Jones said a quick goodbye before the White House door hit him in the butt.

Beck also drove a campaign against ACORN, which was taking taxpayer dollars and using them to commit voter fraud in some places. Subsequently, Congress defunded ACORN.

Those are big accomplishments, the kinds of things that can get powerful people upset. Thus, Beck became a target, an object of derision and hatred for some in the media.

But it is Glenn Beck who will have the last laugh. His media empire is now so expansive that he doesn't need the daily grind of TV news analysis.

The guy has a hot website, The Blaze, has a syndicated radio program and even has an imprint at a prestigious publishing house. Plus, his speaking fees could reduce the national debt considerably.

So three cheers for Glenn Beck, a.k.a. Norm, a regular American who loves his country and is willing to suffer the slings and arrows to make his voice heard.

We'll miss seeing him so often on Fox News, but his voice still will resonate throughout the media. And to those who respect Glenn Beck, that's all that really matters.



**BILL O'REILLY**

*Veteran TV news anchor Bill O'Reilly is host of the Fox News show "The O'Reilly Factor."*

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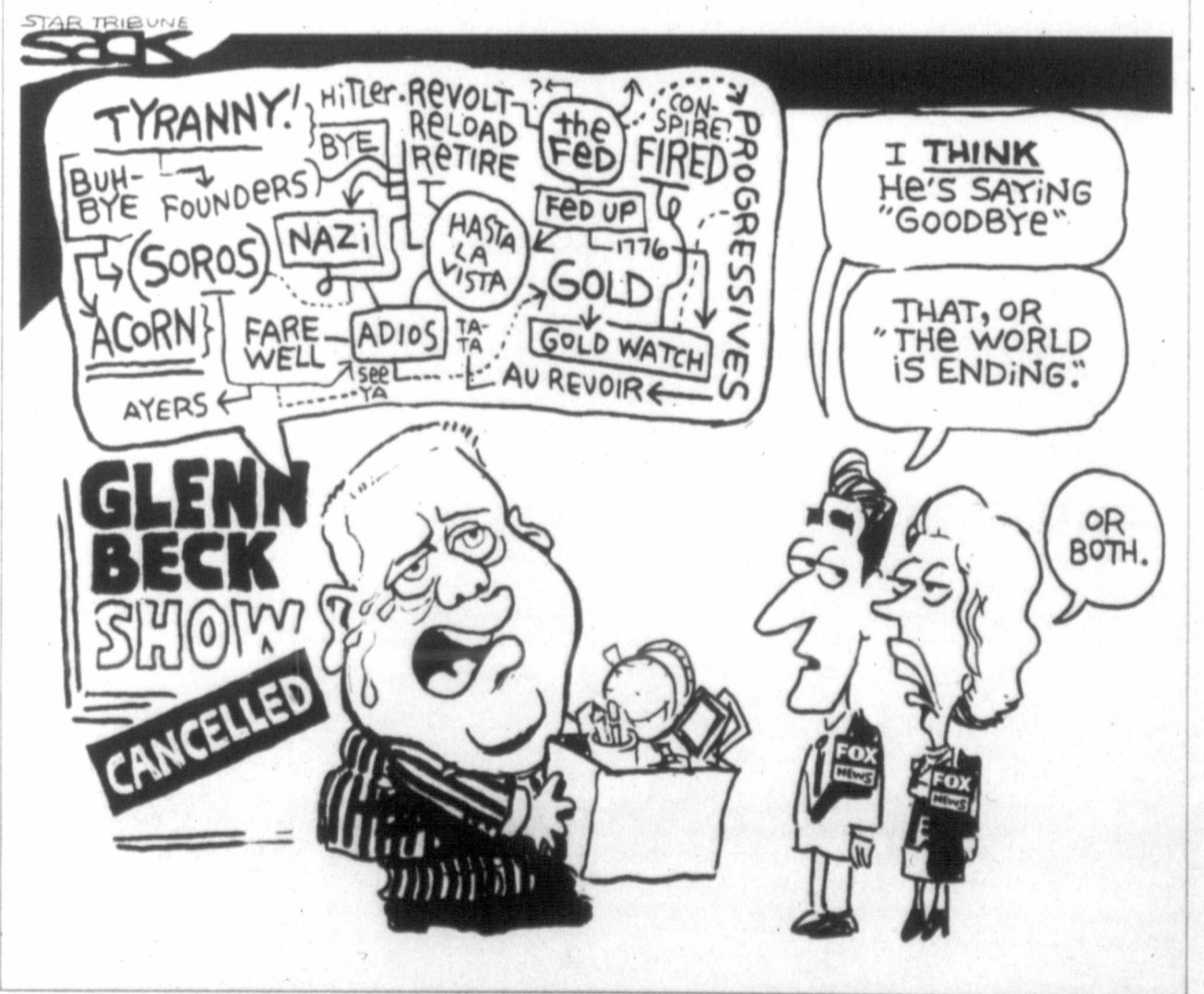
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# Worship

## The right place at the wrong time

As I stood in my office looking over the announcements for the morning worship service, I heard a jolting sound coming from the sanctuary. On top of the lovely organ prelude was the sound of a child banging on a piano. I somehow knew instantly that this noise was coming from none other than my 6-year-old son. More than a little embarrassed that my child would cause such a commotion, I sat down with my little boy in the sanctuary as our organist continued her prelude.

