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Boomtown Block Party set for Saturday

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Despite what the calendar says, summer begins this weekend with

Pampa's Boomtown Block Party. It was conceived by the Pampa Chamber of Commerce as a way to officially begin summer vaca-

tion, and this is the second year

for the annual celebration. Joe Weaver, Pampa's Chamber of Commerce's executive director, said an expanded version of last year's Boomtown Block Party has been moved to Recreation Park on the east side of town.

"This year," Weaver said, "it's really three events rolled into

In addition to the Block Party with events and concessions on Saturday, there is the Business Expo with exhibitors featuring their wares and services and The Top O' Texas BBQ Cookoff.

That will be followed by a dance Saturday evening.

Last summer, everybody was crowded onto Cuyler Street in

downtown Pampa. This year, Weaver said, the space at Recreation Park is allowing the exhibitors to spread out.

The block party will be from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, with crafts, food, business exhibits and displays by non-profit groups.

We've had an excellent number of participants," Weaver said of the business expo.

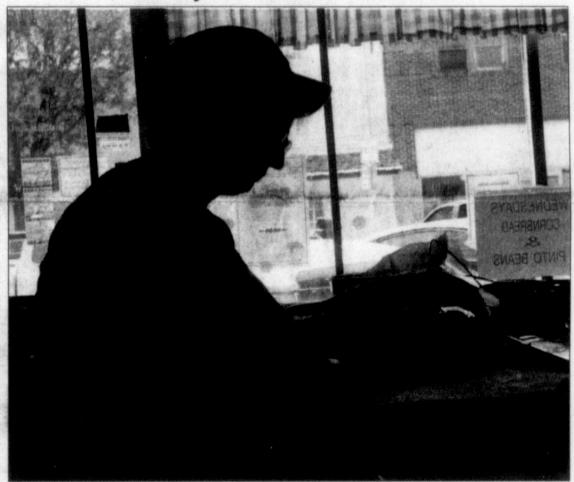
The barbecue will open to the public at 4 p.m., Saturday, after the judging for ribs, brisket, chicken and a category simply

Weaver said there are a dozen teams, including teams from Elk City, Okla., and Memphis, Tex., in the barbecue cookoff.

The cost of the barbecue is \$10. The dance starts at 8 p.m., Saturday, at the Norris Pavilion at Recreation Park. Brad Mathis and Suicide Doorz will provide live music.

Admission to the dance is \$10. "We want everybody to come out and have a good time,"

Coney Island comfort



staff photo by David Bowser

Silhouetted in the noonday sunlight, Helen Barnett packages up another order at Pampa's famous Coney Island Grill on Foster Street. Even with temperatures outside pushing the century mark, the Coney offers respite for the hungry.

Emergency haying of CRP acres authorized

Pampa - In response to drought conditions, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) authorized emergency haying use of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres for 73 Texas counties.

The following counties are approved for emergency CRP haying: Armstrong, Bailey, Baylor, Borden, Briscoe, Callahan, Carson, Castro, Cochran, Coke, Coleman, Collingsworth, Concho, Cottle, Crosby, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Donley, Duval, Ellis, Fisher, Floyd, Foard, Gaines, Garza, Gray, Hale, Hall, Hansford, Hardeman, Hartley, Haskell, Hemphill, Hill, Hidalgo, Hockley, Howard, Jones, Kent, King, Kinney, Knox, Lamb, Lipscomb, Lynn, Martin, Maverick, Medina, Mitchell, Motley, Nolan, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Pecos, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Sherman, Starr, Stonewall, Swisher, Taylor, Terrell, Terry, Tom Green, Uvalde, Wheeler, Wilbarger and Yoakum Counties.

Haying authorization will end on August 31,

"Eligible producers who are interested in emergency haying of CRP must request approval before haying eligible acreage," said Matthew Street, with the FSA. "It is also important for producers to obtain a modified conservation plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service that includes having requirements," he said.

Upon approval of emergency haying, producers must leave at least 50 percent of each field or contiguous field unhayed for wildlife. For those counties that are eligible for emergency haying and grazing, the same CRP acreage cannot be both hayed and/or grazed at the same time

For example, if 50 percent of a field or contiguous field is hayed, the remaining unhayed 50 percent cannot be grazed; it must remain unhayed and ungrazed for wildlife.

In addition, participants are limited to one hay cutting and are not permitted to sell any of the hay. There will be a 25 percent CRP payment reduction depending on the number of acres actually

To take advantage of the emergency haying provisions, authorized producers can use the CRP acreage for their own livestock or may grant another livestock producer use of the CRP acreage for the purpose of haying.

For more information on and to request approval for emergency having of CRP acres contact the Gray County FSA office at (806)665-6561.

Cook-off debuts YP participation

MOLLIE BRYANT mbryant@thepampanews.com

Pampa Chamber of Commerce is holding its Top O' Texas Barbecue Cook-off as part of the second annual Boomtown Block Party and Business Expo at Recreation Park and the Rodeo Grounds. The event will be organized by the Pampa Young Professionals, sanctioned by Lone Star Barbecue Society, and judged by members of the commu-

Planning the details of the Boomtown Block Party has been the first big project for the Pampa Young Professionals, which was started by the Chamber of Commerce in February.

Bryan Guymon, a member of the group, believes that community is an important part of the Young Professionals, along with networking and education.

"Our main focus is being involved in the community, and this event is intended to benefit the community,"

The Cook-off will feature nine contestants who will compete for the titles of grand champion and reserved grand champion, and first, second and third place ribbons will be awarded in each category--chick-

COOK-OFF cont. on page 3

Three arrested on drug charges

Three people were in Gray County jail in connection with arrests on drug charges by depu-

On Wednesday, July 6 at 9:30 p.m., after stopping a vehicle on a traffic violation, the Gray County Sheriff's Department found drug paraphernalia, a substance believed to be marijuana and another substance believed to be crystal methamphetamine, according to a Sheriff's report

The passengers, Jesus Velasquez Jr., 64, Krissy Lee Dennis, 46, and Bennie Bee Owen, 70, were each charged with possession of a controlled substance over 1 gram and under 4 and possession of 2 ounces or less of marijuana.

