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## RAIN!

Cut Gray Countians were treated to the sight of wet pavement on their way to work yesterday - a sight not witnessed locally very much this summer. A cold front ushered cooler temperatures into the area, give the air a decidedly autumnal feel. The chance for thunderstorms continued through last night with the low expected to be near 46. The extended forecast has lows in the mid-50s and highs in the mid-80s.

staff photo by Andrew Glover

## County approves \$12.6M budget

The Gray County Commissioners Court gave the final go ahead on the county's budget and tax rate during its regular session yesterday morning.  
Total expenditures for next year stand at \$12,652,998, about 3 percent higher than the previous year's budget.  
The newly adopted tax rate will be 52.96 cents per \$100 of taxable value, up from 48.71 cents.  
In other business, the commission approved a request from the Gray County Sheriff's Office to use grant money to purchase a pickup.

## Emergency haying of CRP acreage extended Blood drive set Sept. 24

An extension has been authorized for the Emergency Haying of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), according to information from the Pampa office of the Natural Resource Conservation Service.  
The following end dates now apply:  
Managed and Emergency Haying - Sept. 30, 2011  
Managed Grazing - Sept. 30, 2011  
Emergency Grazing - Oct. 31, 2011  
Additionally, producers who

were previously approved to conduct managed grazing in the affected county may switch to emergency grazing; however, they will remain bound by the original managed grazing frequency. Producers wishing to switch from managed grazing to emergency need to contact the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office.  
With the current lack of rainfall and grass production, participants are reminded to follow the guidelines written in their respective CRP plans. Regardless of the end dates (September 30 and October

31), grass heights must be maintained. Grazing the grass cover shorter than outlined in the CRP grazing plan will constitute a contract violation. If landowners or participants have any questions regarding this information, contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office.  
Both offices are located in the County Annex at 12125 E Frederic (Hwy 60) Pampa, TX; or can be reached by phone at:  
FSA: 806-665-6561 ext. 2  
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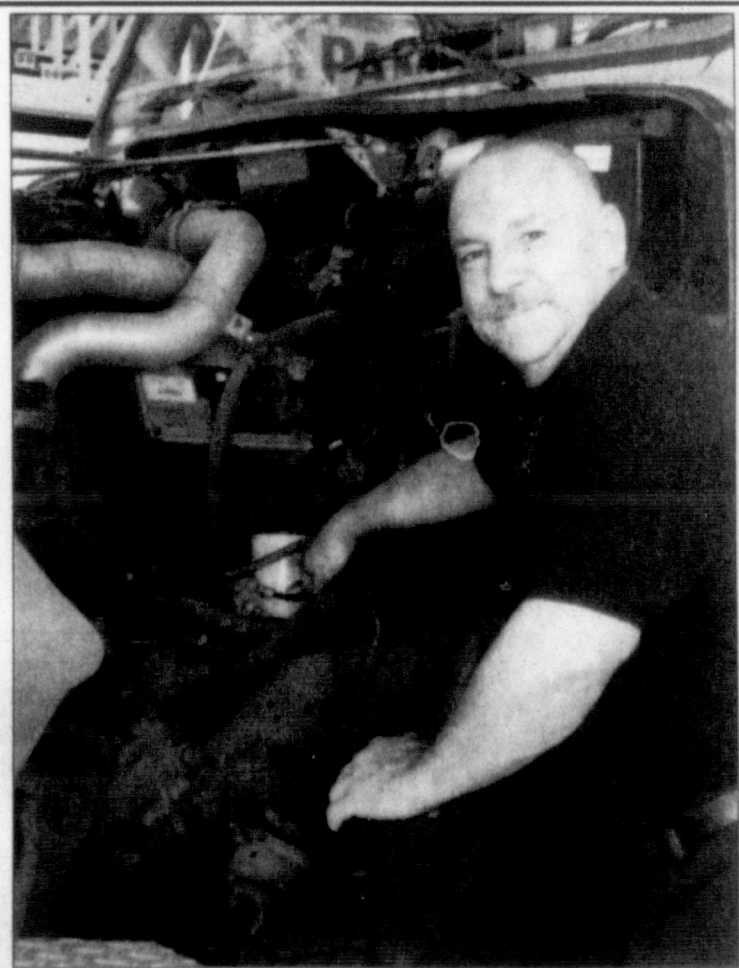
Coffee Memorial Blood Center will conduct a community blood drive on Saturday Sept. 24.  
The drive will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Cornerstone Baptist Church in Pampa.  
Every eligible donor will receive a football t-shirt and be entered into a drawing for a chance to win two tickets to the Nov. 6 Dallas vs. Seattle football game at Cowboys Stadium.  
For more information, call 806-331-8800.

## Evans: 'We're held to a higher standard'

**MOLLIE BRYANT**  
[mbryant@thepampanews.com](mailto:mbryant@thepampanews.com)  
John Evans, senior equipment operator with the Pampa Fire Department, started out in farming and ranching, but it wasn't long before he was lured into the world of firefighting.  
Evans grew up in Waynoka, Oklahoma, where he was fascinated by the work done by firefighters responding to ranch fires.  
"You'd see the guys come out on the truck, and they're out there, bouncing around the smoke, and putting fire out, and I always thought it would be cool," he said.  
His fascination led him to join up with the Woods County Volunteer Fire Department in

Oklahoma, which he was a part of for 15 years. From there, he was a member of the Miami Volunteer Fire Department for three years, before he joined the Pampa department in 2003. In 2007, he became Equipment Operator for the department.  
Working with the Pampa Fire Department was a little different from the volunteer units he had previously served on.  
"Even back home, a lot of ranchers back then had to fight their own grass fires, because you have to have your own protection, so that's how I got started with rural departments there - just a flatbed, nothing fancy. Just a pickup with a water tank on the back and a

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John Evans




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### PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Saturday	Sunday
 20%	 20%	
High 75 Low 60	High 84 Low 60	High 85 Low 60

**Today:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 75. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Tonight:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 60. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Saturday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 84. South southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Saturday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 60. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Sunday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 85. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Sunday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 60. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southeast.

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### Evans

pump," Evans said. A full time position with a fire department comes with full time responsibility.

"I think, in all honesty, that we're held to a higher standard in this town," Evans said. "People look at us differently. We're professionals, we're to dress professionally, we're to act professionally, and I try to be that person, that they can call on me anytime day or night, even when I'm off duty."

As equipment operator, Evans maintains the trucks and gear around the station.

"Every morning, we check every truck. We make sure all of the equipment is gassed up, it's there, it's on a truck, it's functional, so when we do get a call, we're ready to respond. We try to keep our response time to less than three minutes anywhere in town," he said.

Functionality and preparedness are key, especially when safety is the watchword.

"As equipment operator, my job is not just to get (the firefighters) to the scene safely, through the scene

safely, but get them home to their families safely," said Evans.

During a fire, he is busy preparing everything that the captain and crew will need to safely put out the flames.

"My job as equipment operator is setting the truck up, getting ready to get water to them. And then once I get the water established for them, I've got to get the fireplug hooked up to the hose, get any tools I need off there, whether it be pipes, hose, axes, spare bottles of air. Whatever tool they need, I need to have it there ready for them," Evans said.

"I don't like to leave my engine in case something does happen, because I do have guys inside. I'm monitoring what's going on inside, and I have radio traffic to take care of," he added.

Firefighting may be intense at times, but Evans is happy with his career.

"It's always been something that I like to do. It's kind of a thrill to go out and fight a fire. It's adrenaline," he said. "And to me, it's being able to give back to the community. It's a really rewarding job. You see people,

like a heart attack patient, and you get them to the hospital, and you see them weeks or maybe months later somewhere, and they give you a hug. So, the rewards are there. It's a very rewarding job. I've made a lot of friends, met a lot of people through the things we do. I mean, lifelong friends."

In his spare time, Evans loves being outdoors, fishing and hunting. He also works rebuilding trailers and other mechanic work.

"I can go down to the shop, build things out of metal," he said. "I just like creating things. I learned welding from my granddad. He always bestowed in me to learn, because if you get an education, it's the only thing they can't take away from you."

In fact, Evans has been able to take several classes through his work.

"I really don't consider myself a hero. I consider myself lucky to have a job that I love to come to every day," he said. "A lot of people call us heroes, and we're really not. We're just doing our job that we're paid to do and that we enjoy doing."

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### Obituaries

#### Rhonda Mattie Hendrix, 88

ARLINGTON—Rhonda Mattie Hendrix, 88, died September 14, 2011, in Arlington.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, September 17, 2011, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel in Pampa, with Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor of Central Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating.

Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa, under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Hendrix was born October 10, 1922, in Upsher County to Phillip and Lela Langford, and she was the last of 12 children. She graduated from Gilmer High School in Gilmer. She was a resident of Pampa from 1941 until moving to Arlington in 2010. Rhonda married Frison Hendrix on January 5, 1945, in Amarillo. He preceded her in death in 1998. She was a member of Central Baptist Church in Pampa, and was a homemaker.

Survivors include two daughters, Marylon Nicolet and husband Dan of Denton, and Robbie Stone and husband Norman of Fort Worth; five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Shepard's Crook Home Health, 916 N. Crest, Suite 101, Pampa, TX 79065, Community of Texas Hospice, 6100 Western Place, Suite



Hendrix

500, Fort Worth, TX 76107, or Central Baptist Church, 513 E. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065.

The family will receive friends from 5:30-7 p.m. on Friday, September 16, 2011, at Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Home in Pampa.

Sign the online register at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).

#### Covert "Jim" Jean, 75

Covert "Jim" Jean, 75, died September 14, 2011, in Pampa.

Services will be at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, September 17, 2011, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with Dr. Jeff Knighton, pastor of First Christian Church, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Jean was born January 1, 1936, in Oklahoma City. He married Karen Fuller on August 17, 1956, in Meade, Kan. He had been a resident of Pampa for the past 25 years. Jim retired from Michigan Wisconsin Pipeline Company as a corrosion tech in 1995. He attended First Christian Church in Pampa, and he enjoyed traveling after his retirement.

Survivors include his wife, Karen Jean of the home; two sons, David Jean of Greensburg, Kan., and Billy Jean of Farmington, N.M.; two daughters, Jackie Robertson and husband Stan of Greensburg, Kan., and Jo Ann Freeman of Pampa; six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospice Care of the Southwest, 1301 S. Coulter, Suite 404, Amarillo, TX 79106.

Sign the online register at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).

### For the record

**Police Department** Thursday, September 15 at 7 a.m. Animal Control officers and Pampa PD responded to 24 animal related calls. Pampa PD reported 18

traffic related incidents. Pampa EMS and the Pampa Fire Department responded to 5 medical calls.

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

9-16 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Yesterday's Cryptquote: A GOOD HEAD AND A GOOD HEART ARE ALWAYS A FORMIDABLE COMBINATION. — NELSON MANDELA

**Wednesday, September 14**

An accident occurred at 20th and Christine. A suspicious person was reported at the 900 block of East Kentucky. Criminal mischief was reported at the 4000 block of North Bad Cattle Company. A domestic disturbance was reported at the 900 block of South Schneider. Disorderly conduct was reported at the 100 block of West Foster. A burglary occurred at the 1200 block of East Kingsmill. A suspicious person was reported at the 1700 block of North Hobart. Endangerment of a child or elderly person was reported at the 600 block of North Red Deer. Suspicious vehicles were reported at the 1800 block of West Alcock and Henry and Malone. A kidnapping was reported at the 700 block of North Zimmers. Domestic disturbances occurred at the 1200 block of East Kingsmill and Varnon and McCullough.

**Thursday, September 15**

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 500 block of Yeager. Phone harassment occurred at the 500 block of Yeager. A burglary occurred at the 1700 block of East Harvester.

#### Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24 hour period ending Thursday, September 15 at 7 a.m.

**Wednesday, September 14**

Marquita Renee Nickleberry, 27, was arrested by police on charges of failure to appear in court, driving with an invalid license and expired motor vehicle insurance. James Marcel Hudson, 19, was arrested by police for possession of marijuana.

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## 3 mo. forecast: Warm and dry

WASHINGTON (AP) - The outlook for the next three months is bad news for drought-plagued Texas and its neighbors.

Texas is the center of a region of expected above-normal temperatures that are expected to extend into New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas and Colorado, and could reach all the way to the western Great Lakes states, according to the October through December forecast released Thursday by the federal Climate Prediction Center.

The outlook also calls for drier than normal conditions in that region, a weather pattern that likely will extend all across the Gulf Coast states to Georgia and South Carolina.

## Lung cancer rates decrease

ATLANTA (AP) - The West is leading a national decline in the rate of new lung cancer cases, with states like California and Texas accounting for much of the improvement - particularly in women.

Health officials credit lower smoking rates in Western states. Lung cancer has been declining in men for years, but the decline in women is much more recent. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Thursday that lung cancer rates among women decreased 2 percent from 2006 to 2008, but dropped 4 percent out West.

There were not declines in female lung cancer rates in every state, however. Only six states saw significant drops - California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Texas and Florida. That was enough to pull down the national rate.

## \$11M for lead paint safety

FORT WORTH (AP) - More than \$11 million has been earmarked for some Texas communities to help protect children from lead-based paint poisoning.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development on Thursday announced the funding for Austin, San Antonio, Houston and Harris County.

The grants are part of \$93 million in HUD funds available nationwide. HUD says the money will help clean lead and other health hazards in privately owned low-income housing units, plus help with safety training.

Austin's share will be \$2.5 million, while San Antonio and Houston will each receive \$3 million. Harris County Public Health Services has been awarded \$2.7 million.

## Texas gas prices slip 4 cents

HOUSTON (AP) - Retail gasoline prices have slipped 4 cents this week across Texas.

AAA Texas on Thursday reported that the average price at the gas pump is \$3.44 per gallon.

The association's weekly survey also found that the nationwide price of gasoline has declined 3 cents, to settle at \$3.62 per gallon.

AAA Texas says the most expensive gasoline in the state was in Amarillo, at \$3.53 per gallon. Fort Worth had the last expensive gasoline, at \$3.39. Spokeswoman Sarah Schimmer says the highest average price for gasoline this year in Texas happened May 13, at \$3.89 per gallon.

## Toddler's hands glued to wall

DALLAS (AP) - A Texas toddler has been released from the hospital a week after her mother allegedly glued her hands to a wall.

The 2-year-old was in a coma for two days after the Sept. 7 incident.

Dallas police say her mother was mad about the youngster's potty training problems. The child was also kicked repeatedly in the stomach. Elizabeth Escalona remains jailed on a charge of felony injury to a child.

At a court hearing Wednesday, a Dallas County judge ordered that the toddler and her three siblings would stay in foster care. Some of the 22-year-old mother's friends told WFAA-TV that she snapped under the pressure.

## Bridgestone agrees to \$28M fine

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Justice Department says Bridgestone Corp. has agreed to pay a \$28 million criminal fine for its roles in bid-rigging conspiracies and corrupt payments to Latin American officials that impacted prices for hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of marine hose and related products sold around the world.

The government says Bridgestone agreed to plead guilty to a two-count charge filed in federal court in Houston that alleges the company conspired to violate the Sherman Act and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

The court papers say that from 1999 to 2007, Tokyo-headquartered Bridgestone conspired to fix prices and allocate market shares of marine hose in the United States and overseas. Marine hose is used to transfer oil between tankers and storage facilities.

## NOV clears hurdle for Ameron

NEW YORK (AP) - National Oilwell Varco Inc. has cleared a regulatory hurdle toward its proposed acquisition of Ameron International Corp.

The Houston energy company said Thursday that the Justice Department waived the typical waiting period for buying Ameron's outstanding shares.

Ameron's shareholders still must approve the deal, however. A special meeting for Ameron shareholders is scheduled for Oct. 5.

National Oilwell Varco announced the \$772 million buyout proposal in July. Pasadena, Calif.-based Ameron produces fiberglass-composite pipe and specialty materials for the chemical, industrial, energy, transportation and other markets, and National Oilwell said it's interested in Ameron for its seawater handling systems.

The company is offering \$85 per share for Ameron stock. That's a premium of 28 percent from Ameron's share value immediately preceding the announcement.

Ameron shares added 38 cents to \$84.88 in morning trading Thursday while National Oilwell shares gained 73 cents, or 1.1 percent, to \$65.55.

The deal is expected to close in the fourth quarter and to add to National Oilwell's earnings next year. The boards of directors for both companies already have approved the acquisition.

# Federal trial over Texas voting map approaches end

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Minority groups made a final push Thursday to have new redistricting maps tossed out, arguing in court that the new election lines violate federal law by diminishing Hispanics' voting strength and failing to recognize a surge in their population over the past decade in Texas.

Plaintiffs, during closing arguments before a panel of three federal judges, said the new Republican-drawn voting districts in Texas should be redrawn because the maps pack Hispanics into white districts, illegally diluting their voting power. The groups also want more districts in which Latinos have enough voting strength to select their candidates of choice.

"Latinos will vote for candidates who appeal to their values and con-

cerns," said Nina Perales, an attorney for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund. "Latinos deserve the opportunity to elect a candidate of their choosing and to have candidates of all parties compete for their vote."

The new congressional map was drawn with the goal of protecting and possibly expanding Texas Republicans' 23-9 majority in Washington.

