



# For the record

## PAMPA FORECAST

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
High 81 Low 49	High 70 Low 59	High 78 Low 57

**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 81. North northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Wednesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 49. Windy, with a northeast wind between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

**Thursday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 70. East northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Thursday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 59. South southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Friday:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 78. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Friday Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 57. South southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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## Pampa man dies from industrial accident

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An accident involving construction equipment led to the death of Dustin Shane Stoddard, 35, of Pampa Saturday afternoon.

At 3 p.m. Saturday afternoon (May 9), deputies from the Gray County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to the 700 block of Blackwell in Lefors on a call concerning an industrial accident.

Stoddard was working in a hole in the ground, putting in a fuel tank. He was inside of the hole when a Bobcat front end loader backed up onto unsteady ground. The ground gave way and the Bobcat fell on Stoddard in the hole.

Despite efforts to revive Stoddard, he was pronounced dead on the scene by Justice of the Peace Joe Martinez at 4 p.m., according to Lt. Joe B. Hoard of the GCSO.

Stoddard was working with a crew of two other workers at the time of the accident. No one else was injured.

## Grain prices

The following grain quotations are provided by Atterbury Grain of White Deer. Pries quoted are for the close of the last market day.

Wheat.....	\$5.39
Milo.....	\$5.83
Corn.....	\$7.43

## Texas Two Step results

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 9 - 17 - 18 - 29. Bonus Ball: 24.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Prize: \$225,000

Number matching four of four: 10. Prize: \$1,127.

Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 25. Prize: \$55.

Number matching three of four: 894. Prize: \$21.

Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 607. Prize: \$20.

Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 3,907. Prize: \$7.

Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 6,411. Prize: \$5.

Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$275,000.

## Cash Five Texas results

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 3 - 8 - 13 - 16 - 34.

Number matching five of five: 0. Prize: \$0.

Matching four of five: 81. Prize: \$451.

Matching three of five: 2,506. Prize: \$11.

Matching two of five: 25,581. Prize: \$2

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

## Daily 4 results evening drawing

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:

4 - 7 - 2 - 5. Sum It Up: 18  
(four, seven, two, five. Sum It Up: eighteen)

## Pick 3 results nighttime drawing

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:

2 - 7 - 1. Sum It Up: 10  
(two, seven, one. Sum It Up: ten)

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## Obituaries

### Dustin Shane Stoddard, 35

Pampa, Texas — Dustin Shane Stoddard, 35, died on Saturday, May, 9, 2009 in Lefors, Texas.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at Central Baptist Church with Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor, officiating.

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

Mr. Stoddard was born April 29, 1974 in Liberal, Kansas. He has been a lifelong resident of Pampa where he graduated from Pampa High School in 1992. Dustin attended the Liberal Area Vo-tech School from 1994-1995. He was a former employee for Steve Osborne. Dustin owned and operated Stoble

Construction. Dustin was a former member of the Central Baptist Church, and a current member of Calvary Baptist Church. He was also a member of the Pampa Moose Lodge #1385. Dustin was a loving father, son, brother and friend. His world revolved around his precious children, Alexis and Jacob. Finding his soul mate, Michelle Courtney, made his life complete. He was always ready and willing to help a friend or anyone in need. He looked forward to having fun with friends and family, and he grilled a mean steak. Dustin was much loved and will be greatly missed.

Survivors include, mother, Susan Kae Ratzlaff of Amarillo; one daughter,

Alexis Kaitlyn Stoddard of the home; one son, Jacob Samuel Stoddard of the home; one stepson, Brenden Cade Courtney of the home; his very best friend and soul mate, Michelle Courtney of the home; two sisters, Tacy Lamb and husband Jay of McLean and K'Lee Ratzlaff and fiancé Shannon Settle of Amarillo; maternal grandmother, Roberta Babb of Pampa; paternal grandmother, Theresa Stoddard of Perryton; stepmother, Bettie Stoddard of Albuquerque, New Mexico; stepsister: Heidi Wells and husband Dave of Albuquerque, New Mexico; two uncles, Curtis Babb and wife Christine of Pampa, Jerry Stoddard and wife Kathy of Lubbock,



Stoddard

many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Dustin was preceded in death by his father, Bob Stoddard on April 7, 2009.

MEMORIALS: Pampa Moose Lodge # 1385, 401 E. Brown, Pampa, Texas 79065.

Sign the on-line register at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com)

### Ernie Kane, 72

Pampa, Texas — Ernie Kane, 72, died on May 9, 2009 in Pampa, Texas.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, with Bishop Paul Smith, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors. Viewing and visitation will be until 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Mr. Kane was born December 5, 1937 in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania. He married Susan Darling on April 1, 1969 in Reno,

Nevada. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1969, working for Leonard Hudson Drilling. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army. He loved to spend time with his grandchildren. He liked to read, fish and play slot machines in his spare time. Ernie will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Survivors include wife, Susan Kane of the home; six sons, Randy Kane and wife Trish of Borger, Jerry Kane and wife Hannah of Sacramento, California,

Charles Kane and wife Kathy and Leonard Kane, all of Pampa, James Kane and wife Ranea of Soldotna, Alaska, and John Kane and wife Nikki of Minnesota; two daughters, Donna Kane and Jane Dedrick, both of Pampa; brother: Harry Kane of Hookstown, Pennsylvania, sister: Doris Coy; daughter-in-law: Gina Kane of Pampa; 18 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren. Ernie was preceded in death by his parents and 11 brothers and sisters.

MEMORIALS: BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, Texas 79065, or



Kane

Pampa Meals on Wheels, P.O. Box 939, Pampa, Texas 79066-0939.

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## Emergency Services

### PAMPA PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. Today.

**Monday**  
Officers conducted five traffic stops.  
A total of nine calls and/or stops concerning animals were made.

Burglary was reported at Easy's East Side, 201 East Browning, where subjects tried to make entry through the west drive thru window, a board and lock were busted.

