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County Commission holds tax rate hearing

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Yesterday morning, the Gray County Commissioner's Court held a public hearing for the 2012 proposed tax rate.
The proposed effective rate of .472801 could go up from last year's rate of .437997.
The Road and Bridge rate may increase from .040872 to .047720.

"We lost approximately \$83 million in taxable value this year in the county," said Judge Richard Peet. "Our interest is in maintaining at least a three-month or four-month reserve, so that if we have any sort of disaster, we'll have that," he added.
"The last three years, our appraised values have been going down," said Peet.
The majority of last year's loss was attributed to decreasing oil

and gas revenue, according to Tyson Paronto, Gray County's Chief Appraiser.
In other business:
• Commissioners approved a Statewide Automated Victim Notification Service maintenance grant contract with the Office of the Attorney General.
• Judge Peet was reappointed as a Panhandle Regional Housing Finance Corporation Director.
• The commission approved

the renewal of a contract with Indigent Health Services (IHS). IHS' previous contract saved the county money, according to the county.
• Commissioners approved four tax bids: Dolores McMahon's \$300 bid for 528 North Zimmers; Treva S. Brown's \$330 bid for 413 and 415 Maple; Brown's \$330 bid for 511 East Oklahoma; and Shannen K. Lang's \$400 bid
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staff photo by **Arnie Aurellano**
The Class of 2012 were joined by their parents at Pampa High School on Thursday morning for the 2011 Senior Class Breakfast. The crowd heard speeches from PHS Principal Tanya Larkin, Pampa Independent School District Superintendent Barry Haenisch, Lee Porter of the PISD Board of Trustees and (at podium) class president Heather Coffee.

Parents join Class of '12 for breakfast

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Pampa High School Principal Tanya Larkin has a special place in her heart for the class of 2012.

"Four years ago, I became principal of Pampa High School," Larkin said to the assembly of seniors and parents at Thursday's senior breakfast at PHS. "Four years ago, this group of students

became freshmen at Pampa High School. We had a little bonding moment because I don't know who was more scared."
"We looked at each other's
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Enrollment at PISD up by 200 kids

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With the first week of school behind us, the Pampa Independent School District's numbers are showing that enrollment within the city's schools continues to grow, according to PISD Superintendent Barry Haenisch.
Haenisch said on Thursday morning that the district is schooling approximately 3,600 students, up 200 from last year.
"The junior high is about the same size, the high school's up about a hundred and the elementary schools are up by various amounts," Haenisch said.
The increase offers an unexpected challenge for the district, which recently had to deal with budgetary cutbacks due to Austin reducing the budget for public education.
"The biggest challenge we've got is we were preparing for no growth and we reduced staff to accommodate the students we had at the end of last year," Haenisch said. "One of the things we're having to look at is we have several classrooms, at the elementary level especially, that are crowded. We're going to be looking at some things we can do alleviate
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Early morning blaze engulfs Pampa home

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A dwelling on the east side of Pampa fell victim to a fire early Thursday morning, leaving the front of the house scorched and blackened.
The Pampa Fire Department received an alarm at 5:02 a.m. for a residential structure fire at 434 Carr Street. Five units and 11 personnel responded to the incident.
According to Capt. Jerry Tomaschik of the Pampa FD, the front of the house was fully engulfed upon

arrival, but firefighters had the flames under control within six minutes.
The fire was completely extinguished by 5:54 a.m.
Tomaschik said that the home was occupied at the time, but no one was injured during the fire.
The cause of the fire is still under investigation.
An early morning blaze decimated this house on the 400 block of Carr Street. Firefighters had the fire under control within six minutes of arrival, but the front of the house was fully burned. ➤



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Today	Saturday	Sunday
		
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Sunday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 81. Northeast wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 56. Northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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Enrollment

some of that crowding." Haenisch mentioned the possibility of additional personnel but stressed that no decisions have yet been made. With new and recently renovated facilities, he said, that the junior high and high school are well equipped for the influx of kids, though some evaluation may be needed at the primary school level.

"It's really more exciting than it is a challenge," Haenisch said, "because while it is significant growth, it's nowhere near the capacity that

our secondary schools are designed for. We've got room in our secondary schools.

"Now, some of our elementary schools, with the additional personnel, we'll be pushing their capacity to hold kids. If this is the beginning of a trend, we'll have to look at some other portable buildings or something to help accommodate that. For our secondary schools, we're in good shape."

Haenisch expressed confidence that the faculty and staff of all the different PISD campuses will be

able to handle the extra students efficiently without sacrificing their quality of education. Ha also added that the increase in enrollment is doubly encouraging because it may be indicative a positive trend in the growth of Pampa as a whole.

"The biggest thing with the school is it's a reflection of the community," he said. "Growth in the school means we've got significant growth in the community and it also means that our businesses are enjoying some sales and the economy is in better shape."

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Breakfast

eyes and figured out that I guess we'll find our way, and we have... We've gone through this journey together, and it's been a wonderful journey and I cannot wait to see what happens this year."

The annual breakfast saw the PHS commons area filled with fourth-year students and their families, many of whom stayed after the official program to take pictures of the milestone moment.

The crowd was addressed by Larkin, Pampa Independent School District Superintendent Barry Haenisch, PISD Board of Trustees President Lee Porter and PHS senior class president Heather Coffee.

After Haenisch, Porter and Larkin offered their congratulations and advice to the Class of 2012, Coffee

introduced the audience to the rest of the senior class officers — Alex Porter, Devin Asencio, Trace Carter, Caitlin Sieck, Taylor Kennedy and Amy Noordenbos — and the student body officers — Rikki Earnest, Margo Mendoza, Kirsten Kuhn, Jacob Frost, Elizabeth Terry, Kailynn Troxell, Braden Russell and Jessica Co-vil.

Coffee also got the biggest laugh of the morning with the close of her speech.

"I still can't believe that in nine short months, we will be Harvester alumni," Coffee said. "As we move forward with our senior year, I would like to leave the seniors with a challenge: How will you beat Borger today?"

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Obituaries

Herndon Sloan, 88

PANHANDLE—Herndon Sloan, 88, died Thursday, Sept. 1, 2011, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 3, 2011, in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel in Pampa with Rev. Thacker Haynes, pastor of United Methodist Church of McLean, officiating.

Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa

Mr. Sloan was born June 18, 1923, in Gray County to Fred R. and Stella Herndon Sloan. He was a lifelong Gray County resident until moving to Panhandle in 2009, and he was a graduate of Pampa High School. He married Leatrice Hull on January 14, 1945, in Pampa. She preceded him in death on November 19, 1999. He later

married Lillian McKiernan in February of 2001. She preceded him in death on April 2, 2011. Herndon was a longtime Gray County farmer, rancher, and cattleman. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Pampa and was a member of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

Survivors include a brother, Jack Sloan of Pampa; two sisters, Carol Harper and Margie Walters, both of Amarillo; two stepdaughters, Betty Jo Smith of Amarillo and Patty Dauer of Panhandle; two stepsons, Kent McKiernan of Boise, Idaho and Mark McKiernan of Manhattan, Mont.; and by several nieces and nephews.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have a sister I love dearly. "Thea" is married to a wonderful man, and they have a 3-year-old son I love as if he were my own. My problem is Thea has a nasty, violent temper, and she doesn't hesitate to use it toward the boy.