It isn't unusual to have these talks with our son; after all, he is a six year old little boy! We're still teaching him to look before he leaps, to listen to his elders, and not to fight with his sister.

As we sat down on a pew together, I asked him why he was playing the piano. With an earnest, innocent countenance, he explained that he wanted to play along with our organist. I then reminded him that he didn't know the right notes to play. He answered, as he pointed to the sheet music on the piano, "but I was looking at the music." In his six year old mind, he really thought that looking at sheet music while banging on the piano would transform the sound into beautiful music. Our sweet little boy has a love of music and rhythm, and especially a love for God. And as it turns out, he truly wanted to participate in our worship service by playing for God. The end result fell short of his intended goal, but his heart was in the right place.

How many times have we seen people try to serve God and others with good intentions, while the end result was something less than stellar? Many "failures" within the Church come from people wanting to do the right thing, but lacking the skill or knowledge to do so. Sometimes, we forget that we must teach people how to serve: passing



**BLOSSOM MATTHEWS**

### the good word

on the skills and knowledge we've learned to newcomers and the next generation. Equally important, we must give people room to try and even fail without shaming them for their imperfect actions. We also

realize the importance of spiritual formation, as many servant roles require spiritual maturity if they are to produce good fruit. Someone may know the right thing to do, but if it is performed with a wrong attitude or harsh words, God will not be glorified and people will be hurt.

Sometimes people are in the right place at the wrong time. They want to serve, but just haven't been prepared to do so. That means it may be time to give our son piano lessons so that he may one day play beautiful music for the glory of God. In the mean time, of course, we'll expect him to refrain from playing along with our organist, but we'll also support him as he follows his unique call into ministry. Sometimes, people need a word of love and affirmation more than a scolding for messing up. Yes, they must learn. And we should have high expectations for those who serve God. But never forget the value of a hug for a six year old whose heart was right though his timing was off. And maybe adults could use a few hugs, too.

*Blossom Matthews is the lead pastor at First United Methodist Church.*

## CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

### Annual revival services on tap at Lighthouse Covenant

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Lighthouse Covenant Fellowship is holding their annual revival services 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

The church has special ministers Sandi Ballew and Marla Jackson teaching. The church's pastor Ed Barker said Ballew is a powerful anointed speaker that brings the Word of God alive through preaching, teaching, prayer and prophetic ministry.

"Sandi (Ballew) ministers with fresh revelation to awaken, equip and transform the Body of Christ into powerful

weapons for the kingdom of God."

Jackson is a gifted psalmist that leads prophetic worship, teaches and ministers throughout the United States with Stonethrowers. Barker said Jackson is a psalmist inspired by scripture.

"Marla (Jackson) is sensitive and responsive to the Holy Spirit, imparting her gifting and skill to lead entire congregations into deeper worship," Barker said.

Nursery services will be provided for all services for children from infant through 3 years old.

Lighthouse Covenant Fellowship is located on the 1700 block of North Banks Street.

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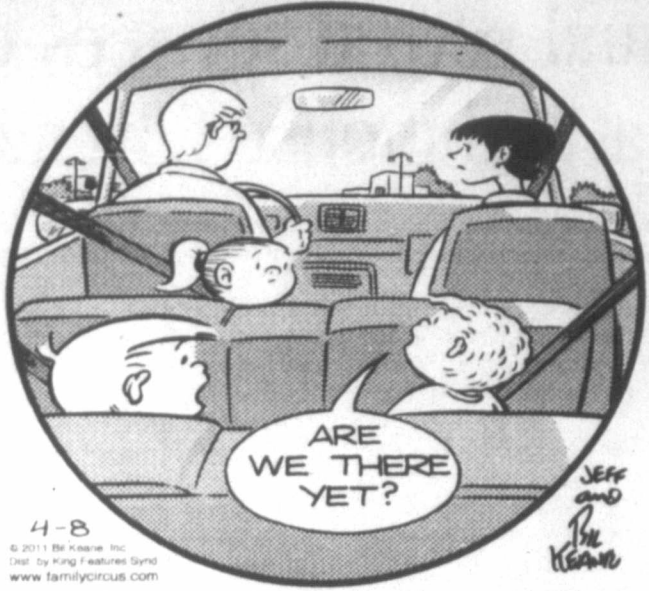
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



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"Depends on where we're going."

Non Sequitur



Nest Heads



## daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, April 9, 2011:

This year, you begin new life and luck cycles. In fact, you probably are already feeling the impact. Greater financial security also appears in the wind. You will naturally achieve a lot more. Not only is communication imperative, but this year security also is a big issue. If you are single, a person you meet during this cycle might not be a forever lover (but could be), yet you count on this person's significance in your life and friendship. If you are attached, your upbeat smile adds a certain magic to your bond. Your sweetie pulls in closer. **CANCER** can be difficult but cares.

