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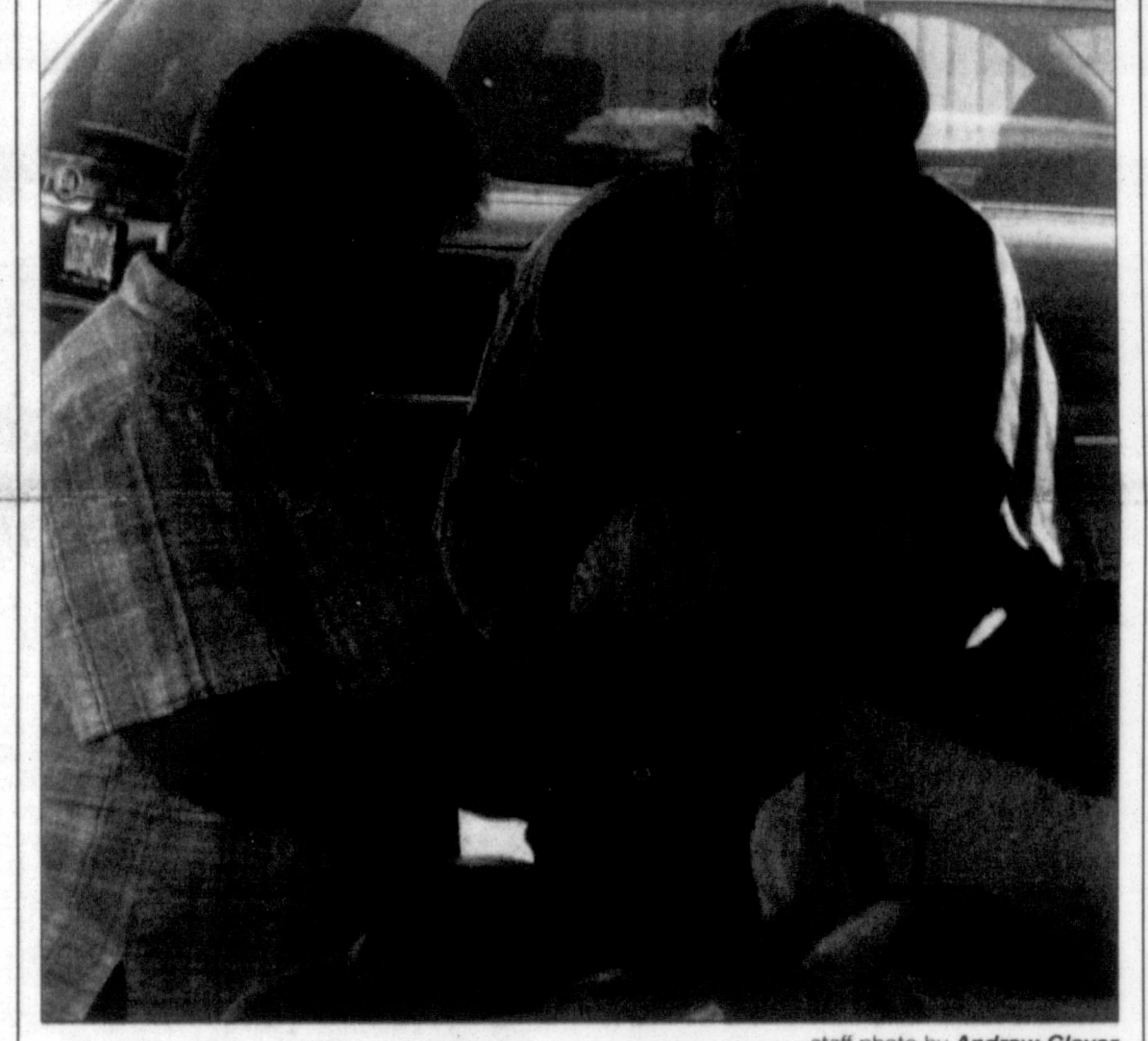
## City to spray residential areas for mosquitoes

**ARNIE AURELLANO**  
 editor@thepampanews.com  
 The City of Pampa will start spraying residential areas for mosquitoes on Monday and continue through early Tuesday morning, according to Public Service Superintendent Ed Turner. Crews will be using the chemical product Mosquito Mist 1, dispersed through an ultra low volume sprayer. Razor Pro Herbicide will also be used to kill grass and weeds on the streets. Turner said that this year's mosquito spray was delayed somewhat because of weather conditions, but the time has come for the procedure because the insects are starting to reappear.

