

PAMPA FORECAST

Saturday Sunday Monday



High 69
Low 40



High 66
Low 42



High 72
Low 51

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 43. Windy, with a north northeast wind 15 to 20 mph decreasing to between 5 and 10 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 69. East northeast wind around 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 40. Breezy, with a east wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 66. Breezy, with a northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 42. East northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 72. Breezy, with a east northeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming south southeast.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 51. Windy, with a south southeast wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Worsening picture for benefit programs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The bad economy has shortened the life of the trust funds that support Social Security and Medicare, the nation's two biggest benefit programs, the government reported Friday.

The annual checkup said that the Medicare hospital insurance fund will now be exhausted in 2024, five years earlier than last year's estimate. The new report says that the Social Security trust fund will be exhausted in 2036, one year earlier than before.

The trustees for the funds said in their annual report that the worsening financial picture emphasized the need for Congress to make changes to avoid disruptive consequences in the future for millions of people who depend on health and pension benefits.

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, who chairs the trustee's panel, said the new report underscored "the need to act sooner rather than later to make reforms to our entitlement programs. ... We should not wait for the trust funds to be exhausted to make the reforms necessary to protect our current and future retirees."

The trustees said that they moved the target date for the Medicare hospital trust fund to be exhausted from 2029 to 2024 because of a weaker economy, which means fewer people working and paying Medicare premiums into the fund, and continued increases in health care costs.

Last year's report had extended the life of the Medicare fund by 12 years to reflect the savings that were included in the massive overhaul of health care that President Barack Obama got Congress to pass in 2010. Without the changes in health care law, the administration said the Medicare trust fund would be exhausted in 2016.

The savings in the health care legislation are still included in the trustees' projections but have been updated to reflect data on the economy and health care costs over the past year.

Many experts believe that the savings included in Obama's health care program will never be achieved because they include deep cuts in payments to doctors that Congress has routinely waived and other cost savings that will be difficult to realize.

The Social Security trust fund was projected to be exhausted in 2036, compared with last year's projection that it would be depleted in 2037.

The trustees said in 2037 the government will be taking in enough in Social Security payroll taxes to pay about three-fourths of existing benefits.

The new report projected that the millions of Social Security recipients would receive a small, 0.7 percent cost of living increase in their benefit checks in 2012. In 2010 and 2011, there were no cost of living increase in the checks because inflation was low.

A 0.7 percent increase would not be seen by many beneficiaries because the extra money would be eaten up by higher insurance premium payments for Medicare. The actual benefit increase will be determined based on the performance of the government's Consumer Price Index. That figure will be released in October.

Democrats and Republicans agree that Medicare must be addressed soon, but the consensus ends there, even as a bipartisan group of lawmakers headed by Vice President Joe Biden is holding talks on ways to tackle the nation's mounting debt.

Most Republicans and some Democrats in Congress have said

they won't vote to increase the government's ability to borrow without significant spending cuts. The government is expected to reach its borrowing limit of \$14.3 trillion by Monday.

Geithner said Friday that Congress should "move as quickly as possible" to raise the borrowing limit. He has told lawmakers that he can take steps to delay until Aug. 2 what would be an unprecedented default on the debt.

Changes to Medicare, the government health insurance program for older Americans, could be part of an agreement to increase the debt ceiling. But Social Security appears to be off the table.

Many Democrats, including Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., have been adamant that they will not support cuts in Social Security benefits, even if they target future retirees. Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell acknowledged on Thursday that changes to Social Security won't be part of any agreement.

Democrats and Republicans are sparring over how to fix Medicare. House Republicans have passed a plan that would replace Medicare with a voucher-like payment system for future retirees, but GOP leaders in Congress have acknowledged that the plan is unlikely to pass.

Nearly 55 million retirees, disabled people and children who have lost parents receive Social Security benefits, which average \$1,077.22 monthly. More than 46 million people are covered by Medicare.

Six trustees oversee Social Security and Medicare, including Geithner, Labor Secretary Hilda Solis, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and Social Security Commissioner Michael Astrue.

Obituaries

Ernest Bradley Fletcher, 83

Ernest Bradley Fletcher, 83, died May 11, 2011, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 14, 2011, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with Glen Walton, minister of Bell Ave. Church of Christ of Amarillo, officiating.

Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Fletcher was born May 17, 1927, in Granite, Okla. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1948. He married Louise Goodman on July 7, 1948 in Wellington. She preceded him in death on June 6, 2005. He worked for Northern Natural Gas as a measurement technician for 36 years, retiring on January 1, 1986. Ernest was a member of Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ and was a veteran of the U. S. Army. He was the first manager of the Glo-Valve Optimist Baseball team and a former scout master.

Survivors include a son, Mark Fletcher and wife Rhonda of Amarillo; a brother, Donald Fletcher of Oklahoma; two sisters, Claudine Carlos of Pampa and Delsi Grider of Stillwater, Okla.; two grandsons, Bradley Fletcher and wife Jamie and Jarrett Fletcher and wife Alyssa, all of Amarillo; three great-grandchildren, Michael Fletcher, Emalee Fletcher and Gracelyn Fletcher, all of Amarillo. He was preceded in death by two sisters and one brother.

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Velma Davis Hampton

Velma Davis Hampton, born on the family farm near Groom in 1927, left Pampa in 1947 and the Panhandle in 1954 but Pampa and the Panhandle never left her and shaped her for her entire life. Velma Floye was born to John R. and Julia Kuykendall Davis on June 16, twelve

minutes ahead of surprise twin sister Thelma Joye. Being a true Texas gal, she exited on Texas Independence Day, March 2, 2011, in Austin after a short illness.

Velma was the oldest of seven, part of a large Kuykendall/Davis farming clan. She grew up on the farm south of Pampa, surrounded by her extended family and doted on as the oldest grandchild. Velma attended Grandview School, now Grandview-Hopkins, through 8th grade until her family moved into Pampa on Sumner Street so Thelma and she could attend high school. She graduated from Pampa High in 1944. Her many teen jobs included a singing stint with her sisters on KPND.

After WWII, a cocky B-17 pilot five years her senior romanced her for a year before marrying her on June 1, 1947, in the chapel of the First Presbyterian Church. Thus began a 51-year marriage to Howard T. Hampton of Pampa. They headed to Texas Tech and then on to several oil towns — Odessa, Ardmore, Okla. and Dallas — before moving to New Orleans in 1956. The Crescent City became their adopted home town for the next 36 years until they retired to Austin in 1992.

Survivors include three sons and their wives, Dan and Susan Hampton of Austin, Ted and Kay Hampton of Lafayette, La., Ben and Mary Pat Hampton of Lafayette; two brothers and their wives, Jerry and Janie Davis of Amarillo and Derrel and Judy Davis of Pampa; three sisters-in-laws, LaHoma Davis of Pampa, Rosemary Tinsley of Colorado Springs, Colo. and formerly of Pampa, and Frances Mapes of Dallas; two grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews and several dear friends. Her husband, Howard Hampton, and her siblings, twin Thelma Kyle, Clara Barron, Dale Davis and Rodney Davis, all predeceased her.

Velma never gave up on her zest for life. Her legacy is her example of giving without expecting anything in return while still having fun along the way.

Graveside services will be held on Saturday, May 14, at 4:30 p.m. at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa.

For the record

Police Department

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

Police reported seven traffic-related incidents and two accidents.

Animal Control Officers reported nine animal-related incidents.

Pampa EMS reported three ambulance calls. The Pampa Fire Department reported one medical call. The Lefors Volunteer Fire Department reported one medical call.

Thursday, May 12
A violation of city ordinance was reported in the 2100 block of North Lynn.

The burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of East Harvester.

Criminal mischief was

reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

The burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 300 block of North Cuyler.

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

The burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1400 block of North Dogwood.

