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Local Census data reflects area stability

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According to 2010 Census Data as reported by the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, Pampa and Gray County's population have remained relatively stable since the last census was taken in 2000.

Pampa's population gained .6%, bringing the 2010 number to 17,994, up from 17,887 in 2000.

The population for Gray County decreased by about .9%, putting the 2010 account at 22,535, down from 22,744 in 2000.

"It's always disturbing to lose population, because we love to see the community grow," said Judge Richard Peet of Gray County. "It's a sign of the times for the Panhandle, when only a few counties show growth."

Pampa City Manager Richard Morris sees the recent census results a little differently. "As far back as the 1960s, Pampa had a steady decline of population each year,"

Morris said. "In 2000, it flattened out, and then came back up last year, so it shows positive signs for the economy."

Morris believes the city's population growth may indicate the beginning of new economic growth as well.

Peet, on the other hand, is concerned that the population will affect the voting power for the area.

"The census is reflective of the realignment of legislators," he said. "Population loss makes our voting power weaker."

Peet believes that this decrease for the county may be explained by economic forces. "People are moving to places like Potter and Randall Counties to find jobs during these hard times," said Peet.

Morris observed that some of the smallest communities are losing population, with McClain and Lefors among the hardest hit.

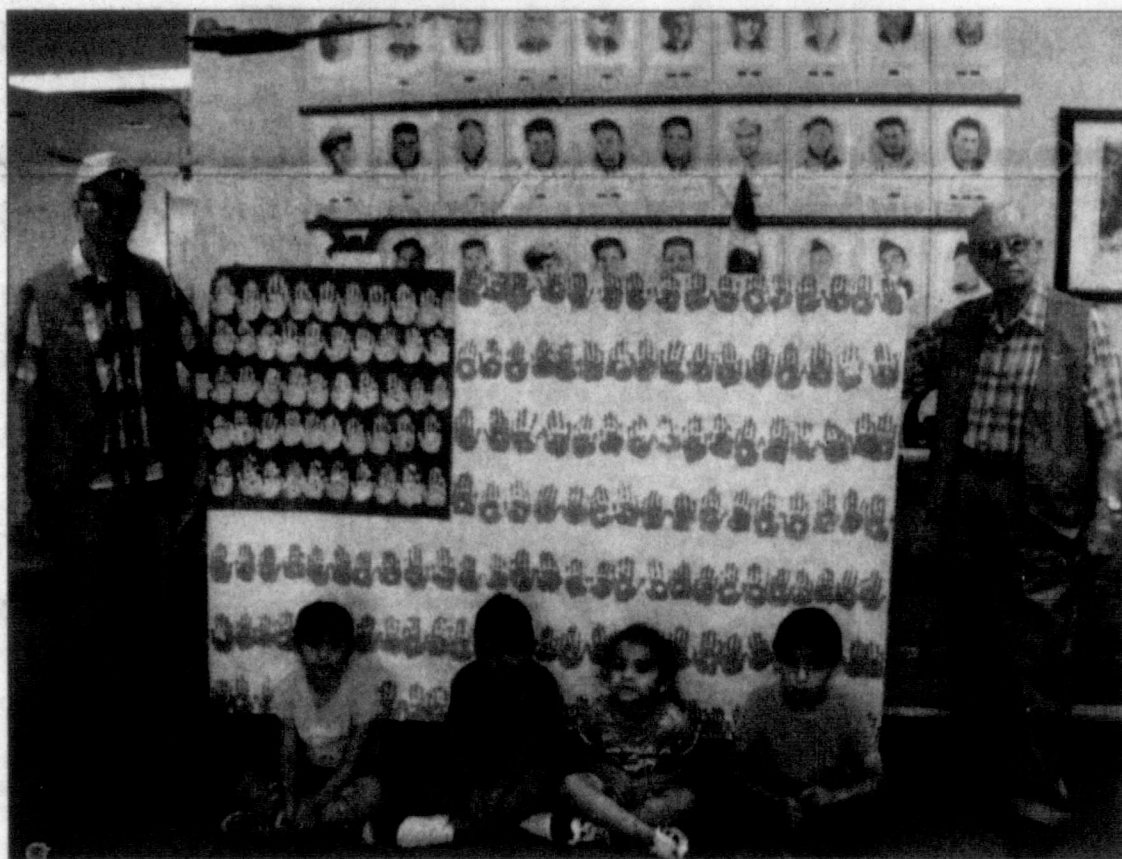
"There appears to be a trend of people moving from smaller cities to larger cities, and

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2010 Local Census Information

	2010	Change from '00
Population		
Pampa	17,994	▲107
McLean	778	▼52
Lefors	497	▼62
Gray Co.	22,535	▼209
Pampa Breakdown		
White	14,558	▼411
Black	595	▼94
Asian	77	▲3
Hispanic	4,681	▲2,227
Male	8,774	▲252
Female	9,220	▼145
19 & under	5,290	▲211
20-44	5,420	▲11
45-84	6,900	▲7
85 & above	384	▼122
Median age	37.1 yrs	▼2.2 yrs

A HANDY GIFT



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An American Flag made from the handprints of local children was a gift brought along to the Pampa Freedom Museum for a recent tour. The flag was made by the students in the Pampa Independent School District's ELL/Bilingual Summer School Program. Among those on hand for the presentation were Frank Liggins of the museum (from left); students Valeria Pepi, Angel Sanchez, Ashley Retana, Mario Martinez; and Eugene Taylor of the museum. The summer program is designed to boost the English language skills of the students with daily classroom instruction and weekly field trips. Among the activities for the students this year has been the participation in a library story/activity hour one day each week at Lovett Memorial Library, a visit from McGruff the Crime Dog and instructions on how to care for their pets by a certified dog trainer. Their field trips have included visits to The Fire Station, Pampa H2O Water Park, Fiesta Foods, the Freedom Museum, the Super Playground, Central Park, the Tiki Hut, the Amarillo Zoo and the Don Harrington Discovery Center.

Animals feel the heat at local shelter

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Gray County's human residents aren't the only ones sweating through the ongoing heat wave.

The sweltering local climes are also taking a toll at the animal shelter, where Pampa Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) President Faustina Curry says that high temperatures have compounded already difficult conditions.

"This heat is absolutely terrible for the animals," Curry said. "The animals are suffering."

Curry said that the lack of adequate cooling equipment at the shelter was threatening the animals' health in the midst of the heat wave.

"The male dogs, they had a refrigerated air conditioning unit and two big exhaust fans that they were running, and they'd leave the doors open," she said. "It was producing hot air and circulating it all around that room. If you're an older dog or a puppy, you can't take the heat."

Conditions in the facilities that house the cats and female dogs have been equally torrid, Curry said.

She added that through volunteer contributions and through the part of Fund 12 (the city's animal

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AgriLife Extension to host beef, wheat crop meetings

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The Texas AgriLife Extension Service is hosting a Beef Marketing and Risk Management meeting on July 25 and a Wheat Crop Planning Conference on July 26.

Brandon McGinty, Texas AgriLife Gray County agent, said that these two interrelated conferences will help wheat and cattle farmers who face a difficult planting season and address questions they may have regarding the current drought.

"Most wheat is dry land, so with no rain, these guys will be planting with hope and prayers for rain," he said.

For McGinty, what affects wheat farmers plays out in the world of cattle farming.

"There is an extreme drought forecast for the next three months, and stockers may be confused. No rain means no wheat, and no stockers to eat the wheat," he said. "If it stays dry, wheat stockers might get rid of cattle. They go hand in hand."

"There will be discussions on preventing disease, setting a planting date, and new vari-

eties of wheat available to better cope with drought conditions," McGinty added.

The wheat planning meeting, held at the Gray County Annex (12125 East Frederick Ave. in Pampa), will discuss disease prevention, setting a date for planting, new varieties of wheat available to better cope with drought conditions, irrigation, marketing strategies, and other topics relevant to planning a crop.

The beef marketing workshop, to be held at the Roberts County Emergency Service Building (214 South Main, Miami), will

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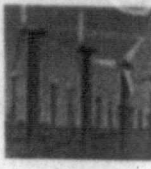
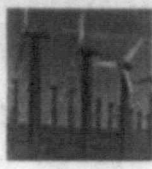
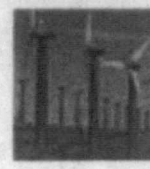
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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Saturday	Sunday
		
High 100 Low 73	High 98 Low 72	High 101 Low 73

Today: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 100. Breezy, with a south southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 73. Windy, with a south southeast wind 15 to 20 mph decreasing to between 5 and 10 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 98. Breezy, with a southwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming southeast. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 72. Breezy, with a south southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 101. Breezy, with a south southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 73. Breezy, with a south southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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ConocoPhillips to split into two companies

NEW YORK (AP) — Oil giant ConocoPhillips said Thursday it will split into two companies: one that produces oil and another that refines it into gasoline and other fuels.

The decision was cheered by Wall Street analysts and investors, who see advantages to running smaller, more focused operations. Shares gained \$1.53, about 2.1 percent, to \$75.93 in afternoon trading.

"This is so positive for them," Oppenheimer & Co. analyst Fadel Gheit said of the Conoco split. "Everyone should stick to one business."

The move continues an about-face for a company that spent billions of dollars during the past several years growing into America's third-largest oil company. After snapping up Burlington Resources for \$35 billion and making multi-billion dollar investments in Russia's Lukoil and the Rockies Express gas pipeline, Conoco was deep in debt. The company has been trying to shed assets since last year.

ConocoPhillips also said CEO Jim Mulva will retire when the spin-off is completed.

Conoco has talked about scaling back its refining business, but it had previously balked at a spin off. Gheit said that company officials likely changed their mind after seeing how successful Marathon Oil was at spinning off its refining operations.

Marathon's stock jumped 30 percent after it announced the split in January. On July 1, Marathon Petroleum Corp., the refining company, began trading on the New York Stock Exchange under the "MPC" ticker symbol.

Conoco's refineries produced 2.3 million barrels per day of gasoline, diesel and other petroleum products in the first quarter, eclipsing other independent players like Valero Energy Corp. Valero is still bigger in terms of worldwide refining capacity, however.

The refining business is notoriously volatile. It makes money when the prices of products like gasoline, diesel and jet fuel outpace oil and manufacturing costs. The trick is to refine crude as cheaply as possible and sell petroleum products in markets where they'll generate the biggest revenue.

