




PAMPA FORECAST

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		
High 77 Low 44	High 73 Low 51	High 83 Low 55

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 40. Breezy, with a south southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 77. Windy, with a south southwest wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 44. Windy, with a south wind 25 to 30 mph becoming west northwest 15 to 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 73. Breezy, with a northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 51. Southeast wind around 10 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 83. Breezy, with a south southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 55. Breezy, with a west southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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of Prayer May 5th at MK Brown in the Heritage Room 12:00-12:50.

PRMC to host incontinence seminar

THE PAMPA NEWS

Pampa Regional Medical Center is holding a seminar on the topic of incontinence, led by Dr. Rene Grabato of the Urology Clinic.

Incontinence, a condition that causes sudden urine leakage from increased abdominal pressure, affects more than 33 percent of women over the age of 45.

"Incontinence is treatable," Grabato said. "There are

now many outpatient treatment options available, so women do not have to continue to suffer."

The seminar will be held at 6 p.m. today in the PRMC cafeteria. Attendees will be educated about incontinence and the many treatment options that are now available.

Registration will begin at 5:30 p.m. and snacks will be provided. RSVP at the event at 806-663-5500.

For more information about Pampa Regional Medical Center, visit www.prmctx.com.

Details emerge on daring bin Laden raid

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bit by bit, new details about the audacious raid that killed the world's most wanted terrorist trickled out Tuesday: Unexpectedly high temperatures caused a lumbering helicopter carrying elite commandos to make a hard landing. A woman killed in the raid is believed to have been the wife of the courier whose trail led to Osama bin Laden.

And as Navy SEALs swept through the massive compound, they handcuffed those they encountered with plastic zip ties and pressed on in pursuit of their target, code-named Geronimo. Then, once bin Laden had been shot, they doubled back to move the prisoners away from the compound before blowing up the downed helicopter.

The fuller picture of the high-stakes assault emerged as U.S. officials weighed whether to release secret video and photos of bin Laden, killed with a precise shot above his left eye.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, who chairs the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and revealed some of the new details about the raid, said she'd known about the suspected bin Laden compound since last December — offering rare proof that Washington can indeed keep a blockbuster secret.

President Barack Obama made plans to go to ground zero in New York on Thursday to mark the milestone of bin Laden's demise and to remember the dead of 9/11.

White House counterterrorism adviser John Brennan said the U.S. already was scouring items seized in the raid — said to include hard drives, DVD's, a pile of documents and more — that might tip U.S. intelligence to al-Qaida's operational details and perhaps lead the manhunt to the presumed next-in-command, Ayman al-Zawahri.

As for publicly releasing photos and video, Brennan said in a series of appearances on morning television: "This needs to be done thoughtfully," with careful consideration given to what kind of reaction the images might provoke.

At issue were photos of bin Laden's corpse and video of his swift burial at sea. Officials were reluctant to inflame Islamic sentiment by showing graphic images of the body. But they were also eager to address the mythology already building in Pakistan and beyond that

bin Laden was somehow still alive.

Obama, who approved the extraordinarily risky operation and witnessed its progression from the White House Situation Room, his face heavy with tension, reaped accolades from world leaders he'd kept in the dark as well as from political opponents at home. Pakistan, however, called the raid "unauthorized" Tuesday and said it hoped it wouldn't serve as a precedent for future actions.

Republican and Democratic leaders at home gave Obama a standing ovation at an evening White House meeting that was planned before the assault but became a celebration of it, and an occasion to step away from the fractious political climate.

"Last night's news unified our country," much as the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, did, Republican House Speaker John Boehner said earlier in the day. Obama later appealed for that unity to take root as the U.S. presses the fight against a terrorist network that is still lethal — and now vowing vengeance.

The episode was an embarrassment, at best, for Pakistani authorities as bin Laden's presence was revealed in their midst. The stealth U.S. operation played out in a city with a strong Pakistani military presence and without notice from Washington. Questions persisted in the administration and grew in Congress about whether some elements of Pakistan's security apparatus might have been in collusion with al-Qaida in letting bin Laden hide in Abbottabad.

Brennan asked the question that was reverberating around the world: "How did Osama bin Laden stay at that compound for six years or so and be undetected?"

"We have many, many questions about this," he said. "And I know Pakistani officials do as well." Brennan said Pakistani officials were trying to determine "whether there were individuals within the Pakistani government or military intelligence services who were knowledgeable." He questioned in particular why bin Laden's compound hadn't come to the attention of local authorities.

Feinstein, for her part, said Congress may consider docking the almost \$1.3 billion dollars in annual aid to Pakistan

if it turns out the Islamabad government knew where Osama bin

Laden was. In an essay published Tuesday by The Washington Post, Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari denied suggestions his country's security forces may have sheltered bin Laden, and said their cooperation with the United States helped pinpoint his whereabouts.

As Americans rejoiced, they worried, too, that terrorists would be newly motivated to lash out. In their wounded rage, al-Qaida ideologues fed that concern. "By God, we will avenge the killing of the Sheik of Islam," one prominent al-Qaida commentator vowed. "Those who wish that jihad has ended or weakened, I tell them: Let us wait a little bit."

In that vein, U.S. officials warned that bin Laden's death was likely to encourage attacks from "homegrown violent extremists" even if al-Qaida is not prepared to respond in a coordinated fashion now.

U.S. officials say the photographic evidence shows bin Laden was shot above his left eye, blowing away part of his skull.