A burglary was reported in the 200 block of South Nelson.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 200 block of North Nelson.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 100 block of West 30th.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2200 block of North Sumner.

An alarm was reported in the 1300 block of North Banks.

Officers assisted another agency in the 800 block of

North Nelson.

Phone harassment was reported in the 700 block of North Dwight.

The burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1900 block of North Dogwood.

An alarm was reported in the 300 block of Tignor.

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

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of North Duncan.

The burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1900 block of North Dogwood.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 200 block of North Nelson.

Violation of city ordinances was reported in the 1200 block of South Finley.

Friday, May 13
Disorderly conduct was

reported at Kentucky and Hobart.

An assault was reported in the 1000 block of Varanon.

A burglary was reported in the 100 West Albert.

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, May 12
Patrick O. Ballard, 23, of Amarillo, was arrested by deputies on charges of failure to identify himself and violation of probation in connection with theft by check charges.

Danny Tilman Boyd, 52, was arrested by police on charges of public intoxication.

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Texas drought land doubles

LUBBOCK (AP) - Nearly half of Texas is in the worst stage of drought, another record and almost double the amount of parched land from just a week ago.

The U.S. Drought Monitor map released Thursday showed 47.5 percent of the state in exceptional drought. Last week's total of about 26 percent was the most in the 11-year history of the drought map.

The state just finished its driest seven-month period on record. The statewide average between October and April was 5.82 inches, .03 of an inch less than the previous record set at the end of March 1918.

The dry conditions are the result of a La Nina weather pattern that ranks as the sixth-strongest since 1949.

Rain has fallen across parts of the state this week.

Budget leader issues reality check

AUSTIN (AP) - For those lawmakers who may have thought the state's budgetary woes are solved, Rep. Jim Pitts gave a reality check: Think again.

Pitts, the lead House budget writer, warned his colleagues Thursday that without the passage of certain legislation, schools would close in February 2013. Medicaid would only be funded through March 2013.

House and Senate teams have begun negotiations to find a budget compromise. But to avoid a shutdown of key government services, lawmakers must also pass a bill that reworks the school funding formulas and other legislation that frees up non-tax revenue.

The legislative session ends in less than three weeks. "We're far from being over," Pitts said. "The only way we're going to be able to finish our budget is by addressing some of these critical needs."

US House says 'drill baby, drill'

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Republican-controlled House has easily passed the last of three bills to expedite and expand oil and gas drilling.

In a 243-179 vote Thursday, the House passed a measure that would open up areas off the West and East coasts, Alaska and the eastern Gulf of Mexico to drilling. The Obama administration pulled back on leasing in some of those spots after the Gulf oil spill last year to further evaluate the environmental consequences. It never considered drilling in the Pacific.

The bill directs the Interior Department to select lease areas based on how much oil and gas they contain.

The measure joins two others passed earlier by the House to speed up drilling and leasing.

None is likely to pass the Senate. All are opposed by the White House.

No to liquor with stimulants

AUSTIN (AP) - The Texas House has passed a ban on making and selling malt liquor containing stimulants, including caffeine and ginseng.

Approved Thursday, the measure won't apply to malt liquor where stimulants occur naturally.

Supporters say beverages that mix alcohol and certain stimulants have led to heart attacks and deadly car crashes.

Last year, the Food and Drug Administration warned four companies that make caffeine and alcohol drinks that their products were unsafe.

The sale of one, Four Loko, has been banned by at least 13 states through their alcohol control boards, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Opponents of the Texas measure warned that it creates a slippery slope of regulating alcoholic beverages containing caffeine such as Red Bull and vodka or rum and Coke.

Ban sought on cockfighting

AUSTIN (AP) - With some lawmakers actually crowing for emphasis, the Texas House has approved a measure to toughen punishments for activities related to cockfighting.

The bill amends the state penal code to make it a felony to knowingly cause one rooster to fight another, earn money from fights or operate a facility for them.

It also makes owning or training a cock for fighting a misdemeanor, and attending a fight as a spectator a lesser misdemeanor.

Unlike some other states, it wasn't a crime in Texas to own or operate a cockfighting facility, own cockfighting equipment, train a cock, or attend fights.

The bill's sponsor, state Rep. Wayne Christian, said just before Thursday's vote, "let my chickens go." Some representatives answered with their best "cock-a-doodle-dos."

It then passed by a 121-23 vote.

On second thought, ask

AUSTIN - The Texas House has passed a bill to require schools to get parental permission before applying corporal punishment, a day after defeating the measure.

The bill by Democratic state Rep. Alma Allen requires schools to contact parents before using any kind of physical punishment.

Pollution provisions stripped

AUSTIN (AP) - The Texas Senate has passed a bill continuing the state's chief environmental agency, taking out provisions environmentalists warn would make it easier for industrial plants to pollute the air and water.

Texas leads the nation in industrial pollution. Environmentalists say a House version of the bill would make the state even dirtier.

The House version requires people who complain in contested hearings about waste from power plants and industrial facilities to prove pollution controls are inadequate.

Current law puts the burden of proof regarding pollution on the companies applying for the permit.

The Senate stripped out those provisions. The Senate and House will now have to work out a compromise.

The bill would keep the Texas Commission on Environmental Protection for another 12 years.

Installing a second phone line

HOME HOW-TO

Dear Pat: I have twin young daughters, and they are always on the phone! I really do not want them to have their own cellphones yet, so I hope I can install another phone line myself and save a few dollars. Do you think this is an option? — Blaire R.

Dear Blaire: Adding a telephone line is a job almost anyone can handle. Although there will be a monthly fee for the line, you can save yourself from the cost of installation and extra cellphone charges.

When adding another line, some people are concerned about the possibilities of electrocution. There is no reason to worry; a phone line is low voltage and not hazardous. Do not call your phone company to activate the new phone line until you have the wiring completed. There will be no voltage at all on the second set of wires until the line is activated.

Many are also afraid they will feel overwhelmed by the number of wires. This is also not a problem since the wiring is organized according to colors so you will have no problem keeping track of the sets. For every telephone line you have in your home, there will be two sets of wires.

To check the type of wires your house has, you will need to remove the jack wall cover. If your house is older, you will probably have a red, green, yellow and black wire in the cable. The green and red wires are used on your current line and the others will be for the new line.

If you live in a newer house, it will have three or four color-coded sets of wires. Each set (for example, one blue/white and white/blue) is twisted together to minimize interference. The other sets are colored in green, brown and orange.

If you have the old four-wire cable, attach the yellow and black wires for the second line to the termination block the telephone company has attached to the outside of your home. Remove the jack faceplate on the wall where you would like the new telephone to go. You will probably see the red and green

To use the line to plug in two regular telephones, one phone and a fax machine or one phone and a computer modem, buy an inexpensive line splitter. This separates the two-line jack into two one-line jacks.

Tools and materials required: screwdriver, wire stripper, wire cutter, four wire-set cable, line splitter, jacks, electric tape.

