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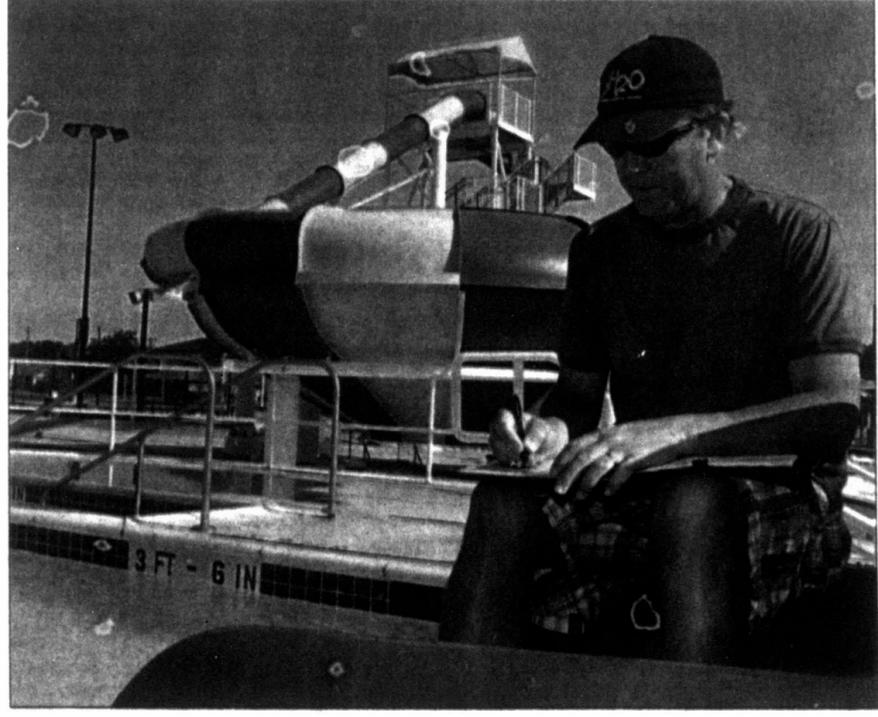
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Shane Stokes, Pampa's assistant city manager, was at the city's water on Friday going over operations. Stokes commended the park's staff for a smooth opening period.

Smooth first weeks for H2O, says Stokes

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Sitting on the edge of the closed flume water ride on Thursday, Shane Stokes grinned as he made notes. "The kids call this the tube," he said through his smile.

The neighboring water slide — an open slide — Stokes said, is referred to as the worm.

Stokes is the assistant city manager for Pampa, and the Pampa H2O Water Park is his baby, so to speak.

Since its inception, Stokes

has shepherded the project through its planning phase, construction phase and, now, its first summer season of use.

Initially scheduled for opening on Memorial Day, Stokes said the opening was delayed a few days for minor readjustments.

Now, Stokes is checking to see how things are going and if any adjustment needs to be made to the park.

With checklist in hand, Stokes said that there have been surprisingly few problems considering the size and com-

plexity of the project.

Still, he acknowledged, there will be some minor changes.

The bowl, a water slide that goes into a large bowl and then drops into a pool, had to be shut down for a couple of days until minor repairs could be performed.

Stokes and Jildardo Arias, the city engineer, crawled through the tubes and up and down the slides this week, inspecting them.

Safety, Stokes said, is of the utmost importance.

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Reminder: Fireworks ban still on

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The office of Gray County Judge Richard Peet is reminding area residents of the hard line the county is taking in enforcing the fireworks ban currently in place.

"The sale and use of all fireworks is prohibited in Gray County, Texas, due to an Emergency Declaration of Disaster and Order... which was approved by the Gray County Commissioners Court on June 15, 2011, and which the Governor of the State of Texas has extended until July 5, 2011," read a statement released by Judge Peet's office this week.

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Health dept. announces cancellation

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Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Texas Department of State Health Services has made changes to its July immunization schedule for Pampa.

The clinics originally slated for July 6 in Pampa have been canceled. The clinics scheduled for July 13 and July 20 at 736 S. Cuyler will go on as planned. They will take the first 10 patients from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and another 10 patients from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Children must have shot records to receive immunizations.

For more information, call 806-665-4752.

Pampa Police Dept. holds second forum

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The Pampa Police Department held a community forum at the Chamber of Commerce building on Tuesday evening, the second such forum that the department has had this summer.

The meeting was hosted by Crime Prevention Officer Stormy McCullar, who said that the meetings are a good way for the department to get in touch with the people it serves within the community.

"That's the goal," McCullar said. "I thought that just with citizens showing up to the last one, that's the start of us making a real connection



McCullar

with the people. Down the road, we'll be able to tell better if it's working. It's still early that we don't know how effectively we're reaching out."

Still, McCullar said that she was encouraged by the feedback she is receiving.

"There's definitely good input," she said. "We take suggestions and ideas from the people that show up, and there's some that are good

POLICE cont. on page 5

82nd TEXAS LEGISLATURE Legislative session a split decision for Perry, GOP

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Gov. Rick Perry and fellow state Republicans spent the last six months flexing their political muscle and emerged from the Legislature's 30-day special session boasting significant victories, while sidestepping two notable defeats.

Lawmakers left town Wednesday after voting to cut \$4 billion from public education in the final piece of deep state budget cuts over the next two years, approved new congressional districts for the 2012 elections and reforms to the state hurricane insurance association.

But two of Perry's priority items — an illegal immigration enforcement bill and a measure to curtail invasive body searches of air travelers — failed to pass. Still, the out-

spoken state leader who is considering a presidential run, congratulated Republicans for using their massive numbers in the House and Senate to pass an agenda fueled by tea party conservatives.

"The decisions made were difficult, but lawmakers should take pride in the fact that they did what families all across Texas are doing: living within their means," Perry said, touting the fiscal conservative message that has become his hallmark.

After landslide elections in 2010, Republicans held a 101-49 supermajority in the House and a 19-12 edge in the Senate.

With those numbers behind him, Perry pushed the Legislature to pass

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PAMPA FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
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Friday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 98. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. Windy, with a south wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 95. Breezy, with a south wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 68. Breezy, with a south wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 96. Breezy, with a south wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. Breezy, with a south wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Independence Day: Mostly sunny, with a high near 96. Breezy, with a south southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

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Wetland restoration could be Gulf model

BAYTOWN (AP) — Brown pelicans, long-necked egrets, flamingo-like roseate spoonbills and squawking seagulls fly lazily around a Texas Gulf Coast island. Nearby, a toddler-aged wetland seeded with marsh grass completes the ecosystem, its thousands of inhabitants unaware their home is a manmade creation dredged from the Houston Ship Channel.

It's all part of a 20-year-old project to restore lost wetlands and islands off the Texas coast. The federal government is hoping it could become a model for rebuilding these crucial ecosystems elsewhere in the five-state Gulf region.

This and other efforts to revitalize the environment and economy of the long-neglected coastal area are being partially bankrolled by a \$1 billion fund from BP, which agreed to pay the money as part of its responsibility for the massive oil spill that fouled the Gulf of Mexico.

Harris Sherman, undersecretary for natural resources and the environment at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, recently viewed a bird island and toured a "demo" wetland used to experiment how to best grow thick marsh grasses.

"Strengthening the ecology of the Gulf area is critically important. In doing so we can improve the economy of the Gulf region and strengthen the resiliency of the communities of the Gulf," Sherman said.

