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Gray County upgraded from severe to moderate drought

Recent surge of precipitation helped, but farmers still need more moisture for crops

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With recent moisture, Gray County has moved from severe to moderate drought conditions, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

For local farmers and ranchers, this change comes with an attitude of cautious optimism.

Brandon McGinty of Gray County AgriLife Extension said that winter wheat here ranges from poor to good with recent precipitation.

"The wheat's actually beginning to come back or come on a little bit, but really, that was a significant amount of moisture that we got ranging anywhere from an inch and a quarter to two inches give or take, depending on where you are," he said. "It was very significant, because it took it a while to dry out, and with the cold temperatures, freezing and thawing helps it absorb into the soil. In terms of the drought, it helped, but we're still very short when you look at moisture."

McGinty said that two inches of precipitation to wind up last year was helpful, but the county was about 10 inches short on its average amount of rainfall moisture for 2011. More moisture is needed for hay and wheat and to begin summer crops.

"We're going to continue to need a good amount of moisture, because the soil profile was basically completely depleted of all the moisture," said McGinty. "So, two inches of rainfall is going to go into DROUGHT cont. on page 5A

MEN AT WORK



staff photo by Mollie Bryant

City construction crews work to install a water line near the intersection of Hobart and Somerville on Thursday.

'12 district convention

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editor@thepampanews.com The Pampa Lions Club has been

looking forward to 2012 for the last two years. That's because, according to club

president Ray White, it was two years ago at the District 2-T1 convention in Canyon that Pampa was chosen to host 2012's convention,

beating out Hereford and Dumas in the process. It will be the

first time since 1998 that the convention has been held in Pampa.

"It's a pretty big deal for our club,' White said. "We're excited about it. It will bring in possi-

bly 150 to 200 people into Pampa, which will help the economy a little bit. I think the district's excited about coming to Pampa. It's been a few years since we've hosted it, and we've got a lot of good friends out there who want to come to Pampa."

The convention is slated for Friday and Saturday, April 20 and 21 at the M.K. Brown Civic Center, with a golf tournament and sock hop planned that Friday to accompany the club's official business. With elections for district-wide officials such as governor, vice governors and trustees to the district foundation, White said that Pampa will be a focal point

> comes to town. "The district is the Panhandle of Texas, 26 counties," explained White. "There's a Lion's Club in just about every town in those

> > 26 counties. There's a little over 1,550 Lions

> > > Club members in

the district, so this

is going to have an

impact on a lot of

for the club once the convention

Pampa Lions Club Selected to host 2012 District 2-T1 convention

> people." Pampa's Lion's Club has been having quarterly meetings to plan for the convention and will soon begin meeting monthly to finalize details, said White, whose wife, Zoie, is the district's current governor. White, who was also a member of the club in 1998, added that it's quite an honor for LIONS cont. on page 5A

Pampa to host Lions | CRMWA looking into pipeline

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After its meeting on Wednesday, the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority (CRMWA) is looking into building a pipeline from its Roberts County well field to better benefit its 11 member cities. CRMWA will choose between two different routes for the prospective pipeline.

"City managers from our member cities

met recently, and we narrowed down our options," said CRMWA General Manager Kent Satterwhite. "Both options are really expensive."

One possibility, estimated to cost \$257 million, would involve a transmission line that would run from the well field through an area southwest of Pampa near Highway 60, eventually meeting with a main aqueduct near Amarillo. The other route under consideration CRMWA cont. on page 5A

SAFE AND SOUND

Jaliyah Annayi Marroquin was the first baby born in Pampa for the year. She was born on January 5, 2012, to parents Judy Marroquin and Rafael Frias of Perryton, weighing six pounds and 5.6 ounces, with a length of 19.7 inches. She is now safely resting at home with Mom and Dad.

Rafael Frias (from left), Judy Marroquin, Jaliyah Marroquin and OB/GYN Dr. Bruno Romeo. Jaliyah was Romeo's first delivery at the Pampa Regional Medical Center. >



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PAMPA FORECAST

Today Saturday Sunday High 57 High 50 High 55 Low 37 Low 25 Low 25

Today:

Sunny, with a high near 50. Wind chill values between 10 and 20 early. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tonight:

Mostly clear, with a low around 25. Wind chill values between 18 and 23. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday:

Sunny, with a high near 55. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southeast.

Mostly clear, with a low around 25. Southeast

wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest.

Saturday Night:

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 57. Windy, with

a southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with

gusts as high as 30 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 37. Windy, with a southwest wind around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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PHS Softball Booster Club, of Pampa is now on Pampa's Tues. Jan 31, 5-7pm @ PHS CableOne Channel 8. Sunday Jambalaya, 11:00 am and 6:00 pm ser-

Obituaries

Lonnie Edward Kotara, 94

Lonnie Edward Kotara, 94, passed away January 7, 2012 in Athens, where he had resided since 2005 with his son, Ronald Kotara.

He was born February 6, 1917, in White Deer, to Edward and Gertrude Kotara. Lonnie graduated from White Deer High School where he played football and then worked on the family farm until he joined the Army in 1942, serving as a medic in the American and Asiatic Pacific theaters until he was discharged in January, 1946. He married La Verne Austin on leave in 1942, and they resided in Pampa after his military service. Lonnie worked in the water well business until his retirement.

Lonnie was the quintessential story teller. He entertained his children, grandchildren, great

grandchildren and others with his many stories based on his experiences and world view, amazing everyone with his vivid and colorful recollections of events from long ago and his sense of humor about the many challenges he had lived through and overcame. He was an avid sports fan. The Texas Rangers Baseball team was always on his mind as were the horse racing exploits of his son, Ronnie.

Kotara

Lonnie was preceded in death by his parents, Edward Henry and Gertrude Szepanik Kotara; his wife of 62 years, La Verne Austin Kotara; great-grandson, Allen Harlton Sheffield; brother, Conrad Kotara; sisters, Proxie Hendricks and husband Otho, Severin Jones, and Lillian

Survivors include his sister, Dallen Romack (Joe); two sisters-in-law, Christine Austin Waters and Frances Kotara; daughter, Sherrian Batson-Hill (Steve) of Angleton; sons, Ronald Kotara of Athens, Larry Kotara (Kitten) of Lubbock, and Gary Kotara of Pampa, as well as seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 14, 2012, at Memory Gardens Chapel of Peace, 2215 North Price Road, Pampa, TX 79065.

Prayers will be said for Lonnie in a mass on January 13, 2012, at 9:30 a.m. at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in White Deer.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes that a donation be made to the Wounded Warrior Project; www.woundedwarriorproject.org/; Wounded Warrior Project, 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256

Paula S. (Records) Hagerty, 59

Paula S. (Records) Hagerty, 59, died January 5, 2012, in Orange County, Calif., due to cancer. She was cremated and services are pending.

Paula was born July 23, 1952, in Borger, to Francis A. and Margie L. (Thompson) Records. She lived in Texas and Oklahoma until 1960, when her father went on active duty as a Captain, USAF. Her school years were in

Texas, Ohio, Washington state, California and Massachusetts. She graduated from Mass. U. School of Nursing, where she also met and married Robert Hagerty. During their marriage, they had two children; Sara born August 3, 1978, an i Bobby born February 19, 1980.

Years later, they divorced in Colorado. She kept the children until she became too ill, making it necessary to turn them over to their father, Robert Hagerty. Paula's health continued to deteriorate for the rest of her life: She lived for a time in various places, finally settling in Orange County, Calif.

Paula is preceded in death by her brother, Franklin A. Records in 1980; her sister, Lora Lee Records in 2004; and her mother, Margie Lee Records in 2009.

Paula is survived by her daughter, Sara Phinney and husband Tim; her son, Bobby Hagerty and wife Jennifer; three grandsons, Lucas and Owen Phinney, and Brady Hagerty, all of San Ramon, Calif.; her father; F.A. Records of Pampa; several uncles, aunts and cous-

Mildred Lillian Cooper, 95

Mildred Lillian Cooper, 95, died January 9, 2012, in Fort Worth.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, January 14, 2012, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Cooper Directors.



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Mrs. Cooper was born May 6, 1916, in Wilbarger County. She had been a resident of Pampa since she was twelve years of age, and she was a graduate of Pampa High School. She married J.L. Cooper on July 16, 1935, in Wichita Falls. He preceded her in death in 1990. She was a member of Central Baptist Church. She was a quiet, but strong woman forged by the depression era, who watched her husband go to the Pacific in World War II and raised a family during the expansion of the Panhandle oil field industry. She was a creator of beautiful prize-winning yard floral displays and of colorful, intricate crochet. In her later years, she became an avid Texas Rangers fan and looked forward to every game.

Survivors include a son, Bobby Mack Cooper and wife Barbara of Pampa; a daughter, Sandra Lake and husband Ray of Fort Worth; six grandchildren, Debbie Amaral and husband Tom of Fallon, Nev., Kathy Mills also of Fallon, Scott Cooper and wife Sandra of Wellington, Lannie Lake of Burleson, Dannie Lake of Amarillo, and Robert Lake and wife Doris of Fort Worth; 21 great-grandchildren and 16 great-great-grandchildren. Mildred was preceded in death by two great-grandsons, Michael Lake and Dustin Cooper.

