



## PAMPA FORECAST

Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High 69 Low 44	High 69 Low 34	High 51 Low 27

**Tonight:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 40. South wind around 10 mph.

**Saturday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 69. Windy, with a south southwest wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 44. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Sunday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 69. Windy, with a west southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

**Sunday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 34. Breezy, with a west wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Washington's Birthday:** Sunny, with a high near 51. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Monday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 27. Northeast wind around 10 mph becoming south.

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## Obituaries

### Stacy Adam "Stoney" Stone, 45

MCLEAN Stacy Adam "Stoney" Stone, 45, died Thursday, February 10, 2011, in McLean. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 19, 2011, in Robertson Funeral Directors Route 66 Chapel in McLean, with Ronnie Ferguson, pastor of the Cowboy Church in McLean, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of McLean. Mr. Stone was born July 21, 1965, in Amarillo to James H. and Bonnie Mae Odneal Stone. He had been a resident of McLean for approximately eight years. He had worked as a handyman and a carpenter most of his adult life. He was preceded in death by a brother, Randall Lee Stone in 1978.

## Henry

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that didn't know my mother by face and by name." She was twice elected president of the local Parent-Teacher Association.

Eventually, all eight children would at least attend college. Most of the graduated.

"My mother was a woman who put us first," said Henry. "My mother and father believed in God, so the other requirement was that we went to church. There were no exceptions to that."

"I can still remember when I was 18 years old. No matter how late I stayed out, and that couldn't be past 11:00, on Sunday morning we had to be up, dressed and ready to go to church before 9:00. No exceptions."

"People use to say to her, 'Alice, how do you do that? Look at the way you've got those kids dressed.'" She didn't necessarily have on a new dress, but we did. We had shirts, ties, shined shoes to go to church. We never went to school raggedy. We never did."

Along the way, the children were instilled with a sense of confidence.

"I would always reflect back on what they told me, that I was as good as anyone else," Henry said. "Don't make waves or get in trouble and justify it by saying you are black, but you do not have to submit yourself to any degradation."

"Stand on your own two feet. Get a job. Be somebody. That was their constant, constant, constant."

What Henry decided to be was a teacher.

He attended segregated schools his entire life, first in the Waco Public School system and then at Prairie View A&M University where he graduated with an education degree. He taught in public schools and even for a while on the Navajo Indian Reservation in New Mexico. Then he found himself wanting to do something different.

"I talked to some people and they suggested that with my education, I could get into governmental service," he recalled. "I interviewed with the Department of Justice and they hired me as a special agent. I spent 29 years there."

As a special agent, he did everything from undercover work to managerial duties as his career progressed. The work was varied, from drug investigations to providing security for presidential candidates. At the time of his retirement in May 1996, he was the assistant special agent in charge of the Houston Field Division.

Along the way, he managed to meet and marry a Pampa girl — the former Lena Cash. They were married in 1966 in Pampa. Lena and Charles have two children, Charles, Jr. of Austin and Colette of Houston, plus 7 grandchildren. Lena passed away in May 2010.

Lena was a student at the old Carver Elementary School, a segregated school that is now shut down. She was a graduate of Bishop College in Marshal. After graduation, she came back to teacher at Carver for a few years until her marriage to Henry.

"When I retired, we moved back here to be near her parents and her brothers and sisters," he said. "When we left, integration has just taken place here in Pampa. It had begun. Of course, when we returned a lot of things she could not do, places she could not go into, were available. Which was great. The town had stopped growing."

"When we left here in the mid-60s, the population was over 25,000. When we returned it was less than 20,000."

"We didn't have any regrets about coming back. We had lived in Los Angeles, the Washington D.C.-Balti-

more area, we'd lived in Houston, Dallas, so while we were familiar with Pampa, it was a change for us — to get away from traffic jams, from long lines for everything, to 'well, we don't have to leave right now.'"

Henry was stoic about his experiences as a black man experiencing the societal changes of the past 40 years.

"My first teaching jobs were in a segregated situation," he noted. "When I first started working for the federal government, in that office there were only three blacks and three Hispanics. It was like being put in a box so we could say we had some diversity. But there were no black or Hispanic managers. We were used primarily to do undercover work."

"It was about 1970, I was in LA and they had one black manager in the Chicago office — the lowest level — and a couple in New York."

"While laws had been passed, the people running these agencies were of the mindset that you should be seen and not heard and you certainly should not be in a position to boss white men."

His promotion to a managerial position brought the expected challenges.

"There were moments. But they realized that I managed based on my ability and that I did not have an agenda that was different from the rest of the managers."

"My first management job was in Baltimore. When I got there, it was almost like when you have a new teacher, there are always going to be one or two kids that will try you."

"There was a minor incident, but we got by that once they knew that I was fair and knew what I was doing."

"That's not to say things were perfect or that when an agent went home he might not have told his wife he had to deal with that n---- all day, but I never let that worry me."

"When I got to be agent in charge of the Baltimore office I had to discipline a couple of people and they went above me, but the company realized their agenda was not as they were saying."

His long view of the changes is that progress is being made.

"When I was growing up, I saw the signs that said 'colored' water fountains and 'colored' restrooms," he reflected. "We are making progress. Absolutely, no question in my mind."

However, he would also like Black History Month to mean more than a few historically prominent black people trotted out once per year in the classroom.

"Why can't we talk about integration 12 months of the year?" he asked.

He also realizes that a quiet "blockade" still exists.

"What has happened in my view with from the mid-60s to today, there has been progress in a number of areas, but I'm also still miffed that there are so many areas where the blockade is still there. It is not as obvious as it was 40 years ago, but it is there," he said.

It is reflected, he said, by the fact that in so many offices, you walk in and do not see a black or Hispanic face.

"I'm not saying that a person should be sitting in a position simply because he is black or Hispanic, but are they give consideration when you hire?" he said. "How many black teachers do we have in town? How many black or Hispanic police officers? Are they even being considered? Are they even being recruited? People may say that we don't have any qualified. Well, then recruit them. Go outside of Pampa and recruit."

"We've taken down the sign that says blacks and Hispanics need not apply, but it is still in our heads."

Still, he said, there are areas where progress is obvious.

"Particularly in the entertainment industry and the athletics field, it seems strange if you don't see a black face," he said.

Henry is involved in the Chamber of Commerce Gold Coats, the Southside Church of Christ, the United Way Board, the Gray County Appraisal District Board of Appeals, the White Deer Land Museum Board and numerous others in the recent past.

"That goes back to my mother," he laughed. "She was always involved."

And again, his parents came back into the conversation.

"They loved one another which meant that they loved us," he said. "I don't think I could have had better parents."

"My father took his responsibilities as a man and a father seriously. As a matter of fact, yes, I've got a college degree, yes, I have had a professional career, but I don't consider myself equal to my father."

## For the record

### Police Department

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

Police reported 21 traffic-related calls.

Animal Control reported seven calls.

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

#### Wednesday, Feb. 16

Officers made a welfare check in the 300 block of South Cuyler.

A theft was reported to police.

Phone harassment was reported in the 100 block of North Sumner.

A suspicious person was reported at Hamilton and Pennsylvania.

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

Disorderly conduct was reported at Harvester and Duncan.

A grass fire was reported south of Pampa along Texas Highway 70.

Criminal mischief was reported to police.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

A domestic disturbance was

reported to police.

A theft was reported to police.

A fraud was reported in the 400 block of South Gillespie.

A theft was reported in the 400 block of South Barnes.

A threat against a person was reported to police.

City officials turned off water at Russell and Williston.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1500 block of North Hobart.

A fire investigation was launched in the 1300 block of North Garland.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1000 block of South Christy.

Found property was reported in the 1100 block of Jupiter.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1800 block of North Zimmers.

Suspicious vehicles was reported in the 1000 block of North Duncan and in the 300 block of West Ford.

A suspicious person was reported at Barrett and Maple.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 1900 block of North Nelson and in the 500 block of North Sumner.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 1100 block of North Starkweather.

A domestic disturbance was

reported in the 500 block of North Sumner.

#### Thursday, Feb. 17

A structure fire was reported in the 1500 block of North Sumner.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 300 block of South Finley.

#### Sheriff's Office

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

#### Tuesday, Feb. 15

Bonnie Anne Dorsey, 44, was arrested by police on charges out of Randall County for parent contributing to truency and out of Potter County for failure to ID.

Rogelio Beltran Rosalez, 49, was sentenced to 40 days in jail after being arrested by deputies on charges resisting arrest.