"We start spraying for mosquitoes usually in May, when it starts raining and everything," Turner said. "Since it's been such a dry year, we haven't had to yet, but they are starting to come out now due to the little bit of rain that we have gotten. "We're going to spray at least one time just to get them knocked back. Then, we'll do it again as necessary after that, but we will cover the whole time the first time." Turner said it usually takes three four-hour shifts to cover the whole city. "We'll spray from like 4 in the **SPRAY** cont. on page 2

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## FRUITFUL HARVEST



Pat Anthony looks over the cantaloupe Clarence Frei is holding at her fruit stand on the corner of Hobart and Randy Matson. Anthony, who lives in Amarillo, drives to Midland every week to pick up fruit to sell.

## PD's sexting program on Saturday

**ARNIE AURELLANO**  
 editor@thepampanews.com  
 The Pampa Police Department would like to remind Pampa residents that it is hosting a free sexting awareness program at 1 p.m. on Saturday at the M.K. Brown Heritage Room. The program, entitled "The Dangers of Sexting," will feature Dallas' Robin Garrison, who has previously worked as the Urban Programs Agent for the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Randall County. "I spoke with a lady over at Amarillo ISD," said Pampa PD Crime Prevention Officer Stormy McCullar, "and she highly recommended (Garrison). He's really tasteful about how he puts it out there. He's blunt about it, but he does it in a very appropriate, informative way." With more and more technology available to teens every day, it's becoming increasingly important for adults to be aware of the dangers that accompany mobile devices, McCullar said. "Technology is good, but it also can be very dangerous, especially if it gets into the hands of our kids and gets used in negative ways," McCullar said. "Sexting **SEXTING** cont. on page 2

## Emergency care symposium off

**ARNIE AURELLANO**  
 editor@thepampanews.com  
 The Tri-State Emergency Care Symposium that was scheduled for July 27 through 29 in Pampa — as well as the accompanying golf tournament fundraiser on July 26 at Hidden Hills — has been canceled due to low registration, according to Karen Russell, Community-Based Education Program Coordinator of the Panhandle Area Health Education Center. The symposium was to be hosted by Clarendon College Pampa Center and held at the M.K. Brown Civic Center. Topics of discussion included current issues and trends in emergency healthcare, with Dr. James H. Duke Jr., a professor of surgery from UT Medical School in Houston, and State EMS Director Maxie Bishop to be among the keynote speakers. Ashlee Estlack of Clarendon College said that the symposium may possibly be rescheduled sometime in the future.

## TOP O'TEXAS JUNIOR RODEO AND KID PONY SHOW BUCKLED UP

**Gebo's employees and Top O'Texas Rodeo chairman Michael Craig display the belt buckles for the Top O'Texas Junior Rodeo and Kid Pony Show. Pictured are store employees (back row) Laura Archer, Chelsey Wallin and Misti Light; (front row) assistant manager Robbie Locke, Craig and store manager Deanna Ledbetter.**



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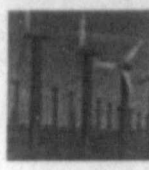
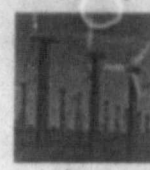
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### PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Saturday	Sunday
		
High 98 Low 69	High 99 Low 73	High 101 Low 72

**Today:** Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 98. Breezy, with a south southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. Breezy, with a south wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Saturday:** Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 99. Breezy, with a south southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 73. Breezy, with a south wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Sunday:** Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 101. Breezy, with a south southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Sunday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 72. Breezy, with a south southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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### BANANAGRAMS!

