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The Top O' Texas Rodeo kicks off its 65th birthday with a bang
TOP LEFT: Mobeetie's C.W. Cathey pins down a calf during the calf roping competition. **TOP RIGHT: Brewster Guin** of Slaton competes in saddle bronc riding. **RIGHT: Jade Powell** of the Texas Panhandle Mounted Shooters performs a mounted shooting exhibition during a pre-rodeo show.

LEFT: Josh Hudson of Stephenville hangs on during the bareback bronc riding competition. **ABOVE: Nathan and Nelda Lancaster**, longtime Top O' Texas Rodeo attendees, enjoy some barbecue before the rodeo kicks off.

staff photos by Mollie Bryant

City session focuses on General Fund

MOLLIE BRYANT
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 The city's work session for the 2012 budget on Tuesday afternoon at City Hall focused on the General Fund. The fund includes departments that focus on infrastructure and city services, with the bulk of this balanced budget devoted to fire suppression and police services.
 Chief of Police Kelly Rushing went over the budget for police services. The department plans to replace some equipment and technology, including new base radios and repeaters. Rushing also reported that the police department will transition to narrow band radio by 2013.
 The Streets Department reported that it manages 137 paved roads and 90 alleys. It plans to spend \$20,000 on guardrail replacement, and also hopes to replace a vehicle.
 The Parks Department, which is responsible for 42 parks in Pampa, budgeted about \$15,000 for construction of park shelters, some of which will be paid out of the \$10,000 fund for picnic table replacement.
 The Recreation Department expects to spend \$28,000 on replacing a tractor.
 Animal Control's budget doesn't differ much from last year, but the City Commission is considering transporting a building, donated by Celanese, from a location near Pampa Junior High to the animal shelter. The building, estimated to cost about \$6,500, will provide a temporary solution to the overcrowding problem there.
 The Central Garage Department requires funds to maintain its fuel island and to replace its welding truck.
 The Solid Waste Collections Department plans to replace a truck.

Lovett Library to drop free inter-library loans

THE PAMPA NEWS
 A free service at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa is being eliminated this month due to state budgetary changes, said library director Misty Guy. Inter-library loan services at Lovett Memorial will no longer be free after Monday, Aug. 15, according to Guy.
 The change will be a departure from the no-charge ILL services afforded the local library's full-privilege cardholders the last several years. Charges for the service, Guy explained, have varied in the past as the service has evolved and funding has waxed and waned.
 After Aug. 15, an as yet undetermined flat-rate will be charged per item on all ILL requests submitted to the library. Payment in full will be required upon placing each request, Guy said.
 Not only will ILL no longer be free to Pampa patrons, but the system recently underwent a complete overhaul and a technological re-vamping, said Skyla Bryant, library staffer charged with taking ILL requests at Lovett Memorial Library.
 "Unfortunately, we are still trying to figure out and master the intricacies of this new system," Bryant said, adding **LIBRARY** cont. on page 3

Skinner attorney speaks on new execution date

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 Rob Owen, the lead attorney for convicted Pampa murderer Hank Skinner, has issued a statement regarding Skinner's new execution date of Nov. 9.
 "We are disappointed that District Attorney Switzer has sought and obtained an execution date in a transparent effort to put undue pressure on the federal courts to act quickly," said Owen, who has defended prisoners facing the death penalty since 1989.
 Skinner was sentenced to execution in 1995 for the murders of Twila Busby and her two mentally handicapped sons, Elwin Caler and Randy Busby, in Pampa two years prior. Less than an hour before his March 2010 execution date, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a stay to decide if Skinner could request the testing of DNA that wasn't tested at his original trial.
 The Supreme Court ultimately decided that Skinner could request the test, although it did not specifically rule on whether **OWEN** cont. on page 3



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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Saturday	Sunday
High 96 Low 68	High 89 Low 67	High 88 Low 68

Today: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 96. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tonight: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 68. Southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 89. East wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 67. East southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 88. Southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 68. South southeast wind around 15 mph.

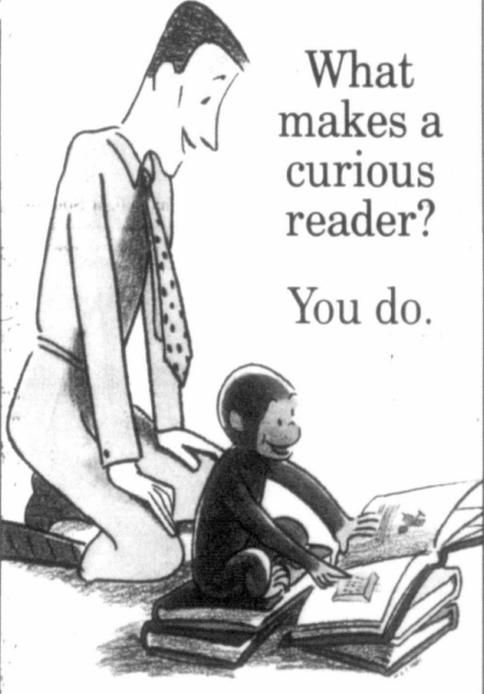
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Spokesman: Perry running for president

AUSTIN — Texas Gov. Rick Perry is running for president, a spokesman confirmed Thursday, a move certain to shake up the race for the GOP nomination much to the delight of conservatives looking for a candidate to embrace.

Perry spokesman Mark Miner said the governor would make his intentions known on Saturday while visiting South Carolina and New Hampshire just as most of his presidential rivals compete in a test vote in Iowa.

Official word of Perry's entrance into the race came just hours before eight candidates, including GOP front-runner Mitt Romney, were to appear on stage during a nationally televised debate.

It wasn't much of a surprise. The

longest-serving governor in Texas history has flirted with a presidential run since spring and has spent the past few months courting Republicans in early voting states and laying the groundwork for a campaign. He met privately with potential donors from California to New York and gave rabberousing speeches to party faithful, casting himself as a fiscally responsible social conservative.

His intentions became even clearer over the past few days when officials disclosed that he would visit an important trio of states, a campaign-like schedule timed to overshadow the debate and the Iowa straw poll and, perhaps, wreak havoc on a field led by Romney.

Unlike others in the race, Perry has

credibility with the at-times warring camps of the GOP's primary electorate. The pro-business tax-cutter who has presided over Texas' recent economic growth also is a devout social conservative with deep ties to some of the nation's evangelical leaders and Christians who dominate the pivotal Iowa caucuses.

But Perry also has never run a national campaign before, and it's unclear whether his Texas swagger and contemplation of state secession will sit well with GOP primary voters outside his state. Also an open question is whether he can raise the money necessary to mount a strong campaign against those who have been in the race for months or more.

Obituaries

Carl Baumgardner, 77

Carl Baumgardner, 77, died August 10, 2011, in Pampa.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, August 13, 2011, at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Barry Owens, associate pastor of First Baptist Church, and Dr. Jeff Knighton, pastor of First Christian Church, officiating.

Entombment will be at Memory Gardens Mausoleum under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Baumgardner was born December 22, 1933, in Pine, Mo. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1950, graduating from Pampa High School that same year. He retired from Phillips Pipeline Company as a district gauger in 1995 and served on the Phil-Pet Credit Union board for 17 years. He married Helene Madeira on January 2, 1997. Carl was a longtime member of both First Baptist Church and the Everyman's Bible Class, and First Christian Church and the Bethany Bible Class. He was a member of the National Rifle Association and the Pampa Senior Citizens.

Survivors include his wife, Helene M. Baumgardner of the home; a daughter, Joan Scott of Mineral Wells; three sons, Robert Madeira, Bill Madeira and Terry Madeira, all of the Houston area; two brothers, Elvy Baumgardner and wife Loretta of Lake Worth, and Eugene Baumgardner and wife Shirley of West Plains, Mo.; two grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whately.com.



Baumgardner

Linda Jernigan Bridgeman, 59

Linda Jernigan Bridgeman, 59, died August 9, 2011, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, August 13, 2011, in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor of Central Baptist Church, and Rev. Brian Taylor, associate pastor of Cornerstone Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery

Mrs. Bridgeman was born February 9, 1952, in Pampa and graduated from Lefors High School in 1970. She married Bill Bridgeman on November 21, 1970, in Lefors. She was a member of Central Baptist Church. Linda was a loving, caring and devoted mother and grandmother.

Survivors include three daughters, Vonnie Bridgeman of Pampa, Chel Smith and husband Mikel Walser of Amarillo, and April Brister and husband Beryle of Newark; two brothers, John Arthur Jernigan of Massachusetts and Jim Jernigan of Lefors; sister-in-law, Jo Jernigan of Pampa; sister, Oweda Nordby and husband Gary of Washington; two stepbrothers, Jack Rose of McLean and Eddie Rose of Palestine; stepdaughter, Brandy Hayes and husband Mike of Oklahoma; 11 grandchildren. Linda was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Billy Jernigan, Keith Jernigan and Joe Jernigan; and two sisters, Joyce Collins and Clarice Clarey.

Memorials may be made to Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whately.com.



Bridgeman

For the record

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24 hour period ending Wednesday, August 10 at 7 a.m.

Pampa PD reported 22 traffic related incidents.

Animal Control agents and Pampa PD responded to 14 animal related incidents.

