

PAMPA FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 88 Low 60	High 95 Low 62	High 91 Low 63

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 57. Windy, with a south wind around 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 88. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 60. Breezy, with a northeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming southeast. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 95. Windy, with an east wind 10 to 20 mph becoming south. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 62. Windy, with a west southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 91. Windy, with a west wind 10 to 20 mph becoming south. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 63. Windy, with a south wind around 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

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Sheriff's Office

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

Monday, May 23

Rebecca Ann Covalt, 28, of Skellytown, was arrested by deputies on a warrant in connection with charges of violation of parole with motion to revoke probation.

Tuesday, May 24

Jammy Cherise Cox, 39, was arrested by deputies on a warrant for bond surrender in connection with

charges of burglary of a habitation.

Tommy Joe Remy, 70, was arrested by deputies on a warrant for failure to appear on charges of theft of property by check, over \$20, less than \$500.

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

Tuesday, May 24

Michael Curfman, 31, was being held by deputies after being sentenced on a driving while his driver's license was invalid.

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PAMPA NEWS will not be delivered on Mon May 30th, so that our employees can enjoy the Memorial Day Holiday. Open Tues. May 31st, 8am.

THE GRAY COUNTY Appraisal District will be closed Fri. May 27th, due to building construction. We will be open for normal business hours on Tues, May 31st.

Obituaries

James A. "Jim" Weese, 76

WHITE DEER—James A. "Jim" Weese, 76, died May 24, 2011, in Amarillo. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.



Weese

Mr. Weese was born June 28, 1934, in Glazier to Willard and Josie Williams Weese. He graduated from Higgins High School and received a BA degree in marketing and management from Phillips University in Enid, Okla. He married Laura Detrixhe on August 13, 1955, in Higgins. He served in the U. S. Army from 1957-1959 with an 18 month tour in Germany.

Jim served as vice president of the First National Bank in Higgins for 13 years and president of the First Bank and Trust of White Deer for 26 years from 1970 to 1996. He was a member and former deacon of the First Baptist Church of White Deer. He served as treasurer of the

White Deer-Skellytown Food Pantry and served on the Carson County Appraisal Board. Jim was a member of the Higgins Masonic Lodge #820 AF&AM, the Lubbock Scottish Rite Consistory, and Khiva Shrine Temple of Amarillo. He was a member of the Panhandle Kennel Club, Trinity Valley Westie Club, Greater Denver Westie Club and West Highland White Terrier Club of America. He was preceded in death by his parents, and a little sister, Gail.

Survivors include his wife, Laura Weese of the home; a daughter, Kathy Osborne and husband Lonnie of Grand Forks, N.D.; two sons, Alan Weese and wife Ruby of Childress and Brian Weese and wife Jennifer of Grand Prairie; a sister, Kay Carpenter of El Paso; two brothers, Dean Weese and wife JoAnn of Granbury and Linden Weese and wife Gay of Lubbock; four grandchildren, John Osborne and wife Marci, Michael Osborne, and Kurt Osborne and wife Kari, all of Grand Forks, N.D., and Lauren Weese of Grand Prairie; one great-granddaughter, Fionna Osborne of Grand Forks, N.D.; and many nieces and nephews.

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For the record

Police Department

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

Officers reported 20 traffic-related incidents and five accidents.

Animal control officers reported 19 animal-related incidents.

Pampa EMS reported six ambulance calls.

The Pampa Fire Department reported two investigations, two grass fires and one medical-related call.

Monday, May 23

An alarm was reported in the 2400 block of N. Cherokee Dr.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

A burglary was reported in the 100 block of N. Somerville.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of E. Harvester.

A burglary was reported in the 1200 block of N. Hobart.

An alarm was reported in the 1000 block of W. Wilks.

Fraud was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of N. Hobart.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 4000 block of N. Bad Cattle Company Ln.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 800 block of N. Nelson.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 400 block of N. Perry.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 2800 block of N. Charles.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

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

Forgery was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 800 block of N. Wells.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1200 block of W. Carter.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 4000 block of N. Bad Cattle Company Ln.

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

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1900 block of N. Duncan.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 800 block of N. Wells.

A handicapped parking violation was reported in the 2800 block of N. Charles.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1200 block of N. Hobart.

A burglary was reported in the 900 block of E. Denver.

An alarm was reported in the 1500 block of N. Hobart.

Criminal trespass was reported at Wells and Carter.

An information call was reported in the 1600 block of N. Sumner.

A prowler was reported in the 700 block of N. Frost.

A burglary was reported in the 900 block of S. Wells.

Phone harassment was reported in the 100 block of E. 27th.

Tuesday, May 24
A missing person was reported twice in the 1800

block of N. Fir.

An information call was reported in the 1200 block of N. Hobart.

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

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

Police reported 20 traffic-related calls and one accident.

Animal Control Officers reported nine animal-related incidents.

Pampa EMS reported three ambulance calls. The Pampa Police Department reported two medical-related calls.

Tuesday, May 24

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 4000 block of North Bad Cattle Company Lane.

A hit and run was reported in the 1300 block of North Garland.

Officers attempted to serve papers in the 1100 block of North Christine.

A hit and run was reported in the 800 block of South Hobart.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 100 block of East Sunset.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

Firefighters presented a program in the 1900 block of North Duncan.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

A theft was reported to police.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

A burglary was reported in the 800 block of East Scott.

A theft was reported in the 1600 block of North Hobart.

A grass fire was reported on U.S. Highway 60 one mile east of Pampa.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 800 block of West 25th.

Found property was reported to police.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 2000 block of West Alcock.

Identity theft was reported to police.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of Sierra.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of East Tyng.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 500 block of North Magnolia.

