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READY FOR SPLASHDOWN



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Pampa Mayor Brad Pingel gets ready for a splash as the big bucket pours down a torrent of water at the new Pampa H2O Aquatic Park, set to open to the public tomorrow at noon.

Aquatic park set to open tomorrow

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 Get set to get wet, Gray County.
 Pampa's new H2O Aquatic Center will officially open its doors to the public tomorrow at noon, Assistant City Manager Shane Stokes said today amidst final preparations for park and city staff.

"We are in the 11th hour," Stokes said. "We're getting close. There's still a lot of things to do that we're working on now, but we are planning to be ready for tomorrow. We are pretty excited, pretty excited."
 Stokes said that a soft open is scheduled this evening for city employees, both as a final run-through for park employ-

ees and as a "thank you" for city workers who have helped make the water park project a reality.
 "It's been a long process and we're excited to see it coming to fruition," Stokes said. "I'm just happy to have this asset for Pampa, and not just for Pampa but for the area as a whole."
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Fireworks ban officially extended

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Gov. Rick Perry has granted Judge Richard Peet's request to extend the standing fireworks ban in Gray County until July 5, according to a letter released by the governor's office on Thursday.
 The letter states that the Texas Division of Emergency Management reviewed the county's request and recommended it be granted. Officially, the order prohibiting the sale and use of fireworks in Gray County has been extended through 7 a.m. on July 5.
 Sandi Martin, court coordinator for Judge Peet's office, echoed her comments from yesterday, saying that while it's a difficult **BAN** cont. on page 5

Xcel: Ariz. fires won't affect area

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While the Bear Wallow Wilderness Wildfire continues to engulf much of Eastern Arizona and threaten infrastructure in the southwest in general, Xcel Energy's Wes Reeves said on Thursday that the blaze does not currently pose a direct threat to electricity in the Pampa area.
 "We've had several inquiries about the reliability of the regional power grid (on Thursday)," said Reeves. "Power supplies for our neighbor, El Paso Electric, have been threatened by the Wallow wildfire that has spread **ELECTRICITY** cont. on page 2

Trinity group heads to Haiti

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 Eight people from Trinity Fellowship are hoping to make a difference in a country thousands of miles away.
 The team — composed of Lonny Robbins, Gloria Robbins, Kirk West, LeRoy Cox, Alex Clendening, Laura McGrath, Elizabeth McGrath and Sara Farmer — left this morning for Port-au-Prince, Haiti, for a five-day mission trip.
 Haiti was devastated by an earthquake in January 2010 and is still in need. Sara Farmer said she's excited about the trip.
 "The eight of us truly felt like the Lord had something for us to do in Haiti," Farmer said. "We believe that He will come through and do some amazing things through us and in us."

Farmer said going to an area like Haiti makes her reflect on what she has in America.
 "We are so blessed to be Americans and have all that we have," Farmer said. "We also get caught up in our own little world so that most of us have no real understanding about the suffering that exists all around us."
 The team is working with representatives from Somebody Cares, a nonprofit group that also provided relief in Birmingham, Ala., and Joplin, Mo., after tornadoes hit the cities earlier this year.
 On Saturday, the group will do construction on a school. On Sunday, they will attend different church services. Pastor Lonny Robbins will lead a leadership conference with area pastors.
 "I'll be teaching them the principles **HAITI** cont. on page 2

About Port-Au-Prince

- Capital of Haiti
- In the the late 1700s, the capital of the French Caribbean colony of Saint-Dominique
- In January of 2010, devastated by a magnitude 7.0 quake, destroying much of the historic central district

Population: 704,776
Area: 13.9 sq. mi.

Trinity Fellowship Church is sending a missionary contingent of eight people to Port-Au-Prince, Haiti, to aid relief efforts in the wake of the 2010 earthquake that continues to have an impact on the city.

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PAMPA FORECAST

Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High 91 Low 63	High 98 Low 65	High 95 Low 68

Tonight: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 61. Breezy, with a east wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 91. Windy, with a southeast wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 63. Windy, with a south wind around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Sunday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 98. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Sunday Night: Clear, with a low around 65. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 95. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Monday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 68. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Obituaries

Mable Leora Crossland, 94

CARBONDALE, Colo.—Mable Leora Crossland, a long time resident of the Carbondale area, died of natural causes Tuesday May 31, 2011, at Heritage Park Care Center. She was 36 days short of being 95 years old.

Born July 6, 1916, in Gasoline, Mable graduated from High School in Sudan, in 1937. Later while working in Dumas, she met and married Gideon Clay Crossland. Their marriage lasted 46 years until his death in 1986. It was during this time she had one of her more interesting jobs. During WWII, she worked in a California munitions plant packing gunpowder into bullet casings. She and her husband moved to Pampa, where they raised their two sons, Clay and Gary.

In addition to being a loving and wonderful wife and mother, Mable was very creative, adding to the family income by sewing and making dolls for sale. After her two sons graduated, she and her husband ran a halfway house for boys and girls. In doing so, she was able to impart her love for children by serving as a mentor. In 2002, Mable was honored in her community as a recipient of the Senior Citizen of the Year Award.

She is survived by her son, Clay Crossland and his wife Linda of Basalt, Colo.; her son, Gary Crossland and his wife Doris of Ft. Worth; a niece, Aleta Coatney; several nephews; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

There will be a family graveside service in Pampa, later in the year, where her remains will be put to rest alongside her husband.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that any gifts be made to the Salvation Army, Mable's favorite charity.



Crossland

Marie Baker, 93

WHEELER—Marie Baker, 93, died Wednesday, June 8, 2011, in Wheeler.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, June 11, 2011, at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Wheeler with Rev. Larry Mitchell and Rev. Rick Parnell officiating.

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

Marie was born on August 22, 1917, in Wheeler, to Bert Hillman and Etta Risner Hillman. Marie worked for Perryton ISD for 12 years in the school cafeteria from 1957-1969. She and her husband ran the Lake Fryer concession stand from 1969-1975. Marie was a homemaker. Marie was married to Verbon Baker on December 06, 1937, in Elk City, Okla. She was an active member of The First Baptist Church Wheeler. Marie was preceded in death by her parents Bert and Etta, husband Verbon in 1994, six brothers, one sister, and one granddaughter.

Marie is survived by four sons, Bobbie Baker and wife Kay of Pageland, S.C., Larry Baker and wife Deanna of Pampa, Dwayne Baker and wife Bobbie Sue of Elk City, Okla., David Baker and Donna of Wheeler, one daughter, Phillis Oquin and Rick of Perryton, 14 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

The family has requested in lieu of flowers that memorials be sent to Building Fund for the First Baptist Church P.O. Box 206 Wheeler, TX 79096

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



Baker

Electricity

out of Arizona. El Paso operates on the western grid, which is a separate power grid from Xcel Energy's Texas-New Mexico system.

"Our customers are not directly impacted by the Wallow fire,"

Reeves continued. "We do have a tie to the west, and are standing ready to assist El Paso should the company request emergency power assistance."

Reeves added that Xcel's gener-

ating fleet is operating efficiently, and that, given the current conditions, the company anticipates continuing to meet local customer needs.

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H2O

Stokes said that the city doesn't have any big plans for tomorrow's opening, choosing instead to ease into operations and make sure that everything runs as smoothly as possible.

"There's of course going to be some challenges in the first few days, but we're confident that we're prepared and that we'll be able to handle everything that comes our way," Stokes said. "Our main goal is to

have the park open for the people of Pampa to enjoy." A "grand opening" for the park may be scheduled for a later day, Stokes said.

Stokes added that he has already gotten a chance to try the facility out himself, and that customers won't be disappointed.

"It's going to be well worth the price of admission," he said.

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Haiti

of leadership," Robbins said. "There's going to be 50 to 75 pastors there."

The group will visit the infant rescue center and help nurse children back to health. Later in the day, the team will work in a medical clinic, providing aid as needed.

Alex Clendening, a Pampa High School graduate and sophomore at Abilene Christian, said he's looking forward to helping out.

"Hopefully I can get experience and help out where I can," Clendening said.

Robbins said he is looking forward to the impact the trip will have on both Haiti and the mission group.

"I don't know what to expect," Robbins said. "I know the trip will have a great impact on us."

Farmer said the trip should broaden their perspective and understanding of the world.

"We are so excited for the Lord to use us and grow us," Farmer said. "I don't think any of us will be the same after our trip to Haiti."

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For the record

Police Department

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

There were 12 traffic-related incidents and one accident.

Animal control officers reported 12 animal-related incidents.

Pampa EMS reported six ambulance calls.

The Pampa Fire Department reported three grass fires, one medical-related call, one investigation and one program presentation.

The Lefors VFD and the Lefors VEMS each reported one medical-related call.

Thursday, June 9

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 500 block of N. Nelson.

An abandoned vehicle was reported at 25th and Charles.

An offense against family and children was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

An alarm was reported in the 100 block of N. Cuyler.