Pampa EMS, Pampa Fire Department, Pampa PD, and the Lefors Volunteer EMS responded to 12 medical calls.

Tuesday, August 9
The police reported an accident at the 2200 block of North Price.

Disorderly conduct was reported at 23rd and Rosewood.

A theft was reported.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 500 block of North Frost.

A theft occurred at the 1100 block of South Neel.

Criminal trespassing was reported.

An accident occurred at the 600 block of Red Deer.

Police reported found property at the 400 block of North Yeager.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 500 block of North Starkweather.

Criminal mischief was reported at the 900 block of South Barnes.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 400 block of Yeager.

Criminal mischief was reported.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 500 block of North Frost.

A narcotics violation occurred.

Harassment was reported at the 1300 block of North Russell.

An assault was reported at the 700 block of East Malone.

Police investigated alarms at the 1900 block

of North Nelson, the 100 block of South Cuyler, the 200 block of North Gray, the 600 block of North Hobart, the 200 block of East Brown, and the 800 block of West Kingsmill.

The fire department reported power lines down at Highway 70 and Loop 171.

The fire department investigated a fire alarm at the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Police investigated an alarm at the 2500 block of North Beech.

An accident occurred at Starkweather and Craven.

Police investigated an alarm at the 100 block of North Cuyler.

The fire department investigated a fire at the 1900 block of North Lea and the 1000 block of South Christy.

A theft occurred at the 400 block of Yeager.

A threat was reported at the 2100 block of North Williston.

A burglary was reported at the 1900 block of North Banks.

Wednesday, August 10
A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 1600 block of East Highway 60.

Police investigated a welfare check at the 400 block of Yeager.

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

Police reported 21 traffic related incidents.

Animal Control agents responded to 18 animal related incidents.

Pampa EMS and the fire department responded to 9 medical calls.

Wednesday, August 10
Police investigated an alarm at the 1900 block of Fir.

A burglary occurred at the 1100 block of South Neel.

Fraud was reported at the 4000 block of Bad Cattle Company.

The fire department investigated a fire alarm at the 1900 block of North Nelson.

An accident occurred at Brown and Cuyler.

The fire department reported power lines down at the 1000 block of East Fisher.

Police reported found property at the 1000 block of East Darby.

A domestic disturbance was reported at the 1100 block of Sierra.

Fraud was reported.

Criminal mischief was reported at the 2600 block of North Sumner.

Criminal trespassing was reported at the 600 block of North West.

A threat was reported at the 100 block of Panhandle.

Domestic disturbances were reported at the 900 block of South Barnes and the 1100 block of North Christine.

Criminal mischief was reported at the 700 block of Murphy.

A domestic disturbance was reported at the 900 block of East Barnard.

Police investigated a welfare check at the 700 block of East Murphy.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 300 block of North Perry.

Criminal mischief was reported at the 200 block of North Sumner.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 900 block of North Banks.

A suspicious person was reported at the 700 block of East Frederic.

A domestic disturbance was reported at the 2600 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 1100 block of North Christ.

A domestic disturbance was reported at the 100 block of West Albert.

Thursday, August 11
Police investigated an alarm at the 2700 block of Cherokee.

Domestic disturbances were reported at the 1800 block of North Wells and the 1200 block of East Kingsmill.

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Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 24 hour period ending Wednesday, August 10 at 7 a.m.

Tuesday, August 9
Victoria Lynn Swigert, 37, was arrested by deputies on charges of capias pro fines times two, driving while intoxicated, no motor vehicle insurance, and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Daniel Duran Montero, 24, was arrested by deputies for driving while intoxicated with a plea to reckless driving.

Kimberly Dawn Crawford, 38, was arrested by deputies for fraud.

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The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests for the 24 hour period ending Thursday, August 11 at 7 a.m.

Wednesday, August 10
Landon Wren Powell, 17, was arrested by police on charges of a violation of a protective order.

Thursday, August 11
James Donald Laden, 43, was arrested by police for marijuana possession.

Jason Collin Harlan, 30, was arrested by police on charges of resisting arrest, burglary of a habitat, and attempting to take a weapon from a peace officer.

AFTERNOONRUSH Plant will turn sewage into drinking water

Houston to limit water use

HOUSTON (AP) - Mayor Annise Parker says Houston may enact mandatory water restrictions as early as next week because of the drought.

Parker said Wednesday that the city is "coming closer and closer to a Stage 2 water conservation, which is mandatory."

That would require residents to water their lawns no more than twice a week, ban car washing and impose other restrictions, including forcing homeowners to repair water leaks on their property within 72 hours.

Parker told the *Houston Chronicle* that those who violate the restrictions would be fined, though she did not elaborate on the amount.

Parker said Houston implemented voluntary restrictions on water usage, which it calls Stage 1, back in June, to maintain needed water pressure in city lines.

Carlsbad near critical situation

CARLSBAD, N.M. (AP) - It's so dry around Carlsbad that the city is nearing a critical water situation and is even close to exceeding its 10-year water rights established by the state.

City Administrator Harry Burgess tells the Current Argus strict water restrictions may have to be implemented in the coming months.

Burgess says people need to cut back on their water use to prevent the city from having to go to mandatory water rationing.

The city has already reduced the water schedule at city parks and Burgess says water used on the city golf course is reclaimed water and not drinking water.

Commission to boost incentives

AUSTIN (AP) - The Texas Film Commission has decided to boost incentives to attract more video game jobs.

Commission director Evan Fitzmaurice says the change, effective Aug. 28, will bring incentives for the gaming industry to the same level offered for film and television projects.

The *Austin American-Statesman* reported Wednesday that video game companies can apply for reimbursement of up to 15 percent of eligible in-state spending paid to Texas residents. The previous reimbursement rate was 5 percent.

California-based Electronic Arts last month announced plans to expand its EA Sports division and add 300 jobs in the Austin area, bringing its total to about 750 positions. EA Sports developed games including "Madden NFL" and "FIFA Soccer."

Sheriff won't investigate nudity

WOODWARD, Okla. (AP) - An Oklahoma sheriff won't investigate reports that a woman stripped at a charity golf event in Woodward last month because no one called his office to complain.

Sheriff Gary Stanley says that until someone files a complaint, the matter is a victimless incident.

Elks Lodge No. 1355 hosted a fundraiser at the city-owned Boiling Springs Golf Course. The event chairman said a volunteer stripped naked as part of a putting green challenge but was not asked to do so. Woodward city leaders were upset.

The firm that operates the course said it was not responsible for what happened. An official with the firm said the woman didn't go onto the course nude, and told *The Oklahoman* newspaper that expecting such behavior later would be like "predicting lightning."

Port Arthur marina gets \$7.5M

PORT ARTHUR (AP) - A Southeast Texas marina devastated by Hurricane Ike's storm surge has been awarded \$7.5 million to help rebuild.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency on Wednesday said the funds will benefit Port Arthur's Pleasure Island Marina.

FEMA says the money will help pay to restore docks and replace nearly 300 boat slips damaged in the September 2008 hurricane.

The federal government will pay 90 percent of the project, with the grant provided to Texas to be forwarded to organizers of the project.

Ike has been described, by Texas leaders, as the costliest natural disaster in state history with at least \$29 billion in damage. More than three dozen people died.

13,500 arrest warrants recalled

AUSTIN (AP) - A Travis County justice of the peace has recalled 13,500 misdemeanor arrest warrants because of what he calls inequities in how they were executed.

The warrants were issued for people who committed Class C misdemeanors and then failed to pay fines or appear in court. None of the violations are punishable by jail time, but failing to pay the fine could land the suspect in jail.

Precinct Two Judge Glenn Bass said he had learned that some defendants were allowed to set up payment plans, while others were not.

Bass said he decided to recall all the warrants so that everyone would be

Palin to resume bus tour

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) - Former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin plans to visit the Iowa State Fair on Friday on the eve of the leadoff caucus state's GOP presidential straw poll and in the wake of a Republican debate at Iowa State University.

Palin says in an email to supporters she is resuming her summer bus travels to iconic U.S. destinations with a stop at the fair. The visit to the early voting state comes as most declared Republican presidential candidates will be in Iowa, and as Texas Gov. Rick Perry is expected to enter the race and visit.

Palin's visits to Iowa, including one in June and one planned for Sept. 3, have stoked speculation she is eyeing a 2012 presidential bid, although she has done none of the groundwork there others have.

FORT WORTH (AP) - In parched West Texas, it's often easier to drill for oil than to find new sources of water.

So after years of diminishing water supplies made even worse by the second-most severe drought in state history, some communities are resorting to a plan that might have seemed absurd a generation ago: turning sewage into drinking water.

Construction recently began on a \$13 million water-reclamation plant believed to be the first of its kind in Texas. And officials have worked to dispel any fears that people will be drinking their neighbors' urine, promising the system will yield clean, safe water. Some residents are prepared to put aside any squeamishness if it means having an abundant water supply.

"Any water is good water, as far as I'm concerned," said Gary Fuqua, city manager in Big Spring, which will join the cities of Midland, Odessa and Stanton in using the water.

When the water finally reaches the tap, Fuqua said, its origin is "something I wouldn't think about at all."