For each of the three words below, change one letter to an L and then rearrange the letters to spell a word related to the military.

CONSOLE

BARMAID

SANTERA

Yesterday's Answer: CONVOY, WITHIN; FROLIC, MYSTIC; UNUSED, ODDITY

## Applause, but no tears at shuttle's end

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Atlantis and four astronauts returned from the International Space Station in triumph Thursday, bringing an end to NASA's 30-year shuttle journey with one last, rousing touchdown that drew cheers and tears.

Thousands gathered near the landing strip and packed Kennedy Space Center, and countless others watched from afar, as NASA's longest-running spaceflight program came to a close.

"After serving the world for over 30 years, the space shuttle's earned its place in history. And it's come to a final stop," commander Christopher Ferguson radioed after a ghostlike Atlantis glided through the twilight.

"Job well done, America," replied Mission Control.

With the space shuttles retiring to museums, it will be another three to five years at best before Americans are launched again from U.S. soil, as private companies gear up to seize the Earth-orbit-and-back baton from NASA.

The long-term future for American space exploration is just as hazy, a huge concern for many at NASA and all those losing their jobs because of the shuttle's end. Asteroids and Mars are the destinations of choice, yet NASA has yet to settle on a rocket design to get astronauts there.

Thursday, though, belonged to Atlantis

and its crew: Ferguson, co-pilot Douglas Hurley, Rex Walheim and Sandra Magnus, who completed a successful space station resupply mission.

Atlantis touched down at 5:57 a.m., with "wheels stop" less than a minute later.

"The space shuttle has changed the way we view the world and it's changed the way we view our universe," Ferguson radioed from Atlantis. "There's a lot of emotion today, but one thing's indisputable. America's not going to stop exploring."

"Thank you Columbia, Challenger, Discovery, Endeavour, and our ship Atlantis, thank you for protecting us and bringing this program to such a fitting end."

For the landing, there wasn't nearly the hoopla that surrounded Atlantis' launch on July 8 — when an estimated 1 million packed the Cape Canaveral area — because of the hour and lack of spectacle. The darkness robbed virtually all views of the approaching shuttle, and made it more of a NASA family affair.

Atlantis was greeted with cheers, whistles and shouts from the record 2,000 who had gathered near the runway — astronauts' families and friends, as well as shuttle managers and NASA brass. Soon, the sun was up and provided a splendid view. Within an hour, Ferguson and his crew were out on the

runway and swarmed by well-wishers.

"The things that we've done have set us up for exploration of the future," said NASA Administrator Charles Bolden Jr., a former shuttle commander. "But I don't want to talk about that right now. I just want to salute this crew, welcome them home."

Nine hundred miles away, flight director Tony Ceccacci, who presided over Atlantis' safe return, choked up while signing off from shuttle Mission Control in Houston.

"The work done in this room, in this building, will never again be duplicated," he told his team of flight controllers.

At those words, dozens of past and present flight controllers quickly streamed into the room, embracing one another and snapping pictures while keeping their tears, if not their emotions, in check.

But on the landing strip in Florida, flight director Mike Leimbach said the tears flowed. He himself was awash with emotion as he took in "the beauty of the vehicle," snapped pictures and posed for pictures at workers' requests, some of whom face layoffs.

"I saw grown men and grown women crying today — tears of joy to be sure," Leimbach told reporters. "Human emotions came out on the runway today, and you couldn't suppress them."

### Sexting

is particularly bad. We've had incidents where kids have sent pictures of themselves through the Internet. The one thing that I really want to stress is when it's sent, it's done. You cannot ever take that back."

Sexting has been a hot topic in Texas of late, including at the recently closed legislation session. Senate Bill 407, which was passed during the session, now gives Texas judges the option beginning in September of charging teens with a Class C through A misdemeanor for sexting. Prior to the bill's

passing, teens were subject to the same felony charge as adults who were trafficking child pornography.

The legislative focus on the phenomenon reflects a trend that has seen sexting rise in popularity nationwide. According to recent research at the University of Rhode Island, over half of all college students have received sexually suggestive images over text messaging, and close to 80 percent have received suggestive messages.

