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Bill Grant (left), the manager of the Amarillo dispatch office for Southwestern Public Service, talks with Capt. Mark Martin at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce luncheon this week. Grant spoke with Chamber luncheon guests about the challenges and opportunities presented by the integration of wind power into the existing electrical



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PAVING THE WAY



John Vargas of G. W. James, Inc., motions directions to driver Pat Hendricks as the pair sprays hot oil on top of Rham near Dwight as part of the City of Pampa's street improvement program.

Two nabbed for illegal substances

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Alexander

Floyd, 39. was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance. Cassie Armenda Floyd.

was arrested charges of possession

on Texas 152

A Pampa couple was arrested early today on drug-related charges as they sat in a vehicle arguing on the west side of town. Jack





of drug paraphernalia. Officials said that deputies found the couple arguing in a vehicle in front of a business

C. Floyd

shortly before 1 a.m., today. Deputies questioned the couple and, after receiving permission to search the couple's vehicle, found a small amount of what they believed to be cocaine and a small

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XCEL AT THE CHAMBER City to hold public

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hearings for zoning

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The Pampa City Commission will hold two public hearings concerning zoning when the commission meets in regular session on Tuesday.

The first public hearing will be in connection with a request by Martha Mackay.

The second is at the request of Roberto L. Vizcaino. Mackay wants to change the zoning in Tract Z-F of Section No. 116, Block 3, I&GN RY Company survey from Single Family 2 District to Commercial District.

Vizcaino wants to change the zoning of Tract Z-A, Tract Z-B and Tract Z-E of Section No. 116, Block 3, I&GN RY Company survey from Single Family 2 District to Commercial District.

The change of zoning of the Vizcaino would allow the building of a utility trailer sales facility, a service facility for Recreational Vehicles and a boat storage

The city commission will vote on the changes following the public hearing.

In other business: The commission will consider on second and final reading an ordinance amending the Pampa Economic Development Corporation's budget to provide for the purchase of the Pampa Energy Center, LLC (the old

Celanese plant). The purchase was originally budgeted for \$2,109,570. The budget amendment increases that amount by \$3.6 million to \$5,751,570.

 The city commission will also consider a \$154,608 bid for the construction of a Recycling Center Building at the city landfill. The project will be funded in part through a Regional Solid Waste Grant administered by the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission.

Jildardo Arias, the city's engineer-in-training, said CITY cont. on page 6

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Good Friday

PAMPA FORECAST

Saturday





High 67 Low 50 Low 46

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 46. Breezy, with a east wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 68. Breezy, with a northeast wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of rain

after 1 a.m. Increasing clouds, with a low around 41. Breezy, with a east wind between 10 and 15 mph. Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and

thunderstorms. Cloudy, with a high near 67. Breezy, with a east northeast wind between 5 and 15 mph. Sunday Night: A 40 percent chance of show-

ers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 50. East wind around 10 mph.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 72 Windy, with a north northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 46. Windy, with a north northwest wind 15 to 20 mph decreasing to between 5 and 10 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

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Drug cartel lawyer caught in Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Federal police have arrested a lawyer who allegedly helped the Zetas drug cartel manage ransom and extortion payments, which were sometimes handed over in the form of property deeds, Mexican authorities said Thursday.

Suspect Marco Antonio Gomez was detained in the Caribbean coast resort of Cancun on Wednesday, the Public Safety Department said in a statement.

Gomez allegedly participated as a go-between in negotiating ransom payments from relatives of businessmen who had been kidnapped in the Cancun area.

In a sign of the gang's sophistication, the federal police said the Zetas had professionals who worked to legally transfer property titles handed over to the cartel.

Nine more suspected Zetas members were arrested in the border state of Tamaulipas on Wednesday as part of a general crackdown on the gang after is was implicated in the abduction and killing of at least 145 people whose bodies were exhumed from mass graves in the town of San Fernando earlier this month.

Also Thursday, a Mexican official confirmed that President Felipe Calderon's government has hired a U.S. law firm to investigate possible civil lawsuits against U.S. gun manufacturers or dealers, for what Mexican officials consider the companies' responsibility for guns that are smuggled to Mexico's drug war.

The government has long demanded the United States crack down on cross-border arms smuggling amid drug violence in Mexico that has killed more than 34,000 people over the last four years.

According to the official, who agreed to speak about the legal action only if granted anonymity, the government hired a New York-based law firm late last year to explore possible suits against U.S. gun manufacturers that may have knowingly or imprudently produced or distributed weapons that wound up in the hands of Mexican drug cartel gunmen.

Calls to the New York law firm seeking to confirm

the contract went unanswered. The U.S. National Rifle Association did not immediately return calls seeking: comment on Mexico's action.

Many guns used to kill in Mexico never have their origins traced. But U.S. officials say that of the weap-voil ons discovered at Mexican crime scenes that authorities do choose to trace, hearly 90 percent are eventually found to have been purchased in the U.S. Critics 63 of that estimate contend Mexican authorities focus on sitt U.S.-made guns to trace.

A November 2008 study by the Brookings Institution, a Washington-based think tank, estimated 2,000 34 U.S. guns are smuggled into Mexico each day. A new, on U.S. effort to increase inspections of travelers crossing? the border has netted just 386 guns in two years.

In the northern state of Durango, prosecutors reported Thursday that further excavations at a vacant lot in the state capital yielded 11 more bodies - 10 men and one woman - in addition to 26 badly decomposed? bodies found a day earlier. The grisly Holy Week discovery came just days after

police found 10 complete bodies, three headless bod-! ies and four severed heads in a pit in Durango, a state that has become a battleground between the Zetas and Sinaloa drug cartels.

Prosecutors did not say whether the bodies were. found in multiple-burial pits, like the 145 bodies that have been pulled from mass graves in the border state? of Tamaulipas.

While Mexican drug cartels frequently use such pits to dispose of the remains of executed rivals, many of those buried in the Tamaulipas mass graves are believed to have been passengers kidnapped from pass-010 ing buses.

In Tamaulipas on Wednesday, authorities report-i ed they had rescued 68 people, including 12 Central, American migrants, allegedly kidnapped by a drug

Obituaries

Edna Nail, 87

HUNTSVILLE-Edna Nail, 87, died April 20, 2011,

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Nail was born June 15, 1923, in Richmond, Va. She married Nick Nail on June 15, 1946, in Tulsa, Okla. He preceded her in death on September 22, 1992. Edna was a longtime resident of Pampa, moving to Huntsville

in 2000. She was a former member of Highland Baptist Church in Pampa.

Survivors include two daughters, Carolyn McNamara

of Coldspring, and Mary Morrison of Idaho; two sons, Donny Nail of Venus and Leslie Roberts, Jr., of Richmond, Va.; five grandchildren and four great-grandchil-

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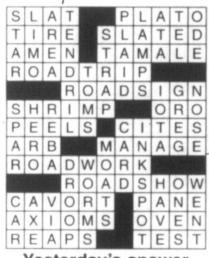
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For the record

Sheriff's Office

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

Thursday, Apri Patricia Dawn Jones, 24 to state jail time. Miguel Ortiz, 48, was

arrested by deputies on charges of driving without a license.

Friday, April 22 Jack Alexander Floyd, lia.

was arrested in Hutchin- 39, was arrested by deputing son County and sentenced ties on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

Cassie Armenda Floyd 36, was arrested by deputies on charges of posses-) sion of drug parapherna-

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Friday, April 22, 7:00 pm

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Son Rise Service

Sunday, April 24, 6:30 am

A devotion on Resurrection through out the new testament and how we can understand it today

A community breakfast will follow Rev. Karakay Skaggs Kovaly ~ Associate Minister

Easter Sunday Service

Sunday April 24, 10:50 am Blended worship style with a Meditation on Psalm 22. All are welcome to come and be in fellowship as we

Celebrate our Risen Savior.

Rev. Dr. Jeff Knighton ~ Senior Minister

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LEAGUE CITY (AP) — Police in Southeast Texas have released the name of a 4-year-old boy who collapsed during soccer practice and later died.