Two follow-up investigations were reported in the 300 block of N. Christine.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the

600 block of N. Faulkner. A suspicious person was reported at 21st and Banks.

A burglary was reported in the 1000 block of N. Dwight.

An alarm was reported in the 400 block of West.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 400 block of S. Hughes.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 100 block of S. Faulkner.

A follow-up investigation was reported at Farmer's Insurance.

An escort was provided in the 600 block of N. Ward.

Disorderly conduct was reported at Pennsylvania and Duncan.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 500 block of N. Nelson.

A suspicious person was reported in the 700 block of E. Murphy.

Forgery was reported in the 100 block of S. Hobart.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 1300 block of N. Hobart.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 400 block of N. Nelson.

A suspicious person was reported in the 2100 block of N. Coffee.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 1800 block of N. Banks.

A sewer choke was reported in the 1000 block of N. Christine.

Theft was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 100 block of S. Hobart.

Officers completed a special assignment in the 900 block of S. Municipal Dr.

Theft was reported in the 500 block of N. Russell.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 800 block of Municipal Dr.

A narcotic investigation was reported in the 800 block of E. Beryl.

A motorist assist was reported in the 300 block of N. Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block of N. Crest.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block of N. Lowry.

A suspicious person was reported in the 400 block of Ballard.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block of E. Browning.

A prowler was reported in the 1700 block of Beech Ln.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block of N. Naida.

A suspicious vehicle was

reported in the 100 block of W. 28th.

Friday, June 10

A building check was reported in the 1200 block of N. Hobart.

A burglary was reported in the 800 block of N. Nelson.

Sheriff's Office

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

Thursday, June 9

Troyce Glenn Brewer, 42, was arrested by deputies and sent to Texas Department of Criminal Justice in connection with charges of driving while intoxicated, enhanced.

Johnny Lee Dorman, 52, of Lefors, was arrested by the Lefors Marshall on insufficient bond in connection with charges of possession of a controlled substance and insufficient pond in connection with charges of transporting chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.

Friday, June 10

Doris Renee Allen, 20, was arrested by police on charges of driving while intoxicated.

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AFTERNOONRUSH House passes school funding measure

House defies Internet sales veto

AUSTIN (AP) - Lawmakers in the Texas House have defied the governor's veto of an Internet sales measure.

Legislators voted to keep a tax provision in an omnibus spending bill that would expand the number of Internet sellers who must collect sales tax. If the measure is not removed in conference committee, it would expand the definition of what it means to do business in Texas.

Right now Internet sellers like Overstock.com don't have to collect sales tax because they are not physically present in the state. The bill would make a contractual agreement with a marketing agent inside the state a physical presence for tax purposes.

Gov. Rick Perry vetoed a separate bill earlier this month, but it is now inside a must-pass bill. But it can still be removed.

Border Agent named in lawsuit

EL PASO (AP) - Lawyers for the family of a 15-year-old Mexican boy fatally shot by a U.S. Border Patrol agent have amended their \$25 million civil lawsuit to name the officer.

The El Paso Times reported Friday that the agent is as Jesus Mesa Jr.

Sergio Adrian Hernandez Guereca of Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, was killed in June 2010. U.S. investigators have said the agent was trying to arrest illegal immigrants who'd crossed into the U.S. when he came under attack from rock throwers.

Family attorney Bob Hilliard says the teen was unarmed and did not threaten Mesa.

An attorney for the agent, Randolph Ortega, has denied wrongdoing. Ortega did not immediately return a message Friday to The Associated Press.

The amended wrongful death lawsuit, filed Wednesday in El Paso, updates documents from January.

TX gasoline prices slip 5 cents

IRVING (AP) - Retail gasoline prices in Texas have fallen for a fourth straight week, dropping 5 cents to average \$3.58 a gallon.

AAA Texas on Thursday reported the average price per gallon nationally is also down 5 cents, reaching \$3.73 this week.

The association says the declines are due to a recent drop in crude oil prices and a decline in U.S. retail gasoline demand.

The cheapest price at the pump in Texas is \$3.50 a gallon in Beaumont. Amarillo has the state's most expensive gasoline, averaging \$3.65 a gallon.

Group opposes TX light bulb bill

HOUSTON (AP) - A national environmental group has asked Gov. Rick Perry to veto a light bulb manufacturing bill they say would defy federal law, rendering it unconstitutional.

The National Resources Defense Council officially asked Perry in a letter on Tuesday to veto the bill that says light bulbs manufactured in Texas and sold only in the state do not have to meet federal energy efficiency laws.

A federal law passed in 2007 under former President George W. Bush requires light bulbs to be 30 percent more energy efficient by 2012. These LED bulbs are widely sold.

The NRDC argues in its letter to Perry that the federal law pre-empts the Texas bill and makes it unconstitutional.

Austin cancels fireworks display

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - Some public Fourth of July fireworks displays have been canceled in bone-dry Texas due to the drought.

The Austin Fire Department has decided not to approve any permits for public fireworks shows because of the hot, dry and windy conditions.

Fire Chief Rhoda Mae Kerr on Thursday said she knows that people want to see Independence Day fireworks shows, but officials just can't take that chance when it's so dry.

The Texas Forest Service says, as of Friday, 197 of the state's 254 counties have bans on outdoor burning.

Anti-abortion rules tacked on bill

AUSTIN (AP) - A conservative lawmaker has succeeded in tacking an anti-abortion rule onto a fiscal matters bill.

Republican Rep. Wayne Christian won approval Thursday night for a measure that would cut state funding to any hospital district that spends local money on abortions. The bill must still clear a conference committee where the Senate and the House will work out any differences before it becomes law.

Currently the Travis County Hospital District is the only one in the state that performs abortions, with local approval. Christian said he opposes abortions and doesn't think state funds should go to any organization that performs them, regardless if other funds are used to pay for the abortion.

A similar amendment was tacked onto another bill, but Christian said he wanted to make sure it passed.

Feds order private dam removed

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) - A federal judge has ordered a steel and concrete private dam in South Texas to be removed because it blocks fresh water from reaching the Corpus Christi area.

U.S. District Judge Janis Graham Jack says two Live Oak County residents must submit a timetable, within 15 days, to take down the \$70,000 dam.

Jack on Wednesday ruled the dam, built without a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers, violates the Clean Water Act.

Mike Brink and Steve Kalter in 2009 build the dam across La Para Creek. The water flows to the Nueces River, Lake Corpus Christi and ultimately Corpus Christi Bay.

Brink on Thursday told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times that he didn't realize he needed a federal permit. He says his ranch will be eroding into the river.

CHRIS TOMLINSON
Associated Press

AUSTIN (AP) - The Texas House approved slashing \$4 billion from the state's public schools early Friday and establishing a new finance formula that will change how school funds are distributed.

Because more than 80 percent of education costs are personnel-related, districts across the state have already started laying off thousands of teachers, which will result in larger class sizes. Many special programs will not be funded, and pre-kindergarten would be cut from funding for full-day classes to only half-day.

The bill passed 81-62, along party lines after 16 hours of debate. The bill will go to a conference committee where senators and representatives will negotiate a final version of the bill. They are likely to strip out several purely symbolic amendments added Thursday night, such as one doing away with assessment testing.

Under the current law, the state is required to pay schools more than what Republicans want to spend. The proposed change to the law spreads the \$4 billion in cuts over two years, with a 6 percent, across-the-board cut in 2012 and a \$2 billion reduction in 2013 that would reduce funding for some schools more than others based on a complicated formula.

"Living within our means is what allows Texas to create more jobs than all the other states in the nation combined," Rep. Rob Eissler, R-The Woodlands, said in defending the cuts. "It's not how much you spend, it's how you spend it."

As a portion of the state budget, public education spending rises from 57 percent of general revenue in the last two-year budget to 60 percent, Eissler said. But he acknowledged that is part of much lower state spending.

Democrats argued against the bill, insisting that lawmakers should have tapped the state's nearly \$10 billion Rainy Day Fund instead. Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston, questioned the economic assumptions made in the Republican bill, which revised downward the number of new students expected to enroll over the next two years and also revised upward the local revenue expected from property taxes.

"If by chance we end up being \$300 million or more short, what is the contingency?" Turner asked the chief Republican budget writer, Rep. Jim Pitts of Waxahachie.

"We budgeted this figure, but it would have to be

Appeals panel for Gulf oil spill formed

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - A panel has been set up to handle appeals on damage claims against BP over its massive oil spill last year.

The 25-person panel was appointed by Jack M. Weiss, the chancellor of the Louisiana State University law center. The panel will look at appeals for the Gulf Coast Claims Facility, which was set up to handle the billions of dollars in claims against BP and the other companies involved in the April 20, 2010 rig explosion that led to the release of 206 million gallons of oil into the Gulf of Mexico.

Weiss called the appointees "highly competent, respected and experienced men and women from the Gulf states."

The panel includes retired judges, law professors and trial lawyers.

adjusted," Pitts said, declining to elaborate.

Rep. Scott Hochberg, D-Houston, asked: "So we are hoping ... the student growth does not occur?"