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For the record

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Police Department

A grass fire occurred at 2375 and County Road 13. A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 500 block of East Francis.

Tuesday, January 10

A suspicious person was reported at Foster and Osage. A suspicious person was reported at Frederic and

Tim Pirtle

Tignor.

A burglary occurred at the 800 block of North Nelson.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24 hour period ending Tuesday, January 10 at 7 a.m.

Monday, January 9

Lindsey Michelle Terrell, 27, was arrested by deputies on warrants regarding insufficient bond on charges of

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manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance greater than four grams and less than 200 and manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance greater than one gram

but less than four. John Hardy King, 60, was arrested by deputies for pub-

lic intoxication. Tuesday, January 10

Dewayne Eugene Chilton, 32, was arrested by police on a warrant for theft by check in an amount greater than \$20 but less than \$500.

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24 hour period ending Wednesday, January 11 at 7 a.m.

Pampa PD reported 23

Animal Control agents and Pampa PD reported 13 ani-

traffic related incidents.

mal related incidents. Pampa EMS responded to 11 medical calls.

Tuesday, January 10

A sexual assault occurred at the 100 block of West Harvester.

A suspicious person was reported at Crawford and

Varnon. Endangerment of a child or elderly person occurred

at the 1500 block of North Banks. Harassment occurred at the

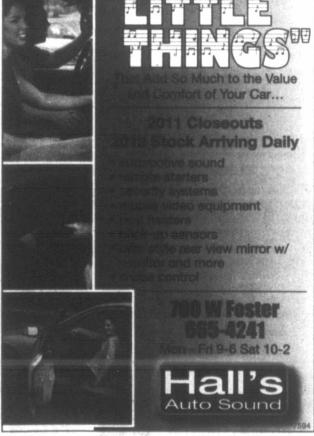
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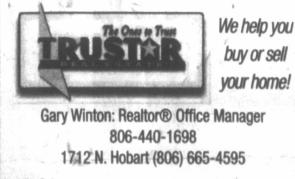
reported at the 500 block of Tung. Criminal mischief oc-

curred at the 500 block of North Dwight. A theft occurred at the

2100 block of North Nelson. A sexual offense was reported. A structure fire occurred at

the 1400 block of Dogwood.











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Replica grenade prompts evac

MANOR (AP) - Authorities are investigating after a Central Texas high school was briefly evacuated when someone spotted a replica grenade in the vehicle of a man who wasn't a faculty member or student.

Travis County sheriff's spokesman Roger Wade says Manor High School was cleared and arriving students were diverted to a middle school when the device was seen before classes started Thursday.

Wade described the replica grenade as a novelty item and said officials "were trying to figure out why" it was in plain sight in the man's vehicle. Wade said it isn't a crime to have the item, but the way it was found required

Students were allowed back in the high school about two hours after the incident was reported. Manor is 15 miles from Austin.

Lovett inducted into HOF

FORT WORTH (AP) — Grammy Award-winner Lyle Lovett is getting another feather in his cowboy hat. He's being inducted into the Texas Cowboy Hall of

Fame on Thursday night in Fort Worth. The hall of fame honors excellence in competition, business and the support of rodeo and the western

lifestyle in Texas. Lovett is a native Texan who is involved in breeding, riding and showing horses.

The four others being honored are former rodeo star Vernon "Dude" Smith; Buddy Jeffers and Jim Odle, who founded Superior Livestock, one of the nation's busiest livestock auction houses; and the late George Paul, the 1968 world champion bull rider.

Past inductees include Grammy winner George Strait, bull-riding champion Ty Murray, Oscar winner Tommy Lee Jones, and Texas Rangers owner and Baseball Hall of Famer Nolan Ryan.

Miniature horses fatally stabbed

DALLAS (AP) — An animal cruelty investigation has been launched in Dallas after three miniature horses were found stabbed to death outside the owner's home.

WFAA-TV reported Wednesday night that Maera Ortega discovered the dead horses in her yard. She's now worried about the safety of her family as investigators try to determine a motive for the horse killings.

Ortega says one of the horses had been tied to a tree. All three animals appeared to have been struck in the head while in a fenced area.

Ortega, who found the dead animals Monday, says the family bought the miniature horses a couple of months

Okla., Tx. top 2nd round

LAS VEGAS (AP) — An Irish step-dancing Miss Oklahoma tops contestants in the second round of the Miss America talent competition in Las Vegas, while a swimsuit-clad Miss Texas scores honors in the lifestyle and fitness category.

Miss Oklahoma Betty Thompson took home a \$2,000 scholarship for dancing to "Warriors" at Wednesday night's preliminary. The talent portion is 35 percent of a contestant's score.

suit. The fitness category is 15 percent of a contestant's score

One more winner will be selected in each category

during a final day of preliminaries.

In Tuesday's round, Miss Wisconsin Laura Kaeppeler won for talent and Miss Utah Danica Olsen won swim-

The finals are Saturday at the Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino.

Man killed on Juarez school patio

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — A man has been shot to death in the courtyard patio of an elementary school in the Mexican border city of Ciudad Juarez. It's an unusual event even for a city where children

have enormous exposure to violence.

Prosecutors' spokesman Arturo Sandoval says gunmen wounded the man outside the school.

Then when the victim ran onto the campus trying to escape, the attackers followed him and finished him

Children were in class at the time of Thursday's killing. Murders in Ciudad Juarez have sometimes happened outside schools, but seldom inside.

Children in Ciudad Juarez are given training on what to do when gunfire breaks out. Some youngsters have required psychological counseling because of the city's drug-fueled violence.

TSU added to 'emerging' schools

SAN MARCOS (AP) - Texas State University has been added to the list of schools classified as emerging research universities in the state.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on Thursday notified the school in San Marcos about the designation.

Since 2004, Texas State University had been classified as a doctoral university, as part of an expanded accountability system for public higher

education. Texas State currently has more than 400 doctoral students, along with more than \$33 million in research expenditures in the past fiscal year.



Create a family studio from unused space

Dear Pat: We have a large dining room that we seldom use. I was considering reducing its size and making the laundry room next to it larger to create a family studio. Would this improve the value of the house? — Nedra P.

Dear Nedra: The concept of a family studio is becoming more popular in today's home. People tend to be less formal than in the past, so as you have found, large formal dining rooms are used less

With both parents often working and the children involved in many outside activities, families seldom sit down to a dinner together anymore. The dining room table in most homes just ends up being a catch-all for school books and small projects.

As long as you do not shrink the size of your dining room to the point of being unusable, adding a family studio room should make your home more attractive and valuable to families. As a minimum, your downsized dining room should be able to seat eight people comfortably around the dining table.

The family studio will become the location for your family to do many of their projects, crafts, studying for school, laundry, etc. Since this room is separate from the rest of the house and will look like the laundry room, you won't have to feel embarrassed by the mess when unexpected guests drop by.

Before you start knocking out the dining room wall, make sure you have ample floor space. The minimum size for a functional family studio is about 8 feet by 10 feet, and that will be slightly cramped. With the wall moved to create a room of that size, determine the remaining size of the dining room. When you do sell your house someday, people also will want a usable dining room.

Since you are using your laundry room as the base for the family studio, you will already have water available and a sink for projects and cleanup. If your laundry appliances are old, consider installing newer efficient, space-saving models. A front-loading clothes washer with the dryer mounted on top of it will free up some floor space. A combination washer-dryer is another option.

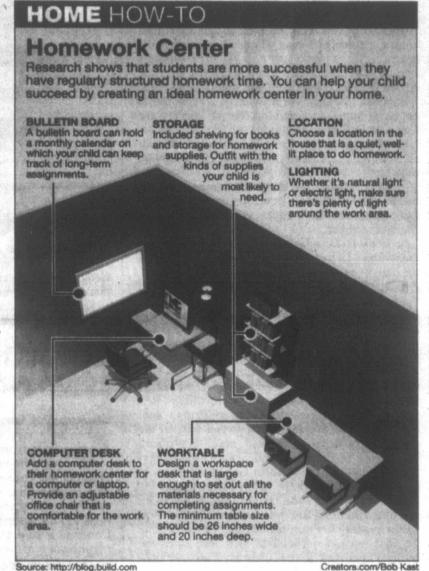
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Adding a lot of counter space is a must for doing projects and to provide storage underneath the countertops. Install durable solid surface countertops that can take a beating and survive. They also have a much more solid feel when doing heavy projects on them. Storing a little collapsible Workmate workbench on a hook from the ceiling will come in handy at times.

When you have the new wall built, install extra electrical outlets along the wall. You may even want to install a new circuit breaker in the service panel with a line to service the new family studio. If your children are doing some studying in there, it won't be long until a computer or two make their way into the studio.

Adequate lighting is essential to making a family studio inviting and easy to work in. Installing a dropped suspended ceiling is an excellent way to incorporate bright recessed fluorescent fixtures into the ceiling. Install them in several groups on different switches so you will not always have to keep them all on. Also run the cable to the room so the television can be used and a cable modem can be accessed.