The Texas attorney general's office said the map wasn't drawn with prejudice and preserves the voting power of minorities. During the nine-day trial, Republicans testified that alternatives offered by minority groups were drawn in a way that violated Texas law by splitting counties.

In closing arguments, Perales argued that traditional blocs of Hispanic

voters were intentionally weakened in Nueces, Cameron and Hidalgo counties and in El Paso County. In each case, she said there was enough Hispanic population to create new Hispanic opportunity districts.

"All the preconditions for creating additional Latino opportunity districts are there, but the state did not create a single additional district in either the state House or the congressional plan," she said.

Texas received four new seats in the U.S. House following the last census population count. That was more than any other state and came in the wake of a population boom overwhelmingly driven by Hispanics.

Plaintiffs argued that the surge in Hispanic growth warranted those residents getting more representation in new districts, yet

the Republican plan splits Hispanic and black communities so conservative white residents would be more likely to win seats in Congress.

The court isn't expected to issue a ruling for several weeks.

Under the Voting Rights Act, new Texas maps must be cleared by the U.S. Department of Justice to ensure the changes do not diminish minority representation. That case is pending in Washington.

## Inactive Texas refinery to Superfund list

DALLAS (AP) - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has added an inactive South Texas refinery to its national priorities list of Superfund cleanup sites.

The EPA said Thursday that the Falcon Refinery in San. Patricio County has led to the contamination of nearby wetlands,

the Redfish Bay fishery and potential habitat for threatened or endangered species.

The agency said the refinery produced naphtha, jet fuel, kerosene, diesel and fuel oil when it was operational.

The EPA also said an inactive used oil processor in Pasadena has been pro-

posed for the list. The US Oil Recovery site operated on two separate parcels of land in the Houston suburb.

The Superfund is the federal program that investigates and cleans up the country's most complex, uncontrolled or hazardous waste sites.

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Sun 2:00 4:30 7:15  
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**Colombiana (PG-13)**  
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Sat 2:00 4:30 7:00 9:30  
Sun 2:00 4:30 7:00

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Friday, Sept. 16, the 259th day of 2011. There are 106 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 16, 1810, Mexicans were inspired to begin their ultimately successful revolt against Spanish rule by Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla and his "Grito de Dolores (Cry of Dolores)."

### On this date:

In 1498, Tomas de Torquemada, notorious for his role in the Spanish Inquisition, died in Avila, Spain.

In 1893, more than 100,000 settlers swarmed onto a section of land in Oklahoma known as the "Cherokee Strip."

In 1908, General Motors was founded in Flint, Mich., by William C. Durant.

In 1910, Bessica Medlar Raiche of Mineola, N.Y., made the first accredited solo airplane flight by a woman in the United States.

In 1919, the American Legion received a national charter from Congress.

In 1940, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed into law the Selective Training and Service Act. Samuel T. Rayburn of Texas was elected Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

In 1982, the massacre of hundreds of Palestinian men, women and children by Israeli-allied Lebanese militiamen began in west Beirut's Sabra and Chatilla refugee camps.

**Ten years ago:** President George W. Bush, speaking on the South Lawn of the White House, said there was "no question" Osama bin Laden and his followers were the prime suspects in the Sept. 11 attacks; Bush pledged the government would "find them, get them running and hunt them down."

**Five years ago:** The Vatican said Pope Benedict XVI "sincerely" regretted offending Muslims with his reference to an obscure medieval text characterizing some of the teachings of Islam's founder as "evil and inhuman," but the statement stopped short of the apology demanded by Islamic leaders.

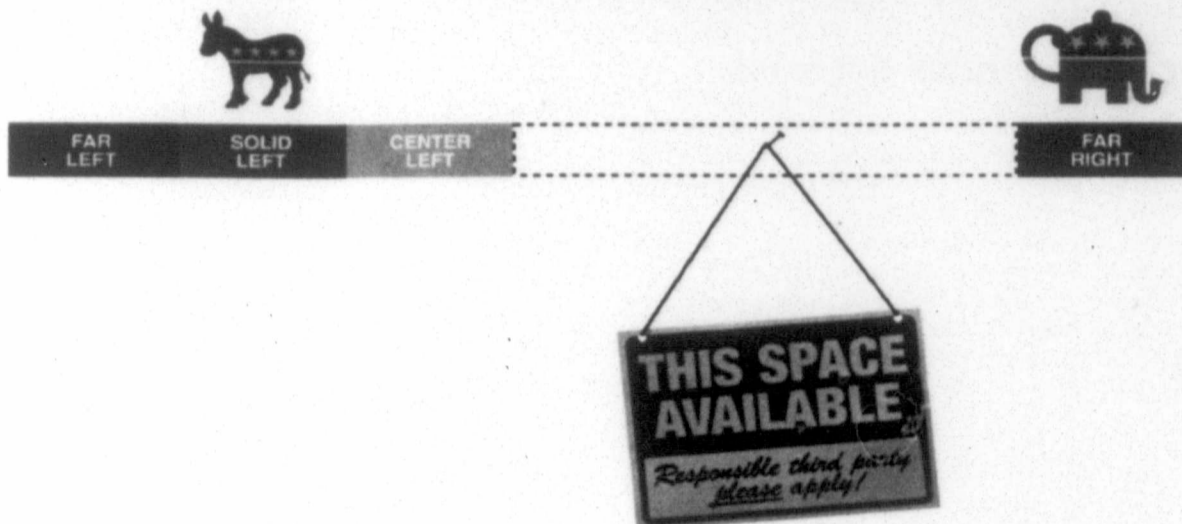
**One year ago:** Pope Benedict XVI began a controversial state visit to Britain, acknowledging the Catholic Church had failed to act decisively or quickly enough to deal with priests who rape and molest children.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actress Janis Paige is 89. Actress Lauren Bacall is 87. Blues singer B.B. King is 86. Actor George Chakiris is 79. Movie director Jim McBride is 70. Actress Linda Miller is 69. Musician Kenney Jones (Small Faces; Faces; The Who) is 63. Actress Susan Ruttan is 63. Rock musician Ron Blair (Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers; Mudcrutch) is 63. Actor Ed Begley Jr. is 62. Country singer David Bellamy (The Bellamy Brothers) is 61. Actor Kurt Fuller is 58. Actor Christopher Rich is 58. TV personality Mark McEwen is 57. Actor Mickey Rourke is 55. Magician David Copperfield is 55. Actress Jennifer Tilly is 53. Singer Richard Marx is 48. Comedian Molly Shannon is 47. Singer Marc Anthony is 43. Comedian-actress Amy Poehler is 40. Country singer Matt Stillwell is 36. Actress Alexis Bledel is 30. Actress Sabrina Bryan is 27. Actress Madeline Zima is 26. Actress Kyla Pratt is 25. Actor Daren Kagasoff is 24. Rock singer-musician Nick Jonas (The Jonas Brothers) is 19.

**Thought for Today:** "As a matter of fact" is an expression that precedes many an expression that isn't." — *Laurence J. Peter, Canadian writer (born this date in 1919, died 1990).*

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## AMERICA'S POLITICAL SPECTRUM



## Perry Tales: Rick is not who he says he is

Presidential wannabe Rick Perry is flitting all around the country -- hither, thither and yon -- spreading little "Perry Tales" about himself and the many wonders he has worked as governor of Texas.

His top Perry Tale is a creationist story about what he has modestly branded "The Texas Miracle." While the rest of the country is mired in joblessness, says the miracle worker, his state has added 1.2 million jobs during his 10-year tenure.

"I've built a job-creating machine," the governor gushed during one of his recent flits across Iowa, and a Perry PR aide smugly added, "The governor's job creation record speaks for itself."

Actually, it doesn't. Far from having the best unemployment rate in the nation, the Lone Star State ranks a middling 26th, behind New York, Massachusetts and other states whose "liberal" governments he routinely mocks.

Even more damning, Perry's Texas is not creating nearly enough jobs to keep up with its fast-growing population. Those 1.2 million new positions are 629,000 short of the jobs needed just to bring the state's employment level back up to where it was in 2007. Some miracle.

Worse, probe even a millimeter into the million-jobs number that he is sprinkling around like fairy dust, and you'll learn that Perry's jobs are mostly "jobettes" that can't sustain a family. They come with very low pay, no health care or pension, and no employment security, labor rights or upward mobility -- many are only part-time and/or temporary positions.

Here's a particularly revealing stat that the Perry pixies don't want us to

see: On his watch as governor, Texas added more minimum wage jobs than all the other 49 states combined. More than half a million Texans now work for \$7.25 an hour or less. He can brag that he's brought Texans down into a tie with Mississippi for the highest percentage of workers reduced to poverty pay.