Sherman represents the USDA on the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Task Force, a group created by President Barack Obama following last summer's spill of millions of gallons of oil into the Gulf. The disaster highlighted not only the dangers of deep-water drilling but also the damage that has been done to the sensitive Gulf ecosystem through decades of careless indifference.

After Hurricane Katrina in 2005 it became clear that the significant decrease in wetland areas has endangered wildlife that rely on them for food and habitat. It also has damaged an economy reliant on fishing, tourism and other water-based industries and left coastal communities vulnerable to storms that are no longer slowed down by barrier islands.

BP was the majority owner of the well when it blew up on April 20, 2010, causing the spill. It agreed to put \$1 billion toward a long-term effort to improve the environment.

The federal task force includes representatives from all five states that border the Gulf, and is helping determine how to spend the mon-

ey. Each state will get \$100 million. The Department of Interior and the Department of Commerce will each get another \$100 million, and the remaining \$300 million will be distributed to other projects. The task force has to present Obama with a report and a long-term strategy for restoring the ecosystem in July.

The task force has already said one of the greatest challenges and top priorities for guaranteeing a healthy environment is ensuring sediment from upland waters, such as the Mississippi River, renew their natural flow to replenish wetlands and barrier islands in the Gulf.

The Houston Ship Channel was created in 1917, and the sediment dredged from the bottom was dumped onshore to create the waterway that allows marine traffic into inland area. From then through the 1980s, more than 35,000 acres of wetlands were lost in Texas' Galveston Bay area alone, said Scott Alford, a soil conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

In 1992, NRCS began working with the Port of

Houston to reuse the soil continuously dredged from the channel — sometimes to expand and widen it, other times to simply keep it deep enough so large tankers could navigate the refinery-lined area.

Scientists were initially unsure they would be able to grow sensitive marsh grass in dredged soil. First, they created levees to ensure the soil did not disperse into the bay. Slowly, they removed the excess water and transported the dirt through a pipeline to a designated area. Surrounding it with rocks to prevent erosion, scientists worked tirelessly to figure out how thick and deep the soil needed to be not only to allow the grass to grow but to prevent it from sinking.

They also needed to make sure there were creeks and ponds in the marsh, to ensure water could circulate.

Within two years, that first wetland area was covered in the tall grass that provides homes and food to mammals, reptiles, birds and a variety of marine life. In fact, about 95 percent of the Gulf of Mexico's wildlife rely on marshland for survival at some point.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Obituaries

Bobbie Jean Stewart, 77

A celebration and memorial of the life of Bobbie Jean Stewart will be held at Trinity Baptist Church, 871 Woodlawn Dr., Abilene, TX at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, July 1, 2011.



Stewart

All that knew Bobbie Jean Stewart knew her for her tremendous spiritual vitality. She ministered to all in the manner that she lived for her Lord and Savior. As one of her great-grandchildren said, "She is the only woman I know who loves Jesus so much!"

Many people loved her dearly. Many of the friends of her nieces, nephews and grandchildren called her Aunt Bobbie or Grandma Bobbie. She ministered to many, including pastors, through her spiritual writings on the Scriptures and God's love.

Bobbie was born in Pioneer, La., on January 29, 1934. She left this world from Tyler, Texas on June 27, 2011.

She is preceded in death by her father, Robert H. Stewart Sr.; her mother, Winnie Stewart; and her sister, Louise Stewart Roberts.

She is survived by two sons, Tommy J. Davis of Tyler and Gregory A. Davis of Pampa; and one daughter, Becky L. Craig of Fremont, Ohio.

She is also survived by her brother, Rev. Robert H. Stewart Jr.; her sister, Earline Stewart Jones; and half-sister, Jean Stewart Graham.

She is survived by 10 grandchildren, David M. Sargent, Tricia Davis Steinbrueck, John E. Sargent, Katherine J. Sargent, Elizabeth D. Petty, Ian J. Davis, Terrance J. Davis, Clayton A. Davis, Ambrosia N. Low, and Justin C. Craig; and 14 great-grandchildren, with three more on the way.

Her children request that memorials/donations be made in to either Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701, or The Arthritis Foundation, P.O. Box 96280, Washington, DC 20077.

Edna Ruth Sweeney Futch, 87

Edna Ruth Sweeney Futch, 87, of Temple, died Wednesday, June 22, 2011, at a Bartlett nursing home.



Futch

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 2, at First Assembly of God in Paducah with a luncheon to follow. A graveside service will be held prior to the memorial service at 9 a.m. at Garden of Memories in Paducah. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Friday at McBee Family Funeral Home in Paducah.

Mrs. Futch was born on January 19, 1924, in Ada, Okla., to James Thomas Sweeney and Dora-Mae Bottoms Sweeney. She moved with her family to Paducah at an early age. She graduated from Gro School. She married J. Lynn Futch on September 18, 1943, in Hollis, Okla. He preceded her in death on March 9, 2007. She was a member of First Assembly of God in Belton.

Survivors include one son, David Futch and wife, Laura; and one daughter, Deborah Futch Yeakey all of Temple; two sisters, Mildred Mayberry of Plainview, Mary Hill of Metairie, Louisiana, one brother, James Sweeney of Paducah and two grandsons, Matthew Futch of Temple and Gary Davison of Holland. Also surviving are numerous nieces and nephews including Howard Smith, Jim Sweeney and Brian Sweeney all of Paducah.

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Dad charged in abandonment

LUBBOCK (AP) — A father accused of abandoning his 4-year-old son along a rural West Texas highway in the middle of the night was charged Thursday with attempted capital murder, prosecutors said.

32nd Judicial District Attorney Ann Reed said she upgraded the charge against Carlos Rico after talking with the Sweetwater police chief.

The first-degree felony charge replaces the child endangerment charge he faced after another man found his son along Interstate 20 near Sweetwater about 3 a.m. Tuesday. The 22-year-old father is accused of choking the boy and dumping him on the road about three hours before he was found.

Rico remained in the Nolan County jail on Thursday. It is not clear whether he has an attorney. Police say the boy was picked up by a local high school basketball coach and taken to a hospital, where doctors removed at least 500 cactus spines from his body. He was released from the hospital Wednesday and has been placed into foster care.

Rico was driving from Lubbock to Saginaw when he abandoned his son, and he was taken into custody Tuesday by police in the Fort Worth suburb, Saginaw police spokesman Damon Ing told The Associated Press on Wednesday. Rico's cousin called police when Rico showed up to see him without his son, and investigators determined that Rico was the boy's father, he said.

Al Hunt, the Sweetwater High coach who found the boy, said he initially thought he was looking at a guard-rail post until it moved.

"It took me seconds to realize, 'it's a little kid there,'" the 54-year-old said.

He said he pulled over and, not seeing a vehicle that the child might have been in, ran across the road and scooped the boy into his arms. He said the boy's lips were cracked as if he were dehydrated, and that the only response the boy was able to give to his questions was to hold up four fingers when Hunt asked his age.

The boy's stepmother in Lubbock came to Sweetwater to be with him. The whereabouts of the boy's biological mother were not immediately known, and it was unclear if she is involved in his life. Sweetwater is about 125 miles southeast of Lubbock.

Western governors talk wildfires

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho (AP) — Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer said one of her biggest fears when she became chief executive of the state two years ago was suffering a devastating wildfire.

Her fear came to life this year as nearly 1 million acres of the state burned in wildfires that included the biggest such blaze in Arizona history.