Recently when he was overtired and needed to go to bed, Thea said he "knows better than to push me by throwing a tantrum." She then threatened to "beat him bloody" if he didn't "shut up" and go to sleep. Abby, she had already swatted his behind to the point that he could no longer stand up.

This feels like abuse to me. When I suggested that perhaps Thea should try to calm down before she hits him (more than she already

had), she threw me out of her house! I am terrified that this may be happening more often than I realize. But what if what I witnessed was just an isolated incident? If I act on it, I may never have a relationship with my sister again.

What (if anything) can I do? I'm worried for the safety of my nephew, but I don't want to cause a rift I can't mend. — MIDWEST AUNTIE

DEAR AUNTIE: It appears your sister has serious anger issues and lacks parenting skills. A mother who "swats" her child to the point that he can no longer stand IS an abuser, and she needs an intervention before her child is seriously hurt. Because Thea's reaction when you tried to intervene and calm her down was to throw you out of the house, the next step is to call Childhelp USA. The toll-free number is 800-422-4453. Your call will be kept confidential and a counselor can guide you further. Please don't procrastinate.

DEAR ABBY: My fiancé, "Roger," died recently. I am working through the devastating grief of his passing, but the core of my pain was listening to the eulogies at his funeral.

I expected Roger's friends and family to share happy memories and celebrate the best of his life. However, many of those who spoke — including his granddaughter — chose to remember him as a notorious womanizer both while his wife was alive and after her death. Stories were

shared about how he constantly hit on much younger women, including his daughter's childhood friends. One "gentleman" even shared an "amusing" anecdote about how he and Roger found out they were sleeping with the same woman.

I knew about Roger's past before he met me and I managed to come to terms with it, but I did not expect it to be brought up as entertainment at his memorial. I also thought it to be inappropriate with his late wife's family in attendance.

Now my memories are tainted, and I feel dirty and used. I live 500 miles from Roger's home and will probably never see those people again. What can I do to get over this anger that continues to haunt me? — STILL IN MOURNING

DEAR STILL MOURNING: An eulogy is usually a respectful recapitulation of the deceased's life story, which includes loving memories, lessons taught, examples set by the person. What happened at the funeral was an indication that Roger left behind bitter memories that were voiced by those who spoke. How sad for all concerned.

However, this has nothing to do with you and your relationship with Roger. And the quickest way to work through your feelings would be to practice forgiveness and go on with your life — in which Roger was just a chapter.

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Most of state in worst drought

LUBBOCK (AP) - More than four-fifths of Texas is in the worst drought stage, another record for the amount of parched land in the state as heat and lack of rain persist.

The U.S. Drought Monitor map released Thursday showed 81.08 percent of the state in exceptional drought. In its 11th year, the map has repeatedly set records since early May for most land in the worst stage.

Most Texas cities have suffered triple-digit heat for weeks during the worst single-year drought on record. Wichita Falls entered Thursday with 95 days over 100 degrees this year. San Angelo has had 93. Both are records.

Texas averaged under an inch of rain in July, the hottest month ever.

Forecasters say the drought will persist through at least November.

Aggies had chance to partner

AUSTIN (AP) - Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds says Texas A&M could have partnered with the Longhorns on a regional network but the Aggies weren't interested in the early planning stages.

Dodds tells The Associated Press he talked with Texas A&M athletic director Bill Byrne about a partnership about four years ago and Byrne wasn't interested.

Dodds says Byrne tried to re-open discussions about a year ago, but by then it was too late. Texas had decided to create a network on its own. The Longhorns eventually signed a \$300-million, 20-year deal with ESPN.

Byrne has said the Longhorn Network is a big reason A&M is planning to leave the Big 12.

Chu suggests US support for Canada oil pipeline

WASHINGTON (AP) - Canada's status as a close U.S. ally should boost a plan to pipe oil from western Canada to the Gulf of Mexico, U.S. Energy Secretary Steven Chu said in comments that signaled support for the massive \$7 billion pipeline.

"It's certainly true that having Canada as a supplier for our oil is much more comforting than to have other countries supply our oil," Chu said in a TV interview this week that will be aired later this month.

Technology used to extract oil from tar sands such as those in Alberta, Canada are improving dramatically, Chu said, making such projects less risky to the environment.

The proposed Keystone XL pipeline "is not perfect, but it's a trade-off," Chu said. U.S. officials will have to weigh the benefit of a reliable supply of oil from a friendly country against environmental concerns raised by a possible spill, he said.

Chu's comments are the

latest sign that the Obama administration appears likely to back the 1,700-mile pipeline, which would carry crude oil extracted from tar sands in Alberta, Canada, and bring it to refineries in Texas.

The pipeline would travel through Montana, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma.

The State Department said in a report last week that the project is unlikely to cause significant environmental problems during construction or operation.

Calgary-based TransCanada, which would operate the pipeline, says it would be built to strict environmental standards, including 57 conditions above those required by law.

The company and project supporters on both sides of the border say it would create tens of thousands of jobs and signifi-

cantly reduce U.S. dependence on Middle Eastern oil.

Despite those reassurances, the project has become a flashpoint for environmental groups, who say the pipeline would bring "dirty oil" that requires huge amounts of energy to extract and could cause an ecological disaster in case of a spill. Opponents have urged President Barack Obama to block the project as a sign he is serious about reducing greenhouse gas emissions blamed for global warming.

Environmental activists, including actress Daryl Hannah and NASA scientist James Hansen, have been arrested in ongoing protests outside the White House the past two weeks.

Chu's interview with

the "energyNOW!" TV show is set to air in mid-September on Bloomberg Television.

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Adding a glass shower door

Dear Pat: I am remodeling a bathroom in an older house. It still has a shower curtain, and I want to install shower doors. The bathroom has tile walls. What is the easiest way to install the doors? — Val N.

Dear Val: Replacing a shower curtain with a shower door is one of the best improvements you can make to your bathroom. It will certainly look much more modern and will keep the bathroom floor cleaner. If your children are like most, they never quite get a shower curtain tightly closed, and the bathroom floor gets wet.

A shower curtain can also be a source of mold spores and mildew in your home, even if you are diligent about keeping it clean. The folds stay damp, as does the lower section that rests against the bathtub. When you mix moisture with soap and oil residues, there is no telling what might start growing there.