"That is correct," Pitts replied.

The Republican supermajority used accounting tricks - including collecting taxes before they are due - and making overly optimistic forecasts to cut \$27 billion in current state services from the budget. Both Republicans and Democrats say the Rainy Day Fund will be spent. The question is whether lawmakers will do it now, or in 2013 when the Legislature returns to deal with any budget deficits.

Eissler argued the state will already have to spend \$4.8 billion from the fund in May 2013 because the Legislature did not appropriate enough money for Medicaid. He said that is why spending more from the fund now would be unwise. He acknowledged there could be significant deficits elsewhere in the budget by then.

Democrats questioned why the state should lay-off teachers now, when sufficient funds were available now.

Rep. Donna Howard, D-Austin, won support for a compromise that would allow the comptroller to automatically take any extra, unexpected money from the Rainy Day Fund and distribute that money to school districts, up to \$2.2 billion. If oil prices remain high, that amount could easily be raised beyond the official forecast of \$9.8 billion.

Democrats also defeated several amendments related to immigration and gender centers on college campuses by threatening a parliamentary point of order that

would have derailed the bill. Republicans agreed to take down the measures to avoid having to start again next week.

A Democratic filibuster killed the original school finance measure on the last day of the regular session. Republican Gov. Rick Perry called lawmakers back immediately to deal with this legislation in order to balance the budget.

How much state money a school district receives is currently based on a formula that froze total per student spending at 2006 levels. Lawmakers lowered property taxes and promised to make up the difference by instituting a business tax. But that tax has never generated the amount expected, creating deficits every year.

Rather than change the tax code, Republican law-

makers chose to change the school finance law to spend less.

Eissler, who authored the new bill, said the new formula only remains in place until 2013, when lawmakers will draft a new one. He said lawmakers would spend the legislative break until 2013 to work on a long-term solution to school funding.

Rural House Republicans and urban Democrats argued the formula disproportionately hurts their school districts. Per student spending in Texas ranges from \$3,000 to \$13,000 a year, depending on the formula, which takes into account student attendance, the local cost of living, local property taxes, and the size of the district. Texas ranks 44th out of 50 states in per student spending.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Friday, June 10, the 161st day of 2011. There are 204 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 10, 1921, President Warren G. Harding signed into law the Budget and Accounting Act, which created the Bureau of the Budget and the General Accounting Office.

On this date:

In 1610, Englishman Lord De La Warr arrived at the Jamestown settlement to take charge of the Virginia Colony.

In 1861, during the Civil War, Confederate troops routed Union soldiers in the Battle of Big Bethel in Virginia.

In 1907, eleven men in five cars set out from the French embassy in Beijing on a race to Paris. (Prince Scipione Borghese of Italy was the first to arrive in the French capital two months later.)

In 1940, Italy declared war on France and Britain; Canada declared war on Italy.

In 1942, the Gestapo massacred 173 male residents of Lidice, Czechoslovakia, in retaliation for the killing of a Nazi official.

In 1967, the Middle East War ended as Israel and Syria agreed to observe a United Nations-mediated cease-fire.

In 1971, President Richard M. Nixon lifted a two-decades-old trade embargo on China.

In 1991, 11-year-old Jaycee Dugard of South Lake Tahoe, Calif. was abducted by Phillip and Nancy Garrido; Jaycee was held by the couple for 18 years before she was found by authorities.

Ten years ago: The Supreme Court, without comment, turned down a request to allow the videotaping of Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh's execution, scheduled for the following day.

Five years ago: Two Saudis and one Yemeni were found hanged at the Guantanamo Bay military prison, the first successful suicides at the base after dozens of attempts.

One year ago: Army Secretary John McHugh announced that an investigation had found that potentially hundreds of remains at Arlington National Cemetery were misidentified or misplaced.

Today's Birthdays: Britain's Prince Philip is 90. Columnist Nat Hentoff is 86. Author Maurice Sendak is 83. Attorney F. Lee Bailey is 78. Actress Alexandra Stewart is 72. Singer Shirley Alston Reeves (The Shirelles) is 70. Actor Jurgen Prochnow is 70. Media commentator Jeff Greenfield is 68. Actor Andrew Stevens is 56. Eliot Spitzer is 52. Rock musician Kim Deal is 50. Singer Maxi Priest is 50. Actress Gina Gershon is 49. Actress Jeanne Tripplehorn is 48. Actress Kate Flannery is 47. Model-actress Elizabeth Hurley is 46. Actor Doug McKeon is 45. Rock musician Emma Anderson is 44. Rhythm-and-blues singer JoJo is 40. Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal is 40. Rhythm-and-blues singer Faith Evans is 38. Actor Hugh Dancy is 36. Actor DJ Qualls is 33. Actor Shane West is 33. Country singer Lee Brice is 32. Actress Leelee Sobieski is 29. Presidential daughter Sasha Obama is 10.

Thought for Today: "I think we all have a need to know what we do not need to know." — William Safire, American writer and journalist (1929-2009).



A pair of new volunteers and a new friend

WHILLSSSOONNN!!!!

Remember "Wilson" the soccer ball (or was it a volleyball?) that became Tom Hanks' only friend in "Cast Away"?

We found his cousin this week. Intern James Coffee and I went up onto the Chamber roof to see if it would be suitable for collecting rainwater. In one of the drains a volleyball was lodged. It had been there quite a while—apparently knocked onto the roof from the playground below.

The outer covering was completely worn off on the top side, exposing the black rubber base of the ball. There was hairy fringe around the spot making our "Wilson" look like a monk.

And it was not manufactured by Wilson (hence, a cousin!) I reminded James that the movie Wilson had a face of blood, but he was not willing to go that far (see Wilson on our Facebook page).

Starting 'em early.

Peggy Koehler came by with her grandchildren Evan and Julia Allen a few days ago, looking for some volunteer work the kids could do. She wants then to learn early about giving back to the community.

Wow! What kind of place—town, country, world—this would be if more people were like this.

Kick up your heels...

Chamber Music



JOE WEAVER

Dance at McLean this Saturday (and 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month)... at the Boomtown Blocky Party on July 9... at Summer Celebration on July 18... at the rodeo in August.

Speaking of dancing...

A few years ago I came up with this little ditty:

It won't come to me, I felt
But this is the hand I've been dealt
With an advancing gut
And retreating butt
My pants won't stay up with a belt

You may not surmise at first glance
But I really enjoy a good dance
I had to surrender
To wearing suspenders
Or I'll two-step right outta my

pants!

What do you call a guy who hangs on the wall...

There's a new artist in town! Agnes Grocholska, whose husband transferred here with Smithfield Premium Genetics, is currently displaying her impressionistic art at the Chamber—landscapes in the M K Brown Room and horses in the Nona Payne Room. Stop in and see them.

What's in a name...

I haven't had much time lately to combine names into odd businesses, but I have run across a few unusual names—namely Spoonmoore, Whetstone, Shopteese, and Tevebaugh (pronounced TeeVeeBaw).

Here's a couple more from the Fraternal Herald:

Greg Loss and Chong Chang Her (odd enough by itself!) could open a date-finding service—or maybe a law firm specializing in divorce—for men called...Her-Loss.

John Curry brought me an article about Texas wines with a quote by a vineyard owner named Bob White. Seems like a guy with that name ought to be running a bird sanctuary!

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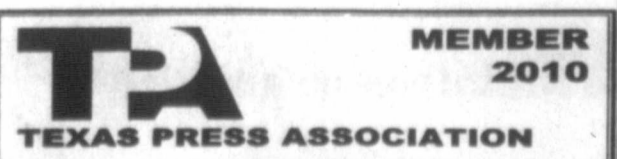
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Letter to the Editor

Nurse laments hospital

To the Editor:

It is a shame that the City of Pampa can buy the Celanese plant west of Pampa that is contaminated and unusable for anything, but cannot buy the hospital that the whole panhandle needs.

Celanese left us and the city bailed them out. Pampa is going to lose a lot of jobs and people will have to drive to Borger or Amarillo for everything. Pampa could have a

bond election and save the hospital instead they chose to buy a useless plant.

If we lose the hospital a lot of people may be moving out of here because it will cost a lot more to have to travel to a hospital. The hospital was in a lot better shape when the county owned it years ago. Maybe they should buy it again.

I am a nurse at this hospital and it would be a shame to have to move to find work since I grew up here. I would hate to see all of the nurses

up here have to move to find work elsewhere.

You have spent money in the last several years on the Hidden Hills Golf Course and the airport which not everyone can or will use.

This is something Pampa really needs for everyone's sake.

Please Gray County and City of Pampa, save our hospital.

Sincerely,
Maurita Mulanaz
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Installing a garage door can be tricky

Ban

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Dear Pat: I am planning to install a new door for a two-car garage. I have read through many installation instructions online and have an idea how to do it. Do you have any special tips you have learned over the years? — Jen T.