Refiners have had more success doing that this year. Conoco's refineries earned \$482 million from January to March. They lost \$4 million in the same part of 2010. Valero earned \$98 million in the first quarter, compared with a loss of \$113 a year ago.

Often, however, refineries struggle to pass on high crude costs to consumers. The industry was hammered by thin profit margins following record high oil prices in 2008, and many companies were forced to idle

or sell underperforming refineries.

Mulva told analysts that the company examined sales, joint ventures and other avenues before deciding a spin-off of the refineries was best.

"We really absolutely are convinced this is the right thing for our company to do, and now is the right time to do it," Mulva said in a conference call.

The company will continue to buy back \$11 billion in company shares this year.

The split creates a new, yet-to-be-named company that will be tailored to short-term investors who like the volatility of the refining business.

"It's much less predictable," Argus Research analyst Phil Weiss said.

The split, which is expected to be tax free, does not need shareholder approval, but it does require acceptance by the Internal Revenue Service. It's expected to be completed during the first half of 2012.

Mulva, 64, will oversee the spin-off before leaving the company next year. Mulva has spent most of his career with the company, starting 35 years ago with Phillips Petroleum Co. He has been CEO at ConocoPhillips since 2002.

The Houston-based company has about 29,600 employees. Conoco had \$160 billion of assets and \$226 billion of annualized revenue as of March 31.

Perry touts law to give veterans college credit

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry ceremonially signed a bill Thursday that will help veterans earn college diplomas more quickly, saying Texas has a special duty to help because so many military bases and veterans are located in the state.

The new law is intended to help vets get college credit for military training and experience, helping them to earn college degrees in less time for less tuition.

"Those experiences, those skills our veterans bring back from service are very valuable," Perry said. "College credit for heroes will help them graduate more quickly so they can put those skills back to work back home, saving them money and tuition."

The event was Perry's first public appearance since having back surgery July 1.

Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, the San Antonio Democrat who authored the legislation, joined Perry at St. Philip's College in San Antonio to tout the College Credit for Heroes program.

"Governor Perry is a staunch Republican and I am

a very loud and proud Democrat," said Van de Putte, who recently served as leader of the Senate Democrats. But, she said, when it comes to veterans affairs, the two worked "hand-in-hand."

She added that, despite Perry's back surgery, his "spine needed no shoring up when it came to legislation affecting veterans and military members of this great state."

The bill signing, which included students and military members, was only ceremonial. Perry signed the legislation into law last month.

"As the home state of so many that sacrificed so much, we have a special duty to improve the lives and circumstances of our veterans," said Perry, who was wearing a back brace under his suit. He touted other efforts approved during the recently concluded legislative session to help veterans, including a measure to extend a property tax exemption for disabled veterans.

Perry, who is moving closer to a decision about running for the White House, left the event without speaking to reporters.

Animals

control donations fund) allocated to PAWS, air conditioning units for the cat and male dog rooms have been purchased and installed. The group is still working on acquiring a pair of new units for the female dog area.

Because of the high volume of animals at the shelter, Curry said, enclosures that are designed for one animal often hold more, intensify-

ing the issues caused by the heat.

Curry complimented Pampa Animal Control Supervisor Monty Montgomery for being cooperative with PAWS' animal welfare goals, but added that the shelter's facilities combined with the weather continues to leave the animals with a difficult reality.

To combat the issue, Curry said

that PAWS is continuing to accept donations and volunteers to help make shelter animals lives a little more bearable during the summer heat.

"Anything we can do to make their lives better, we'll try to do the best we can," Curry said. "PAWS is not going away. We're here to stay, and we're here to help."

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Meetings

cover options available for selling and marketing cattle, including traditional, video, and online livestock auctions.

Both events cost \$10 to attend and include lunch. Those wishing to attend should RSVP by July 20 through their local AgriLife

Extension office or by calling 806-669-8033 for the wheat conference or 806-868-3191 for the beef marketing workshop.

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Census

experts say, that will probably continue," he said.

The population for the Panhandle as a whole has increased more than 20 percent since 1960. The population of Cactus (in Moore County along Route 287) saw the most growth, while that of Estelline (in Hall county, about 100 miles southeast of Amarillo) lost the most.

The region follows a national trend of a decreasing white population amidst an increase for other racial

groups, with the area's Hispanic population increasing by a third, the Asian population doubling, and the black population seeing a slight increase.

Pampa itself sees a slight difference in those numbers, with the Asian population seeing a barely discernible increase and the black population decreasing. The city's Hispanic population, however, follows the trend, with an increase of over 2,000 people.

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For the record

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24 hour period ending 7 a.m. on Thursday, July 14.

EMS, the Lefors Volunteer EMS, and the Fire Department responded to 9 medical incidents.

Animal Control and Pampa PD reported 25 animal related incidents. Police reported 31 traffic related incidents.

Wednesday, July 13
Police reported an escort at the 600 block of North Ward.

A theft was reported at the 500 block of South Russell.

An abandoned vehicle was reported at the 1300 block of East Browning. Criminal mischief was

reported at the 200 block of West Kingsmill.

Police investigated a sex offender registration at the 200 block of West Kingsmill.

Criminal mischief was reported at the 100 block of Hampton Lane.

An accident was reported at the 1100 block of North Crane.

Criminal trespassing was reported at the 700 block of North Dwight.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1400 block of North Banks.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 1800 block of North Banks.

Criminal trespassing was reported at the 100 block of Village.

A theft was reported at the 400 block of South Graham.

Police investigated a welfare check at the 2100 block of North Duncan.

The Lefors Volunteer EMS responded to a grass fire.

Police reported criminal mischief at the 200 block of West Kingsmill.

Harassment was reported at the 400 block of South Graham.

A domestic disturbance was reported at the 500 block of North Gray.

A motor vehicle was reported burglarized at the 1100 block of West Terry.

Public intoxication was reported at the 100 block of Panhandle.

A motor vehicle was reported burglarized at the 1100 block of West Terry.

Police assisted a motorist at the 100 block of North Hobart.

An alarm was reported on North Highway 70.

A burglary occurred at the 500 block of North Gray.

Criminal trespassing was reported at the 200 block of West Kingsmill.

An alarm was reported at the 300 block of West Foster.

A narcotics violation was reported at the 1300 block of North Coffee.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24 hour period ending July 14 at 7 a.m.

Ryan Allen Arreola, 19, was arrested by police for a probation violation in Wise County.

AFTERNOONRUSH Birth, not immigration, keys Latino growth

Electricity demand spurs alert

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Public Utilities Commission has called on Texans to conserve electricity as demand begins to reach record levels.

The Yellow Conservation Alert was issued at about noon on Thursday. The commission said high temperatures across the state were resulting in a near record demand for electricity.

The state is asking people to conserve electricity between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. There is a danger of power shortages if demand gets too high, so officials are asking everyone to turn off all unnecessary lights and appliances.

The National Weather Service has issued a heat advisory for much of North Texas. Dallas is facing a 13th straight day of 100 degree or higher temperatures.

Survivor wants execution halted

AUSTIN (AP) — Attorneys for a former convenience store clerk shot and wounded nearly a decade ago have filed a civil suit in Austin against Gov. Rick Perry and other state officials seeking to stop the convicted gunman's execution scheduled for next week.

Mark Stroman faces lethal injection July 20 for fatally shooting Mesquite convenience store clerk Vasudev Padel in 2001. He's one of two clerks killed by Stroman. Rais Buiyhan, whose attorneys filed the suit Wednesday, was shot in a third robbery but survived to identify Stroman.

Bhuiyhan's lawsuit argues his rights as a victim have been violated. His complaints include a contention he should be allowed to meet with Stroman under a remediation program.

Stroman said he wanted to kill people of Middle Eastern descent after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Man nabbed for shooting

HOUSTON (AP) — A 19-year-old accused of fatally shooting one Houston man and seriously wounding another has been arrested.

Houston police on Thursday issued a statement saying that Nosakhare Robert Bundick turned himself in to Harris County authorities on Wednesday.

Bundick was charged with murder and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in the July 3 killing of 20-year-old Rashad L. Minix of Houston and wounding of 19-year-old Ferunell Smith.

Both men were rushed to the same hospital following the shooting. Doctors said Smith is expected to survive.

Bundick is in the Harris County Jail. His bond is set at \$100,000. An attorney for him was not yet listed in electronic county records.

Toddler, grandfather drown

DALLAS (AP) — Authorities are investigating what appears to be a double drowning in a backyard swimming pool in northwest Dallas.

Dallas Fire-Rescue spokesman Jason Evans said Thursday that an unresponsive man and his grandson were pulled from the pool shortly before 10 p.m. Wednesday.

The Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office identified them as 68-year-old Rolando Pacheco and 2-year-old Ethan Pacheco.

Evans said the two were discovered by the child's father, who is also the son of the elderly man.

Both victims were taken to a nearby hospital where they were pronounced dead.

An autopsy will be performed later today to determine the exact cause of death.

Cause unknown for oil spill

WASHINGTON (AP) — It will likely be months before investigators know what caused an ExxonMobil oil pipeline to rupture near Billings, Mont., spilling about 1,000 barrels of crude oil into the Yellowstone River, a federal safety official said Thursday.

Thus far, investigators are unaware of any safety violations by ExxonMobil related to the spill, Cynthia Quarterman, administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, told a congressional hearing. The spill has fouled shoreline and contaminated backwaters along dozens of miles of the scenic river.

The oil giant is working on a plan to lay a new section of pipe 30 feet below the river to replace the damaged pipe responsible for the spill, ExxonMobil Pipeline Co. President Gary Pruessing said. The flow of oil through the company's Silvertip pipeline has been shut off since the July 1 accident.

ExxonMobil hasn't yet submitted its plan for the replacement pipe to the safety administration, which must approve the project before it can go forward, Quarterman told the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's pipeline subcommittee.

Gas prices up 12 cents

HOUSTON (AP) — Gas prices across Texas are up 12 cents from last week to an average \$3.57 for a gallon of regular unleaded.

AAA Texas said the national average price per gallon is \$3.65.

Texans will find the least expensive average price for gasoline in the state in El Paso at \$3.48. The most expensive is in Fort Worth, where the average is \$3.61.

The statewide average is the same price it was a month ago on June 14.

Six more charged in robberies

HOUSTON (AP) — Six more participants have been charged for their roles in a series of Houston-area bank robberies that included one in which hostages were taken.