A domestic dispute was reported in the 500 block of West Montagu.

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

A threat was reported in the 300 block of North Davis.

City officials shut off water in the 600 block of North Faulkner.

An alarm was reported in the 2500 block of North Perryton Parkway.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 800 block of East Malone.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of North Naida.

Wednesday, May 25
A domestic disturbance was reported in the 800 block of East Malone.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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AFTERNOON RUSH

Girl, 1, left in hot truck, dies

AUSTIN (AP) — A 1-year-old Austin girl died Wednesday after she was found unresponsive in a parked, sealed pickup truck at the parking of an aquaculture contractor in northwest Austin, authorities said.

Bystanders retrieved the girl from the truck and began efforts to resuscitate her, police Cmdr. Julie O'Brien said. Paramedics continued those efforts en route to the hospital, but she was pronounced dead at Dell Children's Hospital just before 3 p.m., said Austin-Travis County EMS spokesman Warren Hassinger.

There have been no charges or arrests, but the investigation was continuing, Austin police spokeswoman Vanessa Aguinaga said. The child's name wasn't released. Police will work with Travis County prosecutors to determine whether charges would be filed, O'Brien said.

Temperatures in the area had reached the mid-90s Wednesday afternoon. On such a day, the temperature inside a car can top 115 degrees in 10 to 15 minutes, said Jan Null, adjunct meteorology professor at San Francisco State University.

"If it was more than an hour, it would be 145 degrees. It would literally be an oven," Null told the Austin American-Statesman.

Texas leads the nation in the number of children who die from hyperthermia in vehicles, said Null, who tracks such deaths. Wednesday's death was the fourth so far this year. Null said 498 vehicular hyperthermia deaths of children have happened since 1998. Texas had 13 last year alone.

Census: Texas a tad older

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The average age of Texans is creeping up.

New figures released Thursday by the U.S. Census Bureau show that the median age of Texas residents was 33.6 last year. That's about a year older than the state's median age in the 2000 census.

Nationwide, the median age for 2010 was about 37.

Baby boomers, as they are throughout the country, are making Texas older. But the median age isn't climbing as fast in Texas because of the scores of working-age newcomers who've migrated here over the last decade, said Lloyd Potter, the state demographer.

The median age is the midpoint at which exactly half of the population is older and half is younger.

"The fact that we have a lot of immigrants that tend to be toward the younger ages, that helps mediate the potential jump in the median age," Potter said.

The figures are part of the latest data released from the 2010 census. It comes after numbers released in February showed Hispanics accounting for two-thirds of the state's growth since 2000, and now make up more than 38 percent of the state's total population.

Texas had more than 25 million people counted in last year's census, a nearly 21 percent jump in the past decade.

Dinnerware inspired by nautilus seashells

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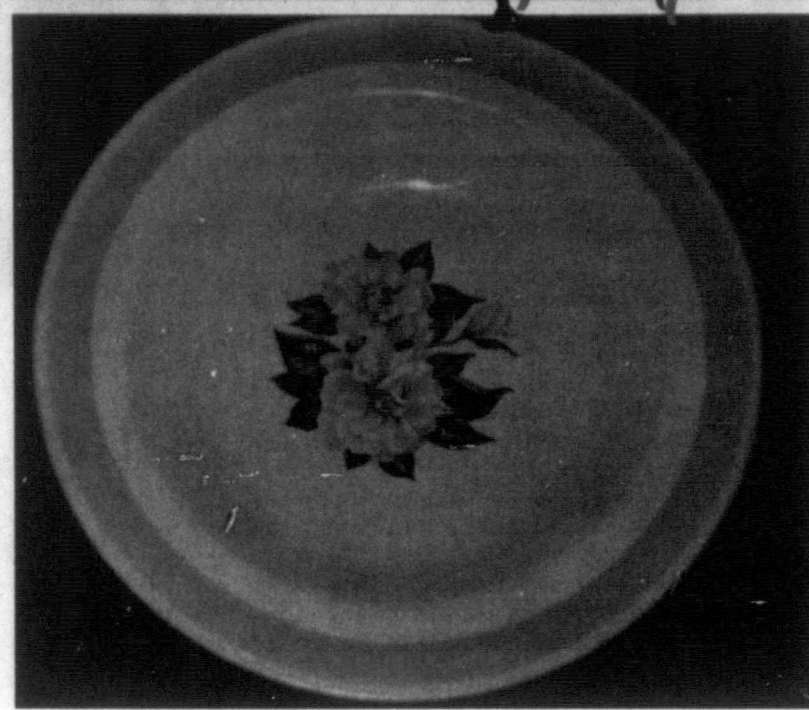
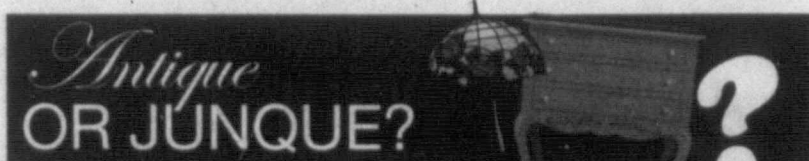
Q: Please tell what you can about the pictured plate. Decorated with white flowers against a white background and a gray border, it is 10 inches in diameter. Marked on the back are the words: "Homer Laughlin — Made in U.S.A. — B 50 N 6 — Nautilus Shape — Woolworth's — W150."

A: Homer Laughlin China Co. made your dinner plate. They have produced dinnerware in East Liverpool, Ohio, since 1877. Nautilus is the name of the dinnerware shape. It can be recognized by the seashell-shaped serving dish handles and embossed shell images on the platters.