"It's causing real hardships on families (around the U.S.)," McCullar said.

"There are kids who have committed suicide over it. It's growing really rapidly all over the United States, and it's just something that parents need to be aware of. This is happening... As a community and as parents, we all need to keep our eyes open to this technology that we have and how it's being used."

Snacks and drinks will be provided at the program. For more information, contact McCullar at 806-669-5700, ext. 259.

### Spray

morning to 7, and again that evening from about 9:00 until about 1:00 in the morning. Then we'll come back in and spray from 4 to 7."

To keep the mosquitoes at bay, Turner encouraged Pampa residents to keep their grass cut and to empty any containers of water around their property. Mosquitoes

breed in high grass and weeds, as well as around stagnant water that collects in old tires, children's pools or other receptacles that hold liquids.

Anyone who does not want their property sprayed can call 669-5760, ext. 3.

## Obituaries

### Kint Philpott, 98

Kint Philpott, 98, died July 20, 2011, in Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Philpott was born November 25, 1912, in Miami to John and Nora Philpott. He graduated from Miami High School in 1930. Kint married Helen Walker on April 4, 1931, in Erick, Okla. This year, they celebrated their 80th wedding anniversary. He was a farmer in the Miami and Pampa areas and was a partner in Philpott Farm Equipment and Philpott Elevators in Miami. Kint was a member of the United Methodist Church of Miami and had been a resident of Pampa



Philpott

since 1981. He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant daughter, Virginia Ann Philpott; his siblings, Ruth Donaldson, Jim Philpott, Flora Corbin and George Philpott; a daughter-in-law, Barbara Philpott; a granddaughter, Lynn Wright, and a great-grandson, Jason Wright.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Philpott of the home; two sons, Don Philpott of Miami and Marvin Philpott and wife Shirley of Delaware, Ohio; grandchildren, Janice Monds and husband Benny and Ann Pigdon and husband Bryan, all of Pampa, Sharon Wright and companion Monty Smith of Miami, John Philpott and companion Kim Coblér of San Angelo, and Shanna Heilveil and husband Ben of Baltimore, Md.; great-grandchildren, Kevin Monds, Joel Monds and wife Brittany, Scott Monds and wife Hayle, Cliff Bryant and wife Teresa, Nick Bryant and wife Katja, Angela Wright, Erin Heilveil, Noah Heilveil and Megan Heilveil; and fourteen great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to a favorite charity. Sign the online register at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).

## For the record

### Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24 hour period ending Thursday, July 21 at 7 a.m. Police reported 20 traffic related incidents. Animal control and police responded to 19 animal related incidents. Pampa EMS and the Lefors

Volunteer EMS responded to 4 medical calls.

**Wednesday, July 20**  
Police reported a threat at the 800 block of West 25th. Police reported disorderly conduct at the 100 block of North Cuyler. Disorderly conduct was reported at the 1000 block of North Hobart. A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1100 block of

Crane.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 600 block of East Frederic and the 1000 block of East Browning. A threat was reported at the 800 block of West Foster. Criminal trespassing was reported at the 600 block of East Frederic. A burglary was reported at the 800 block of West Brown. A theft was reported at the 300 block of East Brown. Criminal trespassing was reported at the 200 block of West Kingsmill and the 300 block of East Brown. An alarm was reported at the 1000 block of East Fisher. The fire department investigated a fire at the 2200 block of Beech. A domestic disturbance occurred at the 100 block of Village. A violation of city ordinance occurred. An accident occurred at the 1700 block of North Hobart. Domestic disturbances occurred at the 400 block of Lefors and the 300 block of

East Browning.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1100 block of Cinderella.

A burglary occurred at the 1200 block of South Nelson.

A suspicious person was reported at the 800 block of West 25th.

### Thursday, July 21

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Disorderly conduct occurred at the 2600 block of North Hobart and the 600 block of North Red Deer.

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

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 500 block of West Brown.

### Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrest for the 24 hour period ending Thursday, July 21 at 7 a.m.