League City police say a cause of death is pending for Cade Carpenter. A police report says an X-ray indicated the boy had swelling around his heart.

Lt. Bruce Whitten says the child was not breathing when emergency responders arrived Wednesday night. He was transported to a hospital and later pronounced

Whitten says the boy was running around just minutes before he collapsed.

Court workers plead to bribery

EDINBURG (AP) - Two South Texas court employees who accepted bribes to fix misdemeanor cases will be sentenced in June.

Plea deals have been accepted by now-former Hidalgo County Court-at-Law No. 5 coordinator Daniel Vega and his assistant, Javier Mireles.

Vega on Tuesday pleaded guilty to accepting a bribe. Mireles pleaded guilty April 14. Prosecutors recommend that each man spend five years in prison.

The McAllen Monitor reports an informant contacted the FBI in 2008 after witnessing Vega guarantee probation in a DWI case. Vega was offered \$500. The driver received 90 days of probation.

An affidavit says Vega, during the sting, asked for more than \$4,000 to get a case thrown out, then accepted some cash.

Investigators have said there's no evidence that Judge Arnoldo Cantu was involved in the bribery scheme.

Homicide suspect says not guilty

MINOT, N.D. (AP) - A Texas man accused of killing a fellow oil field worker at a North Dakota hotel has pleaded not guilty to murder.

Thirty-two-year-old Charles Davis II of Trinity, Texas, is accused of stabbing to death 48-year-old Donald Flowers of Wichita Falls, Texas, in Minot on March 12: Authorities say the two men were employed by the Halliburton company and were working in a hotel conference room when they got into a fight.

Davis also is accused of stealing a vehicle and trying to flee. Police Sgt. David Goodman testified in court Thursday that Davis had Flowers' blood on his clothing and a knife in his possession when he was arrested near

Goodman says Flowers was stabbed six times in the

More public records released

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - Austin has made public dozens of new records that computer technicians found within the city's email system.

The original public information request was received by the city three months ago. The Austin American-Statesman reported Friday that an attorney for the investigative website, the Austin Bulldog, is not certain that the city has fully complied with the law.

City officials say Thursday's release concludes their pen records request for emails sent last year among council members.

The Bulldog last month sued. The Austin American-Statesman also sought the records on what information is being shared by elected officials.

Bulldog attorney Bill Aleshire says the city's open what other records have been withheld.

Robbers caught on Facebook

HOUSTON (AP) — Some Facebook bragging about move, Pope Benedict XVI bucks has led to four suspects accused of holding up a Houston bank.

The postings about the March 23 robbery of International Bank of Commerce were included in a criminal complaint ing queries from as far unsealed this week. The arrests, including two bank employees, were announced Thursday.

Security video shows two armed, masked suspects robbing the bank and fleeing with about \$62,000.

A tip directed law officers to a pair of Facebook pages. Federal investigators say one suspect's Facebook page boasted: "IM RICH."

Another said: "WIPE MY TEETH WITH HUNDREDS." Nobody was injured in the robbery.

New general at Fort Hood

FORT HOOD (AP) - Fort Hood has a new commanding general.

Lt. Gen. Donald Campbell took command of the Texas

Army post at a ceremony Thursday. L't. Gen. Robert Cone, the departing commanding general, will become a four-star general and take command state TV, the pope replied of the Army's Training and Doctrine Command at Fort to some of a few thou-

With Cone's departure, now Campbell will decide ted online by Catholics whether Maj. Nidal Hasan will be court-martialed and and non-Catholics alike face the death penalty in the 2009 shootings at Fort on the solemn day when

Two Army colonels have already made that recommendation. The final decision is made by a commanding of Christ.

Last month Cone granted a request by Hasan's attorney

to delay proceedings until Campbell's arrival. Hasan, an Army psychiatrist, is charged with 13 counts of premeditated murder and 32 counts of attempted premeditated murder.

Family caught in drug ring

DALLAS (AP) — Nine people have been arrested over an alleged Dallas-area cocaine distribution ring involving several relatives.

Federal prosecutors say the defendants in the Terrell Benedict sat at a desk and (TER'-el) drug investigation faced initial court appearances Friday in Dallas.

All of the suspects arrested Thursday are from Terrell, located about 30 miles east of Dallas. Each is charged with one count of conspiracy to possess with the intent the pope that many chil-

to distribute crack cocaine. Investigators say four of the nine suspects are related, two sisters, a man identified as their uncle and a son of one of the women. The uncle is also charged with main- have to be so sad. taining a drug-involved business.

Inspecting houses during construction

Dear Pat: I am having a house built. The contractor assures me everything will be built properly to code. Is it important to visit and check on it often? What are some specific areas to check? - Jen L.

Dear Jen: Having everything built to code is comforting, but it really only ensures that the house will not collapse around you a year or two from now. The code requirements are the basic minimum for sound construction, and you will most probably want to have some design upgrades from strictly a code-built house.

The details in your building contract are probably your first stage of the inspection process. Instead of just including a phrase such as "acceptable material," your plans and contract should include as many specifics in areas that are most concern to you.

If you can get out to your house almost every day, on a random schedule, this would be advisable. The general contractor is supposed to keep an eye on his subcontractors, but he probably has several construction projects going on simultaneously in various stages of progress to monitor.

You cannot rely totally on the building inspectors, either. They will catch many of the key areas where flaws such as wiring, plumbing, roofing, etc., can result in catastrophic problems, but you cannot expect them to find all the minor material and workmanship flaws.

If you do make your inspections during working hours, be gentle with your questions and concerns about the materials, and especially workmanship. Just like any professional, the subcontractors will not like to be overly criticized. Keep in mind that most subcontractors are conscientious about doing an acceptable job.

The first key area to inspect, or at least question, is the foundation. Check to see if the footings are continuous under the foundation walls and that there are reinforcing steel bars in them. Have one of the workers help you check if the foundation walls are square and plumb. Stretch a line across the diagonals to measure squareness.

Proper drainage and insect control are two other areas to consider in the initial foundation stage of construction. Generally, perforated

drainage tiles are used and then covered by several feet of washed gravel. Have the contractor check the slope so the water naturally flows away from the foundation

All staircases should be 36 inches wide, and the stair risers should all be the same height. If several of the stairs are just slightly taller than others, it will be very noticeable, and someone my stumble.

If you are building a brick house, check on the spacing of the weep holes. They should be either 24 or 32 inches on center. There should also be flashing at the bottom of

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each wall, and above and below all the windows and doors.

Plumbing is a key area to check. Ball valves are only slightly more expensive than common valves, and they are best to use in the supply side. They don't use washers, and when in the open position, they allow for unobstructed water flow. Three-quarter-inch-diameter water supply lines provide more water flow and produce less noise.

All vents, from exhaust fans to the clothes dryer, should vent outdoors, not just into the attic area. While you are in the attic, check the depth of the insulation and look for any uninsulated spots.

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



Pope does televised records system is "horribly deficient" and who knows what other records have been withheld. Q&A on Good Friday questions: Why is it this

way? Why do you have

to suffer so much while

others live in ease?"

Benedict said. "And we

do not have the answers

but we know that Jesus

suffered as you do, an

Trying for words of

comfort, the pope told

her that "even if we are

still sad, God is by your

He said Elena should tell herself: "One day,

I will understand that

this suffering was not empty, it wasn't in vain,

but behind it was a good

plan, a plan of love.

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VATICAN CITY (AP) - In an unprecedented held a televised questionand-answer session to mark Good Friday, fieldaway as Japan, Iraq and the Ivory Coast on topics as wide-ranging as death, violence, intimidation and suffering.

Benedict Japanese girl frightened by the devastating quake and tsunami in her homeland that her suffering isn't in vain and assured a Muslim woman in violence-wracked Ivory Coast of the Vatican's peace efforts there.

In a prerecorded appearance on Italian sand questions submit-Christians reflect on the suffering and crucifixion

The unusual TV appearance was broadcast a few hours before Benedict was due at a service of prayer and meditation in St. Peter's Basilica. Later, he was expected at the Colosseum in Rome for the traditional Way of the Cross procession.