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)**

★★★★ An issue that might involve you and others could have you wondering which way to go. Ask questions, but also be observant. Zero in on what counts. Tonight: Know that you can, if need be, reverse gears.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**

★★★★ Whether you hear news that forces your hand or you suddenly have a key insight makes no difference. Once more, your mental filter drops. Look at what you can understand now. Your instincts might want you to stay with what is known and comfortable. Tonight: Relax to great music.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**

★★★★ You are all smiles as you pursue a new course. A partner or associate could cause a strong reaction with his or her attitude. Relax and know that as easily as a situation could change one way, it can reverse itself. Tonight: Curb a tendency to go overboard.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**

★★★★ You might be a touch lazy this morning, but by the afternoon, others could find it difficult to keep up with you. Feeling empowered, zoom in on what works. Your lunar magnetism draws admirers, for now. Tonight: Be open to everything!

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**

★★★★ You need more information than you have. The unanticipated opens up an unanticipated chasm. You might wonder what to do when dealing with a key person. Your sense of humor comes forth when you realize how self-evident the

answer is. Tonight: Happily vanish with a loved one.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

★★★★ You might want to approach a friendship on a new level. You could be, at best, stunned by the nature of another person's response. Think long and hard about the best way to pursue this goal. Tonight: Where the action is.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**

★★★★ Pressure builds around an older friend or loved one. You must meet the demand, but it could cost you. A close associate just will not understand, as much as you try to explain the hows and whys. Accept what isn't changeable. Tonight: Out and about.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**

★★★★ You are hard-pressed to visualize a situation differently. An incident in your daily life points to another direction, and probably consumes your attention. Be ready to adjust to a quickly changing situation. Tonight: Let your mind wander and choose!

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**

★★★★ Deal directly with key associates involving funds and perhaps your money! For some, it might look like getting your taxes done or filing an extension. A risk could be a very bad idea in present circumstances. Tonight: Be wild. Blow off some steam.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**

★★★★ You feel as if you are no longer in sync with yourself. You might question how you can be with others, especially a key person. Be ready to change and let go of the status quo. Honor who you are first. Tonight: No longer cover at the unknown!

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**

★★★★ Use the morning in a fun way. A responsibility or project calls in the afternoon. You will feel as if you have little choice. Some physical exercise could prevent you from going over the same scenario again and again in your mind. Tonight: Don't push.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**

★★★★ Once you get past a personal or domestic matter, you are on cruise control. A child or, if single, a new person in your life draws your attention. You might wonder exactly how to make your goals and this situation friends. Tonight: Let go and just be.

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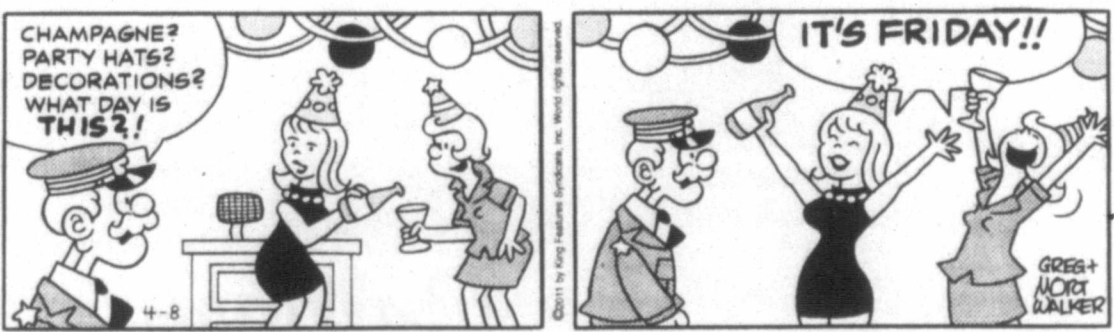
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# NASCAR THIS WEEK

### ON THE TUBE

All times Eastern  
**Sprint Cup**  
 Samsung Mobile 500,  
 7:30 p.m., Saturday

**Nationwide Series**  
 O'Reilly Auto Parts 300,  
 8:30 p.m., Friday

**Truck Series**  
 Bully Hill Vineyards 200,  
 8 p.m.,  
 April 22

### BURNING ISSUES

► For Dale Earnhardt Jr., Martinsville Speedway was the site of the one that got away.

► The week's remarkable fact: In the Camping World Truck Series, Todd Bodine has never won on a track shorter than a mile.

► Kevin Harvick has rendered moot the point of Richard Childress Racing getting off to a slow start. Two straight victories isn't too slow.

► Jimmie Johnson cried a foul of his own after his Martinsville hopes ended with a NASCAR speeding penalty. "I wasn't speeding," he declared. "They (NASCAR) didn't like how it looked, the way I managed my timing lines. ... There is just no way."

► The Goody's Fast Relief 500 was the finest race of the season to date. It was vintage Martinsville.