Federal authorities announced Thursday that the six have been arrested as a result of being named in an unsealed indictment. The indictment supersedes one that previously named seven participants.

The 13 men are charged with conspiring to rob at least eight banks by force, including a branch of Chase Bank in Pearland on New Year's Day.

Ten hostages were taken in the botched Pearland robbery. One was a bank manager who was beaten. The standoff ended peacefully after a negotiation of more than four hours.

The indictment says the group selected banks that didn't have security guards or bullet resistant bandit barriers.

WASHINGTON (AP) — With immigration slowing, babies born in the U.S. rather than newly arrived Mexican immigrants are now driving most of the fast growth in the Latino population.

A new analysis of census data highlights a turning point in Hispanics' rapid U.S. growth. Demographers point to the potential for broader political impact as U.S.-born Mexican-Americans widen their numbers over non-citizen, foreign-born counterparts, who wield no voting rights.

"As these young Latinos age, they will enter public schools, participate in the nation's economy as workers and consumers, and enter the growing pool of Hispanic eligible voters," said Mark Hugo Lopez, associate director of the Pew Hispanic Center, who co-authored the study released Thursday.

The analysis focuses on the growth of Mexican-Americans, who make up more than 60 percent of the U.S. Hispanic population. Tracing a mass Mexican migration to the U.S. that began in 1970 and reached its height during the 1990s, it finds that young Mexicans who crossed the border many years ago are now adding to the population by having many children. That is a contrast to other racial and ethnic groups, who on average are older.

Currently, the median age of Mexican-Americans is 25, compared to 30 for other Hispanic subgroups, 32 for blacks and 41 for whites. Mexican-American women typically will have given birth to 2.5 children by their mid-40s, higher than for other groups.

Meanwhile, immigration from Mexico has fallen off in recent years, dropping by 60 percent since 2006 after a souring U.S. economy and stepped-up border enforcement made it harder and less desirable for undocumented workers to enter the country. As a result, the number of new immigrants from Mexico declined over the last decade to 4.2 million, from 4.7 million in 1990-2000.

In all, the Mexican-American population grew by 11.4 million over the last decade, of which 63 percent came as a result of births. That is a reversal from the previous two decades, when the number of new Mexican immigrants either matched or exceeded the number of Mexican births.

Among Hispanics as a whole, about 58 percent of the population increase since 2000 were a result of

births.

The numbers come as Hispanic groups are seeking more political influence. States are currently redrawing their political maps based on population and racial and ethnic makeup. Now representing 16 percent of the U.S. population, Hispanics added more than 15 million people over the last decade and accounted for more than half of the nation's total population increase.

Still, their voting power has not always matched their numbers, partly because a disproportionate share of U.S. Hispanics are either children or non-citizens. Just 42 percent of all Hispanics in the U.S. are eligible to vote, compared to 78 percent for whites and 66 percent for blacks.

Currently more than 60 percent of all Hispanics are U.S.-born, many of them children.

Lopez says that is now changing, with some 600,000 young Hispanics who were born in the U.S. turning 18 each year to enter a widening pool of more than 21 million Hispanic eligible voters.

Other findings:

- About 6.5 million, or more than half of all Mexican immigrants, were in the U.S. illegally last year.

- Many of these illegal immigrants gave birth to children in the U.S.; about 68 percent of the 350,000 U.S. births to illegal immigrants last year were to Mexican parents.

- Birth rates differ by immigration status: on average, a Mexican immigrant woman in her 40s has 2.7 children, compared to 2.1 for a U.S.-born Mexican-American.

- About 1 in 10 of all native-born Mexicans opt to migrate to the U.S., seeking jobs and a better life.

- Among native-born Mexicans in their prime working ages of 30 to 44, the share is even higher: about 1 in 5 men, and more than 1 in 7 women migrate to the U.S.

The Pew analysis is based on 2010 census surveys from the U.S. and Mexico. Because the U.S. Census Bureau does not ask people about their immigration status, estimates on illegal immigrants are derived largely by subtracting the estimated legal immigrant population from the total foreign-born population.

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Today in History

Today is Friday, July 15, the 196th day of 2011. There are 169 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On July 15, 1971, President Richard Nixon delivered a televised address in which he startled viewers by announcing that he had received, and accepted, an invitation to visit the People's Republic of China.

On this date:
In 1870, Georgia became the last Confederate state to be readmitted to the Union. Manitoba entered confederation as the fifth Canadian province.

In 1910, the term "Alzheimer's disease" was used in the book "Clinical Psychiatry" by German psychiatrist Emil Kraepelin in honor of his colleague, Alois Alzheimer, who'd identified the condition.

In 1916, Boeing Co., originally known as Pacific Aero Products Co., was founded in Seattle.

In 1918, the Second Battle of the Marne, resulting in an Allied victory, began during World War I.

In 1979, President Jimmy Carter delivered his "malaise" speech in which he lamented what he called a "crisis of confidence" in America.

In 1985, a shockingly gaunt-looking Rock Hudson appeared at a news conference with actress Doris Day (it was later revealed Hudson was suffering from AIDS).

In 1996, MSNBC, a 24-hour all-news network, made its debut on cable and the Internet.

Ten years ago: China's President Jiang Zemin arrived in Russia to sign a friendship treaty — the first between the former rivals in more than 50 years.

Five years ago: The U.N. Security Council condemned North Korea's missile tests and imposed limited sanctions; a defiant North said it would launch more missiles. In a chilly prelude to a Group of Eight summit in St. Petersburg, President George W. Bush blocked Russia's entry into the World Trade Organization.

One year ago: After 85 days, BP stopped the flow of oil into the Gulf of Mexico using a 75-ton cap lowered onto the well earlier in the week.

Today's Birthdays: Author Clive Cussler is 80. Actor Alex Karras is 76. Actor Ken Kercheval is 76. Former Sen. George V. Voinovich (R-Ohio) is 75. Actor Patrick Wayne is 72. Actor Jan-Michael Vincent is 67. Rhythm-and-blues singer Millie Jackson is 67. Rock singer-musician Peter Lewis (Moby Grape) is 66. Singer Linda Ronstadt is 65. Rock musician Artimus Pyle is 63. Actor Terry O'Quinn is 59. Rock musician Marky Ramone is 55. Rock musician Joe Satriani is 55. Country singer-songwriter Mac McAnally is 54. Model Kim Alexis is 51. Actor Willie Aames is 51. Actor-director Forest Whitaker is 50. Actress Lolita Davidovich is 50. Actress Brigitte Nielsen is 48. Rock musician Jason Bonham is 45. Actress Amanda Foreman is 45. Actor Kristoff St. John is 45. Rock musician Phillip Fisher is 44. Actor-comedian Eddie Griffin is 43. Actor Stan Kirsch is 43. Actor Reggie Hayes is 42. Rock musician Chi (chee) Cheng (Deftones) is 41. Rock musician John Dolmayan is 39. Actor Scott Foley is 39. Actor Brian Austin Green is 38. Rapper Jim Jones is 35. Actress Diane Kruger is 35. Rock musician Ray Toro (My Chemical Romance) is 34. Actor Travis Fimmel is 32. Rhythm-and-blues singer Kia Thornton (Divine) is 30. Actor Tristan Wilds is 22.

Thought for Today: "A sure way to lose happiness, I found, is to want it at the expense of everything else." — Bette Davis, American actress (1908-1989).



New reality emerging on illegal immigration

The United States is a country that has been peopled largely by vast surges of migration -- from the British Isles in the 18th century, from Ireland and Germany in the 19th century, from Eastern and Southern Europe in the early 20th century, and from Latin America and Asia in the last three decades.

Going back in history, almost no one predicted that these surges of migration would begin -- and almost no one predicted that they would stop when they did.

Thus when the 1965 Immigration Reform Act was passed, almost no one predicted that we would have massive immigration from Mexico. Experts told us that immigrants came in large numbers only from Europe.

The experts got that wrong. From 1980 to 2008, more than 5 million Mexicans legally entered the United States. And Mexicans account for about 60 percent of the estimated 11 million illegal immigrants in the U.S. today.

Immigration policymakers have assumed that the flow of Mexican immigrants would continue indefinitely at this high level. But now evidence is accumulating that this vast surge of migration is ending.

The Pew Hispanic Center, analyzing Census statistics, has estimated that illegal Mexican entrants have been reduced from 525,000 annually in the 2000-04 years to 100,000 in 2010.

"The flow has already stopped," Douglas Massey of the Mexican Migration Project at Princeton recently told The New York Times. "The net traffic has gone to zero and is probably a little bit negative."

One reason is the deep recession and slow economic recovery here in the United States. Tens of thousands of construction jobs, once plentiful in high-immigration states, have disappeared. Foreclosures on mortgages that



MICHAEL BARONE

should never have been granted have been especially high among Hispanics.

State laws, like Arizona's law requiring use of the federal e-Verify system to check on immigration status

of new hires, have clearly had some impact. And the cost of crossing the border illegally has sharply increased.

The Pew Hispanic Center estimates the 2010 illegal population at 11.2 million, down from the 2007 peak of 12.0 million and just about the same level as in 2005. It's probably lower today.

Even more important, things have changed in Mexico. Its birth rate has fallen from 7 children per woman in 1971 to 3.2 in 1990 and 2 in 2010, barely enough to prevent population loss.

Mexico has finally become a majority middle-class country, former Foreign Minister Jorge Castaneda argues in his recent book "Manana Forever?" Mexico has more cars and television sets than households now, most Mexicans have credit cards, and there are almost as many cell phones as people.

There has been a boom in higher education, especially in technical schools. The increasing numbers of well-educated Mexicans have no need to go to the United States to live a comfortable and even affluent life. Mexico has grown its way out of poverty.

The historic experience has been that countries cease generating large numbers of immigrants when they reach a certain economic level, as Germany did in the 1880s. Mass migration from Puerto Rico, whose residents

are U.S. citizens, ended in the early 1960s, when income levels reached one-third of those on the mainland.

All of which has implications for U.S. immigration policy. It seems clear that tougher enforcement measures, like requiring use of e-Verify, can reduce the number of illegals in the United States. Returning to Mexico is a more attractive alternative than it used to be.

And the desire of legal immigrants to bring in collateral relatives under family reunification provisions is likely to diminish. That means we can shift our immigration quotas to higher-skill immigrants, as recommended by a panel convened by the Brookings Institution and Duke University's Kenan Institute and as done currently by Canada and Australia.