Dressed in white robes during the Q&A, spoke softly in Italian. The first question came

from Elena, a 7-year-old Japanese girl who told dren her age were killed in the March 11 disaster and asked why children

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Good Friday, April 22, the 112th day of 2011. There are 253 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On April 22, 1864, Congress authorized the use of the phrase "In God We Trust" on U.S. coins.

On this date: In 1889, the Oklahoma Land Rush began at noon as thousands of homesteaders staked claims.

In 1898, with the United States and Spain on the verge of war, the U.S. Navy began blockading Cuban ports. Congress authorized creation of the 1st U.S. Volunteer Cavalry, also known as the "Rough Riders.

In 1930, the United States, Britain and Japan signed the London Naval Treaty, which regulated submarine warfare and limited shipbuilding.

In 1938, 45 workers were killed in a coal mine explosion at Keen Mountain in Buchanan County,

In 1944, during World War II, U.S. forces began invading Japanese-held New Guinea with amphibious landings at Hollandia and Aitape. In 1954, the publicly televised sessions of the

Senate Army-McCarthy hearings began. In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson opened

the New York World's Fair. In 1970, millions of Americans concerned about the environment observed the first "Earth Day.

In 1990, pro-Iranian kidnappers in Lebanon freed American hostage Robert Polhill after nearly 39

months of captivity In 1994, Richard M. Nixon, the 37th president of the United States, died at a New York hospital four days after suffering a stroke; he was 81

Ten years ago: Leaders of 34 Western Hemisphere nations meeting in Quebec agreed to stick with an ambitious plan to create the world's largest free-trade zone by 2005 and penalize any country that strayed from the path of democracy.

Five years ago: The Iraqi parliament elected Jalal Talabani to another term as president

One year ago: The Deepwater Horizon oil platform, operated by BP, sank into the Gulf of Mexico two days after a massive explosion that killed 11 workers

Today's Birthdays: Actor George Cole is 86. Actress Charlotte Rae is 85. Actress Estelle Harris is 79. Singer Glen Campbell is 75. Actor Jack Nicholson is 74. Singer Mel Carter is 68. Author Janet Evanovich is 68. Country singer Cleve Francis is 66. Movie director John Waters is 65. Singer Peter Frampton is 61. Rock singer-musician Paul Carrack (Mike and the Mechanics; Squeeze) is 60. Actor Joseph Bottoms is 57. Actor Ryan Stiles is 52. Baseball manager Terry Francona is 52. Comedian Byron Allen is 50. Actor Chris Makepeace is 47. Rock musician Fletcher Dragge is 45. Actor Jeffrey Dean Morgan is 45. Actress Sheryl Lee is 44. Actress-talk show host Sherri Shepherd is 44. Country singer-musician Heath Wright (Ricochet) is 44. Country singer Kellie Coffey is 40. Actor Eric Mabius is 40. Actor Ingo Rademacher is 40. Rock musician Shavo Odadjian (System of a Down) is 37. Rock singer-musician Daniel Johns (Silverchair) is 32. Actress Michelle Ryan is 27. Actress Amber Heard is 25.

Thought for Today: "What's vice today may be virtue, tomorrow." - Henry Fielding English novelist (born this date in 1707, died in 1754)



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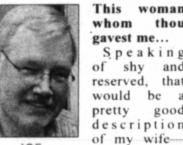
Coo, coo, ca-choo...

There will be a "Candidates Debate" on Monday at the Heritage Room of the M K Brown Civic Auditorium, at 7pm. This is a great way to find out something about the candidates running for mayor and city council. (Really it's just a forum-no debating. I just couldn't resist the "Mrs Robinson reference!)

It's odd who you run into....

A few days ago a man came into the office looking for contact information for a local resident, he'd had a hard time locating. He was disappointed in a local business regarding service and was also looking for a place to eat that was nearby. Figuring that Bill Hite knows more people in town than anyone else, I sent him to Heard-Jones Healthmart. It was close, he could probably get the information, and he could get a tasty meal

He returned about 45 minutes later as I was on the phone. He didn't have time to wait, and Lori said that he wanted us to know that the pharmacist and he had known each other "in a different life". The next time I was in, I asked Bill what the situation was. It turns out that man was Dean of Men at Southwestern Pharmacy College when Bill was studying there. There's more to the story than that, but I'll let Bill tell it to you-if you can drag it out of him. He is so shy and reserved!



WEAVER

got a couple of zingers in on me. The first was when a friend I'll call "Lucy" offhandedly commented that I had appeared recently in some dream of hers. I turned to Wifey and said "See...'Lucy' says I'm the man of her dreams!" "Must have been a nightmare."

Last weekend we stopped at the "Save the Hospital" event on the parking lot of Interim Health Care. We grabbed some breakfast burritos and sat down next to Charles Henry just as the sun went behind a cloud and the wind

speed increased. Charles, ever the man with a comment, said, "I've noticed that every time you sit near me it gets windier and it gets colder."

Before I could respond, shy and retiring Wifey says "I'm the cool one - HE's the windy one!"

Marital discourse

I got one in on her, however. She was recently talking about getting her Masters degree. I told her, "That's fine, but you will still be 'Wifey' around here."

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"Oh, no," she shot back. "If I get my degree I will BE the Master!" "Very well. In that case, I may just have to be the 'Bachelor'!"

What's in a name?

I'm sure that you are aware that many of our English names come from the trades our ancestors once practiced, or some distinguishing characteristic. Many of these are still common today-both as names AND as trades: Baker, Hunter, Farmer, Sailor, Carpenter. Some still exist as surnames, but the trades are long gone: Cooper (barrel maker), Fletcher (the guy) who put feathers on an arrow shaft), Scribner (one who wrote), Husband (caretaker), Bowman, Spearman, Miller. (Incidentally, in the old days, one who wove was called a "webber", thus Weber. The Weaver surname, according to genealogists, comes from a different source.) A few make me wonder exactly what some folks' ancestors were up to (Crook, Hacker, Raper). Come to think of it, Hacker could be modern "trade" name - though with an entirely different meaning.

If we were still developing names, what would they be? Programmer? Roughneck? Investor? Shyster?

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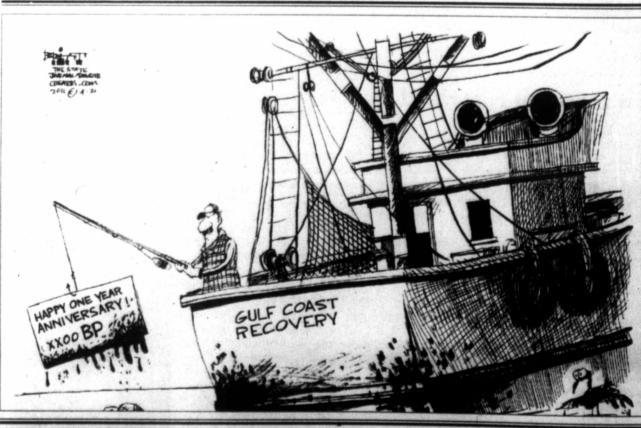
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Mark's last words a perfect ending

We don't really know who wrote the Gospel of Mark. The book never says who wrote it. Some claim that it was written by the same John Mark that travels with the Apostle Paul as recorded in the Book of Acts. Others suggest that it could be the young man who was in the Garden of Gethsemane when Jesus is arrested - you know - the one who manages to slip away from the soldiers by slipping out of his linen garment and running away as naked as a jaybird! Mark is the only gospel writer who mentions this strange incident, so many believe that since this is the kind of thing you'd most likely remember if it happened to you, it could well be autobiographical. Who knows?

One thing we know for sure; whoever Mark was, he wrote his gospel as if he was in a hurry to get the story down as quickly as possible. Some have suggested that Mark gives us the Reader's Digest version of the gospel because he leaves out all sorts of things. Notice that he says nothing about Jesus' birth, for example-no angel Gabriel, no startled shepherds, no wise men, no Herod, no star. There's no Sermon on the Mount or on the Plain for that matter. There's no mention of the Lord's Prayer. Mark records only four of the parables. One thing there is a lot of in Mark's gospel is the word "immediately." He uses it three times more than Matthew or Luke, and fifteen times more than John!