Spreading even more fairy dust, Perry claims that his Texas Miracle is the result of him keeping the government out of the private sector's way. But peek behind that ideological curtain, and you'll find this startling fact: During Perry's decade, the greatest job growth by far has come from the public sector, which has more than doubled the number of new jobs created by the private sector.

One out of six employed Texans are now teachers, police officers, highway engineers, military personnel or other government workers -- and many of these jobs were created with the federal money that Perry-the-candidate now loudly denounces. Indeed, he's running around ranting about President Obama's stimulus program, but he gladly accepted the third highest amount of stimulus funds taken by the 50 states. There's his miracle.

Interestingly, even his tea-partyish hatred -- nay, loathing! -- of big government's intrusion into the lives of ordinary citizens turns out to be just another Perry Tale. In fact, there would be no Rick Perry without the steady "intrusion" of government into his life.

Local taxpayers in Haskell County put him through their public school system -- for free. He and his family



**JIM HIGHTOWER**

were dry-land cotton farmers, and federal taxpayers helped support them with thousands of dollars in crop subsidies -- Perry personally took \$80,000 in farm payments.

State and federal taxpayers financed his college education at Texas A&M, even giving him the extra-curricular opportunity to be a cheerleader. Upon graduation, he spent four years on the federal payroll as an Air Force transport pilot who never did any combat duty.

Then, in 1984, Perry hit the mother lode of government pay by moving into elected office -- squatting there for 27 years and counting. In addition to getting regular paychecks from taxpayers for nearly three decades as a state representative, agriculture commissioner, lieutenant governor and governor, he also receives platinum-level health care coverage and a generous pension from the state, plus \$10,000 a month for renting a luxury suburban home, a covey of political and personal aides and even a publicly paid subscription to Food & Wine magazine.

So when this taxpayer-supported lifer flits into your town to declare that he will slash public benefits and make government "as inconsequential as possible," he means in your life, not his.

Perry literally puts the "hype" in hypocrisy. Forget his tall tales and political B.S. -- look at what he actually does.

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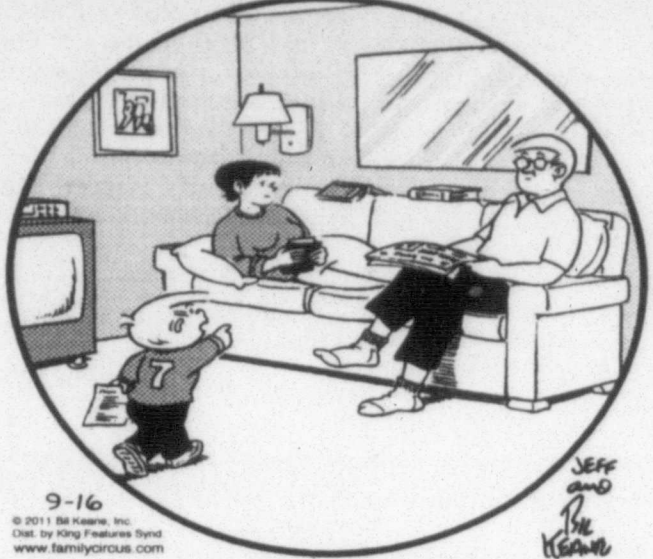
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"I've got a problem. Whose turn is it to handle it?"

### Non Sequitur



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# daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Friday, Sept. 16, 2011:

This year, you smile more often because of an ability to see past the obvious and detach. You feel less like you have to be right or prove your point. Optimism surrounds growth and mental breakthroughs. You could travel, or perhaps go back to school. Some of you might choose to visualize in order to add to your potential at the workplace. If you are single, you'll meet someone through your circle of friends. This person could be a foreigner or just very different. Proceed with care, as a different lifestyle comes with this person. If you are attached, the two of you need to work on the innate camaraderie that exists between you. Focus on a mutual life goal. TAURUS points to possibilities.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**

★★★★ You could be bucking a profound change concerning your work or public image and/or a boss. You finally have better focus on a matter that took place in April. Take your time associating, and say little until you are on sure footing. Tonight: Share ideas that affect you fiscally.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**

★★★★★ You sense a major change coming. Soon you might be doing more than just sensing. What occurs could change your perspective in a major way. Fortunately, you can advance forward with ease, as optimism soars. Think positively. Tonight: Have a long-overdue chat.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**

★★★ You need to remind yourself that you are choosing to take a back seat no matter what. You don't need to, as your sixth sense guides you. Count on luck. Conversations with a partner or several key associates could be enlightening. Tonight: Play it low-key.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**

★★★★★ Emphasize what is important for you in a meeting. A partner could change his or her tune. What might be occurring is connected to this past April. Be willing to talk, identify and understand. Tonight: Where people are.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**

★★★★ You are always visible, whether you realize it or not. Taking a stand might not seem normal, though you do assume the lead naturally. Rethink and revamp your roles in your daily life. Recognize

how fortunate you are. Tonight: Visit with a friend.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

★★★★ You are far more precise than you realize. Follow your intuition — you are unusually grounded at this point. Remain sensitive to a child or new friend. Absorb new insights, try applying his or her view, and speak of your thoughts later. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**

★★★★ Deal with others directly. Understand what is going on within a partnership. A change on the home front might ease some of the impending pressure. Soon you will be able to act on your long-term goals. Tonight: Start smiling.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**

★★★★ Others come forward. You might be revamping a conversation or letter in your head. Don't write anything in an email or other form of communication until you are 100 percent sure. Share your ideas with a trustworthy associate. Tonight: Go with another's suggestion.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**

★★★ Listen to news, then make a decision. If need be, revamp your finances or find someone who can help. What is happening is somehow connected to something that happened in April in either thought or action. Optimism keeps you smiling. Tonight: Be practical.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**

★★★ You could change your stance out of the blue. Many of you have known what has needed to happen, but now you seriously must consider a change. An exchange helps enforce the present status of the bond. Tonight: Be as verbal as possible — i.e., don't hold back.

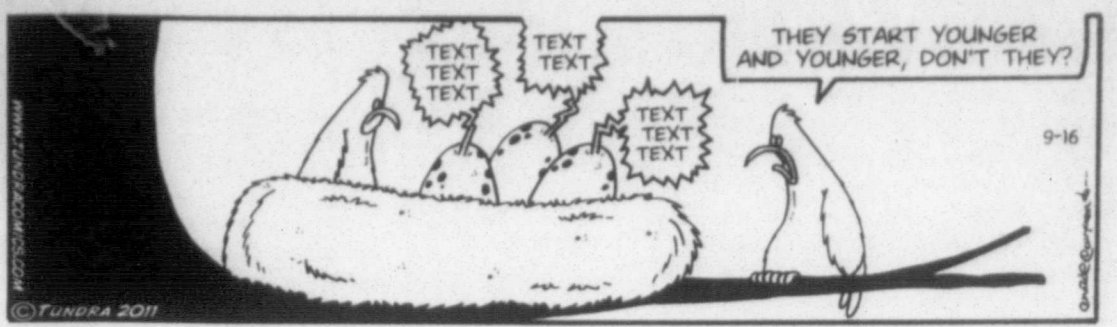
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**

★★★★ You could be inordinately challenged by a domestic issue. You wonder about the hows and whys. Know when enough is enough. Optimism is fine, but don't accept terms that you really find difficult. Tonight: No noisiness surrounds the home.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**

★★★★ Speak your mind when a friend approaches you directly. Your words enrich a relationship and build confidence. A friend or meeting promotes soul-searching and a potential change or adjustment. Tonight: Hang out.