Such a change would be in line with the new situation. Mexican immigrants have tended to be less educated and lower-skill than immigrants from other Latin or Asian countries. Lower Mexican immigration means lower low-skill immigration. Employers of such immigrants may have to adjust their business models.

Probably they are already doing so. But government adjusts more slowly.

Barack Obama has been calling for immigration legislation similar to what George W. Bush sought, legislation geared to a status quo that no longer exists and seems unlikely to return. That's going nowhere. But sooner or later we should adjust the law to address the new emerging reality.

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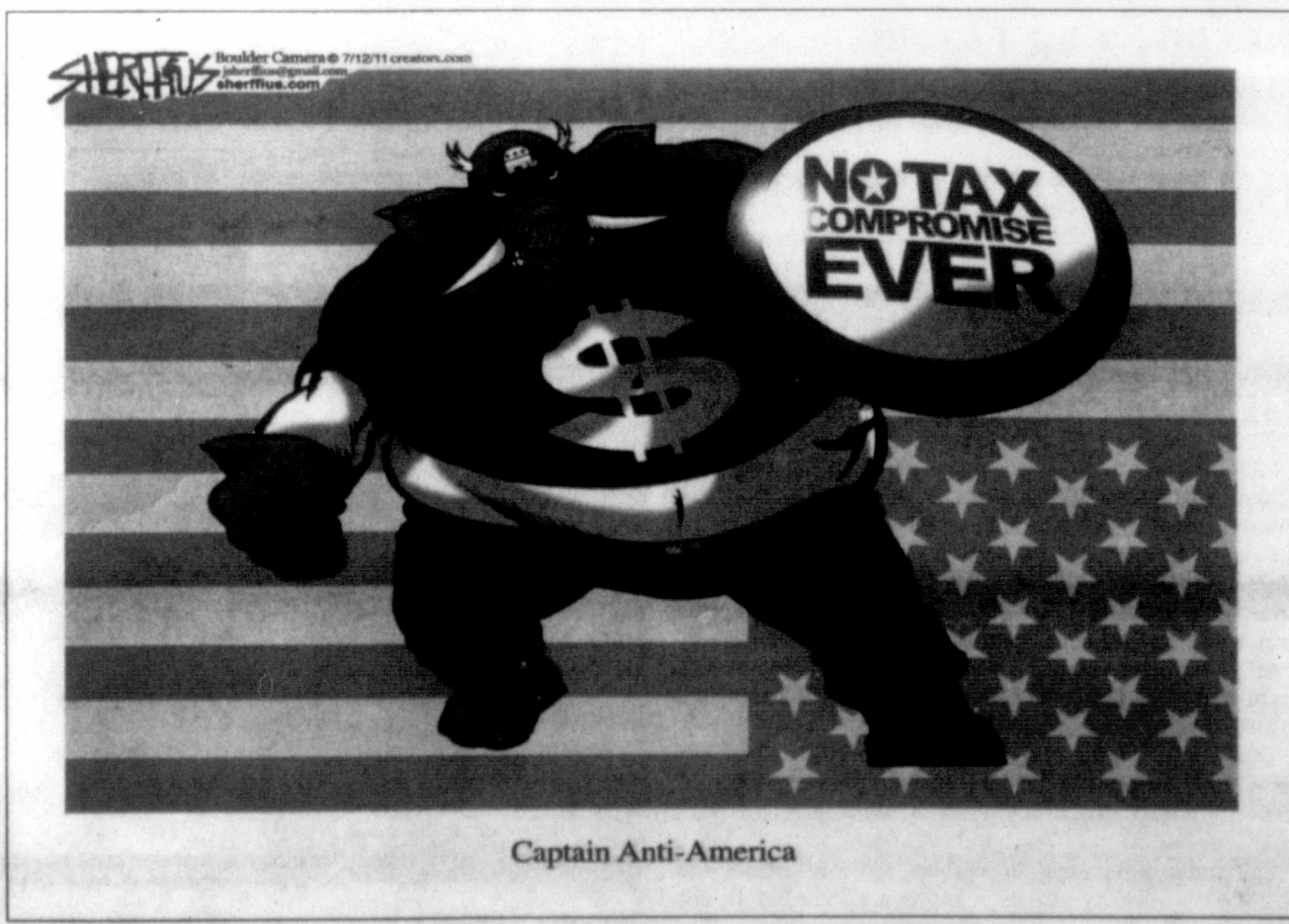
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Worship

Why does God let bad things happen?

On the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, people the world over saw the face of evil in the kamikaze airplane crashes into the World Trade Center Twin Towers. In spite of all the attempts of psychologists to rationalize away sin and evil, it's difficult to deny its effects in light of this mass murder.

We live in a fallen world very far from the paradise God created for us. Bad things happen to us that we simply can't explain apart from evil. Given our tendency toward self-reliance, the bad things we encounter can drive us "to depend on God," "to learn something" and "to come closer to Him," say Katy, 7, Kelly, 6, and Kelsey, 7.

"God wants us to ask him for help," says Katherine, 7.

Furthermore, we might discover that God regularly turns the world and intentions of evil people upside down. After being sold into slavery by his envious brothers (Genesis 37) and falsely accused (Genesis 39), Joseph was thrown into an Egyptian jail and forgotten.

Joseph could have held a perpetual pity party and focused only on all the bad things that happened to him. Instead, he discovered what Kendall, 11, learned: "I've found when you lose something or someone special, the Lord blesses you with something even better."

That something, in Joseph's case, was beyond his imagination. Joseph used his God-empowered ability to interpret Pharaoh's dream, which foretold a coming famine. He recommended a plan for storing grain that saved many lives. In one day, Joseph went from jailbird to prime minister of Egypt.

When his cruel brothers showed up to buy food because of the famine, he could have said: "Payback time! Starve for all I care!" Instead, Joseph forgave them and treated them with kindness and generosity.

Speaking to his brothers about their selling him into slavery, Joseph said, "You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good" (Genesis 50:20). Joseph saw that God's ingenious career path promoted him to a position to save many lives from a seven-



CARY KINSOLVING

KIDS talk about GOD

year famine.

Just as Joseph accepted the bad things God allowed in his life, Jesus faced what looked like the greatest disaster of all time — crucifixion on a cross. The cross has been turned into a beautiful symbol, but in Jesus' day, it was equivalent to the electric chair — the worst punishment for the worst criminals.

To die on a cross between two criminals appeared to be total defeat and humiliation. Yet, God took this shameful death and turned it into victory over death. In this irony, resurrection life now flows from what had appeared to be the most tragic death ever recorded.

"We deserved to be punished for our sins," says Launa, 8, "but remember that God suffered worse."

"All things work together for good," says Carly, 11, quoting part of Romans 8:28. Carly, don't forget the qualifying part of this promise, "to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."

Think about this: God can take what people intend for evil and work it out for his purpose in a way that the perpetrators could never imagine. The ultimate terrorist, Satan himself, never imagined that Jesus' death on the cross would pay for the sins of the world. Every time someone accepts God's gift of eternal life, Satan gnashes his teeth.

Memorize this truth: Genesis 15:20 quoted above.

Ask this question: Can you trust God to work out some bad thing in your life for his purpose?

Cary Kinsolving's syndicated "Kids Talk About God" column is distributed to newspapers worldwide through the Creator's Syndicate.

Something funny at the hospital

Mel Hancock wrote a book, "Hospital Humor," along with publishing cartoons in *The Saturday Evening Post*.



DAVID BOULTER

He came to this place in life due to an accident that occurred when he was in high school. He suffered an injury that caused him to be paralyzed from the waist down. It was while he was in the hospital recovering that he saw things that he thought were funny in his experiences in rehab and with the doctors and nurses.

A funny story was attributed to him: A 45-year old woman had a heart attack and was taken to the hospital. While on the operating table, she had a near death experience.

Seeing God she asked, "Is my time up?" God said, "No, you have another 43 years, 2 months, and 8 days to live." Upon recovery, the lady decided to stay in the hospital and have a face-lift, liposuction, and tummy tuck. She even had someone come in and change her hair color and brighten her teeth. Since she had so much more time to live she decided to make the most of it.

When released from the hospital, while walking across the street, she was hit by a car and killed.

Arriving before God she said, "I thought I had another 43 years to live? Why did you let me die?" God replied, "I didn't recognize you."

Mel Hancock teaches us a valuable lesson. We may not be able to control what happens to us, but we can control our attitude and our reaction.

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People stampede for housing vouchers

DALLAS (AP) — The head of Dallas County Health and Human Services defended the agency's handling of a Thursday morning event at which hundreds of people broke ranks from an estimated 5,000-person crowd and stampeded toward a stadium to obtain applications for hard-to-get housing vouchers.

Officials said some people got bumps and bruises when they fell or got stepped on, but no one was taken to the hospital.

Zachary Thompson, director of the agency, told WFAA-TV that there's "no perfect way" to distribute the forms. This was the first time in years that Dallas County accepted applications for the federally funded Section 8 vouchers which pay a portion of the rent based on income.

"Of course, you're going to have people break the lines, you're going to have people running. That's to be

expected," Thompson said, adding that officials handled the situation well.

Video on Dallas television stations shows hundreds of people suddenly sprinting toward the Jesse Owens Memorial Complex. Some had camped out since Wednesday night.

"I started running and I slipped and fell," applicant Jordan Spivey told WFAA.

Spivey suffered cuts and scrapes as she was caught up in the crowd, but said she feels lucky that she wasn't trampled.

Dallas County Sheriff Department spokeswoman Kim Leach said sheriff's officials and police were on hand to handle the crowd estimated at about 5,000 Thursday morning. She said the stampede occurred when a rush of people moved from the street to the area around the building. Leach, who said police

were handling the security on the street, did not know what caused the run.

Police did not immediately return a call from The Associated Press for more information.

"There were a few trips and falls, nobody was seriously injured," said Leach, who estimated six to a dozen people suffered minor injuries.

Applicants may have to wait two years to get the vouchers.

Thompson told *The Dallas Morning News* that the county decided not to use an online system because many of the applicants didn't have access to computers. He also was wary of online applications after another agency experienced software problems with housing applications.

A call to Dallas County Health and Human Services officials by The Associated Press on Thursday was not returned.

BANANAGRAMS!