Dear Jen: Reading or viewing installation instructions online is wise to get a general understanding of what is involved and the tools required. No matter how much you read, nothing is as valuable as actually installing many garage doors. It seems simple enough, but there is quite a learning curve.

My first tip is to select a high-quality garage door. Spend a little extra and get a three-layer, 2-inch-thick insulated garage door with galvanized steel skins. This saves energy and is durable and easier to install because it is more rigid.

For example, Clopay's (www.clopaydoor.com) super-efficient Gallery Collection garage doors have an insulation value of R-17.2, insulated glass windows and interlocking edges with weather stripping. This not only seals well, but the interlocking edges help to hold the panels aligned, making installation easier.

Torsion springs are the preferred type for garage-door balancing. Standard torsion springs can be difficult and dangerous to install yourself. I typically use the Clopay EZ-SET spring system with their doors. Once they are screwed into place, the springs are safely tensioned using an electric drill.

Here are a few of my tips. Most new garage doors come with new tracks and hardware. Even though the old track and

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rollers may appear to be in good condition, take the time to install the new tracks. These new tracks are matched to the door to position it properly relative to the opening.

Handle the door panels carefully, especially when tilting them up on edge. Although the long 16-foot panels are strong and rigid when connected together, they can be damaged individually from rough handling. Have a helper lift and rotate them when working with them on the ground.

The installation instructions may suggest driving long nails in at angles to hold the panels in place as you stack them. The panels are stacked in the door opening before the new tracks are installed. To hold them more securely during assembly, drive a nail or screw through a small block of wood so the panels are supported by the blocks on each side.

The mounting locations for the hinge screws are embossed into the interior skin. It can take quite a bit of force to get the screws to penetrate the steel skin. A Clopay technician recommended using a hammer drill to start the screws, especially when using self-tapping ones. If this is your first time, finish the tightening by hand so as not to strip out the holes.

It is important to get the tensioned length of each side lifting cable identically. If not, the door will not be square in the opening and the hardware will wear out

prematurely. This is done just before you tension the springs.

From outdoors, put small wood blocks under the door level the opening. Go indoors and pull one side cable taut and hold it in place with clamping pliers. Do the same with the other side to get the same initial tension on both cables. Tighten the spools and other hardware in place and the door should stay level.

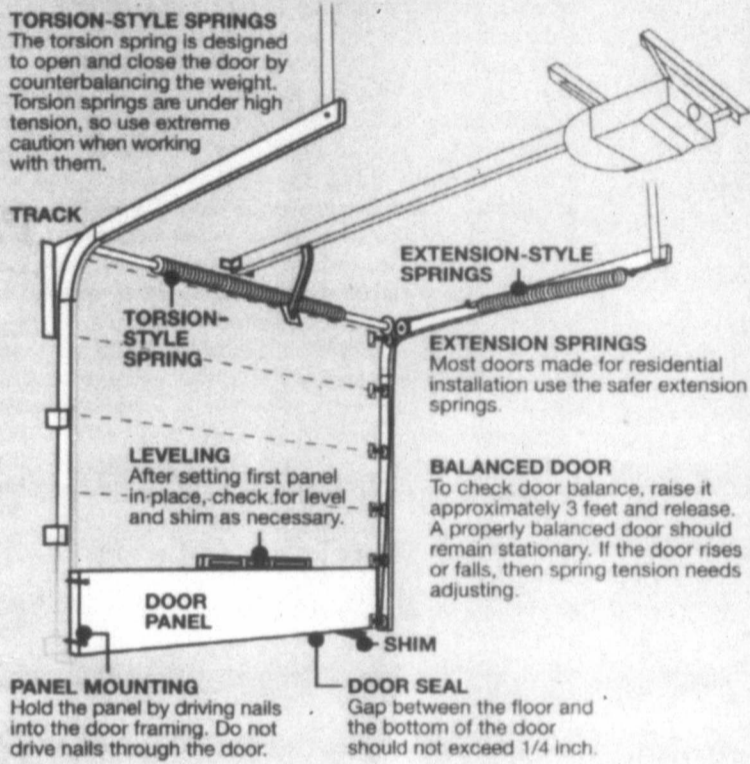
If the garage floor is not level and there are gaps under parts of the bottom seal, slip a piece of foam pipe insulation inside the seal. This will expand it to accommodate the floor's unevenness.

Send your questions to Here's How, 6906 Royalgreen Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45244 or visit www.dulley.com.

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Garage Door

Garage-door installation can be difficult and dangerous. You should read your garage-door manufacturer's instructions and owner's manual carefully before attempting installation. Procedures can vary from one manufacturer to another. However, many of the installation concepts are the same.



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decision to restrict a potential source of income for local fireworks vendors, the ban is in the best interest of the area.

"Absolutely, it's a good thing for the county," she said. "We have had 100 percent support from everyone. Usually when you have something like this, you will have at least one negative from someone. Everyone is in total support of this."

Martin said that the memory of the 2006 local wildfire still rings fresh in many people's minds, making the decision to go through with the longer fireworks ban a firm one.

"No one wants to see that happen again," Martin said. "I think everyone is aware of all the fires in the state of Texas, not just in our area, but everywhere. We just cannot afford not to be careful."

"Right now, we're seeing the haze of the smoke from the fires in Arizona, and I think they lost another 22 homes. We don't want to see that happen here."

Gray County Emergency Coordinator Joe Millican said last month that the county has been "very fortunate" regarding the relative lack of wildfires during an eventful wildfire season in the state. Since the unofficial fire season started on Nov. 15 of last year, the Texas Forest Service and area fire departments have responded to 11,362 fires that have burned 2,838,428 acres.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Worship

How can we accept how we look?

"God wanted me to look like my mom, but my daddy wanted me to look like him. I guess God knows best," says Wesley, 5. Well, we don't know what dad looks like, but we're certain God knows best.

Sharkmen, 6, has a different perspective: "God made me handsome just like my dad, and I am very happy about it." Dad must be happy, too.

Sharkmen is not the only confident kid. Brady, 6, says, "Man, God made me great! I can run very fast, too."

Brady, you may need all that speed if you go around announcing how great you are.

"God likes curly hair because not everyone has it," says Allison, 5.

It's easy to focus on what we don't have instead of what God has given us. Have you noticed how many people with curly hair want it straight and vice versa? Hairstylists notice because it helps pay their bills.

"Lots of people do not have freckles," says Ashley, 7. "They don't know what they are missing."

Tyler, 6, gave the shortest answer as to how we can accept our appearance when he wrote, "Paint."

I'm sure Tyler is referring to the cosmetic industry. Someone once said, "If the barn needs painting, paint it."

While we're on the subject of beauty, Corrie, 6, says, "If God didn't make us pretty, why does everyone say how pretty I am?"

Whether or not people tell you that you're beautiful, Aubree, 5, has a simple two-word tip that can help everyone with their appearance: "Take baths."

And now, the big question, "Why do we look different from each other?" Max, 5, says, "God made us look different so he knows who we are."

I see. Our appearance is like an ID card. "I can learn to accept my appearance by not comparing myself to other people," says Houston, 10. "I can also learn to accept my appearance by thinking, 'We are the clay, and God is the potter,' and 'Hasn't the potter power over the clay?'" (Romans 9:20-21)

Good thinking, Houston. Bible thinking



CARY KINSOLVING

KIDS talk about GOD

is always good thinking because it gives us the view from above, and that view puts us into a large orbit. We see ourselves properly related to God.

Comparing ourselves with people imprisons us in a tiny world. When we realize that the same potter who molded the universe molded us, it frees us to accept our appearance as a part of God's unique creation. It opens the door for us to see things from God's perspective, and that is a very different view indeed.

Concerning God's only Son, the prophet Isaiah wrote: "For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; and when we see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him."

"He is despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from him; he was despised, and we did not esteem him."

"Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted."

"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon him, and by his stripes we are healed."

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:2-6).

Cary Kinsolving's syndicated "Kids Talk About God" column is distributed to newspapers worldwide through the Creator's Syndicate.

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

Lighthouse Covenant raises money for mission to Africa

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Members of Lighthouse Covenant spent Thursday washing cars and selling snow cones, lemonade, cookies and salvation bracelets to raise money for their mission trip to Malawi, Africa, at Kwik Wash.

The trip will be 12 days in late October to early November. Church member Lesa Howard said the church has been really supportive.

"The people who own the car wash go to our church," Howard said. "All the proceeds from yesterday went to the trip. The church

bought a medical box that can help treat 500 people."

Howard said five adults are going, providing medical services and construction.

"They are going to some of the jungles and help some of the tribes," Howard said. "We'll see what we can do to make a difference."

Yesterday the group raised around \$370. The team needs to raise over \$15,000. Howard said they will have several more fundraisers.

"We're hoping that God will open the door for us and provide for us," Howard said.

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Gas drilling approved in Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Federal officials announced Thursday that drilling could soon begin on a natural gas project in eastern Utah that could include nearly 3,700 wells, create thousands of jobs and increase concerns about dangerous levels of air pollution.