Before going ahead with your project, consider a few situations where installing shower doors may not be advisable. If you have young children who need help in the bathtub, a shower door will block half of the opening and reduce access. The elderly may also



require more access than a shower door will provide.

Assuming you decide a shower door is for you, purchase a shower door kit at your home center store. Most bathtubs are a standard size so you should not have any problems finding a kit to fit your bathtub. You will probably be surprised by the vast array of aluminum frame finishes and glass patterns.

The typical glass patterns are clear, etched and frosted. The etched ones are very attractive, but clear ones are easier to clean. Over time, a soap residue will build up on the glass. All of the glass doors use safety tempered glass, so if it breaks, it shatters into just a mass of rounded chips.

Most shower door kits come with detailed installation instructions, but you may find you have to make some adjustments when fitting the frame. Use a hacksaw and a miter box to cut the frame members. This produces 45-degree cuts for a more professionally installed look. Once all the parts fit together, remove them and use a fine-toothed

file to smooth sharp or rough edges.

Drilling into the tile on the side walls can be tricky. Use a center punch and gently tap a mark on the tile. Without the mark, the drill will walk and you may miss your mark. Use a masonry drill bit, and drill very slowly to minimize the possibility of cracking a tile.

The screws are usually secured into plastic anchors that are pushed into the drilled holes. If you run into a wood stud inside the wall when you are drilling, stop. Switch to a smaller drill bit so the screw can be screwed into the wood stud.

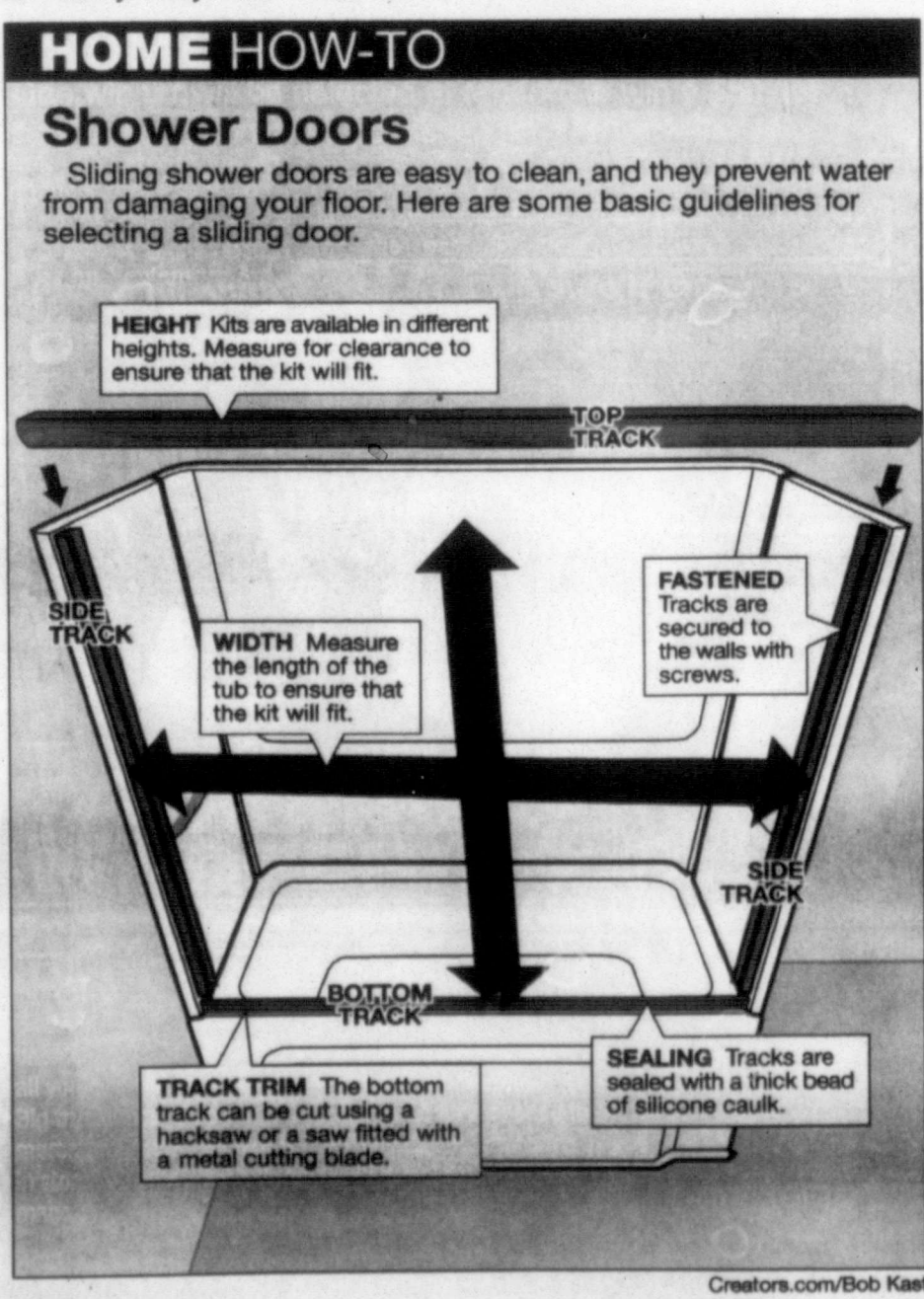
Place two strips of tile caulk under the bottom track that rests on the bathtub. This will hold it securely and eliminate water leaks. For a good seal and a clean look, apply caulk along the inside edge of the bottom track, up the vertical sides along the wall and the side/bottom joint.

Tools and materials required: tape measure, miter box, hacksaw, drill, center punch, file, caulk gun, caulk, shower door kit

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Friday, Sept. 2, the 245th day of 2011. There are 120 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 2, 1945, Japan formally surrendered in ceremonies aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay, ending World War II.

On this date:

In 1666, the Great Fire of London broke out.
In 1789, the United States Treasury Department was established.

In 1864, during the Civil War, Union Gen. William T. Sherman's forces occupied Atlanta.

In 1901, Vice President Theodore Roosevelt offered the advice, "Speak softly and carry a big stick" in a speech at the Minnesota State Fair.

In 1935, a Labor Day hurricane slammed into the Florida Keys, claiming more than 400 lives.

In 1945, Ho Chi Minh declared Vietnam an independent republic. (Ho died on this date in 1969.)

In 1969, in what some regard as the birth of the Internet, two connected computers at the University of California, Los Angeles, passed test data through a 15-foot cable.

In 1986, a judge in Los Angeles sentenced Cathy Evelyn Smith to three years in prison for involuntary manslaughter for her role in the 1982 drug overdose death of comedian John Belushi. (Smith served 18 months.)

In 1991, President George H.W. Bush formally recognized the independence of the Baltic states of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, which had broken away from the Soviet Union.

In 1998, a Swissair MD-11 jetliner crashed off Nova Scotia, killing all 229 people aboard.