For each of the words below, replace one letter with the tile after the plus sign. Then rearrange the letters to spell a popular board game.

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Yesterday's Answer: Common M; MUSSEL, MISHAP, CLAMOR, MADMEN

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First Paul TV ad focuses on debt ceiling

AUSTIN (AP) — Republican presidential hopeful Ron Paul is using his first campaign television ad to promote his long-time opposition to raising the federal debt limit.

In the ad released Thursday and set to run in early primary states, the Texas congressman criticizes both Republicans and Democrats for striking deals in the past and says Congress should not compromise this time. Paul also notes that he always has voted against raising the federal limit on borrowing.

"In the '80s, they did it to (Ronald) Reagan, a debt ceiling compromise, Democrats promising spending cuts, but delivering only tax hikes," the ad says. "The '90s brought more compromises, more broken promises and more new taxes. ... Will our

party's leaders repeat the mistakes of the past?"

President Barack Obama has said that if a deal to raise the debt ceiling is not passed by Aug. 2, the U.S. government could default on its loans, creating a financial crisis. Paul and some conservative Republican members of Congress reject that conclusion and have insisted on spending cuts. Negotiations are ongoing between Obama and Republican leaders in the House and Senate over a compromise that would ensure the debt ceiling is increased.

The scope of federal spending is an important issue to conservatives who make up the Republican Party's base, and Paul is seeking to use the debate raging in Washington on one of his signature issues to gain ground in his presidential campaign.

He trails other candidates in national and state polls. A poll conducted for The Des Moines Register last month showed Paul running toward the back of the pack, with only 7 percent support.

The ads are to begin airing on both broadcast and cable stations in Iowa and New Hampshire on Friday and are to run through next week, said Jesse Benton, a spokesman for the Paul campaign. Benton said the campaign is spending more than \$100,000 in each state. It's a hefty sum for this early in the race. Other candidates are running ads, but at much lower levels.

Paul is running for the Republican nomination for a second time. He also ran for president as a Libertarian in 1988. Reducing the federal budget and the national debt have always been his key issues.

The former obstetrician from a district south of Houston is critical of federal economic and monetary policy. His campaign themes focus on reducing both the power and scope of the federal government, increasing states' rights and abolishing both the Federal Reserve and the Internal Revenue Service.

During his failed 2008 presidential campaign, his positions put him outside the Republican mainstream and the nomination was never within his grasp, despite having enthusiastic supporters and a large campaign chest. Many consider him the ideological godfather of the tea party movement, and his views on reducing the federal budget and the national debt have become major issues in the 2012 race.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My 13-year-old daughter, "Alisa," has earned a scholarship to participate in a month-long summer language program in Turkey. As soon as my sister "June" found out I was allowing Alisa to attend, she called me a moron. She has been giving me the silent treatment for almost a month. June is terrified my daughter will be a victim of terrorists, a plane crash, kidnapping or worse.

Alisa has consistently proven she is trustworthy and responsible. After some research I determined the country and the program are safe. Alisa will be traveling with a small group of students and three adult chaperones who are native to the host country.

Our mother was afraid of everything, and I don't want to pass that kind of irrational fear on to Alisa after she worked so hard to earn a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that could shape the course of her life. Am I really a poor parent for allowing my child to travel halfway around the world? I feel I made the right decision. — STUNNED SISTER IN LITTLE ROCK

DEAR STUNNED SISTER: A poor parent? Not at all. You would be one if you caved in to your sister's emotional blackmail. Taking this trip is a privilege your daughter worked hard for, and seeing firsthand that there is a world filled with interesting, good people will open

her mind to opportunities and possibilities that few people her age are able to experience.

DEAR ABBY: My wife uses her hands to push her food around her dinner plate and onto her fork or spoon. I see her do this at almost every meal, and usually say nothing. But every once in a while I feel compelled to ask her to stop using her hands to eat. When I do she says I'm "rude" to even take notice of how she eats and mention it.

Am I rude? I was brought up in a blue-collar home, and whenever I touched my food with my hands, or put my elbows on the table, I got a slap from one of my older brothers or sister. — MINDED MY MANNERS IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR MINDED YOUR MANNERS: It appears your wife was raised in a household where good table manners weren't as important to her family as they were to yours. According to Emily Post: "If a piece of food keeps eluding your fork, don't push it onto the tines with your finger. Instead, USE A PIECE OF BREAD OR YOUR KNIFE AS A PUSHER." (Italics are mine.) Share this with your wife and the situation may improve.

DEAR ABBY: How do your readers feel about the words "soul mate"? I never imagined those words would cross my mind until recently — and I'm not talking

about my spouse. Is it possible to feel someone is your soul mate without knowing the feelings are reciprocated?

There are many roadblocks in the way of a relationship with my soul mate — but I know I'd have to wait another lifetime for the kind of relationship I feel could exist with this other person. Comments, Abby? — PONDERING IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

DEAR PONDERING: Merriam-Webster's Dictionary, 11th Edition, defines "soul mate" n. (1822) as "a person who strongly resembles another in attitudes or beliefs." The American Heritage Dictionary, Fourth Edition, defines soul mate as "one of two persons compatible with each other in disposition, point of view or sensitivity."

While you are pondering, please ponder this: When you married your spouse, I'm hoping you felt you had much in common and thought you could build a successful future together. If you have lost that connection, try to rebuild it before sacrificing your marriage because the grass looks greener somewhere else. And if the object of your preoccupation is not aware of your feelings, please don't destroy your marriage over what may be a one-way crush.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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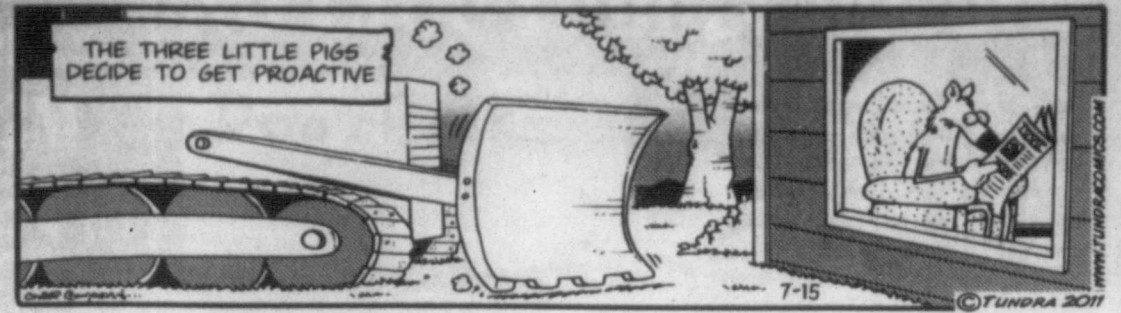
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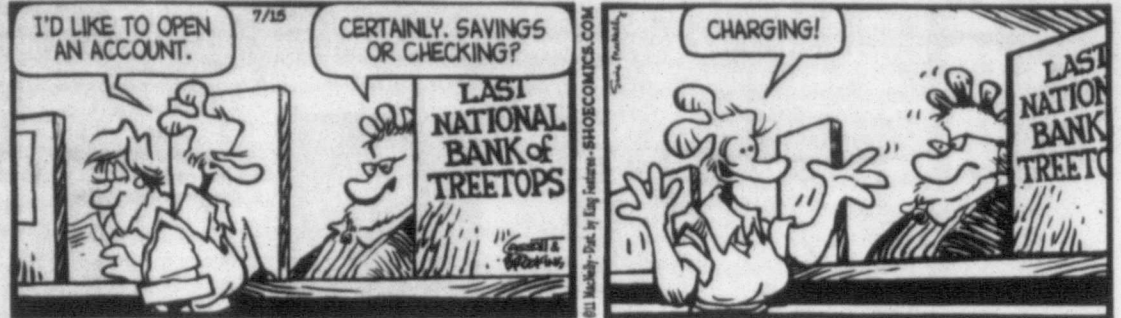


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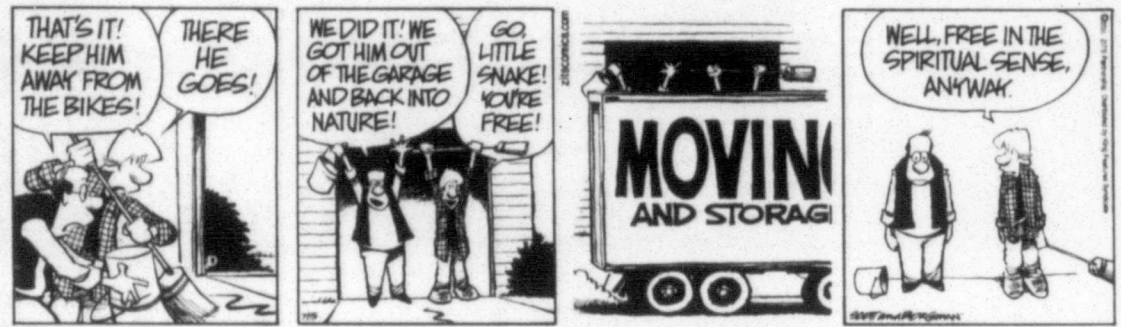
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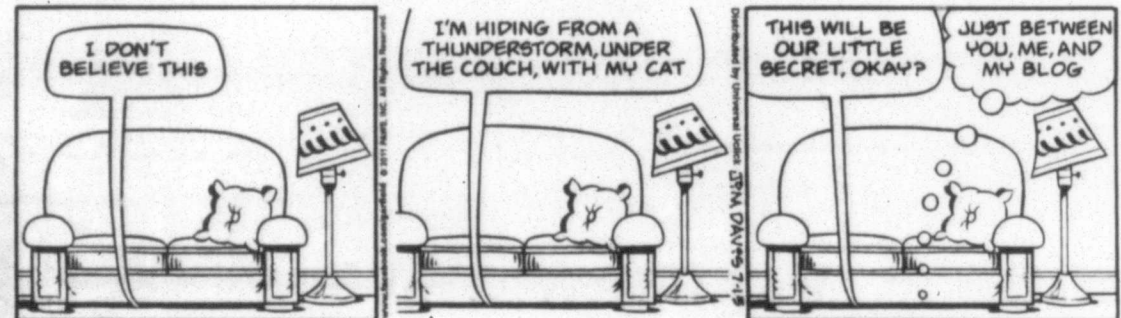
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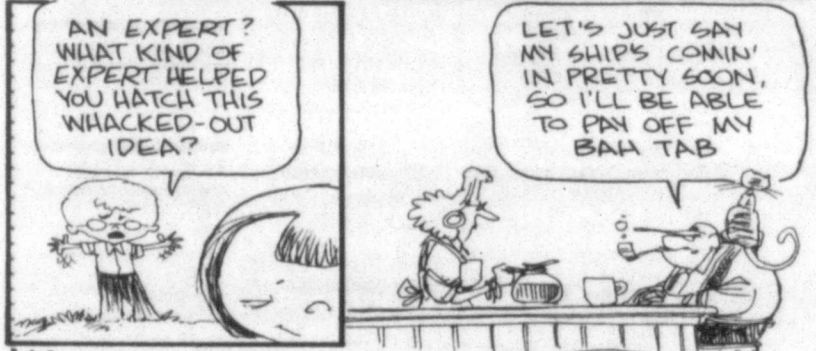
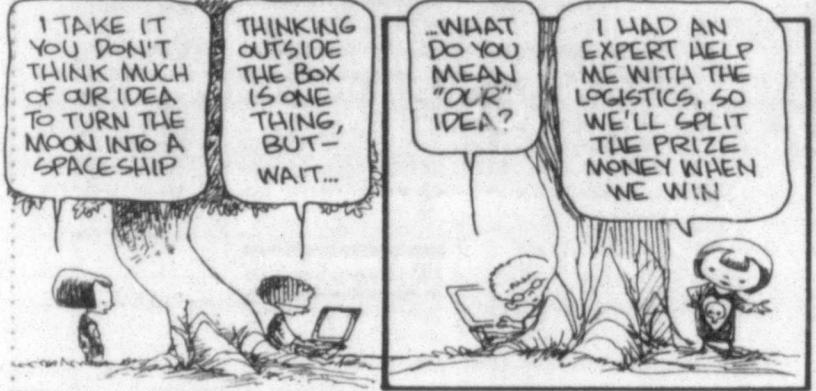
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, July 15, 2011:

This year, you seem to be able to be more vulnerable and open. You gain many insights through relating and identifying with others. The unexpected could impact your finances, awareness and a key relationship. You won't be bored, especially if you are attached. Be willing to take a leap of faith. If you are single, you meet people with ease, but they often want to become more involved than you desire. AQUARIUS helps you stabilize when dealing with key issues.

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)
 ★★ Go with a change of mood midday. A meeting in the morning gives you a sense of completion and direction. You know you have made good choices. A celebratory tone takes over in the p.m. Don't forget that special meeting. Tonight: Making the most of the moment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★★ You stretch to see and understand certain matters more completely. Choose to keep much of the insights you gain to yourself. Make a call in the afternoon. Reach out for a boss or authority figure. Take charge of a project in the evening. Tonight: A meeting could evolve into a party.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★ Keep talking with an associate or partner who will make all the difference once you see eye to eye. Mutual respect is a necessity here. Detach and let go of previous judgments. Ultimately, you will connect. Tonight: Go where there is music.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★ Realize when you have had enough and need to approach a situation differently. Certainly, you see how stubborn someone is being. Pushing will make this person's resistance even stronger. You know what you are doing. Trust your judgment. Tonight: Make plans with a special friend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★ An element of the unexpected runs through your afternoon. The timing seems to put you in the right mood to start the weekend. Make it a point to clear out as

much work as possible. Be open to a new technique or technology. Tonight: You could be amazed by all the suggestions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★ Others appreciate your unusual and upbeat ideas. Listen to what is being shared as a result. Appreciate the benefits of open exchange. You don't need to agree, but often ideas build on each other. Look to loosening your self-imposed structure. Is it all necessary? Tonight: Make it early.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★ You might choose to let others express more of their ideas. If you can avoid making an open judgment, all the better. Asking questions helps open up both your and others' thinking. Someone's spontaneity delights you on some level. Tonight: Say "yes" to the right invitation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★ Return calls and stay on top of communication. Use the afternoon to try out a new idea. Understand that a change could be surprising but also a little stressful, even for you! Tonight: Relax with a friend or co-worker.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★ Recognize that at a certain point you cannot do anything more about a financial situation. You cannot control all facets of this issue. Pick up the phone and return calls. Leave a fun call for last. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★ Continue the pace with an eye to achievement. Others respond well to you, especially in the morning. Sometimes your strength is overwhelming. Know when you have taken on too much! Tonight: Act on a fun idea involving your domestic life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★ Be smart -- do needed research without losing sight of your goal. Once you have a plan of action, you could be surprised by how quickly events and situations unfurl. Don't react to the unexpected; rather, work with it. Tonight: Put your signature on the night.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★ Place yourself where others can be found. Meetings take on additional power, as the collective seems to see eye to eye. Use the afternoon for a personal matter. You could be quite excited about what you are doing. Tonight: Not to be found.

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ON THE TUBE

Sprint Cup
Lenox Industrial Tools 301
1 p.m., Sunday

Nationwide Series
New England 200
3:30 p.m., Saturday

Truck Series
Coca-Cola 200
8 p.m., Saturday

BURNING ISSUES

► If a new business opens, it usually draws interest. If the crowds show up and the business is unprepared, it's hard to get patrons to return.

► In other words, to paraphrase Darrell Waltrip, Kentucky Speedway's got some "splining" to do.

► The race to get out of the track was quite a bit more competitive than the Quaker State 400 that preceded it.

► The initial reaction to the traffic nightmare was a bit tone-deaf on the part of track, NASCAR and political figures alike. Many seemed to be waiting in vain for the "S-word": sorry.

► A good deal of post-race finger-pointing went on. NASCAR officials said it was the track's responsibility. Track officials suggested they were responsible for traffic off the grounds and used the situation to lobby for improvements in infrastructure. Fans didn't care much for all the excuses.

► Kyle Busch dominated Kentucky Speedway's first Sprint Cup race, but track position was his greatest ally.

► In the three NASCAR national touring series, Busch has won 99 times, including 22 Cup victories.

► Kansas Speedway announced it will coat the 1.5-mile track in new pavement following its first race of 2012. The announcement was greeted with disappointment by most drivers.

► The new pavement will feature graduated and increased banking, which officials hope will offset the fact that new pavement often has the short-term effect of making passes more difficult.

2011 STANDINGS

Sprint Cup Series	Pts.
1. Kyle Busch	624
2. Carl Edwards	-4
3. Kevin Harvick	-10
4. Kurt Busch	-18
5. Jimmie Johnson	-19
6. Matt Kenseth	-22
7. Jeff Gordon	-71
8. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	-76
9. Ryan Newman	-86
10. Denny Hamlin	-95
11. Tony Stewart	-97
12. Clint Bowyer	-110

Nationwide Series	Pts.
1. Elliott Sadler	641
2. Reed Sorenson	-4
3. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	-27
4. Justin Allgaier	-43
5. Jason Leffler	-73
6. Aric Almirola	-88
7. Kenny Wallace	-109
8. Steve Wallace	-151
9. Mike Annett	-158
10. Brian Scott	-158

Camping World Truck Series	Pts.
1. Johnny Sauter	347
2. Cole Whit	-23
3. Austin Dillon	-25
4. James Buescher	-32
5. Parker Kligerman	-35
6. Ron Hornaday Jr.	-37
7. Timothy Peters	-39
8. Matt Crafton	-50
9. Joey Coulter	-55
10. Brendan Gaughan	-60



WHO'S HOT AND WHO'S NOT



Kyle Busch Bowyer

► **Who's hot:** Kyle Busch won in Cup and Trucks. ... He took the Cup points lead. ... David Reutimann's runner-up finish was easily his highlight of the season to date.

► **Who's not:** A late crash made Clint Bowyer's Chase position a bit precarious, but eight races remain in the regular season. ... Many fans had nightmarish experiences in the Kentucky Speedway traffic.



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SPRINT CUP

Race: Lenox Industrial Tools 301
Where: New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Loudon (1.058 mi.), 301 laps/318.458 miles.
When: Sunday, July 17.
Last year's winner: Jimmie Johnson, Chevy.
Qualifying record: Brad Keselowski, Dodge, 133.572 mph, Sept. 19, 2010.
Race record: Jeff Burton, Ford, 117.134 mph, July 13, 1997.
Last week: Kyle Busch drove his Toyota to a dominating victory at Kentucky Speedway's Sprint Cup debut. Busch joined Kevin Harvick as the season's second three-race winner and took over the points lead from Harvick, who fell to third behind Carl Edwards.

NATIONWIDE

Race: New England 200
Where: New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Loudon (1.058 mi.), 200 laps/211.6 miles.
When: Saturday, July 16.
Last year's winner: Kyle Busch, Toyota.
Qualifying record: Kevin Harvick, Chevy, 130.716 mph, May 11, 2001.
Race record: Kyle Busch, Toyota, 111.925 mph, June 27, 2009.
Last week: The 2010 series champion, Brad Keselowski, conserved enough fuel to keep Kevin Harvick at bay and win for the first time this season at Kentucky Speedway. An indistinct pit call cost Harvick dearly in the pursuit of his rival. Crew chief David Hyder instructed Harvick to pit, then changed the call after Harvick had slowed.

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK

Race: Coca-Cola 200 Presented by Hy-Vee
Where: Iowa Speedway, Newton (.875 mi.), 200 laps/175 miles.
When: Saturday, July 16.
Last year's winner: Austin Dillon, Chevy.
Qualifying record: Mike Skinner, Toyota, 137.052 mph, Sept. 5, 2009.
Race record: Mike Skinner, Toyota, 99.181 mph, Sept. 5, 2009.
Last week: Kyle Busch's victory at Kentucky Motor Speedway was his 98th in NASCAR's national touring series, and the Toyota driver would make it 99 two nights later in the Sprint Cup race. After missing the drivers' meeting, Busch drove to front from the back of the pack.