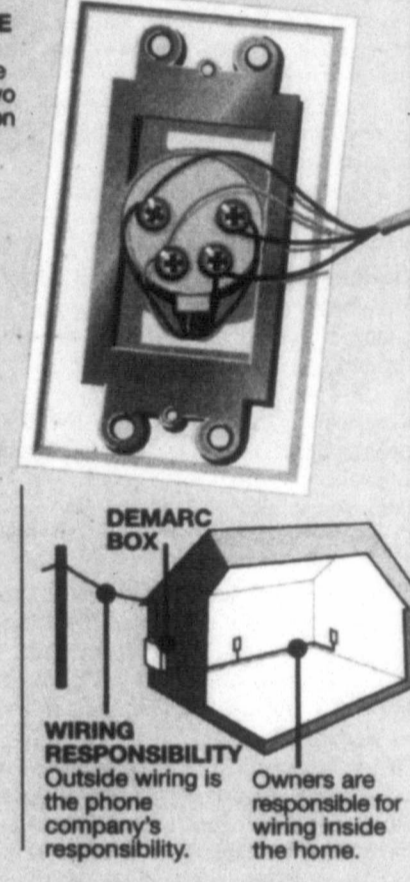
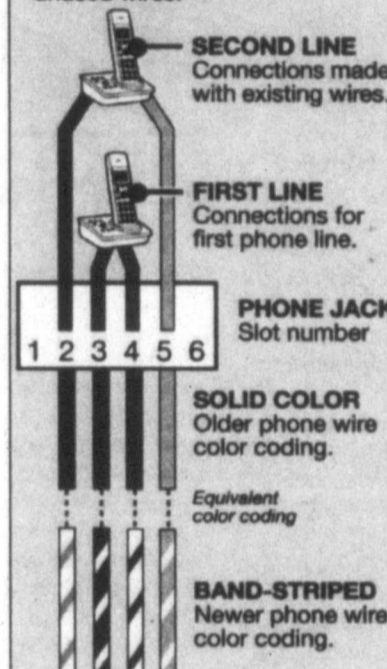
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HOME HOW-TO

Phone Line

Installing an additional phone line is one of the most common phone-wiring tasks in this age of lightning-fast, multi-tasking connectivity. Usually, installation doesn't require physically running new wires.

ADDING A SECOND PHONE LINE
The standard household phone cables usually contain four or more wires. A phone line only requires two of these wires. Secondary connection can be added with the existing unused wires.



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Texas lawmakers criticize raise for Rick Barnes

AUSTIN (AP) - Several Texas senators on Thursday criticized the recent \$200,000 raise for Texas basketball coach Rick Barnes, calling it "nuts" and "tone deaf" during a state budget crisis that threatens deep cuts to higher education.

The state is facing a budget shortfall that some estimates put as high as \$27 billion. Current spending proposals would cut money for universities and tuition programs for poor students.

Barnes' raise was approved by university regents on Wednesday.

"I think it's nuts," said state Sen. Steve Ogden, chairman of the Senate's budget writing committee.

"It's not appropriate, not at a time when we're scraping for money for education," said Sen. Jeff Wentworth, a member of the Senate higher education committee.

Ogden and Wentworth are Republicans with connections to Texas' chief rival, Texas A&M University. Texas A&M is in Ogden's district and Wentworth is an A&M graduate.

But Democrats with connections to Texas also chimed in.

"It is bad timing," said higher education committee chairwoman Sen. Judith Zaffirini, a Texas graduate. "They didn't ask for my advice."

Sen. Kirk Watson, whose district includes the Texas campus, said the raise suggests regents are "tone deaf" to the budget crisis boiling at the Capitol less than a mile away.

"I'm a big fan of UT basketball and coach Barnes," Watson said. "But at a time when everyone up here is fighting to come up with money to pay for education, it was disappointing."

The Texas athletic bud-

get is separate from the academic budget and Barnes' raise does not include tax money. Texas officials note that the university's new \$300 million contract with ESPN will send millions of dollars toward academics.

Barnes was owed a \$75,000 bump under his current contract. Another

\$125,000 was added to boost his annual salary to \$2.4 million, keeping him among the highest-paid coaches in the country, Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds said.

"Before Rick Barnes arrived at Texas, we weren't a top national basketball program. We are now," Dodds said.

In 13 seasons, Barnes has won at least a share of the Big 12 title three times and taken his teams to the NCAA tournament every year. Texas has failed to advance past the first weekend of the NCAA tournament four of the last five seasons.

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Important Channel Information

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We are upgrading our cable network in a move towards an all digital platform. This will allow us to offer more programming, advanced services and additional High Definition channels in the future.

The first step in the process will occur on July 1, 2011 with the digital simulcast of our channel lineup. In order to accomplish this, we will have to move several channels that are currently on our analog lineup.

Effective June 15, 2011, the following channel changes will occur:

Current Channel #	Network	New Channel #
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15	C-SPAN	369
16	C-SPAN2	370
	KCPN My Network	14

We will also be adding KCPN My Network broadcast station during this change.

In addition to these changes, C-SPAN and C-SPAN2 will become part of the Faith & Values digital tier. To continue receiving C-SPAN and C-SPAN2, you will need a television that supports a cable card (consult your television user guide) or a Digital Receiver available from Cable One.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Friday, May 13, the 133rd day of 2011. There are 232 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 13, 1981, Pope John Paul II was shot and seriously wounded in St. Peter's Square by Turkish assailant Mehmet Ali Agca

On this date:

In 1607, English colonists arrived by ship at the site of what became the Jamestown settlement in Virginia (the colonists went ashore the next day).

In 1846, the United States declared that a state of war already existed with Mexico.

In 1861, Britain's Queen Victoria declared her country's neutrality in the American Civil War, but also acknowledged that the Confederacy had belligerent rights.

In 1917, three shepherd children near Fatima, Portugal, reported seeing a vision of the Virgin Mary.

In 1918, the first U.S. airmail stamps, featuring a picture of a Curtiss JN-4 biplane, were issued to the public. (On a few of the stamps, the biplane was inadvertently printed upside-down, making them collector's items.)

In 1940, Britain's new prime minister, Winston Churchill, told Parliament - "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat."

In 1961, actor Gary Cooper died in Los Angeles six days after turning 60.

In 1985, a confrontation between Philadelphia authorities and the radical group MOVE ended as police dropped a bomb onto the group's row house; 11 people died in the resulting fire that destroyed 61 homes.

In 1994, President Bill Clinton nominated federal appeals Judge Stephen G. Breyer to the U.S. Supreme Court to replace retiring Justice Harry A. Blackmun.

Ten years ago: Moderate Basque nationalists won a key election in Spain's semiautonomous Basque region.

Five years ago: Former Presidents George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton helped Tulane University celebrate its "miracle" commencement, nine months after Hurricane Katrina put two-thirds of the campus under water and scattered students to more than 600 schools nationwide.

One year ago: Three Pakistani men who authorities say supplied funds to Times Square car bomb suspect Faisal Shahzad were arrested in a series of raids in New England. President Barack Obama met with police officers who responded to the attempted car-bombing, greeting them at the New York Police Department's high-tech Real Time Crime Center.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Buck Taylor is 73. Actor Harvey Keitel is 72. Author Charles Baxter is 64. Actress Zoe Wanamaker is 62. Singer Stevie Wonder is 61. Former NBA All-Star Dennis Rodman is 50. Actor-comedian Stephen Colbert is 47. Rock musician John Richardson (The Gin Blossoms) is 47. Actor Tom Verica is 47. Singer Darius Rucker (Hootie and the Blowfish) is 45. Contemporary Christian musician Andy Williams (Casting Crowns) is 39. Actress Samantha Morton is 34. Rock musician Mickey Madden (Maroon 5) is 32. Actor Robert Pattinson is 25.

Thought for Today: "The family you come from isn't as important as the family you're going to have." — Ring Lardner, American humorist (1885-1933)



In praise of talented (and smart alec) offspring

No apologies necessary...

This is likely to be a short column this week. My daughter Anne has been visiting from downstate and I've been trying to spend some extra time with her. She will be playing a handbell solo at First United Methodist Church on Sunday, and I'm glad that some local folks will get the opportunity to see her talent.

A few weeks ago we visited at her home church (she is music minister at First Christian San Marcos) and one of her parishioners asked if she got her talent from me.

"No way!" I was quick to reply. "That's all hers. Her smart-aleck attitude? THAT she got from me!"

Example:
Anne: While I'm up this way, I'm going to call some friends at Wayland (her alma mater.)
Me: Who you gonna call?
Anne: Ghostbusters!

My achin' back!