Ten years ago: South African surgeon Christiaan Barnard, who'd performed the first successful human heart transplant in 1967, died in Paphos, Cyprus, at age 78.

Five years ago: Afghan and NATO forces launched Operation Medusa, aimed at flushing out Taliban fighters in southern Afghanistan; 14 British servicemen were killed when their patrol plane crashed.

One year ago: Israeli and Palestinian leaders pledged in a first round of renewed peace talks in Washington to keep meeting at regular intervals.

Today's Birthdays: Dancer-actress Marge Champion is 92. Jazz musician Horace Silver is 83. Former United States Olympic Committee Chairman Peter Ueberroth is 74. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sam Gooden (The Impressions) is 72. Singer Jimmy Clanton is 71. Rhythm-and-blues singer Rosalind Ashford (Martha & the Vandellas) is 68. Singer Joe Simon is 68. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Terry Bradshaw is 63. Basketball Hall of Famer Nate Archibald is 63. Actor Mark Harmon is 60. International Tennis Hall of Famer Jimmy Connors is 59. Actress Linda Purl is 56. Country musician Paul Deakin (The Mavericks) is 52. Pro Football Hall of Famer Eric Dickerson is 51. Actor Keanu Reeves is 47. Former heavyweight boxing champion Lennox Lewis is 46. Actress Salma Hayek is 45. Actress Kristen Cloke is 43. Actress Cynthia Watros is 43. Rhythm-and-blues singer K-Ci is 42. Actor-comedian Katt Williams is 38. Actor Michael Lombardi is 37. Actress Tiffany Hines is 34. Rock musician Sam Rivers (Limp Bizkit) is 34. Rock musician Spencer Smith (Panic! at the Disco) is 24.

Thought for Today: "Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else."
-Margaret Mead, American anthropologist (1901-1978)



Romney-Perry: A high-noon situation

Political feuds are entertaining, especially when they involve presidential contenders. Thus, the alleged bad blood between Texas Gov. Rick Perry and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney is worth examining because they are currently the frontrunners to challenge President Obama next year.

According to reporting by The Boston Globe, there are two issues in play. First, back in 2002, when Romney was rescuing the Salt Lake City Olympic games from chaos, Perry wanted the Boy Scouts of America to be named the official volunteers of the games. Romney said no because most scouts are under 18, the minimum age to work at the Olympics.

Perry, however, thought there was a gay component to Romney's decision, since the Boy Scouts do not accept declared homosexuals as scoutmasters. Romney denied that.

Then in 2006, Romney traveled to Texas as the chairman of the Republican Governors Association. He met with Perry, who was furious that Romney had hired a man named Alex Castellanos as an adviser. It seems that Castellanos was also

advising Carole Keeton Strayhorn, who was running against Perry for governor. It was a chilly meeting.

On paper, those incidents look small, and they are. But now Romney and Perry find themselves in a high-noon situation, and there will be a showdown, most likely in the form of a debate. At the end of the primary season, only one will be standing tall.

I say that because there is not much chance that Michele Bachmann, currently running third in the polls, will gain enough traction to threaten the governors. The congresswoman is waging an energetic campaign, but big-money Republicans are looking for "gravitas" this time around, not ideology. Those running the GOP well understand that economics will decide the next presidential election.

Both Romney and Perry are well positioned in the economic arena. While governor of Massachusetts, a liberal bastion, state bonds received

an upgrade by Standard and Poor's, the credit rating agency that just downgraded the USA.

Perry's economic story is solid, as well. Texas leads the league in job creation in the teeth of a stubborn recession, and tort reform has attracted major medical concerns and personnel to the state. So, on balance, both governors match up well against Obama in the area of economics.

Perry is counting on his conservative credibility to hold his poll lead over Romney, who is suspect in some right wing precincts because of the Massachusetts health care law. You may remember that Obama gave Romney credit for passing the law, which, of course, was like putting a nail in the governor's shoe.

The Romney-Perry match-up should be interesting, especially if it gets vicious. Both men are capable of slinging some mud. And with the hair situations they both have, that could get messy.



BILL O'REILLY

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Worship

Understanding the joy of vocation

Since Labor Day is upon us it would be helpful for everyone to have a better understanding of vocation. From the Bible, Martin Luther understood that all people have callings or different vocations in their daily life. The word vocation comes from the Latin word meaning 'to call'. Your vocations are those callings, your duties, or stations in your daily life. It is not just limited to your nine to five place of employment either. Each person has many stations or callings: such as a worker, a citizen, a parent, a volunteer, etc.

Luther's understanding of vocation is indeed helpful to us today to see our spiritual duties in our everyday life. In other words, you don't have to go into the sacred ministry to serve God fully. You serve God in your daily callings as you serve your neighbor in love. And that's how God desires you to serve your neighbor, with love. This is a splendid way to see how God is present among us, just 'hidden' so to speak in the everyday world.

This understanding transforms practical, everyday life because all legitimate vocations are really avenues of God's love for us and others. God first serves mankind by giving the gift of His Son Jesus Christ in the Word and Sacraments, then we, His people, go and serve others from the love He first gives us. Through our daily activities and all the duties we have been given we care for others. Christians admit God uses unbelievers in our world to serve us and we also serve them. It is one way Christians love all our neighbors as we serve them in this way.

Let me give you examples of this. I go to the grocery store and buy some milk. Think of all the people who in their daily work served me in this. There is the dairy farmer and his crew of workers who fed and milked the cows. Then a truck driver drove it to the processing place and then onto the grocery store. Who can forget the road crew who builds and maintains the roads for the drivers? What about the alfalfa farmer who grew the hay to feed the cows? Then we have the workers in the plant that package the milk. There are those who served me at the store to purchase the milk — those who stocked the shelves and the clerk who took my money so I could buy it. What about the electrician who fixes and maintains the coolers? What about the safety inspector that made sure the milk was not tainted through the whole process? The list of those who served me could go



MICHAEL ERICKSON

the good word

on and on. One thing we don't want to do is inflate our work so much that we neglect God's Word, or our family, or our other callings in life. Anything can become a god if we let it. We all have our sins and faults in our vocations. That is why we need the forgiveness only Jesus gives. Thus, God would have us realize our need to gather to hear the Gospel at church from the pastor (that's his vocation). It also really helps Christians to understand that our day to day stations in life extend beyond the workplace. These vocations are the ones that reach into the social realm of our relationships. For instance, I am a son, husband, father, citizen, friend, pastor, coach, referee, cub-scout leader, and may be a few other things. I serve those around me in these areas. I have specific duties involved in all of these different callings. Some of our vocations we choose like being a coach or volunteering at school. Other callings are simply placed upon us, like being a son or daughter.