He was also shot in the chest, they said. This, near the end of a frenzied firefight in a high-walled Pakistani compound where helicopter-borne U.S. forces found 23 children, nine women, a bin Laden courier who had unwittingly led the U.S. to its target, a son of bin Laden who was also slain, and more.

Bin Laden had lived at the fortified compound for six years, officials said, putting him far from the lawless and harsh Pakistani frontier where he had been assumed to be hiding out.

They said SEALs dropped down ropes from helicopters, killed bin Laden aides and made their way to the main building. Obama and his national security team monitored the strike, watching and listening nervously and in near silence from the Situation Room as it all unfolded.

"The minutes passed like days," Brennan said.

In addition to bin Laden, one of his sons, Khalid, was killed in the raid, Brennan said. Bin Laden's wife was shot in the calf but survived, a U.S. official said. Also killed were the courier, and the courier's wife and brother, U.S. intelligence officials believe.

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Police Department

Phone harassment was reported in the 500 block of N. Naida.

A domestic disturbance was reported at Alcock and Hobart.

A welfare check was reported in the 400 block of N. Wells.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of N. Wells.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 1600 block of N. Willis-ton.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 400 block of Graham.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1200 block of Crawford.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 1100 block of Seneca Ln.

A hit-and-run was reported in the 300 block of Jean.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of S. Barnes.

Disorderly conduct was reported at Albert and Barnes.

An alarm was reported in the 700 block of S. Cuyler.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 900 block of E. Malone.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 900 block of E. Murphy.

An information call was reported in the 200 block of E. Craven.

An information call was reported in the 800 block of N. Gray.

An alarm was reported in the 1100 block of N. Stark-weather.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 200 block of W. Craven.

A gas drive-off was reported in the 1900 block of N. Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 900 block of N. Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 200 block of W. Brown.

Water was shut off in the 1000 block of N. Wells.

A welfare check was reported in the 700 block of N. Sloan.

A gas drive-off was reported in the 1000 block of W. Wilks.

A sewer choke was reported in the 300 block of N. Nelson.

An information call was reported in the 1900 block of N. Banks.

An information call was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

An agency assist was reported in the 2700 block of N. Perryton Pkwy.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of E. Browning.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Village Dr.

A suspicious person was reported at Coronado and Sumner.

A burglary was reported in the 1300 block of N. Mary Ellen.

A stolen vehicle was reported in the 1900 block of N. Nelson.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1800 block

of N. Hamilton.

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

An agency assist was reported at Brown and Municipal Dr.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 900 block of N. Mary Ellen.

Disorderly conduct was reported at Barnes and Crawford.

Sunday, May 1

A suspicious person was reported at Cuyler and Atchison.

An information call was reported in the 400 block of N. Yeager.

An information call was reported in the 2100 block of N. Sumner.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 900 block of Cinderella.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of S. Varnon Dr.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 600 block of E. Foster.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 600 block of N. Magnolia.

A 911 hangup was reported in the 1000 block of S. Christy.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 900 block of Sierra Dr.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 1600 block of E. Hwy. 60.

Disorderly conduct was reported twice in the 1300 block of E. Francis.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 1300 block of F. Francis.

A burglary was reported in the 100 block of E. Virginia.

An information call was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 400 block of N. Jupiter Dr.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 400 block of N. Dwight.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 1700 block of N. Beech Ln.

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

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of E. Francis.

An information call was reported in the 100 block of Village Dr.

A burglary was reported in the 700 block of E. Albert.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1000 block of W. Wilks.

An information call was reported in the 400 block of S. Gillespie.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of N. West.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1300 block of N. Coffee.

A welfare check was reported in the 600 block of S. Barnes.

A welfare check was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

A threat was reported in the 1000 block of N. Wells.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 700 block of N. Naida.

Disorderly conduct was reported at Browning and Frost.

A runaway was reported

in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

Criminal mischief was reported at Montagu and Doyle.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests over the past weekend.

Thursday, April 28

Darryl Garrett Nelson, 18, of Amarillo, was arrested on a Texas Youth Commission directive to apprehend.

Eryca Sovanah Annette Peirce, 21, of Lefors, was arrested by police on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance.

Anthony Dwayne Baston, 21, of Lubbock, was arrested by deputies on bond surrender in connection with charges of assault causing bodily harm and unlawfully carrying a weapon, and violation of parole in connection with charges of deadly conduct with a firearm.

Christopher Dale Estes, 37, of White Deer, was arrested by Department of Public Safety Troopers on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Friday, April 29

Johnny Lee Greene, 20, of Amarillo, was arrested by deputies on charges of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

Carl Allen Hinds, 28, was arrested by deputies on charges of driving with an invalid license.

Saturday, April 30

William Davbrent Thomas, 38, was arrested by police on charges of public intoxication.

Rodney Gene Easley, 37, of Canadian, was arrested by Department of Public Safety Troopers on charges of driving while intoxicated, third time or more.

Kory Kena Benton, 30, of Chicago, was arrested by Department of Public Safety Troopers on charges of possession of marijuana, more than 50 lbs., less than 2000 lbs.

Sunday, May 1

Joshua Lee Rivas, 19, was arrested by police on capias pro fine warrants in connection with charges of public intoxication.

Dante Wilbon, 20, was arrested by police on capias pro fine warrants in connection with charges of no valid driver's license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Dawana Gay Hearon, 44, was arrested by deputies on capias pro fine warrants in connection with charges of theft, less than \$50, and failure to appear.

Bear Julius Raymo, 22, was arrested by police on warrants for violation of parole in connection with charges of possession of marijuana, theft less than \$50 and failure to appear.