Josefina Gonzales, 48, was arrested by deputies on charges of credit card abuse and theft by check.

Henry Thomas IV, 31, of Pontiac, Mich., was arrested by deputies on charges of failure to pay child support.

Curtis Lee Wine Jr., 38, was arrested by police after being indicted by a grand jury on charges of possession of a con-

trolled substance.

Ronald Gene Manry, 49, of Amarillo, was arrested by deputies on charges of failure to appear, possession of marijuana, possession and transportation of chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.

Monty Dan Hand, 27, of Mobeetie, was arrested by deputies on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

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

#### Wednesday, Feb. 16

Donald Joe Williams, 48, was arrested by deputies on capias pro fine warrants.

Stacey Leeann McKinney, 21, was arrested by deputies on charges of aggravated robbery.

Randall Cortez Beasley, 23, of Birmingham, Ala., was arrested by deputies on charges of possession of a controlled substance and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

Kelvin Piere Jackson, 24, of Birmingham, Ala., was arrested by deputies on charges of unlawfully carrying a weapon.

#### Thursday, Feb. 17

Adan Lopez, 37, was arrested by police on charges of theft under \$50.

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# AFTERNOON RUSH

## One killed, 3 hurt in SUV crash

CANTON (AP) — An SUV driven by a teacher and full of high school students traveling to a Future Farmers of America event veered off a rural East Texas road Thursday and rolled several times, ejecting a 15-year-old girl who died at the scene and leaving three others injured.

It appeared the driver overcorrected when the vehicle's right side tires slipped off the paved road, which caused the SUV to flip about 2:40 p.m. in Van Zandt County, about 55 miles east of Dallas, said Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Jean Dark.

Teacher Debra Holcombe, 53, of Quitman, jerked the steering wheel to the left to get back onto the two-lane road, then pulled to the right to keep from going into oncoming traffic "and that's when the rolling happened," Dark said.

Quitman High School student Skylar Carpenter was ejected from the back seat and died at the scene, Dark said, adding that it appeared she was not wearing a seat belt.

Three other Quitman students were taken to Trinity Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler. A 17-year-old girl and 18-year-old boy were in fair condition, and a 15-year-old girl was in serious condition, said hospital spokesman John Moore.

The students were on their way to a Future Farmers of America conference in San Antonio when the accident occurred. A message seeking comment was left at a listing for Holcombe on Thursday evening.

## Probation for trashed Torah

SHERMAN (AP) — Probation has been ordered for two men who stole a Torah from a Texas synagogue and dumped the sacred scroll in a trash bin.

A judge on Thursday sentenced James William Wilsford and Derrick Randall Nelms over the October 2009 vandalism to Temple Beth Emeth in Sherman.

Both pleaded guilty to theft over \$20,000 and were sentenced to three years in prison, but the judge probated the sentences for 10 years.

Wilsford and Nelms each must pay \$3,000 in restitution, do 400 hours of community service and complete a nine-month drug treatment program in a locked-down facility. The men also were put on 10 years of deferred adjudication probation for criminal mischief.

Temple members in November 2009 held a burial cemetery at a landfill where the Torah was thought to be.

## Ex-cop gets two years for pot

FORT WORTH (AP) — A Fort Worth police officer who resigned last year after being arrested for keeping marijuana instead of turning it over as evidence has been sentenced to two years of probation.

In a plea deal, Wesley Lamb pleaded guilty Thursday to a misdemeanor marijuana possession charge and also permanently surrendered his Texas peace officer's license.

Lamb's attorney did not return a call seeking comment. Police began investigating Lamb after receiving a tip that he was possibly smoking pot while on duty, in uniform and in his patrol car.

An undercover officer posing as a concerned citizen gave Lamb about 3 ounces of marijuana. Lamb said he'd destroy it. Although he was supposed to take it to the police property room, the pot was later found in his home and personal car.

## Plea deal for FLDS man?

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A plea deal could be in the works for the southern Utah man whose "spiritual marriage" to an underage girl was the basis for Utah's criminal prosecution of polygamous sect leader Warren Jeffs.

Defense attorney Jim Bradshaw says he's been in discussions with Washington County prosecutors about a plea agreement for Allen Glade Steed.

Steed is scheduled for a resolution hearing Friday before 5th District Court Judge G. Rand Beacham in St. George.

A member of Jeff's Fundamentalist Church, Steed was charged with first-degree felony rape in September 2007 — one day after a jury found Jeffs guilty of two counts of rape as an accomplice for his role in Steed's marriage to Elissa Wall. If convicted of the charge, Steed could spend the rest of his life in prison.

Steed was 19 and Wall just 14 when their marriage was arranged by FLDS church leaders.

## Juvenile prison principal probed

LUBBOCK (AP) — A prosecutor has begun questioning the former principal of a West Texas juvenile prison accused of sexually abusing five inmates in 2004 and 2005.

John Paul Hernandez returned to the witness stand Friday, a day after denying the young men's allegations when questioned by his attorney.

The 45-year-old Hernandez has pleaded not guilty to 11 counts, including a sexual assault charge, of abusing the inmates at the West Texas State School in Pyote.

In four hours of testimony Thursday, Hernandez denied ever having sexual contact with any of the young men. When asked about one of the accusers, he said "nothing sexual ever occurred."

## DPS identifies dead in crash

LEVELLAND (AP) — Authorities have identified the two people killed and two injured in a small plane crash at a Texas High Plains airport as Lubbock residents.

Texas Department of Public Safety Cpl. John Gonzalez on Friday says 62-year-old pilot Gery Anthony Franklin and 27-year-old Daniel Rene Lopez died at the scene.

The Federal Aviation Administration says the crash happened Thursday night at Levelland Municipal Airport, about 30 miles west of Lubbock.

Covenant Medical Center spokeswoman Holly Kennedy says the two survivors were in fair condition Friday at the Lubbock hospital.

DPS says 27-year-old Christine Lee Lopez, who was married to Daniel Lopez, suffered multiple injuries and broken bones. Twenty-nine-year-old Cody Adam Brockman has a broken leg.

FAA spokesman Lynn Lunsford says the single-engine Cessna 182 was on a pleasure flight from Lubbock.

# Grout repair a do-it-yourself job



**Dear Pat:** I have been looking at the disgusting grout falling apart in my bathroom for too long. I would love to be able to re-grout the bathroom myself, but I am a little afraid of removing all those tiles. Is it an easy do-it-yourself project? — Beth S.

**Dear Beth:** Don't worry! You probably won't have to remove any tiles. As long as they are still in good condition and the grout is the only thing falling apart, you only have to fix the grout, not all the tiles. Old, worn-out grout can allow moisture to get through the tiles and ruin the walls. If your bathtub is already at this point, you probably should remove the tiles to rectify the problem.

If you have only one or two loose tiles, they should be affixed to the wall again. Just grouting them will hold the tiles together, but it will not keep them in place.

After you have taken care of any unruly tiles, you must remove all of the old grout. This is the most difficult job in the whole project. Unfortunately, you cannot just add more new grout over the old bad spots.

Today, there are many tools available at home center stores to help make this part a little easier. There are even electric tools that can speed the process along, but if you use one, be careful. These can sometimes be difficult to hold on to and cause damage to your tiles.

If you are nervous about handling a power tool, you can also just use a utility knife, chisel and hammer, or an awl for narrow areas. Make sure you also remove all of the caulk out of the tub's corners.

Some people's skin can become irritated from the grout, and often, pieces will fly once you have loosened them. To protect yourself, wear rubber gloves and safety goggles. To protect your bathtub, lay down a drop cloth to keep it from getting scratched.

Start removing the grout at the most unattractive point. The section that is already falling apart will be your best option. Try to be very careful until about a 1-inch section has been removed. Once this spot is open, you can be a little more aggressive when removing

the grout. To remove the next spot, chisel in the direction of the last removed area. Continue to work away from the cleared area so the old grout will crumble out.

Once this hard part is completed, you can mix and apply the new grout. Smear the grout in small areas (a few square feet) using a sponge-faced float or a squeegee. You will want to use a circular motion when applying the grout and take care not to spread it into the corners at the tile/tub seam. Wipe off the freshly grouted area with a damp rag or sponge until the

tiles are clean.

Finally, apply caulk to seal the seam at the tub, joint corners and wherever the tile meets a different material. If you don't want watch all of your hard work to go down the drain, make sure you allow the new grout and caulk enough drying time.