One thing I DID get done this week was some preparation for the Pampa Partnership Golf Tournament being held this weekend. Thanks to all of the tee box and meal sponsors who helped make it a success.

Ford Family Chiropractic Clinic donated some samples of Bio-freeze to put in the "goodie bags" as well as a prize item. While picking them up, I got to meet a couple of new

Chamber Music



JOE WEAVER

employees-- Amanda and Judy, who, I discovered, was from near my old stomping grounds and knew a classmate of mine. I also ran into Nancy Ruff, and it's

always a good day when I see Nancy. What a positive person!

I am impressed with the Ford Clinic. One would be hard-pressed to find a more modern facility, a more expansive range of treatment, or a more dedicated bunch than Dr. Mark Ford and his staff (including the recent addition of Dr. Sam Gordon).

Prominently posted in the reception area is a sign stating that they operate on the principle that all healing comes from God—that any other is merely a facilitator. (I have taken extreme liberties paraphrasing the quote, but I believe I have captured the spirit.)

They are very proud of their facility and rightfully so. One of the young ladies asked if I'd been on a tour and I responded that I had, but that it looked like they were doing some work. She replied in the affirmative, and invited me back to check it out when completed. They would be glad to answer any questions you have about chiropractic treatment, but if you'd like a preview, check them out online at www.fordfamily-chiropractic.com.

Spring has sprung

There are lots of pretty yards around town, but I'm always amazed when I cross the tracks at Starkweather going north and run across the profusion of colors at Top O Texas New and Used Cars — a beautiful scene! Good looking cars, too!

Last laugh

Chamber Administrative Assistant Lori Gyurmek answered the phone a few days ago and answered the caller's question. His thanks was to leave her with a joke:

Why don't gingerbread men wear shorts?
They have crummy legs! (Or would that be "crummy"?)

Joe Weaver is the Executive Director of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

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Candidate Ron Paul: Less lone, these days

The man who likely has done more than anyone to put the libertarian philosophy of freedom and small government on the political agenda probably will make another run for the presidency: U.S. Rep. Ron Paul.

Paul is always upbeat, but lately he's had more reason to be, as he sees libertarian ideas bubbling up from the grass roots.

"People outside of Washington are waking up," he told me, "and they're getting the attention of a few in Washington."

Paul has been in Congress more than 20 years, and much of that time he's played a lonely role, often being the only representative to cast "no" vote on bills to expand government.

"Twenty years ago, there weren't very many people around that would endorse these views. So ... I'm very pleased with what's happening. There are more now, but the problems are so much greater."

Because bigger government creates built-in resistance to cuts.

"Everybody has their bailiwick they want to protect: 'We know the spending is bad. But don't touch my stuff.'"

The biggest growth is in entitlements. Recently, after constituents yelled at them, Republicans backed off on their reasonable plan to try to make Medicare sustainable.

"This is one of the places where good conservatives and good libertarians have come up short. ... We get a bad rap that we lack compassion. A liberal who wants to take your money and give it to somebody else ... grab(s) the moral high ground."

At the recent Conservative Political Action Conference, Paul floated a novel idea: "Would you consider opting out of the whole system under one condition? You pay 10 percent of your income, but you take care of yourself -- don't ask the government for anything."

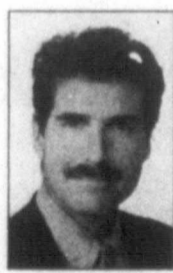
The CPAC crowd applauded. But liberals like MSNBC's Chris Matthews mocked him, sneering that anyone who accepted Paul's offer would have no access to federal highways, air safety, food inspection, cancer research or defense.

Paul laughs at Matthews' shallow criticism. Ever the constitutionalist, he'd like to privatize the federal highways someday, but he notes that even now they are largely financed by the gasoline tax -- essentially a user fee. As for air and food safety, he's sure the airlines and food companies have no desire to kill their customers and that careless companies would be disciplined by competition and the tort system. He claims that government stands in the way of a lot of cancer research.

In other words, it's foolish to assume that just because the government doesn't do something, that it wouldn't be done at all.

"(Matthews is) using fear," Paul said. "They all do that ... use fear to intimidate."

A member of my studio audience



JOHN STOSSEL

asked Paul about the coming vote to raise the debt ceiling.

"They're probably going to ... (but) we shouldn't raise it. We should put pressure on them. If you took away the privilege of the Federal Reserve to buy debt, this thing would all come to an end because if you couldn't print the money to pay for the Treasury bills, interest rates would go up and Congress then would be forced (to cut spending)."

But smart people say we need the Fed to keep the economy going.

"The people who benefit from big government spending love the Fed. ... The Fed is very, very detrimental. You cannot have big, runaway government -- you cannot have these deficits -- if you don't have the Fed."

We libertarians say government is too big, but one thing it is supposed to do is provide for the common defense. Paul criticizes conservatives who support an aggressive foreign policy and says much of what is called "defense" is really offense. "I don't want to cut any defense," he said.

He added: "You could cut (the military budget) in half and even (more) later on because there's nobody likely to attack us. Who's going to invade this country?"

Ever the optimist, Paul says, "We have a tremendous opportunity now because most people realize government's failing ..."

Yet he's a realist: "I think ... our problems are going to get worse ... before we correct them."

John Stossel is a nationally syndicated columnist.

Barnes

Barnes has averaged 25 wins per season and "runs his program with class and integrity," Dodds said. The motion approved by the regents notes Barnes "commitment, motivation and performance" and the desire to keep him coaching the Longhorns. Barnes isn't the only

state university coach to get a big raise in the current budget crunch. A week after the legislative session convened in January, Texas Tech gave football coach Tommy Tuberville a \$500,000 raise, prompting complaints by university faculty in Lubbock.

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Texas could lead way in gas drilling disclosure

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HOUSTON (AP) — Texas is poised to become the first state to require gas drillers to publicly disclose the chemicals they use to release natural gas from tight rock formations, a measure that could set the stage for other states and Congress to move ahead with their own initiatives to regulate hydraulic fracturing.

But environmentalists caution the bill, while a step in the right direction, remains too protective of industry.

"It's a glass half full kind of thing, pretty good job, pretty good legislation, but we didn't go far enough," said Cyrus Reed, conservation director of the Sierra Club's Lone Star chapter.

The measure would require mandatory disclosure of many chemicals used in the hydraulic fracturing - or "fracking" - process. Approved Thursday by the House and taken up by the Senate, the bill in its current form has widespread support among both Republicans and Democrats and GOP Gov. Rick Perry is expected to sign it.

Fracking, along with horizontal drilling, lets drillers penetrate tight rock formations by pressure pumping chemical-laced water into the ground and allowing oil and gas to flow out. The method has become more controversial as it is used in more places across the country to get to once out-of-reach minerals. Some environmental groups and landowners fear fracking is causing water contamination. The industry insists it's safe.

Texas Rep. James Keffer, the Republican energy committee chairman who helped oversee passage of

the bill, said the more he worked to find a way for industry to coexist with urban residents, the more convinced he became that fracking fears had to be addressed.

"There are concerns: What's going down the hole? Is it poisonous? What is it doing to the water supply?" Keffer said. "I felt like the time had to come to get it off the table."

Environmental groups argue the bill isn't strong enough because operators would only be required to post on a website the maximum concentrations of chemicals regulated by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Unregulated chemicals only have to be listed without the amount used. Operators also can opt out of full disclosure if they fear trade secrets could be harmed, in which case they would only have to disclose what fluids they use to the agency that oversees drilling.

Still, the law would put Texas ahead of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Congress and several other states trying to pass similar measures.

The initiative's success in Texas - where oil and gas industry friendly Republicans hold a supermajority in the House, a majority in the Senate and fill every statewide elected office - has surprised many. The Texas Oil and Gas Association, an industry lobbyist, didn't expect fracking chemicals to be an issue at all this session, said Debbie Hastings, the group's vice president for environmental affairs.