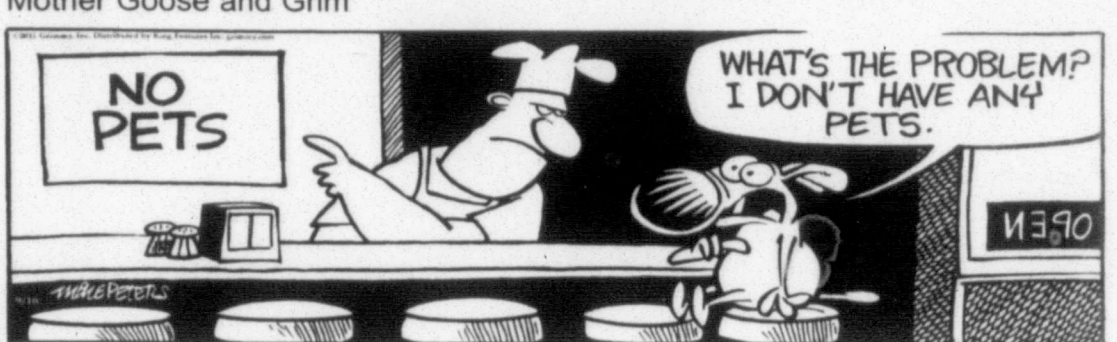
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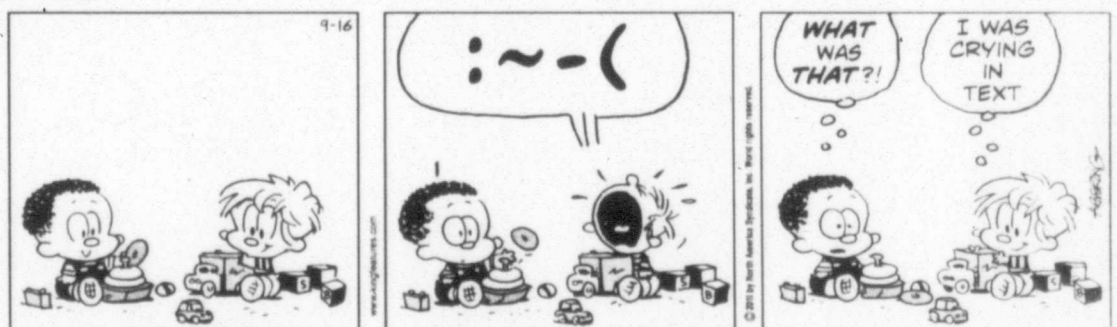
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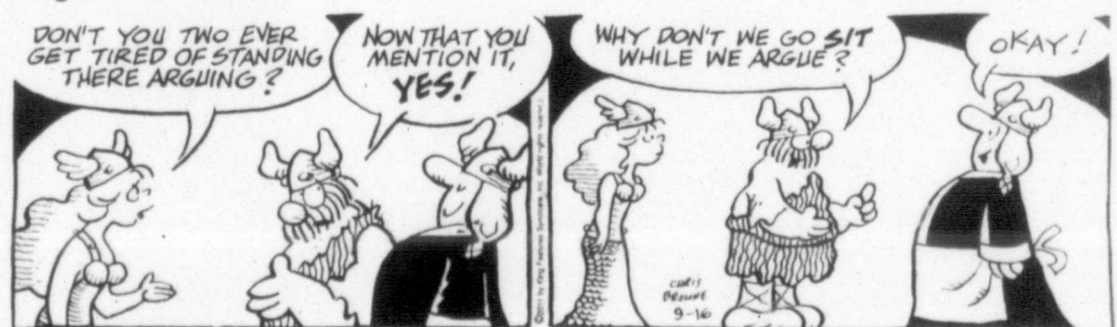
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## Pantex employees donate over 30 tons of food

Pantex employees have once again come together to help meet a serious need for food donations in the Texas Panhandle area.

Federal employees at the Pantex Site Office (PXSO) and B&W Pantex joined together to gather food donations in honor of the Feds Feed Families program, which ended last week. Combining food and cash donations, the two groups gave the equivalent of 61,945 pounds of food to the High Plains Food Bank.

PXSO employs approximately 100 people who serve an oversight role for B&W Pantex, the Management and Operating contractor for Pantex, which employs about 3,300 people.

This is the second year for the food drive, and the second year that Pantex has topped sister site Y-12 in donations. The drive began last year as a friendly competition between Pantex and the Y-12 complex in Oak Ridge, Tenn., as part of the Feds Feed Families campaign.

Mark Padilla, PXSO assistant manager for con-

tract administration and business management, dropped the challenge to Y-12 in a video produced at Pantex and sent to Tennessee. By winning the competition, the Pantex flag will fly over the Y-12 Plant.

"We should never lose sight of the fact that right now, less-fortunate families across this country are suffering for lack of food," Padilla said. "That is what this effort was all about. Still, it never hurts to have a little extra motivation, and the thought of seeing that Pantex flag flying over Y-12 puts a smile on all our faces."

The drive meets a critical need for the food bank, since it occurs during the summer months when demand is high from children not in school and donations can lag compared to the holiday months. Although the competition was restricted to federal employees at the two sites, B&W workers were proud to do their share to help families in the Texas Panhandle, said John Woolery, B&W Pantex general manager.

## Select and replace kitchen cabinet fronts

Dear Pat: I would love to remodel my ugly and outdated kitchen, but right now it is just not in my budget. How can I make my kitchen seem like it was remodeled without dipping into too much of my savings? — Shawna I.

Dear Shawna: There are so many ways to make a kitchen trendy and up-to-date without having it completely remodeled. Even a coat of paint can change the look and feel of any room. If you were thinking more along the lines of new hinges, hardware or doors for your cabinets, these can also give a remodeled look at minimal expenditure.

Choose replacement doors that go with the new look you are trying to create. Make a few days to visit home shows in your area and write down styles and colors you think will fit your decor. Kitchen showroom shops are excellent resources, but even just visiting home center stores can give you some ideas. Flip through magazines for kitchen designs you find attractive.

Once you have decided on the replacement cabinet parts, you are ready to install them. They are easy to install with the only tricky part being getting the new doors to hang straight. This is the most time-consuming part of the job, and installing doors on an 8-foot section should take about six hours.

If you are planning to use your old hinges on the new doors and the doors are about the same sizes, leave the hinges attached to the face frame. But if you decide to use new hinges, take the old doors and hinges off of the frame.

A good idea to help keep the doors straight is to use masking tape along the top of the old door frame. Use the tape as a guide for the new door. Even if it is not the same size as the old one, it is still nice to have a point of reference. The new doors should be centered side-to-side over the cabinet opening and overhang the top and bottom by 2 to 5 inches.

If you are up for it, an even better way to assure the doors will be straight is to build a jig to hold the doors at the correct height. After you think the doors will be straight, mark the location of the hinges on the new doors with a pencil, or you

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can use a nail to mark the holes to be drilled.

Drill some pilot holes in the replacement doors, making sure you do not drill through the other side of the door. Next anchor the hinges in place to the door using a hand screwdriver to tighten the screws.

To fasten the door to the cabinet, place the door on the frame and hold the hinges against the frame. Mark and drill pilot holes once again, only this time into the cabinet

frame. Make sure you are making new holes and not using the old ones, which won't secure the door as well. Finally secure the hinges with the appropriate screws.

Once you have the doors installed, add the decorative handles, knobs or other hardware that will complement your kitchen. Attach those using the manufacturer instructions.

Tools and materials required: tape measure, screwdriver, power drill, drill bits, safety goggles, replacement doors, hinges, screws.

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#### Kitchen Cabinets

Instead of replacing cabinets that are plumb, square and sturdy, give them a new look for a fraction of the price.

#### OPTIONS FOR UPDATING DOORS:

**Refacing** involves adding new material (skins) to the cabinet surface, offering more choices.

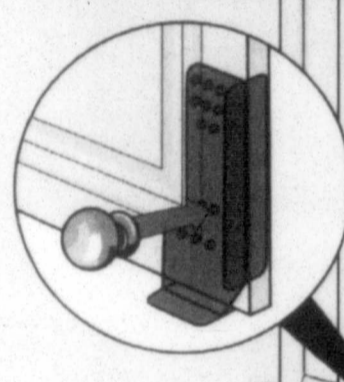
**Refinishing** is more work but costs the least.

**Replacement** is the easiest way to simply replace your existing doors and drawer fronts with custom-made units.

#### MOUNTING DOORS

Apply tape lightly along the entire run of the cabinets to help align doors.

**OVERLAP**  
Cabinets with face frames are designed for doors to overlap the frame.



**MOUNTING BOARD**  
Another option for mounting doors in a straight line is to position a board with a clamp at the bottom.

Creators.com/Bob Kast

## Last of fire-weary Texans get all-clear to go home

BASTROP (AP) — Officials say the last of thousands of Central Texas residents evacuated from devastating wildfires have been allowed to return to their homes.

Bastrop County Judge Ronnie McDonald said Thursday the 34,000-acre fire was about 75 percent contained. The fire has been burning since Sept. 1 and has destroyed nearly 600 homes.

Officials said a boil-water notice has been lifted for the area about 25

miles east of Austin.

County emergency management coordinator Mike Fisher said there was still one person whose whereabouts were unknown. He says friends told officials the man might have traveled to Arizona several weeks ago.

Spokeswoman April Saginor told The Associated Press the weather outlook for the next few days is encouraging across Texas, with the possibility of rain.

## Widow from lake incident to visit South Texas

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — The widow of a man presumably killed by Mexican pirates last year while riding a jet ski on a border-straddling lake will testify at a security forum next week in South Texas.

Tiffany Hartley will attend Republican U.S. Rep. Ted Poe's event

at the University of Texas at Brownsville on Monday. Members of the House Committee on the Judiciary will also hear testimony from law enforcement officials.

Hartley told authorities that she and her husband were sightseeing when he was shot last Sept. 30 by

gunmen who ambushed them on the Mexican side of Falcon Lake.