Nautilus dishes were available with several different decorations. "W150" is the Gardenia pattern number. It was made for and sold at Woolworth's department stores.

"B 50 N 6" is a Laughlin code that shows your plate was made in February 1950 at Laughlin plant number 6.

Your plate would probably be worth \$10 to \$25.



Homer Laughlin China Co. produced the Nautilus line of dishes.

on the bottom. Also, the numbers "20447-34" are included with the mark.

Can you identify the maker and the age of my pitcher?

A: The mark you provided was used by C. Tielsch and Co. The factory was founded in 1845 in Altwasser, Germany. In 1918, the firm was taken over by C.M. Hutschenreuther Co., who continued to use the Tielsch mark until after World War II. C. Tielsch and Co. produced decorative porcelain, tea and coffee sets.

Your pitcher was made around 1900 and would probably be worth \$50 to \$75.

Q: I am curious about my 1971 comic book. It is titled "Marvel Comic Book Group No. 8 Sabrina the Teenage Witch — Archie

Giant Series." It sold for 25 cents. It is still in very good condition.

Can you tell me what it is worth. And are there any options for selling it other than eBay?

A: Similar comic books are selling around \$15 to \$25. Other selling options include placing an ad in comic book collecting publications or the classified section of your local paper. There might be a collector in your community. Look in the yellow pages.

If you have any antique inquiries, address your questions to Anne McCollam, P.O. Box 247, Notre Dame, IN 46556. Items of a general interest will be answered in this column. Due to the volume of inquiries, she cannot answer individual letters.



C. Tielsch and Co. was founded in Germany in 1845.

Q: I bought a beautiful porcelain pitcher at a flea market. Standing 7 inches tall, the pitcher's body is decorated with clusters of pink and yellow roses with gold accents. I have drawn the mark that is

Lawmakers mull school finance

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas lawmakers met behind closed doors Wednesday to hammer out a new school financing law as time was running out for the 2011 legislative session.

House and Senate members were trying to reach an agreement on how to cut \$4 billion from public education funding, the first cut in school spending since at least World War II.

Late Wednesday, House Speaker Joe Strauss, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and the House and Senate conference committee members met in Strauss' office to work out a deal. Afterward, all parties said negotiations would continue, possibly until Friday's deadline.

Dewhurst said House and Senate members each thought their chamber had the best solution but that a compromise was possible. Sen. Florence Shapiro, the chair of the Public Education Committee, said she was fighting to solve the long-term problems with the school finance system. But House negotiator Rep. Dan Branch said he was looking for a simple, temporary solution that representatives could accept this late in the legislative session.

"Neither side is taking a 'take-it-or-leave-it approach,'" Branch said.

The basic stumbling block was how much would be cut from which schools for how long.

How much state money a school district receives is currently based on a complicated formula that froze total per student spending at 2006 levels. The current system was created in 2006 as a temporary measure to reduce local property taxes and to make up the difference by revamping the business franchise tax.

That tax, though, has never brought in as much money as expected, and when combined with falling property values and the 2009 recession, the state is now \$27 billion short of financing current operations

over the next two years.

Republican leaders who control the Legislature have proposed cutting \$4 billion from public schools, but that would require rewriting school finance law because the spending drops below 2006 levels.

Rep. Rob Eissler, R-The Woodlands, proposed a House bill that would cut funding for all school districts equally by about 6 percent. But Shapiro, R-Plano, proposed a bill that would fix inequalities in the current system that favor wealthy suburban school districts over less fortunate urban and rural schools.

The amount spent per student in Texas public schools ranges from as little \$5,000 to as much as \$10,000 per year, depending on the school district.

Reaching a deal on a new school financing formula is critical to passing a two-year budget. If an agreement is not reached by Saturday

and made law by May 30, Gov. Rick Perry will be forced to call a special session before the fiscal year ends Aug. 31.

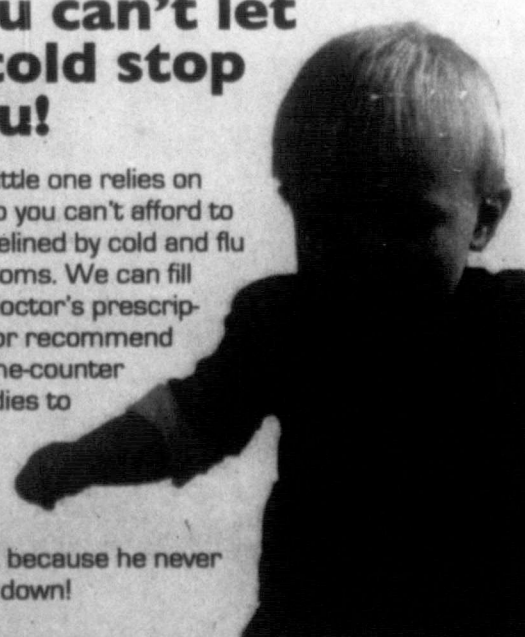
Democrats, who make up a minority in both the House and Senate, have fought hard to spend part of the state's \$9.4 billion Rainy Day Fund to avoid cutting public school funding. But Perry and other Republican leaders rejected the proposal and insisted on cuts.

House budget chief Rep. Jim Pitts said Wednesday that the Rainy Day Fund had to be preserved because of expected shortfalls in the state Medicaid budget over the next two years.

The draft budget "already has a shortfall for Medicaid," Pitts said. "We need to keep our Rainy Day Fund whole so we have enough money so that if the laws don't change ... we have enough Rainy Day Fund to finish out our Medicaid obligations."