Each person's bail is set at \$5,000 for the methamphetamine charge, and \$1,000 for the marijuana charge.

......... **July 9 Events** Recreation Park/Rodeo Grounds Boomtown Block Party & Business Expo - 11 am Top O' Texas BBQ Cook-off serving at 4 pm Hometown Dance 8 pm

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PAMPA FORECAST

Today Sunday Saturday High 98

Low 70 Today: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 98. East wind around 10 mph.

Low 69

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. Breezy, with a southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as

Saturday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 103. Windy, with a southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Obituaries

Gary Don Gattis, 59

Gary Don Gattis, 59, died July 6, 2011, in Grapevine. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 9, 2011, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Jim Hart, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Gary was born June 30, 1952, in Amarillo. He had been a resident of Pampa most of his life. He grad-

uated from Pampa High School in 1970 and attended Frank Phillips College in Borger. Gary had many jobs in his life, including working for Gattis Shoe Store and Gattis Appliance and Electronics. He was a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose and a former member of First United Methodist Church. He enjoyed many things in his life, but most importantly, he enjoyed spending time with his friends and family, especially his three grandchildren. He was a devoted father, grandfather, brother, son and uncle. Gary was someone who never met a stranger and would do anything for his friends and family.

Survivors include two daughters, Stephanie Knabe and husband Cory of Frisco, and Hollie Koehn and husband Brian of Glenpool, Okla.; a son, Rickey Gattis and wife Gail of Amarillo; four grandchildren, Jordan Knabe and Colton Knabe, both of Frisco, Braxton Koehn of Glenpool, Okla.; and "Critter," a grandbaby on the way from Amarillo; his brother, Mike Gattis and wife Sally Ann of The Woodlands; his sister, Jana Gregory of Pampa; and numerous nieces and nephews. Gary was preceded in death by his parents, John and Jane Gattis; and a brother, Roger Gattis.

Memorials may be made to American Red Cross, Gray County Chapter, P.O. Box 1036, Pampa, TX 79066-

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Gattis

the steel guitar. He preceded her in death on June 24, 2010. She was very active in her children's childhood activities, including Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Optimist Little League baseball and basketball, and she served as PTA president at Baker Elementary. Betty was a longtime member of Highland Baptist Church. She was a volunteer with BSA Hospice for several years. She loved and raised a wonderful family. Betty was a loving person and was kind to all, and she never met a stranger. Survivors incude two sons, Clifford Gage and wife

"Junior" Gage on October 15, 1947, in Pampa. She en-

joyed singing western swing music while Junior played

Betty Jane Gage, 80

Betty Jane Gage, 80, died

Graveside services will

Mrs. Gage was born June

14, 1931, in Gray County.

She attended school in

Pampa. Betty married C. N.

July 6, 2011, in Pampa.

Barbara and Jeff Gage and wife Ellen, all of Pampa; two daughters, Elizabeth Ann Nutt of Houston and Jennifer Conner and husband Phill of Pampa; eight grandchildren, Martin Nutt of Houston, Clifford Gary Gage of Dallas, Dana Jones of Lubbock, Rachel Soto, Holly Gage and Brandon Gage, all of Pampa, Richard Conner of Arlington, and Ryan Conner of San Antonio; six great-grandchildren, Taylor Nutt and Ava Nutt, both of Houston, Sunli Soto and Gunner Soto, both of Pampa, and Ayden Jones and Tucker Jones, both of Lubbock.

Memorials may be made to Highland Baptist Church, 1301 N. Banks, Pampa, TX 79065, or BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

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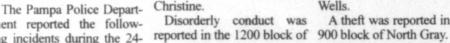
ment reported the following incidents during the 24hour period ending at 8 a.m. Thursday.

Police reported 11 trafficrelated incidents and three abandoned vehicles.

Animal Control Officers reported 13 animal-related

Pampa EMS reported two ambulance calls. The Pampa Fire Department reported two medical calls. The Pampa Police Department reported one medical call. The Lefors Volunteer Fire Department reported one medical call.

Wednesday, July 6



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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

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I have recently discov- my mouth. ered that Mom secretly any wrongdoing?

something to correct this Injustice. It isn't fair. What can I do? — FURIOUS IN THE PACIFIC NORTH-WEST

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DEAR ABBY: My with colleagues, manag- taking her. The problem is, point where people are afraid before I even open my wife's car have be-

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complains about it as well. Would it be rude for cut back or eliminate the use of the perfume? I say we have that right, but my wife is afraid it wouldn't be polite. Please help. -HOLDING MY NOSE IN **FLORIDA**

DEAR HOLDING YOUR NOSE: Many people are allergic to perfumes, and others develop a sensitivity after frequent exposure. It would not be rude for her to tell Libby that the lingering scent of her uncomfortable that she should refrain from wearing it during the commute. (She can apply it at work and ride home with someone else.)

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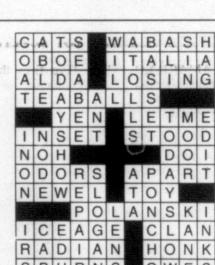
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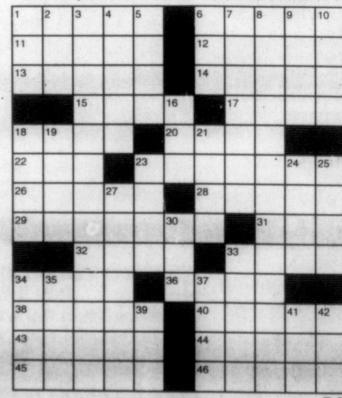
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Court sets redistricting trial

AUSTIN (AP) - A federal judge has set a date to consider lawsuits that would throw out Texas' redistricting

The case will be heard in San Antonio on Sept. 6. The trial combines three federal lawsuits that claim the new congressional and legislative districts will diminish the voting power of minorities.