Drillers are reluctant to reveal too much information about the chemical content of their process because each company does the fracking a little differently, Hastings explained. While they may all use similar ingredients, their recipes could vastly dif-

fer and many have invested millions of dollars in coming up with special formulas for achieving maximum production in individual reservoirs and shale formations. These are "trade secrets" that are jealously guarded, she added.

Jacquelyn Pless, a research analyst at the National Conference of State Legislatures, a bipartisan organization that helps coordinate policymaking between states, said fracking is an issue in many states with the focus being regulation of the fluids. At least six states have considered or are reviewing legislation that would require full disclosure.

In Arkansas, a bill was presented and withdrawn. California is considering a bill that would require companies to disclose the information to a state supervisor who would then post it on a website. Wyoming's agency that oversees drilling requires disclosure, but the rule has not made it into law. Pennsylvania is considering legislation that would require disclosure to the state, but not necessarily the public. And the so-called "Frack Act" in Texas which would make full disclosure federal law was reintroduced to both the U.S. House and the Senate in March.

The EPA, meanwhile, "is calling on industry to be more transparent about the use of fracking chemicals," spokeswoman Betsaida Alcantara said in an email. For a national study on the issue, it has requested the information from nine major drillers, all of whom have complied. Yet there are no rules in place requiring disclosure. That's why Texas' effort is encouraging to some.

"If you've got the industry supporting something in Texas and they're putting stuff on a website, it's got to spur things in other states," said Reed of the Sierra Club.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I recently learned that my husband of 35 years is gay. I never suspected and I am stunned. I have loved him since we met. I still do. I have never been interested in anyone else. We have three children and eight grandchildren who all adore him.

I learned his secret from an email he left on the computer screen. It took a few days, but I confronted him and he told me everything. He has been with men since before our marriage. He assured me he has never done anything that could have caused me to get a disease. I went for an examination and I'm fine.

I'm lost about what my next step should be. I'm in my late 50s. Starting over isn't something I ever considered. I'm seeing a therapist who suggested it might be simpler to consider myself a widow. I have no interest in having sex with my husband again, but being apart from him terrifies me. I feel like I'm in prison. Have you any suggestions? — HELPLESS IN MIAMI

DEAR HELPLESS: You are not "in prison" and you're not "helpless." You're probably in shock, knowing your husband deceived you from the time you met him. That's understandable. My advice is to do NOTHING until you regain some sense of bal-

ance.

Finding that email was no accident. Consciously or unconsciously, your husband wanted you to see it. That you no longer want to have sex with him isn't surprising. Some things to consider: Does he still want to have sex with you? How do you feel about having sex with anyone? Is your husband involved with more than one person or just one? And does HE want to stay married?

Some women (and men) remain married to their bisexual spouse. Others marry people they know are gay. I do not agree with your therapist that you should "consider yourself a widow," unless you want to be married to the living dead.

Before making any decision about your future, you should contact the Straight Spouse Network. It's a confidential support network of current or former heterosexual spouses or partners of gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender mates. It helps straight spouses or partners cope constructively with the coming-out crisis and assists mixed-orientation couples and their children to build bridges of understanding. The phone number is (201) 825-7763 and the website is www.Straight-Spouse.org. I wish you luck on your journey.

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The certainty of Christ's resurrection

The Church is in the midst of the 50 days of the season of Easter. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! These words are spoken by Christians as they greet one another on the Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Sunday. For Christians there is nothing more certain than Christ's resurrection. This good news of Jesus' victory over the grave gives His followers great joy and great assurance in this life. Jesus has won for us eternal life.

But can you imagine that there are some people who are members of churches, even pastors that DON'T believe in the physical resurrection of Jesus Christ? They may admit to a spiritual resurrection, but that is all. How utterly sad for them! I guess they get duped into believing some of the liberal Biblical scholars attempts at explaining the resurrection of Jesus away. It still astounds me the number of these so called scholars who spend time with the Holy Scriptures and hardly believe a word of it. They put out theories such as these: Jesus didn't really die on the cross. Instead He just passed out then awakened in the tomb and walked out on His own. Others say that wild dogs came to the tomb and took the body away, never to be found. Still others think that Jesus' disciples stole the body.

The overwhelming evidence from the Scriptures rebuts all of these assumptions. First of all Jesus died. The Romans were very good at crucifying people. If the soldiers didn't get that job done, they paid with their lives. Jesus did not get off that cross by paying out. He died, as all the Gospels testify.

The Gospel of Matthew tells us that the religious leaders were afraid that the disciples would come and steal the body, so they went to Pilate and asked for more security at the tomb. Besides the soldiers, when entering the entrance, Pilate gave them a guard of soldiers to keep it all secure (Matt. 27:66). The next morning animals came and took away the body. The disciples went on a night raid, saw the Roman guard out and stole the body. These are all very silly.

If you have any doubt one should take note the very amount of evidence that eyewitnesses give who had their eyes upon and held the resurrected BODY of Jesus! For example, the women who went to the tomb meet Jesus there and Mary claims to have seen John (20:17). Later Jesus walks on the road to Emmaus with a couple of His disciples and reveals Himself as He eats with them (Luke 24:13-35). The very evening of the resurrection



MICHAEL ERICKSON

the good word

Jesus stands in the midst of His fearful disciples and greets them in peace (John 20). A week later, Thomas is now among them and Jesus enters the room again. Here Thomas gets to put his hands into Jesus nail marks and the wound in His side (John 20:24-29)! Later the Gospel of John reports that Jesus ate fish with seven of His disciples by the Sea of Tiberias (John 21:1-14; see also Acts 10:40-41). Jesus also appears to Peter, the Eleven on a mountain in Galilee, to James (1 Cor. 15:7), and to 500 of the disciples at one time (1 Cor. 15:6)! There should be little doubt with this many eyewitness accounts of the risen Lord.

Why is Jesus' physical resurrection so important? Because it is pivotal to your salvation. Christ died on the cross to pay for your sins. His resurrection shows that the Father accepted His Son's sacrifice. St. Paul says it this way (1 Cor. 15:17), "And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins." So if you refuse to believe the truth of the Christ's resurrection, then you are clinging to your sins and your faith is worthless. If Christ did not step out of the tomb, then His death to atone for those sins is of no avail. Your sins will still weigh you down and will continue to be a burden to you. There is no hope and no eternal life. Everything concerning the Christian faith rides on Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. Jesus has answered for all your sins.

So to those who don't believe in Jesus resurrection of the dead; you are to be pitied. For those who believe and trust in Christ and all that He did to secure salvation, they rejoice in His resurrection. Since our Lord stepped out of the grave, so will you, with your new glorified body on the Last Day. The resurrection of the dead is a wonderful comforting truth that gives all believers in Christ a solid anchor when death stares them in the face. Death has not won. Christ has won the victory. He lives, and so will you who cling to Him.

Michael Erickson is the reverend at Zion Lutheran Church.

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

VBS, youth church camp on horizon for Highland Baptist

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Vacation Bible school and church camp are some of the events coming up at Highland Baptist in the summer.

VBS will be held June 6-10 and will have the theme Beach Blast.

The youth ministry will go to camp first part of July in Falls Creek, Okla. Pastor Paul Nachtigall said it's one of the largest teen encampments.

"They have about 4,500 kids in the summer," Nachtigall said. "It's good sized. The kids will go through classes and have activities

kids can be involved in."

Nachtigall said the church is planning a mission trip to New Mexico which will be later in the summer.

The head pastor said he has been working with the Ministerial Alliance.

"We've been working on setting up our community sings," Nachtigall said. "They happen every fifth Sunday."

All denominations are invited to attend. This month's will be 6 p.m. May 29 at Central Park. Homemade ice cream will be served at the event.