But as rushed as Mark seems to be, when it comes to Holy Week, even he has to slow down. Almost half of his gospel is devoted to the final week of Jesus' life. And when Jesus is nailed to the cross, Mark actually takes the time to share with us both his last words, and the language in which he spoke them-"Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani"-which Mark translates, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Only Matthew has the stomach to corroborate this part of the crucifixion story. Luke and John either didn't recall our Lord saying those words, or what is more likely, couldn't quite bring themselves to report it.

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Still, if you ask me, the most intriguing aspect of Mark's Gospel is where he chooses to finish his gospel. Three women go the tomb first thing Easter morning and find it empty. A young man, dressed in white, informs them



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rather matter-of-factly, "Jesus is not here. He has been raised. Go tell the disciples that he will meet them in Galilee." At which point, the women run from the tomb as if the place had been set on fire-and, in a sense, I

suppose it had been. Like the burning bush of old, or the pillar of fire that guided the Israelites through the wilderness, the world was now ablaze with the glory of God!

are not running out of excitement or amazement, or even because "good news travels fast." Mark tells us that the reason for this early, Easter morning sprint is because the women are scared; and as a result, "they said nothing to anyone." End of the story. End of the gospel. That's all he wrote.

Many Bibles choose to print the next dozen or so verses in italics because it appears that after Mark wrote his gospel someone else came along and added the following verses. And it's easy to see why. The ending seems a bit abrupt, perhaps even anticlimactic. However, I prefer to end the story exactly where Mark intended

Sure, the women may have run off, filled with fear; but the point is—Fear doesn't have the last word; God does! "Jesus of Nazareth has been raised from the dead," says the young man in dazzling white. That's the last word; and when you think about it, what more really needs to be said? So Mark put down his pen, then and there, and stopped writing-almost as if he was subtly saying to all of us, "Okay, enough reading ... now it's time for you to respond!" Will you share the good news that Jesus Christ has been raised from the dead or will you say nothing to anyone?

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· Zion Lutheran Church — Easter Vigil Service, 8:30 p.m.

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· First Presbyterian Church Sunrise Service — 6:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., 314 Oak Drive

 Calvary Baptist — 7 a.m. Sunrise Service and 10:45 a.m.

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McCain: Increase military aid to anti-Gadhafi rebels in Libya

BENGHAZI, Libya (AP) — U.S. Sen. John McCain called for increased military support Friday for Libya's rebels, including providing weapons, training and giving close air support to the opposition in the battle to oust Moammar Gadhafi.

McCain, the top Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee, said at a news conference in the rebels' stronghold of Benghazi in eastern Libya that he did not believe U.S. ground troops

We need to urgently step up the NATO air campaign to protect Libyan civilians, especially in Misrata," he said, referring to the besieged rebel-held city in western Libya. "We desperately need more close air support and strike assets."

His visit came a day after the United

States started flying armed drones to bolster NATO firepower and try to break a battlefield stalemate with Gadhafi's forces. McCain said he supported the use of the drones "so we can better identify Gadhafi's forces as they seek to conceal themselves in civilian areas."

U.S. Marine Gen. James Cartwright said the drones "are uniquely suited for urban areas," with their ability to fly lower and counteract the pro-Gadhafi forces' tactic of traveling in civilian vehicles that are difficult to distinguish from those of rebel forces. The first mission was flown Thursday, but the aircraft - armed with Hellfire missiles turned back due to poor weather conditions without firing any of its munitions, Cartwright said.

Drugs

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Commission will meet at 4

p.m., Tuesday, April 26, in

the commission chambers.

on the third floor of city

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amount of what appeared to be marijuana.

Officers said this morning that Jack Floyd was being held in connection with charges of possession of a controlled substance in connection with less than one gram of suspected cocaine.

Cassie Floyd was being held in connection with charges of possession of drug

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the low bid was submitted by Plains Builders of Amarillo The bid includes the construction of a building and concrete pad and includes office space and a waste oil heater furnace and a baler that will be used to hale used cardboard, plastic and alumi-

The project, Arias said, is being funded in part by \$77,719.16 grant money. The amount of the grant, however, is increasing as other cities in the grant program return unused

The PRPC said that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) does not anticipate funding cuts this fis-

As a result, Arias may get as much as \$96,127.16 in grant money

 The commission will also consider bids on tax delinquent properties that include 508 E. Foster, 325 N. Banks, 1144 Huff, 536 E. Elm, 1025 Huff, 1072 Varnon, 609 and 613 North Roberts, 624 North Roberts, 700 N. Christy, 335 North Roberts and

ther is a state worker who has "furlough Fridays." My sister, "Dee," went home

early from school last Friday because she wasn't feeling well and found him in bed with one of his coworkers. Mom was at work, so apparently Dad thought he was safe. If Mom ever found out, their marriage would be over. Dad is begging Dee not to tell. Dee and I have been

saving for a large HDTV for our bedroom. Dad is now offering to pay for it. He says he'll tell Mom he's fied. helping us because we have been working so hard to save the money. Actually, he'd pay for the whole thing and let us keep our money.

Dee is all for it. She says we can use Dad's affair to get more from him in the future. I'm shocked and disappointed in my father, and while I don't want to destroyed, I don't feel right es available at the universiabout letting him bribe us. ty. She has no disability and What should I do? — CAL-IFORNIA GIRL

piece of work. That he would attempt to rope his daughters in as co-conspirators shows the extent of his lack of character. MICHIGAN And if you didn't realize

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My fa- it, you wouldn't have writ-

ten to me. Please do not go along with your sister's plan to accept the payoff. It's extortion. If you keep the secret, there is nothing to prevent your father from continuing his adulterous affairs. As difficult as hearing about this from you may be to your mother, if she should find out" what's been going on and it ALWAYS comes out - and realize her daughters were aware of

DEAR ABBY: My fiance has a daughter in college. "Kimberly" emails her essays to her father, always saying, "I need you to spellcheck, check grammar and fix everything. Then send it back to me."

it, her pain will be magni-

him this is unethical. His daughter is working for a see my parents' marriage grade and there are resourctime is not an issue.

When this happens my DEAR CALIFORNIA blood boils. Am I wrong? GIRL: Your father is a Or is it wrong of her to expect Daddy to fix her papers so she can get a good grade? He thinks I'm overreacting. - NOT FOOLED IN

DEAR

FOOLED: Of course vou're not wrong. As wellintended as your fiance may be, by correcting his daughter's assignments he's preventing her from learning skills she will need once she graduates. Warning: If you plan to marry this man, be prepared for a future filled with him solving one problem after another for her, because he's not going to change and neither will she. A college girl being this dependent on Daddy isn't healthy.

DEAR ABBY: How long after you are married can you take a honeymoon? My husband and I dream of going to Venice so we can kiss on the Bridge of Sighs. We've heard if you do that, you'll be in love forever.

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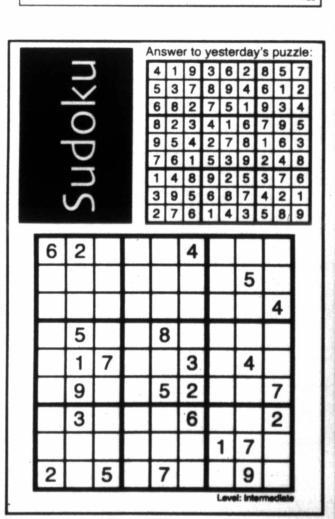
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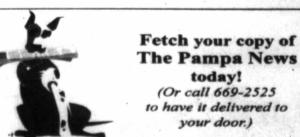
We're saving our mon-As a teacher, I have told ey, but won't be able to afford to go until after our first anniversary. Is there a rule that a honeymoon must be taken within the first year of marriage? - LIZA IN ALASKA

DEAR LIZA: There's no such rule that I know of. Because it's your first big trip together as man and wife, call it a "deferred honeymoon" (after all, that's what it is), and you need not apologize for NOT doing so.