Tools and materials required: chisel, hammer, utility knife, rubber gloves, safety goggles, drop cloth, sponge-faced float, grout sponge or squeegee, buckets, rags, grout, caulk

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## HOME HOW-TO

### Grout Repair

Repairing damaged tile grout helps to prevent water from entering into the wall and damaging structure. Restoring damaged grout can take a good deal of work.

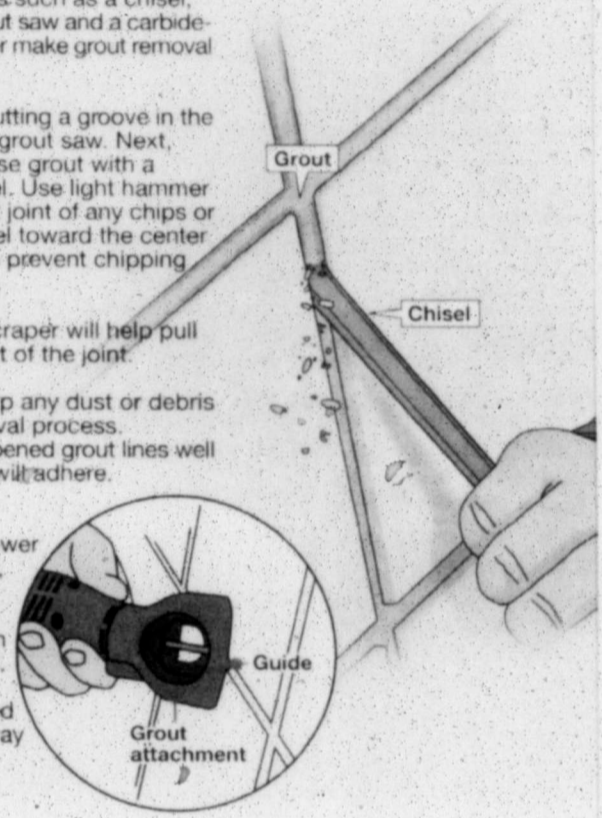
**STEP 1** Hand tools such as a chisel, carbide-tipped grout saw and a carbide-tipped grout scraper make grout removal easier.

**STEP 2** Start by cutting a groove in the old grout with the grout saw. Next, chip away any loose grout with a hammer and chisel. Use light hammer taps and clean out joint of any chips or dust. Tap the chisel toward the center of the grout line to prevent chipping of the ceramic tile.

**STEP 3** A grout scraper will help pull the loose grout out of the joint.

**STEP 4** Vacuum up any dust or debris left after the removal process. Clean the newly opened grout lines well so the new grout will adhere.

**ROTARY TOOL**  
Consider using power tools as an option, like a rotary tool with carbide bits sized to fit the width of your grout lines. Rotary tools with guides are designed to keep the bits away from the tiles.



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# Official: Drug gang 'changing the rules'

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Gunmen from Mexico's ruthless Zetas drug gang carried out a highway ambush that killed one U.S. federal agent and wounded another this week, a Texas congressman said Thursday.

Michael McCaul said Immigration and Customs Enforcement Special Agent Jaime Zapata, 32, was killed by members of the Zeta cartel after a group of 10 to 15 armed men in two vehicles forced Zapata's Chevy Suburban off a highway in San Luis Potosi state on Tuesday afternoon. ICE Agent Victor Avila was shot twice in the leg.

McCaul is chairman of the House Homeland Security Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee and was briefed on the attack by intelligence sources as part of his position. He said the agents, both of whom were assigned to Texas but on temporary assignment in Mexico, identified themselves as U.S. diplomats before being shot, "hoping they (the Zetas) would honor the long-standing tradition that they don't (target) U.S. law enforcement."

"This was a complete ambush," said the Texas Republican, who said investigators recovered least 90 bullet casings from the scene.

"This is a complete game changer," McCaul said. "They are changing the rules."

He said that while the motive for the attack remains unclear, one thing is certain: "There's no case of mistaken identity."

Authorities have said the agents were likely in the wrong place at the wrong time and that their SUV is of a kind coveted by drug cartels in the area.

San Luis Potosi borders two northern Mexican states where the Zetas and the rival Gulf Cartel have waged bloody battles over territory. Zapata and Avila were temporarily detailed to the ICE attache office in Mexico City and were driving from the northern city of Monterrey to the Mexican capital at the time of the attack.

Mexican authorities are investigating the shooting but have not announced any arrests.

"My sense is that we know, we probably have pretty good intelligence as to who was behind this," McCaul said. "That's what it appears to be."

U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano and Attorney General Eric Holder have formed a joint task force led by the FBI to help Mexico find the killers.

Holder said Thursday that U.S. officials would look closely at the security situation in Mexico and make any changes warranted to ensure that U.S. personnel "have maximum protection."

The Mexican government does not allow U.S. law enforcement personnel operating in its territory to carry weapons. Holder said the U.S. government will examine whether American agents in Mexico need to carry guns or other safeguards need to be instituted in light of the shootings.

## Rivalry

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Just use it as fuel to the fire to beat them."

"I had my headphones and listening to music," said junior guard Latigo Collins. "I just saw everyone get up and go over (to the seat). I thought someone was hurt in that seat."

Miller said his classmates were furious about it when they found out.

"Most of them wanted to retaliate, but they calmed down and were happy that everyone was safe and made it home safely," Miller said.

Collins said he is glad that his classmates are allowing the athletes to take revenge on the field.

"Everybody tells us not worry about what they do off the court," he said. "Just worry about it on and beat them on the court."

Senior point guard Zach Murray wasn't on the bus, but said that the restraint of his PHS classmates and of the Pampa community as a whole shows a lot of character.

"We're just being classy," Murray said. "We are just going to get all of our revenge out on the court."

Senior forward Jonathan Polasek also wasn't on the bus, but like his teammates, he said his classmates are letting them hit Borger where it counts.

"It shows that Pampa has realized that people can do stuff to you on the outside," Polasek said. "We as Pampans have enough self-control to not retaliate and that we just show them who really dominates on the court."

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Friday, Feb. 18, the 49th day of 2011. There are 316 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 18, 1911, the world's first officially-sanctioned airmail flights were completed as Fred Wiseman, carrying three letters, arrived in Santa Rosa, Calif., in his biplane a day after leaving Petaluma (engine trouble having forced an overnight stop) while in India. French pilot Henri Pequet carried some 6,500 letters and postcards from Allahabad to Naini in 13 minutes.

### On this date:

In 1546, Martin Luther, leader of the Protestant Reformation in Germany, died in Eisleben.

In 1564, artist Michelangelo died in Rome.

In 1861, Jefferson Davis was sworn in as provisional president of the Confederate States of America in Montgomery, Ala.

In 1885, Mark Twain's "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" was published in the U.S. for the first time.

In 1930, photographic evidence of Pluto (now designated a "dwarf planet") was discovered by Clyde W. Tombaugh at Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Ariz.

In 1960, the 8th Winter Olympic Games were formally opened in Squaw Valley, Calif., by Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

In 1970, the "Chicago Seven" defendants were found not guilty of conspiring to incite riots at the 1968 Democratic national convention; five were convicted of violating the Anti-Riot Act of 1968 (those convictions were later reversed).

In 1977, the space shuttle Enterprise, sitting atop a Boeing 747, went on its maiden "flight" above the Mojave Desert.

In 1984, Italy and the Vatican signed an accord under which Roman Catholicism ceased to be the state religion of Italy.