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Paul announces intent to seek presidential nomination

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Rep. Ron Paul announced Friday that he will run for the GOP nomination for president in 2012, the third attempt for the man known on Capitol Hill as "Dr. No" for his enthusiasm for bashing runaway spending and government overreach.

"Time has come around to the point where the people are agreeing with much of what I've been saying for 30 years. So, I think the time is right," said the 75-year-old Paul, who first ran for president as a Libertarian in 1988.

Paul made his announcement in an interview on ABC's "Good Morning America" from New Hampshire, where he planned his first event for his presidential campaign on Friday.

Three years ago, the former flight surgeon and outspoken critic of the Federal Reserve became an Internet sensation — and a prodigious fundraiser — when he made a spirited but doomed bid for the 2008 Republican presidential nomination.

First elected to Congress in 1976, he is known for holding unconventional views while keeping a smile on his face, espousing a sort of modern Republican populism.

The obstetrician has delivered more than 4,000 babies and is personally against abortion, but he doesn't think the federal government should regulate it. That's a function of state government, he says.

He has also said he wants to abolish the Internal Revenue Service, favors returning the United States to the gold standard in monetary policy and wants the U.S. out of Iraq and Afghanistan.

Democrats have tried repeatedly to beat him in a congressional district that stretches from the outskirts of Corpus Christi to Galveston. But the independent swath of coastal Texas seems a good fit for the maverick doctor. He has 18 grandchildren, according to his website,



Paul

and he and his wife of 54 years, Carol, are known widely in Paul's district for the cookbooks they give away to supporters.

"The secret to his success is his authenticity," said Democratic consultant Jeff Crosby, who grew up in Paul's district. "He's an authentic nut."

Crosby, who worked to defeat Paul in 2006 — unsuccessfully — described the difficulty he had trying to persuade voters to reject what he thought were the candidate's radical views.

"Just the mere fact that he does what he says he's going to do, regardless of how nutty or ineffective it may be, they like it," Crosby said. "A lot of folks along the coast have never expected much from government, and they're getting it."

Paul, a native of Pittsburgh, is both a spiritual father and actual father in the tea party movement. His son, tea party darling Rand Paul, won a Senate seat in Kentucky last year and has become an ardent proponent of spending cuts and smaller government.

As far back as 2007, long before people were evoking the fabled Boston Tea Party to symbolize their disgust with an overtaxing central government, Ron Paul was hosting a "Tea Party Fundraiser" aboard a shrimp boat near Galveston.

Organizer and Paul campaign volunteer Elizabeth Day remembers that supporters wore period dress and rolled fake barrels of tea into the waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

"When people come to believe in Ron Paul, there is a passion that burns within us," said Day, a 57-year-old oil company revenue analyst. "To me, Ron Paul is the tea

party."

The elder Paul has built coalitions that include senior citizen "granny warriors" and pot-smoking libertarians. During his 1988 presidential run, High Times magazine, which caters to marijuana users, published a cover story under the headline, "Ron Paul: Pro-Pot Presidential Candidate."

Paul has expressed the view that the states, not the federal government, should regulate vices like pornography and drugs.

What sets Paul apart most from his GOP brethren are his views that defense spending needs to shrink and that the U.S. should get out of its two wars. Paul says the conflicts are financially unsustainable — and another drag on a battered U.S. dollar that he believes is on the verge of collapse.

He also disputes a fundamental underpinning of the war in Iraq, namely that Islamic terrorists must be stopped overseas before they can attack the United States.

"They came over here because we were over there," Paul said in the run-up to the 2008 campaign. "We occupy their territory. It would be like if the Chinese had their navy in the Gulf of Mexico."

Paul has routinely turned down pork-barrel spending for his own district, but he has earned praise at home for refusing to sign up for lucrative pension benefits to which he is entitled as a member of Congress. Paul took a break from the House after his failed 1988 presidential bid but was re-elected in 1996.

Though he has voiced support for term limits, Paul has been in Congress for almost 30 years. Thanks to a law first crafted for Texas-born President Lyndon Johnson, he was able to run for the House and the presidency at the same time in 2008. Supporters figure he'll do the same in 2012.

Election

Candidates for Ward 2 City Commissioner are Rebecca Holmes, Ed Copeland and Mike Price.

This year's election is an at large election, meaning that candidates must live within the ward that they wish to represent, but anyone who resides within the Pampa city limits can vote for any candidate.

In addition to the city elections, voters in Lefors and McLean Independent School Districts will be electing trustees for their respective school boards. The Pampa ISD also has an opening on its school board due to

Derrell DeLoach deciding not to seek reelection, but there will be no election because write-in candidate Richard Qualls is running unopposed.

Grandview-Hopkins Independent School District voters are also voting on a million dollar bond issue to renovate their school building and levy a tax for the bond payment.

Early voting in Gray County ended on Tuesday, with 566 people taking advantage of the advance voting period.

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Truck Series
 Lucas Oil 200, 8:30 p.m., Friday

BURNING ISSUES

► Winning at Darlington Raceway means membership in one of NASCAR's more exclusive clubs. Most Darlington winners wind up winning at other tracks, too.

► One of NASCAR's great ironies is that Tony Stewart, who has finished second six times at Talladega, crossed the finish line second in the only race he's won there. The driver who took the checkered flag first on that Sunday in 2008? Regan Smith, who was penalized for driving under "the yellow line."

► The Talladega incident meant that Smith really was "due."

► Nothing calmed down on the "have at it, boys" front. Quite the opposite, in fact. With Dover up next, it appears as if the sport is being brought to a boil.

► When NASCAR announced its "no harm/no foul" approach, some drivers said they appreciated being treated "like adults." The result seems more similar to "boys will be boys."

► Another familiar comment was that such matters are "best handled on the track." How about on pit road? Or in the NASCAR transporter?

► It doesn't matter what's going on at the front of the pack. There's always something to watch at Darlington. TV cannot adequately convey its simple majesty.

► From this perspective, Dover may be the most underrated track on the circuit in terms of quality of racing. The concrete banking is pulse-quickening.

► Have you noticed, all of a sudden, that there seem to be more crashes in Sprint Cup than Nationwide?

2011 STANDINGS

Sprint Cup Series	Pts.
1. Carl Edwards	378
2. Jimmie Johnson	23
3. Kyle Busch	39
4. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	47
5. Kevin Harvick	50
6. Ryan Newman	61
7. Tony Stewart	65
8. Kurt Busch	72
9. Clint Bowyer	81
10. Matt Kenseth	83
11. A.J. Allmendinger	91
12. Greg Biffle	92

Nationwide Series	Pts.
1. Jason Algaier	346
2. Elliott Sadler	5
3. Jason Leffler	15
4. Reed Sorenson	18
5. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	24
6. Eric Almirola	42
7. Kenny Wallace	66
8. Brian Scott	74
9. Trevor Bayne	86
10. Steve Wallace	92

Camping World Truck Series	Pts.
1. Johnny Sauter	187
2. Timothy Peters	3
3. Matt Crafton	4
4. Ron Hornaday Jr.	5
5. Cole Whitt	12
6. Austin Dillon	24
7. Todd Bodine	39
8. Clay Rogers	43
9. Max Papis	45
10. Parker Kligerman	51



WHO'S HOT AND WHO'S NOT



► **Who's hot:** Regan Smith pulled off the season's second historic upset, yet he's still 27th in points. ... Brad Keselowski, one position higher, finished third at Darlington.

► **Who's not:** Things could hardly get worse for Jeff Burton, who fell to 24th in Sprint Cup points. ... Paul Menard fell to 18th in the standings.