Brewer - speaking at the Western Governors' Association's annual meeting Thursday - said about 1 percent of Arizona's land has burned this year and the fire season is not over yet.

Governors were told wildfires are becoming bigger and more destructive in western states, thanks to a combination of factors including drought, insect infestations and disease.

Sam Donaldson's ranch on fire

HONDO, N.M. (AP) — Fire crews working in southeastern New Mexico spent the overnight hours protecting structures and keeping a wildfire from jumping a state highway.

Increased winds Wednesday night caused the fire to pick up intensity as it raced south of Hondo on both sides of the Rio Hondo.

The fire management team says fire crews will spend part of Thursday assessing how much the fire has spread. The wildfire is actively burning in steep, rocky, inaccessible terrain in private and Mesquero Apache Tribal lands south of Hondo. Part of the wildfire is burning on a ranch owned by newsman Sam Donaldson.

A structure protection group will be patrolling Highway 70, prepping the area for any possible controlled burns.

The fire has so far burned 43,290 acres or 67 square miles.

New Marathon 5th largest refiner

FINDLAY, Ohio (AP) — The head of what's now the nation's fifth-largest oil refiner said Thursday that the new Marathon Petroleum Corp. is poised for growth over the next four years.

Houston-based Marathon Oil Corp. completed the spin-off of its refining division, effectively splitting into two companies. Marathon Oil will explore and produce oil.

The spun-off Marathon Petroleum division will be based in Findlay, Ohio, where it already has about 1,600 employees. It plans to add 100 more jobs at the Ohio office within the next few months. The company has six refineries in the Midwest and Southeast.

Marathon Petroleum also is in the middle of a \$2.2 billion expansion of its refinery in Detroit, which will allow it to process more Canadian crude oil.

"We have these big new investments that will soon be complete that will be providing income and cash generation for our company," said Gary Heminger, a longtime Marathon executive who becomes the new company's president.

He said he also sees potential to expand the company's Speedway gas stations around the country.

Ohio is giving the company \$78 million in tax credits to help keep the headquarters in Findlay for at least the next 18 years. The company has pledged to put \$20 million into his headquarters.

Heminger wouldn't say if the company came close to leaving Ohio.

"We see our presence here is part of our heritage," he said.

Another factor in staying was a decision by business leaders and municipal officials to speed up work on plans to protect the city from the type of flooding that swamped Findlay's downtown and Marathon's headquarters in 2007.

The water knocked out the company's computer system and power for nearly a week.

"It had to be done to make our decision to stay here," he said about efforts to move forward on a plan to build a flood walls and levees.

Funding for the project still needs to be secured.

The ban is still in effect over the Fourth of July weekend. The county and Pampa Fire Department have announced a zero tolerance policy when it comes to enforcement of the ban, with failure to comply carrying a Class B misdemeanor charge.

Getting caught disobeying the ban could result in 180 days in jail and/or a \$2,000.00 fine. If the intentional use of fireworks results in property damage, there is also a possibility of other criminal charges — including arson — being filed.

Legislature

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a balanced budget without raising taxes. The result was a \$15 billion reduction that prompted protests that lawmakers were cutting too deep in social services and education in the \$172 billion overall spending plan.

Republicans shoved aside Democrats to pass several of Perry's priority items, including a measure requiring pregnant woman seeking an abortion to first have an ultrasound performed, a bill requiring voters to present photo identification before casting ballots and a "loser pays" bill aimed at curbing frivolous lawsuits.

Perry and Republicans knew they had limited time to use their unprecedented power.

Republicans' 101-member majority in the House likely won't last beyond 2012 when new voting districts will pit several GOP lawmakers against each other and Democrats are expected to pick up seats in new districts dominated by Hispanic voters. Even if they aren't likely to grab a majority, more seats in the House would give Democrats a fighting chance to block Republican bills.

Democrats and teachers groups warned the education cuts could lead to firings of thousands of teachers and school staff and rising local property taxes to make up the difference. The cuts sparked several teacher rallies and harsh words from liberal groups, who argued the state should use an estimated \$10 billion in reserve funds, a move Perry flatly rejected.

"This Legislature will go down in the history books as the worst for public education in a generation," said Rep. Mike Villarreal, D-San Antonio. "Now it's time for legis-

lators to go home and explain to their communities why they voted for or against these historic education cuts. I imagine they will be a few uncomfortable town hall meetings."

Even some Republicans acknowledged the school cut was a tough vote. Several Republicans representing rural districts voted against the measure on Tuesday before turning around an hour later to pass it.

Democrats said the Republican agenda was fueled by the political ambitions of Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, a Republican who is considering a run for U.S. Senate.

"The regular and special session were dominated by 'red meat' partisan wedge issues that divide Texans at a time we should be working together to secure our future," said Texas Democratic Party Chairman Boyd Richie.

Democrats made desperate bids to block Perry's agenda but had few weapons at their disposal.

Voting rules in the regular session gave Democrats just enough votes to block a bill allowing concealed handgun license holders to bring their weapons into college classrooms. Perry was forced to call the special session when a filibuster by Sen. Wendy Davis, D-Fort Worth, killed the school cuts bill without a Senate vote.

But even that move was only temporary as Perry called the special session the next day.

Democrats got a boost from some unusual allies to block the immigration enforcement bill.

Perry and the Republican leadership wanted to give police more authority to ask people they detain

about their citizenship status. Perry said it would help police crack down on crime by illegal immigrants. Hispanic Democrats called it racist and a tool to harass Latinos.

The immigration bill passed the House in the regular session and a new version passed the Senate in the special session. But it lost momentum when business groups typically allied with Perry lobbied to kill the bill without a final vote in the House in the final days of the special session.

The airport pat-down bill also died in the special session without a final House vote.

Perry and the House blamed Senate Republicans, who in turn told Perry to back off and blamed the House. Perry then flew to California to give a speech and fuel more speculation that he'll run for president.

"It took a little longer than any of us wanted, but we're finally closing very successful and productive, although difficult, legislative sessions," Republican House Speaker Joe Straus said.

CORRECTION

Due to an insertion error, the 2011 Optimist Baseball and Softball special section was omitted from the Thursday edition of *The Pampa News*. It is available in today's issue. *The Pampa News* apologizes for the inconvenience.

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Today in History

Today is Friday, July 1, the 182nd day of 2011. There are 183 days left in the year. This is Canada Day.

Today's Highlights in History:

On July 1, 1971, the 26th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which lowered the minimum voting age from 21 to 18, was ratified. The State of Washington became the first state to ban sex discrimination. The United States Post Office Department was replaced with the United States Postal Service.

On this date:

In 1863, the Civil War Battle of Gettysburg, resulting in a Union victory, began in Pennsylvania.

In 1867, Canada became a self-governing dominion of Great Britain as the British North America Act took effect.

In 1910, Chicago's original Comiskey Park held its opening day under the name White Sox Park. (The home team lost to the St. Louis Browns, 2-0.)

In 1943, "pay-as-you-go" income tax withholding began.

In 1946, the United States exploded a 20-kiloton atomic bomb near Bikini Atoll in the Pacific.

In 1961, Diana, the princess of Wales, was born in Sandringham, England. (She died in a 1997 car crash in Paris at age 36.)

In 1991, President George H.W. Bush nominated federal appeals court judge Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court, beginning an ultimately successful confirmation process marked by allegations of sexual harassment.