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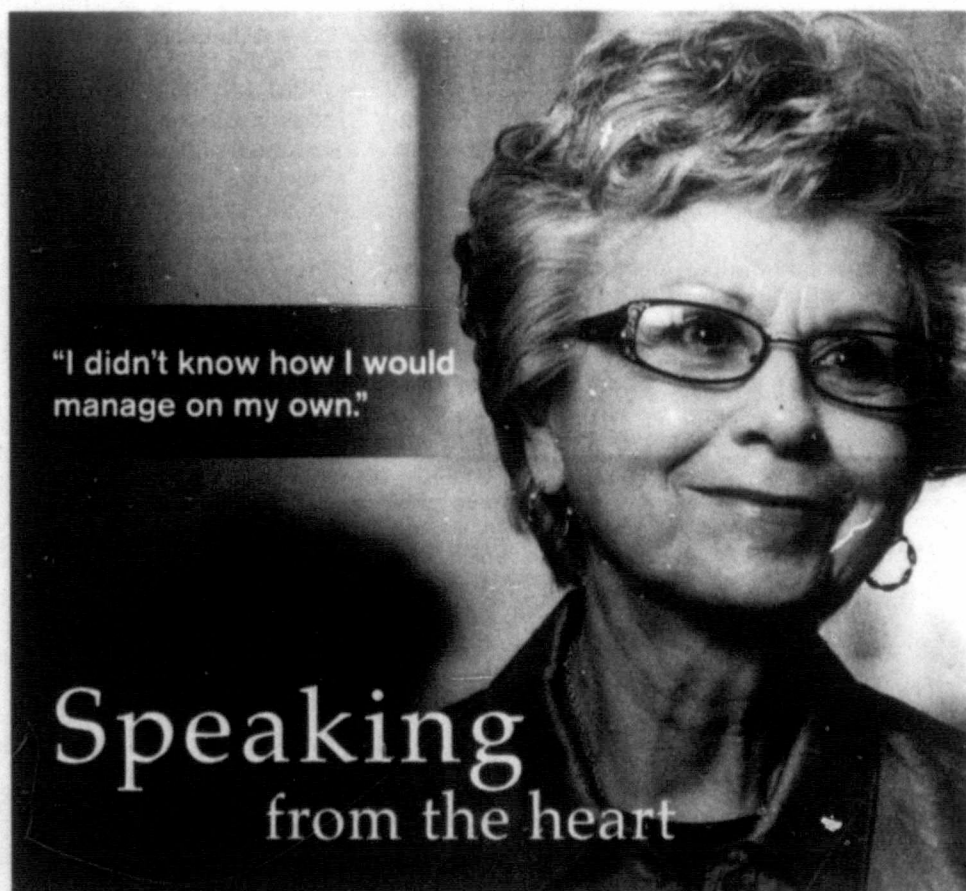
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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Thursday, May 26, the 146th day of 2011. There are 219 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 26, 1940, the evacuation of more than 338,000 Allied troops from Dunkirk, France, began during World War II.

On this date:

In 1521, Martin Luther was banned by the Edict of Worms (vohrms) because of his religious beliefs and writings.

In 1868, the impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson ended with his acquittal on the remaining charges.

In 1913, Actors' Equity Association was organized in New York.

In 1938, the House Un-American Activities Committee was established by Congress.

In 1941, the American Flag House, where Betsy Ross once lived, was donated to the city of Philadelphia.

In 1960, U.N. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge accused the Soviets of hiding a microphone inside a wood carving of the Great Seal of the United States that had been presented to the U.S. embassy in Moscow.

In 1969, the Apollo 10 astronauts returned to Earth after a successful eight-day dress rehearsal for the first manned moon landing.

In 1972, President Richard M. Nixon and Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev signed the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty in Moscow. (The U.S. withdrew from the treaty in 2002.)

In 1981, 14 people were killed when a Marine jet crashed onto the flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz off Florida.

In 1991, a Lauda Air Boeing 767 crashed in Thailand, killing all 223 people aboard.

Ten years ago: Republicans and moderate Democrats drove a sweeping \$1.35 trillion-dollar, 10-year tax cut through Congress, handing President George W. Bush a political triumph.

Five years ago: Air Force Gen. Michael Hayden won confirmation to be the 20th CIA director in a 78-15 Senate vote.

One year ago: BP launched its latest bid to plug the gushing well in the Gulf of Mexico by force-feeding it heavy drilling mud, a maneuver known as a "top kill" which proved unsuccessful.

Today's Birthdays: Actor James Arness is 88. Actor Alec McCowen is 86. Sportscaster Brent Musberger is 72. Rock singer-musician Levon Helm (The Band) is 71. Country musician Gates Nichols (Confederate Railroad) is 67. Rock musician Garry Peterson (Guess Who) is 66. Singer Stevie Nicks is 63. Actress Pam Grier is 62. Actor Philip Michael Thomas is 62. Country singer Hank Williams Jr. is 62. Former astronaut Sally K. Ride is 60. Actress Margaret Colin is 54. Country singer-songwriter Dave Robbins is 52. Actor Doug Hutchison is 51. Actress Genie Francis is 49. Comedian Bobcat Goldthwait is 49. Singer Lenny Kravitz is 47. Actress Helena Bonham Carter is 45. Rock musician Phillip Rhodes is 43. Actor Joseph Fiennes is 41. Actor-producer-writer Matt Stone is 40. Contemporary Christian musician Nathan Cochran is 33.

Thought for Today: "Courage is being scared to death - and saddling up anyway." - John Wayne American actor (born this date in 1917 - died 1979)



Letter to the Editor

The future of the hospital

To the Editor:

At beginning of 2011, Signature Hospital Corporation announced its intent to sell Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC) and wind down Signature's operations.