Amy Diane Coil, 21, was arrested by police on a capias pro fine warrant in connection with charges of no valid driver's license.

AFTERNOON RUSH

Report: Arctic melt accelerating

STOCKHOLM (AP) — Arctic ice is melting faster than expected and could raise the average global sea level by as much as five feet this century, an authoritative new report suggests.

The study by the international Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Program, or AMAP, is one of the most comprehensive updates on climate change in the Arctic, and builds on a similar assessment in 2005.

It says that Arctic temperatures in the past six years were the highest since measurements began in 1880, and that feedback mechanisms believed to accelerate warming in the climate system have now started kicking in.

One mechanism involves the ocean absorbing more heat when it's not covered by ice, which reflects the sun's energy. That effect has been anticipated by scientists "but clear evidence for it has only been observed in the Arctic in the past five years," AMAP said.

Prison for ex-postal leader

HOUSTON (AP) — A former postal workers leader in Houston is going to prison for faking hotel receipts after Hurricane Katrina and stealing union funds.

A federal judge sentenced 48-year-old Frankie Sanders to 1½ years behind bars after he was convicted of theft of more than \$10,000. Sanders also must repay the American Postal Workers Union.

Prosecutors on Tuesday said an audit led to 13 false hotel receipts during a six-month period following Hurricane Katrina, which hit in August 2005. Sanders was a postal union regional coordinator and was assigned to assist with hurricane-related issues in New Orleans.

Investigators determined some hotels, on the dated receipts submitted by Sanders, had storm damage and were closed.

No date was set for Sanders, who's free on bond, to report to prison.

Students want to pay exoneree

GALVESTON (AP) — Students at a Texas university are trying to raise money to pay a wrongfully imprisoned former inmate a \$250 speaking fee denied by the state over unpaid child support that accrued while the man was on death row.

Anthony Graves recently visited Prairie View A&M to tell his story of spending 18 years behind bars, including 12 on death row, for murders that prosecutors now say he didn't commit.

The state comptroller has refused to pay nearly \$1.4 million in compensation because the order detailing Graves' exoneration lacks the words "actual innocence." Graves is suing to change the order.

A judge ordered that Graves owes back child support, leading to denial of the speaking fee. Graves tells the Houston Chronicle he was "touched" by the efforts of Prairie View students.

Agency denies request for info

AUSTIN (AP) — A state agency has declined to release some documents on the investigation into the accidental online posting of the personal information of 3.5 million Texans, a newspaper reported Tuesday.

The *Austin American-Statesman* reports that the state comptroller's office told it that some documents sought as part of its open records request are exempt because of an ongoing investigation by law enforcement.

Comptroller Susan Combs' office said April 11 that it discovered it mistakenly posted the data, including names, and Social Security numbers, on a publicly accessible server for months.

Attorney General Greg Abbott is being asked by the comptroller's office to rule on the newspaper's open records request for "all emails and other written communication within the comptroller's office from March 31, 2011, through today pertaining to the exposure of the 3.5 million records."

Church to preserve building

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas church has unveiled plans to buy an art deco building where blues great Robert Johnson recorded in 1937.

First Presbyterian Church of Dallas on Monday announced plans to buy what's known as 508 Park Ave.

The Rev. Bruce Buchanan says the plan for the historic building near the church's complex to help the homeless, known as the Stewpot, was presented Monday to the Dallas Landmark Commission. The panel is responsible for reviewing applications for city landmarks.

Buchanan says the goal is to restore 508 Park's exterior, plus refurbish the inside and create a recording studio.

The *Dallas Morning News* reported Tuesday that the property was built in 1929 as a film distribution center. Owner Colby Properties had wanted to demolish the building after being unable to sell it.

Supreme Court mulls execution

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court is considering whether to block Tuesday evening's scheduled execution in Huntsville of convicted killer Cary Kerr.

The 46-year-old Kerr would be the first Texas inmate to receive injection using the sedative pentobarbital as part of the three-drug lethal cocktail given condemned prisoners. The switch is needed because sodium thiopental, used since Texas resumed executions in 1982, is no longer available.

Kerr's lawyers are arguing that poor legal help earlier in his case merit a reprieve. A similar issue is before justices now in their review of an Alabama case.

Pelley to inherit Couric job

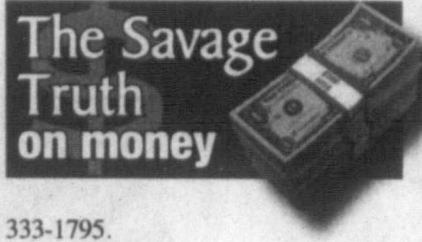
NEW YORK (AP) — CBS says Scott Pelley will take over as its evening news anchor, starting on June 6.

The network on Tuesday announced the expected selection of Pelley, the veteran "60 Minutes" reporter, to replace Katie Couric on the "CBS Evening News." Couric is pursuing a syndicated talk show, but hasn't said where she will be working next. The date for her final CBS broadcast has not been set.

Pelley is a Texas native who has worked at CBS for two decades. He will inherit a broadcast that is in last place in the ratings behind NBC and ABC, and has been for some time.

Social Security says bye to paper checks

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Q: My elderly mother received a notice that she will no longer get a Social Security check, but that her monthly amount must be deposited into her bank account. She doesn't have a bank account, except the joint account I use to manage her expenses. What's this all about?