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



Miss Texas Kendall Morris earned a \$1,000 scholar- Perry loses backer after Romney swipe ship after appearing in a Monte Carlo Komplique swim-

BLYTHEWOOD, S.C. (AP) -Presidential candidate Rick Perry's criticism of Mitt Romney's business past had a boomerang effect Thursday, costing him the support of a prominent Republican in South Carolina.

Investment fund executive and top GOP donor Barry Wynn told The Associated Press he was leaving the Perry fold to endorse Romney, the former Massachusetts governor. Wynn said Perry's attacks on Romney's time at the helm of the private equity firm Bain Capital had crossed the line in a political party that values free-market capitalism.

"I've been fighting for this cause most of my life," Wynn said. "It's like fingernails on the chalkboard. It just kind of irritated you to hear those kind of attacks."

Perry, the Texas governor, swung hard this week at Romney's work at Bain Capital. The firm sometimes turned big profits even as companies it invested in went under, including some in South Carolina, and people lost jobs. Perry called Romney a "vulture capitalist" who put profits ahead of jobs.

By late Wednesday, Perry had

backed away from the attack line and didn't mention in during remarks to crowds at campaign stops.

Perry is desperate for a strong showing in South Carolina, where the primary is Jan. 21, to keep his presidential hopes alive. He finished near the bottom of the pack in the voting in Iowa and New Hampshire.

Katon Dawson, a top Perry adviser in South Carolina, tried to minimize the effect of Wynn's decision.

"It's unfortunate and disappointing. But at the end of the day we are marching on," Dawson said. "It won't have any impact. The only impact it will have is on the media trying to report it."





Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Friday, Jan. 13, the 13th day of 2012. There are 353 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 13, 1982, an Air Florida 737 crashed into Washington, D.C.'s 14th Street Bridge and fell into the Potomac River after taking off during a snowstorm, killing a total of 78 people; four passengers and a flight attendant survived. (Half an hour after the Air Florida crash, a Washington Metro train derailed during rush hour, killing three passengers.)

On this date:

In 1794, President George Washington approved a measure adding two stars and two stripes to the American flag, following the admission of Vermont and Kentucky to the Union. (The number of stripes was later reduced to the original 13.)

In 1864, composer Stephen Foster died impoverished in a New York hospital at age 37. (In his pocket, a note which read, "Dear friends and gentle hearts.")

In 1898, Emile Zola's famous defense of Capt. Alfred Dreyfus, "J'accuse," was published in Paris. In 1945, during World War II, Soviet forces began a huge, successful offensive against the Germans in Eastern Europe

In 1962, comedian Ernie Kovacs died in a car crash in west Los Angeles 10 days before his 43rd

In 1966, Robert C. Weaver was named Secretary of Housing and Urban Development by President Lyndon B. Johnson; Weaver became the first black Cabinet member.

In 1990, L. Douglas Wilder of Virginia became the nation's first elected black governor as he took the oath of office in Richmond.

In 1992, Japan apologized for forcing tens of thousands of Korean women to serve as sex slaves for its soldiers during World War II, citing newly uncovered documents that showed the Japanese army had had a role in abducting the so-called "comfort women."

In 2001, an earthquake estimated by the U.S. Geological Survey at magnitude 7.7 struck El Salvador; more than 840 people were killed.

Ten years ago: Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill and Commerce Secretary Don Evans said on the Sunday talk shows they had never considered intervening in Enron's spiral toward bankruptcy, nor did they inform President George W. Bush of requests for help from the fallen energy giant.

Five years ago: Nine people were killed in an apartment building fire in Huntington, W.Va.

One year ago: Vice President Joe Biden became the first top U.S. official to visit Iraq since the country approved a new Cabinet; Biden emphasized to Iraqi leaders that the U.S. wanted nothing more than for Iraq to be free and democratic.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Frances Sternhagen is 82. Comedian Rip Taylor is 78. Actor Billy Gray is 74. Actor Richard Moll is 69. . Rock musician James Lomenzo (Megadeth) is 53. Actor Kevin Anderson is 52. Actress Julia Louis-Dreyfus is 51. Country singer Trace Adkins is 50. Actress Penelope Ann Miller is 48. Actor Patrick Dempsey is 46. Actress Traci Bingham is 44. Actor Keith Coogan is 42. Actress Nicole Eggert is 40. Actor Orlando Bloom is 35. Actor Julian Morris is 29.

Thought for Today: "Never underestimate your power to change yourself; never overestimate your power to change others." - H. Jackson Brown Jr. American writer



A more rounded way to gauge Congress

I suspect that most members of Congress will want to forget the year that just ended.

The institution that symbolizes our democracy finished 2011 plumbing depths of unpopularity it has never experienced before. Its low approval ratings set records - suggesting, as Gallup put it, "that 2011 will be remembered as the year in which the American public lost much of any remaining faith in the men and women they elect and send off to Washington to represent them."

The poor jobs picture, the lurching from one brink-of-disaster deadline to the next, the polarization that keeps the parties from working together, the widespread sense that Congress is so dysfunctional it cannot meet the nation's challenges all play a role. So, I believe, does the nation's political polarization: Whatever action Congress takes, some large portion of the electorate will disagree with it.

These are all valid ways of judg-Congress, but they are not the only way. Every year, the Center on Congress at Indiana University polls a group of congressional scholars on how they think the institution is doing, and one of the challenges we face is devising a set of questions that meaningfully probe Congress's performance. It's not as easy as

The historic mission of the Congress has been to maintain freedom, a goal whose achievement is impossible to measure in a year's — or even a few years' time. Moreover, a well-functioning Congress has to operate on many fronts: as the legislative body representing a diverse nation, as a counter-balance to the President, as an overseer of the federal bureaucracy, as a forger of policy, as two separate institutions (Senate and House) that have to find common ground and

uphold processes that allow each one to perform effectively. In other words, you have to look deeply at how Congress is operating in order to get a well-rounded picture.

The first of Congress's responsibilities is to protect its constitutional role as a strong, coequal branch of government. It must stand apart from and serve as a check upon the excesses of presidential power. So how well is it safeguarding its powers

from presidential encroachment? Does it live up to its proper role in determining the federal budget? How's it doing at oversight of the executive branch? Is it generating meaningful, politically sustainable policy alternatives, or just sitting back and letting the White House take all the political risks? Does it set the national agenda, or act timidly? And does it safeguard the war powers assigned it by the Constitution?

the American people. This means making sure that all voices get a fair hearing and that diverse viewpoints play a part in crafting initiatives all while safeguarding institutional practices that allow legislation to move forward in a timely manner. Just as important, does Congress spend its time on key issues facing the country, or instead let itself get diverted by partisan concerns or by issues of importance only to wellheeled special interests?

Third, in a country as politically and demographically varied as ours, negotiation and compromise are key to crafting legislation that can enjoy broad political support. To gauge whether Congress is following sound process, you would want to know several things. Are its leaders capable of working hard to forge a consensus? If they can't, do conflicts over legislation represent substantive differences, or mere political game-playing? Does it balance careful deliberation with making decisions? Does it protect the rights of the minority and allow all points to be heard? Is it transparent so that its members can be held accountable for their

HAMILTON actions? Fourth, does Congress set sufficiently high standards for its individual members? That meanskeeping excessive partisanship in check and making sure its members are behaving ethically. Are mem-

bers well-educated on the issues they

must decide and capable of educating

their constituents on them - in substantive ways, not with platitudes? And finally, how strong is the connection of members of Congress to their constituents back home? Do they understand their constituents and try to represent them in Washington' Do they make themselves accessible in a variety of settings, and speak out for their communities at times of need? Do they listen well and

are they closely attuned to the core

needs and interests of the people they

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All of these questions add up to how well Congress represents the interests of the American people, and as always, it does better on some than on others. Despite its obvious troubles, the picture is not entirely bleak. And I can't help but believe that the more well-rounded our understanding of where Congress falls short and where it performs well, the better we can hold it to account.

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Believe it or not: Young voters propelling Paul's campaign

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — A 76-year-old great-grandfather who gives eye-glazing speeches on monetary policy, displays a crotchety streak and disappears from the Republican campaign trail for days at a time to rest is captivating young voters.

Texas Rep. Ron Paul's libertarian message of less government, personal liberty and ending U.S. military involvement overseas clicks with young people, who are supplying zest for his stronger-than-expected presidential campaign. Nearly half of all voters under 30 went for Paul in the first two states to vote, helping to propel him to a second-place finish in the New Hampshire primary and third place in Iowa's leadoff caucuses.

Why would young people gravitate to the oldest guy in the field?

"Freedom is a young idea," says Eddie Clearwater, a 22-year-old Des Moines photographer who attended a Ron Paul party in Ankeny, Iowa, earlier this month. "All of his policies are such a good, radical change. It's what we need."

Paul's campaign events are charged with an energy that any politician would love, attracting an eclectic band of youthful activists ranging from preppy college students to blue collar workers to artists sporting piercings and dreadlocks. At his party after the New Hampshire primary, there were spontaneous chants of "Ron Paul Revolution! Give us back our Constitution" and "President Paul! President Paul!"