The intent of this letter is to address some rumors that have arisen over the last several months and update the community on the sale process.

First and foremost, the hospital is not closing its doors. PRMC has seen a stabilization and increase of volumes for both inpatients and outpatients during the first quarter of 2011, and has experienced a corresponding positive financial status.

Further, PRMC has historically been profitable, and all performance indicators currently suggest the hospital will continue to be profitable, so there is no threat of closure either now or in the future.

The State of Texas as well as the federal government are both involved in very difficult budget deliberations but even given the potential Medicare and Medicaid reductions necessary to balance these budgets and establish new financial foundations for both with respect to the health care industry, PRMC still

looks to have a strong future. Our entire team - both our hospital staff and Medical Staff - have worked very hard to achieve high levels of service and we are very appreciative of the support of the community(s).

Next, I'd like to update you on the sale of the hospital. The initial step in the sale process is to establish a list of interested parties and determine the level of interest of each company or business interest.

To date, there are multiple companies and individuals who have expressed interest in possibly acquiring PRMC. These companies represent both investor owned and tax exempt companies or interests.

Last month, the hospital was visited by several of the interested parties to tour/inspect the facility and learn more about the hospital and our town. The sale process PRMC is currently engaged in is one that was entered into with the best interests of our community, patients, medical community, business community and the hospital in mind. S

Signature is certainly focused on getting a fair price for the assets they own, but they are also interested in finding the right partner for PRMC that will uphold a commitment to the community at-large and medical community for the foreseeable

future. It is worth noting that Signature has invested \$6.2 million in new equipment and improving the facility in the last 5 years and continues to provide capital dollars to maintain and meet the short term capital needs of the hospital.

Signature has also engaged FTI Consulting to assist with finding the right buyers. They also provide oversight of the operations and financial performance of the facility during the sale process.

Since the future is uncertain as to which potential acquirer will be the best fit for everyone, the hospital and staff will continue to embrace and assist with all inquiries in a non partisan process.

As the hospital continues to go through the sale process, we will keep the community informed of how the process is evolving. Should anyone in the community desire more information regarding our current course of action, please contact my office via telephone (806-663-5500) or e-mail (william.buck@signaturehospital.com).

William Buck
CEO, Pampa Regional Medical Center

Ignoring veterans needs?

To the Editor:

The Department of Texas, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, the oldest and largest veteran's organization in the state and their 82,000 members has expressed their disappointment with the Texas Veterans Commission. On May 18, 2011, Commissioners decided not to fund the only grant program that assists veterans statewide.

In March of 2010, the Texas VFW Foundation, the charitable arm of the Texas VFW, received a

\$1 million grant from the Texas Veterans Commission Fund for Veterans Assistance to be used for emergency financial needs of veterans and their families. The funds were made available by the sale of the "Veterans Cash" lottery ticket. These funds were expended and the Texas VFW Foundation requested

an additional grant to continue the program.

The State Commander of the Texas VFW, Wayne DePute said that he disagreed with the decision of the Texas Veterans Commission and expressed his concern that "the real losers are the Texas veterans and their families". Currently there are only a few organizations that have been funded for this type of assistance. They are located in the San Antonio, Tarrant County and the Panhandle area. Veterans living outside of those areas are not eligible to receive any type of emergency financial assistance from the Fund for Veterans Assistance.

Commander DePute said "It is blatantly unfair that a veteran in one area of this state does not have the same opportunity to request assistance as a veteran located in another area". He went on to say that "Considering the way this current

round of grants was awarded, I am concerned that the staff of the Texas Veterans Commission has ignored the needs of the veterans in this state, those same veterans they are charged with assisting." The Texas VFW Foundation had awarded over \$2.3 million in grants statewide.

"As a result of this denial and minimal donations from the public sector, the Texas VFW Foundation now have to scale down programs assisting Texas veterans and their families" said DePute.

For additional information contact: 512-834-853 or email: roy@texasvfw.org.

Sincerely,
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Adjutant Quartermaster