To alleviate the negative impacts on air quality in the Uinta Basin, Texas-based Anadarko Petroleum Corp. will have to significantly limit pollution emissions, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar said during a conference call with reporters.

The proposed emission standards, surface impacts and other regulations for the project in the Greater Natural Buttes area are included in a draft environmental impact study being published Friday in the Federal Register. Public comment on the proposal will be accepted for 45 days.

If final approval is granted, Salazar said the project could yield 6 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. The impacted area covers about 250 square miles near the Colorado border, although it is estimated that only about 5 percent of that land will be disturbed.

Officials from the Bureau of Land Management and the Environmental Protection Agency worked with Anadarko to minimize the impacts of the project, which was first proposed in 2006, Salazar said. While the air quality during the winter in the Uinta Basin "is some of the worst in the country," he said moving the project forward is important.

"We have to find sensible ways of allowing natural gas development to move forward, while at the same time protecting air quality," Salazar said.

Researchers from Utah State University and the Idaho National Laboratory are studying the pollution problem in the Uinta Basin, which they said could be caused as much by weather as emissions from energy companies or vehicles. Foul

air also tends to get trapped in the bowl-like basin.

Environmental groups that have opposed the project said the air quality concerns are paramount.

"It behooves everyone to take the strictest measures possible to mitigate the pollution," said Tim Wagner, a representative with the Utah chapter of the Sierra Club.

Monitoring of the region's air pollution has only recently started on a limited scale, and the causes for the bad air are not easily identifiable, said Uintah County Commissioner Mark Raymond. But he applauded Anadarko for taking steps to limit additional pollution, such as electric motors for the pumps and a water pipeline that will eliminate the need for diesel-powered water trucks.

The economic benefits for the area are important because of Anadarko's plan to develop the project and add up to 4,000 jobs over the course of about a decade, Raymond said. While the county's unemployment rate is only about 6 percent, he said that is because many people have left families behind while they go to work in other states.

"We hope this will provide the opportunity for them to come back and work here for many years," Raymond said.

Anadarko spokesman Brian Cain said the project is important for the company, as well as the region's economy and the national energy portfolio.

"In addition to advancing our nation's goal of increasing domestic energy production, the Greater Natural Buttes project should bring significant economic benefit to the communities of the Uinta Basin and the surrounding area as a result of continued capital investment in this core operating area, as well as through the creation of numerous high-quality jobs," Cain said in a statement.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: It has recently come to my attention that at work I am considered "bossy." It came as a shock to me. I'm hurt that my co-workers and department manager think of me this way.

I know I come on strong sometimes when it comes to helping customers, but I view it as helping. When I suggest to co-workers that they keep their areas clean and orderly, it is perceived as bossy. I'm just trying to help them not get fired for slacking off.

I'm older than some of my co-workers and my manager. I tried for the manager position, and was initially angry when someone else got it. But now I see she does a good job, and I respect her. It seems, however, that my actions have sent the wrong message. What can I do to mend fences? Or, should I just forget about it and look for something else? — MISJUDGED IN ALBUQUERQUE

DEAR MISJUDGED: No, you should apologize to anyone you might have offended. And, as well-intentioned as you are, in the future resist the urge to correct your fellow employees. Your job is to be part of a team, not a scolding schoolmarm. Some-

times it's how you say something, not necessarily what was said, that's the problem.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, "Alana," has a 7-year-old son my husband and I have helped to raise while she got her life together and pursued her lucrative career. "Tristan" excels in school and is a great little man. The problem is, every time Alana gets a new boyfriend, she rushes to make the boyfriend Tristan's "daddy."

The men my daughter chooses are crude, rude and, without fail, feel a need to "straighten out" Tristan. My grandson does not need straightening out because he is polite, engaging and a good soul. The newest guy in Alana's life, "Jeff," told me point blank that if Alana doesn't stop babying her son, Tristan will grow up to be a girl! This man is homophobic, sexist, racist and controlling.

Alana claims she's "in love" and fails to see the potential harm this guy could inflict on Tristan. We do not employ corporal punishment, but Jeff has already said (several times) he would "beat his butt"! What should we do? — FEARFUL NANA IN GEORGIA

DEAR NANA: Where is your daughter meeting

these people? It appears her taste in men is atrocious, and she has serious self-esteem issues. You and your husband need to get across to her how harmful it is for her to repeatedly introduce men to her son as "daddies." Parents should wait until they know their prospective mates well enough to be assured they won't injure the child physically or psychologically.

If Alana insists on marrying Jeff, offer to take Tristan to live with you. If that's not acceptable, the next time Jeff says he'll "beat Tristan's butt" respond point blank that if he lays a hand on your grandson, you'll report him to Child Protective Services.

You could also point out to your daughter that now that she has her life together and a "lucrative career," the last thing she would need is a scandal because she tolerated such a thing happening to her son. And while you're at it, make it plain that trying to "toughen up" a 7-year-old the way this man is suggesting would not only be counterproductive, it could damage him in ways she can't imagine.

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

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: EITHER YOU RUN THE DAY OR THE DAY RUNS YOU. — JIM ROHN

BANANAGRAMS!

Change one letter in the top word to one of the letters that appears in the bottom word, then rearrange the tiles to form a new common word. Do the same with each new word until you arrive at the bottom word. For example, the path from BARK to PLUM is BARK, MARK, RAMP, RUMP, PLUM.

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Yesterday's Answer: BOUGHT, WOEFUL, EMBODY, ENGULF, OUTLAW, BLOWUP

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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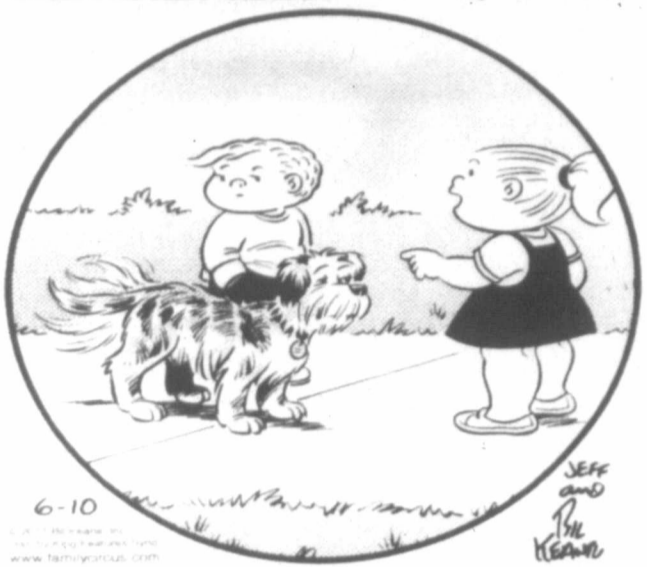
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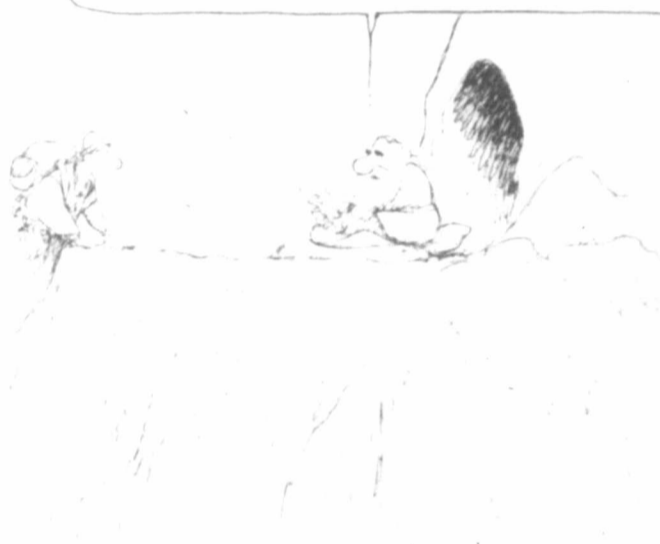
THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



"Sam likes to smile with his tail 'stead of his face."

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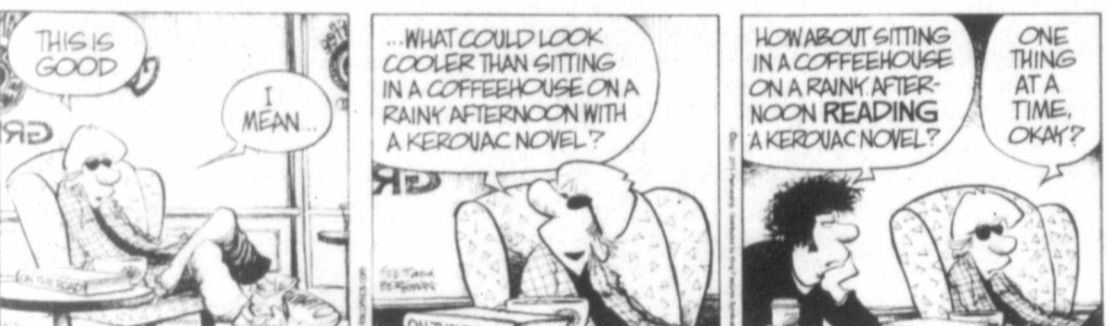
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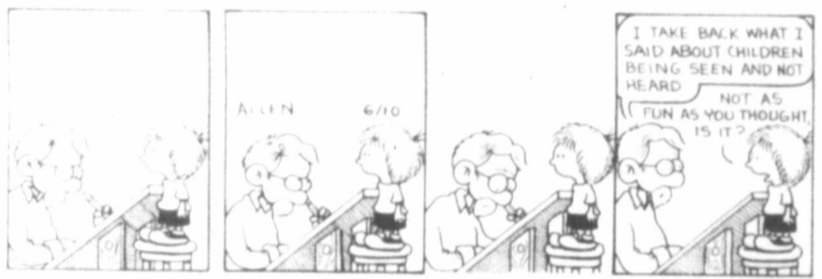
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, June 11, 2011.