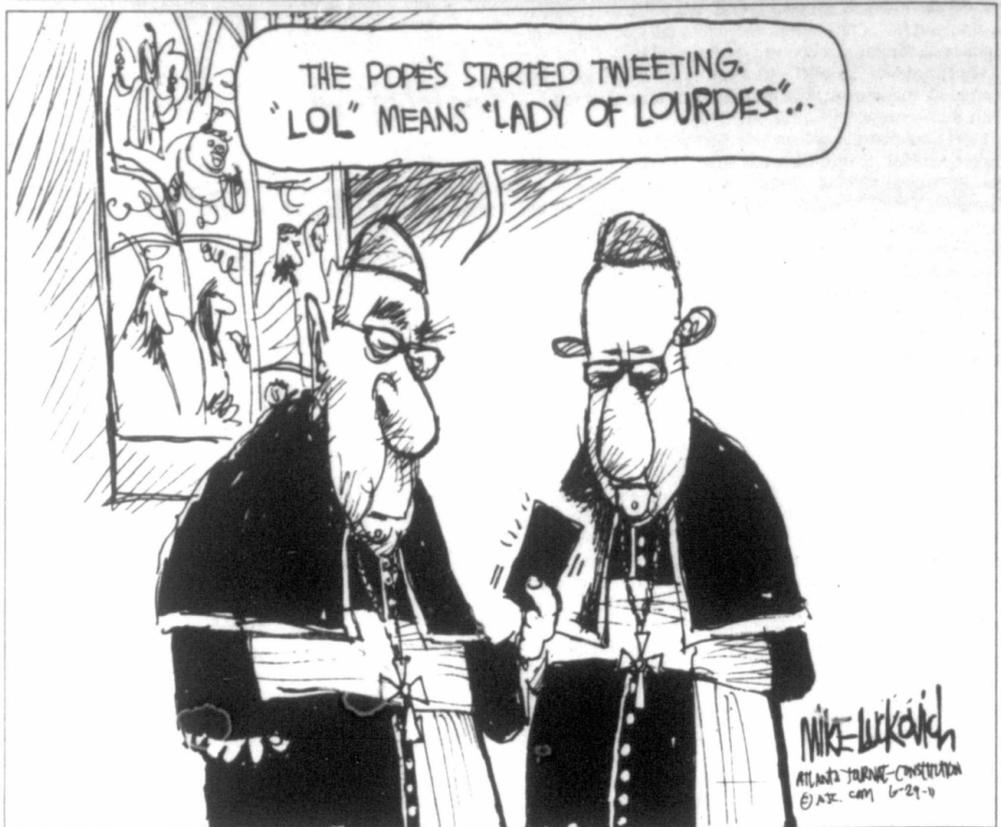
Ten years ago: Vice President Dick Cheney rested at home, a day after having a new pacemaker implanted in his chest.

Five years ago: Thunderstorms forced NASA to call off the launch of Discovery, delaying the first space shuttle flight in a year. (Discovery was launched three days later, on the Fourth of July.)

One year ago: California lawmakers approved a \$20 million settlement with the family of Jaycee Dugard, who was kidnapped as a girl and held captive in a secret backyard for 18 years by a paroled sex offender.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Olivia de Havilland is 95. Actress-dancer Leslie Caron is 80. Actress Jean Marsh is 77. Actor Jamie Farr is 77. Actor David Prowse is 76. Cookiemaker Wally Amos is 75. Actress Karen Black is 72. Dancer-choreographer Twyla Tharp is 70. Actress Genevieve Bujold is 69. Gospel singer Andrae Crouch is 69. Rock singer-actress Deborah Harry is 66. Actor Daryl Anderson is 60. Actor Terrence Mann is 60. Rock singer Fred Schneider (B-52's) is 60. Pop singer Victor Willis (Village People) is 60. Actor-comedian Dan Aykroyd is 59. Actress Lorna Patterson is 55. Actor Alan Ruck is 55. Rhythm-and-blues singer Evelyn "Champagne" King is 51. Olympic gold medal track star Carl Lewis is 50. Actor Andre Braugher is 49. Actress Pamela Anderson is 44. Actor Henry Simmons is 41. Actress Julianne Nicholson is 40. Actress Liv Tyler is 34. Actress Hilarie Burton is 29. Actress Lynsey Bartilson is 28. Actor Evan Ellingson is 23. Actors Andrew and Steven Cavarno are 19.

Thought for Today: "American youth attributes much more importance to arriving at driver's license age than at voting age." - Marshall McLuhan, Canadian communications theorist (1911-1980)



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Randall Pribble is the publisher of The Pampa News.

Independents becoming the largest voting bloc

Most Americans used to call themselves Republican or Democrat. These days, more call themselves independent. What does that mean for American politics? A lot.

"Independents are everywhere, and they're becoming the largest single voting bloc in the country," Reason magazine Editor Matt Welch says. "(They can determine every national election and every ... election for state office. So independent voters -- people who refuse to say, 'I'm a Republican or I'm a Democrat' -- that's where all the action is."

Welch and Reason.tv Editor in Chief Nick Gillespie just published a book on what to expect from this change: "Declaration of Independents: How Libertarian Politics Can Fix What's Wrong With America."

The big change they see stems from independents' refusal to be absorbed by any party. "Compare the tea party to the ... Howard Dean antiwar movement," Welch said. "Howard Dean became the chairman (of the) Democratic National Committee. But the tea party has kept an arm's length and said, 'No, we're not going to be Republicans. ... (We're going to focus on ... government spending, deficit, and debt, and that's it.' ... And by maintaining that independence they have retained power."

"Independence in politics means that you can actually dictate some of the terms to our overlords," Welch and Gillespie write, adding that we need independence not just in politics but from politics. Welch said, "When we look at the places where

government either directly controls or heavily regulates things, like K-12 education, health care, retirement, things are going poorly."

It's very different outside of government where -- from culture to retail stores to the Internet -- there's been an explosion of choice. "(Y)ou were lucky ... 20 years ago (if) you would see one eggplant in an exotic store," Welch continued. "Now in the crappiest supermarket in America you'll see four or five or six varieties of eggplant, plus all types of different things. ... (W)hen you get independent from politics, things are going great because people can experiment, they can innovate. ... We should squeeze down the (number of) places where we need a consensus to the smallest area possible, because all the interesting stuff happens outside of that."

Government is a zero-sum game: Someone wins, and someone loses, unlike in the market, where it's win-win, where merchant and customer thank each other. "Anytime that you have the government expressing anything," Welch continued, "it's a battle of values. If a government is supporting an art show, people who find that art offensive have a legitimate claim. If a government buys ... a new baseball stadium, well, my wife hates baseball, so how is that fair to her?"



JOHN STOSSEL

"Fifty-one percent of the people get to tell the other 49 percent what to do, how much to pay, where you have to show up," Gillespie added. In the private sector, everybody gets to pick what he or she wants.

"There are troubles and tradeoffs," Gillespie said. "But ... if somebody starts selling stuff you don't like, you don't hold a rally and you don't try and get a bunch of people to vote to change it. You go to the next grocery store ... or you build your own grocery store. It's hard to do that with schools ... with health care and ... retirement." Of course, as government makes more decisions for people and limits competition, it reduces our choices. It's also given us horrible, unsustainable debt.

But, surprisingly, the Reason folks are optimistic.

"There are cases (of big government rollbacks)," Gillespie said. "New Zealand did this. Canada did this. The U.S. did this after World War II -- dramatically ramped down the amount of spending, both in absolute terms and in relative terms as a percentage of economic activity. Political change happens."