Similar plants have been operating for years in Tucson, Ariz., parts of California and in other countries. Water experts predict other American cities will follow suit as they confront growing populations, drought and other issues.

"It's happening all over the world," said Wade Miller, executive director of the WaterReuse Association based outside Washington. "In some places ... resources are down to very low levels, and this is one of the few resources available."

The Colorado River Municipal Water District in West Texas began considering a wastewater recycling plant back in 2000 and broke ground last month on the facility in Big Spring, about 100 miles southeast of Lubbock. When finished late next year, it should supply 2 million gallons of water a day.

The timing couldn't be better. This year's drought has made a bone-dry region even drier, causing crops to

wither and animals and fish to die off by the thousands.

At least one of the three reservoirs in West Texas may dry up if the drought persists through next year, as climatologists have predicted could happen. That means the district's water supply could be reduced from 65 million gallons a day to 45 million, said John Grant, the water district's general manager.

"We have limited water supplies in Texas, and you have to turn to other sources of water," Grant said.

The new system could actually improve the taste of the region's water by removing the minerals and salt that give it a distinctive briny flavor, he added.

The idea to recycle sewage isn't new. Fort Worth and other cities across the nation have long used treated wastewater to water grass and trees and irrigate crops. But the new treatment plant in West Texas will be the first in the state to provide drinking water.

Astronauts aboard the International Space Station have been drinking recycled urine and sweat since 2009 - and consistently given the water good reviews.

For years, NASA had been working on equipment that would enable astronauts to recycle their wastewater for drinking, cooking and bathing. The system was launched to the space station in late 2008, and it took several months to conduct enough tests - in orbit and on the ground - to ensure the water was safe to consume.

Since the space shuttle fleet was retired last month, the space station's recycling system is needed more than ever. Shuttles can't deliver fresh water, and the agency says astronauts will need such recycling systems on future missions to an asteroid and Mars.

But some earth-bound people still need a little convincing.

"It just doesn't sound very right, does it?" asked Liz Faight of Odessa. "I don't want to drink it."

Still, she had confidence that

any public health concerns would be addressed long before the water arrives in the cities.

"I feel they would not do this and it be an unsafe practice," she said.

The slightest suggestion of urine in drinking water can make people uneasy.

In June, officials in Portland, Ore., sent 8 million gallons of treated drinking water down the drain after a man was caught on a security camera urinating into a reservoir. City leaders said they didn't want to distribute water laced, however infinitesimally, with urine.

The wastewater recycling process is long and complex. The first steps remove salt and impurities such as viruses and even traces of medicine. Then the wastewater is channeled into a lake or reservoir, where it's blended with fresh water and eventually gets pumped into a water-treatment facility. There, it undergoes several more rounds of cleaning, disinfection and testing before finally reaching home faucets.

When the project was presented several years ago, there were no major protests during public hearings, Grant said. Most people don't mind the idea once they understand that the treated water is safe to drink, he said.

"Folks out here have accepted it because they understand what the value of water is," Grant said.

In California, the West Basin Municipal Water District in southwest Los Angeles County started treating wastewater in the 1990s because it had been importing 80 percent of its water. Using recycled water has not only cut down on importing costs but also helped the environment by eliminating the need to dump sewage in the ocean, officials said.

In Orange County, Calif., a similar project started several years ago now provides 70 million gallons a day of water that is considered nearly as pure as distilled, Miller said.

San Diego is also studying the idea.

Nearly 1 million acres burned in Arizona

PHOENIX (AP) — Arizona is closing in on nearly 1 million burned acres of grass and timber this year and has already set a record for charred acreage.

The *Arizona Republic* reports a fire burning near the Grand Canyon has pushed the total acreage blackened by wildfires in 2011 to an all-time high of 981,748, surpassing the previous mark of 975,178 acres in 2005.

Weather forecasters with the Southwest Coordination Center, a multiagency emergency task force, said the destructive wildfires stem from extremely dry weather and windy conditions that fed several monster fires that tore through hundreds of thousands of acres of forest and grasslands.

"As early as last fall, we were saying conditions were

consistent with some of the largest fire seasons of the past 30 to 50 years," said Chuck Maxwell, a Southwest Coordination Center meteorologist.

"The fact that this became the top (year) is not a big surprise."

The fires burning in the state now are mostly monsoon-storm-sparked fires adding to the burned acreage numbers. The latest fires have been less destructive because of humidity and moisture from the storms.

In late May when the Wallow Fire ignited in the White Mountains of eastern Arizona, high-wind and extreme low-humidity warnings were in effect.

The combination turned what was a small, human-caused fire into a fast-running blaze that spread into New Mexico.

Owen

or not he would be granted the test itself. That decision has yet to be made.

"When the Supreme Court sent Mr. Skinner's case back to the federal district court in Amarillo for further review, it did so expecting that the important and complex issues it presents would receive the full and thorough hearing they deserve," said Owen. "No one's interests will be served by rushing to a decision under the pressure of a looming execution."

"Regrettably, in their race to execute Hank Skinner before all the facts are known, state officials are ignoring a broad consensus in Texas and elsewhere that DNA evidence should be tested when it is available and where — as here — such testing might well prevent the execution of an innocent man. Instead of wasting yet more taxpayer dollars on its 11-year-long campaign to block the testing of this critically important

scientific evidence, the State should be leading the search for the truth."

Skinner is not Owen's first high-profile client, nor is Owen a stranger

to arguing in front of the Supreme Court. Owen, who also teaches at the School of Law at the University of Texas at Austin, has won two death

penalty cases in front of the nation's highest court: *Tennard v. Dretke* in 2004 and *Abdul-Kabir and Brewer v. Quarterman* in 2007.

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White Deer ISD Accountability Ratings

White Deer ISD is pleased to announce that the district received a "Recognized" State Accountability rating. Across the state there were only 422 districts out of 1228 districts that were "Recognized" by the state. The White Deer Elementary/JH campus also achieved "Exemplary" status again this year. Congratulations to Mrs. Lynch, campus principal, and all of her staff! It was much harder to accomplish a Recognized and Exemplary rating this year compared to last year.

White Deer ISD also received a "Meets AYP" Federal Accountability rating for the district and all campuses. Across the state, only fifty percent of the districts received a "Meets AYP" rating. Across the state, there was also a significant drop in the number of campuses that received a "Meets AYP" rating.

Superintendent, Karl Vaughn, recognizes that with the transition from TAKS to the new assessments (STAAR) that the bar must be raised substantially to prepare students to be successful. To that end, the superintendent is especially pleased with the quality of staff members who will be making the difference in the lives of students in the classroom and other extracurricular programs outside the classroom. Each new year always brings new excitement with it and this year is no exception. Our Cross Country competitors are meeting every morning at 6:00 am to work out and then the football players are on the field shortly afterward until noon. Later on each day our Buck Band students are already practicing their half-time marching show. Last Friday, they performed a short concert for the superintendent and they sounded awesome! With a great student body, wonderful parent and community support, and a top-notch staff, the 2011-12 school year promises to be an exciting and successful year.

White Deer ISD is now taking transfers! For more information please call 806-883-2311.

Library

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that under the new system the pool of libraries has changed drastically, which in turn affects the library's ability to procure requested materials.

For any questions or for more information, contact the library at 806-669-5780.

Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Friday, Aug. 12, the 224th day of 2011. There are 141 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 12, 1981, IBM introduced its first personal computer, the model 5150, at a press conference in New York. The 5150 that was presented had an Intel 8088 microprocessor running at 4.77 MHz (megahertz), 16 kB (kilobytes) of random-access memory (RAM), no disk drives, and a price tag of \$1,565 (allowing for inflation, that would be nearly \$4,000 today).

On this date:

In 1867, President Andrew Johnson sparked a move to impeach him as he defied Congress by suspending Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton.

In 1898, fighting in the Spanish-American War came to an end.

In 1911, actor-comedian Cantinflas was born Fortino Mario Alfonso Moreno Reyes in Mexico City.

In 1941, Marshal Henri Philippe Petain, head of the government of Vichy France, called on his countrymen to give full support to Nazi Germany.

In 1944, during World War II, Joseph P. Kennedy Jr., eldest son of Joseph and Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy, was killed with his co-pilot when their explosives-laden Navy plane blew up over England.

In 1953, the Soviet Union conducted a secret test of its first hydrogen bomb.

In 1960, the first balloon communications satellite - the Echo 1 - was launched by the United States from Cape Canaveral.

In 1962, one day after launching Andrian Nikolayev into orbit, the Soviet Union also sent up cosmonaut Pavel Popovich; both men landed safely Aug. 15.

In 1978, Pope Paul VI, who had died Aug. 6 at age 80, was buried in St. Peter's Basilica.

In 1985, the world's worst single-aircraft disaster occurred as a crippled Japan Air Lines Boeing 747 on a domestic flight crashed into a mountain, killing 520 people. (Four people survived.)