A tickled Paul told the cheering crowd: "Freedom is a wonderful idea, and that's why I get so excited. But I really get excited when I see young people saying it."

"We are dangerous to the status quo of this country," said Paul, who seems to relish making political mischief and has taken on the role of a feisty attacker in some of the GOP debates.

While Paul is unlikely to win the GOP nomination and young voters make up a relatively small slice of the electorate — 12 percent in the New Hampshire primary and 15 percent in the Iowa caucuses — their lopsided support has made Paul a force to be reckoned with in the 2012 campaign. And it could prompt a more serious consideration of his views by Republicans and Democrats alike

"Ron Paul is bringing unorthodox ideas to the marketplace that don't fit with the conventional pillars of either political party," said Matthew Segal of OurTime.org, a nonpartisan group that promotes political participation among young people. "And because young people today are a uniquely independent-minded generation, he's resonating with them.

According to polling-place interviews conducted for The Associated Press and the television networks, 53 percent of under-30 voters in New Hampshire and 35 percent in Iowa identified as independents or something else. They are not establishment Republicans, and not



as supportive of the tea party movement as their elders.

Paul's critics sometimes poke fun at his popularity with that age group, suggesting they are mainly attracted to his anti-war message and support for liberalizing drug laws, which are both far outside the Republican mainstream.

But the stereotypes belie the reality facing young people.

Polling-place interviews in New Hampshire and Iowa found younger voters in both states were just as likely as older voters to cite the economy as their top concern. Paul won among younger voters who said the economy is the most important issue. Overall, he drew 46 percent of under-30 voters in New Hampshire, beating front-runner Mitt Romney by a full 20 percentage points in that age group. In Iowa, he got 48 percent of the youth vote, 12 points higher than toptwo-finishers Romney and Rick Santorum combined.

In interviews, Paul's young supporters say they fear a bleak future of joblessness, steep college loan payments, pandering politicians and a government made sluggish by debt. Paul's pledge to adhere to the Constitution and shrink government appeals to many young voters looking to get back to basics, as does his promise to focus on problems at home.

"We're in such a crisis right now we should focus on us, not choose which country we aid and which country we invade next," said Nick Wright, a 23-year old volunteer at a Paul campaign event in Meredith, N.H.

Jeff Popek, of Meredith, said he believes Paul's planto slash taxes would spur job creation.

"A lot of us are graduating with a lot of college debt and we can't pay for it unless we get jobs," the 18-year old said.

Many of Paul's younger supporters say they believe the government is overly intrusive and encroaching on civil liberties. They like his pledge to overturn the Patriot Act, which Congress passed in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks to allow law enforcement greater access to people's email, telephone and other

The heavily wired generation of younger voters also

responds to Paul's warning that the federal government is poised to limit Internet privacy. He often rails against a bill pending in Congress called SOPA, the Stop Online Privacy Act, that Paul insists would allow the government to snoop on people's Internet searches.

"They want to take over the Internet," Paul said to boos at a campaign stop in Iowa. "Can you imagine how much we're going to be curtailed in the spreading of our information if we lose the Internet?

Paul does part ways with younger voters on some issues. He opposes abortion rights, even as polls show that a majority of young people support a woman's right to have an abortion. He says the subject of gay marriage should be left to the states. Polls show young people strongly support same sex marriage, much more so than older voters.

While he might not share their views on these issues, his libertarianism means he's not trying to outlaw them. After the presidential race shifted to South Carolina this week, Paul decamped to Texas for a few days of

rest. His young supporters say age matters little to them. His message, they say, is what matters.

President Barack Obama "should be the poster child for why you shouldn't vote for someone for their age or because they look presidential," said Anthony Mazaka, a 27-year-old architect who voted for Paul in New Hampshire. "People have to realize Obama isn't the president he said he was going to be."

Obama won 66 percent of young voters in 2008 and is working hard to reclaim them. But Obama's popularity has dipped with young voters, as it has with many other groups amid a weak economy and persistent high unemployment.

Paul's young supporters may choose not to back either Obama or the Republican primary victor. And Paul hasn't ruled out a third party candidacy, which could keep many young voters in his camp.

"Any political operative in either party would be stupid to ignore Ron Paul's appeal," Segal said.

Walker speaks to Texas conservatives

Scott Walker told a conservative political forum Thursday that he hopes the changes he has overseen will help his state challenge Texas in attracting businesses.

"I stole from your governor and put up signs all over the state that said Wisconsin is open for business," Walker told several hundred elected officials, political activists and legislative workers. He bragged that Wisconsin's standing among private employers was rising, despite an effort by unions and Democrats to have him face a recall election.

Walker triggered a firestorm last year when he introduced a bill that stripped most public workers of almost all their collective bargaining rights. About 50 protesters gathered outside the hotel where Walker

signs supporting the recall effort.

Walker told the enthusiastic audience that helping him fight a recall would have repercussions across the country. Walker described Wisconsin as a potential swing state in the 2012 presidential election and said supporting his fight against a recall election would help Republicans win the White House.

He did not make a direct appeal for donations, but a spokeswoman for Walker said he would meet with potential campaign supporters while in Texas. Texas homebuilder and conservative activist Bob Perry has given him \$250,000.

Texas and Wisconsin Democrats criticized Walker's participation in the forum sponsored by the nonprofit Texas Public Policy Foundation. The annual event is intended to pro-

AUSTIN (AP) — Wisconsin Gov. spoke, many from unions holding mote conservative positions in state government.

> "Scott Walker's visit makes a mockery of the pain Texas Republicans have already inflicted on Texas families," Texas Democratic Party spokesman Anthony Gutierrez said.

Texas is a right-to-work state, meaning it bars contracts that mandate employees pay union dues for representation, and unions in the state have little power.

Walker touted what he called the benefits of weakening the public employee unions in Wisconsin.

"The unions like to talk about collective bargaining," Walker said. "Collective bargaining is not a right, collective bargaining is an expensive entitlement and its time we put the power back in the hands of the people."

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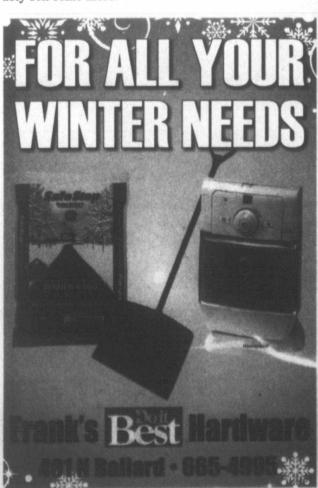
the soil, but for every foot of soil, our soil holding capacity is two inches. You're looking at two inches of rainfall and about one foot of soil depth, and we need to fill it up all the way to six feet to really get a good start on next year and this coming year's crop. It's a great start and it's a good help, but it did not break the drought by any

Irrigated wheat is doing well, but there is no substitute for precipitation.

Wheat is going to utilize a lot of moisture starting about March, which is not too far away at this point, so we really need to get some more winter moisture to keep that going," said McGinty. "It's in decent shape, considering the year we had. I think a lot of guys are probably optimistic about the wheat, but if we don't start getting some more moisture, that optimism is going to change to pessimism, and it can change abruptly.

The pattern of ranchers reducing their herds has slowed, as they wait to see what the future holds.

"I think for the most part, a lot of guys have sold off what they're going to sell for now, and they're probably going to wait and see what the winter and early spring bring," said McGinty. "If we start getting some moisture and seeing some grass grow, they probably won't be selling any more cows, but if it continues to stay dry, probably by this spring we'll see some more guys sell some more cattle. Their feed supplies are going to be depleted greatly, and they just can't afford to feed these cows for another whole year and just hope it gets better. So, for the most part, they're probably going to sit on their cattle, and (take a) wait and see attitude. By early to mid-spring or late spring, depending on what the wheat does also, because a lot of guys are keeping cows on the wheat more than they usually would have, they're probably going to wait and see. If it stays dry, they'll probably sell some more."



would be less expensive at \$173 million, and would run parallel to the current groundwater pipeline from the well field to the main aqueduct near Lake Meredith.

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Satterwhite. "This project is several years down the road."

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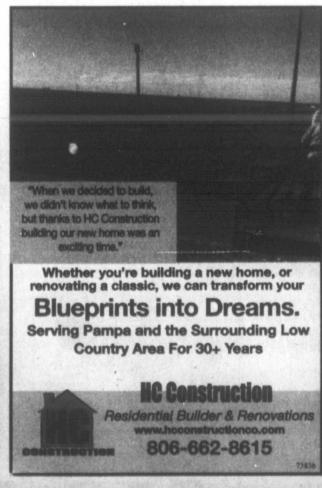
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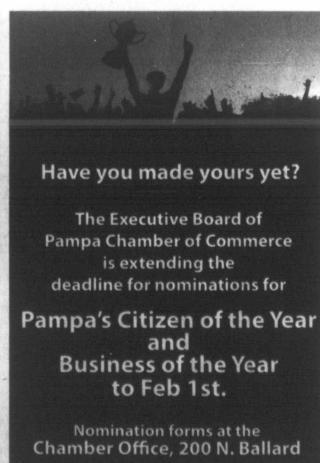
Pampa's Lions Club chapter to be selected to host. "I think it's just a reflection of our club," White said.