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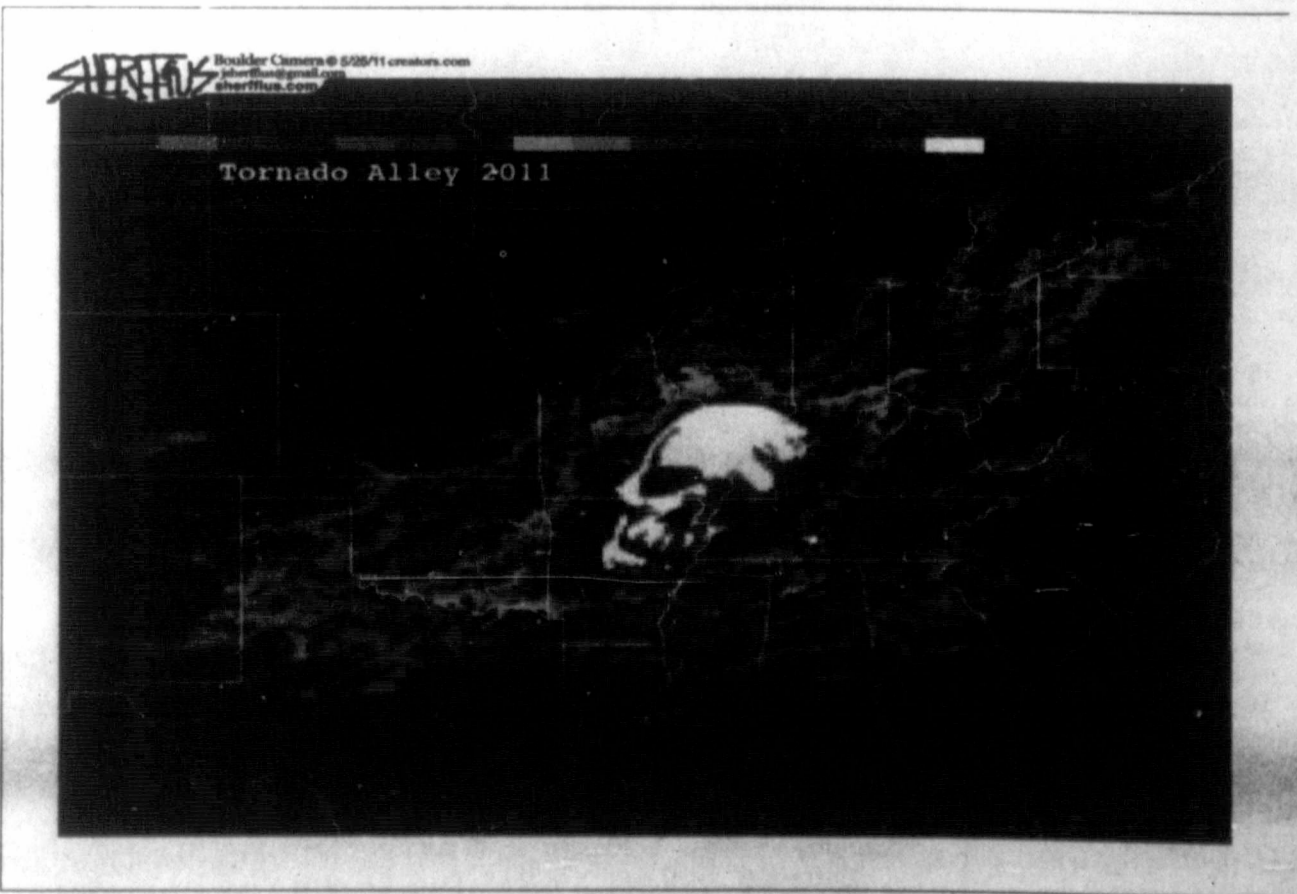
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Negotiators OK \$172.5 billion TX budget

AUSTIN (AP) — House and Senate negotiators on Thursday approved a \$172 billion Texas budget for the next two years, sending the plan to the full chambers for a weekend vote.

Budget leaders expect House and Senate votes on Saturday, which would then send the massive plan to the governor. But the plan makes the expenditure of \$37 billion for basic school operations contingent on lawmakers agreeing to new distribution system before the session adjourns Monday.

Agreement on new school funding formulas has been an obstacle so far. A lack of an agreement on how to distribute the school money by Monday would almost certainly require lawmakers

to return to Austin for a special session over the summer.

Even though the budget conference committee agreed to spend more on public education, school operations would still be underfunded by about \$4 billion due to them under current law.

Elsewhere, the budget makes \$15 billion in cuts compared to current spending, which doesn't account for population and enrollment growth.

Medicaid spending, for instance, would not pay for more than \$4 billion expected to be needed for projected enrollment growth.

Lawmakers crafted the budget with a revenue shortfall of more than \$15 billion. Some analysts said the expected shortfall was closer to \$27 billion to maintain current service levels for a bigger population.

"This budget is balanced for the next two years and at the end of the day, that's a pretty extraordinary accomplishment, considering the situation that we found ourselves in," said Sen. Steve Ogden, the Senate's chief budget writer.

"We just feel it's not worth cutting any corners just in order to open on time," he said. "We instructed the contractor to slow down and do everything right."

Stokes estimated that it could take from two days to two weeks to complete the project.

He said he's disappointed that the park won't be open on Memorial Day, but that the delay will improve the safety of the park and will be worth it in the long run.

The safety of the community is of paramount importance.

"There's nothing anything really major," Stokes said of the construction.



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"but there's a lot of little things that need to be done."

He said that when the aquatic park opens, he wants to make sure it's as safe as it can be.

While there were some minor cracks in one of the pools, Stokes said the

main concern was with the non-skid material in the paint in the pools. Not enough of the material had been used, and the surfaces would be slippery when they get wet.

"We want to make sure nobody slips and falls," he said.

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administered by FSA, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the local administrative area in which the person is a candidate.

To become a nominee, eligible individuals must sign form FSA-669A. The form, as well as more information about county committee elections, is available online at www.fsa.usda.gov/elections.

"It is important that the county committee reflects the demographics and agricultural interests of the community these individuals represent," Street said. "I strongly encourage all producers, including women, minority and beginning farmers and ranchers to participate in the nomination and election process."

For more information, contact the Gray County FSA office at 806-665-6561, ext. 2.