But for now, the politicians continue to move us in the wrong direction. Last year, the feds alone added another 80,000 pages of rules. Despite talk of cuts, spending keeps growing. So does the debt.

And yet maybe the optimists are right. Maybe the human spirit is so powerful it will overcome the stupidity of politics.

I sure hope so.

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Celebrate America — July Fourth

The following words were spoken by the late Red Skelton on his television program as he related the story of his teacher, Mr. Laswell, who felt his students had come to think of the Pledge of Allegiance as merely something to recite in class each day.

"I've been listening to you boys and girls recite the Pledge of Allegiance all semester and it seems as though it is becoming monotonous to you," Mr. Laswell said. "If I may, I will recite it and try to explain to you the meaning of each word."

The following is Mr. Laswell's explanation of the Pledge of Allegiance:

"I me, an individual, a committee of one

"Pledge" to dedicate all my worldly goods to give, to commit without self pity

"Allegiance" my love, my loyalty and my devotion

"to the Flag" our standard, Old Glory, a symbol of freedom; wherever she waves, there's respect because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts freedom is everybody's job

"of the United" that we have all come together as one

"States of" individual communities that have united into 48 great states (Editor's Note: At the time of this writing, America had only 48 states — Alaska and Hawaii had yet to join the union.)

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the good word

and dignity and purpose; all divided with imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common purpose, and that's love for country

"and to the republic" a system in which sovereign power is invested in representatives chosen by the people to govern, and government is the people and it's from the people to leaders, not from the leaders to people.

"for which it stands, one nation, under God" One nation, one people led, guided and blessed by God

"Indivisible" incapable of being divided

"with liberty" which is freedom — the right of power to live one's own life without threats, fear, or some sort of retaliation

"and justice" the principle or quality of dealing honestly and fairly with others

"for all" which means, boys and girls, it's as much your country as it is mine.

God bless America!

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

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

Briarwood Youth to host Date Night fundraiser

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At this time of year, Briarwood H2O youth ministry usually sells fireworks at their stand to raise money for camp. With the recent drought and firework ban in effect, however, the group had to find another way to raise the same funds.

Today and next Friday, July 8, the ministry is hosting Date Night 6-10 p.m. at the church. The church is offering to babysit small children so their parents can have some time to themselves.

Youth pastor Matt Green said the past two years combined they raised six thousand dollars selling fireworks, adding they had to come up with a new idea on the fly.

"We were waiting to see what the verdict on fireworks was going to be," Green said. "After we found out they were banned we had to scratch



Green

our heads and come up with something."

Green said the fundraiser gives parents a chance to have a night out.

"Maybe they can get dinner and catch a movie," Green said. "Maybe they want to go bowling or catch a late round of golf. Whatever the reason is let us help."

The cost is \$4 for the first child and \$3 for additional children. Green said he hopes they have a good turnout.

"Why don't parents treat themselves to night out while helping send some teenagers to camp," Green said. Briarwood Full Gospel Church is on the 1800 block of West Harvester Avenue.

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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, July 2, 2011:

This year, hang where you are comfortable, yet at the same time draw in others. Other times you shake up the status quo, plunging ahead, especially if you have a good financial idea. Test your ideas on those who have greater knowledge than you. If you are single, your allure attracts many people. Know what type of relationship you seek, and you will choose the right person. If you are attached, pay more attention to your sweetie. It isn't all about you! LEO can be quite possessive.

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)
★★★★ Though you might be slow to get going, your mind is working overtime with ideas. You might want to discuss how you are feeling about a child or new friend. Later today, you seem to get a second wind. You feel like a kid again. Tonight: Fun and frolic.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Use the early part of the day to get together with friends or family. A lengthy brunch fits the bill perfectly. You might want to rethink a key relationship, as a loved one or roommate expresses his or her concern. Tonight: Entertain from home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Balance your budget and clear out any bills. You will get a better sense of what you can spend. You might be eyeing a major purchase. Later today you note how in sync you are with those around you. Tonight: Hang out at a favorite spot.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Use the morning and early afternoon to the max. You have a lot going for you. Clearly someone cannot resist you. A splurge might be OK if you have planned for it. Just don't break your budget or go to excess. Tonight: Having a great time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Your mind works overtime, as you are in the mood to present a friend or loved one with a proposition. Depending on the nature of this suggestion, you might want to make it in the morning if it involves just the two of you. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Use the daytime hours to the max. Choose to do only what you want. You will wind up being with a friend who always puts a smile on your face. Reveal an issue you need feedback on. Later in the day, you might want to act on this issue. Tonight: Not to be found — by most people.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Pressure builds. You want to please an authority figure or complete a request from a boss or older friend. Clear this demand out immediately, as you will want to network or socialize later. How about a baseball game? Tonight: Surrounded by fun. Join in.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Take off ASAP if that is what you want to do. Someone could be quite delighted by your plans. This person might join you or meet you halfway. If you want to retreat, be smart and don't answer your cellphone. Tonight: Very visible.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Continue to allow a key individual to play the role he or she wants. This person likes being dominant and getting much more of what he or she wants. Plan on taking off or going to a concert or movie late afternoon. Tonight: Keep escape the theme.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Others have strong ideas. Why not allow them to play out? You might enjoy getting to know and understand someone better. In this situation, you reveal much more of yourself, too. Tonight: Go for cozy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Complete errands and dive into a project. You might get much more done than you originally thought possible. Whether accepting an invitation for a barbecue or get-together at the last minute makes no difference — a good time will be had by all. Tonight: Follow another's lead.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Listen to a share or new friend. This person wants to chide much more of him- or herself. By being less judgmental and more open, you could be delighted to see this person's inner light. Honor your own needs late afternoon. Tonight: Whatever feels comfortable.

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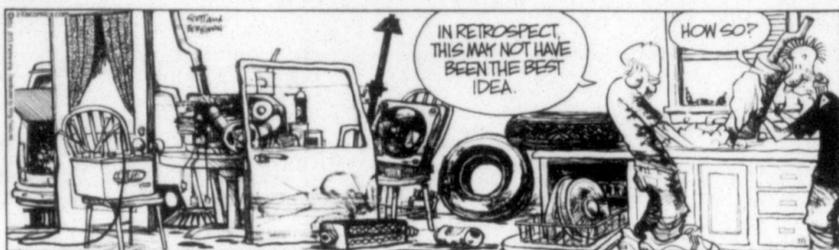
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Cause No: 36081 IN THE 223RD DISTRICT COURT OF GRAY COUNTY, TEXAS TO THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF FERRY P. WOODWARD, DECEASED Defendant GREETING NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after the date you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday, the 1st Day of August, 2011, before the Honorable 223RD DISTRICT COURT of Gray County, at the Courthouse in said County in Pampa, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 4th day of June, 2010 in the above entitled cause.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: FORECLOSURE ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 901 COLE, GRAY COUNTY, PAMPA, TEXAS 79065. ALL OF LOT NINE (9), IN BLOCK ONE (1), OF THE COLE SUBDIVISION, TO THE CITY OF PAMPA, IN GRAY COUNTY, TEXAS. ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAN OF SAID SUBDIVISION RECORDED IN VOLUME 130, PAGE 209, OF THE DEED RECORDS OF GRAY COUNTY, TEXAS as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit. ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT AT Pampa, TX 79066-1139, ON THIS 13th day of June, 2011.