'We're a representative in the district and everybody in the district knows about the Pampa club. It shows that we're a club that people like and trust and see as a good

club to represent what the district is all about. I'm kind of excited being president of the club this year.

"I think this is a feather in Pampa's hat as far as the Lions Club goes," he continued. "We're really excited about it and really looking forward to it."









THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



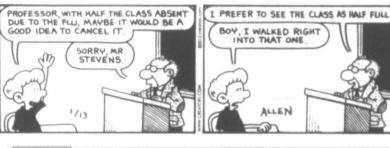
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Jan. friends are. 14.2012

This year many new opportunities apcould involve your work; for others, it might even be a political commitment. No matter what your choices are, they will suit you. You opt to change your domicile in some manner, whether painting, remodeling or moving. If you are single, you meet several potential sweeties. The choice is yours. If you are attached, through a mutual commitment, the two of you will see an enhanced closeness. LIBRA pushes you

into the limelight. ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Visualize more of what is happening behind the scenes. You could be a little off and nervous when dealing with the sporadic behavior of others. Excess comes forward. Someone might judge you. Whether this person says it or not, his or her face says it all. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Out of the blue, when you least expect it, a stroke of good luck hits. At first you might not agree. If your attitude is positive, it could turn this situation into a victory dance. Someone lets you know how important you are. Tonight: Play it easy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** Allow (and relish!) more giveand-take between you and another person. A friend's message tosses your imagination into fifth gear. Peals of laughter also mark your interactions. Understand that not everyone is in your carefree mood. Share your happiness. Tonight: Where you

are, the party is. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Slow down and listen to feedback from a family member. You could discover that one particular person might be unusually controlling or difficult. Center on what is positive around you. Invite friends over at the last minute if you want to. Tonight: Order in.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** You see a situation through another's eyes as you listen and identify with him or her. You might be surprised what you do and say. Tonight: Where your Tonight: Visit over munchies and a drink.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Your ability to let go and move pear involving your public image and long- forward is marked by your choice of variterm desires. For some of you, the impact ous activities. You laugh, and another person relaxes. Loosen up, and understand your personal needs as well as others'. If you need to indulge a little, by all means, do. Tonight: Your treat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Follow your instincts right now. Make plans with people you want to be with. You see trust develop in a key bond. Understand that this person's controlling side has nothing to do with you, but with his or her own insecurity. Tonight: Use your imagination.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ The unexpected causes change and demands you to flex. You like plans to be locked in tight. Don't resist the tide of events. Someone close could be extremely trying, yet you care about this person. Just don't play his or her game. Tonight: Weave some mystery into the moment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Your enjoyment of the moment often is enhanced by having companions and friends around you. You cannot dismiss the importance of a child's or loved one's surprising behavior. You might wonder what needs to change. Tonight: Where

the action is, go, do and be! CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Your creativity comes forward, allowing greater give-and-take in a friendship. A key person shares a little too much, but look at the action rather than the words. This person trusts you. A need for a power play or a negative knee-jerk reaction won't serve you. Tonight: Others are more observant than you realize.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** The unexpected occurs. As a sign who loves surprises, you will find that this event is right up your alley. Investigate what might be possible now that a dimension of your life has loosened up. Be direct with a loved one and a problem. Tonight: Follow the music.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Your considerate and sensitive behavior might not be noticed. A child or by some of what this person says or shares loved one might feel pushed. Adjust plans when relaxed over a meal. In your mind, not only for him or her but for you. You you might be imposing strong limits on don't want to hang with a grumpy person!

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WELL, STOP MOPING AROUND AND DO SOMETHING UPBEAT LIKE STARTING YOUR COLLEGE APPLICATION ESSAYS.



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Marvin



Hagar The Horrible



Peanuts



Blondie



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BURNING ISSUES

ments have strings attached.
Tommy Baidwin hopes to add a second team for David Reutimann. The will is there but, so far, not the funding.

Interest will pick up this week. NASCAR officials will be observing Daytona test sessions, trying to figure out a way to break up the tag-team drafting.

It's back to square one for Kurt Busch, and isn't it amazing a driver can fall so far without



NASCAR officials have officials have been fighting a technology war with team engineers who keep figuring out how to prevent overheating problems in the tag-team drafts. So far the engineers have been winning.

Whoever heard of solving a problem by making engines more likely to explode? NASCAR's solution seems to be hampering the cars' cooling systems as a means of forcing drivers to back off.

Unsponsored teams always put a major effort into Daytona performance, hoping to draw attention in the process. The stakes are higher than ever this year.

The great weakness of tag-team drafting is that it makes a large portion of a plate race, such as the Daytona 500, seem orchestrated and routine. The great strength is that it almost

Most of NASCAR's leading figures are active on Twitter. Occasionally some of them egret it.

The consensus is that fuel-injected engines will be implemented with few problems. NASCAR drivers are almost always.

If you'd like to follow Monte Dutton, who writes this copy every week, you can find him on Facebook (monte-dutton) and Witter (@montedutton).

LEGENDS AND LORE

Kyle's Second Cup win

On Nov. 13, 2005, Kyle Busch won the Checker Auto Parts 500, actually a 312-mile race (500 kilometers), at Phoenix International Raceway in Avondale, Ariz. The younger Busch brother was then driving a Chery for Hendrick Motorsports, and it crossed the finish. 609 of a second chead of Greg Biffle's Ford. It was the second Sprint Cup victory for Kyle, whose brother Kurt had won the championship a year earlier. Jeff Gordon and Tony Stewart, both in Chevys, finished third and fourth, respectively.



WHO'S HOT AND WHO'S NOT





2012 LOOK AHEAD



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

OFF ON THE RIGHT FOOT

ne's second Cup start was good for his first Deytona 500 victory. Bayne's unforgettable win could be matched by a host of others this year.

Daytona Surprises

Bayne, Ragan, Lund, others shocked the field

SPRINT CUP SERIES

The first of the season's two all-star events will be run for the 34th time and for the ninth consecutive year under the lights. In the years 1979-97, it was known as the Busch Clash. It was the Bud Shootout from 1998-2000 and became the Budweiser Shootout officially in 2001.

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Next up: Budweiser Shootout, Daytona International Speedway (2.5 ml.), Daytona Beach, Ria., Feb. 18.

Last year's whitner: Kurt Busch, Dodge.

Recent winners: Busch (2011), Kevin Harvick (2009-10), Dale Earnhardt Jr. (2003, '08), Tony Stewart (2001-02, '07), Denny Hamlin (2006), Jimmie Johnson (2005), Dale Jarrett (2000, '04).

NATIONWIDE SERIES

For many years, Daytona hosted a National Sportsman race Innown as the Permatex 300 on the day before the 500, but this race's lineage officially began when what is now the Nationwide Series was founded in 1982. Dale Earnhandt won the first one and later captured five in a row from 1990-94.

Natic up: Drive4COPD 300, Daytona International Speedway (2.5 ml.), 120 laps/300 miles, Daytona Beach, Ra., Feb. 25.

Last year's winner: Tory Stewart, Chevy.

Recent winners: Stewart (2005-06, '08-11), Kevin Harvick (2007), Dale Earnhardt.ir. (2002-04), Randy LaJole (1999, 2001), Matt Kenseth (2000).

CAMPING WORLD

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK SERIES

Trucks never raced at Daytona until 2000, when Milke Wallace
won the crash-marred debut of the series on a so-called
restrictor-plate track. Toyota drivers have won the past five races,
and, surprisingly, no driver has ever piloted a Chevy to victory. The
first seven races saw Fords win four and Dodges three. A Toyota
has visited victory lane in each race since.

Next up: NedEra Energy Resources 250, Deytona Intl Speedway
(2.5 ml.), 100 laps/250 miles, Deytona Beach, Ra., Feb. 24.

Last year's winners: Waltrip (2011), T. Peters (2010), T. Bodine
(2008-09), J. Sprague (2007), M. Martin (2006), B. Harnilton
(2005), C. Edwards (2004), R. Crawford (2003), R. Pressley
(2002), Joe Ruttman (2001), M. Wallace (2000). **CAMPING WORLD TRUCK SERIE**

FEUD OF THE WEEK

TONY STEWART VS. JIMMIE JOHNSON

Being a new champion after another driver won it five years in a row means sharing room at the top. Stewart is a future Hall of Farner, too, of course, thanks to his three championships (2002, 2005, 2011). An off year by Johnson's

Nascar This Week's Monte Dutton gives his taker. "Make no mistake. Stewart is a worthy chamber. The Edwards is overwart is a worthy chamber. The Love and the favorite in 2012 is still Johnson."



John Clark/NASCAR This Week Carl Edwards is overdue for a title, but jately it's been all Jimmie Johnson and Tony Stewart.

Know Your NASCAR

1. Who won the pole for the first NASCAR

Strictly Stock race?
2. Where was the first NASCAR race west of the Mississippi River?