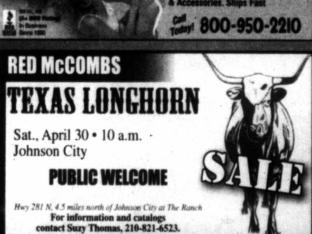
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This year, you will gain insight through travel, education and/or a foreigner. You will see life in a new way, adding to your excitement and desire to maximize every moment of your life. You are likely to bridge a misunderstanding that might have existed for years. Your ability to understand, relate and walk in another's shoes might be part of the reason. If you are single, this summer you might meet someone who could knock your socks off. This person might be part of your life's history. If you are attached, the two of you open up more because of a greater ability to relate. CAPRICORN reads you cold.

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)

*** If you have had a difficult time clearing up recent events and a misunderstanding, an opportunity to resolve these issues appears. You might need to be more responsible in handling a personal matter. Just the same. give yourself time. Tonight: The spotlight is on you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** You build better relationships as a result of detachment. Generally, those close to us trigger us, giving us an opportunity to work through a difficult issue. You could reflect on this issue as you drive through the country or visit a friend. Tonight: Opt for something different

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** If you think that a partner or dear friend has a good point, let this person know. Take the time to listen and affirm what you are hearing. This type of attention speaks to caring and being more involved with the person.

Tonight: Let's try dinner for two. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Juggle different events more carefully. Someone could feel deprived if you cancel. Still, make judgments that work for you first. Put yourself in situations where you can kick back and relax. Nurturing could go to extremes, especially for a Cancer. Tonight: Continue the day off.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

** Take a day off and do something for yourself. Schedule a massage or go for a hike with someone you love being with. Honor your energy levels and needs more often. You'll have an opportunity late today or afterward to clear up a misunderstanding. Tonight: Play it low-key.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** Take an innate playfulness into your day. You have had enough of seriousness. Note how energized you will feel. Allow greater give-and-take with friends and loved ones. Tonight: Go to a comedy club.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Take a hint from Leo, though you might want to invite someone over while you play couch potato or work on your lawn. Some of you might enjoy your family and a barbecue. You cannot always go full steam ahead. Periods like today are instrumental. Tonight: Don't stand on ceremony with a loved one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** You have the right words. Whether inviting someone to a late lunch or a movie, or simply convincing another person of the rightness of your ways, makes no difference. Enjoy catching up on news and sharing. Tonight: Let the good thoughts and talks

continue SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Curb a need to over-indulge in some avenue of your life. Though you might have a good time, you could do a most effective job of distancing a friend or potential loved one. Stop and be real. Do you really want to do this? Tonight: Pick up the tab.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **** Your happy ways make a big difference. Can you stay upbeat and handle everything that is on your plate? Listen to another person's ideas before you make plans. You will have a chance to clear the air - finally. You need to open up a conversation and understand that another person is upset. Tonight:

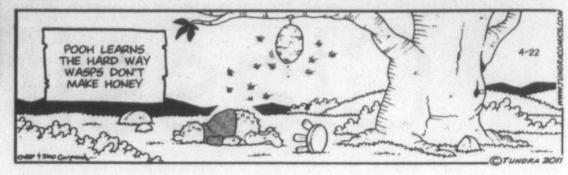
Wish upon a star. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

** Take some time off for yourself. What is happening could be most disturbing when you realize a judgment was off. This type of experience happens with everyone. Touch base with a friend with whom you might have had this same experience. Tonight:

Funnel more closeness into your life. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** Surround yourself with friends and those you love. You could experience some fatigue. Know what your expectations are. If you are feeling disappointed, you can only blame yourself, as you wanted a certain flow of events. Tonight: Give up the need to

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MOM, WE'VE BEEN OVER THIS BEFORE ... YOU HAVE TO TEXT SOMEONE THAT YOU'RE GOING TO CALL, OTHERWISE PEOPLE DON'T ANSWER THEIR PHONES



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AVISO PUBLICO El Consejo de administracion del Distrito escolar independiente de Grandview-Hopkins hace publico este aviso en cumplimiento de 28 C.F.R. 51.28 (g), como

El 8 de marzo de 2011. durante una reunion deconvocada, el Consejo Distrito escolar indeuna Orden de convocatoria de elecciones esde bonos y gravamenes. la emision de bonos y gravamenes fue presentado el dia 14 de marzo. Cline Stephenson, de 2011 al Fiscal Gen. Deceased eral de los Estados Uni. c/o Garland Sell dos para su previa con sideración. Copias de la Amarillo, TX Orden (en ingles y en 79101-2318 espanol) y de lpropuesta . All persons rante las horas habitu, prescribed by law ales comerciales, en la oficina del Distrito escolar independiente de Grandview-Hopkins. situada en 11676 FM 293, Groom, TX. Cualquier persona que desee

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HECHO PUBLICO March 29, 2011 (fecha)

POR Bryan Hanna 'Distrito 'escolar independiente de Grandview-Hopkins

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NO. 9831 ESTATE OF NORMA RUTH CLINE STEPHENSON DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR GRAY COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

is given that GIVEN THAT an elecbidamente anunciada y original Letters Testation will be held within mentary for the Estate Grandview-Hopkins Inde administracion, del of Norma Ruth Cline dependent School Dis-Stephenson, Deceased, trict, on Saturday, May pendiente de Grand were issued on April 14, 2011, as provided in view-Hopkins adopto 18, 2011, under Docket the Order Calling Bond 9831, pending in No. Election passed by the the County Court of Board of Trustees of peciales para la emiion Gray County, Texas, to Grandview-Hopkins In-Michael Sarzynski. dependent School Dis-Segun corresponde, los Claims may be present- trict, a substantial copy terminos de las elec- ed in care of the attorof which Order is printciones especiales para ney for this estate, aded below dressed as follows: Estate of Norma Ruth 504 S. Polk, Ste. 101

having de autorización previa claims against, which is estaran a disposicion currently being admindel publico para su istered, are required to consulta, despues del 28 present them within the de marzo de 2011, du time and in the manner SELL GRIFFIN

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THE ESTATE WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Grandview-Hopkins Inde pendent School District (the "District") held a meeting March 8, 2011, and that said meeting was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place and purpose of said

meeting was given, all Government Code, Chapter 551; and, WHEREAS, the District deems it advisable to call the Special Bond Election (the "Election") hereinafter ordered: and

WHEREAS, it is heredetermined at said quired or permitted by 79066. Application for PROPOSITION to be of Trustees shall cause meeting that it is in the law being May 2, 2011 ballot by mail must be expressed substantially this order and all other

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District to hold the hereinafter called Elec- below 41.001(a) of the Texas Place: Election Code; and, WHEREAS, the District intends to enter in-

to an Election Administration Agreement with County "County") for administration of the Election the Gray County Clerk. pursuant Texas Election Code. Chapter 31

THEREFORE NOW. BE IT ORDERED BY BOARD TRUSTEES OF THE DISTRICT:

1. The statements con tained in the preamble of this Order are true and correct and adopted as findings of fact and provisions The District hereof. shall hold a special bond election ("Elecbetween tion") the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on May 14, 2011 The Election shall occur at the following designated polling place(s), and be conducted by the following election officers. who have been appointed to hold said Election: Grandview-Hopkins

ISD Administration Office 11676 FM 293 Groom, Texas 79039 Presiding Judge: Heather Thompson Alternate Judge: Sheila Winton

The Presiding Judge shall appoint not less than two (2) but no more than five (5) required by the conducting the Elec- 4 Presiding Judge actually serves as expected, the Alternate Presiding ing Judge shall be one of such clerks. 3. Early voting at both

shall be conducted on and pledge, and cause legal

each day, excluding to be assessed and col-Saturdays, Sundays or lected, annual ad valorqualified election clerks hours for early voting to serve and assist in by personal appearance. The Early Voting tion; provided that if the Clerk for the Election shall be Linda Lewis. The Deputy Early Vot-

Clerk shall be Amera Sperry 5. Applications for earlocations shall be con- be sent to Linda Lewis, by officially found and od early voting is re- Box 2493, Pampa, TX law, and with such President of the Board