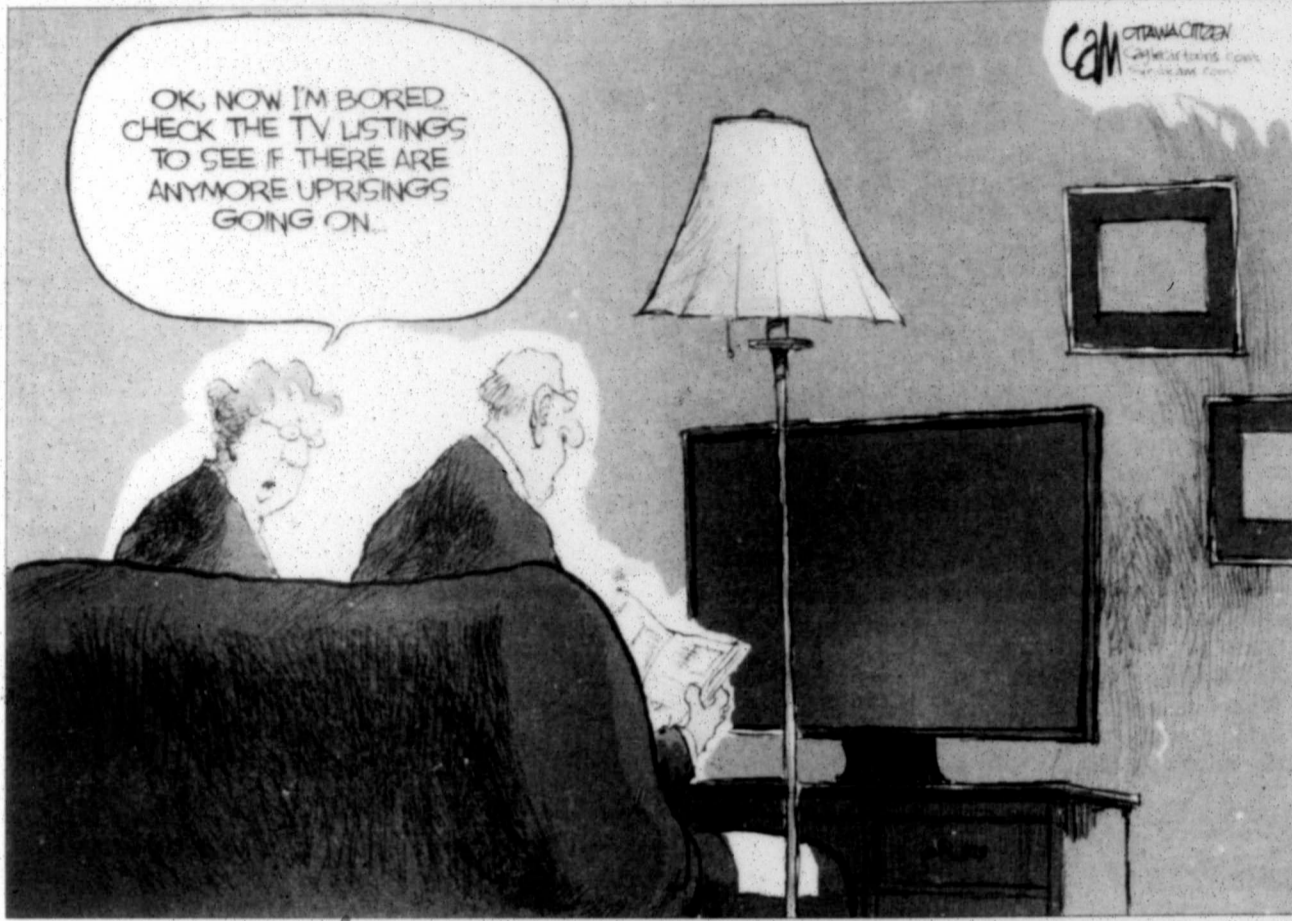
**Ten years ago:** Auto racing star Dale Earnhardt Sr. died from injuries suffered in a crash at the Daytona 500; he was 49.

**Five years ago:** American Shani Davis won the men's 1,000-meter speedskating in Turin, becoming the first black athlete to win an individual gold medal in Winter Olympic history.

**One year ago:** In Austin, Texas, software engineer A. Joseph Stack III crashed his single-engine plane into a building containing IRS offices, killing one person besides himself.

**Today's Birthdays:** Former Cosmopolitan editor Helen Gurley Brown is 89. Actor George Kennedy is 86. Author Toni Morrison is 80. Movie director Milos Forman is 79. Singer Yoko Ono is 78. Singer-songwriter Bobby Hart is 72. Singer Irma Thomas is 70. Singer Herman Santiago (Frankie Lyman and the Teenagers) is 70. Singer Dennis DeYoung is 64. Actress Sinead Cusack is 63. Actress Cybill Shepherd is 61. Singer Juice Newton is 59. Singer Randy Crawford is 59. Rock musician Robbie Bachman is 58. Rock musician Larry Rust (Iron Butterfly) is 58. Actor John Travolta is 57. Game show host Vanna White is 54. Actress Greta Scacchi is 51. Actor Matt Dillon is 47. Actress Molly Ringwald is 43. Actress Sarah Brown is 36. Actor Shane Lyons is 23.

**Thought for Today:** "Temperament is temper that is too old to spank." —Charlotte Greenwood (American actress/comedian (1895-1978))



## Citizens, business of the year revealed next week

### Vive la difference!

Wow! It's hard to believe that this time last week we were hunkering down trying to stay warm.

### ...and the winner is...

The big secret will be out by this time next week. That is, who will walk away with the big awards? I'm not talking about the Oscars, of course, but the Citizen and Business of the Year. All I'll say is this: there were several terrific nominations, but the winners in each category are truly deserving. Tuesday is the last day to buy—or reserve—your ticket.

### ...and all that jazz...

While the award winners are the "headliners", there will also be some great entertainment. The Pampa High School Jazz Band under the direction of Cason Michael will be the entertainment for the evening and I know they will put on a great show.

### PYP-squeaks

Ge, Arnie, thanks for revealing my age right there on the front page of the News in the story about Pampa Young Professionals! I'm pretty sure I had most people convinced that I'm barely past forty! Seriously, I am excited about this group of young movers and shakers that have begun to meet for the progress of our community.

## Chamber Music



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### Come in this house!

I finally got around to eating at the Vicary House on West Francis. I had planned on doing so ever since I got here, but it just didn't work out. Thursday of last week I picked my way through the rapidly melting snow and made my way inside where I forced my way into a birthday celebration for Linda Lantz. (Well, actually she was just being treated by coworkers Donna Wilkinson and Pam Dalton.) The food was wonderful and I look forward to my next trip. The Vicary House is only open on Wednesdays and Thursdays, but worth the wait.

### What's in a Name?

Chief cook and bottle washer Kendra Blades and I discussed her name—which, until I met her husband Orville, I don't believe I had ever heard. I've known Sharps and

Dulls, but never a "Blades". Now there would be a good combination—Blades, Sharp and Dull.

Kendra had suggested pairing Blades with Lantz, but I wasn't sure how I would use it until it occurred to me as I was sitting in church Sunday morning. (Sorry, Blossom, I admit that my mind sometimes wanders!) A pew or so in front of me was Joe Wheeley. "There's the pairing," I thought. "An inline skate company called...Wheeley-Blades!"

I sincerely hope no one is ever offended by this little game I play with names. I mean to harm or embarrassment, but wonder how some names came about. I've known Goodes, but never a Bad. I've known Brights but never a Dim. I've known Norths, Souths, Easts, and Wests (not to mention Northens, Sutherlands, Eastwoods, and Westins), and even some Down's—but never an Up. (Upshur and Upton, maybe.) I've known Höggs, but no Cows, Katz but no Dogs, Birds (including Finches, Swanns, and Sparrows) and Fishes (including Pikes, Herrings, and Bases), but no Snakes, Lizards, or Turtles. Why is that?

And it has been leaked to this columnist that Sara Lee is now living in Pampa under another name. How about a slice of pound cake, Sara?

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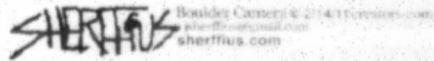
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Should the people be allowed to overthrow the hated, repressive and brutal regime based in Tehran?



Bitter Irany

# Worship

## God's riches at Christ's expense

In recent days we have seen some pretty tough times. I can tell you that when I woke up to the snow just over a week ago the little boy in me said "Wow this is great!" Then the man in me said, "Oh my goodness! How in the world will I ever get out of the house and to the church?!" It was tough to say the least, but Bro. Allen Snapp came to the house, picked me up and made sure I got to the church. I might add that he also made sure the church parking lot was cleaned off and even made sure I could get my wife's car out. Truly, my gloves are off to him!

It brought me great comfort in knowing that I could get out and take care of business. You know, in the midst of life there are many things that bring us comfort. When a child falls and scrapes a knee, the tender touch and gentle words of a mother bring comfort. When a pet is lost the reassuring words of a father quiet the tears. Even adults find comfort during the separation that death brings as a friend speaks words of encouragement and hope.

I have needed those words of encouragement and hope in my life before and will again. Partly because someone special to me was separated by death and partly because my life was not where it needed to be in relation to God. Sometimes I needed a word from God I didn't even know I needed. Yet God gave me that word. It's a simple word, with eternal significance. Let's just call it Grace.

Grace has been defined in many different ways all down through the years. One of my favorites is God's Riches At Christ's Expense. Just trying to get your mind around something of this nature is pretty tough. But then I guess it's not so important that your mind understand as much as it is that your heart accepts it.