ATTORNEY

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ON THE TUBE

All times Eastern
Sprint Cup
 Coke Zero 400
 7:30 p.m., Saturday TNT

Nationwide Series
 Subway Jalapeno 250
 7:30 p.m., Friday ESPN

Truck Series
 UNOH 225
 8 p.m., July 7 SPEED

BURNING ISSUES

NASCAR provides no "loop data" regarding intentional wrecks, but the Toyota/Save Mart 350 at Infineon Raceway may have established a record in that unofficial category.

Tony Stewart and Brian Vickers wrecked each other in separate incidents ... and each admitted it was intentional. As if there were any doubt.

Referring to Brad Keselowski, Juan Pablo Montoya said he was tired of "racing with people who think they know how to race on road courses and don't."

Kurt Busch's 23rd career victory ties him with Ricky Rudd for 25th place on the all-time Sprint Cup rankings.

The elder Busch brother became the 11th driver to win this season.

Tony Stewart's 39th was his worst-ever showing ... on a road course. He has won seven such races in 25 tries.

Marcos Ambrose has finished sixth or better in six straight NASCAR road races.

Kyle Busch, Kasey Kahne and Keselowski were upset with Montoya afterwards. Other feuds involved Stewart and Vickers, Joey Logano and Robby Gordon, and others too numerous to mention.

Red Bull is leaving at the end of the season, but assuming that the team will go out of business is at least a bit premature. Finding new investors and sponsorship is the task at hand.

If the rumors are true, and if they come to fruition, Brian Vickers' days at Red Bull could be numbered.

Next up, of course, is a return to tag-team drafting at Daytona, then the Sprint Cup Series' first visit to Kentucky Speedway.

2011 STANDINGS

Sprint Cup Series	Pts.
1. Carl Edwards	573
2. Kevin Harvick	25
3. Jimmie Johnson	33
4. Kurt Busch	34
5. Kyle Busch	37
6. Matt Kenseth	52
7. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	65
8. Clint Bowyer	77
9. Jeff Gordon	93
10. Ryan Newman	98
11. Denny Hamlin	110
12. Tony Stewart	113

Nationwide Series	Pts.
1. Reed Sorenson	568
2. Elliott Sadler	5
3. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	7
4. Justin Allgaier	34
5. Jason Leffler	73
6. Eric Almirola	75
7. Kenny Wallace	111
8. Steve Wallace	134
9. Brian Scott	146
10. Michael Annett	160

Camping World Truck Series	Pts.
1. Johnny Sauter	326
2. Cole Whitt	20
3. Ron Hornaday Jr.	33
4. Austin Dillon	35
5. Matt Crafton	41
6. Timothy Peters	46
7. James Buescher	47
8. Parker Kligerman	56
9. Joey Coulter	72
10. Brendan Gaughan	81



WHO'S HOT AND WHO'S NOT



Who's hot: Kurt Busch has a win, a runner-up finish and no finish worse than 11th in the past four races. ... Carl Edwards used an impressive finish (third) to extend his point lead to 25.

Who's not: Engine trouble proved disastrous to Dale Earnhardt Jr., who fell from third to seventh in points. ... Juan Pablo Montoya could finish no better than 22nd at one of the two tracks where he has won.



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WHAT'S UP NEXT

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK

Race: UNOH 225
Where: Kentucky Speedway, Sparta (1.5 mi.), 150 laps/225 miles.
When: Thursday, July 7.
Last year's winner: Todd Bodine, Toyota.
Qualifying record: Bill Lester, Toyota, 178.141 mph, July 9, 2005.
Race record: Mike Bliss, Chevy, 143.515 mph, July 13, 2002.
Last race: Ron Hornaday captured his first victory of the season, taking advantage of a late penalty assessed Johnny Sauter on a restart at Texas Motor Speedway. The black flag resulted in a 22nd-place finish for Sauter. Parker Kligerman was credited with second.

NATIONWIDE

Race: Subway Jalapeno 250
Where: Daytona International Speedway, Daytona Beach, Fla. (2.5 mi.), 100 laps/250 miles.
When: Friday, July 1.
Last year's winner: Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevy.
Qualifying record: Tommy Houston, Buick, 194.389 mph, Feb. 10, 1987.
Race record: Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevy, 153.715 mph, July 4, 2003.
Last week: Reed Sorenson won a wild Bucyrus 200 at Road America. The race ended under caution with Sorenson, in a Toyota, declared the winner. Replays revealed that runner-up Ron Fellows had passed Sorenson after the yellow flag waved.

SPRINT CUP

Race: Coke Zero 400
Where: Daytona International Speedway, Daytona Beach, Fla. (2.5 mi.), 160 laps/400 miles.
When: Saturday, July 2.
Last year's winner: Kevin Harvick, Chevy.
Qualifying record: Bill Elliott, Ford, 210.364 mph, Feb. 9, 1987.
Race record: Bobby Allison, Mercury, 173.473 mph, July 4, 1980.
Last week: Kurt Busch gave Dodge its second victory of the season, dominating the Toyota/SaveMart 350 at Infineon Raceway. Busch led 66 of the 110 laps and beat Jeff Gordon by 2.685 seconds at the finish. Carl Edwards finished third and managed to extend his lead in the points standings.

DAYTONA DATA

Distance: 2.5 mile oval
 Length of frontstretch: 3,800 ft.
 Length of backstretch: 3,000 ft.
 Miles/Laps: 160 mi., 400 laps
 Banking in turns: 1-4

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

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Just 21 years old, Joey Logano is keeping up with the big boys of NASCAR. On Sunday at Sonoma, Logano finished sixth on the road course. While Logano is 23rd in the points standings, he won the pole at the track. The Gibbs driver clashed with Robby Gordon, but came out ahead.

From Youngest To Quite The Pro

Logano's sixth-place Sonoma finish could add momentum

By Monte Dutton
 NASCAR This Week

Joey Logano, who won the Sprint Cup Series' Rookie of the Year award in 2009, turned some heads at Infineon Raceway by winning the pole.

The 21-year-old had won a pole before, at Bristol in 2010, but few expected him to record the fastest speed at a road course. Race day wasn't bad, either, as Logano finished a creditable sixth in his No. 20 Home Depot Toyota. It was easily his best-ever finish at the series' two road courses, Infineon and Watkins Glen.

The Sonoma, Calif., layout provided a welcome and unexpected lift in Logano's fortunes. The Middletown, Conn., native remains only 23rd in the points standings after finishing 20th in 2009 and 16th in 2010. The Infineon finish was only his third top-10 of the season to date.

"This is the last place I figured we'd ever get a pole," said Logano after averaging 93.256 mph around the 11-turn, 1.99-mile course.

After the sixth-place finish, he added, "I can't tell you how badly I needed something like this. It's definitely

going to help our season. I think it's definitely going to get us some momentum."

Logano was NASCAR's youngest top rookie ever, and he also became the youngest driver ever to win a Cup race on June 28, 2009, when he won a rain-shortened race at New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

On Sunday, Robby Gordon and Logano clashed during the race.

"That's no big deal to me," said Logano, referring to Gordon. "I don't know. He was running me all over the race track. He knocked my fender in for no reason. We were a lot, lot faster than him. I just had enough. I wasn't going to get pushed around. He pushed me around before and I was sick of it."

"I think that's a small story. That's not a big deal. We finished sixth. I'm pretty happy about that."

What would be a big story would be a Logano comeback, now that he has some momentum. To make the Chase, he would have to win at least one race and somehow get himself into the top 20 in points.

Thanks to changes in the Chase format implemented this year, he's still got a shot, albeit a small one.