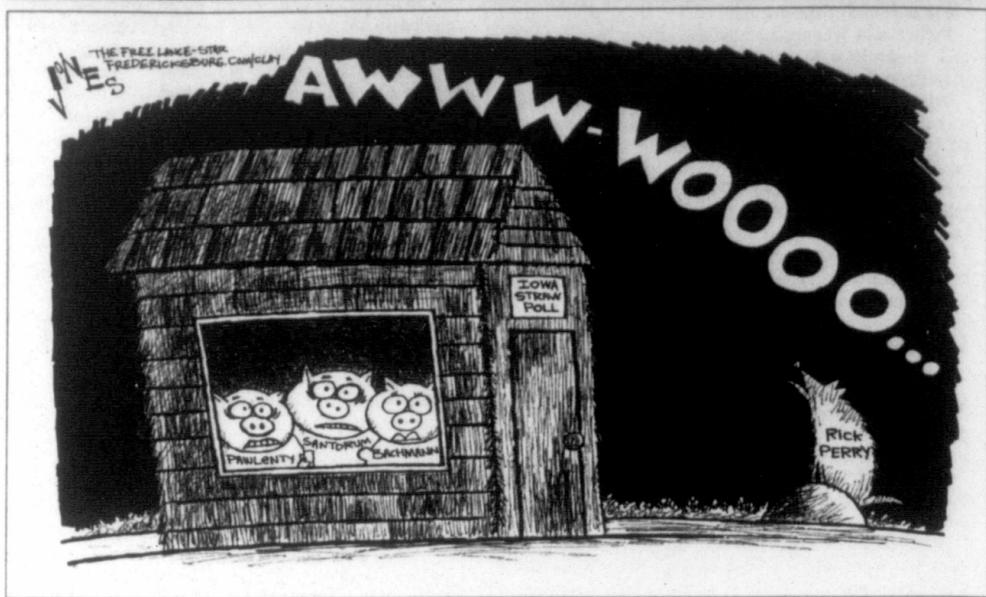
Ten years ago: A suicide bomber blew himself up on the patio of a restaurant near the northern Israeli coastal town of Haifa, killing himself and wounding 21 people.

Five years ago: Thousands of people gathered across from the White House, even though President George W. Bush was out of town, to condemn U.S. and Israeli policies in the Middle East.

One year ago: General Motors Co. chief Ed Whitacre announced he was stepping down as CEO on Sept. 1, 2010, saying his mission was accomplished as the company reported its second straight quarterly profit. (Whitacre was succeeded as CEO by GM board member Daniel Akerson.)

Today's Birthdays: Actor George Hamilton is 72. Actress Dana Ivey is 70. Actress Jennifer Warren is 70. Rock singer-musician Mark Knopfler (Dire Straits) is 62. Actor Jim Beaver is 61. Singer Kid Creole is 61. Jazz musician Pat Metheny is 57. Actor Sam J. Jones is 57. Actor Bruce Greenwood is 55. Pop musician Roy Hay (Culture Club) is 50. Actor Peter Krause is 46. Actress Yvette Nicole Brown is 40. Actress Rebecca Gayheart is 40. Actor Casey Affleck is 36. Actress Maggie Lawson is 31. Actress Dominique Swain is 31. Actress Imani Hakim ("Everybody Hates Chris") is 18.

Thought for Today: "Computers are like Old Testament gods; lots of rules and no mercy." Joseph Campbell, American writer (1904-1987)



A straw poll can lead to the presidency

Why Iowa? It was the 29th state to be admitted to the Union, it is the 30th state in population, it has given the nation Grant Wood's "American Gothic" and Meredith Willson's "The Music Man." It has long been the nation's number one corn- and hog-producing state.

But nothing in the Constitution says that Iowa gets to vote for president before any other state. It just does. For years, Iowa like many states had precinct caucuses that elected delegates to county conventions, which in turn elected delegates to the state convention, which then elected delegates to the national convention.

No one paid much attention to the precinct caucuses until 1972. But that year, Sioux City antiwar activist Alan Baron, seeking to capitalize on Iowa's traditional dovishness, promoted a poll of those attending the precinct caucuses. Vietnam War opponent George McGovern finished a strong second to party frontrunner Edmund Muskie and went on to win the Democratic nomination.

Four years later, a former Georgia governor traipsed through Iowa's 99 counties, staying in folks' homes and making the bed in the morning. He finished second in the Iowa straw poll, won the Democratic nomination and became President Jimmy Carter.

Iowa Republicans got into the act later. In 1979, they took a straw poll at a political fundraiser. The surprise winner was George Bush, former Texas congressman and CIA director, who came in slightly ahead of Ronald Reagan. Candidates considered moderate -- Bush, Tennessee Sen. Howard Baker, Illinois Rep. John Anderson -- won most of the votes.

This straw poll proved to be an accurate predictor of the precinct caucuses in winter 1980. Bush again

came in first, ahead of Ronald Reagan. I remember walking with him the morning after in the Des Moines snow, as he claimed he had "Big Mo" -- momentum.

It wasn't enough to carry him to victory in the New Hampshire primary or give him the presidential nomination. But without this victory in Iowa, it's inconceivable that the George Bushes, father and son, would have been president or vice president for 20 of the next 28 years.

The Iowa Republican Party that backed George Bush changed markedly in the 1980s. Iowa Republicans had been mainstays of the moderate wing of the Republican Party. Gerald Ford named Iowa's Mary Louise Smith Republican National Chairman, and Smith, a backer of Planned Parenthood and supporter of the Equal Rights Amendment, was typical of the college-educated wives of professionals who dominated its ranks.

But the 1980s were tough times for Iowa and for Iowa Republicans. Farm prices sagged, the state lost population, and its longstanding penchant for isolationism and dovishness made it unsympathetic to Ronald Reagan's defense buildup.

People like Mary Louise Smith gravitated toward the Democratic Party. Iowa was the sixth most Democratic state in the 1984 presidential election, the second most Democratic in 1988.

In those years, religious conservatives became the dominant force in Iowa Republican politics. This was apparent when televangelist Pat

Robertson won the 1987 Ames straw poll and came in a strong second to farm-stater Bob Dole in the 1988 precinct caucuses. Bush, the 1980 winner, ran a poor third.

Iowa didn't pick the Republican nominee that year, but it did in 1996, when Bob Dole and Phil Gramm tied for the lead in the straw poll and Dole won the caucuses. In 2000, George W. Bush built a strong organization and with his strong pro-life stand won the straw poll and the precinct caucuses.

Mitt Romney followed Bush's strategy in 2008, campaigning hard in 99 counties as an abortion opponent. He won the straw poll but lost the precinct caucuses, in which 60 percent of attendees called themselves religious conservatives, to "Christian conservative" Mike Huckabee.

Caucus turnout declined in most Iowa rural counties between 1988 and 2008, but it rose sharply in Des Moines's Polk County and the seven adjoining counties. Country churches were replaced by metropolitan megachurches as generators of turnout.

You can see the change by the location of candidates' headquarters. They used to be clustered in Des Moines, near the affluent neighborhood where people like Mary Louise Smith lived. Now they're out in the suburbs, convenient to freeways and megachurches.

And so on Saturday some 15,000 to 25,000 Iowans in a state of 3 million will travel to Ames and pay a \$30 fee that may determine who will be president of a nation of 311 million.



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The real political spectrum: top to bottom

As Lily Tomlin noted, "No matter how cynical you get, it's almost impossible to keep up."

Many of us view the deficit ceiling brouhaha between the Obama White House and the laissez-faire extremists in the Republican House as some combination of farce and fiasco. So much political playacting around a made-up deficit "crisis" in order to avoid dealing with the real deficit that's crushing America's middle class and draining the lifeblood from our economy: the jobs deficit.

But wait -- before I could work out my anger over that fiasco, here came an even more incredible farce. Last Friday, a Wall Street credit rating firm, Standard & Poor's, thrust itself onto the national stage by arrogantly, recklessly and wrongly downgrading the sovereign credit status of the United States of America from AAA to AA+.

Let's you think that this is an unimpeachable judgment by solid financial experts with no private agenda, you might recall that S&P geniuses had bestowed AAA ratings on hundreds of billions of dollars worth of subprime-mortgage investment packages that turned out to be, in Wall Street's lingo, "toxic waste." These packages precipitated the financial crash of 2008. Thanks, S&P!

Oh, well, mistakes are made, right? Yes, and often. S&P professional assessors had also judged Lehman Brothers to be a highly rated investment, when -- poof -- Lehman suddenly went bankrupt. Imagine the surprise of investors who had trusted S&P's seal of approval.

This outfit has less credibility than

the government it has immodestly chosen to downgrade. Indeed, in its assessment of U.S. creditworthiness, S&P made another little error -- a \$2 trillion miscalculation in deficit math that should have altered its negative conclusion. The company admitted its error, but humility is not a trait that's in S&P's genetic code, so -- damn the evidence -- it downgraded the U.S. anyway.

Company honchos explained their unprecedented move this way: "The downgrade reflects our opinion that the fiscal consolidation plan that Congress and the administration recently agreed to falls short of what, in our view, would be necessary to stabilize the government's medium-term debt dynamics."

Notice two key phrases there: "our opinion" and "in our view." What we have here is not a factual judgment, but a blatant political play by and for financial elites to impose their laissez-faire extremism on government policy. Specifically, this document is part and parcel of the push by right-wing corporatists to force Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid onto the killing floor.

By downgrading the government's credit rating, they add to the absurd hysteria over the deficit.

"It's the cause of America's economic stagnation," they wail, "and

the only way to fix it is to take sledgehammers and chainsaws to programs that the middle-class and the poor rely on."