Abandoned vehicles were reported in the 100 block of South Russell, and the 1000 block of North Somerville.

Theft was reported at AA Auto Glass, 900 East Frederic, where theft of service was reported, value \$322; the 100 block of South Cuyler, where a refrigerator, microwave, washer and dryer, entertainment center, tv and cabinet were reportedly stolen, value \$3,475, and the 1000 block of Terry, where a lawn mower was reportedly stolen, value \$100.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 1100 block of East Francis, and the 1900 block of North Christine.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 900 block of North Frost

Agency assistance was rendered in the 2800 block of North Charles, and the intersection of Browning and Loop 171.

Traffic complaints were received from the 1300 block of North Hobart, the 800 block of North Somerville, and the intersection of Evergreen and 25th streets.

An assault was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Criminal trespass was reported in the lobby of the PD.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2200 block of North Aspen, the 1300 block of North Terrace, and the 2200 block of North Hobart.

Phone harassment was reported in the 600 block of North Zimmers.

Driving while intoxicated was reported in the 1000 block of North Hobart.

A violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 400 block of North Lefors.

**Tuesday**  
Officers made one traffic stop.

Phone harassment was reported in the 2500 block of North Rosewood.

A traffic complaint was received from the 500 block of North Lowry.

### SHERIFF

Gary County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests..

**Monday**  
James Clyde Benson, Jr., 39, of Los Angeles, Calif., was sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for assault on a peace officer.

Lloyd Ernest Poland, 43, of Pampa was arrested by the Pampa Police Department for driving while intoxicated, third, or more, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction, and for warrants on insufficient bond/possession of a controlled substance, and for violation of probation/possession of a controlled substance.

Ignacia Jennifer Rojas, 23, of Amarillo was arrested by driving while intoxi-

cated with a child under 15 years of age, failure to identify fugitive from justice, warrants for criminal mischief over \$50 but less than \$500, issuing bad check class C, no valid driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and no driver's license.

### FIRE

The Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. Today.

**Monday**  
12:17 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 200 block of Baer on a trash fire.

### AMBULANCE

Guardian EMS reported the following calls between

7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. Today.

**Monday**  
12:04 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of North Sumner and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

12:57 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of East Francis. The patient refused transport.

3:20 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Canadian and transported a patient to PRMC.

4:57 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block of Aspen and transported a patient to PRMC.

## LAST MINUTE CLASSIFIED LINE ADS

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ARCHERY 3D Shoot Sat., May 16th at the Ferguson Ranch 22 miles North of Pampa on Hwy 70 to 4F Outfitters Sign. All proceeds go to the upcoming Kicking Bear Youth Camp June 19-20. All ages, All Classes, \$20 per shooter. Each entry will include one raffle ticket to win a new Diamond Compound bow. For more info call Cal Ferguson, 806-663-3575 or email: [fouroutfitters@yahoo.com](mailto:fouroutfitters@yahoo.com)

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## Church dedication

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Jesus," Nachtigal said. Complications rose during the remodeling process, even though Nachtigal said that the contractor Jim Sartine did a great job of letting him have an input in the project and keeping him informed on the process.

At one point, after the old roof had been taken off with a massive crane, they contractor was informed that the tresses for the new roof would not be available for four days. The new roof had to wait until those came in for installation, so they sanctuary was without a roof for four days in the middle of November.

Nachtigal said that no bad weather or severe winds came at all during those four days.

The remodeling took time and dedication from the contractors, but also

from the members of the congregation. Highland Baptist was given new, used pews, but men from the congregation had to work together three times a week to had to shape them, cut them, and restructure them to fit into the new sanctuary.

Nachtigal said that the loyalty of his congregation was proved in other ways too.

During their relocation, to a vacant space on Cuyler street, the congregation didn't decrease. Instead, the church body showed growth.

Still, it wasn't easy. During the year of remodeling, Nachtigal said 12 people from the congregation died.

To make it through the challenges or relocation and tragedy, Nachtigal banded the church mem-

bers together with the phrase, "Raising the roof, relying on God."

The took a sign with the phrase with them to the temporary location on Cuyler.

Now, the sign sits in the back of the new sanctuary, and has the "ing" crossed off and "ed" in its place, and reads "Raised the roof, relied on God."

"Everyone is here now together, this is a truly faithful and supportive body. The people believed we were called to it, and we walked through it," Nachtigal said.

"I've been here since 1994, coming to the church nearly everyday in that time," Nachtigal said. "Now, I pull up and can't believe what I am saying. It is overwhelming and exciting."

## Swiss cyclists

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a crew of cowboys were working cattle.

Reichmuth and Kaelin spent the night at a bed and breakfast in Canadian after taking in the show at the refurbished Palace Theatre.

"We started in Los Angeles," Kaelin said, "and our target is New York."

Kaelin said he had actually planned to come to the U.S. on his own and cycle across the country, but then his friend Reichmuth decided to join him.

"It's like an adventure," Kaelin said, standing beneath a cloudy sky Saturday morning in cattle pens at the Harvey Ranch as Swasey Brainard and his crew ran cattle through the working chute. "Not many people have done this before."

This is not Kaelin's first trip to the U.S. He had flown to the West Coast in 1999 and traveled to

Las Vegas then through San Francisco, Calif., to Seattle, Wash., by car and plane.

But this is his first attempt to bicycle across the U.S.

This is Reichmuth's first visit to North America.

The duo crossed from California to the Grand Canyon in Arizona to Colorado. Then they dropped south through Raton into New Mexico, following the road through Clayton, Dalhart, Dumas, Borger and Skellytown to Pampa.

Kaelin explained that they were avoiding the interstate highways and sticking to the back roads.