Every state must redraw electoral districts every 10 years when new census data comes out. The Legislature is responsible for creating the new districts, and this year the Republican-controlled House and Senate passed new maps. They have not been signed by the governor yet, but they would help Republicans remain in power.

The Mexican American Legal Defense Fund, the League of United Latin American Citizens and an African-American lawmaker have filed suits against the state. The plaintiffs will introduce alternative maps.

Abandoned boy stays in custody

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SWEETWATER, Texas (AP) - A West Texas judge says a 4-year-old boy will remain in state care for now after his father was accused of abandoning him along a rural West Texas highway in the middle of the night.

Child Protective Services spokeswoman Marleigh Meisner tells The Associated Press that the boy's biological mother and an uncle each sought custody at a Nolan County court hearing Thursday. She says the case will return to court in Sweetwater within 30 days and CPS will make a recommendation.

The boy's father, Carlos Rico, is charged with attempted capital murder, accused of choking the boy and dumping him on the road about three hours before he was found. He's in Nolan County jail under \$500,000 bond.

The boy was placed in foster care after leaving the

Texas 12th in nation in obesity

DALLAS (AP) - A new report says Texas is the 12th most obese state in the nation.

About 30 percent of the state's adults are obese. That's according to a report released Thursday by the Trust for America's Health and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Mississippi is listed No. 1 for percentage of obese adults, at more than 34 percent.

The annual obesity report by two public health groups looked for the first time at state-by-state statistics over the last two decades. Fifteen years ago the Texas obesity rate was 16 percent and the state was ranked the 16th most obese in the nation. Texas has a combined obesity and overweight rate of about 67 percent.

Arson blamed for several fires

AMARILLO (AP) - Five fires this week in the drought-stricken Texas Panhandle have been declared arson as investigators try to determine whether the blazes are linked.

The Amarillo Fire Marshal's Office says two structure fires, a grass fire and a fence fire were reported Fourth of July night.

Deputy Fire Marshal Jacob Diaz told KVII-TV that investigators believe all four fires were intentionally set, along with another grass fire Tuesday.

Diaz says authorities are seeking the public's help in finding whoever is responsible for the fires. The blazes have all been in one general area of Amarillo.

The Texas Forest Service reported Thursday that 239 of the state's 254 counties have outdoor burn bans, including the entire Texas Panhandle.

Retail gas prices up a penny

HOUSTON (AP) - Retail gasoline prices across Texas have risen a penny this week to reach an average \$3.45 a gallon.

AAA Texas on Thursday said the nationwide average price per gallon increased four cents, to reach \$3.58, amid rising crude oil prices.

El Paso and Houston have the least expensive gasoline in Texas this week, at \$3.41 a gallon. The travel association says the most expensive gasoline is in Amarillo and Fort Worth, each averaging \$3.48 a gallon.

Alabama ahead in tornadoes

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (AP) - Fatal tornadoes in April mean Alabama has seen more of the strongest category of twister than any other state.

The National Weather Service has upgraded an April 27 tornado in northeast Alabama's DeKalb County from the category EF-4 to EF-5. That is the highest rating on a scale used to measure tornado damage and means winds were more than 200 mph.

The upgrade gives Alabama seven EF-5 tornadoes since 1950, when the Weather Service began keeping

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Storm Prediction Center says Alabama had been tied with Texas, Oklahoma, Iowa and Kansas with six EF-5 tornadoes. The reclassified twister was one of two EF-5 storms in a swarm of more than 60 tornadoes that hit Alabama on April 27, claiming about 240 lives.

Mexico sends lawyers for Leal

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP) - The governor of Humberto Leal's birth state has sent lawyers to try to halt the scheduled Thursday execution of the Mexican

Nuevo Leon Gov. Rodrigo Medina says he also wrote a letter to his Texas counterpart, Rick Perry, asking him to stop the execution.

Leal's relatives visited the Nuevo Leon statehouse on Wednesday to request the governor's help. The 38-yearold convict was born in Monterrey and moved to the U.S.

He was sentenced to be killed for the 1994 rape-slaying

of a 16 year old from San Antonio.

The U.S. Supreme Court is considering Thursday whether to block his execution. Appeals are focused on what it could mean for foreigners arrested in the U.S. and for Americans detained abroad.

en, pork spare ribs, brisket, and "other." The cook-off will open up to the community at 4 p.m., when anyone not fortunate enough to be a judge can sample the cooks' wares. Tickets include meat, beans, and two drinks, and children under 5 eat free. All proceeds will go to the Chamber of

"The Young Professionals wanted to be a part of something and get involved in a service function," said Lori Gyurnek of the Chamber of Commerce. "They also wanted

cont. from page to promote their organization and younger professionals of Pampa." But most importantly, the party will be a chance for folks in Pampa to get together, eat barbecue, and cut a

"I'm excited to see how the event turns out, especially with the barbecue cook-off and dance," said Guymon. If you are interested in volunteering for the event, call the Chamber of Commerce at 806-669-3241.

EPA clamps down on pollution spoiling air downwind

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Environmental Protection Agency is clamping down on power plant pollution in 27 states that contributes to unhealthy air downwind.

EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson announced on Thursday a plan to reduce smokestack pollution causing smog and soot in downwind states - where it combines with local air contaminants, making it impossible for those states to meet air quality standards on their own.

The rule differs from one proposed by the Obama administration in July. Power plants in the District of Columbia and five states - Delaware, Connecticut, Florida, Louisiana and Massachusetts - will no longer have to control yearround emissions of two pollutants - sulfur dioxide, responsible for acid rain and soot, and nitrogen oxides, which contribute to both smog and soot.

Texas, by contrast, will have to reduce more pollution than in the initial proposal, which required the state's power plants only to address summertime smog-forming

In a conference call with reporters, the EPA chief said the regulation would make sure no community has to bear the burden of polluters in another state. She said just because pollution drifts far from a power plant "doesn't mean polution is no longer that plant's responsibility.