Yoo-hoo, Wall Streeters -- it was not workaday folks who crashed our economy, it was you! Your financial collapse wrecked the livelihoods of millions and jacked up the federal deficit you now decry. These elites are hoping that we can't keep up with the fact that they're using their own failure as an excuse to go after essential public programs needed by the very people they've knocked down.

This plutocratic power play is a defining issue of our time. It's also potentially a unifying issue for a new progressive populism. The real spectrum in our country is not right to left, it's top to bottom -- and the vast majority of people know that they're being pushed farther and farther down from those few at the top who control practically all of the money and power (excuse that redundancy) in our society.

By big margins, Americans emphatically support the public programs that the S&Pers are out to gut. They also agree by the same margins that the way "to stabilize the government's ... debt dynamics" is not with more cuts in our nation's historic democratic promise, but with an aggressive jobs program to revitalize the middle class.

Instead of downgrading America, let's build it up. Where's the party that will address this deep and broad democratic yearning?

Jim Hightower is a nationally syndicated columnist.



JIM HIGHTOWER

Worship

The Lord will carry us through

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, As I seek to put my thoughts down on paper, it seems they are mixed. There are thoughts of joy and sadness; peace and turmoil; and clarity and confusion. Recent days have been a struggle to say the least. Yet out of the darkness of the struggles faced comes the light of God shining upon those parts that have been covered by the darkness of the days.

Like many of you, our family has been impacted by tragedy. The call came mid-afternoon on July 6. The adopted daughter (Alexa) of Gina, my sister-in-law (Vicki's sister) and her husband, Daniel, had been killed. Tears flowed, anguish filled our beings as we sought to pack a few things and get on the road. The trip to Tulsa was quiet with the exception of an occasional — "I can't believe this has happened." Our arrival at Daniel and Gina's still provided no answers, just the comfort of being with family.

Alexa was a special young girl. Her smile would warm the coldest heart and her laugh would cause others in a restaurant to look around. At 15 months old she was just figuring out who every one was as we gathered for family time. She looked at her Aunt Vicki and quickly knew she could get whatever she wanted from her. She looked at me and well, let's just say she went to her Aunt Vicki.

As we continued to share with one another in the following days things continued to be difficult and the answers were still eluding us. Comfort began to come as friends and members of their church family continued to minister in the midst of the heartbreak. I am still convinced that First Baptist Church of Jenks was totally placed by God to minister to the family, especially Daniel and Gina.

From the pastor, to their Sunday School class, to those who provided the meal, ministry truly took place. Many right here in Pampa poured out their love and support. From co-workers to friends to our church family at Highland and many individuals, we could truly feel the love. The love, tenderness and compassion truly made a difference in how we as a family were able to walk through that time, trusting the Lord.

At times when death occurs, especially an accidental death, our first instinct is to look for clarity. We ask — Why has this happened? Why has it happened to us? Why has it happened now? The darkness of this time completely enveloped our being at every turn. We desperately desired an answer to the questions flooding our minds.

The struggles that our family has faced in the weeks since Alexa was tragically killed have been many. There have been moments when tears came as our hearts longed once again to hear the laugh and see the smile of Alexa. There have been smiles and moments of laughter as events were remembered when Alexa would take center stage. Yet we must continue to move forward knowing that it is our Lord and Savior who will carry us through.

Someone asked me one day about the accident and before I knew what was happening, I began to cry. They gave me a hug and assured me they were praying for us. As I walked away, I thought to myself, "there it was again." Someone else assured me they would be praying for us. Time and again I have had people share with



PAUL NACHTIGALL

the good word

me that they (and others) had been praying. It has been the prayers of God's people that have brought peace in the midst of this chaotic situation.

James 5:15a says — "And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up...." No, the prayers were not to bring Alexa back. They were to bring peace into our hearts as we walked through this time of grief. The prayers of God's people brought peace in the midst of our pain and turmoil.

Jesus told Martha, after the death of Lazarus, in the midst of her struggle — "I am the resurrection and the life, Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She was confronted with the test of believing and trusting in the midst of her loss. We, as well as many reading this, have been confronted with the call to believe and trust as we walk through a time of loss.

I believe that Alexa is safe in the arms of God. She is enjoying heaven and all of its splendor right now. She may well be running around, laughing and playing. I will have to say that when she looks up into the face of Jesus, she probably smiles really big and squeals with joy. Today, Alexa is finding joy that we can't even understand as she looks on the face of Christ.

There has not been a day go by when Alexa's name has not been mentioned by someone in the family. The pain we felt on July 6th has eased some, but the emotion still is overwhelming at times. I know that we aren't alone. Someone reading this right now may be looking for a word of comfort as you face the separation death brings.

Let me just say this — Death, which brings the separation we struggle with, is that which opens the door to the life God has for us. John 14: 1-6 says — "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me. 2 In My Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also. 4 And you know the way to where I am going." 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

Can you imagine what Alexa's new home is like? I can't but I know it's awesome because Jesus prepared it for her. He will prepare a place for all who trust Him as Savior and Lord. Is your place being prepared?

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, there is something about that name!

Paul Nachtigall is the pastor at Highland Baptist Church

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT Project Red 3 this Saturday

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After two successful projects, Paint This Town Red will hold its third project 9 a.m. Saturday at 319 Warren, as the ministry looks to help the Tidwell family.

Dianna Tidwell, the homeowner, lost her daughter to a heart condition and is raising her 19-year-old granddaughter Laci. Head pastor C.J. Frazier said the home is in need of several repairs, adding the family is also in need of love.

"(Laci) is struggling emotionally with the loss of her mom," Frazier said. "The exterior of the house is incomplete. It's almost been completely bricked. There are pieces of siding that are falling off, broken and exposed... Inside, her fireplace is leaking and the ceiling is old and falling down. Her bathtub is cracked."

The head pastor said they are going to put new siding on the outside of the house and installing a new walk-in shower to replace the bathtub.

Frazier said the home didn't need as much preliminary work, but that doesn't mean it's an easier project.

"The last one, there was a lot of front-end work that needed to be done," Frazier said. "This one just

needed to get the word out... Each project has a new method to it. Each individual home is just that. There's an individual story and need and we want to accommodate all of those."

Frazier said the ministry has spread the word about the project through social media, adding he expects a strong turnout.

"At this point, we have almost 90 people saying they are going to show up," Frazier said. "We're hoping to have 75 to 100 people out there so we can finish this project as soon as possible."

The head pastor said he hopes the project will make a difference.

"The impact from this is that the Tidwell family, Dianna and her granddaughter and grandson know the community loves them," Frazier said. "That's the ultimate goal but it's also to see 100 people — different races, denominations and backgrounds — come together to serve the community, because they love the community."

Frazier said over 20 people have contacted the church with needs. He said they are still looking for four teams of 60 so they can reach more people.

"Hopefully we will be able to serve four different families a month," Frazier said.

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How to add a pergola to shade a patio

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Dear Pat: My children and I like to spend time on the patio, but it gets hot in the sun. What type of attractive cover can I build myself to shade it? I still want some indirect light to come through the cover. — Paula N.

Dear Paula: After 30 minutes or so in the intense sun, you may begin to feel and look like a lobster being cooked. What is even worse, the direct sun on the patio pavers or concrete also radiates the heat upward on you.

There are inexpensive covers, umbrellas and shades you can get, but building a pergola over the patio with a sunscreen roof should be just what you are looking for. It is not difficult to build with average do-it-yourself skills, and it can be very attractive.

The basic design concept is a roof supported by four corner posts. Use 4x4 inch posts because they are light enough to handle without too much straining. To enhance the appearance of your pergola, wrap the post with three-quarter inch cedar lumber.

Larger posts look better, although the 4x4 posts have plenty of structural strength to support the roof. Before you attach the cedar trim, nail furring 2x4 blocks at the top, middle and bottom of the posts. When covered with cedar, the posts will appear to be about 7 inches square. True seven-inch beams would be too heavy for you to handle.

The roof is covered with sun-control screening. This is a heavy nonmetallic screen that is designed to block much of the direct sun. It is often used over windows, and there are several densities (shading coefficients) available. If you have a problem finding sun-control screening, contact Phifer Wire (800) 874-3007.

Build the roof frame using 2x8 lumber for the beams. Double the beams (side-by-side) in the long direction for strength and for a better appearance. These will be strong enough to support the roof without any intermediate posts.

Use 2x6 or 2x8 stringers across the roof spaced 2 feet apart. They should be long enough to overhang the roof beams by about 1 foot. To

jazz up the pergola, use a small jig saw to cut decorative scallops on the ends of each stringer. Make a cardboard template for the scallop contour, and mark it on each stringer for consistency. Toenail the stringers in place on the roof.

Next, make screens that fit between the stringers and reach across between the roof beams. Standard decking lumber is good to use for the screen frame, but 2x4s also work well. Use galvanized decking screws to assemble it. Sun-control screening is not flimsy, so you should not have a problem keeping it taut as you staple it to the

wood screen frame.

Nail screen cleats to the sides of the stringers. Use 1-inch lumber to make the cleats. The screen frames will rest on these cleats. Screw the frames to the stringers so you can remove them to repair the screens if ever needed. Only a few screws are needed to hold the screens in place between the stringers. Finish the edge of the roof with cedar fascia, and begin to enjoy your cooler patio in style.