This year, call on your creativity with children and romance. You will enjoy yourself more, as will those around you. Channel some of this fun imagination into your daily life. If you are bored, do whatever you need to do in order to revitalize your days. You could change the hours you work and create a new feeling. If you are single, your appeal is high. Many want to be your sweetie. The real question is who you want. If you are attached, share your need for more excitement with your significant other. Together you can revitalize your daily life. **SCORPIO** always adds a practical element to your life. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic, 4-Positive, 3-Average, 2-So-so, 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ***** You might notice that when you initiate, the end results are not as strong as when someone comes to you. Though you are not inclined to play the waiting game, it might serve you. Listen to feedback from a close friend. Tonight: Make it special.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ***** Clear out a project in the earlier part of the day. You will feel much better as a result and more willing to let go and relate. Others seem to want to make that extra effort to please you. Join a pal for a movie. Tonight: Toss yourself into the social whirl!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ***** You remain very playful and direct. Don't hold yourself back, but remain centered. Others will seek you out; they know where the fun is. You don't need to push; others know. Tonight: Flirt away.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ***** You might want to be more playful but feel the need to complete a project. Losing your temper over a grievance won't serve you. What would be smart is to decide to share your hurt feelings before you develop resentment and anger. Tonight: Let the fun and games begin.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ***** Clear out errands first, then make plans. It is quite possible that by the time you would be ready to go out, you would prefer to stay home. Honor your limits and energy. In the long run, what

you are doing is smart. Tonight: Don't make anything more complicated than need be.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ***** Handle bills and errands before you start making the most of your free time. Plan a late afternoon get-together with friends. Once you get started, you could go till the wee hours. You need this stress-buster. Tonight: Catch up on others' news.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ***** Don't push so hard to accomplish certain key desires. How you handle a personal matter could color your week-end. If possible, avoid upset on either side. You might be a bit confused by someone in your life. Tonight: Let yourself enjoy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ***** Whatever you are doing is putting an ear-to-ear smile on your face. When you decide to go out and about later in the day, somehow others will be renewed and energized by you. You act like a magnet. You were missed! Tonight: Just let events unfold.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ***** Get together with friends early in the day. Before you know it, you'll be in the mood for some quality one-on-one time. Be smart and plan time for everyone. Romance could take an extremely romantic turn. Tonight: Not to be found.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ***** You could be overwhelmed by everything that is on your plate. Free yourself up for a fun few days as soon as possible. Tonight: You are the party.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ***** You might want to hear more from or about someone at a distance. You rarely have time for this person, and he or she misses you. Don't forget a special event, where others depend on you being there. Tonight: Could go till the wee hours.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ***** Listen to a friend or loved one who often presents a different point of view. You know that this person is always resourceful and helps you find some middle ground. Make time for a leisurely lunch. Tonight: Feed your mind and imagination.

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ON THE TUBE

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Nationwide Series
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 9 p.m., Friday
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BURNING ISSUES

► NASCAR officials said Kyle Busch's latest misadventure would not affect his probation. How can that be? He is on probation for a bumping incident after a race. Before his altercation with Richard Childress, he bumped Childress' truck after a race.

► Perhaps it's time not to pay much attention to practice speeds and concentrate instead on fuel mileage. Lately it seems as if the races do not often go to ... the swift.

► Why is strategy becoming more important? Because gas tanks are smaller and it's much easier for drivers to make up laps lost on the race track. When the end of races arrives, there are many more cars in contention and thus in position to make strategic gambles.

► Fuel mileage even determined the outcome of the weekend's Nationwide Series race at Chicagoland Speedway. Justin Allgaier outcoasted Carl Edwards after both ran out of fuel. Edwards' car ran out earlier.

► Dale Earnhardt Jr. could win at any time, but his chief obstacle is poor qualifying performances that require overcoming in terms of track position during the races.

► Denny Hamlin has quietly moved up to 11th in the points standings, and his team is only now winding into shape.

► Oh, by the way, did you notice the name of the guy ranked second to Carl Edwards in points. This Jimmie Johnson guy.

2011 STANDINGS

Sprint Cup Series	Pts.
1. Carl Edwards	485
2. Jimmie Johnson	-40
3. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	-41
4. Kevin Harvick	-43
5. Kyle Busch	-60
6. Kurt Busch	-71
7. Matt Kenseth	-73
8. Tony Stewart	-92
9. Clint Bowyer	-94
10. Ryan Newman	-103
11. Denny Hamlin	-104
12. Greg Biffle	-108

Nationwide Series

1. Reed Sorenson	488
2. Elliott Sadler	-2
3. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	-6
4. Justin Allgaier	-11
5. Aric Almirola	-46
6. Jason Leffler	-51
7. Kenny Wallace	-71
8. Steve Wallace	-103
9. Brian Scott	-122
10. Michael Annett	-142

Camping World Truck Series

1. Johnny Sauter	302
2. Cole Whit	-12
3. Austin Dillon	-30
4. Matt Crafton	-32
5. Timothy Peters	-47
6. Ron Hornaday Jr.	-56
7. James Buescher	-59
8. Parker Kligerman	-74
9. Todd Bodine	-78
10. Brendan Gaughan	-87



WHO'S HOT AND WHO'S NOT



► **Who's hot:** Dale Earnhardt Jr. has finished second in consecutive weeks. ... Carl Edwards boosted his Sprint Cup points lead to 40.

► **Who's not:** Kurt Busch led 152 laps at Kansas but had to settle for ninth place. ... Joey Logano fell to 25th in the points standings.



SPRINT CUP

Race: 5-Hour Energy 500
Where: Pocono Speedway, Kansas City (2.5 mi.), 200 laps/500 miles.
When: Sunday, June 12.
Last year's winner: Greg Biffle, Ford.
Qualifying record: Tony Stewart, Chevy, 172.391 mph, 2000.
Race record: Rusty Wallace, Chevy, 144.892 mph, July 21, 1996.
Last week: Brad Keselowski held off Dale Earnhardt Jr. to win Sunday's NASCAR Sprint Cup STP 400 at Kansas Speedway and pick up his first victory of the year. Keselowski led the final nine laps, conserving just enough fuel to save off Earnhardt.

NATIONWIDE

Race: Alliance Truck Parts 250
Where: Michigan International Speedway, Brooklyn, Mich.
When: Saturday, June 18.
Last year's winner: Denny Hamlin, Toyota.
Qualifying record: Jimmy Spencer, Chevy, 184.824 mph, 2001.
Race record: Mark Martin, Chevy, 169.571 mph, Oct. 21, 1995.
Last week: Justin Allgaier caught and passed Carl Edwards on the final lap as both cars ran out of fuel Saturday night and won the Nationwide STP 300 at his home track, Chicagoland Speedway. Edwards had led most of the night, fought off an earlier challenge from Elliott Sadler and was apparently on his way to a fourth series victory.

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK

Race: WinStar World Casino 400K
Where: Texas Motor Speedway
When: Friday, June 10.
Last year's winner: Todd Bodine.
Qualifying record: Clint Bowyer, Chevy, 184.464 mph, 2006.
Race record: Todd Bodine, Toyota, 153.133 mph, June 5, 2009.
Last week: Clint Bowyer finally won a NASCAR race in his home state, dominating throughout Saturday's trucks race to snap Kyle Busch's three-race winning streak. Bowyer, who grew up 90 miles away in Emporia, started second on Saturday and quickly took control of the 167-lap, 250-mile race on the 1.5-mile tri-oval.