"Pollution that crosses state lines places a greater burden on (downwind) states and makes them responsible for cleaning up someone else's mess," Jackson said

In addition, the EPA proposed requiring power plants in Oklahoma and five other states to control nitrogen oxide emissions during the summer smog season. If that proposal becomes final, power plants in 28 states will be covered by the regulation.

Critics called it another step by the Obama administration to crack down on coal-fired power plants. The regulation is one of several expected from the EPA that would target pollution from the nation's 594 coal-fired power plants, which provide nearly half of the country's electricity - but also a significant share of its pollution.

While the EPA says the suite of regulations will not cause the power to go out, almost everyone agrees that it will help close down some of the oldest, and dirtiest, coal-fired facilities. At the remaining plants, operators would have to use existing pollution controls more frequently, use lowersulfur coal, or install additional equipment.

"The EPA is ignoring the cumulative economic damage new regulations will cause," said Steve Miller, president and CEO of the American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity, a pro-coal industry association. The 27 states subject to the rule are: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana,

Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin.



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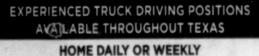
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Today in History

Today is Friday, July 8, the 189th day of 2011. There are 176 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 8, 1776, Col. John Nixon gave the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence, in Philadelphia.

On this date:

In 1663, King Charles II of England granted a Royal Charter to Rhode Island.

In 1853, an expedition led by Commodore Matthew Perry arrived in Yedo Bay, Japan, on a mission to seek diplomatic and trade relations with the Japanese.

In 1889, The Wall Street Journal was first published.

In 1911, cowgirl "Two-Gun Nan" Aspinwall became the first woman to make a solo trip by horse across the United States, arriving in New York 10 months after departing San Francisco.

In 1947, demolition work began in New York City to make way for the new permanent headquarters of the United Nations.

In 1950, President Harry S. Truman named Gen. Douglas MacArthur commander-in-chief of United Nations forces in Korea. (But Truman ended up sacking MacArthur for insubordination nine

In 1975, President Gerald R. Ford announced he would seek a second term of office.

In 1994, Kim Il Sung, North Korea's communist leader since 1948, died at age 82.

Ten years ago: Cable operator Comcast mounted a hostile bid to merge with AT&T Broadband. (Although AT&T spurned that offer, the company's board ultimately agreed to merge the cable unit with Comcast.)

Five years ago: Four more U.S. soldiers were charged with rape and murder and a fifth with dereliction of duty in the rape-slaying of a 14-yearold Iraqi girl and the killings of her relatives in Mahmoudiya. (The soldiers received sentences ranging from five years to 110 years based on their acknowledged roles in the attack.)

One year ago: The largest spy swap between the U.S. and Russia since the Cold War unfolded as 10 people accused of spying in suburban America pleaded guilty to conspiracy and were ordered deported to Russia in exchange for the release of four prisoners accused of spying for the West.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Jerry Vale is 79. Singer Steve Lawrence is 76. Actor Jeffrey Tambor is 67. Ballerina Cynthia Gregory is 65. Actress Kim Darby is 64. Children's performer Raffi is 63. Actress Anjelica Huston is 60. Writer Anna Quindlen is 59. Actor Kevin Bacon is 53. Actor Robert Knepper is 52. Rock musician Andy Fletcher (Depeche Mode) is 50. Country singer Toby Keith is 50. Rock singer Joan Osborne is 49. Actor Rocky Carroll is 48. Actor Corey Parker is 46. Actor Billy Crudup is 43. Actor Michael Weatherly is 43. Singer Beck is 41. Actor Milo Ventimiglia is 34. Singer Ben Jelen is 32. Actor Lance Gross is 30. Actress Sophia Bush is 29. Actor Jake McDorman is 25. Actor Jaden Smith

Thought for Today: "History must stay open, it is all humanity." - William Carlos Williams. American author and poet (1883-1963).



Is a United States default inevitable?

As President Bush prepared to invade Iraq in September 2002, the head of his economic policy council, Lawrence Lindsey publicly estimated such a war could cost \$100 billion to \$200 billion.

Lindsey had committed candor, and the stunned Bushites came down on him with both feet.

"Baloney," said Donald Rumsfeld. The likely cost would be \$60 billion. said Mitch Daniels of the Office of Management and Budget. We can finance the war with Iraqi oil, said Paul Wolfowitz.

By year's end, Lindsey was gone, back, in Ronald Reagan's phrase, "testing the magic of the market-

And the cost of the Iraq War? It has passed \$1 trillion.

So Lindsey is worth listening to. And he is now saving that the Obamaites may be wildly underestimating the deficits America is going to run in this decade. Here is why.

The average rate of interest the Fed has had to pay to borrow for the last two decades has been 5.7 percent. However, President Obama is projecting the cost of money at only 2.5

A return to the normal Fed rate would, by 2020, add \$4.9 trillion to the cumulative deficit, says Lindsey, more than twice the \$2 trillion in savings being discussed in Joe Biden's debt-ceiling deal.

Second, Obama is estimating growth in 2012, 2013 and 2014 at 4, 4.5 and 4.1 percent. But the normal rate for a mature economy recovering from recession is 2.5 percent.

Hence, if we return to a normal rate of growth, rather than rise to Obama's projected rate, says Lindsey, that would add \$700 billion to the deficit over the next three years and \$4 trillion by 2020.

Taken together, a U.S. return to a normal rate of growth of 2.5 percent, higher than today, and a normal rate of interest for the Fed could add as much as \$9 trillion to the deficits between now and 2020.

New taxes on millionaires and billionaires who ride around in corporate jets can't cover a tenth of 1 percent of these deficits.

Writes Lindsey, "Only serious long-term spending reduction in the entitlement area can begin to address the nation's deficit and debt problems."

His conclusion is logical, but seems impossible to achieve when both parties are talking of taking Medicare and Social Security off the table. Which makes his final point all the more compelling:

"Under current government policies and economic projections, (bondholders) should be far more concerned about a return of their principal in 10 years than about any short-term delay in interest payments in August.