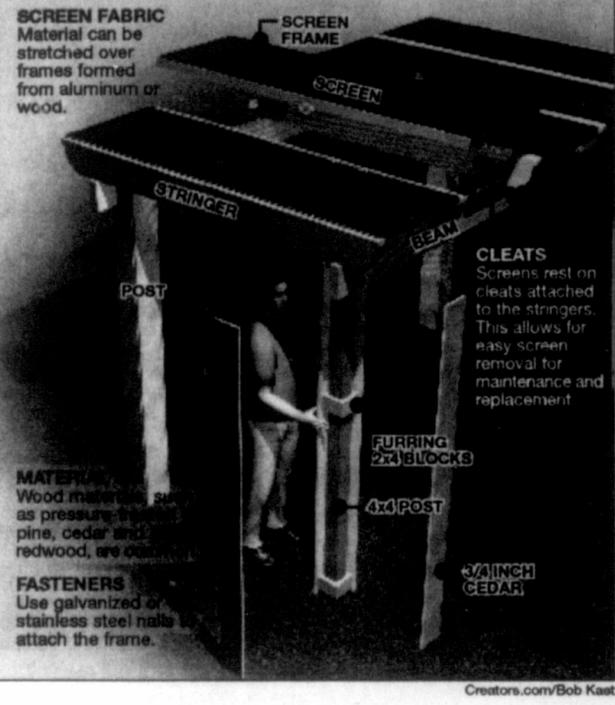
Tools and materials required: circular saw, hammer, screwdriver, handsaw, staple gun, tape measure, jig saw, level, lumber, screening, dry-mix concrete, nails, screws, staples.

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

HOME HOW-TO

Pergola

Putting up pergola is an inexpensive way to add a visual impact to your backyard landscape. Designing and building can be completed in a single weekend with basic tools and materials.



SCREEN FABRIC
Material can be stretched over frames formed from aluminum or wood.

SCREEN FRAME

STRINGER

BEAM

POST

CLEATS

Screens rest on cleats attached to the stringers. This allows for easy screen removal for maintenance and replacement.

MATERIALS
Wood materials such as pressure-treated pine, cedar and redwood, are good choices.

FASTENERS
Use galvanized or stainless steel nails to attach the frame.

FURRING 2x4 BLOCKS

4x4 POST

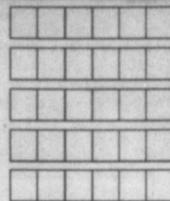
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BANANAGRAMS!

Change one letter in the top word to one of the letters that appears in the bottom word, then rearrange the tiles to form a new common word. Do the same with each new word until you arrive at the bottom word. For example, the path from BARK to PLUM is BARK, MARK, RAMP, RUMP, PLUM.

F E R V O R



D A T I N G

Yesterday's Answer: HAIRDO, WEALTH; HANDLE, POLICY, COWBOY, TATTER

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Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR READERS: Yesterday I shared some of the emails you sent when "Alison in Ashland, Ore." asked you to name your heroes. Today I am sharing more. If you have found them to be as uplifting and energizing as I have, at a time when most of the news we read today has been so depressing, read on:

DEAR ABBY: Elizabeth Smart is my hero. She went on a forced ride and nine-month stay in hell, came back and has triumphed over that horror with grace, dignity and amazing maturity. — DR. MARK M. IN UTAH

DEAR ABBY: One of our family heroes is Ruby Bridges. Only 6 years old, a black child in the South, Ruby attended an all-white elementary school in New Orleans, enduring isolation, harassment and even death threats. Thanks to Ruby and all Americans who helped to break down racial barriers in education. — MELINDA IN VIRGINIA

DEAR ABBY: My hero happens to be famous, but that's NOT why she's my hero. It's Tina Turner. She started young and became famous because she had an amazing talent. However, when her marriage dissolved, she was reduced to manual labor to support herself and her children. She struggled to get her career back and, after years, regained her place in the entertainment world. She's

my hero because she fell, got back up (no one did it for her) and made her place once again. She's a great example of human perseverance and I really admire her. — TAMARA G., ORLANDO, FLA.

DEAR ABBY: Regarding real heroes, I nominate the journalists and writers who, at risk to their own lives, report the truth on what's happening in war-torn countries or in countries ruled by dictators. These brave men and women work under threats of murder, torture and/or imprisonment. — BRENDA IN ATLANTA

DEAR ABBY: My hero, Ken, is now 90. He's one of the few remaining vets who walked Bataan and survived, after 3 1/2 years as a Japanese POW. He returned beaten and broken to marry and produce 10 children whom he loved intensely. His captivity made him a more loving husband, father and friend, and never did I hear him express hatred for his captors.

With so much hatred and violence in this world, Ken had the secret to spiritual and physical inner peace. I'll not have another hero to match him. — DICK H., ROSEVILLE, MINN.

DEAR ABBY: A real hero is someone who donates an organ so that someone else may live. A real hero is someone who donates time to feed the hungry at a mission or sit

with the elderly. There is a difference, to me, between a hero and someone who is brave. — LARRY S., FLEMINGSBURG, KY.

DEAR ABBY: Some time ago, a plane crashed in a river near Washington, D.C. It was winter and a helicopter was plucking survivors out of the freezing water. One woman had a broken arm and was unable to continue holding onto the rope suspended from the helicopter. She fell back into the river, soon to perish. A young bystander jumped, fully clothed, into the freezing water and brought her back to the bank. That, to me, is a real hero. — RICK G., METAIRIE, LA.

DEAR ABBY: I live in Tuscaloosa, Ala., and our town was devastated by a tornado on April 27. I can't tell you how many people came to help out. People who lost everything were helping others. When it was announced that something was needed, people from many states drove here with trailers full of relief supplies. Don't tell me we don't have heroes. Just look around and notice who's out there helping when the need is there. Better yet, don't be looking, be doing it yourself and YOU will be the hero. — BERNICE FROM TUSCALOOSA

DEAR READERS: To read a longer version of this column, go to DearAbby.com.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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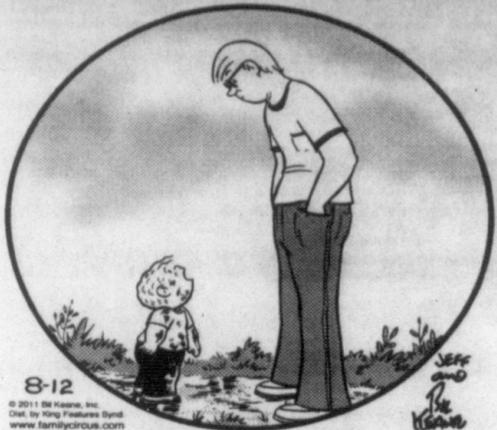


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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



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"You'd be a lot dirtier too if you were this close to the ground."

Non Sequitur



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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Aug. 12, 2011:
 This year, you move in a new direction with enthusiasm. You often are challenged by others. Listen to their feedback, as there might be a common thread. Though you love love, you juggle your need for independence. If you are single, you have many would-be suitors waiting. The person you choose might not be right for you a year from now. If you are attached, you often juggle two different concerns. You and your partner differ greatly in your needs right now. Empathize more. **AQUARIUS** has the same issues as you but a different approach.
 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)
 ★★★★★ Zero in on what you need. The unexpected plays a strong role in decision-making. Much in the spirit of the day, you easily could go overboard then try to rein yourself back in. This back-and-forth could drive many people a bit crazy. Tonight: Christen the weekend well.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★★ Often, people want to see or hear your perspective. Many people tap into your knowledge. You seem most indulgent and upbeat compared to many others. Respond to your inner voice of self-discipline. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★★★★ It behooves you to get an overview or see a situation in a clearer light. Some of you will seek out experts, while others feel comfortable detaching. You choose to gain more of a perspective. Tonight: Opt for the most off-beat invitation.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★★★★ Perhaps you have been more difficult than you realize. If others seem to be distancing themselves from you, you can be sure of that fact. Ask for feedback from a trusted friend or loved one who has been privy to recent events. Tonight: Talk over dinner.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★★★★ Plans are subject to being tossed left and right. Give up trying to control them. They will tumble one way or another. Expansive thought and wild behavior seem to be the end result. Pro-

ceed with caution. Tonight: Let your hair down.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★★★★ You become more aware of the unpredictability of a partnership. Gaining some distance also could help you recognize the humor in the situation as you gaze around you. Your serious attitude probably helps others calm down. Tonight: Your normal Friday night.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★★★★ Reach out for someone in your life who means a lot to you. Sometimes you stand on ceremony. You actually enjoy the joyfulness of the contact. Try not to return to your reserved self for a while! Tonight: Let the fun begin.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★★★★ Dance to another's tune and see if you might like it. In this manner, you can understand what your issue with this situation might be. Ease up and be open to some different ideas. Let go of some rigidity. Tonight: Buy some bubbles on the way home.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★★★★ The smart move is to keep your options open. Return calls, schedule meetings and have a long-overdue talk. You could be delighted by what evolves if you maintain a hang-loose attitude. Tonight: Visit with a friend.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★★★★ You could be weighing the pros and cons of a risk. Ask yourself if you can afford the loss, then you will know what to do. Let your creativity emerge when dealing with a child or loved one. Try not to be overly responsible to those who aren't in your immediate circle. Tonight: Indulge a little.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★★★★ Your spirit soars, and even an overly serious loved one or friend has little impact. You are into seeing the bright side of life. Take an overview of what is happening. You will know which way to go. Tonight: Let your imagination lead.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★★★★ Be aware of a self-imposed restriction that might be causing a bigger limitation than necessary. Is there a reason you often give others as to why a situation doesn't work? Does it repeat more often than not? Tonight: Take some much-needed personal time.