► Martin Truex Jr. thought soft walls saved him after the throttle stuck on his Toyota. Kasey Kahne's Toyota provided some cushion, too. It was about as serious as a crash at Martinsville gets.

► Harvick has now won at Martinsville in Sprint Cup, Nationwide and Camping World Truck series.

► At his best track, Denny Hamlin dropped two more positions in the points, falling from 17th to 19th. He won both races last year at Texas Motor Speedway ... and needs another.

► Already this season, Carl Edwards, Kyle Busch, Kurt Busch and Tony Stewart have led the Sprint Cup standings.

► After six races, Jeff Burton ranks 28th in the points standings. Fortunately, he has 20 regular season races left to muster some run at a spot in the Chase.

### 2011 STANDINGS

Sprint Cup	Pts.
1. Kyle Busch	219
2. Carl Edwards	5
3. Jimmie Johnson	12
4. Kurt Busch	14
5. Kevin Harvick	15
6. Ryan Newman	16
7. Juan Montoya	18
8. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	20
9. Matt Kenseth	24
10. Mark Martin	38
11. Tony Stewart	39
12. Jeff Gordon	49
Paul Menard	49

Nationwide Series	Pts.
1. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	181
2. Jason Leffler	6
3. Justin Allgaier	25
4. Aic Almirola	26
5. Reed Sorenson	30
6. Trevor Bayne	31
7. Elliott Sadler	32
8. Kenny Wallace	41
9. Brian Scott	43
10. Mike Bliss	56

Camping World Truck Series	Pts.
1. Johnny Sauter	150
2. Matt Crafton	5
3. Timothy Peters	7
Cole Whitt	7
5. Ron Hornaday Jr.	9
6. Clay Rogers	19
7. Austin Dillon	20
8. Todd Bodine	28
9. Max Papis	29
10. Miguel Paludo	41



### WHO'S HOT AND WHO'S NOT

► **Who's hot:** Kevin Harvick has won consecutive races for the second time in his career. ... Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s runner-up finish was his best since the 2010 Daytona 500.

► **Who's not:** At Martinsville, a 12th-place finish was a crushing outcome for Denny Hamlin, who had won the previous three races there. ... Kasey Kahne was an innocent victim of a stuck throttle on Martin Truex Jr.'s Toyota.



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### WHAT'S UP NEXT

**SPRINT CUP**  
**Race:** Samsung Mobile 500  
**Where:** Texas Motor Speedway, Fort Worth (1.5 mi.), 334 laps/501 miles.  
**When:** Saturday, April 9  
**Last year's winner:** Denny Hamlin, Toyota.  
**Qualifying record:** Brian Vickers, Chevy, 196.235 mph, Nov. 3, 2006.  
**Race record:** Carl Edwards, Ford, 151.055 mph, Nov. 6, 2005.  
**Last week:** Kevin Harvick's victory in Martinsville, Va., was a heartbreaking setback for runner-up Dale Earnhardt Jr., who had the lead until his Chevy was passed by Harvick's with four laps remaining.

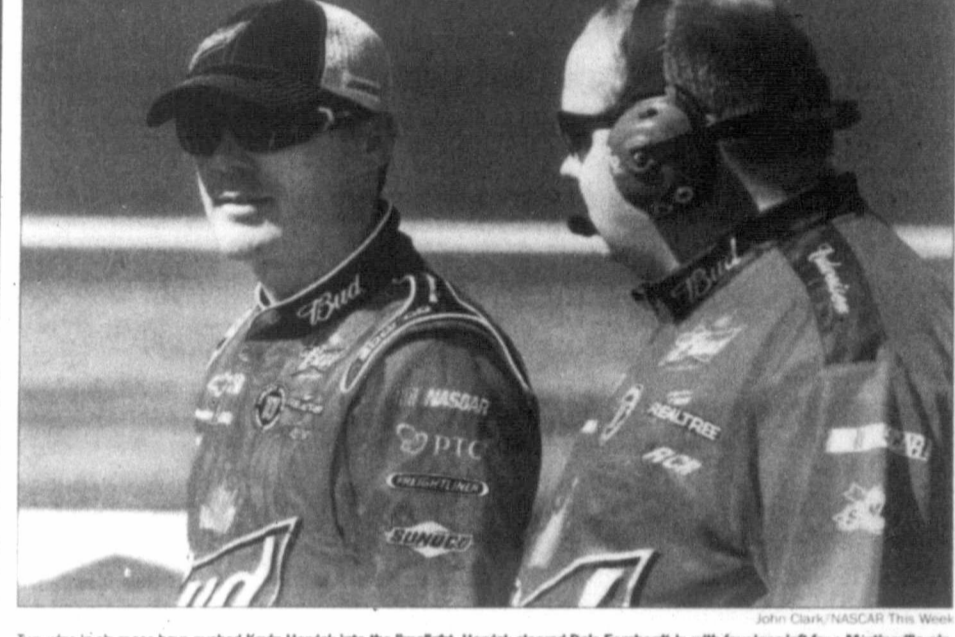
**NATIONWIDE**  
**Race:** O'Reilly Auto Parts 300  
**Where:** Texas Motor Speedway, Ft. Worth (1.5 mi.), 200 laps/300 miles.  
**When:** Friday, April 8  
**Last year's winner:** Kyle Busch, Toyota.  
**Qualifying record:** Jeff Green, Chevy, 193.493 mph, April 5, 2002.  
**Race record:** Kyle Busch, Toyota, 151.707 mph, April 5, 2008.  
**Last race:** Kyle Busch, driving a Toyota, collected his third victory in the past four races, seizing the advantage from Carl Edwards and Kevin Harvick late in the Royal Purple 300 at Auto Club Speedway.