Lindsey is saying that the probability of U.S. bonds losing face value through inflation or default is high, given the size of the deficits we will be running and the improbability that any deficit-reduction plan now out there can significantly reduce them.

Standard & Poor's and Moody's are already talking of downgrading U.S. debt if the debt ceiling is not raised by early August.

Is America then headed for an inevitable default?

One Chinese economist is already accusing us of defaulting, as the Fed's flooding of the world with dollars has seen the dollar lose 10 percent of its value against other currencies in the last year.

Holding \$1 trillion in U.S. debt, China has watched the purchasing power of that U.S. paper plummet. Understandably, Beijing fears that if we ever pay back all they have lent us, it will be in U.S. dollars of far lesser value.

What should House Republicans

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Stick to their principles and convictions.

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For the cause of the deficit-debt crisis has been the explosion in federal spending under Barack Obama to the largest share of the U.S. economy since the climactic years of World War II.

Administrations of both parties contributed to this rise in the federal share of gross domestic product. But the GOP committed itself in 2010 to

rein it in, without raising taxes. On that pledge the GOP triumphed and should keep its commitment.

First, because it is a solemn undertaking with a nation disgusted with politicians who say one thing and do another. Second, because our fiscal crisis, like Europe's, is a result of too much government, not too little revenue. Third, because there is no credible school of economic thought that says raising taxes on the productive sector when one in six workers is unemployed or underemployed is the way to prosperity.

Under Obama these past two years, the nation relied on the U.S. government to pull us out of the ditch. But Obama's \$787 billion stimulus, his three deficits of 10 percent of GDP, and Ben Bernanke's tripling of Fed assets by buying the bad paper of big banks and \$600 billion in U.S. debt all failed.

For Republicans to agree now to a tax increases that would violate their principles, their promises to the vot-

and their basic philosophy -- and be icing on the cake of Obama's debt-ceiling increase -- would be politically suicidal.

Indeed, were the Republican Party. to do this, it would raise the question of why we need a Republican Party.

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Glad Thomas' Gospel not in Bible

As you may or may not know; there are a number of books from the New Testament era that did not make it into the Bible. Some of these books were not included because they were considered inauthentic and were therefore unreliable. Others were discounted because their was not consistent with the rest of scr Spirit not only inspired the writing of scripture, but was also involved in the process of collecting and selecting these inspired books to become the Bible we have today. Christians also believe that the Spirit continues to work in the translation and proclamation of Scripture.

Contrary to what Dan Brown (author of the "Da Vinci Code") and other conspiracy theorists would have you believe; these so-called "lost" books that were not included in scripture do not contain any dark, disturbing secrets about Jesus' life. They were simply deemed to be uninspired. One of these books is known as the Gospel of Thomas. The book claims to be a collection of sayings that are ascribed to Jesus. This book may have been rejected for one or many of the following reasons: it may have been written too long after the life, ath, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, it may not have been written by someone with apostolic authority (while it claims to have been written by Thomas, this was questioned by the leaders of the early church), it may not have been widely used, it does not appear to agree with the rest of scripture on a number of key issues, and it was deemed to be heretical and unorthodox by the church (these are labels used by the church to talk about ideas and practices that the church believes are wrong or untrue). While the Gospel of Thomas tells a few parables that are similar to some of those found n the gospels that were included in the Bible, the

differences are profound.

For example, according to the Gospel of Thomas, when Jesus tells the story of the shepherd who left ninety-nine sheep in the wilderness, in order to seek the one that had wandered away, we actually get a description of the "lost sheep." The Gospel of Thomas says that the lost sheep was the "fattest" and "most-prized" of the shepherd's flock—thus, providing a rationale for the shepherd's desperate search. The thing about it is, the Bible's versions don't emphasize the rational nature of God's love, but the radical nature of God's love. The whole point of the parable is that God's love isn't ratio-nal, it's radical!!! God loves each and every one of his sheep and there is much rejoicing over each



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every single sheep that is lost but is found. God doesn't save the sheep because it is the best; God saves the sheep because God loves all of his sheep. Another example would be the Gospel of Thomas' version of the Parable of the Laborers

in the Vineyard. The Gospel of Thomas tells us that those who were hired late in the afternoon worked harder than all of the others, and the vineyard owner was so in that he decided to award them with a full day' wages. This puts a much different spin on the story than the versions told in the Bible. But while it might make more sense, it also misses what I think Jesus was trying to teach us—namely, that God dispenses gifts, not wages. Put another way, when the twelve-hour workers look at what the one-hour workers receive, and start complaining

one-hour workers receive, and start complaining, "This is not fair. Those people are not getting what they deserve"—the workers are absolutely right. It's not what they deserve ... and that's the point! None of us get what we really deserve; otherwise we would be in a whole heap of trouble.

Both of these parables talk about the grace of God. Grace is when we get something we don't deserve or when we don't get something we do deserve. We don't deserve heaven and yet Jesus gave his life so that we can live in him, right here and now and someday up in heaven. That is grace. We do deserve hell and yet Jesus came to save us from damnation. This too is grace. Remember, God doesn't save the sheep because it is the best; God saves the sheep because he loves all of his sheep. God doesn't give the one hour workers a sheep. God doesn't give the one hour workers a full days wage because they worked a full days worth in one hour - God gives them a full days wage because it is not too late to turn to the Lord.

The truth is, I am glad that the Gospel of Thomas was found in the Nag Hammadi Library in Egypt in 1945. I am also glad that it isn't found in scripture. The great thing about it, is that it shows us how we often try to rationalize God's behavior, when all we need to do is accept his radical love.

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DAVID One man who really interested me was the **BOULER** man who would spin the plates. He would have a

table about 8-feet long with a thin stick and a plate laid on top of the stick, and spinning it would quickly

move down to the next

As soon as he had 5 or 6 spinning, he would rush back down to the first one which had begun to wobble. He would then run up the line, re-spinning each plate to keep them from falling to the floor

and breaking into pieces. That is the way some people are living their lives.