A: This is all part of the Treasury Department's efforts to save money and make delivery of payments more secure. Starting May 1, all new applicants for government benefits such as Social Security, Veterans Affairs or other federal benefits must receive the money electronically.

People who currently receive federal benefits by paper check must switch to direct deposit by March 1, 2013. The move to do away with paper checks is expected to save \$1 billion over the next 10 years, as baby boomers start receiving retirement benefits.

According to the Treasury Department, it costs 92 cents more to issue a paper check than to make an electronic deposit. And think of all the trees we'll be saving!

Already, the great majority of the 80 million receiving federal benefits get them via direct deposit. But the change has certainly created anxiety for many of the 11 million senior citizens still receiving benefits by paper check.

If you know of someone in this position, please show him or her this column — and help them make the switch, which is easily done following the instructions that come in the envelope with their check — or by going online to www.GoDirect.org. There is also a helpline at (800)

333-1795.

Actually, there are two alternatives to receiving a paper check. The money can be directly deposited into a new or existing bank account, either checking or savings. It will arrive securely, and once deposited you can write checks or pay bills online from your account. To get the direct deposit started, you'll need the bank's "routing transit number," which is found on the face of the check, as well as the bank account number.

Or the money can be directly deposited onto a "DirectExpress" Debit MasterCard, created especially for this purpose. That card can be used at any merchant that accepts MasterCard, or at ATMs to withdraw cash. You get one free cash withdrawal every month, but you can also get cash back with purchases for no additional fee.

There are no sign-up, monthly account or overdraft fees for this MasterCard. You'll have 24-hour access to your money, seven days a week. And you'll have the complete protection against fraudulent use of your card that is given to all MasterCard users. For 75 cents a month, you can also get a paper statement mailed to you, showing your activity.

So if you know a senior who needs to make the switch, please don't let him or her agonize over this change.

WHAT THE FED HEAD SAID

Here's a question I received many

times Wednesday afternoon after Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke spoke: What did he say — and what does it mean to me?

Judging by the number of words it took the Fed chairman to get his message across in his first live press conference after a Fed meeting, it's no wonder you might be a little confused.

Bernanke said the Fed would end its excessive money printing on schedule at the end of the second quarter — and might even start tightening up a bit over the summer. The Fed expects inflation to be just below 3 percent, as a result of rising oil prices, and "core" inflation — without food and energy (for those who can live without food or energy) to be only about 1.5 percent. Bernanke was only slightly optimistic about unemployment, which he said would likely stay in a range of 8.4 to 8.7 percent.

But the markets weren't confused. They believe higher inflation is on the way as a result of all the recent money and credit creation. That fear continues to push gold up, to a dramatic new high of \$1,527 an ounce, while the dollar fell to a new three-year low.

Why were stocks up? A lot of the money being created has also moved into stocks.

The S&P 500 stock index is up about 30 percent since the Fed started its QE2 move to ease and create credit. There's an old rule in the stock market: Don't fight the Fed. And that's The Savage Truth.

Terry Savage is a registered investment adviser and is on the board of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. She appears weekly on WMAQ-Channel 5's 4:30 p.m. newscast, and can be reached at www.terrysavage.com. She is the author of the new book, "The New Savage Number: How Much Money Do You Really Need to Retire?"

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parking lot, there will be a soccer tournament at the stadium.

"This is our fourth year," East said of the celebration. The purpose, she said, is to promote parental involvement in the district and celebrate Hispanic culture.

East said the celebration will also allow cultures in the district to unite.

Each school in the district, she said, is involved in the celebration. Each school or group is involved with providing food or entertainment in some way, she said.

Travis Elementary School will sell corn in a cup.

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to have district functions at the junior high.

"Parking has been a huge issue there," Haenisch said. In other business:

- The school board decided to withdraw their lease to Clear Wireless for a wireless tower at Harvester Stadium.

The school board approved the lease in December for the company to install part of their wireless system at the stadium, but since then, the company has become involved in a sale so the project has been put on hold.

Haenisch said today that the school district decided to go ahead with their plans. If the wireless company wants to reinstate the plans for an antenna at the stadium, he said the district can take it up again.

- The school board also approved the purchase of some laptop computers for an initiative at Pampa High School.

Ultimately, each student at the school will be issued a laptop computer. The computers will replace some textbooks, allowing teachers to update current events more quickly at lower costs.

The decision Monday morning by the school board will start the process with the purchase of 80 laptops for teachers at a cost of \$50,040.80.

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Austin Elementary School will sell Frito pie. Wilson Elementary School will provide Nachos and the bounce house. Lamar will provide balloons.

The Pampa High School student council is selling snow cones. The high school cheerleaders are selling ice cream. The junior high cheerleaders are painting faces. The FFA is providing fajitas.

East said Girl Scouts are providing funnel cakes. DECA students are selling chocolate chip cookies. The Pampa High School Spanish Club is providing cotton candy. Redeemer Pampa is selling sausage on a stick.

SADD will be selling soft drinks while eighth graders will be selling water.

"These are all fundraisers for the students," East said.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, May 3, the 123rd day of 2011. There are 242 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 3, 1911, Wisconsin Gov. Francis E. McGovern signed the first U.S. workers' compensation law to withstand constitutional scrutiny. (Previous attempts in Maryland, Massachusetts, Montana and New York were struck down.)

On this date:

In 1791, Poland adopted a national constitution.
In 1802, Washington, D.C., was incorporated as a city.

In 1933, Nellie T. Ross became the first female director of the U.S. Mint.