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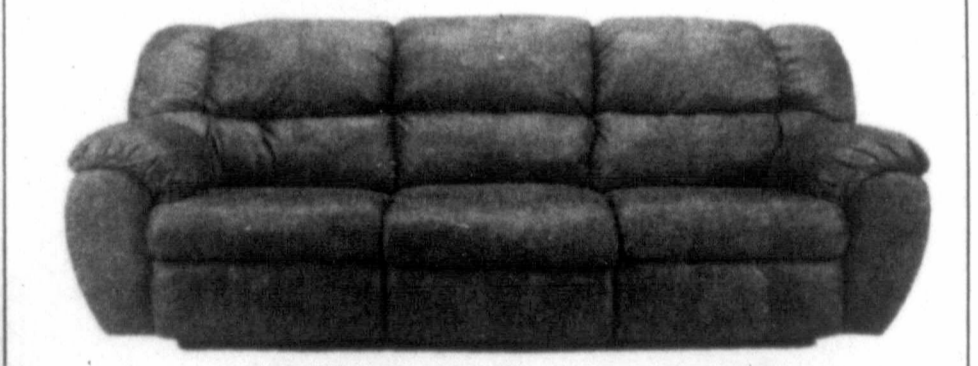
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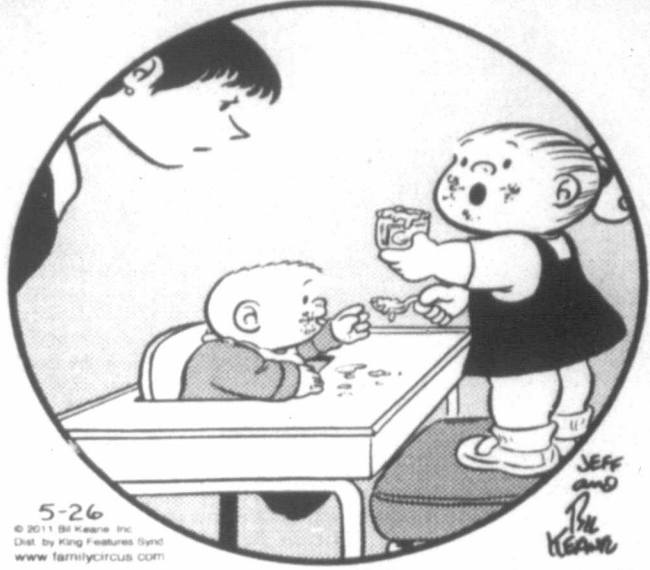
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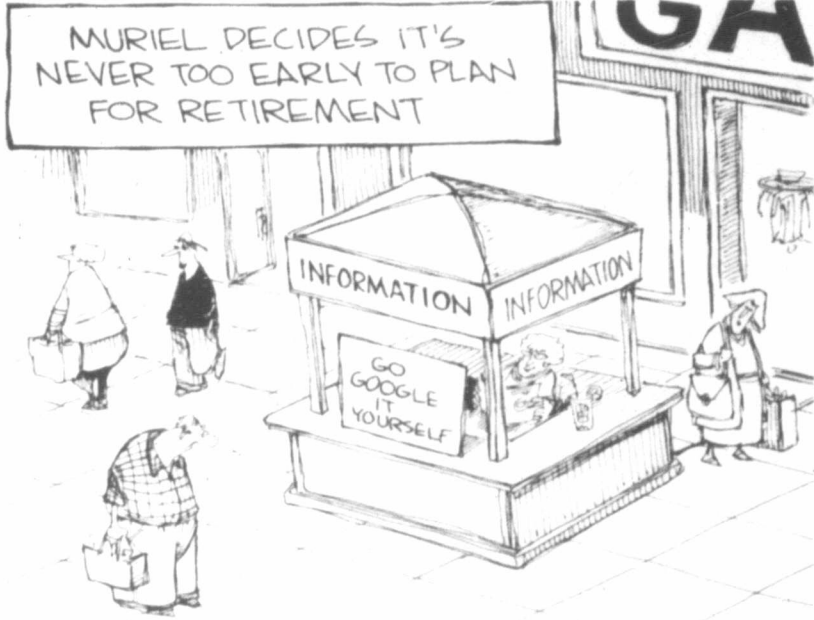
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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, May 27, 2011:

This year, you face challenges head-on. Continue to process. Today's choices will be very different in a year. Often you become overly serious with loved ones. Relax. You cannot control anyone else. If you are single, the person you might choose to relate to could be hard on you. You also can choose not to relate. If you are attached, the two of you need special time together as a couple. ARIES is always a friend.

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)

★★★★ Lately you surprise people more. You often wonder which way to go, as you draw seemingly different responses than you intended. The issue might be you! Ask a friend for feedback. Tonight: As you like.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Maintain a low profile. You are likely to encounter negativity otherwise. Fatigue also could be playing a bigger role in your day than you realize. Changing plans could be a source of tension. Tonight: Do your thing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You might have several knee-jerk reactions. Examine each situation. You know what works; now follow through. Make a decision, ignoring the push and pull of others. Tonight: Still weighing the pros and cons of doing this or that.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ You would be well advised to sit down and relax in a tense situation. Your response to pressure will only add to the difficulty and unpredictability of the present situation. Move with the moment, knowing what is possible for you. If you feel tense, it is for good reason. Not everyone is able to juggle like you do. Tonight: Out late.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You might be much more adventuresome than many of your friends. Part of this willingness comes from the possibility of a mini trip or vacation on the horizon. A friend also might be coming into town. You try to juggle the here and now, yet you really want to be long gone. Tonight: Opt for something different.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Clearly, someone is trying to lure you to his or her camp. You cannot go un-

less you feel there is a real agreement. The juggling of this situation ultimately could drain you far more than you would like. Try to leave the situation as quickly as possible. Tonight: Make choices for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You might feel that you must take a stand, but do it only for you, not others. People could be more quirky and unpredictable than usual. You want to be able to pull back and not get involved. Your integrity paves a unique path. Tonight: Celebrate with a friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You can do only so much. In many ways, you are the workhorse of the zodiac. Recognize when enough is enough and there is no other path than the present one. Incorporate new technology. The unexplained or unexpected might not necessarily be bad. Tonight: If you are tired, head home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Take into account everything that you must do, and then creatively tackle just that. You could be surprised by how much you can clear out with some focus and ingenuity. Often, we just do, without approaching a situation with an eye to efficiency. Try this approach in other areas of your life. Tonight: Flirt the weekend in.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You might consider calling it an early day. You often push beyond normal limits, exhausting yourself. This process cannot be endless, and you do need time to stop, detach and relax. Tonight: Happily greet the weekend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You might want to screen your calls if you are to accomplish anything. If you do, you are likely to have more free time for all the calls you screened! A good sense of organization could shorten your workdays and allow more time for the Aquarian spirit to socialize. Tonight: With friends.