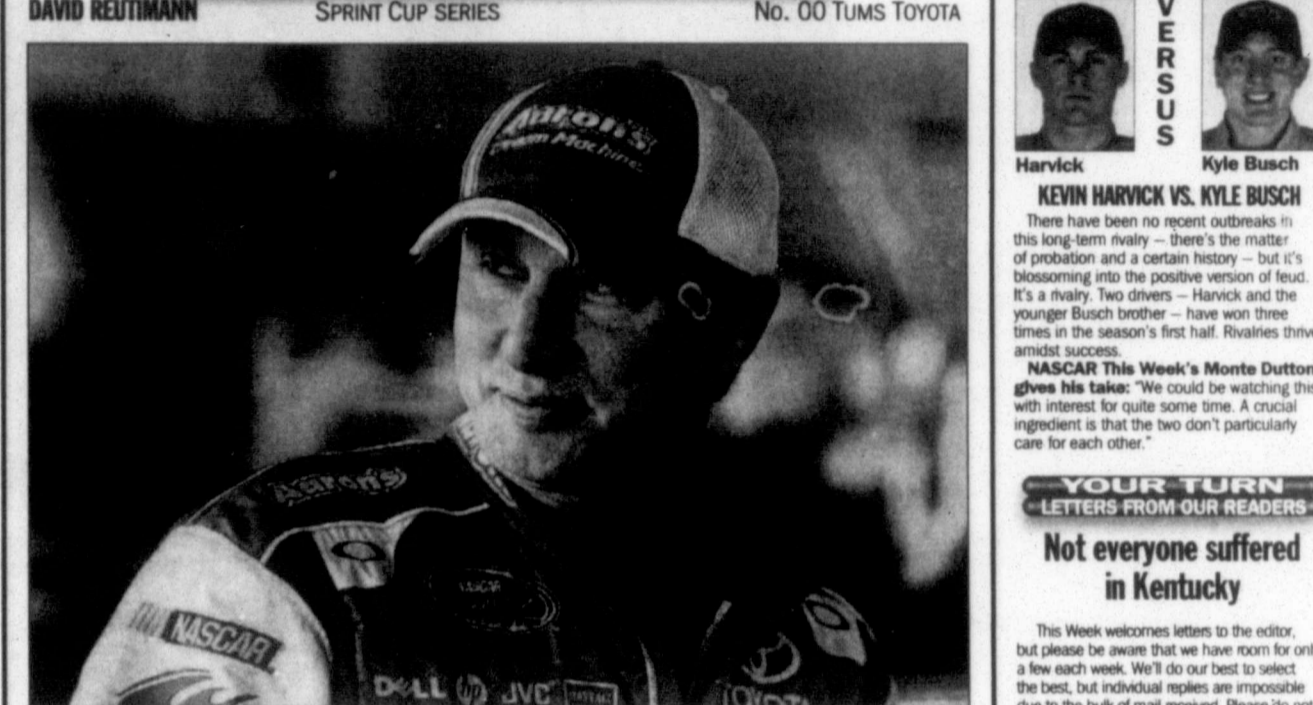
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IN THE SPOTLIGHT



David Reutimann finished second in this past weekend's Quaker State 400 at Kentucky Speedway in Sparta, Ky. John Clark/NASCAR This Week

Proud Moment For Reutimann

Florida native's push to second feels just like trip to Victory Lane

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

SPARTA, Ky. — Second place was almost a first, and who could blame David Reutimann for feeling that way after the inaugural Quaker State 400 at Kentucky Speedway?

Before roaring past five-time Sprint Cup champion Jimmie Johnson at the finish, Reutimann, who has two career Cup wins, had finished no better than ninth in 2011.

"We unfortunately have a bit of a history of being fast when it doesn't really matter," said Reutimann. "Tonight worked out where we were fast at the end of the race, which is evidently what you've got to do."

"Proud of my guys."

The 41-year-old Reutimann is from a racing family. His father, Buzzie, is a short-track legend. The Zephyrhills, Fla., native made his Cup debut on Oct. 15, 2001, at Charlotte Motor Speedway, and claimed his first victory at the same track on May 25, 2009. He followed up with a Chicagoland Speedway triumph on July 10, 2010.

Kentucky aside, Reutimann has struggled this year. He is 24th in the points standings, 201 behind current leader — and Kentucky winner — Kyle Busch. Reutimann trails 10th place — and one path to the Chase — by 106. With eight races to go, the odds are long, but his best chance is to win one race (preferably two) and get into the top 20 in points. He only trails the current occupant of 20th place, Joey Logano, by 46. Two Chase spots go to drivers on the basis of victories, but eligibility is limited to the top 20 in points at the end of the regular season, which is still eight races away.

"One thing about this sport," said Reutimann, "it changes every week. We seem to have been behind on things. We knew we were behind, but you just don't make changes overnight. Between the help of Toyota and their engineering staff, Toyota Racing Development, all the guys at Michael Waltrip Racing, guys being in the wind tunnel, working their guts out, finally got us a car, at least this weekend, we're closer to what we needed."

"Not that we've had bad cars in the past. The guys you're running against, their cars constantly evolving, changing things. We're trying to catch up sometimes."

Kentucky debut marred by problems

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

SPARTA, Ky. — What if they threw a huge party and nobody ... could get in? Bringing NASCAR to Kentucky Speedway on a grand scale also created traffic jams, closed exits off nearby I-75 and frustrated a sellout crowd that barely managed to get in by race time.

Some, in fact, never got in.

Traffic was gridlocked before noon, even though the Quaker State 400 didn't begin until approximately 7:50 p.m. Atlanta Motor Speedway President Ed Clark, whose track lost a Sprint Cup date so that this one could get one, pitched in to direct traffic outside Turn Two.

In words Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear likely came to regret, he said, "Kentucky is getting good at putting on major sporting events."

All the tickets were sold in advance, but when the race began, 5,000 seats or so were empty. Perhaps they consisted of fans who still hadn't managed to get in, and perhaps they were fans who got in, and went back home.

The toughest reality of all was that the 115,000 or so who eventually got in ... also had to get out.

To pave or not to pave — Jimmie Johnson

NUTS AND BOLTS

established some personal ground rules — or maybe surface rules — in light of news that Kansas Speedway is planning to repave next summer.

"My opinion is, if the owner/operator of that facility thinks the asphalt is going to come up, if it's going to cause a problem, affect the race, like what we saw at Daytona (500 in 2010), pave the track," said Johnson.

"Outside of that, leave this character on the track. I think the cars are so equal that we need the tracks to separate the field somehow."

"If we have perfectly smooth race tracks, plus grip, it's going to be a parade out there at 200 miles an hour."

Bumpy is controversial — Some suggested that they picked the wrong "K" for pavement. Some have criticized Kentucky Speedway for its bumpy turns while at the same time praising the Kansas track as having "perfect" pavement, at least for racing.

The Kansas plans call for somewhat radical change, with tapered, or graduated, banking supposedly offsetting the competition-stifling effect of a fresh coating. But Kentucky's current state has its proponents, too. Carl Edwards called the surface "great."

"This is the type of track we need to be racing on," he said. "A track that has character."

He added that it was "real dynamic."

Conditional approval — Tony Stewart's home, Columbus, Ind., is a 90-minute drive to Kentucky Speedway. As such, the veteran driver — and two-time Cup champion — is happy to see another race nearby.

But, Stewart said, "It's another mile-and-a-half, so it's not like we're seeing something totally new. We need less 'mile-and-a-halves' and more tracks that have their own characteristics that are not copied off of something else."

"It's still fun to be here, though."

Doubletalk illustrated — According to a media release, "In preparation for the inaugural NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race at Kentucky Speedway this weekend, competitors will participate in an extended practice [and] testing session ... to prepare for the Quaker State 400. During this session, teams and manufacturers have the opportunity to test the development of the electronic fuel injection (EFI) in the first official test on a NASCAR-sanctioned track."

FEUD OF THE WEEK

VERSUS

KEVIN HARVICK VS. KYLE BUSCH

There have been no recent outbreaks in this long-term rivalry — there's the matter of probation and a certain history — but it's blossoming into the positive version of feud. It's a rivalry. Two drivers — Harvick and the younger Busch brother — have won three times in the season's first half. Rivalries thrive amidst success.

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his take: "We could be watching this with interest for quite some time. A crucial ingredient is that the two don't particularly care for each other."

YOUR TURN

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Not everyone suffered in Kentucky

This Week welcomes letters to the editor, but please be aware that we have room for only a few each week. We'll do our best to select the best, but individual replies are impossible due to the bulk of mail received. Please do not send stamped and self-addressed envelopes with your letters, which should be addressed to: NASCAR This Week, The Gaston Gazette, P.O. Box 1538, Gastonia, N.C. 28053.

Dear NASCAR This Week,

We thoroughly enjoyed the inaugural Sprint Cup race at the Kentucky Speedway. We enjoyed the excellent weather and a wonderful race because, as experienced NASCAR fans, we took some precautions. Knowing the inaugural race would draw an overwhelming crowd, we left home very, very early that Saturday morning.

It's about a 3.5-hour drive from our house to the Kentucky Speedway. We were all set up with our canopy and folding chairs, sitting in the shade watching the huge armoring crowd by 11:30 a.m. ... Throughout that afternoon, we sat and watched as the volume of traffic continued unabated. We too couldn't imagine just where all those vehicles were going to be parked.

Much later, as the time for the start of the event came closer, we could still see stopped traffic. ... From our seats we could see a portion of ... I-75. Stopped traffic could be seen, cars, tour buses, all gridlocked as the green flag fell.

... Everyone can learn from this experience. Any inaugural NASCAR event like this one always draws an overwhelming crowd. Fans should anticipate and leave plenty early, expecting to encounter traffic problems. By us leaving early as we did, we had no problems and enjoyed a stellar NASCAR event.

David Qualkenbush
Huntingburg, Ind.

Thanks for telling us your story, David. We're glad you used your experience to good advantage and had a memorable experience at the track. As many noted, there's only one inaugural race.



FAN TIPS

A First For Biffle Family

Greg Biffle and his wife, Nicole, welcomed their first child, a baby girl, into the world on July 6. Emma Elizabeth weighed in at 7 pounds, 6 ounces, and was born just before 5 p.m. Both mother and daughter are doing well.

Dennis Bokemeier, 44, is the new president of Richmond International Raceway, succeeding Doug Fitz. Bokemeier previously served as vice president of consumer sales and marketing at Michigan International Speedway. He worked previously at Auto Club Speedway in Fontana and as manager of community relations for Anaheim Sports Inc., owners of what were then the Anaheim Angels of the American League and the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim in the National Hockey League.