In 1948, the Supreme Court ruled that covenants prohibiting the sale of real estate to blacks or members of other racial groups were legally unenforceable.

In 1960, the Harvey Schmidt-Tom Jones musical "The Fantasticks" began a nearly 42-year run at New York's Sullivan Street Playhouse.

In 1971, the National Public Radio program "All Things Considered" made its debut.

In 1979, Conservative Party leader Margaret Thatcher was chosen to become Britain's first female prime minister as the Tories ousted the incumbent Labor government in parliamentary elections.

In 1986, in NASA's first post-Challenger launch, an unmanned Delta rocket lost power in its main engine shortly after liftoff, forcing safety officers to deboost it by remote control.

Ten Years ago: The United States lost its seat on the U.N. Human Rights Commission for the first time since the commission was formed in 1947.

Five years ago: A federal jury in Alexandria, Va., rejected the death penalty for al-Qaida conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui, deciding he should spend life in prison for his role in 9/11; as he was led from the courtroom, Moussaoui taunted, "America, you lost." An Armenian passenger plane crashed off Russia's Black Sea coast, killing all 113 people on board.

One year ago: BP declared it would pay all "legitimate and objectively verifiable" claims related to the Gulf of Mexico oil spill. Times Square bombing suspect Khalid Sheikh Mohammed was apprehended aboard a flight preparing to depart New York for Dubai. Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton exchanged heated words at the United Nations, the site of a monthlong debate over the world's nuclear weapons.

Today's Birthdays: Folk singer Pete Seeger is 95. Actress Ann B. Davis is 85. Singer Frankie Valli is 75. Sports announcer Greg Gumbel is 65. Pop singer Mary Hopkin is 61. Singer Christopher Cross is 50. Country musician Cactus Moser (Highway 101) is 54. Rock musician David Ball (Soft Cell) is 52. Country singer Shane Minor is 43. Actor Bobby Cannavale is 41. Music and film producer-actor Damon Dash is 40. Country musician John Hopkins (Zac Brown Band) is 40. Country-rock musician John Mell (Drive-By Truckers) is 40. Actor Dule Hill is 36. Country singer Eric Church is 34. Dancer Cheryl Burke ("Dancing with the Stars") is 27. Actress Jill Berard is 21.

Thought for Today: "Hatred is gained as much by good works as by evil." Niccolò Machiavelli, Italian political philosopher (born this date in 1469, died 1527)



The boomers: A generation of termites?

The aging of the baby boom generation has not improved its reputation. Having brought immense positive change to this country, the postwar population wave is frequently castigated as a self-seeking and even selfish cohort by members of the generations that have followed, who worry that those nearing retirement will cost too much to maintain amid dimming economic prospects.

That isn't how the boomers see themselves, of course, but that selfish stereotype is at the center of America's budget politics these days — especially the Republican Party's sweeping proposals to reorder priorities and reduce deficits, authored by House Budget Committee Chair Paul Ryan, R-Wis.

The most obvious signal in Ryan's plan is that he exempts almost all of the boomers from his scheme to abolish Medicare and replace the highly popular and successful system with vouchers that will continuously diminish in value. As the budget chairman and his colleagues confront the fury that this idea has provoked among older voters, their chief selling point is that the changes won't affect anyone who is now 55 or over.

So they promise that if you're in the lucky boomer contingent, there is no need to worry — and no need to concern yourself with those who someday soon will have to purchase adequate health insurance with wholly inadequate funding.

In other words, the Republicans are relying on the allegedly mercenary character of the older voters



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who supported them so heavily last year, based on their vow to "protect" Medicare from mythical Democratic cutbacks. The GOP evidently hopes to persuade those voters, enraged by the bait-and-switch represented by the Ryan plan, that their narrowest interest is all that matters and will be protected.

What that means, to put it bluntly, is abandoning the American tradition of a social compact passed from one generation to the next — and the American ideal of a country that each generation preserves and improves for its children and grandchildren.

Indeed, in the guise of saving future generations from excessive federal debt, the same themes of national decay, egotistical greed and irresponsibility pervade the Ryan plan. To pay for enormous tax cuts for the wealthiest few while reducing future deficits, his budget decimates spending that will be essential to the most basic maintenance of infrastructure, education, research and even national security.

We know that the nation's great network of federal and state highways, bridges, tunnels, ports, airports, railways, stations and subways — the marvelous legacy of previous generations — is rapidly decaying after decades of neglect. The Republicans propose to cut

future spending on transportation by half over the coming decade, and still more in the decades that follow, because there will simply be no money to finance repairs, let alone improvements. Not nearly enough to keep roads and bridges in decent condition, and nothing to create the high-speed rail systems boasted by our competitors in Europe and Asia.

The same short-term, self-serving and plainly stupid priorities will wreak equivalent damage on education, training and scientific research. According to the Center for American Progress, the Ryan plan would "disinvest" in education and training by 53 percent, diverting resources away from primary and adult education, career and technical training, community colleges, post-secondary education and student aid, at a time when our world educational status is already in perilous decline.

So if the Republican budget plan (or anything resembling it) is enacted, the boomers, having entered adulthood with the most progressive and idealistic intentions, will fulfill the worst predictions about them. They will leave behind a nation whose shaky social and physical foundations may well collapse into ruin. Are they such a generation of termites, as the Republicans cynically assume? Or will they take responsibility for the future and leave a country to their children still worthy of its name?

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Sports



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PHS sophomore Samuel Smith sprints to the finish in the 100-meter dash. Smith finished second in his heat and seventh overall to advance to today's finals.