"I'm an electrical engineer," Kaelin said. "After a long time working, I wanted to experience some time off."

He quit his job and is taking a year off to travel the United States and, perhaps, South America.

"I'm an electrician," Reichmuth said.

He said he's making the trip because he lost his job.

"I have worked in the past, always," he said, "and I think it was the right moment for a break. I took the chance and came with Philipp here."

Neither man is a stranger to cycling.

"We cycle a lot in Switzerland," Reichmuth said, "but this is really a big adventure for me."

He said it was just by chance that they'd met Lillith Brainard.

"She said, 'You need to see Texas,'" Kaelin said.

"They said they spent seven hours going across the desert," Brainard said.

Reichmuth said so far he's had five flats.

From here, they headed to Wheeler and then on to Elk City, Okla. Beyond that, Kaelin shrugged, they would have to consult their map.

## Youth camp

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instead of paper targets with bull's eyes.

"We'll have prizes for the fund-raising shoot and lots of prizes to give away at the camp from different sponsors," Ferguson said. "We have about \$3,000 worth of prizes for the camp."

Ferguson said anyone that's interested can call him at 663-3575 or Dallas Stringer at Calvary Baptist Church, 666-0842. The ranch entrance is on the east side of the highway and will be well marked. They plan to camp out. "It'll start at 4 p.m. on Friday," Ferguson said, "and run to 4 p.m. on Saturday."

People can bring their own tents, although Ferguson said he had some that would be provided.

"We'll have all the meals taken care of," he said.

While the camp features archery, Ferguson said they would have other activities.

"We'll play kick ball and have tug of war," he said.

He said they will also

have a hayride.

Dallas Stringer with the Calvary Baptist Church said they plan on a campfire that Friday night.

"Ray Howell is going to share his testimony, how he came to the Lord," Stringer said.

Howell will also be sharing his testimony at Calvary Baptist Church that Sunday, Stringer said.

Howell grew up in foster homes and always dreamed of hunting and fishing, but he was 18 before he discovered the outdoors. He now lives in southeastern Minnesota and hunts with a bow. His archery has taken him from the Arctic to Mexico to South Africa.

"We'll have a 3D archery course set up," he said.

"That's going to be the main event. We'll have all the bows and arrows for the kids to shoot."

He said they would have different stations around the course, and a person at each station to help the

kids.

"The objective is to get kids out there that wouldn't normally have the opportunity to do something like this," Ferguson said.

He said they're getting families to bring kids from outside of their home.

"We want to get them out there and show them how a family operates," Ferguson said. "It's for kids of all ages, both boys and girls."

Ferguson said they plan to set up a mentoring program to follow up with some of the kids and maybe take them on shed antler drives or fishing trips.

"We'll get them in the outdoors," Ferguson said. "We want to introduce kids to something that they may not otherwise have a chance to do, and show them a good time."

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## Oil hits \$60 for first time since November

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — After a one-day pause, oil prices resumed their trek higher Tuesday, hitting \$60 a barrel for the first time since Nov. 10. Gas prices also moved higher again and now are up 40 percent off the low reached in December.

Benchmark crude for June delivery rose 23 cents to \$58.73 a barrel in trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. It was as high as \$60.08, about 85 percent above the low of \$32.40 it reached on Dec. 19.

Prices at the pump jumped again overnight, rising 2.2 cents to \$2.248 a gallon after hitting a low of \$1.61 a gallon in December, accord-

ing to motor club AAA, Wright Express and Oil Price Information Service. Prices are up 16.9 cents in the past week and 19.6 cents higher than a month ago.

Despite the jump, prices are \$1.47 a barrel below their year-ago levels as crude and gasoline prices raced to a record \$147 a barrel and \$4.11 a gallon last summer.

"Today, it's more of the weakening of the U.S. dollar, spilling into the crude oil space," said Jim Ritterbusch of Ritterbusch and Associates.

Crude is priced in dollars, which makes it cheaper to buy when the dollar falls.

Prices have climbed

despite continued lack of demand, evidenced by U.S. crude stocks that are near 19-year highs.

Traders are watching for inventory levels to go even higher when the Energy Information Administration releases its weekly petroleum inventory data on Wednesday.

Analysts expect inventories to increase by 1.4 million barrels, according to a survey by Platts, the energy information arm of McGraw-Hill Cos.

Crude stocks rose 600,000 barrels last week.

Analysts expect gasoline stocks to rise 400,000 barrels and distillates stocks used for diesel and heating oil to rise by 1 million barrels.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — ernments would face new limits to when they can take private property, under a proposed constitutional amendment passed Monday by the Texas Senate.

The amendment would ban taking property and giving it to a private group or developer "for the primary purpose of economic development or enhancement of tax revenues."

Supporters say the amendment would boost private property rights. But it also faces critics who say it could hamstring major public improvements, such as new airport development, and from some private property advocates who say it doesn't go far enough to protect landowners.

The amendment passed the Senate on a unanimous vote and now goes to the House, which is considering a separate amendment. If approved there, it would go before Texas voters in November.

In 2005, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in Kelo et al v. City of New London that cities can seize homes under eminent domain for use by private developers. Texas lawmakers in 2005 passed a law to protect taking private land for economic development or private purposes, but critics have said it left too many loopholes.

### WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS

The Senate passed the "Tim Cole Act" to boost the compensation paid to people who are convicted and sent to prison for crimes they did not commit.

The bill would increase the lump sum payments from \$50,000 to \$80,000 for every year of confine-

ment as well as an annuity to provide a lifetime of income. It also would pay for 120 hours of tuition at a career center or public college.

Because of Senate changes, the bill must still go back to the House for final approval.

### CHILDREN'S-MEDICAID

With the clock ticking, several lawmakers on Monday made a last-ditch effort to heat up interest in legislation extending children's Medicaid coverage from a six-month enrollment period to 12 months.