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during the hours listed the close of business on Early voting May 6, 2011 tion on May 14, 2011, a shall be conducted by 6. An Early Voting Baluniform election date personal appearance at lot Board shall be createstablished by section the Main Early Voting ed to process early voting results of the Elec- FOR **Gray County** tion. Linda Lewis is STRUCTION. Clerk's Office hereby appointed as the QUISITION, 205 North Russell St., Presiding Judge of the VATION Room 200

> point at least two (2) THE Monday, May 2, 2011 other members to serve HOPKINS 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the Early Voting PENDENT Tuesday, May 3, 2011 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Ballot Board. 7. All qualified electors LEVYING OF Wednesday, May 4, 2011 of and residing in the TAX FOR PAYMENT 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. District shall be entitled THEREOF Thursday, May 5, 2011 to vote at the Election ... 10. A substantial copy

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Judge, in turn, shall ap-

board, and the Presiding SCHOOL

3:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 8. At the Election, the of this Order, in both Friday, May 6, 2011 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. following TION shall be submitted in accordance with 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, 2011 PROPOSITION -8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Shall the Board of of Trustees shall cause Early Voting shall also Trustees of Grandview- the Notice to be pubbe conducted by personal appearance from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.. Monday through Fri-

School District be au- not earlier than the 30th thorized to issue bonds day or later than the of the District, in one or 10th day prior to the more series, in the ag- date set for Election, in or permitted by law, be- gregate quisition, equipment and school buildings in the the District. In addition,

Districts, with the not later than the 221st bonds to mature, bear day prior to the date set interest, and be issued for the Election, or not and sold in accordance later than the next with the law at the time business day if the 21st Voting Lo- of issuance; and shall day falls on a Saturday. cation and the Branch the Board of Trustees Sunday or legal state Early Voting Location be authorized to levy holiday, the President state holidays, em taxes, on all taxable Spanish, to be posted on when there shall be no property in the District, the bulletin board used early voting by personal sufficient, without limit for posting notices of appearance, and shall at as to rate or amount, to meetings of the Board all times remain open pay the principal of and of Trustees, and at any during the above-noted interest on the bonds? other location(s) and by 9. The official ballots any other method as the for the Election shall be District deems fit or prepared in accordance may be required by law. with the Texas Election 11. A substantial copy

Code so as to permit the of this order delivered electors to vote "FOR" to the Election Judge(s) or "AGAINST" the and Alternate Election aforesaid PROPOSI- Judge(s) within the time TION with the ballots required by law shall be ly voting by mail shall to contain such provi- proper notice as resions, markings and quired under ducted during the peri- Early Voting Clerk, PO language as required by Election Code, and the

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posted and delivered to the Election Judges and any Alternates stated herein, as may be required by law. 12. In all respects the Election shall be conducted in accordance with the Texas Election

Code and any other ap-

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shall serve as proper Notice of the Election ministration (the "Notice"), and the President of the Board Independent lished as least one time, and sented principal a newspaper published President of the Board amount of \$1,000,000 in the District or, if of Trustees is hereby for the construction, ac- none is published in the authorized and directed said contract.

renovation District, in a newspaper of of general circulation in of the Board of Trustees shall cause the Notice, in both English and

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BUILDplicable state or federal AND FOR law. At least one (1) electronic voting machine, which has been certified by the Texas Secretary of State for use in Texas elections as an accessible voting system, shall be used at each election day polling place and Early Voting polling place. 13. The Election Ad-Agree-

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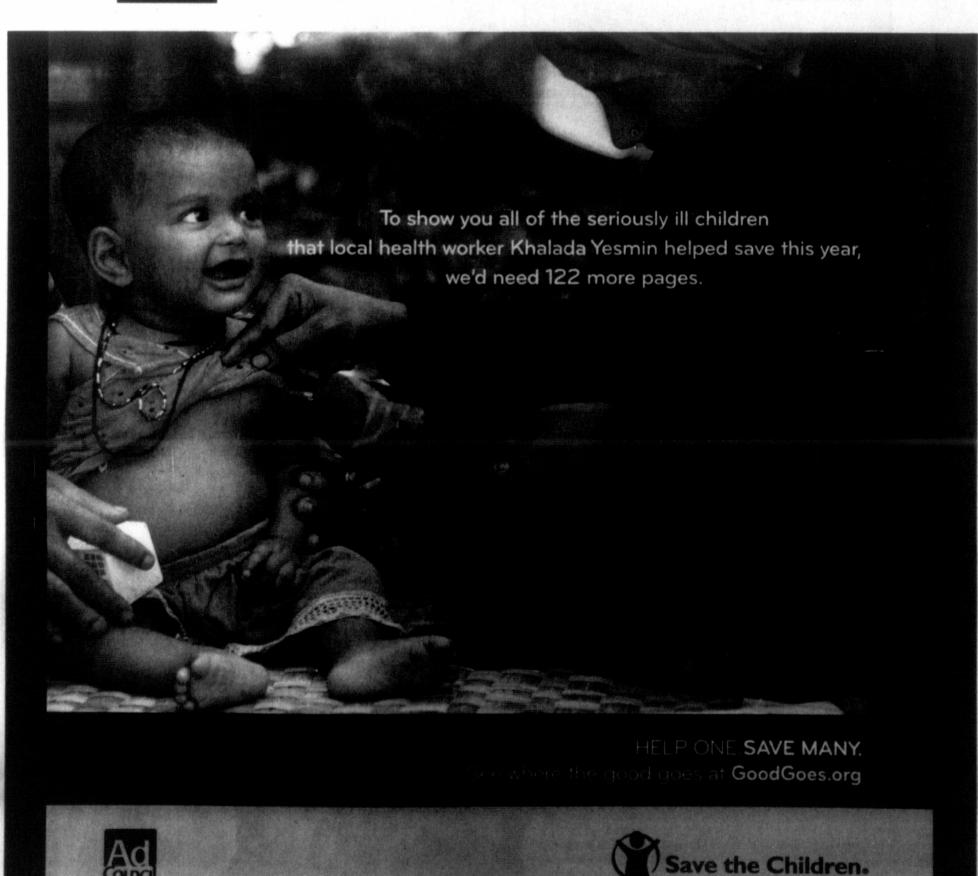
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Sports

Gage and Silva advance to state in mixed doubles

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The Pampa Harvesters tennis team send a pair to state as seniors Holly Gage and Aaron Silva advance in mixed doubles.

Gage and Silva lost the championship match to Josh Madden and Abbie Madden from Borger 2-6 and 0-6 Thursday at McLeod Tennis Complex in Lubbock. Head coach Sarah Corse said Borger's team was good.

"They deserve to win," Corse said. "They just beat us."

Gage and Silva had to play a playback match against Rahil Patel and Katy Ueckert from Abilene Wylie. Pampa's

second set 3-6. Gage and Silva locked up their spot to state with a 6-4 victory. Corse said it was an exciting match.

seniors won the first set 6-4 but lost the

"We didn't win on an error," Corse said. "Both teams were winning points on every shot. The match drew a crowd."

Corse said she was proud of how all her players performed.

"Nick Nelson and Logan Karbo are looking to be back

next year," Corse said. "I get everyone back next year except Holly (Gage) and Aaron (Silva). We are going to be great on the guys side...They represented Pampa so well.'

Corse

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Polasek said it is a

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Gage and Silva are the first players under Corse, who started five years ago to advance to state. The state tournament May 9-10 in Austin.

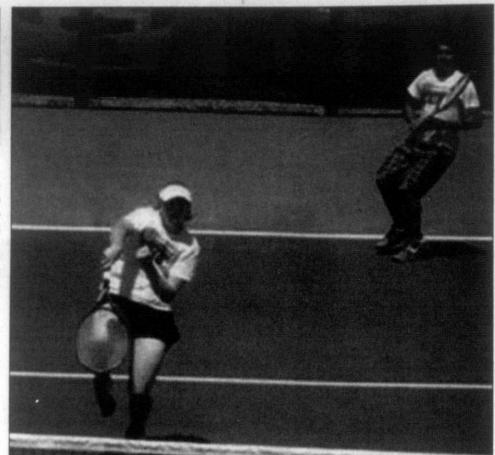


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Senior Holly Gage follows through with a forehand shot as partner Aaron Silva looks on. Gage and Silva finished second in regionals and advance to state May 9 and 10.