Bowyer dismisses rumors, will likely stay put

By Monte Dutton
 NASCAR This Week

Clint Bowyer is in the final year of his contract with Richard Childress Racing. He said he wants to remain there and scoffed at rumors to the contrary.

"I've said, from day one, I want to stay at RCR, and we're actively pursuing that," said Bowyer.

"It's this time of the year, you've got to see what's out there, you've got to see your options and things like that, and other than knowing what the goal is, the goal's never changed."

"I want to be able to stay driving where I'm at, and hopefully keep the same colors on our car and everything. As far as I'm concerned, sign us up for three more years."

Apparently, a search of sponsorship is all that stands in the way of renewal.

Bring it back — After Tony Stewart held a "switching places" exhibition with F1 star Lewis Hamilton at Watkins Glen, Stewart said he wished

NUTS AND BOLTS

NASCAR raced on the full Watkins Glen course. A considerable section has always been excluded from the course run by stock cars.

At Infineon, Sprint Cup's only other road course, the so-called carousel section hasn't been used since 1997 when NASCAR comes to town.

"I still wish we ran the carousel," said Kevin Harvick. "I don't think that (eliminating it) was one of the better improvements. I think that was more fun and seemed like it created ... I know we try to create more passing zones, but I don't think the way it was done necessarily did that."

Looking ahead — Dale Earnhardt Jr., who has never finished in the top 10 at Infineon, is understandably excited about going to Daytona for the July 2 race. But he isn't a fan of restrictor-plate racing's new face, the so-called tag-team drafting.

"I don't enjoy the two-car draft because, when I push somebody, I can't see around him," said Earnhardt, "and I would like to be in control of



Kyle Busch

my own destiny all the time; be in control and be able to win the race.

"I was happy to push Jimmie (Johnson) to the win (at Talladega), but in a perfect world, me and him both would rather just be racing our own cars and not have to worry about being obligated to push anyone to the win. You want to drive your own car across the finish line, and that's the way it ought to be."

Amén.

Lateral damage? The impending loss of Team Red Bull could have a secondary effect on other Toyota teams, or so said Joe Gibbs Racing's Kyle Busch.

"Well, to us right now it means two less Toyota teams, which kind of hurts us a little bit," said Busch. "It hurts R&D work, hurts a little bit of what we like to work on throughout the year. It hurts the sport a little bit just because it keeps falling back into that demographic that we seem to not be able to hit — which is the 18-34 (age group)."

FEUD OF THE WEEK



Stewart VICKERS

TONY STEWART VS. BRIAN VICKERS
 Both admitted to intentionally wrecking the other. First Stewart's Chevy shoved Vickers' Toyota around entering Infineon Raceway's Turn 11. Then, later, Vickers planted Stewart's car atop a tire barrier. Stewart said Vickers was blocking him and he wasn't going to put up with it. Vickers didn't apologize but said he respects Stewart and everything will be fine next week. Yeah, right.

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his take: "NASCAR road racing is out of hand. Half the guys in the field ended up mad after. Wonder if bump drafting at Daytona is going to be ... bumper?"

YOUR TURN

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Kyle Ills and Thrills

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

Dear NASCAR This Week,

I am still red hot at a comment made by Kenny Wallace. He said the Kyle Busch (speeding) incident is being blown out of proportion because it involves Kyle Busch. Everyone is making a big deal out of it. If Kyle Busch had wiped out a family, would Kenny Wallace think it was a big deal for nothing? What if it were his family?

I hope the residents of North Carolina and Iredell County are as furious as I am and demand the most severe punishment possible for this idiot who had no concern for the lives of every person on that highway.

Apology? Would that be sufficient if he had killed someone? I am one who would like to see him do a minimum year in jail. What is a few thousand dollars fine to a millionaire? What is a spanking by his so-called father figure Joe Gibbs? The NFL suspends players for actions detrimental to the sport. Does NASCAR consider Kyle Busch's actions detrimental to the sport? Probably not. After all, it is Kyle Busch and he did apologize!

Scott Gentry
 Dinwiddie, Va.

Dear NASCAR This Week,

I think (Kimi Raikkonen) and Rowdy (Kyle Busch) are going to make for an interesting team in NASCAR. Besides, have you seen that Kimi cat power-slide his WRC (World Rally Car) on narrow dirt roads? I think that will ultimately transfer to Cup, where the power is too high and the tires too narrow.

John Irbry
 Winter Springs, Fla.

Legends and Lore

Fireball and Daytona

Fireball Roberts won three of the first five July races at Daytona International Speedway but didn't survive to race in the sixth. It was the Firecracker 250 until 1963, when Roberts, a Daytona Beach native, captured the first Firecracker 400. He was burned severely on May 24, 1964, in a crash at Charlotte's World 600, and died on July 2, two days before A.J. Foyt drove a Dodge to victory in the Firecracker 400, which is now known as the Coke Zero 400. A touch of irony: The birthday of Richard Petty, who succeeded Roberts as NASCAR's most popular figure, is July 2.

FAN TIPS

Talladega's Walk of Fame

Fans vote on induction into Talladega Superspeedway's Walk of Fame. The Walk began as a salute to the late Davey Allison. Developed in 1994, one active and up to two inactive drivers are elected by fans, according to a release, "by strict guidelines." The Walk currently honors 44 drivers. For more info, visit www.talladegaandwalk.com. Voting is open through Aug. 15, and the ceremony is scheduled for Oct. 22.

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The oldest seniors golf tournament in the United States will tee off July 18 at the Pampa Country Club as the Tri-State Seniors Golf Tournament returns.

Tournament secretary Roy Don Stephens said they are seeking golfers and sponsors.

"We have about 60 sponsors and need 20 more," Stephens said. "We have some (golfers) signed up, but it's slow right now."

Stephens said they ask businesses if they want to be sponsors.

"We usually go around to the same businesses," Stephens said. "They usually donate money."

Last year the tournament had over 100 golfers. Country club golf pro Tim Sadler said the tournament brings notoriety to the club.

"We have people from all over Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and New Mexico that come for the tournament," Sadler said.

On the 18th, there is going to be a mixed scramble. The next two days will be stroke play. The tournament pays net and gross in each flight. The tournament will conclude with four-man two-low ball. The tournament will have activities for the ladies, along with hospitality events, gifts, prizes, a dance and awards.

Stephens said they give a \$1,000 to Clarendon College following the tournament. If anyone wants to participate they can contact Stephens at 806-669-2234 or email him at rglostephens@sbcglobal.net. Participants must be 50 within the calendar year. The cost is \$200 but all participants will receive \$100 in Pampa Bucks.

Stephens said it's a nice perk. "You get \$100 for playing," Stephens said.



staff photo by Andrew Glover
Eddie Rice practices his putting in last year's Tri-State Seniors Golf Tournament. This year's tournament is July 18-21 at the Pampa Country Club.

More about the Tri-State Seniors Tournament

- Tri-State Senior Golf Association was founded in 1935 and the first tournament was in September of the same year.
- Dues for the first tournament were \$1 yearly and the entry fee that was \$2 for first time entrants.
- Since 1970, Pampa has hosted the tournament every year except 1981.
- Women didn't play in the tournament until 2005.

NBA LABOR

NBA lockout looms as owners, players fail to reach deal

NEW YORK (AP) — Union chief Billy Hunter said Thursday "it's obvious the lockout will happen tonight" after players and owners failed to reach a new collective bargaining agreement, potentially putting the 2011-12 season in jeopardy.