"The bottom line is, if this bill were to be passed and signed by the governor, approximately 250,000 more kids would have access to insurance," said Houston Democratic Rep. Sylvester Turner, the author of the bill.

Texas leads the nation in uninsured children, according to a study released earlier this year.

Currently Texas children enrolled in the joint state and federal health care program have to reapply and prove they are still eligible every six months, causing many children to lose coverage, supporters say.

"It's just another bureaucratic hurdle that further impedes access to health care for these children that are most vulnerable," said Rep. Marisa Marquez, D-El Paso.

Turner's 12-month enrollment bill won passage in a House committee late last month, but has yet to make it to a vote by the full House. Meanwhile, bills are stacking up in the queue as a Thursday deadline for House bills to get initial votes on the House floor approaches.

Supporters of the Medicaid expansion called

Monday for the House Calendars Committee to place the bill on the Major Calendar, which would jump it to the head of the line of bills to be considered.

### TRANSPORTATION SUNSET

A sweeping overhaul of the Texas Department of Transportation has been approved by the House.

The measure, including a new elected commissioner and a phase out of red-light cameras, next goes to the Senate for consideration.

The overhaul, which also calls for the election of 14 regional commissioners, was approved Monday by a 138-6 vote.

Currently the governor appoints a five-member transportation commission, so the House move limits Republican Gov. Rick Perry's power over an agency that's widely criticized as dysfunctional.

The vote on the overhaul came in response to a scathing state sunset report that called for more accountability and responsiveness to lawmakers and the public.

### NO NEW TAXES

The House has rejected an effort to allow emergency services districts in Texas to raise taxes to help pay for response operations.

The legislation The House adjourned late Monday without reconsidering the issue. The plan would give the districts an option of calling an election to raise the tax not more than 5 cents per \$100 of property value. Raising the tax would have required a constitutional amendment because the amount emergency services districts can tax is capped at 10 cents in the Texas Constitution.



## Pampa Perfect Recipe Collection

Share a great recipe with our readers and you might win \$50.

The Pampa News is bringing together the most delicious recipes from the best cooks in our community. Are you one of them?

Does your family beg for your special casserole? Does your child leave them sweating for more? Is no holiday meal complete without that marshmallow surprise?

Whatever you love to cook, The Pampa News' "Pampa Perfect Recipe Collection" has a category for you to share your favorites with the community. And there are prizes!

### Categories are:

Sumptuous Salads

Enviably Entrees

Produce Perfected

Comfort Casseroles

Down Home Desserts

Bodacious Beverages

Join in the fun and win \$50— plus bragging rights, if your recipe is named Pampa Perfect by our team of expert eaters. There will be one prize awarded in each category.

The only condition is that your recipe must be your own - perhaps you put your unique touch on the traditional mac and cheese casserole, perhaps your burgers have that special ingredient, or perhaps your salad dressing is unique - in some way the recipe must be your own.

E-mail is the preferred way to submit entries. Please put RECIPE plus the name of your dish as the subject, example; RECIPE Betsy's tuna casserole. You may bring your recipe to The Pampa News office if you prefer. Don't wait to enter - all recipes must arrive in our newspaper office by 5 p.m. May 20, 2009.

The Pampa Perfect Recipe Collection will be a special section in our Monday, June 1 issue.



# Viewpoints

## Today in History

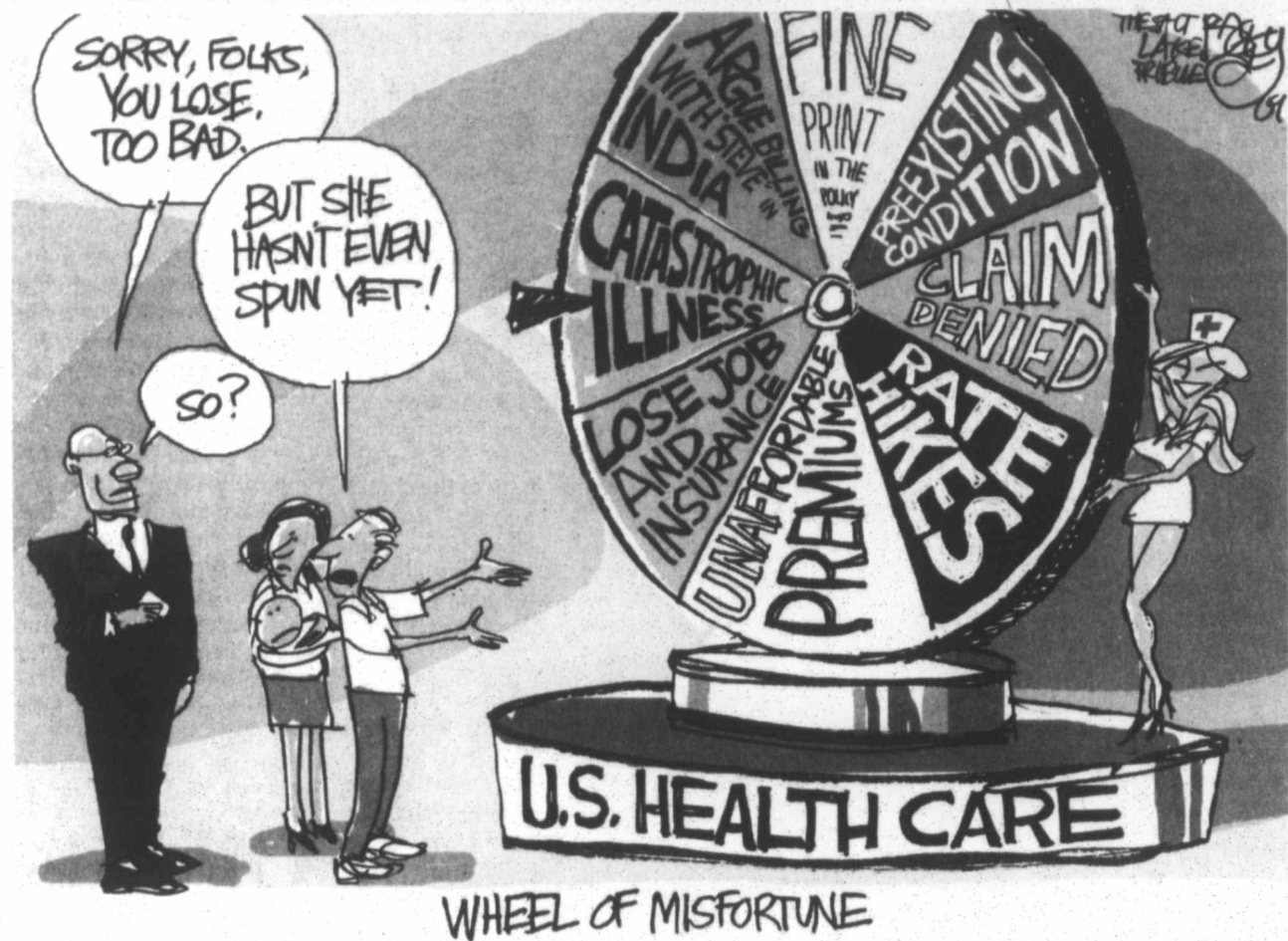
Today is Tuesday, May 12, the 132nd day of 2009. There are 233 days left in the year.  
 Highlights in history on this date:  
 1536 - Sir Francis Weston, Mark Smeaton and other alleged paramours of England's Queen Anne Boleyn go on trial for treason.  
 1888 - Britain establishes protectorate over North Borneo and Brunei.  
 1915 - Forces of South Africa's Louis Botha occupy Windhoek, capital of German Southwest Africa.  
 1926 - Josef Pilsudski stages coup in Poland; Roald Amundsen reaches the North Pole.  
 1932 - The body of the kidnapped son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh is found in a wooded area of Hopewell, New Jersey.  
 1937 - Britain's King George VI is crowned at Westminster Abbey.  
 1938 - Japanese warships capture Chinese island of Amoy.