Grace. Although I don't have a good definition like the acronym above, mine definitely works for me. So for a moment, I want to share with you about grace and what it means to me. It is not original with me, but has become important to me. It goes like this — God doing something for man that man can't do for himself.

As I go through each day I find that grace is at work in my life as well as those around me. Grace reaches out to impact life so that it is never the same as before. Grace touched Mary's life and as a virgin she gave birth to the Savior of the world. Grace touched Joseph and allowed him to physically direct the life of our Savior.

I realize that places them as quite an elite pair. But grace reaches out to others. It took a Mary Magdalene who had given herself to many men to one who gave herself to the One and Only Son. It took Peter from denial in a courtyard to standing faithful before the Sanhedrin. It took Paul from being one who persecuted Christians to being one who proclaimed Christ.

Grace did for them what they couldn't



PAUL NACHTIGALL

### the good word

do for themselves. It is one of those divine events that reaches out to bring about a change in lives that carries with it eternal significance. At times we will see it in a time of prayer, while at other times it comes as

Scripture is read. It can come when we are alone in the presence of God or spending time in worship as a body of believers.

I've seen grace extended through a word spoken by an individual in private as well as in the midst of a study group. To explain what grace is and how it works is difficult to say the least. Yet, I would have to say that is what makes it so amazing! It truly takes what we were and makes us into what God desires us to be.

It is by grace through faith that we are saved. As we call on Him to forgive us of our sins, His grace covers us and we are made clean. In fact, Psalm 51:7 finds David asking the Lord — "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow." It is truly God doing something for us that we can't do for ourselves. Old Paul Nachtigall couldn't change what he was, but God did. You can't change what you were, but God can. When we look at what we were and what we are in Christ, we simply call it grace.

God desires to bring about a change in our lives and does so through grace. God reaches out to us where we are to bring us to where He desires us to be and that is to be in a personal relationship with Him. If you desire that relationship, His grace is there for you. He wants to do something for you that you can't do for yourself. By calling out to Him, His grace will touch you and do something for you that you can't do for yourself.

So as you go through this day and those to come, let the amazing grace of God touch you. God loves you and extends His grace to each of you. Grace so amazing is not cheap, it cost Christ everything. Philippians 2:5-8 says: 5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross". So you see it truly is — God's Riches At Christ's Expense. May the grace of our Lord and Savior abound in your life today.

Paul Nachtigall is the pastor of Highland Baptist Church.

## CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

### FBC gears up for Easter dramatic production

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First Baptist Church Worship Choir and Children's choir have started practice on a dramatic musical production that will be performed April 16 and 17.

The production is titled "Jesus... No Other Name" and is about the life of Jesus Christ. Worship pastor Barry Owens said it's a large scale pageant and they started practice in October.

"It's something we put on once every three years," Owens said. "It's been five years since the last time. We have over 100 people involved."

Owens said the pageant is well attended.

"The entire community comes out for it," Owens said.

First Baptist is located on the 200 block of West Street and is pastored by Johnny Funderburg.

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# Sports

## PHS boys and girls soccer shut out by Randall

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The Pampa Harvesters boys and girls soccer teams fall to Randall Thursday at Kimbrough Stadium. The Lady Harvesters (0-9-0, 0-4-0) lost 4-0 and allowed all of their goals

in the first half. Head coach John True said they played hard but ran out of energy. "We ran out of juice," True said. The Harvesters (1-8-1, 0-5-0) lost 6-0. Pampa only trailed 1-0 at halftime. True said his team played well in the first half, but lost its way when the sec-

ond half started. "The second half was plagued with mental errors and lack of composure in the final 20 minutes," True said. Both teams played Palo Duro Monday and lost. The girls lost 1-0. True was pleased with how his team competed. "They scored in the last 10 minutes of

the game," True said. "The girls played very hard they were just unlucky." The boys lost 8-0. Both teams take a break from district play and host Guymon, Oklahoma, today. The girls start at 5 p.m. and the boys follow at 7:30 p.m.

## NFL, NFLPA agree to mediation

NEW YORK (AP) — Two weeks before a potential lockout, the NFL and its players' union are asking for help in their stalled negotiations.

Both sides agreed Thursday to mediation as they discuss a new collective bargaining agreement. The Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, an independent U.S. government agency, will oversee talks in Washington beginning Friday.

After holding separate discussions with representatives from the league and the union, FMCS director George H. Cohen said both sides agreed to have the agency mediate. Mediation is not binding. "Any time that both sides of negotiations can get together, whether through conventional means of bargaining or mediation, to come to an agreement that can benefit all parties, it is a good thing," NFLPA president Kevin Mawae told The Associated Press in an e-mail.

Negotiations broke down last week, leading to the cancellation of one planned session. The players are expecting the owners to lock them out if the CBA expires on March 3 without a new agreement.

"Due to the extreme sensitivity of these negotiations and consistent with the FMCS's longstanding practice, the agency will refrain from any public comment concerning the future schedule and/or the status of those negotiations until further notice," Cohen said.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello told The Associated Press in an e-mail: "We are now in mediation."

The league also switched an owners meeting from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., on March 3, to Chantilly, Va., on March 2-3.

In a statement, NFLPA spokesman George Atallah said: "The NFLPA has always focused on a fair collective bargaining agreement through negotiations. We hope that this renewed effort, through mediation, will help the players and owners reach a successful deal."

Cohen said in a statement that the negotiations

will be conducted "under my auspices." He is no stranger to sports mediation. He was involved in Major League Soccer talks with its players' union and a work stoppage was avoided last year.

Cohen also has worked with the players' associations for Major League Baseball, helping end the 1994-95 strike as a consulting attorney, and the NBA, and was an advisor to the NHL players' union before joining the FMCS.

The FMCS website says it "provides free mediation services in contract negotiation disputes between employers and their unionized employees. All the parties have to do is make a request."

The FMCS also became involved in negotiations during the 2004-05 NHL lockout, and a 2005 dispute between the U.S. Soccer Federation and its players.

"Our agency director will be working with the parties to assist them in reaching a voluntary, mutually acceptable agreement," FMCS public affairs director John Arnold said in a telephone interview.

News of mediation could be a positive sign after several months of infrequent negotiations. It also comes only days after the NFL filed an unfair labor practice charge against the NFLPA with the National Labor Relations Board. Monday's filing said the union "consistently has failed to confer in good faith" during negotiations for a new contract and the union's "conduct amounts to surface bargaining and an anticipatory refusal to bargain."

Aiello told the AP the mediation would not have an effect on the NLRB complaint.

Indianapolis Colts owner Jim Irsay recalled the last CBA negotiations in 2006, a deal the owners opted out of in 2008.

"Since the last time, things have broken off and guys have gone their separate ways," Irsay said Thursday. "I remember that happened the last time and (then-commissioner) Paul Tagliabue ended up texting (union chief) Gene Upshaw and said, 'Why don't we get

back together.' So you never know when something positive can happen and something good can get done."

"I don't have a strong anticipation something will get done before (March 3), but I think it's possible."

The biggest issue separating the sides is how to divide about \$9 billion in annual revenues. Among the other significant points in negotiations: the owners' push to expand the regular season from 16 games to 18 while reducing the preseason by two games; a rookie wage scale; and benefits for retired players.

"Our ultimate goal is a new CBA," Atallah wrote Thursday on his Twitter feed. "I will not discuss any details about the next set of negotiations. We are observing a strict media blackout."

Some players, however, were commenting moments after the announcement.

"NFL and NFLPA agreeing to meet with a federal mediator is a real positive step," Vikings tackle Bryant McKinnie said on his Twitter account. "Let's see if he can get them to make actual progress."

Added player agent Drew Rosenhaus: "Exciting news to see the NFLPA & the Owners talking again through the mediation process — a productive step in the right direction."