**CAMPING WORLD TRUCK**  
**Race:** Bully Hill Vineyards 200  
**Where:** Nashville Superspeedway, Lebanon, Tenn. (1.333 mi.), 150 laps/199.95 miles.  
**When:** Friday, April 22  
**Last year's winner:** Kyle Busch, Toyota  
**Qualifying record:** Erik Danell, Ford, 162.116 mph, Aug. 12, 2006.  
**Race record:** Scott Riggs, Dodge, 132.466 mph, Aug. 10, 2001.  
**Last week:** Chevy driver Johnny Sauter passed Kyle Busch, in a Toyota, and went on to win the Kroger 250 at Martinsville Speedway. It marked career victory No. 3 for the Neenah, Wis., driver.

**TEXAS DATA**  
**FOX** April 9 **ESPN** Nov. 6  
**TEXAS MOTOR SPEEDWAY**  
 FORT WORTH, TEXAS  
 Distance: 1.5-mile oval  
 Length of frontstretch: 2,250 ft.  
 Length of backstretch: 1,330 ft.  
 Miles/Laps: 501 mi. = 334 laps

### IN THE SPOTLIGHT

**KEVIN HARVICK** SPRINT CUP SERIES **No. 29 BUDWEISER CHEVROLET**



Two wins in six races have pushed Kevin Harvick into the limelight. Harvick cleared Dale Earnhardt Jr. with four laps left for a Martinsville win.

## Harvick Takes Two Already

Past contender and RCR driver clearing his way on track

By Monte Dutton  
 NATIONVILLE, Va. — A wildly exciting Goody's Fast Relief 500 victory was the 16th of Kevin Harvick's career. Coming on the heels of a victory a week earlier at Auto Club Speedway in Fontana, Calif., the win also marked the second time Harvick, 33, has won consecutive Sprint Cup races.

The Bakerfield, Calif., native has won in all three major NASCAR touring series — Cup, Nationwide and Camping World Truck — at the 3.5-mile oval.

"No one has expressed more outspokenly a desire to unseat the winner of the past five championships, Jimmie Johnson, than I, Harvick, who finished third in the 2010 Chase.

"Here we are, six races into the season, and I feel like we can take more chances than we did last year. ... I feel like we can really push the limits ... and it's good for our confidence to win the least," he said.

Harvick outdueled Dale Earnhardt Jr. in the waning laps at Martinsville, winning for the first time at the track in Cup.

His No. 29 Chevy, fielded by Richard Childress Racing, carries sponsorship long associated with Earnhardt Jr., and it was Harvick who succeeded Dale Earnhardt at RCR after the elder Earnhardt's fatal crash in the 2001 Daytona 500.

Well aware that his victory wasn't particularly popular, given that Earnhardt Jr. has gone 99 races since his most recent win, Harvick said, "Yeah, I could see the people just going crazy coming off of him when he (Earnhardt) took the lead from Kyle (Busch), and as I was catching him, I'm, like, man, I'm going to be the bad guy here. But I've got to do what I've got to do."

"It was cool to see (Earnhardt) back up there in contention for a win. ... I want to see Dale Jr. win. It would be great for the sport, and I think today went a long way to showing how competitive that they can be racing for wins, and that's what we need. We all need him to win."

"But I'm not going to back down."

### FEUD OF THE WEEK



**AMBROSE VS. MCDOWELL**

Matias Ambrose's Ford was struggling after being caught in the outside lane and losing a number of positions. Along came Michael McDowell's Toyota, which seemingly gammed Ambrose's car. "I was a victim," said Ambrose. "I don't know what McDowell was thinking. ... It was uncalled for and unfortunate for us."

**NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his take:** "How it happened was surprising, but Ambrose was struggling, trying desperately to get back in line, and it appeared he had finally succeeded, until ..."

### YOUR TURN

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

#### Not your son's NASCAR?

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,

There is probably an array of reasons for the decline in both attendance and viewership for NASCAR events. Chief among them, for those of us who have been longtime fans, is the COT (Car of Tomorrow). We remember when the car you saw in a race on the weekend was similar, if not identical, to the car which was on display in your local dealer's showroom. It is, remember, National Association for STOCK CAR Auto Racing, not some generic, contrived car where they took the same except for the decals. That's called IRL.

My 21-year-old son is currently working on two project cars, a 1996 Impala SS and a 1954 Ford. He and his friends do not care for NASCAR for much of the same reasons. He says that the cars produced today could not compete in NASCAR. For the most part, they bring the younger generation to NASCAR.