John Clark/NASCAR This Week

3. When was two-way radio communication between driver and mechanic first used? 4. Who holds the record for consecutive

5. Where was the most recent dirt race in NASCAR's premier series?

6. When did NASCAR stop calling its top

series "Grand National"?
7. In what season was every Cup race televised for the first time?

8. Where was the "Car of Tomorrow" first

9. Who is Sprint Cup's current Rookie of

10. Who was the 2010 Rookie of the Year? 11. By NASCAR lingo, what is a car when it

er "loose" nor "tight"

12. What term refers to the cross-weight adjustment of a race car?

> 10. Kevin Conway. 9. Andy Lally. 8. Bristol Motor Speedway, March 25, 2007. . 1989.

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5. State Faingrounds Speedway, Raleigh, N.C., Sept. 30, 1970. 6. 1986. 3. July 4, 1960, at Daytons, between chief mechanic Bud Moore and driver Jack Smith 4. Richard Petty, 10, 1967. 1. Bob Flock. 2. Carrell Speedway, in Gardena, Calif., on April 8, 1951.

Questions remain for many struggling Cup teams

David Ragan, who also piloted a Ford to victory in the

the years were victories by Tiny Lund in 1963, Mario An-

dretti in 1967, Pete Hamilton in 1970 and Derrike Cope in

1990. But almost every year, there are surprises near the

Johnny Beauchamp, who competed only 23 times at

A year ago, Carl Edwards, who very nearly won the

championship, finished second to Bayne, but the third-place finisher was David Gilliland, who wound up finishing

30th in the Cup standings. Reed Sorenson finished fifth in

2008. Teammates A.J. Allmendinger and Elliott Sadler both

Well ... last year Edwards finished second in both the

500 and the Chase at season's end. The reigning champion, Tony Stewart, has never won the 500 but has won

finished in the top five behind Matt Kenseth in 2009.

the July race three times. He is certainly overdue.

NASCAR's top level, finished second in a photo finish to

Among other notable upsets in the Daytona 500 over

July race at the 2.5-mile track.

Lee Petty in the very first 500.

Who wins it this year?

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all parties.

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the Budweiser Shootout.

but 2011 marked an extreme example.

The holidays are complete and testing at Daytona International Speedway is just ahead, but for now the balance of power in NASCAR has really budged only slightly.

One small team, Tommy Bald-win's, has added David Reutimann to the roster, though Baldwin will need some sponsorship to pull off a two-car team involving Reutimann and Dave Blaney. Another small team, Germain, switched Casey Mears' Sprint Cup entry

A year ago he was driving a yellow Dodge from the leg-

The Daytona 500 almost always produces surprises,

Trevor Bayne, 20 years old at the time and making his

second Sprint Cup start, captured the sport's most pres-

tigious event, competing for a team, the Wood Brothers,

But, like many of the Cinderella stories of Daytona, the

stunning upset produced no great change. Bayne competed in 16 more races, never finishing higher than 15th.

The Wood Brothers were unable to parlay the victory into sponsorship sufficient to allow them to compete

A year later, the situation remains about the same for

Ît was, however, unforgettable. Both Daytona races

last season produced first-time winners, Bayne and

steeped in history but struggling to stay in business.

endary stable of Roger Penske and getting ready to win

from Toyota to Ford. The general tone of most recent announcements has been, "A driver we got. A sponsor we need."

Or, in most cases, several. As long as many of the sport's struggling teams are on shaky financial footing, the likely result is the trend of the entire century

to date. Big teams get bigger and smaller teams get smaller. The difference between rich and poor broadens.

Hmm. Sound familiar? me deal — Trevor Bayne, last year's Daytona 500 winner, will be back in the Wood Brothers' No. 21 for what figures to be another limited schedule. Another rising star of the Roush Fenway camp,

Nationwide Series champion Ricky Stenhouse Jr., is going to compete in the 500 in the No. 6 vacated by David Ragan because it lacks sponsorship to continue as a full-time entity.

At present, Jack Roush has no plans for the No. 6 unless sponsorship materializes, which in turn means his team contracts from four to three cars, those of Carl Edwards, Matt Kenseth and Greg



Rally at the Rally - Nasser Al-Attiya won the seventh stage of the Dakar Rally, and his teammate, Robby Gordon finished second. The NAS-CAR driver moved up to third place overall, as the course shifted from Argentina to Chile and then Peru, where it will end on Jan. 15.

Al-Attiya has won two stage and the seventh marked the first 1-2 finish in a stage by Gordon's Team Speed. Both

compete in Hummers. Indings — Jay Frye, general manager of defunct Red Bull Racing, has joined Hendrick Motorsports as a consultant. ... Kevin Buckler is shutting down his TRG Motorsports Cup operation, which employed Rookie of the Year Andy Lally last year. Rusty Wallace Inc. is calling the shutdown of his Nationwide Series operation "a temporary hiatus." RWI's general manager, Larry Carter, has also accepted a new job at Hendrick Motorsports.

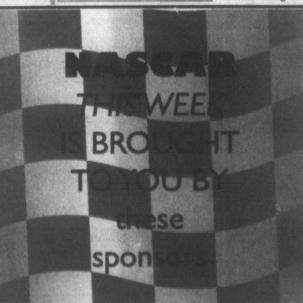


NASCAR Roolde of the Year Andy Lally, seen at right, saw his

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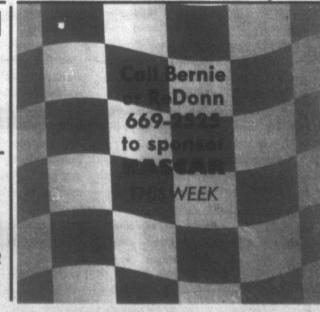
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GOT GOLD, SILVER OR COINS? CASH IN RIGHT NOW! AREA RESIDENTS RECEIVING CASH ON THE SPOT!

They are paying cash on the spot for my stuff! Awesome!

By David Morgan STAFF WRITER

A refinery spokesperson for the event said he expects to pay local residents in excess of \$350,000 this week for their Gold and Silver Jewelry, Old Coins, Sterling Silverware and Rare Collectibles!

Examples of transactions this week include:

A lady cleaned out her jewelry box and brought in a few pieces she didn't wear any longer such as a herringbone necklace, mismatched earrings and a class ring and

A gentleman brought in a Sterling Silverware set he inherited from his parents and walked out with \$1,382

Young couple brought in a Gibson Guitar, some Costume Jewelry and a few pocket watches and left with a check for \$4,6371

With the rough economic times we're in, it's cool that an event like this would come to our area and allow folks to cash in their items. They were professional and made the whole process simple and stress free!

The Refinery is traveling the United States for a 2 year tour of several hundred towns



COINS: All coins (silver or gold) made before 1970 including Silver Dollars, Halves, Quarters and Dimes, we also buy Buffalo Nickels, War Nickels, Indian Head and Wheat Pennies

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Above: Another happy customer awaits their big payday as the refinery representative processes their sale!

Dozens cash in yesterday with gold and silver jewelry, coins and guitars. An estimated \$350,000 in Pampa.







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Above: "I'm glad I came in! I really needed money so I cashed in my old silver coin collection," said Betty Montgomery, who received \$2,738 for her coffee can

SILVER AND GOLD COIN PRICES UP DURING POOR ECONOMY.

Collectors and Enthusiasts in Pampa with \$350,000 to Purchase Yours!

By Ken McIntosh STAFF WRITER

Got Coin? It might be just the time to cash in. This week, starting Monday and continuing through Saturday, the International Collectors Association in conjunction with the Ohio Valley Gold & Silver Refinery will be purchasing all types of silver and gold coins direct from the public. All types are welcome and the

Collectors will be on hand to identify and sort your coins. Then the quality or grade will be determined. The better the grade the more they are worth, according to collectors I talked to. With the silver and gold markets high, prices of older coins are too. Any coins minted before 1965 in the U.S. are 90% silver, except nickels and pennies.

The coin's worth is determined by the rarity and the grade. Old silver dollars are worth a great premium right now, even well worn heavily circulated ones are bringing good premiums. Franklin and Kennedy half dollars, Washington quarters, Mercury and Roosevelt dimes are all worth many times the face value. While older types like Seated Liberty, Standing Liberties, and Barber coins are worth even more.

Gold coins are really worth a lot right now, according to Brian Eades of the International Collectors Association. "This country didn't start minting coins until 1792" says Eades. He explained, "Before that, people would trade goods using gold dust and nuggets. Some

shop keepers would take more gold than needed to pay for items purchased. There was no uniform system of making

The government opened the first mints and began distributing the coins in 1792. By the beginning of the 19th century, coins and paper currency were wide spread and our monetary system was here to stay. In 1933 Roosevelt required all banking institutions to turn in all gold coins. Once all banks turned in this gold, the president raised the gold standard from \$20.00 per ounce to \$33.00 per ounce. This was his way of stimulating the economy during the great depression. However, gold coins were never redistributed after the recall. But not all gold coins were turned in. "Many folks during that time didn't completely trust the government and chose to keep their gold"

said Eades. These gold coins are sought after by collectors today and bring many times the face value. Any gold coins with the mint marks of CC, D or O will bring nice premiums. Collectors at the event will be and buffalo nickels to name a few.