As soon as they get one part spin-PLATES cont. on page 8

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

Harvest Fellowship to hold revival

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Harvest Fellowship Baptist Church will hold its revival services Sunday through Wednesday.

Service times for Sunday are 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. On Monday through Wednesday the services are

Ronnie Lambert, pastor at First Baptist Church in Lefors will be preaching. Lambert started his ministry "It is Time Ministries" in 2010.

Lambert said his ministry is to prepare people for the end times.

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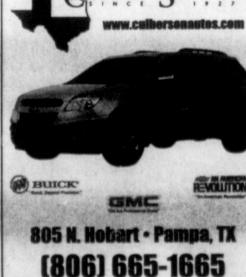


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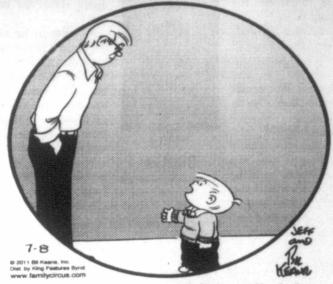
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"Well, when would it be all right to borrow the car?"





Nest Heads





HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, July 8,2011:

This year, you discover how much you value your home life and those who make your life comfortable. When push comes to shove, you often back off. You also can decide not to become involved or get into control games. Your creativity will become more and more dominant, helping you lasso in what you want. If you are single, you draw many potential suitors. Knowing what you want, you will need someone very special to create that type of bond with. Proceed accordingly. If you are attached, the two of you could become conflicted over an issue. How important is this issue in a total life? SCORPIO understands you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Aver-

age; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult ARIES (March 21-April 19)

**★ You feel an innate pull between your boundaries and needs and what others are asking. As a result, you could feel a bit irritable. Look at an offer or an expense that would increase the quality of your life. Tonight: Be with someone you enjoy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** You can only do so much for someone, especially if this person refuses to be appreciative. By setting limits, you could antagonize this person, forcing a clearing of the air. A positive attitude goes far in remedying the situation. Tonight: Nap, then decide

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Your creativity and high energy merge. You could be hard to stop, though a partner might throw a boomerang in your path. Just walk right over it. Your instincts speak to you regarding a gift or decision and money. Tonight: Start the weekend right.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

** You want to be home. If you can, make it so. You might be thinking about a difficult situation that surrounds your personal life. Someone you care about could be contrary. Look to the long term. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** Your words don't fall on deaf ears. You might take a comment too personally. Understand what is happening around you. Consider tossing out a proj-

ect that demands too much attention, for now. Tonight: Meet friends for munchies. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Be aware of the costs of proceeding in the present fashion. If you look, you might find that a whole other approach works better. Staying focused could be difficult right now. A late meeting launches your weekend. Tonight: Just don't go overboard immediately.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** You know you are looking good. Even if various sectors of your life produce flak, you aren't perturbed. Still, do remember what is going on later. Make calls toward the end of the day. Tonight: A boss or respected pal might join you for munchies and dinner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

** Know when it is best to do little with others. Dig into research or other solo work. You will enjoy the downtime. Refuse to get into an argument with an associate. It isn't worth it. Tonight: Nap, then decide

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** A meeting could be important for you socially. You will see a situation change, and quickly at that. Be willing to take a risk emotionally. If you are attached, don't forget those extra details that make someone feel cared about. Tonight: Where the fun is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

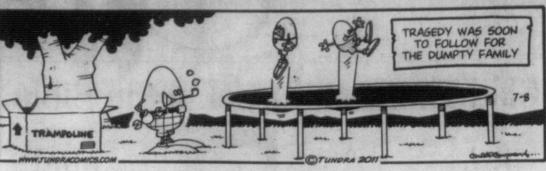
★★★ You can be more touchy than you realize. How you approach a situation could change substantially as result. Relax and touch base with someone you care about. Allow a boss to vent without taking it personally. Tonight: The fun starts late.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Make a call to someone you trust. Listen to what is being said by someone you care about. You could be revising your opinions about key people in your life. Be willing to open up and share your thoughts. Tonight: Follow the music.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** A partner shows a lot of interest in what you are doing. Caring abounds around a child or loved one. Your creativity soars beyond the norm. Say what you need to say in order to open up a door and move past an issue. Tonight: How about a cozy meal?

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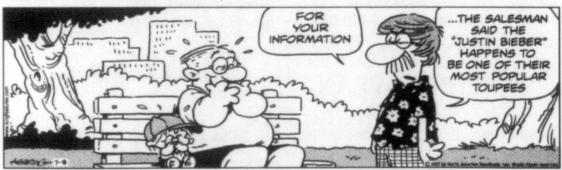




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Harvest

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"The Lambert family has a message for both young and old alike," Parker said.

Lambert's wife and daughter will minister through special music, piano specials and Scripture reading. The Northfork band will also be playing music at the services.

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Parker said revival services are important so they can spread the message.

"We want to minister to the community," Parker said.

Harvest Fellowship Baptist is located at the 2700 block of West Kentucky Avenue.

Plates

ning correctly, another part begins to wobble. They wind up running up and down trying to keep each part of their lives going.

We are told by the world around us the more plates you have spinning the better life you have.

Where did we get this idea? Paul said, "This one thing I do...I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13-14).

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Why not spin fewer plates and enjoy your life much more.

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

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

Replace siding with brick veneer

Dear Pat: My house has siding that is in very bad condition. I would like to remove it and add brick over the exterior. I know I cannot do it myself, but is it possible for a contractor to do it? - Jeri N.

Dear Jeri: Siding can look crisp and clean when it is in good condition, but there is practically nothing more unattractive than deteriorating old siding. Before you consider going to the expensive of completely changing the type of exterior surface on your home, you may be able to have the siding repaired and painted.

What you are referring to is called adding a brick veneer to your home. The basic lumber framing will still support your house walls, with the brick veneer being a cosmetic covering. The new brick veneer itself will not provide any strength, but it will protect the wall.