In the past year, local officials have often been at odds with state and congressional officials who depict the area as lawless. Poe's district stretches east and north of Houston.



## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am 18 years old and would like to know what kinds of symptoms show that it's time for counseling, depression, mood swings, etc. — CONSIDERING IT IN OHIO

DEAR CONSIDERING IT: You have asked an important question. Everybody experiences sadness at some point, but sadness that doesn't go away can actually be depression, a medical condition. Anyone, regardless of age, who experiences any FIVE of the following symptoms for two weeks or more should discuss it with a mental health professional:

1. Feeling of sadness and/or irritability.
2. Loss of interest or pleasure in activities once enjoyed.
3. Changes in weight and appetite.
4. Changes in sleep patterns.
5. Feeling guilty, hopeless or worthless.
6. Inability to concentrate, remember things or make decisions.
7. Restlessness or decreased activity noticed by others.
8. Fatigue or loss of energy.
9. Thoughts of death or suicide.

DEAR ABBY: I have a wonderful hairdresser who helps not only me but also many of my friends and family members. She's the sole support for her family and the sweetest person you could ever meet. The issue is her sense of time.

There's no problem if you're the first or second appointment of the day, but after that she runs further and further behind. Yesterday, it took my frail mother-in-law 3 1/2 hours to get her hair done because of the wait time. I was the first appointment at 7:30 a.m. and she didn't make it into the shop until 7:40. How can I help her understand she's driving her customers away without offending her? — CUTTING TIME IN UTAH

DEAR CUTTING TIME: Your hairdresser may be good at styling hair but it appears she's not a very good businesswoman. If she's losing customers because she manages her schedule so poorly, tell her why. You will be doing her a favor. And please, before you bring your frail mother-in-law in for another appointment, call to find out how late the woman is running before letting your mother-in-law sit for 3 1/2 hours before even seeing a

shampoo bowl.

DEAR ABBY: I recently bought a small travel trailer that I use for weekend fishing trips. My dog, "Goldie," accompanies me on these short trips and sleeps with me on the only bed in the trailer.

My wife, "Shirley," is now expecting to go on some of my fishing trips with Goldie and me. The problem is, Goldie is used to sleeping with me, and I believe she should have first dibs on the bed since she was there first.

When I informed Shirley that she'd be sleeping in the back of the truck, she came unglued. Now, Shirley and I are hardly speaking. Goldie is a young Lab pup who is my very best friend, constant companion and never nags. I think my wife is being selfish and inconsiderate, but I'd like your opinion. Am I out of line here? — GOIN' FISHIN' IN MIDLAND, TEXAS

DEAR GOIN' FISHIN': If you're expecting sympathy from me, you're barking up the wrong tree. You are not only out of line, but it appears you're also in the doghouse. A real Texas gentleman would let Shirley and Goldie share the bed while HE slept in the truck, and that's what I'm urging you to do.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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# NASCAR THIS WEEK

## ON THE TUBE

All times Eastern  
**Sprint Cup**  
 Geico 400,  
 2 p.m., Sunday **ESPN**

**Nationwide Series**  
 Dollar General 300,  
 3:30 p.m., Saturday **ESPN 2**

**Truck Series**  
 Fast Five 225,  
 8 p.m., Friday **ESPN**

## BURNING ISSUES

► The final regular-season race was eventful, but some of the events were unexpected.

► Drivers Tony Stewart and Kurt Busch clashed verbally with writers. Stewart's was captured on live national TV by ESPN.

► The 12 drivers who entered the race in position to make the Chase for the Sprint Cup remained there, but it was interesting watching Dale Earnhardt Jr. work his way back into the fray after an early crash.

► Kurt Busch's irritation was laughable. He vehemently denied saying what he had said on ... live national television.

► Cooler heads did prevail, however. "Snooki" didn't wind up waving the green flag, after all. That honor was handed over (literally) to the brother of a 9/11 fallen hero.

► The night was surreal but the pistachios were wonderful. (It was the Wonderful Pistachios 400.) In fact, the night was nuts.

► By all accounts, including the principals, Clint Bowyer is likely to leave Richard Childress Racing at season's end.

► David Ragán, who needed another victory to make the Chase, gave it the old Saturday-night try.

► For the first time — the Chase format was implemented in 2004 — New Hampshire isn't where it starts. The Loudon track gets the second race, a week after Chicagoland Speedway opens it.

► Carl Edwards almost won the Wonderful Pistachios 400 and probably would have had he pitted when everyone else did at lap 310.

## 2011 STANDINGS

Sprint Cup Series	Pts.
1. Kyle Busch	2,012
Kevin Harvick	2,012
3. Jeff Gordon	-3
4. Matt Kenseth	-6
5. Carl Edwards	-9
Jimmie Johnson	-9
Kurt Busch	-9
Ryan Newman	-9
9. Tony Stewart	-12
Dale Earnhardt Jr.	-12
Brad Keselowski	-12
Denny Hamlin	-12

## Nationwide Series

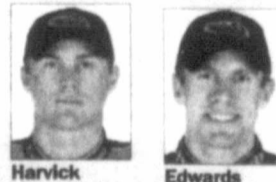
1. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	950
2. Elliott Sadler	-16
3. Reed Sorenson	-45
4. Eric Almirola	-68
5. Justin Allgaier	-75
6. Jason Leffler	-124
7. Kenny Wallace	-164
8. Steve Wallace	-185
9. Michael Annett	-206
10. Brian Scott	-214

## Camping World Truck Series

1. James Buescher	588
2. Johnny Sauter	-12
3. Timothy Peters	-14
4. Austin Dillon	-17
5. Ron Hornaday Jr.	-48
6. Joey Coulter	-51
7. Matt Crafton	-53
8. Cole Whit	-57
9. Parker Kligerman	-62
10. Todd Bodine	-64



## WHO'S HOT AND WHO'S NOT



Harvick Edwards

► **Who's hot:** Kevin Harvick roared to life late in the regular season and won the final race. ... Jeff Gordon continues to stake his claim as the strongest obstacle in Jimmie Johnson's path to a sixth straight title.  
 ► **Who's not:** Dale Earnhardt Jr. is safely in the Chase, but he isn't entering at the form it will take to win the championship. ... For Carl Edwards, Richmond was yet another one that slipped away.



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## WHAT'S UP NEXT

### SPRINT CUP

**Race:** Geico 400  
**Where:** Chicagoland Speedway, Joliet, Ill. (1.5 mi.), 267 laps/400.5 miles.  
**When:** Sunday, Sept. 18.  
**Last year's winner:** David Reutimann, Toyota.  
**Qualifying record:** Jimmie Johnson, Chevy, 188.147 mph, July 8, 2005.  
**Race record:** David Reutimann, Toyota, 145.138 mph, July 10, 2010.  
**Last week:** Kevin Harvick, in a Chevy, won for the fourth time, holding off last-closing Carl Edwards' Ford in Richmond's Wonderful Pistachios 400, the final race of the regular season. The victory enabled Harvick to begin the Chase tied for the top seed with Kyle Busch, also a four-race winner.

### NATIONWIDE

**Race:** Dollar General 300  
**Where:** Chicagoland Speedway, Joliet, Ill. (1.5 mi.), 200 laps/300 miles.  
**When:** Saturday, Sept. 17.  
**Last year's winner:** Kyle Busch, Toyota.  
**Qualifying record:** Ryan Newman, Dodge, 186.438 mph, July 9, 2005.  
**Race record:** Joey Logano, Toyota, 147.340 mph, July 10, 2009.  
**Last week:** Kyle Busch outdueled Carl Edwards to win the 51st race of his career in the series. The two have finished 1-2 in the past two races, with each winning one. Ricky Stenhouse Jr. finished third and Ryan Truex fourth. Busch has won eight races in the season to date.