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glad to show you where to look. Other types of coins will also be purchased including foreign coins, Indian cents, two cent pieces, half dimes, three cent pieces

Harvesters start district title defense hosting Wolves

ANDREW GLOVER aglover@thepampanews.com

After winning the district last season, the Pampa Harvesters look to start their title defense when they host the Dalhart Wolves 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at McNeely Fieldhouse.

Pampa went 6-3 in district last year and was 2-1 against

Miller Dalhart. The Wolves graduated their post Noah Jesko but still return some size.

"They probably have the biggest kid in our district," head coach Dustin Miller said. "They will be a challenge, but I think we match up really well with them." Junior Tyler Powell said Dalhart's post

will be a challenge. "I think if we can get him tired, he won't be as much of a threat," Powell

The Harvesters (13-5) are open today. Senior Cole Engle said getting extra practice will help.

"We have been going a little harder and getting a lot of shots up," Engle said. "Coach Miller has done this before and he knows how to prepare us.

Miller said Dalhart will try to score inside and hopes to use that to his team's advantage.

Engle



and use that to their advantage," Miller said. "Hopefully we can flip that to our advantage and run on their bigs a little bit." Miller said the

Wolves alternate between a man and zone defense. "We see both all of

Powell the time," Miller said. "So we don't have to make huge adjustments. We just have to adjust to how we feel best to attack their personnel."

Engle said they will have to adjust to whatever defense Dalhart runs.

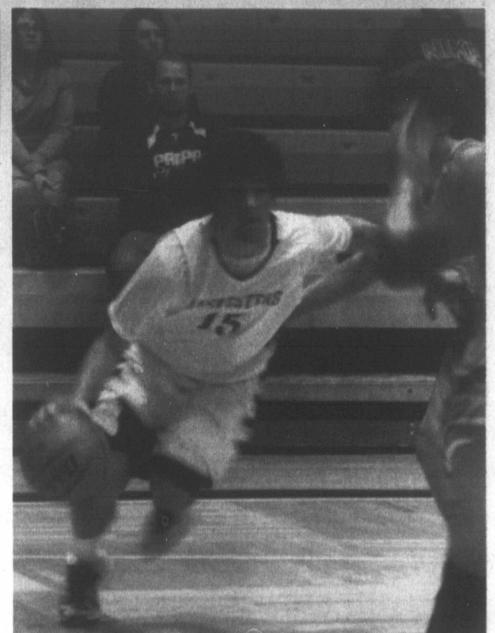
"If they run a zone, there is no question we will have to shoot well to beat them," Engle said. "If they run man, we will have to penetrate and get to the basket easier. Either way we want to run on them and get as many fast breaks as possible.'

Miller said his bench has really stepped up and hopes to figure out its roles.

"I think we all are figuring out who brings what to the table," Miller said. "A lot of times, games dictate what we need more of. I told them I think we are hitting our stride because of them.'

Powell said he thinks the team is looking good.

"We have a winning streak," Powell said. "We built up some confidence we had lost with the losses early in the season. I think we are finally beginning to connect with each other and kind of get a feel of what each person's role is on the team."



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Senior Reid Miller drives against Monterey Friday. The Harvesters open district against Dalhart 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at McNeely Fieldhouse.

PRIZED BOUNTY



Samantha VanHouten, 15, shot an eight-point whitetail deer in Gray County during the Thanksgiving holidays with her dad Don VanHouten. This was Samantha's third buck; she has been hunting since she was 11.

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BCS DISCUSSION

BCS may see significant change

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The Bowl Championship Series as college football fans have come to know it is going away.

Over the next six months, the people who oversee the much-maligned postseason format will talk about how to reconstruct the system for crowning a national champion. In the tumultuous 14-year history of the BCS, the appetite for change among college football's lead-

ers has never been stronger. "It's my impression that ... there will be meaningful discussion about possible changes to the BCS," Southeastern Conference Commissioner Mike Slive said last week as SEC rivals LSU and Alabama prepared to play in the title game Monday night at the Superdome.

The 11 conference commissioners and Notre Dame's athletic director will meet Tuesday in New Orleans to exchange

What the changes will be is hard to say because it's all open for debate, from eliminating automatic bids to top-tier bowl games to creating a four-team playoff - an idea that's known as the plusone model.

What's not a realistic option is exactly what many football fans are clamoring for, a full-scale playoff that would require numerous teams to play additional games.

"Whatever we do we have to protect the regular season," BCS executive director Bill Hancock said Monday at a meeting of the Football Writers Association of America. "I think the larger the playoff field the more damage to the regular

Still, there is likely to be a BCS extreme makeover in the 2014 season.

"Everything you can imagine will be discussed," Hancock said. "Everything from format, who plays who, to where they play, to the business aspect of it ... it's all going to be on the table.'

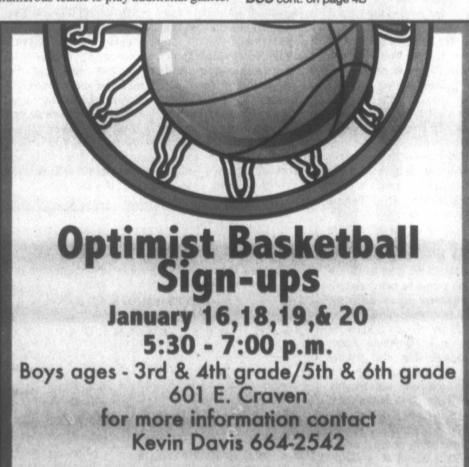
The last time changes were considered was 2008. That's when Slive, with the support of Atlantic Coast Conference Commissioner John Swofford, made a push for the plus-one model to the rest of the group.

Slive's proposal was unceremoniously shot down.

Simply put, the plus-one would match the No. 1 team in the BCS standings after the regular season against the No. 4 team in a bowl game, and No. 2 against No. 3 in another, creating two national semifinals.

The winners would play in a champion-

ship game the following week. It's a format that Alabama coach Nick BCS cont. on page 4B



Sports

Playoff win keeps Tebow in spotlight

DENVER (AP) — He kneels in prayer at times when many players would be pounding their chest, and is winning with a style the experts insist cannot work for long.

Tim Tebow's formula for success and fame is not typical for the NFL. So, is it a football miracle? Or the perfect blend of luck, timing and big plays? That's the debate that makes the tale of the Denver Broncos quarterback one of the most compelling stories in America these days.

Hardly anyone stands on neutral ground when it comes to the purveyor of this unorthodox mix of throwing mechanics, bigtime sports and devout religion, a 24-year-old Christian who is the subject of comedy skits on Saturday nights and serious sermons on Sunday morn-

But what most people will agree on is that it's hard to take your eyes off Tebow these days — a man who unapologetically uses football to take his message beyond the field while also taking his team on an unexpected ride through the playoffs.

"I'm just very thankful for the platform that God has given me, and the opportunity to be a quarterback for the Denver Broncos what a great organization," Tebow said after his latest shocker — an 80-yard touchdown pass on the first play of overtime Sunday to beat Pittsburgh 29-23 in the wild-card playoffs.

The play, according to Twitter, spawned a record 9,420 tweets per second.

Not lost in that flurry was that Tebow threw for 316 yards and set an NFL playoff record by averaging 31.6 yards. That's "316," as in John 3:16, one of the most-often cited Bible passages for Christians, the most widely searched item on Google for much of Sunday night into Monday, and the message Tebow used to stencil into the eyeblack he wore when he played college ball at Florida.

Not that referencing the Bible or thanking God is anything new in sports. After NFL games for years, a small group of athletes gather around midfield, kneel, hold hands and pray. That devotion has been largely ignored or even criticized by media and fans.

"The thing with Tebow is that he seems more genuinely religious than most athletes, who seem to be religious to win games," said Clifford Putney, author of the book "Muscular Christianity: Manhood and Sports in Protestant America, 1880-1920." That might help explain

why Tebow's gestures are not being overlooked, but part of an ever-growing sensation. It started building when he won the Heisman Trophy and two national titles at Florida, though he was steeped in strong religion well before that — born in the Philippines to missionary parents.

More recently, he introduced mass culture to the art of "Tebowing" — kneeling on one knee, elbow perched on the other, fist to forehead — while chaos is erupting around him. The practice now has its own website, with pictures of people Tebowing in a

Sydney Opera House, in front of the Western Wall in Jerusalem, etc.

Entertaining as all that has been, it has made fans and the media rethink the way they judge and cover their sports stars. Reporting that a player was including the Lord in his postgame analysis has long been widely thought of as trite and inappropriate, something to simply skip over when typing in the quotes.

Tebow's five fourthquarter comebacks and his four overtime victories each more improbable than the last — and his steady, genuine, yet somehow unassuming insistence on bringing God into the conversation has forced an uncomfortable question upon those who want to make it only about what happens between the lines. Does God really care

about football? "Not one whit," said Joe Price, a professor in the religious studies department at Whittier College.