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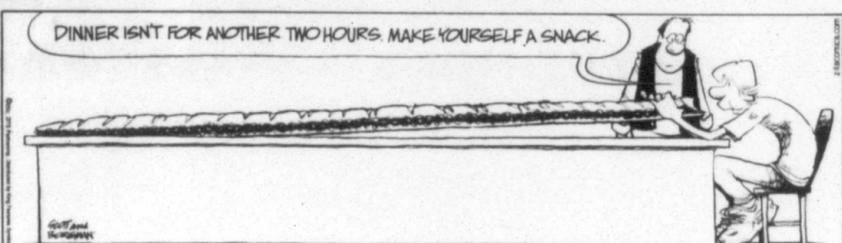
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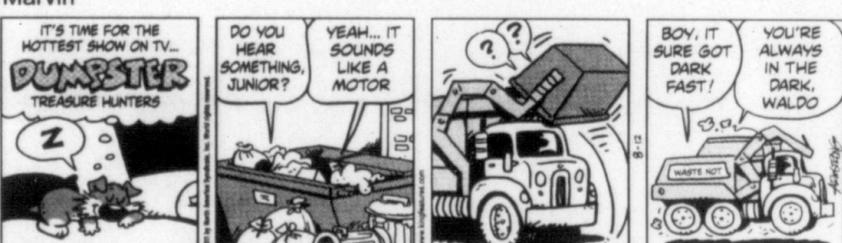
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8-12 CRYPTOQUOTE

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ON THE TUBE

Sprint Cup
Heluva Good! Sour Cream Dips at the Glen, 1 p.m., Sunday

Nationwide Series
Zippo 200 at the Glen, 2 p.m., Saturday

Truck Series
VFW 200, 12:30 p.m., Aug. 20

BURNING ISSUES

► To borrow the familiar refrain of legendary broadcaster Keith Jackson, Jimmie Johnson and Kurt Busch "just do not like each other."

► Kyle Busch, Kevin Harvick, Matt Kenseth, Jeff Gordon and Brad Keselowski have now won more than once this season. Busch and Harvick have won three times.

► The week's most significant "save" was Tony Stewart's. He rallied from 28th to finish 11th at Pocono and maintain ninth place in Sprint Cup points.

► There ought to be some rule preventing a Pocono race and a Red Sox-Yankees game from being held in the same 24-hour period. Both are "our sports" equivalent of a marathon.

► NASCAR's most significant "loop data" was on The Weather Channel on Sunday.

► NASCAR road races have grown in popularity in recent years. Stewart, who loves road racing, needs an eighth career road-racing victory in the worst way.

► The final two drivers in the current top 10 — Stewart and Dale Earnhardt Jr. — are the only two without a win to date.

► Ricky Stenhouse Jr. won the Iowa Nationwide race in spite of a last-lap blown tire. The tires were the least of Jack Roush's expenses after Stenhouse and Carl Edwards crashed at the finish line.

► Brad Keselowski toughed it out to win at Pocono in spite of a broken left ankle, suffered while testing at Road Atlanta last week.

► Beginning in 2005, Stewart has won at Watkins Glen in each odd-numbered year. He won in the even-numbered years of 2002 and '04.

2011 STANDINGS

Sprint Cup Series	Pts.
1. Carl Edwards	720
2. Jimmie Johnson	-9
3. Kyle Busch	-11
4. Kurt Busch	-14
5. Kevin Harvick	-20
6. Matt Kenseth	-26
7. Jeff Gordon	-52
8. Ryan Newman	-72
9. Tony Stewart	-78
10. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	-79
11. Denny Hamlin	-102
12. Clint Bowyer	-120

Nationwide Series	Pts.
1. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	787
2. Reed Sorenson	-12
3. Elliott Sadler	-29
4. Aric Almirola	-77
5. Justin Allgaier	-83
6. Jason Leffler	-110
7. Kenny Wallace	-113
8. Steve Wallace	-179
9. Michael Annett	-189
10. Brian Scott	-191

Camping World Truck Series	Pts.
1. Johnny Sauter	493
2. Austin Dillon	-5
3. James Buescher	-19
4. Timothy Peters	-28
5. Cole Whit	-40
6. Matt Crafton	-42
7. Joey Coulter	-52
8. Parker Kligerman	-54
9. Ron Hornaday Jr.	-57
10. Todd Bodine	-78



WHO'S HOT AND WHO'S NOT



Who's hot: Brad Keselowski has reached the top 20 in points and has two victories. In other words, the Chase is within his grasp. ... Mark Martin remains winless but rose three positions, to 15th, with a 13th-place Pocono finish.

Who's not: Chase hopes have long expired for Jeff Burton, Regan Smith, Jamie McMurray and Brian Vickers. ... Juan Pablo Montoya, 21st at present, needs more than just a win at Watkins Glen.



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WHAT'S UP NEXT

SPRINT CUP

Race: Heluva Good! Sour Cream Dips at the Glen
Where: Watkins Glen (N.Y.) International (2.45 mi.), 90 laps/220.5 miles.
When: Sunday, Aug. 14.
Last year's winner: Juan Pablo Montoya, Chevy.
Qualifying record: Jeff Gordon, Chevy, 124.580 mph, Aug. 8, 2003.
Race record: Mark Martin, Ford, 103.030 mph, Aug. 13, 1995.
Last week: Brad Keselowski won for the second time this season, driving his Dodge to victory over Kyle Busch's Toyota at Pocono Raceway. The victory put Keselowski in the top 20 in points for the first time all season, greatly enhancing his Chase hopes.

NATIONWIDE

Race: Zippo 200 at the Glen
Where: Watkins Glen (N.Y.) International (2.45 mi.), 82 laps/200.9 miles.
When: Saturday, Aug. 13.
Last year's winner: Marcos Ambrose, Toyota.
Qualifying record: Marcos Ambrose, Toyota, 122.410 mph, Aug. 7, 2010.
Race record: Tony Labonte, Chevy, 93.717 mph, June 25, 1994.
Last week: Ricky Stenhouse Jr., who suffered tire failure exiting the final turn, held on to win at Iowa Speedway with an assist from Roush Fenway teammate Carl Edwards, who crashed into him at the finish line. The win was Stenhouse's second of the season.

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK

Race: VFW 200
Where: Michigan International Speedway, Brooklyn (2.0 mi.), 100 laps/200 miles.
When: Saturday, Aug. 20.
Last year's winner: Aric Almirola, Toyota.
Qualifying record: Kyle Busch, Chevy, 181.612 mph, June 17, 2009.
Race record: Brendan Gaughan, Dodge, 154.044 mph, July 26, 2003.
Last week: Kevin Harvick, in a Chevy, had enough fuel to hold off Kyle Busch's Toyota and win at Pocono Raceway in an event run on Sunday morning after being suspended by rain on Saturday. Chevy drivers took eight of the nine top positions.

WATKINS GLEN DATA

Aug. 14

Distance: ... 2.45-mile road course
Turns: ... 11
Miles/Laps: ... 220.5 mi. - 90 laps

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

GREG BIFFLE

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No wins for Greg Biffle this season seems unrealistic. But the Roush driver knows his team could succeed with upcoming races at Michigan, Bristol and Atlanta. With an added bonus with Carl Edwards re-signed with Roush, Biffle says he can stay loose and drive hard for another win.

Biffle's Got To Stay Positive

With Edwards signed, driver has renewed optimism for Chase berth

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

Greg Biffle is relieved to see things returning to normal at Roush Fenway Racing. Biffle, 41, has been competing regularly at the Sprint Cup level for the Ford team founded by Jack Roush since 2003, winning 16 times and finishing second to Tony Stewart in the 2005 championship standings. Biffle also finished third, behind champion Jimmie Johnson and teammate Carl Edwards, in 2008.

Normal, for Biffle, would involve making the Chase for a fourth straight year, but the Vancouver, Wash., native will likely have to win at least one of the final five regular-season races to do so.

The reason for Biffle's optimism is the fact that Edwards, the Cup points leader, has renewed his contract to remain at Roush Fenway. Edwards apparently seriously considered an offer from Joe Gibbs Racing before deciding to remain where he is. Like teammates Edwards, Matt Kenseth and David Ragan, Biffle has spent his entire

career with Roush, winning a Truck Series championship in 2000 and the (now) Nationwide Series in 2002.

"I think it's great that he (Edwards) is coming back to our company," Biffle said. "I was a little skeptical, I suppose, whether he was going to, figuring this is August already."

"I'm relieved because people won't ask me about it anymore. That's why I'm most relieved about it and to have him back as a teammate. He does a good job getting his car set up and helps. I think we all help each other."