**'A mother never realizes her children are no longer children.'**

— Holbrook Jackson, British critic and historian

1943 - Battle of North Africa ends in World War II with German surrender of Cap Bon in Tunisia.  
 1949 - Soviets lift the blockade of West Berlin after eleven months.  
 1965 - West Germany establishes diplomatic relations with Israel, and Arab states break off relations with Bonn

government.  
 1978 - The U.S. Commerce Department announces hurricanes will no longer be named exclusively after women.  
 1980 - The first nonstop crossing of North America in a hot air balloon is made.  
 1982 - In Fatima, Portugal, security guards overpower a Spanish priest armed with a bayonet as he tries to reach Pope John Paul II.  
 1985 - Amy Eilberg becomes the first female rabbi in the conservative Jewish movement.  
 1992 - The last European Community observers flee Bosnia; four suspects are arrested in the beating of trucker Reginald Denny at the start of the Los Angeles riots.  
 1997 - The leaders of India and Pakistan meet for the first time in four years in Male, The Maldives, and agree on measures to ease the tension between their long-feuding countries.  
 2002 - Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter travels to Cuba for talks with President Fidel Castro and the nation's leading dissidents. He is the first former or sitting U.S. president to visit Cuba since Calvin Coolidge in 1928.  
 2008 - A 7.9-magnitude earthquake hits Sichuan province in central China, killing more than 28,000 people and burying more than 10,600 people.  
 Gustav I Vasa, king and founder of Swedish Vasa dynasty (1496?-1560); Florence Nightingale, English nursing pioneer (1820-1910); Jules Massenet, French composer (1842-1912); Gabriel Faure, French composer (1845-1924); Katharine Hepburn, U.S. actress (1907-2003); Joseph Beuys, German artist (1921-1986); Burt Bacharach, U.S. singer/songwriter (1928-); Gabriel Byrne, U.S. actor (1950-).



## Middle Aged and Annoyed

By Tom Purcell  
 I turned 47 a few weeks ago. Boy, am I getting cranky.

Now in middle age, I'm less able to suffer fools gladly (including this fool). Many things annoy me:

A girl in her early 20s goes into a beer store. She buys a case of beer and lugs it back to the car.

Inside the car sit two young men, bigger and stronger than she. It never occurs to either louse to get off his duff and carry the case for her.

It never occurs to younger men to open the car door when they take a girl on a date or to be gentlemanly or chivalrous in any way.

Some call that "progress," and that annoys me.

It annoys me that many are afraid to use the words "right" or "wrong." Many fear the words "good" and "evil."

But there is right and wrong; there is good and evil. Some people are good and some are evil. Some organizations are. Some countries are. Some political systems are.

The American political system is mostly good -- though imperfect -- whereas other political

systems, such as the one in Communist Cuba, are mostly bad, though they have some good elements.

Nonetheless, the fellows who founded America had better ideas than those espoused by, say, Karl Marx.

Whereas freedom and representative government have unleashed unimaginable wealth in America, our current downturn aside, Marx's ideas have failed everywhere they've been tried.

In a sane world, that would be beyond debate. But the world is not sane, and some are still trying to impose their wrong-headed ideas on us -- and that annoys me.

It annoys me how ignorant many Americans are about how wealth is produced and retained -- and how it is lost.

Great civilizations rise and fall. Ours rose fast. It may fall fast, too, in part because of our success.

Our country is so wealthy it is able to underwrite ideas that are contrary to our continued success.

People who espouse such ideas have raised millions -- have exploited the technology innovations that our

wealth has produced -- to promote policies that will undo our wealth and inhibit our innovation.