LEGENDS AND LORE

One Lap Is Enough

Once upon a time, a driver led all 300 laps in a (now Sprint) Cup race at what is now known as New Hampshire Motor Speedway. On Sept. 17, 2000, Jeff Burton led every single lap in the Dura Lube 300. Burton started on the outside of the front row but took the lead from Bobby Labonte at the start. It was an experiment that failed. Concerned with safety following the deaths of Adam Petty and Kenny Irwin Jr. at the 1.058-mile oval, NASCAR officials required the use of carbonator restrictor plates on the flat track, and the result was to greatly limit the ability of drivers to pass. It marked the only time plates were used to slow the cars anywhere other than Daytona and Talladega.

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Open facilities help keep student athletes in game form

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When school gets out, the Harvesters' and Lady Harvesters' seasons end — but that doesn't mean they stop working. During the summer, the players are offered open courts throughout the week.

Senior guard Latigo Collins said he goes to open gyms on Tuesday and Thursday.

"We just get together to play some pick up games," Collins said. "It's a lot of fun. One game after another."

Collins said they start playing when they have enough players.

"The winner stays and the people sitting out pick up the next game," Collins said.

The senior guard said they usually just have high schoolers but welcome older kids.

"It's a little better competition to get people ready," Collins said.

Senior Kirsten Kuhn participated in both basketball and volleyball sessions. Kuhn said the basketball team is off for the month of July, but the volleyball team used it to scrimmage and other things.

"(The basketball team) have already been to team camp and played in tournaments during the summer," Kuhn said. "In volleyball open gym, we usually scrimmage or play Fastball."

"Yesterday we taught the freshmen the new defense we learned at Tony Graystone's camp."

Kuhn said the turnouts at open gyms vary.

"It's hard to get everyone here because everyone's vacations are at different times," Kuhn said.

Senior David Moore participates in the tennis open courts on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"We hit the ball and play matches," Moore said.

The senior said the haven't had a good turnout.

"We've only had three or four every week," Moore said.

Junior Logan Karbo said he wished more people would come.

"Hopefully more people will get practicing," Karbo said. "That way they will be ready for two-a-days."

Moore said the open courts helps get him in shape for the season.

"It helps keep my hitting good," Moore said.



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Senior David Moore participates in the tennis open courts on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Moore said the open courts helps get him in shape for the season. "It helps keep my hitting good," Moore said.

Mistrial declared in Clemens lying case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The judge declared a mistrial Thursday in baseball star Roger Clemens' perjury trial after prosecutors showed jurors evidence the judge had ruled out of bounds.

U.S. District Judge Reggie Walton said the prosecutors had made a grave mistake. And he said Clemens could not be assured a fair trial after jurors were shown evidence against the court's orders in the second day of testimony.

Walton scheduled a Sept. 2 hearing to determine whether to hold a new trial. He told jurors he was sorry to have wasted their time and spent so much taxpayer money, only to call off the case.

"There are rules that we play by and those rules are designed to make sure both sides receive a fair trial," Walton told the jury, saying such ground rules are critically important when a person's liberty is at stake.

"If this man got convicted, he would go to jail," Walton said.

He said that because prosecutors broke his rules, "the ability with Mr. Clemens with this jury to get a fair trial with this jury would be very difficult if not impossible."

Prosecutors suggested the problem could be fixed with an instruction to the jury to disregard the evidence, but Walton seemed skeptical. He said he could never know what impact the evidence would have during the jury's deliberations "when we've got a man's liberty at interest."

"I don't see how I un-ring the bell," he said.

Defense attorney Rusty Hardin patted an unsmiling Clemens on the back as the judge announced his decision. Clemens did not speak to reporters as he left the courtroom and made a telephone call in a private corner of the hallway.

Clemens and his lawyers remain under a court gag order and they declined to comment as they left the courthouse. Clemens hugged a couple of court workers, shook hands with the security guards and signed autographs and a couple of baseballs for fans.

"I'm not going to say anything," Clemens said, sounding frustrated at the mass of reporters and camera crews. He and his legal team ducked into a nearby restaurant to escape the horde of news people.

Walton interrupted the prosecution's playing of a video from Clemens' 2008 testimony before Congress and had the jury removed from the courtroom. Clemens is accused of lying during that testimony when he said he never used performance-enhancing drugs during his 24-season career in the Major Leagues.

One of the chief pieces of evidence against Clemens is testimony from his former teammate and close friend, Andy Pettitte, who says Clemens told him in 1999 or 2000 that he used human growth hormone. Clemens has said that Pettitte misheard him. Pettitte also says he told his wife, Laura, about the conversation the same day it happened.

Prosecutors had wanted to call Laura Pettitte as a witness to back up her husband's account, but Walton had said he wasn't inclined to have her testify since she didn't speak directly to Clemens.

Walton was angered that in the video prosecutors showed the jury, Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., referred to Pettitte's conversation with his wife.

"I think that a first-year law student would know that you can't bolster the credibility of one witness with clearly inadmissible evidence," Walton said.

He said it was the second time that prosecutors had gone against his orders — the other being an incident that happened during opening arguments Wednesday when assistant U.S. attorney Steven Durham said that Pettitte and two other of Clemens' New York teammates, Chuck Knoblauch and Mike Stanton, had used human growth hormone.

Build an arbor/swing combination

Dear Pat: We have a small backyard. I like to garden, and my children want a play area with a swing. Is there a way to incorporate these things together so we all get what we want? — Becky H.

Dear Becky: It can be difficult at times satisfying everyone's needs in a family — in particular, how to make the best use of your yard. A backyard is usually a safe, secure place for your children to play. Planting a garden will satisfy your needs and expose your children to nature.

You might consider building a combination swing set and arbor. The children can use a wide swing under the arbor, and the arbor will provide you with a location to do some gardening. It can also be a very attractive addition to your landscaping. Climbing flowering plants, such as clematis, would be ideal for your arbor.

Building a wide arbor with a swing in the center is a fairly simple do-it-yourself project. You should be able to purchase all the materials for it during one stop at your local home center store.

Don't scrimp on the size of the lumber used because it will have to support the weight of several children in addition to the climbing plants. Using 2x4s for the basic structure should be adequate, but 2x6s for the main side uprights would make it a bit more stable. Pressure-treated lumber is heavy, so you may need some help handling the heavier 2x6 lumber.

A strong basic design for an arbor uses two rectangular arches spaced about two feet apart. These are attached to long horizontal feet on each end, and the sides are covered with lattice panels. When custom sizing your arbor to your needs, try to make all the pieces multiples of 2-foot lengths. This will minimize scrap when you use standard 8-foot lumber.

Start by cutting one of the 2x6 (or 2x4) pieces of lumber in half to create two horizontal feet, which will rest on the ground. Feet that are 4 feet long should provide adequate stability. Drill holes in them 1 foot from each end.

Also drill holes near the ends of four vertical side-frame pieces. Bolt two side members to each of the feet using one-quarter-inch carriage

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bolts. Using a combination square, make sure they are perpendicular to the feet and parallel to each other. Screw some short braces from about one foot up on each side member to the feet. These will hold the side members in position and provide overall rigidity.

Next, make the top cross member to the width of your swing plus 2 feet of clearance. This can be made with three parallel 2x4s. The center 2x4 is used for mounting the swing so it is centered in the arbor. Use bracing

and blocking liberally between the top 2x4s, and bolt it securely to the side frames. Attach the swing and the lattice panels on the sides.

Drill five-eighths-inch holes through each end of the feet at a 45-degree angle into the ground. Hammer three-foot-long pieces of half-inch steel rebar through the holes into the ground for stability.

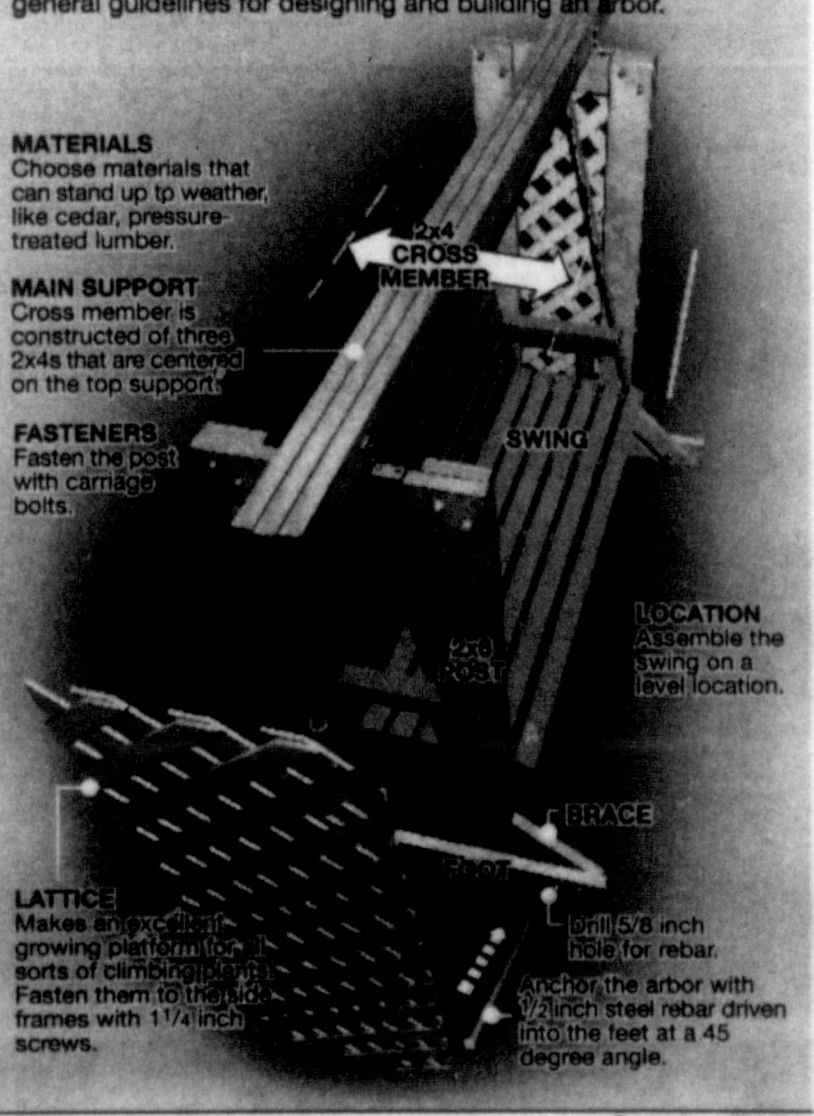
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