There are three basic methods to add a brick veneer to an existing house: 1) install thin brick

HOW-TO

siding, 2) install a full brick wall from the foundation up and 3) install brick from just the ground

The easiest method, by far, is installing brick siding. This type of siding uses real bricks that are only a half-inch thick. Once they are installed on your house walls, it is virtually impossible to distinguish them from full-thickness bricks. They offer corner bricks that give the appearance of full bricks even at the corners.

There are several brick siding designs from which to choose. If you think you also need some extra wall insulation, special one-inch-thick foam insulation can be attached to the house wall. There are raised lines on the exterior surface so the thin bricks can be glued on to it in perfect alignment. After

they are installed, the gaps

are filled with real mortar.

Other designs use four-foot long interlocking panels with the thin bricks already attached. It is

also possible to buy the thin bricks in packages of 100 bricks. These are installed on the wall surface by the same method as ceramic tiles are installed in a bathroom.

If your contractor has trouble finding any of these products, try contacting the following manufacturers for the names of local suppliers: Brick-(www.brickit.com); Tru-Brix (www.tru-brix. com); and Panel Brick Co. (www.panelbrick.com).

To install full-thickness bricks, they will have to be well supported to handle the huge weight of a oneor two-story wall. One method is to dig a threefoot wide trench all the way down to the existing foundation footings. Make sure your contractor contacts all the utility companies for the locations of underground wires and

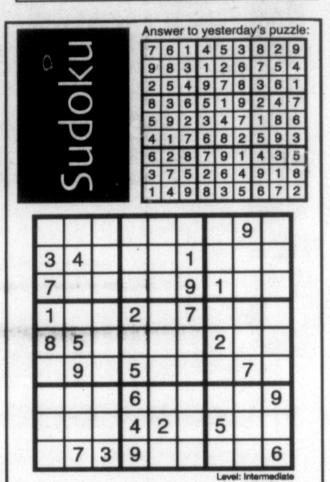
pipes first.

To lower the cost, use four-inch concrete blocks from the footings up to just below the ground surface. The drawbacks to this method are the high material and labor costs and the damage to your landscaping within three feet of the wall. Let the mortar harden for several days before backfilling the trench.

Another option is to attach a strong steel angle to the wall just below the ground surface. This steel angle will support the bricks without having to dig all the way down the footings. Potential problems are failure of the iron over time.

In cold climates, frost heave can move the angle up and down. Placing a two-inch-thick piece of foam insulation under the angle to absorb some of the ground movement throughout the year.

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ASCAR's Friend

2011 season full of new winners and drivers who hope to win

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DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - In 2010, 13 drivers won Sprint Cup races. David Ragan became 2011's 12th. The oke Zero 400 was the 17th race of the season, one shy of the halfway point.

They are Kevin Harvick (3), Kyle Busch (2), Matt Kenseth (2), Jeff Gordon (2), Carl Edwards, Kurt Busch, Jimmie Johnson, Denny Hamlin, Ragan, Brad Keselowski, Regan Smith and Trevor Bayne.

Just as surprising are some of the drivers who still haven't won races: among them, Dale Earnhardt Jr., Clint Bowyer, Ryan Newman, Tony Stewart, Greg Biffle, Juan Pablo Montoya, Mark Martin, Kasey Kahne, Jeff

Burton and Jamie McMurray. To cite one example, Stewart has won at least once in every season of his career, dating all the way back to 1999. As such, it appears possible that NASCAR's all-time record for winning drivers within a single season will be exceeded. Nineteen drivers visited victory lane in 2001,

Earnhardt, while congratulating Ragan, also said of

Daytona, "I don't know. It's weird racing.

"What kind of move can you make? ... There ain't no move you can make. You just hold it on the mat and try not to wreck into each other. You see how good we are at that.

Sure, both Daytona victories this year, by Bayne and Ragan, were monumental upsets, but the trend goes deeper than just restrictor-plate tracks.

In Harvick's three victories, he led a combined total of nine lans. Victories by drivers who actually dominated races have been few and far between, most notably Kurt Busch's Infineon Raceway triumph and Kenseth's win at Texas Motor Speedway.

Track position has become exceedingly important at most tracks. Fuel mileage seems at least as crucial as speed. The ranks of adept road racers has thickened. The past five Sonoma (Infineon) races have been won by drivers who had never previously won on road

A few weeks back, it seemed as if the season was developing a pattern and that familiar stars were taking Perhaps that was the impression that was fleeting.



FEUD OF THE WEEK



TREVOR BAYNE VS. BRAD KESELOWSKI

The Daytona 500 winner, Bayne, started on the front row in the Coke Zero 400 but crashed after contact from behind from Keselowski's Dodge in the first five laps. "I don't know if I turned down more getting in, or if he (Keselowski) kind of came up across our bumper, but, either way, our bumpers caught wrong and it sent us spinning.

in front, or did the car in front 'lift'? At high speeds, there's often blame to go around. It was a tough break for Bayne, though.

Ticket Wheelin' & Dealin'

This Week welcomes letters to the editor but please be aware that we have room fo 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 selfaddressed envelopes with your letters, which should be addressed to: NASCAR This Week, The Gaston Gazette, P.O. Box 1538, Gastonia,

I see on the Internet that Kentucky Speed-way is already-reducing prices for tickets for [its] Quaker State 400 inaugural race. Doesn't that burn those of us [who] already purchased

Combine that with the 'no cooler' rules with only a 20-ounce drink allowed to be carried in seems to be something different than fan friendly to me.

Then there's concern for the empty seats....?

David Qualkenbush Huntingburg, Ind.