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SPRINT CUP

Race: FedEx 400 Benefiting Autism Speaks
Where: Dover (Del.) International Speedway (1.0 mi.), 400 laps/miles.
When: Sunday, May 15.
Last year's winner: Kyle Busch, Toyota.
Qualifying record: Jeremy Mayfield, Dodge, 161.522 mph, June 4, 2004.
Race record: Mark Martin, Ford, 132.719 mph, Sept. 21, 1997.
Last week: Regan Smith, after taking the lead when other contenders pitted, held off Carl Edwards to claim his first official Sprint Cup victory in Darlington's Showtime Southern 500. Smith's Furniture Row team is based in Denver.

NATIONWIDE

Race: 5-Hour Energy 200
Where: Dover (Del.) International Speedway (1.0 mi.), 200 laps/miles.
When: Saturday, May 14.
Last year's winner: Kyle Busch, Toyota.
Qualifying record: Kyle Busch, Toyota, 158.228 mph, May 15, 2010.
Race record: Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevy, 130.152 mph, May 30, 1998.
Last week: Kyle Busch put his No. 18 Toyota in victory lane for the fifth time this season, leaving him one shy of Mark Martin's all-time record of 49 series victories. Teammate Denny Hamlin finished second, followed by Elliott Sadler.

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK

Race: Lucas Oil 200
Where: Dover (Del.) International Speedway (1.0 mi.), 200 laps/miles.
When: Friday, May 13.
Last year's winner: Eric Almirola, Toyota.
Qualifying record: David Starr, Chevy, 157.577 mph, June 2, 2005.
Race record: Mark Martin, Ford, 120.200 mph, June 2, 2006.
Last week: Kyle Busch, in a Toyota, claimed yet another victory at Nashville, his second of the season and 26th in the series. Busch uncharacteristically skipped the race at Darlington, giving Casey Kahne a chance to win driving Busch's No. 18 car.

DOVER DATA

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Length of frontstretch: ...1,076 ft.
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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

REGAN SMITH SPRINT CUP SERIES NO. 78 FURNITURE ROW CHEVROLET



Regan Smith's season became so much better Saturday night after winning the Showtime Southern 500 at Darlington Raceway. Smith now hopes he can keep that momentum through the rest of the season, as he had a 24.4 average finish in the first nine Cup races this season.

Mr. Smith Tames Darlington

Furniture Row driver bests Edwards amid wreck-filled race

By Monte Dutton
 NASCAR This Week

DARLINGTON, S.C. — Twice Regan Smith has crossed a Sprint Cup finish line first. At Darlington Raceway, it finally counted.

There's no need to dredge back up 2008, when Smith was penalized at the end of a race at Talladega credited to Tony Stewart. Besides, Smith said he'd rather win the Southern 500 anyway.

What's the use of living in the past? What's the use of letting old wounds fester?

This isn't a knock on Talladega at all, but I would trade [it all] for one win in the Southern 500," said Smith in the wee hours of Sunday morning. "This is so special. We were looking at the names and faces on the trophy. You think about it. My face is going to be right there next to these guys, and it's going to be there forever. You can't change that. It certainly means a lot to me."

Some races go to the guy in the fastest car. Others go to the guy who plays his cards right. Darlington isn't a rabbit.

No one pulls it out of a hat. Strategy — staying out while others pitted — put Smith in position, but when the field went to the post for the final time, Smith's betting line was about the same as a horse named Animal Kingdom earlier in the day.

Carl Edwards couldn't catch him. Enough said.

Smith drives a relatively plain black Chevy headquartered in Denver, Colo., in the only sport where the most important Denver (at least until Saturday night) was in North Carolina. It's No. 78, for gosh sakes. That's like an outfielder wearing, uh, No. 78.

The odds are still long, but things are looking up. Smith's still stamming in "Mission: Impossible." For his next task, which he chooses to accept, he has to prove that a "1" in the 10th race is more significant than the 24.4 average of the first nine.

"Any win is special," said Smith. "This one is even more special. To get the first one here ... It's certainly a big deal. We survived and we won."

That's the way it works at Darlington.

Childress winless at Darlington since Dale Sr.

By Monte Dutton
 NASCAR This Week

DARLINGTON, S.C. — Chevys owned by Richard Childress have won eight times at Darlington Raceway, but all eight — out of a total of nine — were won by the late Dale Earnhardt, who last won at the track in 1994.

One of Childress' current drivers, Jeff Burton, has two Darlington victories, but both occurred while driving a Jack Roush-owned Ford in 1999.

"With no disrespect to any other race track, Daytona is the centerpiece of our sport, but Darlington, to me, has the most historic meaning of anywhere we go," said Burton. "There are no fluke winners at Darlington."

"When I come here, I look at it as a huge challenge because I know that if I operate at 100 percent of my capability and my car's capability, we'll get the best finish we can. If I'm at 97 percent, then we're not. That extra 3 percent at Darlington gets you something."

Mystery remains — Daytona 500 winner Trevor Bayne was released from the Mayo Clinic, in Rochester, Minn., where doctors determined he was suffering from "an inflammatory

NUTS AND BOLTS

Bayne condition "termed neither "life-threatening [nor] career-ending" by Dr. Brian Crum, a neurologist. By any measure, the details remain sketchy.

Though Bayne's condition has improved, no schedule has been determined for his return to the Wood Brothers' No. 21 — the team skipping Darlington and will skip Dover — and the No. 16 entry in the Nationwide Series. Chris Buescher drove the car in Darlington's Royal Purple 200.

End justifies the screams — Kurt Busch grudgingly admitted that his colorful performance on Richmond scanners was a bit much, but almost in the same breath he claimed berating his team on public airwaves brought results.

"It wasn't the best forum to go out there on a Saturday night and talk about things," he said of the tirade. "We've just, in my mind, seen things deteriorate, and I've held it in, held it in and it wasn't the right spot to do so."

Uh, no hold it in, that is.

FAN TIPS

Soon, Daytona Will Be Here

Think it's too soon to be thinking about the 2012 Daytona 500? Well, it's not too soon to buy tickets. They go on sale on May 14 (www.daytonainternational Speedway.com) and, for the first time, children 12 and under are eligible for half-price tickets on "the Superstretch," which is the track's term for its back straight. Call 1-800-PITSHOP.

"Now that people are listening, I think we're going to do some good strides and try to advance it."

Best of Tony Stewart, Darlington edition — "The only thing that feels different is that everybody, still, every May, asks me about Indy."

Then why is it different?
Behind closed doors — While no one specifically provided gory details — and not even Showtime apparently videotaped it — suffice to say that the powwow in the NASCAR transporter between Ryan Newman and Juan Pablo Montoya did not resolve differences between the feuding drivers.

"When you have conflict, there's a lack of respect, that's a given," rationalized Newman. "It's just a matter of getting through it. Neither of us wants to cost each other points. Neither of us wants to make any more conflict. It's just a matter of going forward and having a little more respect for each other on the race track, I guess."

"He's got a different opinion than I do and that's the bottom line. So we'll try to make the best of the future."

In other words, Newman strained to say things that were ... acceptable.

Montoya was hardly repentant.

"With Newman it's been since my first Cup race," said the Colombian. "In my first Cup race the guy that wrecked me was him, and after that I've been wrecked a couple more times by him."

LEGENDS AND LORE

Ingram One To Remember

Before it came to be dominated by Cup drivers, the most successful driver in NASCAR's Busch (now Nationwide) Series was Asheville, N.C.'s Jack Ingram. The last of Ingram's 31 victories in the series occurred at Hickory (N.C.) Motor Speedway on March 15, 1987. Mike Alexander finished second and Tommy Houston third in the Mountain Dew 400.

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Sports

Lady Harvesters reflect on area round series defeat

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Today, the Pampa Lady Harvesters aren't going anywhere except for classes. Last weekend they were swept in the area round by the Midland Greenwood Rangerettes. The returning players took plenty away from that series loss and hope for a better result next season. Sophomore center fielder Claire Hopkins said they learned quickly that their playoff opponents are going to be tougher than their district opponents.