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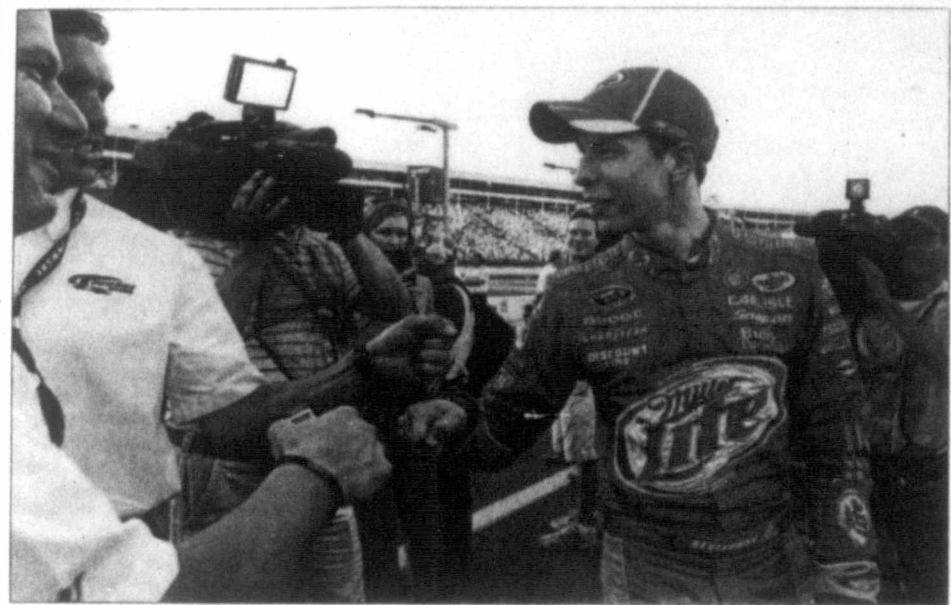
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BRAD KESELOWSKI SPRINT CUP SERIES **No. 2 MILLER LITE DODGE**



Brad Keselowski celebrates May 26 after his lap of 152.089 mph during NASCAR Sprint Cup Series qualifying to win the pole for the Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C.

Slow, Steady Wins For Keselowski

Second career victory comes at unfamiliar pace for 27-year-old

By Monte Dutton
 NASCAR This Week

Brad Keselowski has always been a young man in a hurry.

Oddly enough, Keselowski's second career Sprint Cup victory occurred in part because he slowed down, enough to make it to the end of the STP 400 and hold off Dale Earnhardt Jr., whose Chevy was similarly limited.

"It was a team victory today," said Keselowski, 27. "We had Kurt Busch, my teammate, who led the majority of the race (152 laps) from what I could see. ... Kurt had them covered on speed. We had them covered on strategy, and together, one of us two was going to win."

The Rochester Hills, Mich., native was only a part-time Sprint Cup competitor in 2009 when he pulled off a memorable upset at Talladega Superspeedway. He went on to win the Nationwide Series championship in 2010, while also competing regularly in Cup for Roger Penske, finishing 25th in the points standings.

This year Keselowski began slowly again but has improved drastically in recent weeks, as evidenced by the Kansas Speedway victory. It was the first of the season for Dodge, though Busch won an unofficial race, the Budweiser

Shoot-out, at Daytona at the beginning of the season.

As one leader after another peeled off the track for quick gulps of fuel, Keselowski assumed the lead but didn't realize he had it until the final two laps.

"Kind of stretched my neck out, barely caught the board to see I was leading," said Keselowski. "I was instantly mad at my guys for not telling me, but you get over that. We'd been doing everything we could to save gas. It didn't really affect me whether I knew I was leading or not."

"It was probably really smart of them not to tell me that because I probably would have driven it really, really hard. It all worked out at the end, and ... when you're in victory lane, that's all that matters."

Keselowski's brother Brian is attempting to make a name for himself in NASCAR touring series. Brad and Brian are following in the footsteps of their father, uncle and grandfather.

"I'm excited to see where we're going to be over the next year or two," said Keselowski after the win. "I've seen a lot of progress in our team, and I'm really, really encouraged. But we have more room to continue to progress. I have a lot of room to continue to progress. And I think that we can continue to do that."

Harvick sitting in the driver's seat after 600 win

By Monte Dutton
 NASCAR This Week

Kevin Harvick's third victory etches his Chase status in stone ... and sort of feeds on itself.

Harvick's status two spots in the Chase for the Sprint Cup are reserved on the basis of victories by drivers who aren't in the top 10 — led directly to his victory in Charlotte's Coca-Cola 600 on May 29.

He is in great shape anyway, but the three victories in the season's first 12 races simplifies matters. With 13 races remaining in the regular season, Harvick is virtually assured a spot.

"Without those two wins (entering Charlotte), you aren't making those calls at the end of the race," said Harvick. "You can't afford a 25th-place finish, running out of gas. In the position we're in, you're able to do that. Take that chance."

"When it comes time to make strategy calls, the only calls you even consider are the ones that could let you win. I think that was very evident last week."

Just the basics — Greg Biffle has won twice at Kansas Speedway, site of Sunday's STP 400, and the most recent, in the fall of 2010, was a runaway.

Asked to reveal the secret, Biffle joked the

NUTS AND BOLTS

obligatory. "If I told you, I'd have to kill you. You know, I really like this track. It's a lot of fun. It's a really good track. It's a lot of fun."

If Biffle is like most drivers, he'll call at least five tracks his favorite between now and season's end.

"It's hard to get a hold of, and it's different on both ends. ... You can run right up against the fence. ... There are a lot of options, and it has a little slower corner speeds and you have to be a little technical, which has played into my hands over the years. I guess," he said.

An outside — Denny Hamlin, picked by some as the title favorite, has found none of Harvick's success in the season's first third. He is 11th in the points standings and was 20th six weeks ago.

Hamlin, of course, believes his luck has turned but figures he has about nine races to prove it. He got off to a good start by finishing third in Kansas.

"I was 15th or 16th in points with five races to go, I'd better start looking for some wins and a couple of them," he said. "It looks like it will take a couple to get in there. At this point, we're not at that point yet, we're still thinking about consistency and going out there to try to win races, but also

FEUD OF THE WEEK



KYLE BUSCH VS. RICHARD CHILDRESS

After the end of Kansas Speedway's Camping World Truck Series race, Busch expressed his disapproval with Joey Coulter, who competes for Childress' team, by bumping his truck. Childress angrily confronted Busch, and it became physical, with the 65-year-old owner reportedly landing several blows.

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his take: "The feud between Busch and Richard Childress Racing is longstanding, stretching across three series. From Childress' perspective, the latest incident was the last straw. From Busch's, it was an unprovoked attack."

YOUR TURN

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Is The Field Finally Catching Up To The Hendrick Crew In Victories And Points?

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.

NASCAR This Week

I am a lifelong NASCAR fan and my question is: Do you think that all the major race teams (Roush, Gibbs, RCR, etc.) have caught up with Hendrick Motorsports?

I say this because as of the Coke 600, Hendrick has only recorded two wins this season compared to Roush's four wins (including the All-Star Race), RCR's three wins, and Gibbs' two wins.

I personally know from experience that it still is a little too early in the year to worry about the team's performance, but this time last year, Hendrick Motorsports (and Gibbs) had won most of the races and had a lot of top-10s and top-fives.

Not to mention that it took Roush almost the entire season to start winning races.

Jack Brinson
 Atlanta, Ga.

We aren't counting out Hendrick just yet, especially since Jimmie Johnson and Dale Earnhardt Jr. are currently second and third, respectively, in points.

LEGENDS AND LORE

From the archives

Richard Petty won the first major NASCAR race ever held at Pocono Raceway on Aug. 4, 1974. That first Winston (now Sprint) Cup race in the Poconos had a distinguished top five: in order, Petty, pole winner Buddy Baker, Cale Yarborough, David Pearson and Benny Parsons. Pearson won the second race at Pocono on Aug. 3, 1975, with Petty second, Baker third and Parsons fourth. The fifth-place finisher in 1975? Richard Childress.



Kevin Harvick, right, talks to a crew member May 26 after NASCAR Sprint Cup practice for the Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C.

FAN TIPS

Johnson, wife hosting 4th Helmet for Hope campaign

Jimmie and Chandra Johnson kicked off the fourth annual Jimmie Johnson Foundation Helmet of Hope campaign at Kansas Speedway. The program allows fans and media members across the country to nominate their favorite charity to receive a \$10,000 grant and recognition on Johnson's race helmet. To date, the program has contributed almost \$200,000 to 37 different charities. Nominations are being taken until July 13 at www.helmetofhope.org.

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PHS swimming to take advantage of training pool

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Pampa High School basketball players have open gyms at McNeely to stay fresh on their skills. The tennis players have open courts on Tuesday to work on their stroke. Now, the swimming team will have a place where they can train as the Pampa H2O Aquatic Center has a competition length pool.

Head coach Edward Garvin said the team will train at the pool 7 a.m. until



Garvin

8:30 a.m. on the week-days.

"It will be a great way to keep in shape," Garvin said. "We'll get to compete in meets on the weekends."

Senior Kendle Ramey said having a new training pool will be very helpful.

"It's pretty cool," Ramey said. "It's actually full competi-

tion length and isn't too short."

Senior Karl Pfitzner said it should help the team.

"We didn't have a pool where we could hold competitions," Pfitzner said. "Now we have a facility competition-worthy. We can stay in shape and improve our times."

Garvin said there are several meets, some as far as Missouri, but the team won't compete in all of them and not everyone that trains will compete.