Roush recently changed Biffle's crew chief, replacing Greg Ervin with Matt Puccia. Biffle, who won the August race at Pocono Raceway in 2010, managed an eighth-place finish this time, leaving him 13th in points.

"Certainly we've been trying hard to win a race," Biffle said. "We've come close a few times. ... Michigan, Bristol, Atlanta are all great tracks for us, and we feel like we can win at basically any of these race tracks."

"I would have never guessed we'd be this far into the season without winning a race after the way we finished last year."

Rain augments another Pocono marathon day

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

It's not unusual for Sprint Cup races at Pocono Raceway to take a long time. A long rain delay contributed mightily to the latest marathon, won by Brad Keselowski.

Five hundred miles at Pocono Raceway took 3 hours, 26 minutes and 21 seconds, on June 12 in a race won by Jeff Gordon.

Fans and drivers alike routinely refer to "those four-hour races at Pocono." A 2004 Jimmie Johnson win clicked off in a cool 4:27:33.

"I think the first thing that comes to mind is fuel mileage," said Johnson.

Ooh. That's a recurring theme. To be fair, though, a rain delay doesn't count in "time of race." Officially, it was 3:37:35. And the race was decided more by track position than mileage.

"You either have a really fast car and poor fuel mileage, or you're not running so good, roll the dice, stay out, save fuel, take one of those two strategies," Johnson added. "I'd rather have the better-driving race car and fight for the finish."

It's tough, though — In fact, Ryan

NUTS AND BOLTS

Newman thinks Pocono is probably the sport's toughest track.

"Pocono is one of my favorite race tracks just because it's so difficult," he said. "It's challenging because there are three different corners, three different banking, three different lengths of straightaways. Pocono is just unique. It's the most unique track we go to."

"I like the challenge. The track has three independent corners and, because of that, it is truly a driver's race track."

Not to be confused with all those ... tire changer's race tracks.

Newman finished fifth in the Good Sam RV Insurance 500.

Not about the money, huh? — That was Carl Edwards' position when he ended months of consideration and negotiations by remaining at Roush Fenway Racing.

Jack Roush backed up Edwards, which was fairly easy since the Cup points leader was safely signed.

"The one thing that Carl and I did not have a discussion about at any point in the negotiation or consideration was money," Roush

said, apparently with a straight face. "Money was not a factor from my side, from the Roush Fenway side, and from what I could see, it was not a factor from Carl's side. That did not weigh into the decision Carl made."

No wonder it took so long.

Not so close, maybe — Denny Hamlin, who, of course, is already at Joe Gibbs Racing, doesn't buy the reports that Edwards was all but signed a few days before he remained at Roush.

"I talked to Joe (Gibbs) a little bit ... You hear the rumors, and you hear he is or he isn't, and I'm wondering really how close he is. So I asked Coach (Gibbs) myself and he's like, 'Trust me, if it ever got to that point, I would let you know first.'"

"I knew that it never really had gotten very far along. I don't believe. Whether his (Edwards') intentions really were to leave or not, it's tough to say. Nobody knows but really him. For us, we were obviously interested in having him and things just didn't work out."

A rarity — At Pocono, Dodge and Toyota drivers combined to lead 194 of the 200 laps. Chevy and Ford drivers each led three.

FEUD OF THE WEEK



JIMMIE JOHNSON VS. KURT BUSCH

The two bumped several times on the final lap at Pocono but only traded barbs in a post-race confrontation in which Johnson called Busch a crabby and Busch said: "There are a lot of times when the '22' (his car) is on the short end of the stick of the '48' (Johnson). And I raced him hard today. I'm glad I did. I have no regrets in it."

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his take: "What's that redundant term drivers always use? It was a racing accident." Duh. It stirs up the fans. Two guys racing hard for position on the final lap ... isn't that what everyone wants?"

Know Your NASCAR

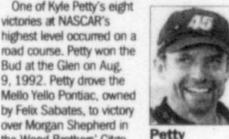
- Who ran the "Best Damn Garage in Town" in Daytona Beach?
- What is Cotton Owens' actual first name?
- Who headed R.J. Reynolds Tobacco's Sports Marketing Enterprises?
- Who finished second in Richard Petty's 200th victory?
- Who was the first NASCAR driver to earn \$100,000 in a season?
- Who won the first Southern 500 on Sept. 4, 1957?
- Who was Rookie of the Year in 1993?
- Who was the most successful driver in NASCAR's short-lived Convertible Division?
- Who started on the pole at the first Daytona 500 in 1959?
- What engine builder won more NASCAR races than any other?
- What three prominent broadcasters all graduated from Newton-Conover (N.C.) High School?
- Who was the star of the NASCAR-themed movie "Six Pack"?

- Smoky Yunick
- Everett
- Wayne Robertson
- Harry Gant (Gant's forehead and pulled off the track, Daytona, July 4, 1984)
- Frank Lorenzen, 1963
- Jeff Gordon
- Left Gordon
- Bob Welborn
- Bob Welborn
- Maureen Petty
- Jerry Punch, Dale Jarrett and Andy Petree
- Kenny Rogers

FAN TIPS

KP Duty On Road Courses

One of Kyle Petty's eight victories at NASCAR's highest level occurred on a road course. Petty won the Bud at the Glen on Aug. 9, 1992. Petty drove the Mello Yello Pontiac, owned by Felix Sabates, to victory over Morgan Shepherd in the Wood Brothers' Citgo Ford. The race ended under caution, with Ernie Ivan third, Mark Martin fourth and Wally Dallenbach Jr. fifth.



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Ryan Newman likes the challenge of what he thinks is NASCAR's toughest track. Newman finished fifth.

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PHS O-line to rely on technique, speed to move offense

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Typically, offensive linemen are large and bulky, but for the Pampa Harvesters that's not the case.

The offensive line does not have the size it had last season, but has other strengths it will use to win the battle in the trenches.

Senior Schrade Thompson said the line has to just execute better than opponents, especially when facing a larger defensive line.

"We are going to have to use technique and more speed," Thompson said. "We are working on what we should."

Senior Trevor Smith said the line has made progress in the off-season and two-a-day workouts.

"The younger guys are maturing and learning their jobs," Smith said. "The seniors are polishing up on what they learned last year and combine all that together and work as a unit."

Offensive coordinator Casey Alexander said he is pleased with the progress the offensive line has made.

"We have two returning starters,"



Alexander

Alexander said. "I'm proud of their leadership. They have us playing competitive at a good pace."

Senior Sam Cain said Smith and Thompson have been good leaders.

"They should lead us to a lot of passing yards and rushes,"

Cain said.

This season, the line will be blocking for two quick running backs in Samuel Smith and Freddy Jackson. Alexander said having those running backs should work to its advantage.

"We got some big bodies on the line they can hide behind and burst out from behind them," Alexander said.

Trevor said it will be fun blocking for Samuel and Jackson.

"It's really exciting because they are faster than last year," Smith said. "I think trying to set the edge for them is going to be pretty quick. It's going to help us be fast and physical and get them to the outside."

Thompson said Smith and Jackson will be successful if the line does their job.

"We just got to make a hole and they will get through it," Thompson said.

Trevor said the line has an important job adding he likes the pressure.

"It's quite a challenge," Smith said. "I enjoy it even though we don't get recognition for it. We are a big part of what happens on the offense. We create plays and it starts with the O-Line."



Offensive coordinator Casey Alexander gives instructions to Trevor Smith (left) and Chris Garcia during practice. The line will have to rely on their speed and technique against larger defensive lines.

staff photo by Andrew Glover



photo courtesy of K.B. Franks

Jonathan Pinney gets some air at the Lefors motocross track. Kody Franks rebuilt the track over a year ago; it will host its second race on at 9 a.m. on Sunday.

Franks hopes to lead MX revival in Lefors

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Motocross racing has been a part of Kody Franks' life for as long as he could remember.

"I have been racing my whole life," Franks said. "I figured I would stick with it."

It has been Franks' dream to revive the sport in Lefors. A year and a half ago, Franks made his dream come true as he built a track in Lefors and is hoping to hold several races.

The track is located just off of Farm-to-Market Road 273 and is hosting its second race at 9 a.m. Sunday. The first race was hosted in April.

Franks said Lefors had a track in the 1970s but the owner was struggling to make money.

"The owner sold the property and separated the land," Franks said. "My grandfather owned part of the land."

Franks served in the Air Force from 1999 to 2005 and wanted to rebuild the track when he got out. The property Franks said was a junkyard before he began to convert it.

"I cleared out the junk and turned it back into a track," Franks said. "I used Texas Track Masters out of Dallas to build the track."

Franks said he spent six months building fences. The track is made out of sand and clay and is watered. Last year practices were run on the track. Franks said he hopes to run races regularly this year.

"We are hoping to run one race every six weeks," Franks said. "We hope to race some during the winter. When you get a couple of 50 degree days, people are itching to go out and do something."

Next year, Franks is hoping to add lights to the track and make it easier for people to watch races in the summer. This Sunday's race is \$5 admission. Franks said he is expecting a good turnout.

"We should have 200 riding," Franks said. "With parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins watching over 500."

Franks said motocross is an event for all ages. "We have people from three to 50 years old riding," Franks said.

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