### CAMPING WORLD TRUCK

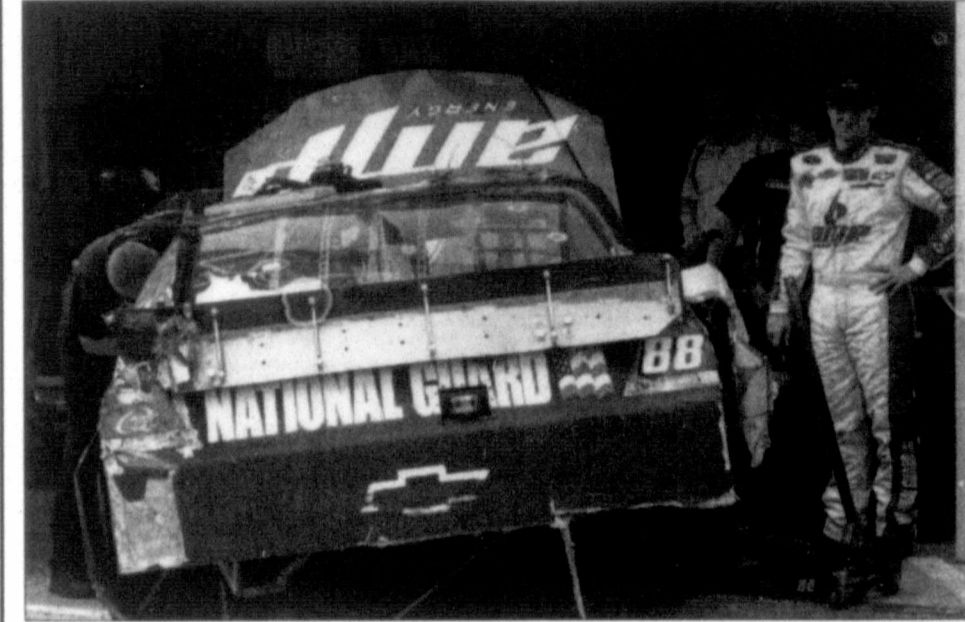
**Race:** Fast Five 225  
**Where:** Chicagoland Speedway, Joliet, Ill. (1.5 mi.), 150 laps/225 miles.  
**When:** Friday, Sept. 16.  
**Last year's winner:** Kyle Busch, Toyota.  
**Qualifying record:** Todd Bodine, Toyota, 173.840 mph, Aug. 27, 2010.  
**Race record:** Kyle Busch, Toyota, 132.610 mph, Aug. 27, 2010.  
**Last race:** Ron Hornaday Jr. pulled off quite the surprise at Atlanta, using superior gas mileage to win for the second time this season and collecting the 49th series victory of his career. Another Chevy driver, Clint Bowyer, finished second, while another Cup driver, Kyle Busch in a Toyota, finished third.

## CHICAGOLAND DATA

Sept. 18  
 Distance: 1.5-mile trioval  
 Length of frontstretch: 2,400 ft.  
 Length of backstretch: 1,700 ft.  
 Miles/Laps: 400 mi. = 267 laps  
 Banking in turns: 1-4  
 Banking in straight: 11°

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

**DALE EARNHARDT JR.** SPRINT CUP SERIES No. 88 AMP ENERGY CHEVROLET



Dale Earnhardt Jr. raced to his fourth Chase appearance after a 16th-place finish at Richmond. The Hendrick driver, who recently got a contract extension that will keep him with the team through 2017, says he's going to have a good attitude about the Chase.

# Junior Proud To Be In The Chase

Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s 2011 path to the Chase was one of ups and downs

**By Monte Dutton**  
 NASCAR This Week  
 RICHMOND, Va. — The Chases here — and Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s — back in it.  
 It wasn't easy. He didn't win a race. The season has had its ups and downs. His No. 88 Chevy staggered through the final regular-season races. But he made it. Ten drivers make it by Sprint Cup points standings, and Earnhardt Jr. was the 10th. He's got his shot. He has 2,000 points. Kyle Busch and Kevin Harvick have only 12 more. Over 10 races, those 12 points don't amount to very much. If Earnhardt can get his team back in gear, he can win the championship.  
 Las Vegas odds makers have made Earnhardt a 40-1 shot. The winner of the past five, Jimmie Johnson, is 1-1.  
 "We'll just go see how we can do in the Chase," said Earnhardt after scrambling to finish 16th in the Wonderful Pistachios 400.  
 "I'm proud to be in the Chase," he added. "I feel like I'm a good enough driver to be in the Chase. My team is good enough to be there. ... Had we been more conscious and smarter at certain times, we wouldn't have had to even worry about it this weekend."

"But we're a good team, and I'm proud to carry my sponsors and HMS (Hendrick Motorsports) in the Chase and represent them. We're going to work real hard, and hopefully we do a good job."  
 This is Earnhardt's fourth appearance in the Chase, which began in 2004. He finished fifth that year and also in 2006. He brought up the rear, finishing 12th in 2008.  
 "We've got to run a different setup that what we ran in the last six (regular-season) races, frankly," Earnhardt conceded. "We had a pretty good run at it going through the first 15 races, and for whatever reason, we sort of fell off and forgot some things, or ever-engineered something."  
 "We'll go in there with a good attitude."  
 Earnhardt recently signed a contract extension that will keep him with Hendrick Motorsports through 2017.  
 "I'm in the Chase, and I've got an opportunity to run for the championship," he said. "I've got an opportunity to compete and improve my points position and improve the overall payout."  
 "You've basically got to hold it together the last 10 races and don't do anything stupid and settle some scores. ... I'm pretty proud of what we've been able to do all year."

## Tony's TV tussle not one of his finer moments

**By Monte Dutton**  
 NASCAR This Week  
 RICHMOND, Va. — Television has carte blanche. It can do what it wants.  
 ESPN cut in on the so-called garage-area media availability of Tony Stewart at the Richmond track on Friday, and it caught Stewart basically berating Associated Press motorsports writer Jenna Fryer live.  
 Stewart also turned in the opposite direction after going off on one of his garden-variety diatribes involving his educated evaluation of journalism and what constitutes a good question. As soon as Stewart finished cuffing Fryer around, he quickly went the other way and lavishly praised ESPN's Marty Smith, who asked the next question. It couldn't possibly have been planned, but from King Television's point of view, it certainly was convenient. Stewart took issue at being asked about the race at Richmond, suggesting that Fryer should take what he said "before the last seven races."  
 Sorry, Tony, but asking a question about the race at the track where the interview is taking place is acceptable.

**NUTS AND BOLTS**  
 It's hard for even Stewart to believe that all races are the same.  
**Sorrowful but inevitable** — It seems Clint Bowyer's departure from Richard Childress Racing is drawing nigh.  
 "You know, we've tried and we've really worked really hard to put the deal together to keep Clint," said Childress on Sirius XM satellite radio. "It's not 100 percent off the table, but it's getting tougher and tougher as the day goes by. Clint's got a couple of really good opportunities there facing him."  
 "Clint's still a good friend. I want the best for him."  
 Bowyer called it "heartbreaking, a tough deal."  
 "But," he said, "the world goes on. You have to make decisions, and these are performance-driven, business-driven ... (There are) just a lot of decisions you go through and everybody goes through those in life. Racers are no different."  
**What goes around** — Earlier this year, Kevin Harvick chided Kyle Busch about being a poor businessman, specifically referring to Busch's Truck team. Now Harvick is folding his Nationwide team into RCR and shuttering his Truck team. Busch, in fact, wants to keep his Truck operation going.  
 "For me, it's the joy of being able to get out there on the track and race," he said. "I love racing in everything I can get in, and I pretty much show that every year that I've been able to have a ride in trucks and Nationwide and Cup."  
 "I do it, and I do it because I love it."  
 Winning all the time doesn't hurt, but Busch conceded, "Certainly there's an abundance of headaches. I'll tell you that, man."  
**No, seriously ... really** — The world could scarcely be better for Jeff Gordon, who seems to be ready to begin the Chase with considerable momentum.

## FEUD OF THE WEEK



Johnson Versus Kurt Busch

**JIMMIE JOHNSON VS. KURT BUSCH**  
 The timeline of their squabble is extensive and goes back across several seasons. Both drivers entered Richmond safely in the Chase. Johnson admitted to "dumping Busch" and said the timing was right to do so. Busch became agitated afterward, not at Johnson but at a couple of writers.  
**NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his take:** "Rubbing is racing. Wrestling isn't. To quote the late Wayne Jennings, 'Don't y'all think this outlaw business does you out of hand?'"

## YOUR TURN

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

### Bowyer's Fault Or What?

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

## Dear NASCAR This Week,

I watched the race at Richmond Saturday night, and for the most part, it was a pretty good race. My question is, where was Clint (Bowyer's) mind and just what the heck was he thinking? He hurt a lot of good race cars, and we will never know just how good they could've been. What happened to the spotter telling Clint, hey you need to hold the brake, half the field is coming? There were a lot of good race cars that got tore up over somebody not doing their job.  
 I think for the most part, Clint is a clean driver, but not Saturday night. Oh, by the way, Junior Nation, we are in the Chase!

Ginger Striker  
 Front Royal, Va.

Sometimes drivers, not to mention spotters, make mistakes. It's not always an example of not thinking. Sometimes it's an example of not thinking. But driving a stock car is very difficult, even for the best.

## FAN TIPS

### Ride To Victory Nears

Kyle Petty is hosting the ninth-annual Ride to Victory, a one-day motorcycle ride from Max Dragway in Concord, N.C., to Asheville to raise money for Victory Junction Gang, a camp for chronically ill children founded by Kyle and Pattie Petty. The ride is scheduled for Oct. 16, the day after the Bank of America 500 at Charlotte Motor Speedway. The cost is \$45 in advance and \$55 the day of the event. Each participant will receive a commemorative T-shirt, decal, pin and lunch. For more information or to pre-register, visit [www.kylepettycharityride.com](http://www.kylepettycharityride.com) or call 704-714-4545.