## OUT BY A STEP

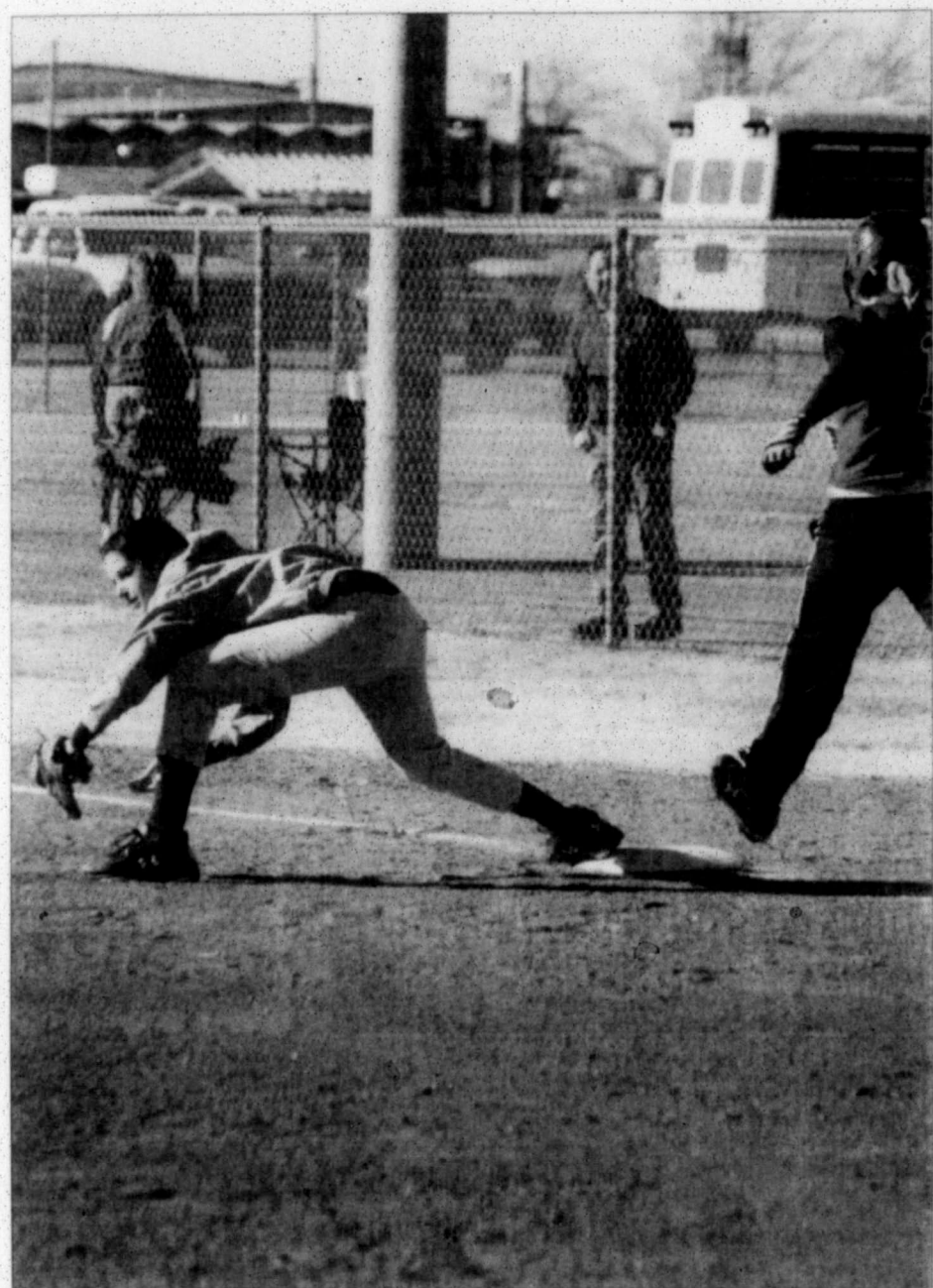


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Bailey Dixon catches a throw at first to get a Tascosa baserunner by a step. The junior varsity won their season opener 11-5 and competes tomorrow at the softball complex. Games start at 9 a.m.

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1:15 p.m., Feb. 19

**Truck Series**  
NextEra Energy Resources 250  
7:30 p.m., Feb. 18

## BURNING ISSUES

► Said third-place finisher Ryan Newman after the Budweiser Shootout: "That was the most unexpected race I've ever been a part of."

► Now NASCAR's solution seems to be creating a situation in which drivers can't afford to push each other for long because of potential overheating problems. It's a subtle way of making racers slow down, and that's sort of antithetical to the whole process.

► For fans, the question comes down to this: Would you rather see tight bunches of cars, stacked up by the dozens, or groups of two racing together toward the front? Most seem to prefer the former.

► Toyota drivers were notably off the pace in pole qualifying. Don't count them out yet. Never have race conditions contrasted from qualifying runs so much at Daytona. And qualifying is seldom an important factor in the Daytona 500.

► When evaluating the points standings, remember this: One point is roughly the same as four in the past. A 25-point lead will be roughly equivalent to a 100-point edge under the former system.

► Seven eligible drivers either chose not to participate or couldn't find rides for the Budweiser Shootout.

► The "groups of two" might be conducive to another side-by-side finish, however. In the Shootout, when Denny Hamlin went for the win, it opened the door for Kurt Busch to win the race. And it didn't hurt when Hamlin drove below the yellow line, thus earning a black flag.

► Dale Earnhardt Jr. won one pole by random draw (the Budweiser Shootout) and another by being fastest in Daytona 500 pole qualifying. Luck and speed often make a formula for success.

► With everyone all but conceding the front row to drivers using Earnhardt/Gilchrist engines, the drivers who zoomed to the top were Hendrick Motorsports teammates Earnhardt and Jeff Gordon.

## 2011 SPRINT CUP SCHEDULE

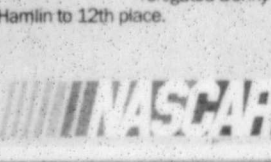
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Feb. 20	Daytona
Feb. 27	Phoenix
March 6	Las Vegas
March 20	Bristol
March 27	Fontana
April 3	Martinsville
April 9	Texas
April 17	Talladega
April 30	Richmond
May 7	Darlington
May 15	Dover
May 21	All-Star Race
May 29	Charlotte
June 5	Kansas
June 12	Pocahontas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



## WHO'S HOT AND WHO'S NOT

**Who's hot:** Kurt Busch, the only Dodge driver in the field, captured the Budweiser Shootout... And Dodge added a driver when it signed on to assist Robby Gordon.

**Who's not:** The Shootout had barely started when Casey Kahne's Toyota suffered engine trouble... A penalty re-ligated Denny Hamlin to 12th place.



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## SPRINT CUP

**Race:** Daytona 500  
**Where:** Daytona (Beach, Fla.) International Speedway (2.5 mi.), 200 laps/500 miles.  
**When:** Sunday, Feb. 20  
**Last year's winner:** Jamie McMurray, Chevy  
**Qualifying record:** Bill Elliott, Ford, 210.364 mph, Feb. 9, 1987.  
**Race record:** Buddy Baker, Olds, 177.602 mph, Feb. 17, 1980.  
**Last week:** Dodge driver Kurt Busch captured the Budweiser Shootout, taking advantage of a mistake by Toyota's Denny Hamlin, who slipped Busch at the finish line, but was penalized for driving below the Daytona yellow line. McMurray finished second in a Chevy, followed by Ryan Newman in a Dodge.

## NATIONWIDE

**Race:** Dixie400P 300  
**Where:** Daytona (Beach, Fla.) International Speedway (2.5 mi.), 120 laps/300 miles.  
**When:** Saturday, Feb. 19  
**Last year's winner:** Tony Stewart, Chevy  
**Qualifying record:** Tommy Houston, Buick, 194.389 mph, Feb. 10, 1987.  
**Race record:** Geoff Bodine, Pontiac, 157.137 mph, Feb. 16, 1985.  
**Last race:** Kyle Busch completed a dazzling 2010 campaign by winning the final race at Homestead Miami Speedway in a Toyota. Busch won 13 times, and his Joe Gibbs Racing teammate, Joey Logano, led the series in poles with eight.

## WHAT'S UP NEXT

**CAMPING WORLD TRUCK**  
**Race:** NextEra Energy Resources 250  
**Where:** Daytona (Beach, Fla.) International Speedway (2.5 mi.), 100 laps/250 miles.  
**When:** Friday, Feb. 18  
**Last year's winner:** Timothy Peters, Toyota  
**Qualifying record:** Joe Ruttman, Dodge, 187.563 mph, Feb. 18, 2000.  
**Race record:** Mark Martin, Ford, 146.622 mph, Feb. 17, 2006.  
**Last race:** Kyle Busch, in a Toyota, won the final 2010 race at Homestead Miami Speedway. Busch won half the 16 races in which he competed, but since the season consisted of 25 events, he finished only 14th in the points standings.