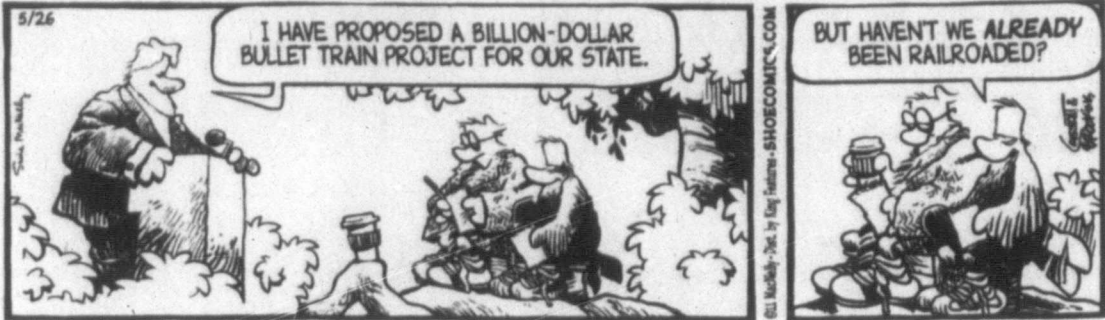
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Be sensitive to not only your budget but also to another person's limits. You can accomplish only so much, so fast. Understanding evolves between you and an associate after being unusually uptight and nontrusting. Know what is reasonable as opposed to what you want! Tonight: Tame a tendency to overindulge.

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DEAR ABBY: My dad died four years ago. He and Mom had many friends and did everything together, including raising nine children.

Mom was always in charge of things. Dad reinforced any decisions she made and vice versa. Since his death, Mom has become progressively more bitter. Eight children are alive today, and we all avoid her if we can. She cries because no one stops by to see her, but if we do, she has a long chore list waiting. I have my own home, work two jobs and don't want what little time I have with her spent working as her slave.

If by chance I feel brave enough to take her out in public, she embarrasses me with her verbal outbursts. She waits until I start to pay, then asks loudly, "Are you sure you have enough money in the bank to pay for that?" Another time, she stopped a complete stranger, told him I was single and asked if he wanted to know my bra size!

I have tried talking to her. She just gets mad and makes my life even more miserable. Mom will be 70 in a

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

few months. I want to enjoy her and what time we have left together, but I find myself running away from her wrath! I don't want to live without her, but I don't want to live with her, either. Please tell me what to do. — DRIVEN AWAY IN GEORGIA

DEAR DRIVEN AWAY: Was your mother always this way? If not, please understand that she may be seriously ill. You have described some symptoms of the onset of dementia. Instead of shunning her, you and your siblings need to encourage her to see her doctor because she needs a thorough physical and neurological examination. Offering you to a strange man was extremely inappropriate, and her chore list may indicate that she's no longer able to do what's on it for herself.

Your mother NEEDS all of you right now. Go with her to the doctor, and be sure her physician knows what's been going on. It may take insistence from all of you to get her there. Please don't let her down. You have my sympathy

and so does she.

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Sports

PHS grad Sieck earns weekend spot



Blake Sieck waits for a sign in a game against Dallas Baptist last March. Sieck went 5-1 this season and earned a spot in Hardin-Simmons weekend rotation. submitted photo

ANDREW GLOVER
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Pampa High School graduate Blake Sieck is making strides in his second season at Hardin-Simmons University. Sieck has earned a spot in the weekend rotation.

Sieck said it was a good season after not getting to pitch much in his sophomore season.

"Getting to start on the weekend and pitch in the conference games is a big deal," Sieck said.

In his freshman season, Sieck pitched in six games and started in one. This season, Sieck started in 11 games, posting a 5-1 record and dropping his ERA from 8.49 to 5.46.

Sieck earned ASC Player of the Week honors for his play February On March 8, Sieck pitched 8 2/3 innings, allowing one run in an 8-1 victory.

Sieck said his mechanics improved. "When I was in high school, I was pretty much a thrower," Sieck said. "I wasn't too concerned about location. This year, I focused on pitching and being more of a pitcher and hitting spots."

Sieck said he idolizes Philadelphia Phillies pitcher Roy Halladay.

"He is just amazing," Sieck said. "He's one of the most feared pitchers in the game."

This season, Sieck's team did well, as they went 31-14 and were only a

win short of an NCAA Division III berth.

"We had the most wins in Hardin-Simmons history," Sieck said. "We were close to getting an at-large bid. If we would have won that last game."

Hardin-Simmons went 1-2 in the championship tournament. Sieck pitched six innings in the last game.

Sieck said he is looking forward to next season.

"Next year, I'm not only going to be a weekend starter, but penciled in to start at shortstop," Sieck said. "I might get to play two-ways and I'm excited about that."

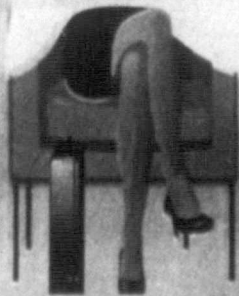
Blake Sieck's Hardin-Simmons Highs

- Drove in three runs against Texas Tyler February 27, 2010
- Scored two runs against Marietta March 9, 2010
- Hit one double against LeTourneau March 6, 2010
- Struck out seven against Mississippi College April 30, 2011
- Faced 34 batters against Texas-Dallas March 8, 2011 and Schreiner March 19, 2011

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