Kyle Petty

## LEGENDS AND LORE

### Who Is Parnelli Jones?

One of history's great all-around racers, Parnelli Jones, won four times at NASCAR's top level. He won single races, all in California, in 1957, 1958, 1959 and 1967. The final victory, on Jan. 22, 1967, was in the Motor Trend 500 at the famed Riverside road course. Jones, driving a Ford owned by Bill Stroppe, won by two laps over Paul Goldsmith and Norm Nelson in Plymouths and Don White in a Dodge. Jones, from Torrance, Calif., is now 78 years old.



Jones

"Some may be in a 'must-win' situation, but we're in a 'want-to-win-really-bad' situation," he said before the regular-season finale.  
**Sums it up** — "I don't think there are too many drivers you'll ask about Richmond who will say they don't like it," said Mark Martin. "It's a favorite of everyone's. Night racing is always fun for us; it takes us all back to our roots."  
 "It's definitely a track that race fans need to go and see in person."

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# Sports

## Harvester golf aim for regionals with younger squad

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The Pampa High School boys and girls golf teams are hoping to make a run to regionals, but will have to do it with a younger team. The golf team opens the season with the Hereford invitational Friday.

Last year, the Lady Harvesters won District 1-3A and advanced to regionals. Now a senior, Logan Reagan advanced to regionals as an individual, finishing 21st. Reagan said it might be a rough start with so many young players.



Reagan

"We have a whole team of sophomores," Reagan said. "The younger players don't have that much experience. Hopefully we can improve and have a shot at district in the spring."

Sophomore Destry Baten agreed hoping they will improve as the season progresses.

"It's going to be a slow start until we get better," Baten said.

Head Coach Alan Segura said Reagan is his only upperclassmen and said he looks for his younger players to step up.

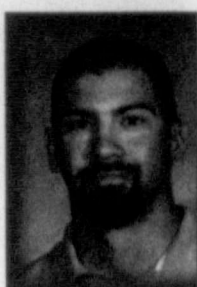
"I feel that they will work hard and we will be able to be competitive in district play," Segura said.

The Lady Harvesters return three golfers with two of them finishing in the top four in district. Segura said it will be difficult replacing his seniors but added his younger golfers have improved quite a bit.

"Several of my younger girls have been taking lessons over the summer and have come a long way from last year," Segura said. "I'm excited about their progress. I am returning the 3rd and 4th place district medalist as well, so that helps. They are getting better and I feel that we will be

able to be competitive again this year."

Junior Allison Alexander said she's confident the underclassmen will play well.



Segura

"They have a lot of potential," Alexander said. "Our senior girl (Nicole Brashears) when she gets on the course, she will pick it up again. We have a lot of potential."

Segura said the first meet will be a challenge for both teams.

"This is the first tournament of the year and the nerves are definitely going to be present," Segura said. "We will be missing one of our boys and girls as they will be traveling to the football game with the band and filming crew."

After Hereford, the Harvesters compete in Amarillo (Oct. 1), Randall (Oct. 8), Dumas (Oct. 14-15) and Borger (Oct. 22). The Lady Harvesters compete at Dumas (Oct 1), Amarillo (Oct. 7-8), Borger (Oct 15) and the Pampa Country Club (Oct 22).

Reagan said most of the district is in a similar position as Pampa.

"Every team has lost people from last year," Reagan said.

Alexander said Borger should compete with them this year.

"It's going to be really tight," Alexander said. "If our sophomores can get their scores lower we might be able to do better."

Segura said he is not sure how district will play out but expects his team to be competitive.

"I don't know exactly what everybody lost," Segura said. "I do feel confident that if we play up to our potential we will be very competitive and have a good shot at moving on to the Regional tournament."

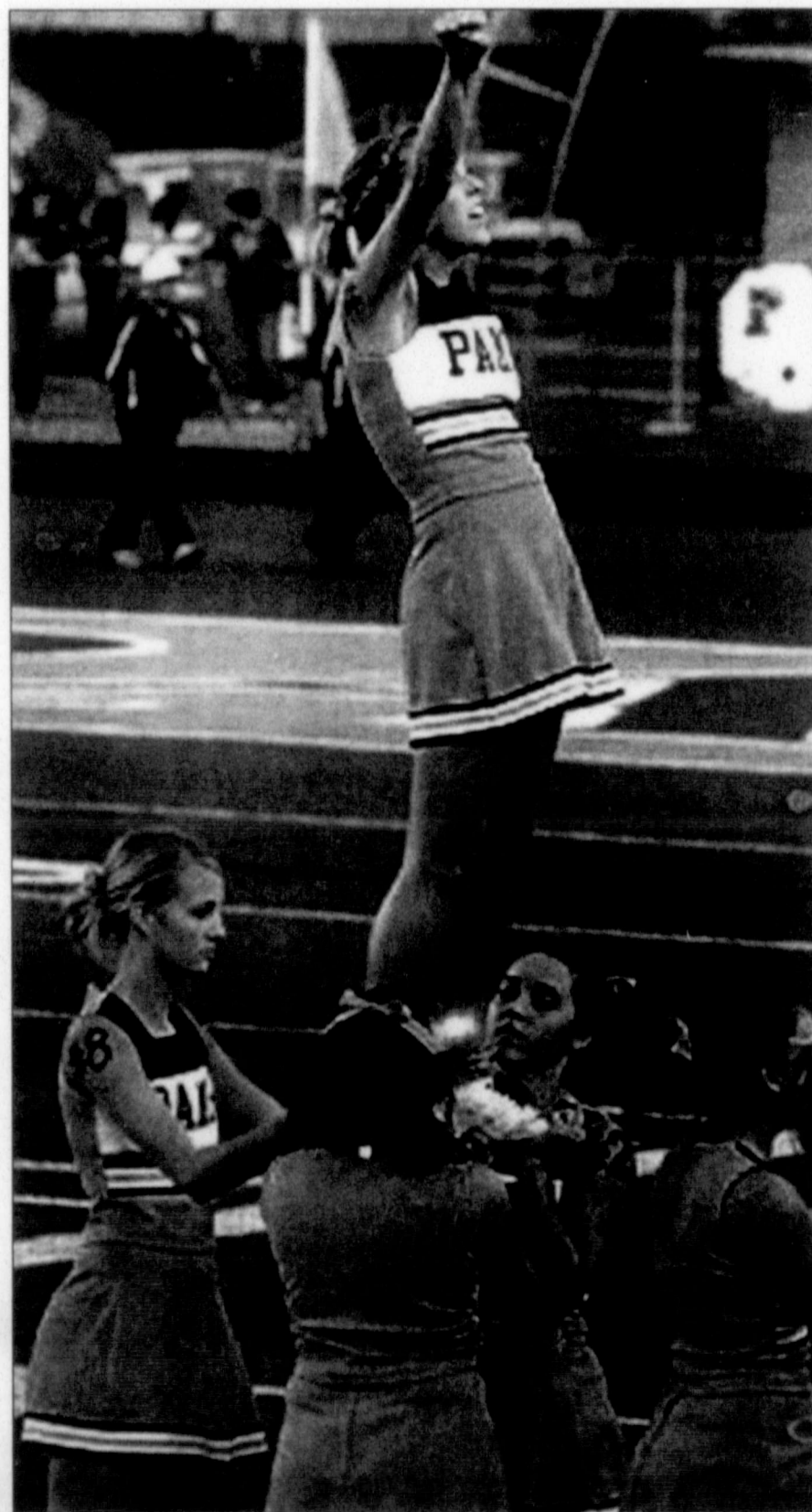


Senior Logan Reagan works on chipping during practice Wednesday. Reagan is the only upperclassmen on the boys golf team. *staff photo by Andrew Glover*



Junior Alison Alexander practices putting. Alexander is one of the returners from last year's district champion Lady Harvester squad. *staff photo by Andrew Glover*

## SUPPORT TEAM



Pampa High School cheerleaders try to rally the crowd during Pampa's home opener Sept. 2 against Randall. *photo courtesy of Diane Jennings*

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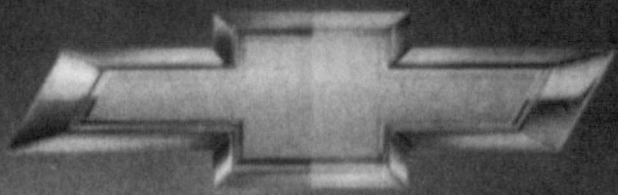


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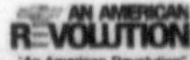


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