## DAYTONA DATA

**FOX Feb. 20 July 2**

**Distance:** 2.5 mile oval  
**Length of frontstretch:** 3,800 ft.  
**Length of backstretch:** 3,000 ft.  
**Miles/Laps:** 500 mi. = 200 laps

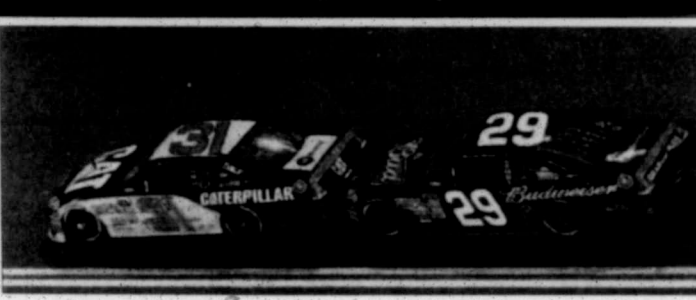
## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

### TERRIBLE TWOS OR CADDY COUPLES?



Photo by John Clark, NASCAR This Week

**TOP:** Speed became the name of the game in the Bud Shootout as cars paired up for faster racing speeds at the newly-repaved Daytona International Speedway. Some duos reached speeds of 206 mph. **RIGHT:** Teammates Jeff Burton, left, and Kevin Harvick try to draft during the race.



# Bud-dying Up For The Shootout

First race at repaved Daytona track like Noah's Ark of racing

By Monte Dutton  
NASCAR This Week

To borrow from the title of a Monty Python movie, "And now for something completely different."

Few expected what took place in the Budweiser Shootout, won on Feb. 12 by Kurt Busch at Daytona International Speedway. Entering the race, many drivers suggested that new pavement at the signature track would create racing similar to the Sprint Cup Series' other "restrictor-plate track," Talladega Superspeedway. Nothing could have been further from the truth.

What took place in the all-star event was unprecedented. Most of the race consisted of cars racing nose-to-tail in groups of two. At one point, the top 14 were made up of seven groups of two, all at least 20-30 yards apart.

It certainly was different. What's more, those two-car groups were racing at speeds nearly 20 mph faster than the speeds of cars racing alone. Dale Earnhardt's pole speed was slightly over 196 mph. Some two-car drafts

were clocked at 206 mph in the Shootout.

"It's all about getting locked on," said Jeff Gordon. "When you're the lead car, you feel as if you're constantly being pushed. You feel a little tap. If you're not getting that tap, I mean, you drop 5 mph instantly."

"We always thought, in drafting, four cars were better than two cars, and eight cars were better than four. That's over. Three cars would actually go faster than two if you could get them together, but you can't do it because the second car becomes the middle of a sandwich and it gets out of control. ... Trust me. You've got to have a partner."

What's more, the closing speeds make it difficult for more than two cars to draft, which was most evident from observing Kyle Busch's frustrations in the race. Once a driver is "hung out to dry" and left alone, he can't move over in front of another draft because the two cars will run over him. And he isn't going fast enough to latch on from behind.

NASCAR has a vexing issue to resolve.

## Junior takes a low-key approach to anniversary

By Monte Dutton  
NASCAR This Week

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Momentum is building as much for the 10th anniversary of Dale Earnhardt's death — on Feb. 18, 2001, on the final lap of the Daytona 500 — as for the actual running of this year's race.

Dale Earnhardt Jr., trying to put an end to a slump of considerable duration, is distancing himself as much as possible from reverent observation of that fateful day.

"I don't know what you mean about 'getting involved in (events) dedicated to his father,'" he said. "You know, he will be recognized a lot over the weekend, I'm sure. It will be awesome to see all those things, hear all the great things. Any time anybody says something good about him, it makes you feel great."

"It will be good. It will be a good weekend for the family. My grandmother will probably enjoy hearing all the great things that will be said, as will all of us. Looking forward to seeing everybody, you know, recognize

## NUTS AND BOLTS

his accomplishments and what kind of person he was, how he affected everybody."

**Some serenity** — Michael Waltrip won the Daytona 500 on the occasion of Earnhardt's death. Now mostly retired, he will be entered in this year's race.

"The cool thing about me, personally, is that I'm a Christian, so I believe everything happens for a reason," said Waltrip. "If I didn't, I think I'd be pretty mad about that day."

**Ready for whatever** — If momentum in one year is significant at the beginning of another, Carl Edwards should be set. He won the final two races of last season.

"I understand that this sport goes in waves," said Edwards. "I really and truly am just focused on winning here. The funny thing about racing is when you win a bunch and everything is going really well, it all kind of works out. So I'm really trying to focus on that."

**Look, Ma, no wheel** — MRN's Barney Hall, the dean of NASCAR broadcasters,

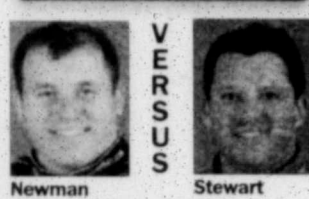
is fond of saying a driver is "driving the wheels off that car." The signature remark was particularly true of Denny Hamlin during Daytona 500 pole qualifying.

Hamlin's Toyota inexplicably skidded through the infield grass, sending up an earthen cloud. The steering wheel came off in his hands. It poses no threat to his position in the Daytona 500 field, and he would have started the Gatorade Duel at the back of the pack anyway, since he changed the engine in the car before the fateful run.

**Buoyant** — Ford kingpin Jack Roush came close to calling out the winner of the past five Sprint Cup championships.

"I've felt the best about this season than any year we've been racing in the 23 years preceding it," said the head of Roush Fenway Racing. "I think that we could very easily dethrone Jimmie (Johnson). Certainly we have the cars for it, we have the drivers for it and we have the crew chiefs for it. I don't anticipate a problem with an engine deficiency this season, and I don't think I've got an aerodynamic deficiency. I

## FEUD OF THE WEEK



### RYAN NEWMAN VS. TONY STEWART

Working together became endlessly complicated when the Budweiser Shootout unexpectedly came down to relentless groups of two-car drafts. The two literally couldn't find each other. "We, at Stewart-Haas, anticipated working together a lot more as teammates, and it just never happened. It never unfolded for us tonight."

**NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his take:** "The notable exception was Richard Childress Racing teammates Jeff Burton and Kevin Harvick, who spent most of the race paired together. In the end, it didn't produce a victory."

## YOUR TURN

### LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

#### Earnhardt's Death Still Remembered

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,

It has been 10 long years since we lost the great Dale Earnhardt. This year at the Daytona 500 will bring back a lot of very sad memories. I just hope and pray that this race coming up on Feb. 20 is a safe race and the drivers all use their heads.

Dale's death opened up NASCAR's eyes (too late), and the cars are a lot safer. The walls are not as hard as they used to be with NASCAR putting in the SAFER barriers. Dale's death has not been forgotten, and I don't think the legend of Dale and his famous black No. 14 will ever leave the memories of his faithful fans. NASCAR is not the same, never will be. It's a shame that it took a tragedy for NASCAR to bring safety to where it should be of.

Ginger Striker  
Front Royal, Va.

Thanks for sharing your heartfelt feelings. It's difficult to count the many ways in which Dale Earnhardt is missed.

## FAN TIPS

### Waltrip Recounts The Day

Michael Waltrip's remembrance of the 2001 Daytona 500. In the Blink of an Eye (Hyperion), reached No. 11 in the New York Times best seller list for nonfiction books. Waltrip won that race while at the same time his car owner, Dale Earnhardt, suffered a fatal crash on the final lap. "What looked to be a storybook ending turned to tragedy seconds later," said Waltrip, whose first official Cup victory occurred that day.

## LEGENDS AND LORE

### Daytona Didn't Always Kick Off The Season

The Daytona 500 didn't always begin what is now the Sprint Cup season. For instance, the 1963 season actually kicked off, believe it or not, in November 1962, and the fourth race, in January 1963, was at the road course in Riverside, Calif., where Dan Gurney edged A.J. Foyt in a 500-mile marathon. (Yes, the Riverside 500 was actually miles.) Tiny Lund, an emergency substitute for injured Marvin Panch, won the fifth Daytona 500, and it was the fifth race of the season.

I think I have great people, and I'm sure we have great drivers."

**Somehow** — Restrictor plates, though obviously not carburetor restrictor plates, will remain in use at Daytona and Talladega a year from now when NASCAR finally makes a change to fuel-injected engines in the Cup series.

NASCAR vice president Robin Pemberton said the new power plants will be "cheater proof," thanks to technology developed by McLaren. Concerns about policing the technology has long been a red flag cited by NASCAR when the subject of fuel injection arose.