PHS boys basketball lands four on Academic All-State

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Pampa High School basketball seniors Garrett Ericson, Jonathan Polasek, Greg Cabrales and Joseph Mechelay excelled on the court as they led Pampa to the regional finals.

For them to excel on the court, though, they had to excel in the classroom first. The four seniors were recognized for that as they were selected to the Academic All-State Team.

To qualify, juniors or seniors must have an accumulative grade point average of 90 or higher. Ericson said that's why they are in school.

'We're student-athletes not athlete-students," Ericson said. "The student part comes first. I do best to keep my aca- dedication when that many make it."

Mavericks owner Mark Cuban says he

object during Thursday night's playoff

Cuban told reporters afterward he did

not know what the object was, and he was unhurt by it. He also praised the security

game against the Portland Trail Blazers.





PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Dallas at the Rose Garden.



Mechelay

Cabrales said

Head coach Dustin Miller said he is excited for his four seniors.

'I'm excited for those four for their hard work in the classroom to pay off for them, Miller said. "It says a lot about our seniors'

Cuban, who was sitting in the crowd

acting with fans who were booing him

The Trail Blazers won 97-92. Dallas leads the first-round playoff series two

Softball special for Mayhew



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Senior Jordan Mayhew throws a pitch against Perryton Tuesday. Mayhew started at pitcher when she first started playing softball in third grade.

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Pampa High School senior Jordan Mayhew played volleyball and tennis for a season. There was something special about softball, though, that kept the senior

involved the last four seasons. Mayhew said softball has just been something she's enjoyed ever since third grade.

"My mom first introduced me in third grade and it was just summer league," Mayhew said. "Softball is just a special sport. It's unique and we're just a family out here. I love the sport more than anything else."

Mayhew chose MC Hammer's "Too Legit to Quit" for her walkup song. The senior said she wanted something fun.

"I wanted something to get me pumped when I came up to bat," Mayhew said.

Mayhew played pitcher until her sophomore season when she was primarily used at third. The senior had five appearances

on the mound this season including three

Head coach Bobbi Gill said Jordan has always worked hard and been willing to do whatever the team needed her to do. "She is very versatile and has embraced that role," Gill said.

Unlike her senior teammate, Mayhew didn't move to Pampa until her sixth grade year, she didn't know about the Lady Harvester winning tradition.

"I wasn't sure about it," Mayhew said. "Once I did I loved being a part of it and wouldn't change it for the world."

Mayhew was a part of two regional semifinal teams, four regional quarterfinal teams and three district championships. This season, Mayhew is one of three seniors and added she enjoys being

a leader. "It's been really exciting and fun," Mayhew said. "I love all the girls and hanging out with them outside of the school as well.'

Cowboys stadium to host bowling

Cuban says he was hit in loss

was struck in the face by an unknown behind the Mavericks' bench, was inter-

late in the game.

will roll where footballs usually fly when Cowboys Stadium hosts the U.S. Women's Open this summer.

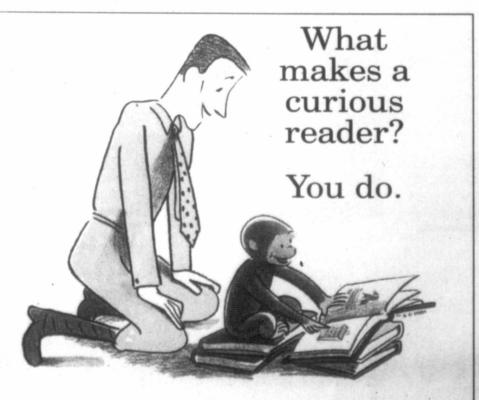
Shiny wooden lanes will be placed on either side of the famous Dallas Cowboys star at midfield of their cavernous home in suburban Arlington.

Cowboys spokesman Brett Daniels says the bowling setup will be a first for a

DALLAS (AP) — Bowling balls stadium that has hosted concerts, rodeos,

boxing matches and motocross races. Organizers hope the June 30 event shatters bowling attendance records. There will be temporary seats on the field behind the bowlers

Pro bowler Stefanie Nation says it's exciting to have "the pinnacle of women's bowling" at the site of this year's Super Bowl.



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More about Mayhew

- · Mayhew is involved with Cornerstone Baptist Youth Group. *She played doubles with Cali Gibson during the fall tennis season.
- . Mayhew went 1-1 on the mound.
- · Mayhew hit home runs against Hereford, Iowa Park and Perryton



ON THE TUBE

SPEED

BURNING ISSUES Does the end justify the means? Does a great finish erase all memory of a fairly routine race leading up to it?

Dale Earnhardt Jr. made the determination that he and his drafting partner, Jimmie Johnson, ran faster with Johnson out front. This selfless call proved instrumental in

tt's popular for insiders to dub stock-car racing "a team sport," even though, by definition, it isn't. At Daytona and Talladega, though, it's something of a "teams sport."

The last time there were this many pairings of two, Noah was the crew chief.

lack Nyle Busch managed to win Talladega's Nationwide Series race after having his Toyota bounced around and crumpled in a huge crash. Neither rain nor hall nor gloom of wrecks will prevent Busch from making his Nationwide Series munde.

The whole track dodged a bullet on the night of Friday, April 15, when rough weather drenched the area. Tornadoes touched down in the surrounding area, but with an estimated 35,000 campers around

Johnson's margin of victory, .002 of a second, tied a record, as did the race's 88 lead changes. The most amazing mark was unofficial, though. The top eight finishers were reportedly separated by .07 of a second.

Twenty-six different drivers led the Aaron's 499, including nine

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NASCAR Sprint

WHO'S HOT AND WHO'S NOT



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SPRINT CUP NATIONWIDE

Race: Crown Royal Presents the Matthew & Daniel Hansen 400 national Raceway (.75 mi.), 400 laps/300 miles. When: Saturday, April 30. Last year's wir

ing record: Brian Vickers Chevy, 129.983 mph, May 14, 2004. Race record: Dale Jarrett, Ford, 109.047 mph, Sept. 6, 1997. Last week: Jimmie Johnson defeated Clint Bowyer by .002 of a second at Talladega. Chevy drivers took the top five positions, and the top eight drivers crossed the finish line .07 of a second apart in a race that saw the lead swap hands 88 times.

CLINT BOWYER

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK

Race: Nashville 300 Where: Nashville Sup ebanon, Tenn. (1.333 mi.), 225 laps/300 miles. Last year's winner: Kevin Harvick, Chevy.

Qualifying record: David
Stremme, Dodge, 166.561 mph,
April 6, 2007.

Race record: Scott Wimmer, Chevy. 134.095 mph, March 22, 2008. Last week: Toyota driver Kyle Busch won for the fourth time in seven 2007 races, roaring back to the front after being involved in a multicar crash earlier in the Aaron's 312 at Talladega Superspeedway.

SPRINT CUP SERIES

WHAT'S UP NEXT

Race: Bully Hill Vineyards 200 Where: Nashville Supe Lebanon, Tenn. (1.333 mi.), 150 laps/199.95 miles When: Friday, April 22. Last year's winner: Kyle Busch,

Qualifying record: Erik Damel Ford, 162.116 mph, Aug. 12, 2006, Race record: Scott Riggs, Dodge, 132.466 mph, Aug. 10, 2001 Last race: Chew driver Johnny Sauter passed Kyle Busch, in a To and went on to win the Kroger 250 at Martinsville Speedway. It marked career victory No. 3 for the Necedah



No. 33 BB&T CHEVROLET



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

er ran a heck of a race at Talladega on Sunday. Since NASCAR started electronically scoring, Sunday's finish (with Jimm taking the victory) was the closest margin (.002 second) tying the mark that the Ricky Craven beat Kurt Busch at Darlington in 2003.