It is my experience that there are two types out there, those who like the high-revving, bumblebee-sounding street racers and those, like my son, who are into the muscle cars. You are not going to interest either group. You might have some influence on the second if they could go to a dealer and buy a COT to drive on the street, but, as it is, there is no connection between NASCAR and that younger generation.

Robert Freeman Jr.  
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### FAN TIPS

#### An April PR Fool

Hornstead Miami Speedway's issuance of an April Fool's Day press release caused quite a stir among the media covering the weekend's races at Martinsville Speedway. According to the release, the November races at the 1.5-mile track would be run clockwise instead of counter-clockwise, meaning that it would be contested with right-hand, not left, turns. The announcement, of course, was a hoax.

## Kimi Raikkonen punches his NASCAR ticket

By Monte Dutton  
 NATIONVILLE, Va. —

Kimi Raikkonen, the 2007 World Driving Champion, has reached an agreement to race in several Camping World Truck Series races later this year. Raikkonen will drive a Toyota Tundra fielded by Kyle Busch's team.

The 31-year-old Raikkonen, a native of Espoo, Finland, has captured 18 Formula One races and is presently racing World Rally cars. He is scheduled to make his NASCAR debut on May 20 at Charlotte Motor Speedway. Raikkonen's most recent F1 victory occurred on Aug. 30, 2009, in the Grand Prix of Belgium at Spa-Francorchamps.

**Putting up a number** — Martinsville's Goody's Fast Relief 500 marked the 800th Cup race for 52-year-old Mark Martin, who finished second in the Cup points standings as recently as 2009.

Martin finished 10th. His one-time teammate, Carl Edwards, said, "When I was around Mark, I thought, 'man, this guy is driving it 150 percent every time he goes to the race track, and I will draw off

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that, I still use him as an inspiration when I'm working out or when I'm practicing or talking to Bob (Osborne, Edwards' crew chief). I think about that a lot."

Martin has won twice at Martinsville, the most recent being in 2000.

**Adroit plug** — Most drivers publicize their sponsors in predictable ways. Ryan Newman gave a nuanced answer to a question about the athletic requirements of being a race driver.

"Most sports require great athleticism to be a great performer," he said. "In our sport, I don't think it requires great athleticism. What it requires is the same thing the Army (i.e. as sponsor) is all about, which is the mental, and the physical and the balance of emotional strength to be successful."

**Oddly enough** — Three prominent, experienced drivers — Matt Kenseth, Tony Stewart and Martin — were penalized for switching lanes before crossing the start-finish line on restarts at Martinsville.

A pit-road speeding penalty, which he vehemently protested, cost Jimmie



At 52, Mark Martin recently ran his 800th Cup race at Martinsville. Martin, who finished tenth, races hard at the track. He's won it twice.

### LEGENDS AND LORE

#### Kimi Joins Short List

Kimi Raikkonen, who will compete in several Camping World Truck Series races later this year, isn't the only former World Driving Champion to compete in NASCAR. Mario Andretti won the 1967 Daytona 500, and later that year, one of Formula One's all-time greats completed in the American 500 at North Carolina Speedway in Rockingham. Jimmy Clark, driving a No. 66 Ford, qualified 24th and placed 30th on Oct. 29, 1967, in a race won by Bobby Allison.

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# Sports

## Two Harvesters selected for Golden Spread Game

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After leading the Harvesters to the regional finals, seniors Garrett Ericson and Zach Murray will get to play in a couple more games as they were selected to the Golden Spread All-Star game April 14 and 16 in Canyon.

Murray was the starting point guard last season and was a solid defender. His efforts earned him an honorable mention for All-District. Ericson was one of the leading scorers on the team. The senior forward had three all-tournament selections including the regional tournament, first-team All-District and All-Region.

Murray said he is excited about the selection and it's going to be an adventure.

"I'm trying to play basketball in college and get a scholarship," Murray said. "I'm going to do my best."

Ericson said it's an honor and gave credit to his teammates.

"I'm happy to be selected," Ericson said. "I thought I played well this season. My teammates helped me get this far. It's a team effort and to get recognized as an individual is icing on the cake."



Ericson



Murray

Head coach Dustin Miller said he is excited for both players.

"It's an honor they are both deserving of," Miller said. "(Golden Spread) picked two great kids to represent our community. It's nice to see hard work pay off."

Murray said he is looking forward to playing with some of the best players that he opposed during the season.

"It's going to be really fun and challenging," Murray said. "It's going to be fun to have players I played against on the same team."

Ericson is excited about playing with some of the area's best players.

"It will be fun," Ericson said. "I'm going to be playing with Johnny Gaines (Clarendon) and a couple others. Put us all on a team and see what we can do together will be interesting."

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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# Sports

## Regional finalist Harvesters look back on journey

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The Pampa Harvesters basketball team started their preparation for the 2010-11 season in March by putting basketballs away for a month and just focused on working hard. Thursday at Briarwood Full Gospel Church Family Life Center a table displayed what their work in March reaped with the trophies the Harvesters won as the team celebrated at their annual banquet.