In these relationships you also serve God by loving your family by doing your duties at home and other places. When you provide for your kids, play with them, and discipline them. When you change a diaper or get the laundry done. When you cook supper or read to them or drive them to band practice. When you help your elderly mother get to her doctor's appointment or clean her house. When you counsel a friend and help him build his back yard deck. Even when you do those tasks that can become a bit mundane, remember this is your service to those around you in love. That is how God is hidden in our everyday world. So with a proper Biblical understanding of vocation your work will become much more meaningful.

Give thanks to God in your daily callings at work and at home. They are worth great value and even in the smallest task you are serving many people and that is a true blessing.

Michael Erickson is the pastor at Zion Lutheran Church.

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

Look for churches at Chautauqua

ANDREW GLOVER
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Several Pampa churches hope to reach some of the crowd at Chautauqua as they will host booths Monday.

Zion Lutheran Church pastor Michael Erickson said the church will have a lemonade stand and the youth will be serving sausage on a stick.

"This is just a couple fundraiser that we do," Erickson said. "We've done the lemonade stand for a lot of years. The youth will be raising

money for the Sunday School and different trips it takes."

Highland Baptist Church hopes to get people relief from the heat as the church is giving away popsicles and booklets. Calvary Baptist secretary Peggy Bennett said the church will sell funnel cakes and corn dogs again.

"We usually have a long line," Bennett said. "We raise money for our TV ministry to buy equipment. We have webcasts and will be broadcasting on phones."

Chautauqua starts at 9 a.m. at Central Park.

GOD'S GOOD NEWS

How did we survive then?

DAVID BOULER
Highland Park Baptist Church

Someone took a look back on our years as "Baby Boomers." They made the observation, it's hard to believe we have lived as long as we have.

As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts, car seats or air bags. Riding on the tailgate of a pickup truck was a great summer treat.

We had no child-proof lids on medicine bottles, doors, or cabinets; and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets.

We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle.

We would spend hours building our go-

carts out of scrap 2x4's and lawn mower tires and then ride down hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. However, after running into the bushes a few times we learned to solve the problem.

We ate cupcakes, bread and butter, and drank sugar sodas (cokes in the South), but were never overweight — we were always outside playing.

But this generation produced some of the best risk-takers, and problem solvers in America. We had freedom, success, responsibility, and we learned how to deal with it all — we survived!

David Bouler is a pastor at Highland Park Baptist Church in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Pampa Church Directory

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Anniversary for Iglesia Bautista Emanuel

Iglesia Bautista Emanuel is celebrating its eighth anniversary 10 a.m. September 11. A fellowship meal will follow the service. Brother Axel Chavez, former pastor will bring the message. Music will be by the church praise band the Los Llamados. The church intends to have a

wonderful time reminiscing, fellowship, worshipping and praising God.

The church extend an invitation to the residents of Pampa and area to join us in this celebration. Iglesia Bautista Emanuel meets at 1021 S. Barnes.

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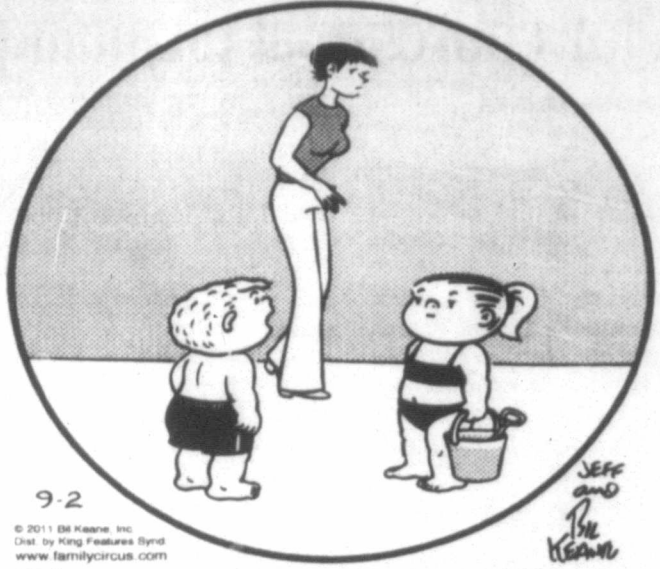
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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Sept. 2, 2011:

This year, you open up to new situations. With creativity and a willingness to experience the new, you grow into a new world. Express your caring more often. People need to hear that they are cared about. If you are single, a new door opens, and you meet someone quite exotic. Though this might not be the right person, you certainly could enjoy yourself with him or her. If you are attached, keep the lines of communication open. Go on more old-fashioned dates. **SCORPIO** always enjoy chatting with you.

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)
★★★ You might need to be more centered than you have been recently. Extremes mark finances and partnership decisions. Be kind when dealing with a dear friend or a loved one. You might not have the time needed. Do a better job of listening and not judging. Tonight: Someone reveals too much information.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Defer to others; perhaps it would be easier. What you are choosing to do might not make sense to many people. Remain positive and optimistic. Listen to what someone shares. Tonight: You can afford to give someone the benefit of the doubt.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Try to level out. Only then decide how to approach an important associate or partner. You could feel as if you have too much on your plate, though that might not be exactly accurate. Use your instincts, and you'll land well. Tonight: Push to complete certain errands.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You could be causing yourself a problem without intending to. Be optimistic about your potential and your direction. Your softer side emerges with a child or loved one. It is important to stay with the consensus of opinion. Tonight: Play the night away.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might want to rethink a decision involving your work and how you are juggling it with other concerns. Quite clearly, something is likely to go. You might wonder what. Once more, an invest-

ment comes under consideration. Think positively. Tonight: Be aware of a roommate's needs.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Speak your mind and let others know what you think. Someone might want to brainstorm. You don't need to change your mind. In a debate, you simply need to be aware of someone's suggestions and his or her rationale. Tonight: Recognize there are many ways to skin a cat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Be aware of how much you will need to give both financially and emotionally to make a situation work. A partner seems unusually positive yet at the same time overwhelming. You might not be revealing the whole story just yet. Tonight: Where the action is.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Keep revisiting an idea. You'll get a new perspective because of your willingness to toss yourself into a problem and accept new ideas. A meeting could be more important than you first realized. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