Smith runs to 100-meter regional finals

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LUBBOCK — Sophomore Samuel Smith made his trip to track and field regionals a memorable one as he advanced to the finals in the 100-meter dash Monday at Texas Tech's Terry and Linda Fuller Track.

Smith finished second in his heat with a time of 11.15, good for seventh overall. The sophomore said he felt good about his performance but thought he could have done better.

"I'm a little disappointed," Smith said. "I'm excited to make regionals and finals. I hope I can make it to state."

Smith will run at 3:20 p.m. in the finals. The top two qualify for state. The sophomore finished fourth in his heat in the 200-meter dash (22.93) and 11th overall.

Head coach Tad Smith said it was great day for the team and is excited for Smith.

"Sammy ran well in the

100," Smith said. "It's kind of fun to come down here and compete against guys you don't ever get to see. First time for everyone on that bus to qualify for regionals and we got a guy in the finals. Pretty good deal."

Junior Reid Miller just missed advancing to finals in the 110-meter high hurdles. Miller finished 10th overall (15.70) and missed qualifying by a tenth of a second. Miller was leading the heat but knocked over a hurdle. Miller said he was frustrated.

"All you can say is, (shoot)," Miller said. "It was the best race I ever ran until hurdle number five. I hit that one. Other than that, it was the best race I ran my entire life."

Coach Smith said missing the hurdle slowed down Miller.

"He was almost a full hurdle ahead of the field," Smith said. "He hits that hurdle and the field just caught him. That's hurdling for you."

Freshman Savanna

Hulsey also just missed qualifying for finals in the 100-meter hurdles. The freshman finished 10th overall with a time of 15.39.

Sophomore J'Cee Holmes, who made her second trip to regionals in the 3200-meter run, finished 11th with a time of 12:48.84. Holmes said her race went better than her freshman year.

"It was a little bit easier," Holmes said.

In other action, Jonathan Cox missed three attempts at 5'8" on the high jump.

The girls finished 23rd in the 4 x 100 meter relay with a time of 57.02. The boys finished 16th overall with a time of 44.55.

Trent McAnear finished 19th in the 3200-meter run with a time of 12:48.84.

Joleen Pittman finished 16th in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:34.86.

Kristin Ladd finished 21st in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.31. Zane Robles finished 18th in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.65. The girls

finished 6th in their heat of the 4 x 200 relay with a time of 1:53.10. The boys finished sixth in their heat with a time of 1:35.45. Francheska Bridwell finished 18th in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:04.86. Joseph Vizcaino finished 6th in his heat in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 44.39. The girls finished fifth in their heat of the 4 x 400 meter relay.

Today, Kailyn Troxell

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BANANAGRAMS!

Each set of letters below is arranged alphabetically, and the ? is in the correct alphabetical position. LEVEL: Figure out what letter the ? represents and rearrange the letters to spell a six-letter word. For example, in A?ENTV the ? could be an A, B, C, D or E. Here it represents a D, which can be combined with the other letters to spell ADVENT. The first letter is given to get you started.

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Yesterday's Answer: UNISON, EGOISM, TENURE, STEREO

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Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Yesterday's answer

14 "Yeah,

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19 Like

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23 Forward

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25 Neighbor

of Chad

26 Fights

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31 Stood up

32 Caravan

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33 Ring

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: I am a woman who is in love with my former high school coach. I don't know if I should tell him. I first realized I loved him about a year and a half after I met him. We had an extremely close relationship, but it was not inappropriate. He is 13 years older than I am.

After two years of getting to know him and forming a strong friendship, he moved across the country for work. Since then, I have entered college and we see each other only on holidays and in the summer. Every time I see him, we go back to our normal, wonderful relationship as though nothing has changed.

I was in denial about my feelings for him. I told myself it was puppy love and couldn't work out because of the age difference and the distance. But after four years of pining for him, and several failed romances with others, I realize I deeply love him. We have a unique connection, but he has a reputation as a "player," so I can't be sure he feels the same. I don't want to ruin what we have, but I want more. Should I finally reveal my feelings? — HURTING BADLY IN NEW ENGLAND

DEAR HURTING BADLY: You and your former coach are both

adults. I see no reason why you shouldn't tell him how you feel. However, if he responds affirmatively, please be careful about how you proceed with this relationship. As you said — he has a reputation as a player, and men with a craving for variety can be very unreliable.

DEAR ABBY: I am in my mid-50s, divorced for many years, and have two grown children. I began seeing a delightful gentleman about three years ago. (I'll call him Jack.) He was dating several women at the time, and after a few months, I made it clear that we would have to have an exclusive relationship or I could not go on seeing him. Jack reluctantly agreed and kept his promise.

Four months ago, I demanded a commitment from him. I knew I loved him and wanted to spend the rest of my life with him. He told me he loved me, but marriage is out of the question — and if that is the only way I'd stay with him, we have to say goodbye.

I think I have made a terrible mistake, Abby. What are your thoughts on this? — DEPRESSED IN DES MOINES

DEAR DEPRESSED: Since marriage is important to you, you were

right to lay it on the line to him. His unwillingness, regardless of how nicely put, to take your relationship to another level means he wasn't as committed to you as you were to him. And once your self-esteem heals, you will realize that the person who made the terrible mistake was Jack.

DEAR ABBY: May I offer a suggestion concerning elderly people? I know this from experience.

When writing to an older adult, every so often include some labels bearing your name and address. This makes it easier for them to respond and for the post office to decipher your address.