Last week the track announced that the race was sold out, so something must have worked. We do sympathize, however, with fans who loyally bought tickets only to find similar ones discounted later. Regulations vary track to track and sometimes, if they meet with widespread disapproval, they

Notable facts about **Kentucky Speedway**

- During the 2002 IndyCar race at the track, actor/director Jason Priestley sufferd a concussion and spinal/feet fractures, becoming the first major injury to occur at the
- After a three-year legal battle with Bruton Smith, the track owners sold the track to Smith's Speedway
- Before its first Sprint Cup event, the track reported that it expanded seating from 66,000 to 107,000



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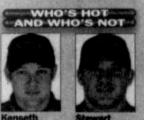
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NASCAR

Edwards offers mild defense of the tag teams NUTS AND BOLTS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - Carl Edwards offered up a good offense as the best defense of tag-team racing.

Asked about fans' dislike for a system at restrictor-plate tracks that distinguished resume. forces drivers to team up in groups of two, Edwards said, "See, I don't feel like we've communicated as well with the fans. "In one sense, when you drive wide

open all the way around a track, it's not racing from a purist's standpoint. .. To me, this teaming up with someone and bump-drafting is more 'real racing' than the packs."

Edwards' remarks came before he finished 37th in the Coke Zero 400. Climate change — Tag-team draft-ing has changed slightly at Daytona. Why? Because it's hotter in July than

February. The car behind was "peeking higher," moving up by about half the width of the car in front to get more air in the grill. As Clint Bowyer noted, it requires more air to keep the car cool in the July race because the summer is much warmer than the winter, when the Daytona 500 is held.

lcy response - After winning the pole, Mark Martin didn't much care for a question regarding the absence of Daytona victories in his otherwise

After a grimace and stare, Martin said, "You know what? I'm pretty dam lucky to have gotten to race at Daytona, period, much less 53 times. That's the way I look at it. I'm pretty darn lucky."

New hire - Torrey Galida is the new chief operating officer at Richard Childress Racing. There is no old chief operating officer. Childress created the position in a management shuffle.

Galida formerly worked at TRG Motorsports, Ford Motor Company, Roush Fenway Racing and Millsport Motorsports. The last is a sports marketing and sponsorship

 Clint Bowyer's response to a question about drafting partners dwelt on what should've been self-evident.

"You've got a four-car team at RCR,



Clint Bowyer is leaning toward sticking with Richard Childress Racing. With a strong field of free agents ahead including Greg Biffle, Brian ers and Carl Edwards, Bowyer might be in

a good place with his current tea and I'm pretty sure the boss is going to want us to work together," he said. "He pays a lot of money to make sure FAN TIPS Masters of The F-150

Two high-school students from Oregon spent

time "shadowing" Roush Fenway Racing's teams during practice and qualifying for the Coke Zero

of 10,000 students that



exams and a timed event in which they raced against the clock to find and repair deliberately installed "bugs" in Ford F-150 trucks. Jack Roush eferred to them as "the future of the automotive industry." The two students also worked at Roush Ferrway's Concord shops. Saunders and Torrey earned scholarships for their achievements.

LEGENDS AND LORE

Kentucky Joins The Club

Kentucky Speedway is the newest addition to the Sprint Cup schedule, it's not the first major NASCAR race in the commonwealth. Lee Petty drove a Chrysler to victory on a half-mile dirt track in Corbin, Ky., on Aug. 29, 1954. Petty and runner-up Hershel McGriff were the only drivers who finished on the lead lap. Thirteen of the 21 starters were running at the finish of the 200-lap event.

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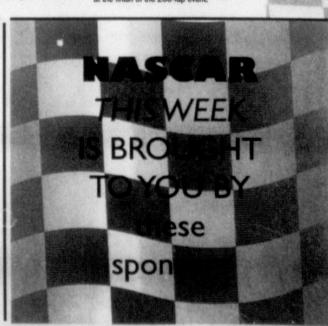
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Sports

Pampa area sports battle, adjust to extreme heat

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This unusually hot summer, with temperatures frequently over 100 degrees with little humidity, means the athletes have to take some extra precautions. Those involved in local high school sports have made some "heat adjustments."

Pampa High School's tennis team hosted a camp June 20 and 21. Head coach Sarah Corse said they had to take more breaks on the last day of camp.

"We had to make sure the kids were hydrated with water or Gatorade," Corse said.

Corse said she definitely saw an affect on the campers energy level.

"It definitely takes energy away when it's over 100 degrees," Corse said, "The court adds 20 degrees."

The baseball team hosted its camp from May 31 to June 3. Head coach Kaleb Snelgrooes said they held the camp early enough that they weren't bothered as much.

"We did ours the first week of June, before it started getting really hot," Snelgrooes said. "We held ours earlier in the day so they had all the energy in the world."

Snelgrooes said it has been a challenge, maintaining the baseball field.

"It's been hard keeping it from burning up," Snelgrooes said. "We have done a pretty good job with it. I had to realize

that with it being over 100 everyday we just had to make the best of it. Plus, everyone is in the same boat as us."

The softball team held their camp June 6 to the 10. Head coach Bobbi Gill said the heat definitely had an effect.

"The heat always has an affect on how many breaks we take," Gill said. "The kids did seem to tire out pretty quick, but we tried to do things that kept them interested and entertained."

Gill said their playing surface makes it hotter.

"The field dirt is hotter than the grass for sure," Gill said. "We tried to do things that kept them interested and entertained."

Jon Clark, who coached the 9 and 10 year old all-stars and the Optimist baseball team NOV, said they had to make adjustments.

"We have to practice at 7 to 8:30 at night," Clark said. "We have to make sure the kids stay hydrated because that can be a scary thing."

Clark said they are taking breaks every 15 minutes to make sure they stay hydrated.

"We have two eight-gallon coolers of water," Clark said. "We have towels they can use to keep cool."

Clark said the heat has worn his players down faster.

"My son (Jace) went home after our two games Saturday laid on the couch and went to bed by nine," Clark said.



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Jace Clark fields a ball during baseball camp June 1. Snelgrooes said they held the camp in early June when it was less hot.



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staff photo by **Andrew Glover** Maria Haynes, 14, attempts to catch up to a long lob June 20 during tennis camp at the high school. Corse said the court adds 20 degrees.





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