The people who lead those efforts enjoy nice incomes and benefits packages -- they live in nice suburban homes and their kids go to good schools.

At the same time such folks enjoy the luxuries our prosperity has afforded them, their ideas seek to tear down the ideas that enabled our prosperity, and that annoys me.

It annoys me that parents and schools conduct elaborate graduation parties for kindergartners. A graduation from what? To what?

Shouldn't we expect our kids to produce something before showering them with accolades? Shouldn't our kids have to earn their self-esteem?

We're already seeing the results of overly coddled children. Many of our young, self-centered adults have never faced criticism before -- they fall to pieces the first time their boss takes them to task.

We've created a generation of young men who sit in the back of the car while their female companion lugs a case of beer.

Such people are easily misled. They willingly vote for silver-tongued politicians who promise the world to them -- unaware that it is they who will pay handsomely to fund those politicians' grandiose plans.

The irony of that one makes me chuckle, but it still annoys me.

It annoys me that our culture is becoming more crass and cynical by the day. I know a fine fellow -- Robert W. Dickey, general manager of KQV Radio (1410 AM) in Pittsburgh, PA -- who makes a sad observation:

"Kid," he told me, "why doesn't anyone use the term 'make love' anymore? Now people say 'have sex.' Let me tell you something, kid. Before my lovely bride of 58 years passed, I made love to her every day. I brought her her slippers. I made her dinner. I made her tea just the way she liked it..."

Yeah, I'm 47 and getting cranky in my middle age. But nothing annoys me more than this:

Why are so few people as annoyed as I?

## Will health care savings add up?

WASHINGTON (AP)— The White House trumpeted the news: health care providers taking a \$2 trillion scalpel to their costs and pushing the U.S. toward Barack Obama's vision of health coverage for all. But don't line up yet for those insurance cards.

First, a reality check for the nation's 50 million uninsured.

Medical providers have a long track record of avoiding fiscal constraints, as witnessed by the government's efforts to tamp down Medicare costs.

And none of the groups that went to the White House can actually dictate prices to their members. Doctors in New York or hospitals in Los Angeles are free to charge what the market can bear.

There's one more catch: Even if every penny of the promised savings shows up, not all of it would be used to help cover uninsured Americans. Actual savings to the government are all that can be counted as Congress tries to pay for subsidies that will be needed to help make health insurance affordable for everyone.

The medical groups' pledge is "a very hopeful sign," said economist Robert Reischauer, head of the Urban Institute. "But when we get down to ham-

mering out the details, health care reform remains both complex and philosophically and politically difficult to accomplish."

Costs could still turn out to be the greatest obstacle to Obama's health care plan.

Outside experts estimate the taxpayers' tab could total between \$1.2 trillion and \$1.5 trillion over 10 years. Some go as high as \$1.7 trillion. Obama's budget proposal includes a down payment that may cover less than half the bill.

Pledging restraint on costs Monday at the White House were groups representing hospitals, doctors, drug makers, medical device manufacturers and a major health care labor union, Aia Who's Who of health care interests. The president posed proudly with them and called it "a watershed event."

Obama wants to build on the current system in which most people get coverage through private insurers. But he wants to change the rules so the sick can't be turned down. And he wants to provide subsidies to help low-wage workers and even some in the middle class afford their premiums.

House Republican leader John Boehner of Ohio isn't impressed. "Today's announcement promises savings with no concrete

plan to achieve them and no enforcement mechanism if they don't," he said Monday.

Indeed, it's too early to tell whether the White House meeting will be remembered as a turning point or as a political mirage. The administration is projecting an image of a new coalition for health care, with Obama and most of the health care industry and consumer interest groups claiming the political center.

Left out, for now, are conservative Republicans, who oppose Obama's direction but have yet to articulate their own vision, and liberal Democrats who have been hoping to move toward a nationalized system like Medicare for all. As the debate heats up, the voices from both ends of the political divide will get louder, and the pressure on the center will increase.

Still, the sight of health care industry leaders volunteering to hold back spending is pretty unusual.

By joining Obama, providers are acknowledging at least some responsibility for a bloated and dysfunctional system that economists say is unaffordable.

In the 1990s, when President Bill Clinton attempted to overhaul health care, the battle lines quickly hardened. Obama, who has gone out of his

way to woo the interest groups, praised their willingness to sacrifice on Monday.

The groups don't just have the national interest in mind. Industry is worried that Congress will create a government health plan to compete with private insurers. Such a plan would quickly become the biggest in the country and could use its power to set lower payment rates, driving costs down on the backs of medical providers.

"I think the reason all these groups want to actively participate in the process is they don't want to see a blunt instrument used to get spending down," said Mark McClellan, who ran Medicare for President George W. Bush. "This is an opportunity to get everyone behind a better approach to improve the way health care works."

That's just what the groups say they want to do. Their proposals include coordinating care for people with chronic illnesses, rewarding quality not quantity, and using technology to root out waste and prevent errors that get patients sicker.

But it's hard to put numbers next to any of those ideas.

Congress is going to need hard numbers to pass Obama's plan this year.

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# Head to Texas parks for free fishing

AUSTIN, Texas — Parents looking to save a few dollars by vacationing closer to home this summer might consider taking their youngsters to a nearby Texas state park, where they can try their luck at hooking a fish or two without worrying about needing a fishing license to do so. And, if you're looking for how-to instruction and structured activities for your young angler, or simply want to brush up on your own fishing skills, more than a dozen state parks this summer are hosting special family fishing events.

This year marks the sixth year of the Free Fishing in State Parks program that waives fishing license and stamp requirements within more than 50 Texas state parks. To capitalize on the program, which has been extended through Aug. 31, 2009, 13 state parks are hosting special family fishing events, where participants learn fishing skills, angling rules and regulations, have a chance to catch a fish and perhaps win door prizes.