I have an elderly friend who has severe arthritis. When we correspond, it takes me at least 20 minutes to make out what she has written. The labels have helped us both. — INDEPENDENCE, MO., READER

DEAR READER: I'm pleased to pass the word along. And because readers have complained that they get these labels along with solicitations from charities and don't know what to do with them, this would be a good way to put them to use. Thank you for the suggestion.

comics PAGE

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



"Who is it, Mommy?"

Non Sequitur



Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, May 4, 2011.

Never underestimate what you have to offer, as it is far more than you are aware. The opportunity for growth and gain emerges, as you build on one characteristic after another. This year you enter a new life and luck cycle. You will be evaluating what is valid and what you want to bring with you into this new luck and life cycle. If you are single, you have much more going for you than you realize. Others clearly are magnetized by your presence. You are likely to meet several possible suitors. If you are attached, the two of you tend to talk and share more. You feel supported by your life mate. GEMINI sometimes draws out an innate possessiveness.

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)

★★★ Fog describes your morning. You might not be sure about what is happening. Ask questions, and you will get answers. Some of them could be quite surprising. Stop and assess before running off and acting. Tonight: Catch up with a friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Use the a.m. to the max, when you are energized. By the afternoon, you could be weighing the pros and cons of a surprising insight. Verify rather than leap. Ultimately, you might be right, but you don't want to jump on a bad risk. Tonight: Pay a bill.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You might drag in the morning. You might wonder exactly what to do with a loved one who seems ready to create a riot in order to get attention. Your sense of humor pulls this situation out of the realm of serious. Tonight: What is your pleasure?

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★ A sense of confusion marks certain decisions. Don't react to a boss or an unpredictable person in your environment. You cannot change him or her, but you can change your reaction so that you are more comfortable. Tonight: Just for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ You could be overwhelmed by your many options and decisions. A meeting not only lets you discover your supporters but also other paths. You might

spontaneously decide to take the path least traveled. Tonight: Fun and games.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Another person's willingness to take a risk surprises you. With this person's help, you can become more of a manifestor. Listen to a suggestion. Tonight: In the thick of things.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Find out what is happening behind the scenes. The key is to approach a partner directly with sureness. Be ready to deal with another person's issues. Don't trigger, and know what you want. Tonight: Move through a situation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Get feedback and listen to the many different opinions. Still, after a discussion with a key associate or partner, you'll get past a limitation. Realize what you are really asking for from another person. Tonight: Accept an offer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Others come forward. You might not be exactly sure what is happening. Keep smiling, with the knowledge that much could be a piece of cake if you relax. Others make suggestions. Even if you dislike their ideas, you need to say thank you. Tonight: Out and about.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You could be a lot more tired than you realize. You have had to push hard to achieve your current goals. Unexpected revelations close to family and home could have you wondering. Tonight: In order to feel good, squeeze in some exercise.

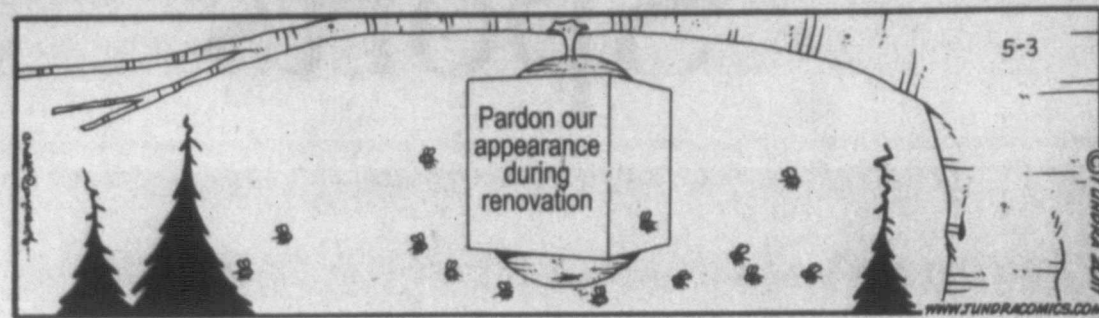
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Your creativity always piques others' interest. You don't need answers; you simply need ideas. Often people build on parts of your ideas, and then you continue. This process goes back and forth for a while. Like it or not, sudden events could have you propelling in a new direction. Tonight: Start acting like it's the weekend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Openly listen to news involving real estate or a personal matter. You will note that an unexpected financial development points to a new direction. Your ability to read past the obvious and understand the true meaning of a situation could change your perspective. Tonight: Hanging out is fun to do.