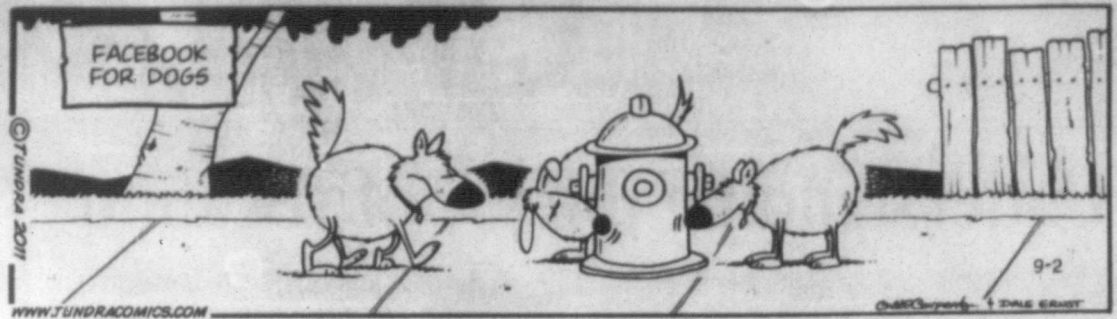
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Take your time making a decision. Your ability to make a difference emerges in the near future. Stay centered on day-to-day matters. Your instincts will guide you. A boss, parent or authority figure smiles at what you do. Tonight: Rethink a decision.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Stay focused on the group, the whole, the collective. In a meeting, you develop supporters and new ideas, as others reveal their feelings willingly. Use care with a friendship, as it might be changing right in front of your very eyes. Tonight: Where the fun is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Be willing to take a stand. Not everyone feels like you do. Let go of a problem. Make an effort toward a loved one. One-on-one relating proves to be important. Your professional image counts. Tonight: A must appearance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by everything that is going on around you. Reach out for a key person at a distance. Your ability to move past an obstacle could be more important than you realize, whether it is related to work or a specific friend. Tonight: Surround yourself with music.

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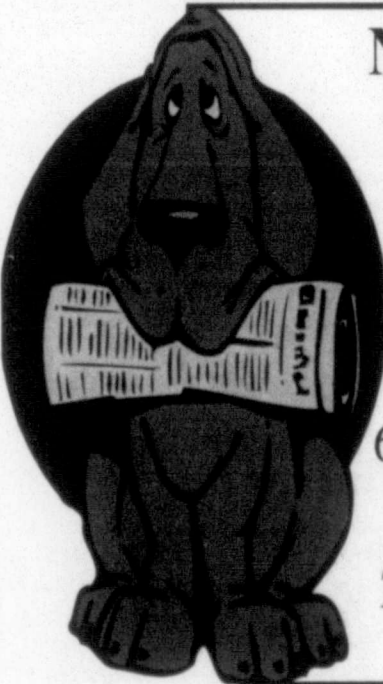
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9-3 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: PHILOSOPHY: A ROUTE OF MANY ROADS LEADING FROM NOWHERE TO NOTHING. — AMBROSE BIERCE

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Lindy Forsyth
City Secretary
A-76 Sept. 2, 2011

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All times Eastern
Sprint Cup
 Advocare 500,
 7:30 p.m., Sunday **ESPN**

Nationwide Series
 Great Clips 300,
 7:30 p.m., Saturday **ESPN2**

Truck Series
 Atlanta 200,
 8 p.m., Friday **SPEED**

BURNING ISSUES

► Fifty-one drivers have earned Sprint Cup points this year. Since drivers now have to "declare" their division points in a single season, one of those who has no points is Daytona 500 winner Trevor Bayne.

► In a span of five races, Brad Keselowski has improved from 23rd to 11th in the points standings. With three victories, a position in the Chase is virtually assured.

► It's tempting to suggest that "aero push" has become a factor at Bristol, but what actually happens there is that a driver who clears the field is able to pull away because of side-by-side racing by those behind him.

► In other words, it appears as if more side-by-side racing actually contributes to runaways at the front of the pack.

► In horse racing, it's known as "the railbirds' choice." What long shot has the best chance of pulling off a championship in the Chase? Clearly, that driver is Keselowski, though the odds are getting shorter.

► Watch Carl Edwards closely at Atlanta. If he's going to be strong in the Chase, he will rely heavily on success at intermediate tracks like AMS.

► Martin Truex Jr. has his two best finishes of the season — fourth and second — in the past three races.

► Five drivers — Kyle Busch, Johnson, Matt Kenseth, Edwards and Kevin Harvick — have clinched spots in the Chase. As a practical matter, toss in Keselowski for a wild-card spot.

2011 STANDINGS

Sprint Cup Series	Pts.
1. Kyle Busch	830
2. Jimmie Johnson	830
3. Matt Kenseth	-32
4. Carl Edwards	-35
5. Kevin Harvick	-48
6. Jeff Gordon	-48
7. Ryan Newman	-68
8. Kurt Busch	-81
9. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	-202
10. Tony Stewart	-120
11. Brad Keselowski	-141
12. Clint Bowyer	-142

Nationwide Series	Pts.
1. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	867
2. Elliott Sadler	-5
3. Reed Sorenson	-10
4. Aric Almirola	-58
5. Justin Allgaier	-66
6. Jason Leffler	-91
7. Kenny Wallace	-145
8. Steve Wallace	-161
9. Brian Scott	-175
10. Michael Annett	-180

Camping World Truck Series	Pts.
1. Johnny Sauter	561
2. James Buescher	-7
3. Timothy Peters	-15
4. Austin Dillon	-29
5. Cole Whit	-42
6. Joey Coulter	-55
7. Matt Crafton	-63
8. Parker Kligerman	-67
9. Ron Homaday Jr.	-68
10. Todd Bodine	-72



WHO'S HOT AND WHO'S NOT



Who's hot: Brad Keselowski's finishes in the last four races — 1, 2, 3, 1 — average out to 1.75. ... Don't look now, but Jimmie Johnson is tied for first place in points.

Who's not: Tony Stewart finished 28th, three laps down, at Bristol in one of his worst performances in memory. ... A crash relegated Mark Martin to 38th place ... and 19th in Sprint Cup points.



SPRINT CUP

Race: Advocare 500
Where: Atlanta Motor Speedway, Hampton, Ga. (1.54 mi.), 325 laps/500.5 miles.
When: Sunday, Sept. 4.
Last year's winner: Tony Stewart, Chevy.
Qualifying record: Geoff Bodine, Ford, 197.478 mph, Nov. 15, 1997.
Race record: Bobby Labonte, Pontiac, 159.904 mph, Nov. 16, 1997.
Last week: Brad Keselowski, in a Dodge, won for the third time — twice in the past four races — at Bristol Motor Speedway. Keselowski is NASCAR's hottest driver with an average finish of 1.75 in the past four races, 3.2 in the past five.

NATIONWIDE

Race: Great Clips 300
Where: Atlanta Motor Speedway, Hampton, Ga. (1.54 mi.), 195 laps/300.3 miles.
When: Saturday, Sept. 3.
Last year's winner: Jamie McMurray, Chevy.
Qualifying record: Greg Biffle, Chevy, 192.300 mph, Oct. 25, 2003.
Race record: Greg Biffle, Chevy, 146.217 mph, Oct. 25, 2003.
Last week: Kyle Busch, in one Toyota, held off fast-charging Joey Logano, in another, to win for the third time in a row at Bristol Motor Speedway. The two finished side by side, with Busch winning by inches.