While the guests arrived, the video of the regional semifinal game was playing. The team started the banquet by giving special recognition to the people who supported them and presented some of them with gifts. Bus drivers J.L. Furgason and Donald Farrar were presented with signed team photos and basketballs. Furgason drove the bus the night it was shot leaving Borger.

The cheerleaders were presented with copies of the regional semifinal and final games.

Assistant coaches Forrest Harding and Matt Embry and head coach Dustin Miller were presented with signed team pictures by seniors Brandon Chairez, Jonathan Polasek and Garrett Ericson.

Harding presented the freshman basketball team and motivated them to stay with it.

"They are going to be good one day because they are going to hit the gym," Harding said.

Embry presented the junior varsity team and discussed the importance of the junior varsity.

"When I was up here last year, we didn't have a good record," Embry said. "As you can see, Greg Cabrales, Brandon Chairez and Joseph Mechelay developed into good players and you can see those

results...My job is to get these players ready to play for coach (Dustin) Miller."

Miller talked about each of his varsity players and shared anecdotes about some of them.

"(Cole Engle) won every sprint we ran all season," Miller said.

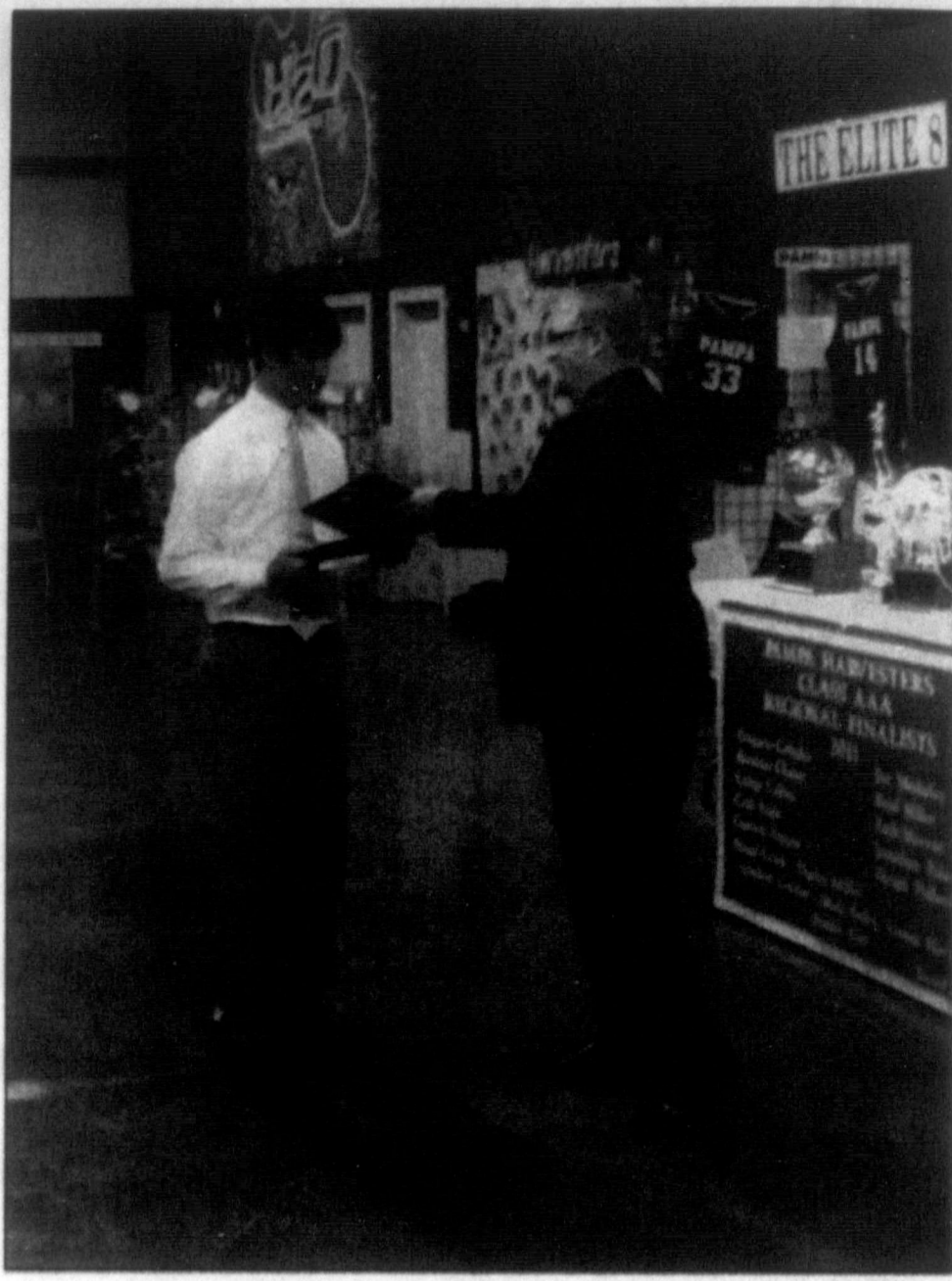
"Everyday I would ask Joe (Mechelay) to switch his jersey over," Miller said. "He would say, 'Why I'm going to flip it over in a minute?'"