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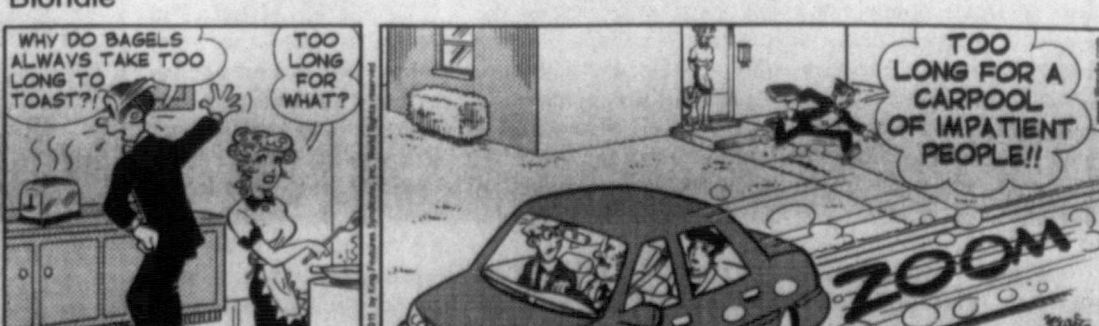
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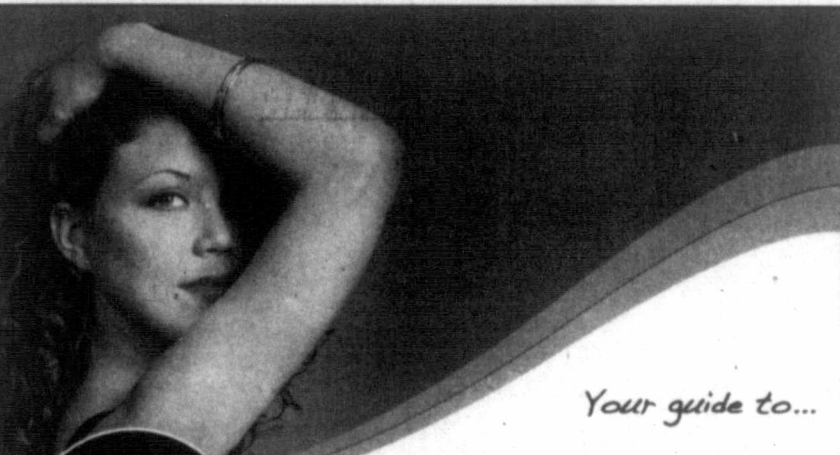
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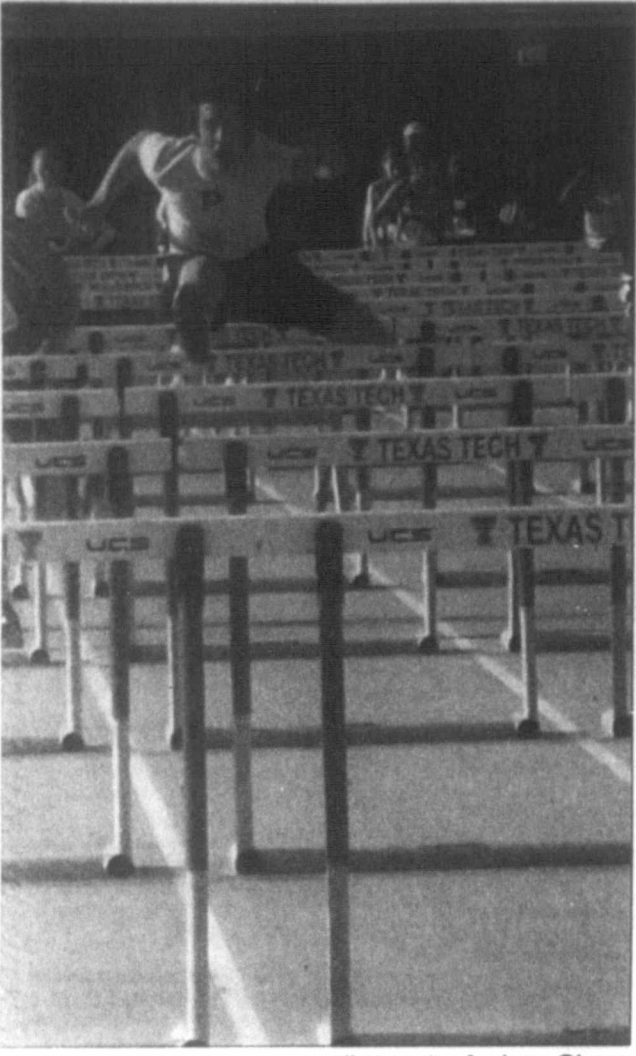
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PHS junior **Reid Miller** leaps over a hurdle in the 100-meter high hurdles. Miller finished 10th overall and missed advancing to the finals by a hundredth of a second.

Track

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competed in the high jump. Sophomore Maddie Fatheree competed in the triple jump. McAnear runs in the 1600-meter run 4:40 p.m. today.

Coach Smith said the nice thing is all of his regional athletes return next year.

"There's not a senior on the bus and that's exciting," Smith said. "We get all those guys back (to regionals) and five or six more, we'll see some guys in the finals and do some good things the next few years."

NBA PLAYOFFS

Mavs stun Lakers to strike first in series

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Even after the Los Angeles Lakers blew a 16-point lead in the second half, Kobe Bryant had two chances in the final seconds to erase the Dallas Mavericks' big comeback with yet another game-winning shot.

Bryant and Pau Gasol fumbled away the Lakers' first opportunity before Bryant just plain missed his last shot, allowing Dirk Nowitzki and his tenacious Mavs to take an early second-round series lead.

Nowitzki scored 28 points and hit two go-ahead free throws with 19.5 seconds left before Gasol and Bryant made a crucial turnover, and the Mavericks rallied for a 96-94 victory in Game 1 on Monday night.

"You've got to make plays, and you've got to dodge some bullets," Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said. "We did both."

Nowitzki had 14 rebounds for the Mavericks, who readily erased a huge third-quarter deficit before the dramatic finish to the perennial playoff teams' first postseason meeting in 23 years.

The Lakers are "highly concerned," said Bryant, who scored 21 of his 36 points in the second half. "This team can beat us, it's clear."

"It's definitely a great win for us, but if you look at their 1-1 series, they lost Game 1 and came right back and won the next two and had the series back in control," Nowitzki said. "We'd love to go for it in Game 2."

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