Bowyer Bummed About Second

Great race for RCR driver ends in tough runner-up finish

TALLADEGA, Ala. - When Clint Bowyer crossed the finish line at Talladega Superspeedway, he didn't know whether he'd won the Aaron's 499 or not. Jimmie Johnson, who won by 202 of a second, wasn't completely sure it was the final lap.

Still, for Bowyer, a first and a second in the past two Talladega races isn't a bad record at a track where misfortune plagues almost everyone at one time or another. As an example, Bowyer, who debuted here in 2006, has suffered four placings — it's a bit misleading to label them finishes — of 35th or worse Losing by .002 of a second is a major disappointment,

but it beats skidding upside-down. "Man, what a bummer," said Bowyer. "It just slipped

through our hands."

Since NASCAP began electronically scoring such numbers, the race tied a record. Johnson's margin matched that of Ricky Craven over Kurt Busch at Darlington Raceway in 2003. Bowyer took little comfort.

"It's never good to know you made NASCAR history by losing," he said. "Sooner or later, I need to make history by winning. That guy (Johnson) has won enough."

Bowyer led more lans than anyone else (38) and kept his No. 33 Chevy near the front for almost the entire race. He criticized the winner for spending much the race riding safely in the nether reaches of the field. Johnson --- trailed by his drafting partner, Dale Earnhardt Jr. - was 20th with 18 laps remaining.

those guys (Johnson and Earnhardt) lagged back all day long. That's what makes it tough, losing to somebody who did that. We were up front for our sponsors and our team, and digging all day long. When you get it taken away from you at the end by somebody who lagged back all day, it's hard to take.

Bowyer's criticism wasn't altogether justified. Johnson and Earnhardt spent the middle of the race running up front or near it. Another Hendrick Motorsports drafting tandem, Jeff Gordon and Mark Martin, spent most of the race at the back of the field before taking advantage of caution flags by drafting back to the front. The Hendrick drivers finished first, third, fourth and eighth.

But it was Bowyer who won the previous Talladega race, on Oct. 31, 2010. He obviously has a knack for the mysteries of restrictor-plate racing, having finished 12th or better in seven of the past eight Talladega Cup races.

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DAVE BLANEY VS. KURT BUSCH

Blaney could have been the Cinderella story of the Aaron's 499. He led the second-most laps (21) and was ahead in the late stages but spun out after contact with his drafting partner, Busch. The result was a 27th-place finish, but Blaney didn't blame Busch for the spin. "Well, it's the normal thing," said Blaney spin. "Well, it's the normal thing, saw bear "You have a big run, and you're closing so fast. ... You just get such huge runs, it shoves you in there and if there's nowhere to go,

you're in danger of getting turned around."

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his take: "It's a shame such a fine, underdog performance came to naught, but it happens to someone almost every time NASCAR visits Talladega."

YOUR TURN
LETTERS FROM OUR READERS Still Bristling Over Bristol

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

Dear NASCAR This Week I have two observations on the

attendance subject. First of all, when I saw the measiv crowd (at Bristol), I knew more would be said and written about how many people were not there than how many people were there. Or how good attendance was at Phoenix Secondly, I'm going to go out on a limb and predict that as the economy slowly recovers, Bristol will be the last track to get back to its "glory days" of selling everything out for one simple reason: hot In 2010 I went to 29 races, and Bristol was the only race market that hotels required three-night minimums and charged more than twice as much, as other race markets do. In Phoenix, I was 25 minutes away from the track and paid \$159 a night for a nice room. At Bristol, I stayed in Abingdon and paid \$389 a night for a lesser room and had to commit to staying three nights even though I only needed two. Keep in mind, I don't stay in hotels

inutes away. In short, Bristol's worst enemy is its own

across the street from the tracks but usually 30-60

Lloyd Graham

It's always been interesting to us that track management is extremely concerned about scalping tickets but seemingly not so worned

FAN TIPS

A Pocono, Yuengling Deal Pocono Raceway has teamed with Yuengling bee to put together the American Summer Sweepstakes. The grand prize is a tour of the Yuengling Brewery on either June 10 or June 13, those date being wrapped around the Sprint Cup weekend at Pocono Raceway. The race package includes hotel accommodations, motor-coach transportation to and from the track and tickets for two to the ARCA Pocono 200 and the Sprint Cup Pocono 500. For

more information, go to www.poconoraceway.com Mileage isn't just an engine builder's burden

By Monte Dutton NASCAR This Week

TALLADEGA, Ala. - Engine issues

are often oversimplified. For instance, recent weeks have

seen some discussion of alleged fuelmileage problems with the power plants produced by Joe Gibbs Racing. It's not just a matter of the engine builders, noted veteran driver Elliott Sadler after winning the pole for the Aaron's 312 Nationwide Series race.

"There's a big difference in gas mileage between drivers," he noted. "There's a lot of in-and-out with the throttle, and there's lots of difference in the way different drivers work it.

"One of the best guys ever is Bobby Labonte. There are definitely drivers who manage gas better than others."

Family affair — The winner of Talladega's Automobile Racing Club of America race, the 3 Amigos 250, was Ty Dillon, the 19-year-old grandson of Sprint Cup team

owner Richard Childress. Dillon, whose

brother Austin competes regularly in Camping World Truck Series, won by a half-length over veteran Frank Kimmel. Bod rap - As it turns out, it wasn't the cooking of his mother, Nancy Sterling, that made Carl Edwards ill during the

NUTS AND BOLTS

Samsung Mobile 500 at Texas It was just ... a bug. As Edwards said, everyone else who ate the meal in question was fine.

"She thought it was pretty funny, though," said Edwards. "She won't have to cook for anybody any time soon. She's been offering everywhere she goes to cook for people and it's funny because

they're, like, 'No, that's OK." It's the tension - Racing at Talladega is perilous, but it's not overly strenuous, particularly with the cool temperatures that followed Friday night's storms.

"Here, the physical demand isn't that big of deal," said Kyle Busch. "You can run around here all day long and not break a sweat, really."

Do you wanna dance? Asked if finding a Talladega drafting partner was akin to finding a last-minute date to the prom, Kyle Busch's retort was a familiar one for race drivers: "I never had to do that because I never went. "But," he added, "it's probably

pretty accurate." It's so ridiculous - Communication now goes far beyond just words of encouragement from the crew chief and



trated with car 'networking,' Juan Montoya says 'you do all this planning, and

then the restart comes along and the guy in front of you is different. spotter. Most drivers talk to teammates.

Some talk, apparently, to half the field. "If the caution comes out with 10 laps to go (on Sunday), the radios are going to be what I would call ridiculous," said Clint Bowver.

In marked contrast - When Juan Pablo Montoya was asked about the driver "networking," his initial response was a sigh of derision. It was sort of the Latino version of "Pshah." "You do all this planning, and then

LEGENDS AND LORE Don't Forget J.R.

"Lone Star J.R.," he was called. Johnny Rutherford, a native of Fort Worth, Texas, won the Indianapolis 500 three times, not to mention 20 Indy-car races in USAC and 10 more in CART. His lone NASCAR victory was in one of the 100-mile qualifying races leading up to the 1963 Daytona 500. Rutherford won that race driving a Smokey Yunick-tooled Chevy carrying No. 13. His only other top-five finish occurred in 1981, when he finished fifth in the Firecracker 400, won by Cale Yarborough

the restart comes along and the guy of you is different," said Mon toya, who said he plans to talk only with teammate Jamie McMurray

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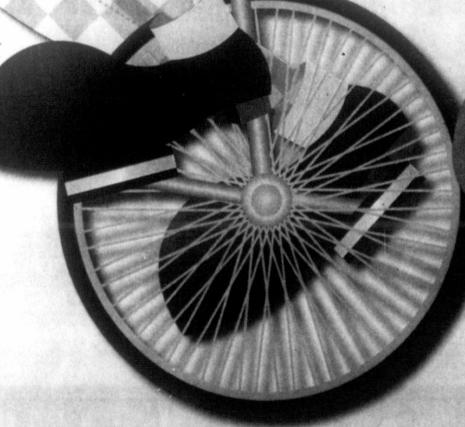
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