The head coach talked about the season. "We needed people who heart and soul wanted to be here," Miller said. "We were going to do whatever it took to be successful...All they wanted to do was win a gold ball...I'm extremely grateful it worked out."

Polasek talked about the story that was posted on the locker room door when they started offseason. The story was about a carpenter who took shortcuts on the last house he built, which later ended up his. Polasek had the seniors present the juniors with keys to symbolize that they would be building their house. The senior forward presented his senior teammates with golden keys.

Miller presented the awards. Junior Reid Miller won the Visa Award for taking the most charges and the Defensive Player Award. Ericson won the Rebounding Award, Free Throw Award and the Offensive Player Award. Polasek won the Assist Award and the Hustling Harvester Award. Sophomore Derrek Pollard won the Most Improved Award, senior Zach Murray won the "I am Third" Award for putting his teammates before himself and Latigo Collins won the Most Valuable Player.

After awards were handed out, a highlight video was played.



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Assistant coach Matt Embry presents junior Reid Miller with the Visa Award at the boys basketball banquet. Miller won the award for taking the most charges during the season.

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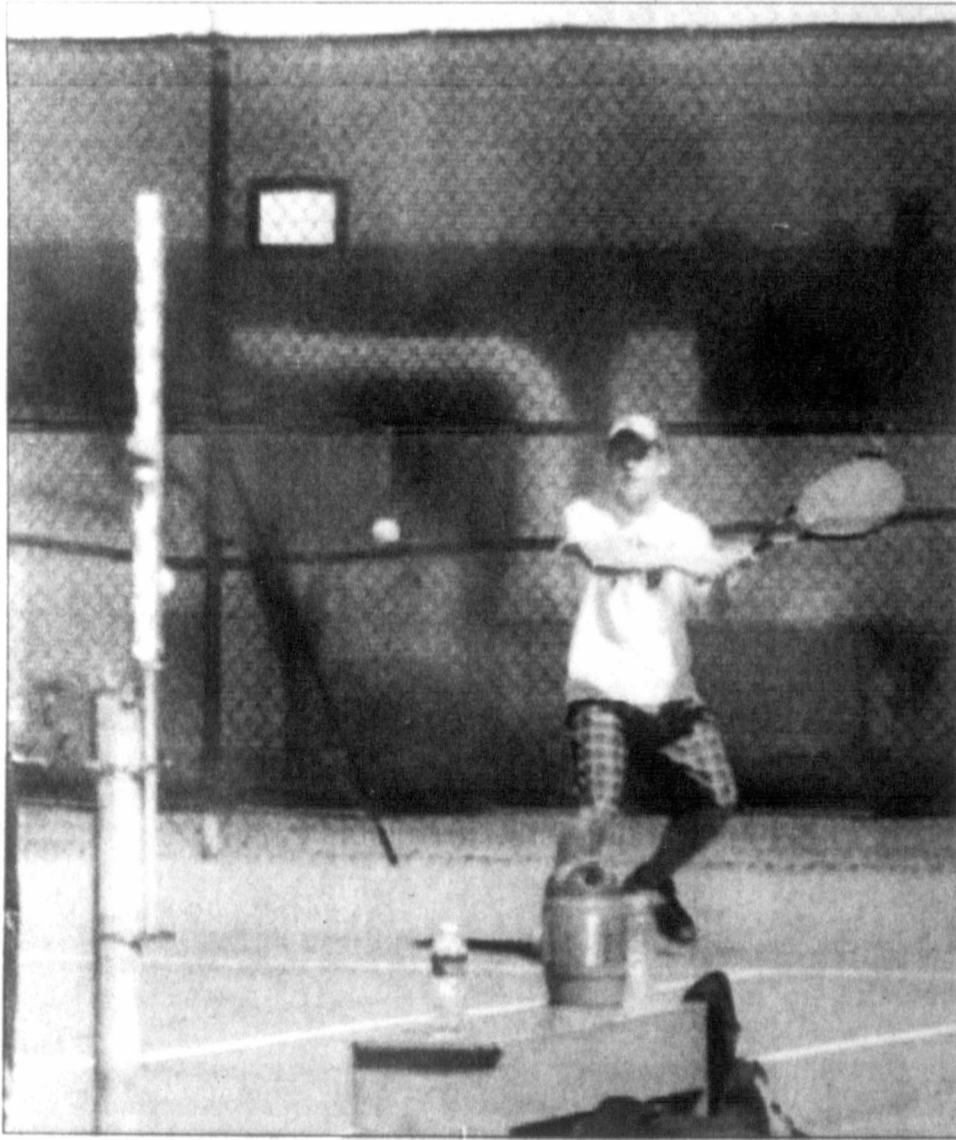


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Braden Russell uses a forehand to return a ball in his doubles match with Lando Karbo (not pictured) at the district meet at Borger High School Thursday. District continues today.

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