One of this year's participating parks is Ray Roberts Lake State Park in north Texas, which has already held a couple of family fishing events and has two "Fish On!" events set for May 16 at the Isle Du Bois unit (9 a.m.-1 p.m.) and June 13 (8 a.m.-noon) at the Johnson Branch unit.

Park ranger Jerry Vaughan, who oversees the park's fishing events, expects at least 200 people to show up for the popular events that draw residents from throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth metro-

plex. He says the program attempts to replicate the kind of fishing advice once commonly dispensed to youngsters by older family members.

"Lots of parents today don't know how to fish and are hesitant to take their kids fishing," Vaughan said. "We try to create an atmosphere that is like you're going fishing with grandpa. The key is getting kids outdoors so they'll know what's going on and respect the world around them."

At the Ray Roberts Lake fishing events, children learn the basics of fishing from park rangers and volunteers, and can try their luck at landing a fish, some for the very first time. Last year, Vaughan says, an 11-year-old participant caught a Junior Angler-record bluegill. The Ray Roberts Lake Rotary Club will serve free hot dogs and sponsor drawings for door prizes. Fishing tackle and bait will be provided or participants can bring their own.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department believes the special fishing events are increasing state park visitation and engaging new anglers, which will translate into future fishing license and equipment sales, and future conservationists. Statistics gathered last year by TPWD's Aquatic Education branch show that 53 special family fishing events reached more than 2,300 youth and 1,400 adults. Of that number, one in five youngsters had never fished before and 109 kids reported catching their first fish. Of adults surveyed, 47 percent said

they had never been to the park before.

Thanks to a variety of retail sponsors, event participants walk away not only with newly acquired fishing skills, such as learning how to tie and bait a hook, but also with freshwater and saltwater fishing guides, fishing equipment, tackle boxes and other giveaways.

The special family fishing events continue to grow. The number of participating state parks this year has increased from 11 to 13. Included among those sites is Galveston Island, Lake Casa Blanca and Ray Roberts Lake, fishing event coordinators have scheduled special family fishing events this year at Bastrop/Buescher, Blanco, Bonham, Choke Canyon, Eisenhower, Huntsville, McKinney Falls and Palmetto state parks.

A complete list of the coastal and inland state parks offering scheduled events and family fishing classes can be found on the TPWD Web site.

On the Web:  
• <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fishboat/fish/programs/familyfish/>



# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: May I chime in on the letter from "Mini-Me in Texas" (Feb. 5), who didn't want to disclose to her colleagues the fact that she'd had weight-reduction surgery? There is still enormous bias against overweight people, even from those who should know better. The perception is that the problem is a "lack of control." There is also prejudice from these same folks against individuals who seek the lap band procedure because it is regarded as "taking the easy way out."

I understand why "Mini" would prefer to keep her procedure and adjustments private. One's own body and eating habits are a private matter.

If "Mini" wants to deflect negative speculation, she can say that she is worried about her health, has sought medical advice and is following her doctor's plan to help her lose weight.

Kudos to "Mini" for improving her health. Weight loss is always a struggle, and well-meaning people should not pass judgment or interfere. -- MINI-ME SUPPORTER IN OAKLAND

DEAR SUPPORTER: Your sentiments have merit. However, I also heard from readers who responded with other options for "Mini" to consider. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Since I had gastric bypass surgery last year, I have lost more than 80 pounds. I have been frank with my friends and have offered to provide any information I can. I am also happy to let them know that I no longer have type II diabetes, acid reflux, sleep apnea or high blood pressure.

Not only is it OK for "Mini" to tell people about her surgery, she should celebrate it as I do, and help others by letting them know not only what she did, but also how wonderful she's feeling now. -- LIGHTER NOW IN MINNESOTA

DEAR ABBY: I, too, had lap band surgery a year ago. When folks comment on my weight loss, I say, "Isn't it great? I feel fabulous!" When they ask how I lost the weight, I tell them that I eat less and exercise more. It's the truth without going into details. -- JILL IN IDAHO

DEAR ABBY: I liked your advice of ordering only an appetizer. Once the weight loss begins to show, people will stop questioning the smaller portion choices because they will be aware that "Mini" is on a weight-loss program.

I still need to exercise and make wise food choices. The lap band surgery for me was not a solution but a tool in helping me in my journey to lose weight. -- LOVING LIFE AGAIN

DEAR ABBY: I was so excited about my gastric bypass surgery, I told anyone who would listen. Everyone was extremely supportive. Responses ranged from "Good for you!" to curiosity about the procedure.

"Mini" has nothing to be ashamed of. And it's not a sign of weakness or "taking the easy way out" because there's nothing easy about weight-loss surgery. -- MINIER-ME IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR ABBY: The lap band procedure has become so prevalent that my husband's surgeon issues wallet-sized cards to present to servers when requesting child-sized meals. So far, all restaurants have recognized and honored these cards. -- E.J.M. IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR ABBY: Being open about the surgery and successful weight loss can inspire others as well as reinforce the positive changes she has introduced into her life. It turns out the folks I didn't want to tell have become my biggest cheerleaders. -- HAPPY LOSER IN KANSAS