"But does God care about people who play football? You betcha. In a sports season filled

with unsavory stories -

NFL and NBA labor wars, child sex abuse scandals at Penn State and Syracuse, and a baseball MVP accused of using steroids — Tebow is seen by many as a sports star who really could be a role model, contrary to what Charles Barkley or anyone else

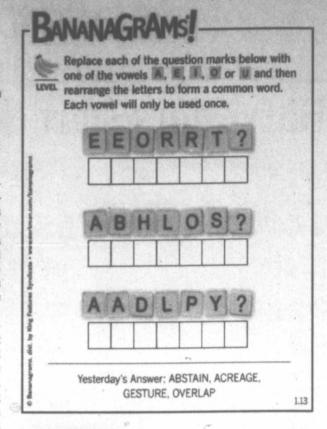
might say. But the Tebow angst still exists, in large part because there is seemingly no way to analyze what he does on a football field without religion seeping into

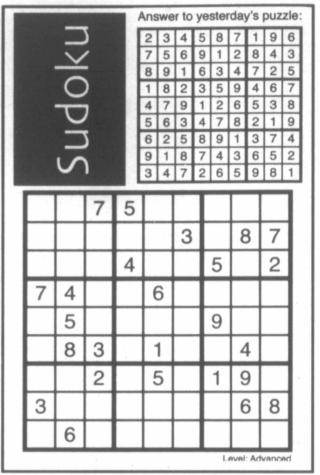
Opine about his unorthodox throwing motion widely derided by scouts and coaches and seemingly more suited for tossing a boomerang than a football and the quick assumption becomes that you might not like him because of his religious beliefs.

Defend him as a winner who cares less about conventionality depends more on moxie than mechanics - well, then you must be drinking the Kool-Aid, a Tebow fan because you're in line with his Christian beliefs.

"I still have doubts about him as a long-term answer, as I think most reasonable people do," said radio host Sandy Clough, who has been manning Denver's sports talk shows for more than 30 years. "Does one game, if he plays well, not only invalidate his play from the other (bad) games but anything anyone's ever said about it? Well, no it doesn't. It's all part of the mix. It's a fascinating mix. He's the toughest player I've ever had to analyze, because there are all these extraneous factors you have to bring in."

Sensing the excitement and loving his message, Tebow is also being courted by Republican presidential candidates. The quarterback recently told The Associated Press he's been asked by more than one of the contenders for his support. He wouldn't name names, but did say he'd declined the offer.





Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

been accepted to a school that's the alma mater of several of my relatives. My mother, several aunts and longed to one sorority at this to pledge there and uphold the family tradition.

as members of that sorority chapter. The members do well academically, as the sorority insists on it. They their sorority contacts have rority! been extremely helpful personally and professionally.

only the best-of-the-best, I will have no problems getting in, not only because of havioral issues. my academic record but also because I'm a "legacy."

So what's the problem? This sorority chapter still uses the paddle. Technically they don't haze — that is, ments, and I am extremely If someone makes a comhave any initiation stunts but they do use the paddle for or ignoring it does no good. disciplinary purposes. When I mention my concerns about the paddling to my mother and aunts, they say I should suck it up, as the advantages far outweigh the disadvantages. One of my aunts said she thinks the rules and discipline would be beneficial for me because she considers me kind of a "wild child."

Abby, I don't know if you know anything about sororities, but I'm asking for an objective opinion from someone not directly involved. - POSSIBLY

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However, he is still difficult to handle, and I still need to buy groceries and run errands. Sometimes that parent you are giving the dirty looks to is near the end of her rope like to be lifelong friends? and could use a little compassion or at least silence from the peanut gallery. What you see isn't always what you get. - STRUGGLING MOM IN LONG BEACH,

DEAR STRUGGLING MOM: Please accept my sympathy. As you and oth-PLEASE let people know er parents of children with disabilities deal with the realities of daily living, the last thing you (or they) need is criticism from strangers. frustrated with it. Being nice ment or gives you a look, you should say, "My son can't help himself; he's auior can be childish, rude or tistic." It's the truth.

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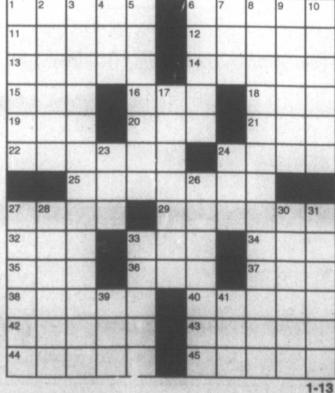
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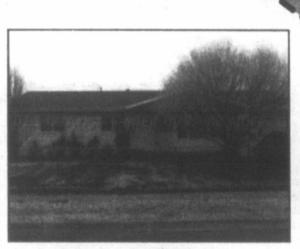
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Saban has always liked.

"I just feel that only having two teams sort of takes a lot of teams out of it," he said during media day in New Orleans.

Currently, the top two teams in the BCS standings after the regular season, including conference championships, advance to the title game. It's a format that's led to frequent debates about whether the right teams were getting a shot to play for a national title.

This year's controversy involved whether Alabama (11-1) should get a second chance at undefeated LSU or if Big 12 champion Oklahoma State (12-1, including its bowl victory over Stanford) had earned a shot to play for the national title.

The BCS has often caused as many arguments as settled them, and drawn the ire of fans all over the country in the process. It's also come under pressure from a political action committee called PlayoffPAC, and been the subject of a congressional hearing and a Department of Justice inquiry. Even President Barack Obama has said he doesn't like it.

Apparently, all that consternation is starting to register with the decision-makers in the sport.

"I sense that people who run college football and run the conferences obviously are not tone-deaf," said Burke Magnus, ESPN senior vice president of college sports program-

The structure in place, with four bowl games — the Orange, Sugar, Rose and Fiesta — each taking turns hosting the championship game, in addition to its bowl, could handle the plus-one.

Slive said that he will not be the one championing the plus-one this time around.

"I'm eager to hear from my colleagues about their views, but I fully anticipate that there will also be a meaningful discussion about the plus-one," he said.

Standing in the way of the plus-one last time were the Big Ten, Pac-10, Big East and Big 12.

Since then, the Pac-10 has become the Pac-12 and it has a new commissioner, Larry Scott, who has quickly established himself as one of the most forward-thinking leaders in college sports. Previous commissioner Tom Hansen was adamantly against a plus-one. Scott is willing to listen.

"We don't have a definite opinion on that or any other model yet," he said. "It's a little premature. Those conversations are going to start in earnest this spring and I'll have opportunities to talk to other people informally within our conference and with other conferences between now and then."

The Big 12 has an interim commissioner, with Chuck Neinas replacing the ousted Dan Beebe, who was a vocal opponent of any type of playoff. The embattled Big East has a new commissioner, too. John Marinatto has been busy trying to save his league, and it's doubtful the conference is in a position to be a force in the upcoming BCS nego-

What hasn't changed is the Big Ten's stance, led by its influential commissioner, Jim Delany.

Delany is steadfastly against a full-blown play-off and has said his biggest fear with the plus-one would be that once a four-team playoff becomes a reality it would inevitably grow.

"I don't necessarily think the slippery slope is theoretical," he said last month. "I think the slippery slope is practical."

But Delany has come out in favor of another potentially major change to how all the other marquee bowl cont. from page 1

games are set: the elimina-

tion of automatic bids.

The Big Ten, Big 12,
Big East, ACC, SEC and
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Conference, the Western
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standings targets.

That format has allowed teams such as TCU and Boise State to play in the BCS, but it's also created a

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class system. A free market would ostensibly mean the mostdeserving teams would play in the biggest games. But the free market in college football is often more about earning potential for bowl organizers than performance on the field, which could lead to more opportunities for brand-name teams from the power conferences and less for upstarts such as Boise State in all the bowls, not just the BCS.

"I think it's time to look at the entire system," said Mountain West Conference commissioner Craig Thompson, a playoff advocate who appeared with Hancock on Monday.

It's clear there is much work to be done before June, when BCS officials will need to have a new format in place to negotiate the next television contract. The current ESPN deal runs through the 2013 season and the network will get first crack at retaining whatever postseason system is created

"We've had a fairly lengthy timeline with the current process," Slive said. "It's time to take measure of where we were. What's working. What isn't working. I think it's time. I think it's a good time.

Evans' comeback bid gets serious

AUSTIN (AP) — If Janet Evans is going to cap her comeback with a return to the London Olympics, it's time to get serious.

Once the precocious teen queen of American swimmers, the 40-year-old married mother of two returns to elite competition for the first time since her 1996 retirement at the Austin Grand Prix this weekend to start the final stretch of what she hopes will be a return to the Olympics in July.

The former gold medalist and world record holder will swim her signature events, the 400 and 800 meter freestyle on Friday and Sunday at the University of Texas. She'll find out just how far she has to go and whether her body will take her there against athletes half her age.

The Austin meet is the beginning of the final phase of training for the Olympic trials for many of the United States' top swimmers. Michael Phelps, Ryan Lochte and Missy Franklin, the latest teen sensation among the American women, are among dozens of U.S. national team and international swimmers who will compete this weekend.

"Excited to swim against all the fast kids," Evans tweeted before boarding a flight to Austin on Thursday. She declined interview requests before the meet.

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