"In our 3A district we had easier oppo-

nents," Hopkins said. "Coach Gill told us our playoff opponents are going to be harder and get harder faster. We have to go hard all the time."

This is the first time the Lady Harvesters haven't advanced past the area round since 2004. Pampa was outscored 16-5 and committed 13 fielding errors. Junior catcher Alanna Stephens said they didn't play



Hopkins



Stephens

didn't hit well. "I feel if we hit better we wouldn't have lost," Stephens said. "We weren't playing as usual. I think the bye kind of messed us up."

The Lady Harvesters didn't pick up a play-off warm up game during their week off but had an inter-squad scrimmage though. Freshman Krysten Miller said they didn't have good plate selection.



Miller

"We swung at bad pitches and let good strikes go by," Miller said.

Stephens said they should do better next season.

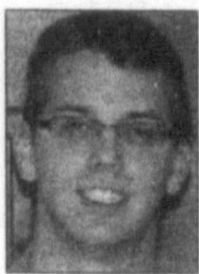
"Our district should be more competitive next season since we know our district opponents and they know us," Stephens said.

The Lady Harvesters finished 26-9 and won district with a 9-0 record.

Playoff berth places Harvester baseball on right track

The Pampa Harvesters entered the 2011 season with the goals of winning district and advancing in the playoffs. Though neither goal was accomplished, Pampa still got the baseball program on the right track. For the first time since 2007, the Harvesters qualified for the playoffs, which is something this team can build on next season.

Pampa played well during district, as they were in position to compete for the district title on the last game of district. The Harvesters pulled out a one-run win and a two-run win over Perryton, helping them to a winning record in district. Senior Garrett Ericson pitched well, posting a 3-1 district record. Junior Cole Engle developed into a solid leadoff hitter and was a threat on the bases. On April



ANDREW GLOVER

19 against Perryton, Engle scored the winning run. Junior Collin Killgo drove in several from the clean-up spot. Killgo had the only RBI against Perryton. The junior ended the game against Dalhart and hit the walkoff hit against Perryton. In the playoffs, the Harvesters faced a Top 10 team in the Lubbock Cooper Pirates but competed well. In Game One, the Pirates jumped out to a 7-0 lead in the first four innings. It could have been easy for Pampa to get down, saying to

themselves, 'Let's allow three runs and go home.' That's not how it happened, the Harvesters rallied putting themselves in position to tie or win the game.

In Game Two, Pampa could have taken it easy thinking that the Pirates were going to win. The Harvesters fought believing they could tie the series and force a decisive game. Pampa put the ninth-ranked team in 3A in a 4-0 hole. Though Lubbock Cooper ultimately took control, the Harvesters still didn't make it easy giving everything they had.

I'm not going to lie: It would have been nice to be on the road to Odessa for the area round. Making the playoffs was a good experience for the Harvesters. Sophomore Chris Howard and freshman Ethan Hunt were called up to varsity.

Howard got to pinch run, scoring once. That experience should motivate both players and help them when they play on varsity. The junior varsity had a solid season and should help the varsity next season.

Seniors Brent Green, Garrett Ericson, Tyler Malone, Mitch Simon and Zach Murray can leave with their heads held high because they steered the program in the right direction. It will be up to Jared Lusk, Devin Coleman, Killgo and Engle to build on that in 2012 and hopefully have the Harvesters playing deeper in May, or even cracking June.

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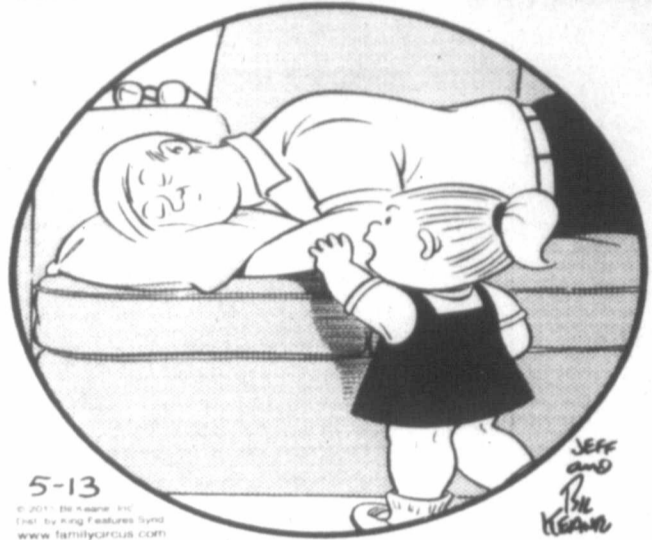
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



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"Daddy, Mommy asked me to see if you were up from your nap yet. Are you? ... Daddy? ... Daddy? ..."

Non Sequitur



Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, May 14, 2011

This year, work on not being overly serious. That attitude has a place perhaps in your professional life, but not with friends and loved ones. You enter a new luck and life cycle this year. The first year is unusually lucky, with the possibility of expansion in various facets of your life. If you are single, you might push away suitors with this grim demeanor. Lose it quickly, as someone special could be on the sidelines. If you are attached, add that spark back into your relationship. LIBRA works well with you.

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)
 ★★★★★ An underlying tone of seriousness flows into whatever you do. You cannot change what is, so make plans carefully. New possibilities surround a relationship later. Worry less about what is happening. Recognize that it is only a passage. Tonight: Listen to a loved one.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★ The best ideas could fall apart, as you are tired and dragging. Your sense of humor emerges, allowing greater give-and-take, even in a difficult situation. Make an adjustment for the moment. Understand that you are human. Tonight: Get organized for tomorrow.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★★★★ You might want to be playful and fun, but somehow your jokes fall on a humorless audience. Your fun ideas are received as if you were inviting someone to the morgue. Leave this crowd and go join some friends. They may have a more fun way to live this Sunday! Tonight: Enjoy the moment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★★ You have a better sense of direction and compassion than in the recent past. Your ability to reconnect and regenerate comes through with a family member who might be depressed. Tonight: Touch base with an older relative.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★★★★ Even if you mean to be light-hearted, you come off far more serious than you realize. Keep communication flowing by not commenting so much. It would be best to curl up with a good book or head to the movies. Give yourself a

welcome break. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★★★★ You could be angry with yourself. Instead, relax and accept what is. You can find many ways to get around this problem. Perhaps you are putting too much emphasis on this issue. Tonight: Buy a treat on the way home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★★★★ Be willing to experiment and open up a new avenue or path. What you reject in the first half of your day is acceptable and exciting by late afternoon. Give yourself time to mellow out. Tonight: As you like.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★★★★ If you are in the mood to vanish, you will be better off for the downtime. Perhaps you need to give some time to feeling sorry for yourself or a little sad. Once you do, you will notice how fast your mood will pass. Keep the socializing to a minimum. No wild parties. Tonight: Vanish while you still can.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★★★★ Stay focused with an older friend or in an important discussion. This person has a way of changing the topic that you cannot seem to prevent. Look at the issues and ask yourself how important they really are. Tonight: Join friends for dinner.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★★★★ The mere thought of an older relative seems to create pressure in your mind. Don't allow yourself to tense up, as it is your judgments that are causing this reaction. Let go and handle a responsibility or two. Tonight: Think "tomorrow."

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★★★★ A difficult call or communication could start the day on a dreary note, where you wonder which way to go. Decide if this event is going to color your day. Opt to go to the movies or a concert where you can relax and let your mind wander. You will be in a good mood before you know it. Tonight: Break from tradition.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★★★★ You could be way past your limit and need to make important decisions. Your way of handling what others think is complicated is your familiarity. If someone becomes quiet or withdrawn, you understand how to handle it. Work with another person's foibles. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.

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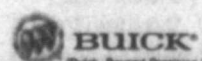
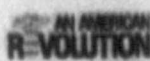


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