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# Palin defends rejection of gun laws

WOODBRIDGE, N.Y. (AP) — Sarah Palin defended her rejection of any new gun control laws Thursday in a rare public appearance in which reporters were allowed and continued tweaking the first lady's efforts to fight unadmitted obesity, but she chided some of her own supporters for maintaining the "annoying" claims that President Barack Obama is foreign-born and Muslim.

As for the big question — whether she's running for president in 2012 — the former vice presidential Republican nominee and Alaska governor said she's "thinking about it."

She said she's "used to multitasking and the things you need to do as president that a woman, a mom, a wife, a Palin, who has five children."

Palin sat for a wide-ranging interview with the president of the Young Island Association, a business group outside New York, at the group's annual meeting. Kevin Cook, president of the group, said she usually communicates through Facebook and Twitter, where she is a contributor, rather than talking to reporters.

Reporters were allowed at the New York event, unlike many of Palin's speaking engagements where they have been banned, but they did not get a chance to ask questions. Cook asked Palin if she would support efforts to restrict automatic weapons or multi-bullet clips, like the one used in the shooting last month in Arizona that left 10 people dead and U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords critically wounded.

"There are already on the books many gun control measures, and I do support those that are on the books. I don't support taking away more freedom from the good

guy," Palin said. "The people who have no intention of using that weapon to harm another person so, no additional gun control measures could be supported."

Palin was criticized after the shootings for having published campaign literature that marked some Democratic districts, including Giffords', with crosshairs, but she pushed back, saying Republicans were being unfairly blamed for the act of a crazed shooter.

She said Thursday, "Prayers should continue for the full recovery of Gabby Giffords and others who were involved in such a tragic, tragic event."

Palin criticized Obama on a range of issues, from his handling of the recent democratic uprising in Egypt to his latest budget proposal, which she said would do little to close the deficit. She claimed the press had been complicit in allowing Obama to claim that his budget did not add to the national debt. The White House expects government spending and revenues to eventually reach balance, but that doesn't include interest payments on the debt.

"Criticism of the press is what I do," she said. "Whether she runs for president or not, Palin predicted an unconventional Republican contest in which social media would play a pivotal role."

"That's what going rogue is all about," Palin said, referring to the title of her best-selling memoir.

She also praised the conservative tea party movement, saying it had forced Republicans and Democrats to "rethink the way they do business." She said she supported tea party-supported lawmakers' push for entitlement reform and their threats to vote against increasing the debt ceiling.

## BANANAGRAMS!

For each of the three words below, change one letter to an M and then rearrange the letters to spell the name of a city.

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TOLERANT

Yesterday's Answer: C L D B I T C N O B O D Y H O P T

## Board

**District Career and Technology Evaluation Program**

The program did their first survey of sixth, seventh and eighth grade students this school year to make career determination once those students get to high school. Using a grant, the program will be refined and repeated next year.

The administration and it is also working to improve communications between students and the Pampa business community.

The results of this year's survey indicated an increased interest among students in the military.

Pampa High School Principal Tanya Larkin told the board the school is looking into an ROTC program.

A discussion of the concrete fence in front of Pampa High School dating to before World War II was postponed until the next school board meeting.

It will cost an estimated \$5,000 to demolish the fence, but it is expected to cost close to \$100,000 to refurbish it.

Board member Lee Porter said that to save the fence, it would almost have to be recreated.

"Concrete is not a permanent material," he said.

Discussion of using wind energy to provide electric power for the new Pampa Junior High School was also tabled.

Haensch said the situation was discussed when the new junior high was being planned, but at that time there were no grants available and the pay out for the \$600,000 program was about 15 years.

The district has since gotten a grant that would lower the district's cost to \$63,000 and reduce the payout to about 1.5 years.

The discussion and action on the project was tabled until consultants could be present for a school board meeting.

The board also approved a reward through Crime Stoppers concerning an investigation into windows on a district school bus that were shot out with a pellet gun at a high school basketball game in Borger.

Larkin said there were no injuries in the incident,

although there were students on the bus at the time.

The school board approved a bid of \$102,360 by Willis of Texas, representing Travelers property and casualty insurance coverage. While the bid was higher than a bid by the Texas Association of School Boards Risk Management Fund, the deductibles were lower and the coverage was broader.

The board also approved a budget amendment for work on district facilities except for a shot putt field.

School board members also voted to request waivers from the Texas Education Agency concerning several projects in the district.

They also approved the 2011-2012 district calendar with 179 instructional days and eight days for faculty preparation.

Students will also get President's Day off in February.

The board heard on first reading proposed policy updates by the Texas Association of School Boards designed to bring school policies into line

with changes in the law.

They also approved administrator and professional employee contracts for Jennifer Brown, Dana Cargill, Jan Cleek, Lea Ann Cochran, Jill Faubion, Susan Furgason, Janet Hancock, Sam Haynes, Suzie Jameson, Tanya Larkin, Betty Meadows, Debbie Middleton, Paul Nies, Steven Parker, Rhonda Patterson, Robert Rumph, Anita Russell, Danny Seabourne, Evan Smith, Stuart Smith, Richard Steele, Randy Stephenson, Melissa True, Beverly Underwood and Jared White.

## Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Intermediate

## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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1 Ready to end

6 Micro-wave

11 Hull bottom

12 "Seascape" playwright

13 Left over

14 Enjoy one's triumph

15 Minimal change

17 Printer's supply

18 Quick jab

20 Secret agent TV show of the '60s

22 — tree

23 Play-ground sights

26 Juicy fruit

28 Inert gas

29 "God's Little Acre" actor

31 Film noir classic

32 Hoe target

33 Bit of smoke

34 Scrooge cries

36 Europe native

38 Suspect's story

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Yesterday's answer

8 McCartney/Wonder hit

9 High point

10 Match parts

16 Father's Day gift

18 Western cat

19 Milky gem

21 Hot

23 Ticked off

24 Courts

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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a very conservative woman. I don't drink, dance, wear makeup or pants. I enjoy the company of friends despite our differences and thought they enjoyed mine.

On our most recent outing, however, they mocked my religious jewelry, commented on my "lack of fashion," and made me feel guilty for not wanting to stay out late.

Despite this, they are great friends and would help me at the drop of a hat. I don't bring up their being overweight, or that I think some of the clothes they wear are ugly. I don't criticize them for sleeping around. I wish they would accept me for who I am.

I am considering not going out with them the next time they ask, but I don't really want it to come to that. Any suggestions? — JUST AN OLD-FASHIONED GIRL

DEAR OLD-FASHIONED: Just this: It's time for you to start cultivating relationships with people whose values are more like your own. The friends you have described may be lovely, but their comments were out of line and folks are known by the company they keep. If you spend a lot of time with the women you have described,

people will begin to make assumptions about YOU.

DEAR ABBY: Two of my children, ages 28 and 30 and college-educated, have what they call "bill paying anxiety." It doesn't matter if they have the money or not, they find it difficult to pay their bills. They have both lost their licenses for not paying traffic tickets, but that hasn't taught either one of them a lesson. Any advice on how to help them? — ANXIOUS MOM IN WASHINGTON

DEAR MOM: How long have those two been out from under your roof? Did you pay all their expenses until recently? Your "children" aren't children anymore. They have reached an age when they must now learn from their mistakes. When they're ready to assume responsibility for their actions, they'll do what other adults who are in this kind of hot water do: They will seek financial or psychological counseling and recognize that acting like ostriches will not fix their problems, and neither will Mama.

DEAR ABBY: My 24-year-old daughter, "Evy," is falling to the rocky bottom. She has taken advantage of everyone in our family. She thinks

she's the victim instead of realizing she is the problem.

She's planning to marry "Dave," a man she has known for only six months. She refuses to consider his past criminal record of domestic abuse. Abby, this man has several children, one of whom he does not acknowledge.

Am I wrong to be involved in this wedding? I feel it would be a mistake to be "supportive" when I'm totally against it. Dave has pushed her already, and I know what lies ahead for her if she goes through with this marriage. Also, her behavior has changed drastically since she has been involved with him. — TO BE OR NOT TO BE... THE MOTHER OF THE BRIDE

DEAR T.B. OR N.T.B.: You will always be your daughter's mother, but you don't have to bless this marriage with your presence. Some people have to learn their lessons the hard way, and your daughter appears to be one of them. She needs to understand that while you do not approve of Dave, you love her. Keep the lines of communication open because she is going to need you in the future.







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