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK

Race: Atlanta 200
Where: Atlanta Motor Speedway, Hampton, Ga. (1.54 mi.), 130 laps/200.2 miles.
When: Friday, Sept. 2.
Last year's winner: Kevin Harvick, Chevy.
Qualifying record: Rick Crawford, Ford, 182.735 mph, March 17, 2005.
Race record: Ron Homaday Jr., Chevy, 142.424 mph, March 18, 2005.
Last week: Kevin Harvick, in a Chevy, continued to dominate the series, winning at Bristol Motor Speedway. It was Harvick's third victory in a row. Johnny Sauter finished second in another Chevy, followed by Todd Bodine in a Toyota.

ATLANTA DATA

Sept. 4

Distance: 1.54-mile oval
Length of frontstretch: 2,332 ft.
Length of backstretch: 1,800 ft.
Miles/Laps: 500.5 mi. = 325 laps

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

TONY STEWART

SPRINT CUP SERIES

No. 14 OFFICE DEPOT CHEVROLET



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

With two regular-season races left before the Chase, former Cup champion and current owner Tony Stewart needs to string together a few good finishes. Unless in 2011, Stewart knows if he can get his Chevy running better, he'll make the postseason.

Stumbling Down The Stretch

Owner/driver Stewart hanging on to fleeting spot in points standings

By Monte Dutton
 NASCAR This Week

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Tony Stewart began competing regularly at NASCAR's top level in 1999, and he has never failed to win at least one race.

That streak is in jeopardy, as well as Stewart's capacity to claim a spot in the Chase for the Sprint Cup, the 10-race series within a series that determines the championship. Stewart has 39 career victories and won championships in 2002 and 2005.

Stewart finished 28th, three laps off the pace, in the Irwin Tools Night Race, at a track where he has fared poorly in five of his past six appearances. Stewart is a Bristol Motor Speedway winner, but his only victory was a decade ago.

"Just a rough night," Stewart said simply. "Struggled through."

Regarding the Chase, he added: "It's no different than it was last week. The feeling is the same way. You still want to

make it. We're working hard at it."

With finishes of 27th, ninth and 28th in the past three races, Stewart is hanging on to 10th place in the points standings for dear life. The good news is that he still holds a 21-point edge over 11th-place racer Brad Keselowski. The bad news is that Keselowski gained 31 points on him by winning at Bristol.

Two regular-season races remain. Stewart said he isn't obsessed with making the Chase, per se. He is concerned with a performance slump. If he can get his No. 14 Chevy running better, the Chase will take care of itself.

"I'm more worried about just getting our program back on track," he said. "I want to make the Chase more than anything. I want it for our sponsors. I want it for our organization. But most of all, I just want us to get back on track."

"If that means we miss the Chase in the process, we do. But we're going to try to do everything we can to make it. ... The most important thing is getting our program back on track."

Job security has unexpected turn for Edwards

By Monte Dutton
 NASCAR This Week

BRISTOL, Tenn. — It was but a coincidence.

During the extended period in which Carl Edwards entertained offers, pondered his future and eventually resigned with Roush Fenway Racing, the near-unanimous view of most observers was that he needed to make up his mind or else it was going to damage his title hopes.

While haggling, Edwards led the Sprint Cup points standings for the majority of the season. In the first two races after he signed a new contract, he fell from first to fourth.

Coincidence? Yes.

"I should've held out longer, huh?" he quipped. "I don't think the stroke of a pen on the line there affected the spark plug (at Michigan on Aug. 21). It's just racing luck right now. We had cars that were good."

"But, yeah, it's kind of an interesting coincidence, and I thought about it a little bit."

All a coincidence — In a remark that required suspension of belief, Jimmie Johnson basically said his five consecutive Sprint Cup championships

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were without method.

He denied that he had been able to perfect any purported "system."

"I've always sat up here and said we're giving 100 percent every week, and it's more coincidence, and it really is," he said. "We all sit back and look at an average finish over the Chase races and say you need to do better than that and do that to win. We all know that, but doing it is a totally different deal and it's very difficult to pull off."

So Johnson would have us believe that's won five straight championships, huh?

Too much — Kevin Harvick reiterated his declaration that he would never start up his own Sprint Cup operation as long as he is a driver.

Harvick is, in fact, reportedly considering shutting down his Camping World Truck Series operation next year. His Wednesday victory in that series was his third in a row.

"It's just too expensive," he said. "It's too expensive to start a team. It's too expensive to take that risk. You



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As the troubled economy has had highs and lows, owner/driver Kevin Harvick says he wouldn't start up a Cup team as long as he's a driver and he's even considered ending his Truck operation.

have to spend \$10-15 million to get going and then spend \$10-20 million to maintain it for a year. This isn't a risk that (wife) DeLana and I are willing to take."

Coming to join you — While most Sprint Cup drivers were introduced to driving rock anthems and hip-hop riffs at Bristol, Greg Biffle took an unconventional tack before Saturday night's race.

He walked across the stage to the dulcet tones of the theme of ... "Sanford and Son."

LEGENDS AND LORE

A 'Buddy' Memory

Had a film been made of the NASCAR Convertible Division race at Hickory (N.C.) Motor Speedway on April 2, 1957, it would have been "a buddy movie." Driving Ford from Pete DePaolo's factory team, Curtis Turner and Joe Weatherly finished 1-2. Turner, nicknamed "Pops," lapped the field, and his pal "Little Joe" finished second. Jack Smith finished third in a Chevy, followed by Glen Wood in a Ford and Lee Petty in an Oldsmobile.

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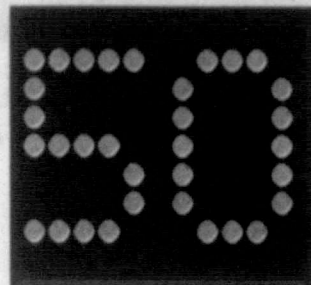
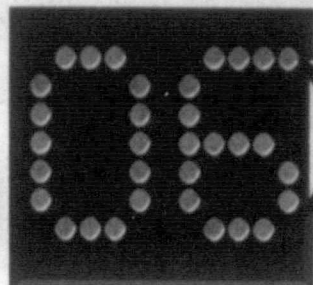
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Pirates make quick work of Follett JV, start 2-0

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Sometimes teams have games where everything is clicking. For the Lefors Pirates, Thursday was one of them. They defeated Follett junior varsity 50-6 in Follett.

Senior Seth Scully said they scored from the get-go.

"We came out and scored on the first kick-off," Scully said. "We pitched a shut out until the second quarter. Andrew Chambers scored multiple times out of the spread. Colten Helfer also had a few touchdowns along with Dennis Sprouse and Lane Stegall."

Chambers said before the game they planned to win big.

"We were talking before the game and said we are going to 45 them," Chambers said. "In the fourth quarter we came out with the victory."

Scully said the team executed well the whole game.

"Our second team received lots of good

experience," Scully said. "Our first team had good fundamental work."

Chambers said they made the plays they needed to, to win.