Despite a three-hour meeting Thursday and a final proposal from the players which NBA leaders said would have raised average player salaries to \$7 million in the sixth year of the deal — the sides could not close the enormous gulf that remained in their positions.

"The gap is too great," Hunter said. The CBA expires at midnight, after which all league business is officially on hold, starting with the free agency period that would have opened Friday.

Commissioner David Stern said "with some sadness" he would recommend later Thursday to the labor relations committee that the first lockout since the 1998-99 season be imposed.

"Needless to say we're disappointed that this is where we find ourselves," Deputy Commissioner Adam Silver said.

The last lockout reduced the 1998-99 season to just a 50-game schedule, the only time the NBA missed games for a work stoppage. Hunter said it's too early to be concerned about that.

"I hope it doesn't come down to that," he said. "Obviously, the clock is now running with regard to whether or not there will or will be a loss of games, and so I'm hoping that over the next month or so that there will be sort of a softening on their side and maybe we have to soften our position as well."

The NBA's summer league in Las Vegas

already has been canceled, preseason games in Europe were never scheduled, and players might have to decide if they want to risk playing in this summer's Olympic qualifying tournaments without the NBA's help in securing insurance in case of injury.

Training camps usually open the last week of September and the regular season about a month later.

"These kinds of things take on a life of their own, and I just don't know where their life is going to lead," Stern said.

Hunter said he hopes the two sides will meet again in the next two weeks.

The players' association seems unlikely, at least for now, to follow the NFLPA's model by decertifying and taking the battle into the court system, instead choosing to continue negotiations. Hunter said last week he felt owners believe the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis, which is debating the legality of the NFL's lockout, will uphold employers' rights to impose lockouts.

The NBA projected \$300 million in losses this season and said it lost hundreds of millions in every season of this CBA, ratified in 2005. League officials said 22 of the 30 teams would lose money.

But owners don't just want to minimize their losses. They want to make a profit, along with developing a system in which small-market teams could compete with the biggest spenders. The Lakers and Mavericks, who won the last three NBA titles, are annually at the top of the list of highest payrolls.

So they took a hard-line stance from the start, with their initial proposal in 2010

calling for the institution of a hard salary cap system, along with massive reductions in contract lengths and elimination in contract guarantees. Though the proposal was withdrawn after a contentious meeting with players at the 2010 All-Star weekend, the league never moved from its wish list until recently.

Hunter said he believed it was hard for the players to ever move past the start of the process.

The expected lockout comes exactly one year after one of the NBA's most anticipated days in recent years, when LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and the rest of the celebrated class of 2010 became free agents. That free agency bonanza kicked off a flurry of moves, with James, Wade and Chris Bosh teaming in Miami, Amare Stoudemire heading to New York, and Carlos Boozer moving to Chicago.

It got the league started on a season where ratings, ticket and merchandise sales were up, weakening the owners' case that the system was broken beyond repair. But it also demonstrated why they wanted changes, with Stern saying owners feel pressure to spend as much

as possible to prove their commitment to winning to fans.

He agreed the league had a great year, but "not a profitable one."

Stern wouldn't say when negotiations would resume.

About 90 percent of NBA players get paid from Nov. 15 through April 30, so they won't be missing checks for a while. But Stern has warned that the offers only get worse once a lockout starts, so the league could try to push through elements of its original proposal when bargaining resumes. Hunter said, however, that was not expressed to him Thursday.

Like with the NFL lockout, NBA players won't be the only ones affected. Employees of teams and the league also face a very uncertain future. Stern admitted all options would be considered, including furloughs for his employees.

"The people who stand to have their livings impacted by a shutdown of our industry are going to have a negative view of both sides," Stern said. "I think our fans will tend to have a negative view of why can't you guys work this thing out."

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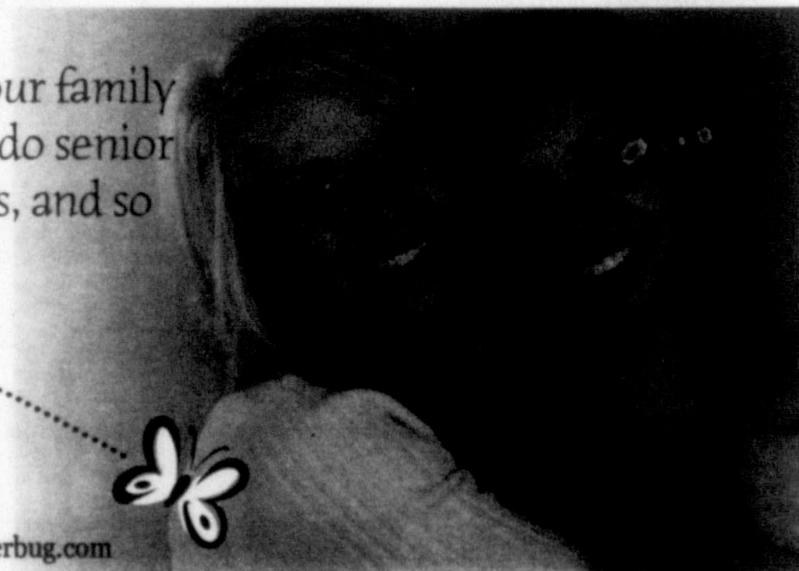

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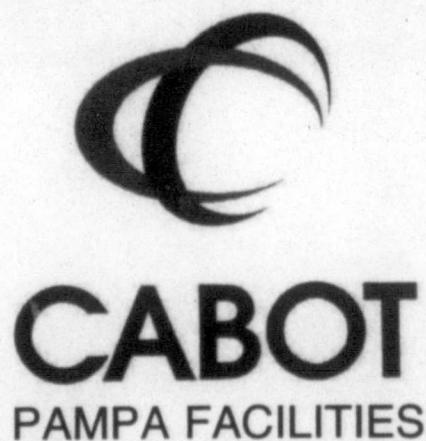
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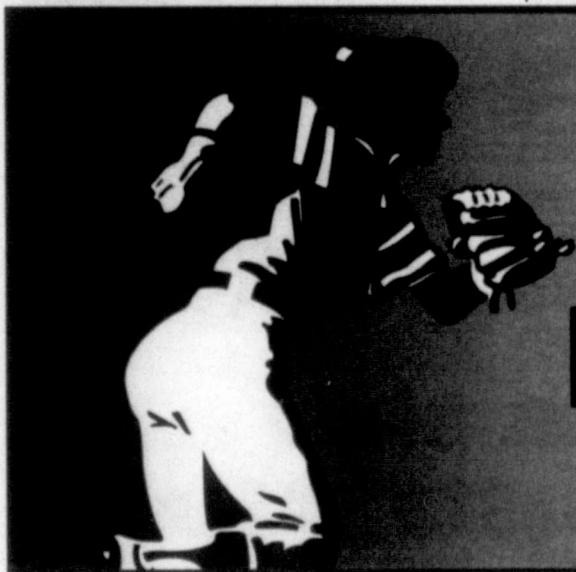
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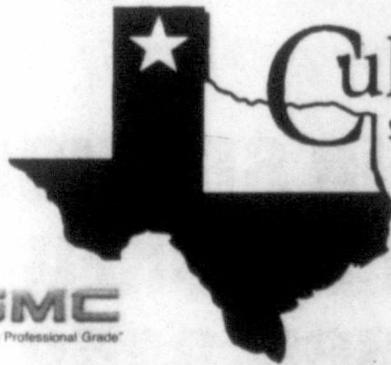
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