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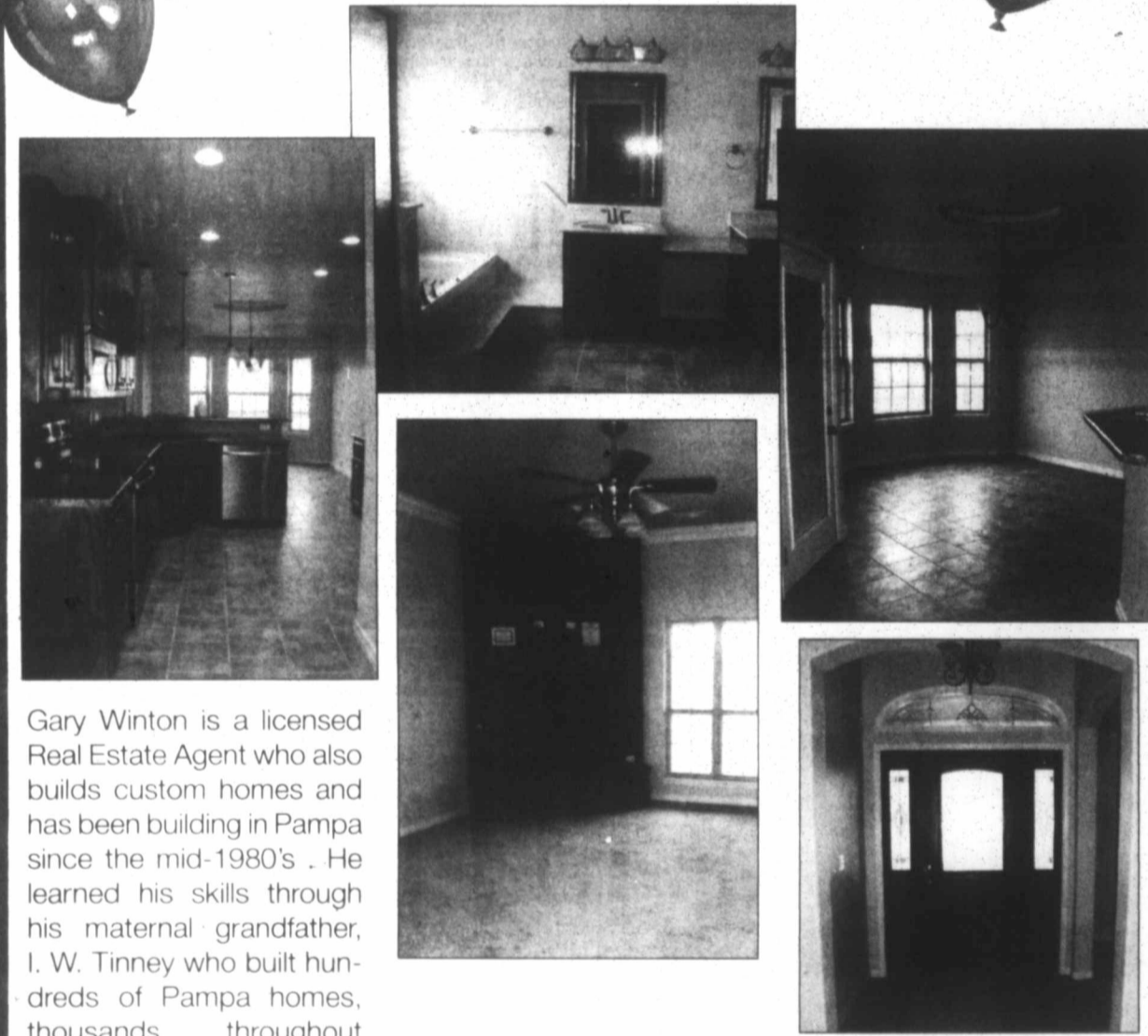
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult  
ARIES (March 21-April 19) \*\*\*\*\* Extremes earmark a situation, encouraging change. Your abilities to lead and do competent work merge, allowing others security and the desire to follow. Your temper could emerge out of the blue, forcing an underlying problem forward. Tonight: Could be till the wee hours.  
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\*\* When a situation backfires, look within. Perhaps you have blocked growth through a very normal process of filtering your thinking. Visualize and consider your options more often. Question what you might have missed. Tonight: Get opinions.  
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\*\* Don't waffle or wonder any longer. Go for what you want and understand what needs to happen. You are coming from a very solid, anchored point of view. You could be frustrated with a friend who sometimes becomes difficult. Tonight: Share news with a key pal.  
CANCER (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\*\* Others want more control. As a result, you are on top of your game. Listen more, share more and consider different options. You can do only so much. Realizing the limits to your control is the first step. Tonight: Relax with a favorite pal or two.  
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\*\* All work and no play is draining and causes a problem. Try to integrate more relaxing and fun times. Business as usual can be important, but not as important as having a life. How you feel could influence everything. Tonight, Easy does it.  
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Your creativity emerges when dealing with others. You could discover that many people are on a different path from you. Don't let differences bloom into an argument. Understand that other points of view often strengthen the end result. Tonight: Let your hair down.  
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\*\* In your eyes, others are just plain difficult. You might not know how to handle a situation and accomplish what is necessary. Listen to feedback, even if you don't like what you hear. Let events unfold. Tonight: Open up to change.  
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\*\* Keep conversations moving, even if you are uncomfortable. What comes up for you could be shocking on some level. Understanding grows between you and others. Listen to news with a bit of skepticism. Tonight: Avoid a disagreement; just go off and do something else.  
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\*\* Be anchored in decision making. If a risk really doesn't look nearly sure, you might want to back off. You don't need to defend your position. A misunderstanding might not be resolvable for several weeks. Tonight: Beam in what you want.  
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\*\* You are in a peak period this month. Still, you might not want to push a family member or friend too far. You will hear about it. Though you might have difficulty understanding another point of view, accept this perspective. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.  
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\*\* Know when to kick back and make a possibility happen. You might not agree with another person. You can also choose not to allow a disagreement to go much deeper. Know what is workable for you — you don't need to have an agreement. Tonight: Vanish.  
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\*\* You might not lose your shirt on a key goal, but getting there might be more expensive than you anticipated. You might want to halt spending and look for another, more efficient path. Anything is possible. Tonight: Where the action is.  
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Musician Stevie Wonder (1950), comedian Stephen Colbert (1964), actress Samantha Morton (1977)  
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