"(Follett) couldn't stop our spread," Chambers said. "Our tight (formation) was great. The defense played well."

The Pirates start 2-0 for the fourth consecutive season and face Lazbuddie September 10 in Lazbuddie.

Scully said they hope to continue their winning ways.

"We plan on being undefeated going into district," Scully said.

Chambers said they will show Lazbuddie how good of a team they are.

"Nobody's going to stop us," Chambers said. "If anyone wants to take us on they better be ready to get hit."

Head coach Joey Czubinski's comments were unavailable as of press time.



Scully



Chambers

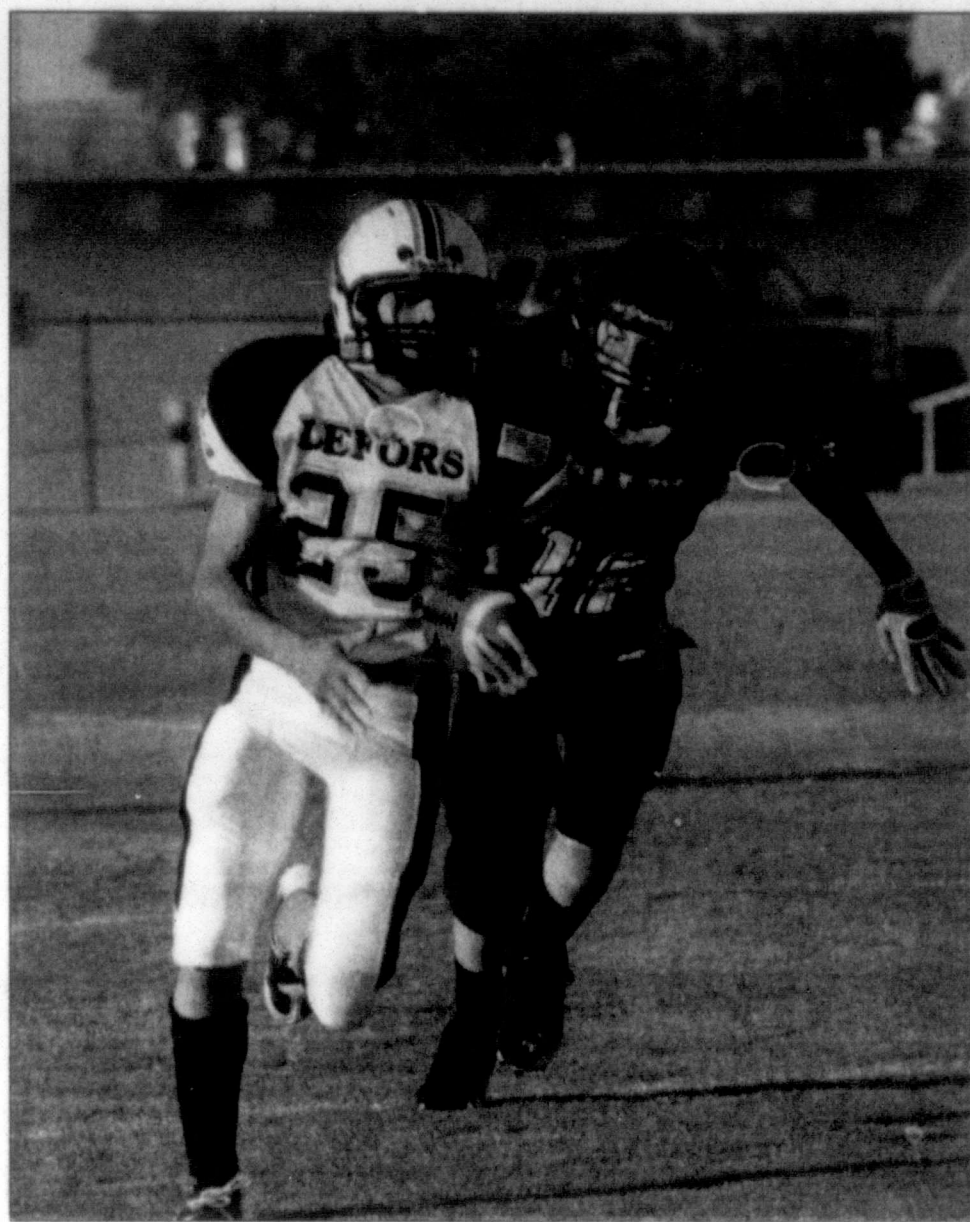


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Senior Andrew Chambers rushes for a score against Follett JV. Lefors won 50-6 and start 2-0.

PHS running backs reflect on their first varsity game

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On August 22, three days after junior running back Samuel Smith twisted his ankle during the Palo Duro scrimmage, he was hoping to still make his varsity debut the following Friday at Iowa Park. Unfortunately, Smith wasn't able to return to action, as he watched sophomore backups Freddy Jackson and Damon Flores carry the load in Pampa's 20-0 victory.

Smith said it was hard for him to be on the sidelines.

"It killed me not playing with the team," Smith said. "I was there cheering them on and that was the best I could do for them."

Jackson and Flores, who were in the freshman team's backfield last season, said they were nervous but calmed down when they entered the game.

"We were scared to run," Flores said. "At the same time, our adrenaline, we used it to our advantage."

Smith said he didn't feel like he was part of the victory.

"It's less of a win to me because you don't get to see the field," Smith said. "You don't know how it feels to be out there playing."

"It felt great," Jackson said. "It was fast-paced."

Jackson said scoring his first varsity touchdown was amazing.

"I can't even explain how it felt," Jackson said.

Flores was called up from the junior varsity August 22. The sophomore said he was excited adding he was pleased with how he contributed.

"I did what my heart told me to do," Flores said. "That was to go help my fellow teammates. Freddy felt good because he scored a touchdown. I felt good because I made third down conversions and that's what football is all about."

Smith said he was supportive of his teammates but is ready to return to action today against Lubbock Estacado after suturing up in full pads this week.

"It was great to be back in pads and practicing with the team," Smith said. "I'm about 75 percent and will be 100 percent next week. It will be tough throughout the year but I think I can handle it with all the offseason I've been through."

Jackson and Flores said it was neat to be a part of Pampa's first opening victory since 2008.

"It felt pretty good to get a win off the freshmen seven-game winning streak," Jackson said.

"It felt good for me because I was on varsity for just that first week," Flores said. "Then I played Friday and it felt good because I moved up and did well and felt like I got a place here."



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Sophomore Freddy Jackson runs for a three-yard touchdown against Iowa Park August 26. The score was Jackson's first varsity touchdown.

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Robert is the District Art Director/Instructor for the Mooreland school system in Mooreland, Oklahoma, and has been an art educator for the past 28 years.

Accompanying Robert, his wife, Donna Herber-Beatley, who will display her *Photography from the Heart*.

This exhibit will begin Monday, August 29 through October 7. Please stop by and see this mixed media exhibit.

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