"We pick which ones we won't to go

to," Garvin said. "There is a small cost for people to train and it's a little more for them to compete."

Garvin said most of his swimmers in high school and junior high train in the summer.

Ramey said participating in the summer training helps keep her in shape.

"It helps me not lose my time," Ramey said.

The boys and girls swim teams will seek their 14th straight district title next season.

LEGGING IT OUT



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Glo-Valve's Thomas Costley, 11 reaches second ahead of Blake Sieck's tag Thursday. Glo-Valve beat Rotary Club 6-1 and will play in the championship 5:45 p.m. today against Duncan Fraser & Bridges.

Mavericks overcome James' triple-double, down Heat

DALLAS (AP) — Dirk Nowitzki waited five long years for that elusive third victory over Miami, yet there was only a short celebration when it finally came.

He briefly thrust both arms in the air, a sea of blue screaming around him, but then quickly walked off the floor.

To Nowitzki, the real party can't come until next week.

"There's really nothing to celebrate," he said. "We're going in there Sunday swinging, like we did today, from the jump, and hopefully steal one Sunday."

And now it really is "now or never" for LeBron James and the Miami Heat.

Nowitzki scored 29 points, driving for the go-ahead dunk with 2:45 remaining, and the Mavericks beat the Heat 112-103 on Thursday night to take a 3-2 series lead.

The Mavs, who blew a 2-0 lead against the Heat in the 2006 finals, can wrap up their first championship in Game 6 at Miami on Sunday night.

"We didn't want to go to Miami and give them basically two shots to close us out. So we kept plugging there in the fourth. So definitely a big win for us," Nowitzki said. "And now we have to go down there and basically approach Sunday's game as Game 7."

James, who called this game "now or never," responded from his worst playoff performance with 17 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists, and Dwyane Wade battled through a sore left hip after a first-quarter collision to finish with 23 points.

"I could have made a couple of more plays for my team," James said. "But at the end of the day, all it's about is a win or a loss. Triple-double means absolutely nothing in a loss. So we will be better in Game 6 on Sunday."

Chris Bosh had 19 points and 10 rebounds for the Heat, who get the final two games at home with history against them as they try to win a title in their first season together: In the 26 previous finals that were tied 2-2, the Game 5 winner won 19 of them.

"We fought hard all season for home-court advantage. We're down 3-2," Bosh said. "We protect home court, we win the series, so we just have to keep that in mind."

The Mavs shot 60 percent through three quarters, briefly gave up the lead in the fourth, then outscored Miami 17-4 in the final 4:23, controlling the final few minutes just as they had in thrilling comebacks in Games 2 and 4.

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Two hospitalized after weekend accident

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A one-vehicle weekend accident on Somerville St. sent two Pampa women to the hospital, according to a report from the Pampa Police Department.

The white Dodge Durango of driver Emily Rush and passenger Emily Mauricio, both 19, was headed northbound on the 800 block of Somerville St. on Saturday evening when the truck veered off the roadway and struck a tree, smashing the front end of the vehicle. Pampa Police and Fire responded to the call at 8:08 p.m., according

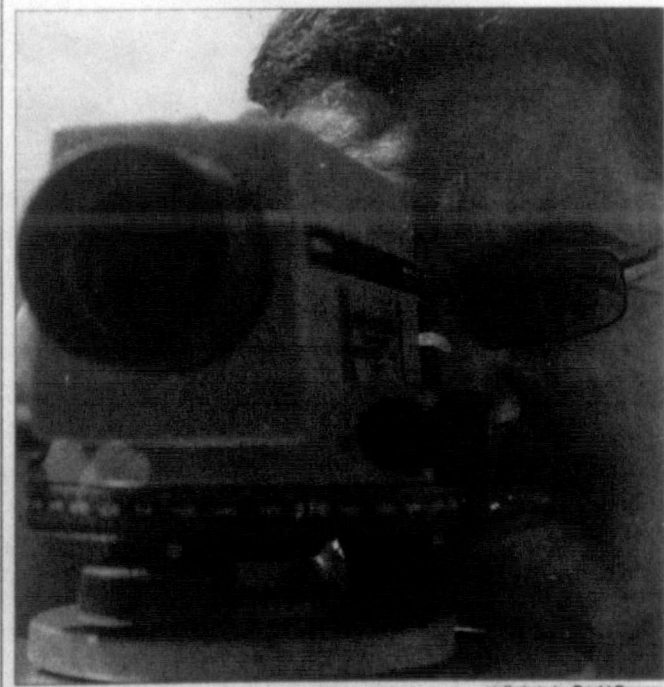
to the official report. Both driver and passenger were attended to by paramedics after the wreck, with Rush taken by Pampa EMS and Mauricio airlifted by LifeStar to North Texas Hospital in Amarillo. Rush was also issued a citation for failure to control speed. The investigation is ongoing.

Pampa police, fire and EMS crews respond to a one-vehicle accident that occurred on the 800 block of Somerville St. on Saturday evening. ▶



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PEEK-A-BOO



staff photo by David Brunner

City Engineer-in-Training Jildardo Arias maps out the center line of the alley that runs from Randy Matson to Harvester between Barrio and Sumner. The alley is scheduled to be paved beginning this week, Arias said, so trucks can use it to deliver supplies to Pampa's new water park.

PAWS group to meet this Tuesday

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The Pampa Animal Welfare Society is hosting representatives from the Dalhart Animal Welfare Group and Sanctuary (DAWGS) at its Tuesday meeting, according to PAWS President Faustina Curry.

The DAWGS presentation, which will be at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the Lovett Memorial Library, is part of the PAWS group's ongoing effort to coordinate and cooperate with other area animal welfare groups in order to control the local animal population and help unadopted pets find good homes. PAWS' latest adoption day was on May 13; eight dogs and seven kittens found new families that day, which Curry described as "good results."

"We offered kittens at \$30, which would cover their rabies shot and microchip," Curry said. "PAWS will pay to have them spayed and neutered when old enough. We decided to do this in order to get them out of the shelter and not be put down. The Monday following the adoption we had another cat adopted and later another dog. So it was a good effort."

Curry also thanked Pampa Animal Welfare Supervisor Monty Montgomery for helping PAWS. cont. on page 3

TEXAS LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

State Senate approves bill slashing education budget

The Associated Press
AUSTIN — Pushed by Republicans, a bill to slash \$4 billion from Texas public schools was approved by the state Senate on Friday night in the first major vote of the special legislative session.

The 19-12 vote went as expected in the Republican-controlled Senate. The measure is necessary to balance the state budget but Democrats have resisted the cuts while lawmakers sit on nearly \$10 billion in the state's reserve fund. A similar measure is expected to get a vote early next week in the House, where Republicans also hold a commanding majority. The bill had died on the

Senate approves health bill, too

The Associated Press
AUSTIN — The Texas Senate unanimously passed legislation that would overhaul how Texas delivers health care to the poor disabled, while a House committee approved similar legislation. The Senate and House mea-

sures cover similar territory and are cost-saving measures that Gov. Rick Perry wants passed in order to balance the state budget. Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, passed a bill that combines these measures. The Legislature failed to pass in the

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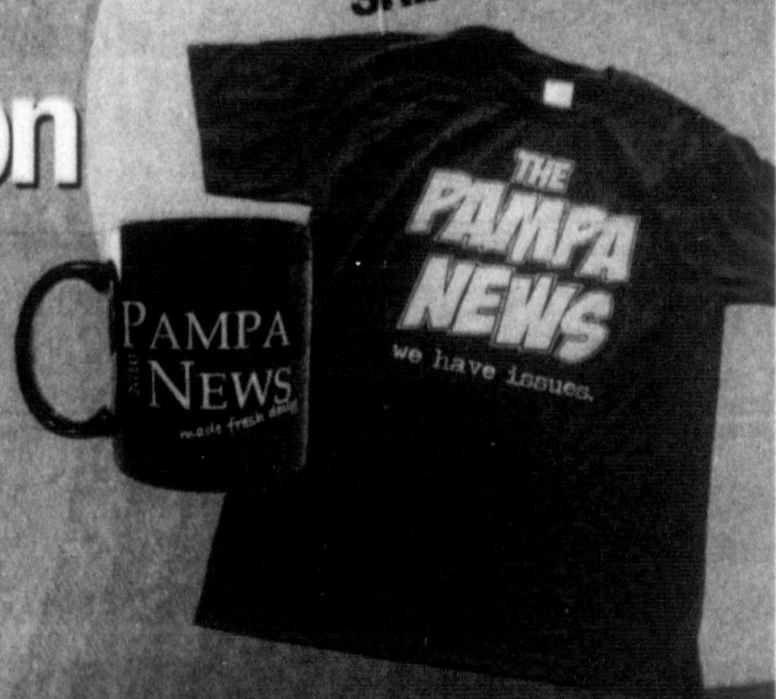
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Choose Between Shirt or Mug: Shirt (size sm med Lg Xlg) or Coffee Mug

Payment: Check (must be included with coupon) Credit Card # _____ Exp _____ Security # _____

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