**Wednesday, July 20**  
Kristol Rodriguez was arrested by police on charges of public intoxication.

### Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

7	6	1	4	2	3	5	8	9
9	4	5	7	8	1	6	3	2
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5	2	3	1	9	8	7	4	6
4	8	9	5	6	7	3	2	1
6	1	7	3	4	2	9	5	8

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Level: Intermediate

# AFTERNOONRUSH Arizona launches site for border fence

## Drought expanding in Texas

LUBBOCK (AP) — More than three-fourths of Texas is in the worst stage of drought as lack of rainfall and sizzling temperatures bake the state in its worst dry spell in decades.

The U.S. Drought Monitor map released Thursday showed 75.5 percent of the state in exceptional drought, a 50 percent increase in just seven weeks.

Texas is coming off its driest nine-month period ever and had its hottest June on record.

The map's driest category means there are exceptional and widespread crop and pasture losses, and shortages of water in reservoirs, streams, and wells.

Cities across Texas are seeing triple-digit heat. On Tuesday, Lubbock broke a 77-year-old record with the 30th day this year of temperatures reaching at least 100 degrees.

## Bag big gator, get arrested

AUSTIN (AP) — A monster 880-pound alligator that was a Dallas lawyer's prize catch last month is now evidence in an investigation that has resulted in four arrest warrants.

Texas Parks and Wildlife spokesman Mike Cox said Wednesday that 42-year-old Levi McCathern and his three fishing and hunting guides were charged with taking wildlife on private property without the landowner's permission.

A man who owns land on the Trinity River in Leon County told state game wardens that a large alligator had been killed on his property without his consent on June 11 and a second, smaller 'gator was taken the day before.

Game wardens seized a 13-foot-1-inch alligator and a near 9-foot alligator.

Violators of the Class A misdemeanor face a maximum \$4,000 fine and/or one year in jail.

## Condemned killer loses appeal

HOUSTON (AP) — A Waco college student sent to death row for fatally shooting and robbing a fellow student nine years ago outside Bryan has lost an appeal at the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, moving him a step closer to execution.

Marcus Drury was condemned for killing 20-year-old Skyler Browne on Halloween 2002. The now 31-year-old Drury and Browne both attended Texas State Technical College in Waco.

They were among a group partying in Bryan and wound up at property belonging to Drury's family in rural Brazos County. Testimony at Drury's 2003 trial showed Browne was shot three times by Drury, who burned the victim's body and dumped it in a stock pond.

Drury's attorneys argued unsuccessfully in his appeal that his trial lawyers were deficient and jury instructions were faulty.

## Polygamist set for trial in Texas

SAN ANGELO (AP) — Polygamist leader Warren Jeffs is set to go to trial on sexual assault charges after a final pretrial hearing in West Texas ended with no further delays.

The ecclesiastical head of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints has appeared in a San Angelo court with seven attorneys since December. Most asked for additional time to prepare, and prosecutors said Jeffs was changing lawyers as a stall tactic.

The conclusion of Thursday's proceedings will allow jury selection to begin Monday. Jeffs faces two counts of sexual assault of a child and will also be tried for bigamy in October.

The charges stem from a 2008 police raid on a church ranch amid suspicions of girls forced into polygamist marriages.

## DC supporters lobby for Perry

EXETER, N.H. (AP) — Fans of Texas Gov. Rick Perry in Washington are quietly lobbying a group of influential political operatives to support a Perry run for the Republican presidential nomination.

The supporters launched a website, TimeForPerry.com, this week but initially shared news of the launch only with a group of uncommitted fundraisers and campaign operatives in Washington and New Hampshire.

The site, which follows similar draft efforts in places like California and Iowa, features a video of the Texas governor speaking to a cheering crowd and an original song.

Perry has offered strong signals he may enter the race.

## Teens accused in church arson

BAYTOWN (AP) — Three teens have been accused of setting fire to a Houston-area church.

Chambers County Sheriff Joe LaRive (luh-REEV) says the arson suspects were arrested Wednesday in connection with the fire early Monday at Living Hope Church in Baytown.

Cpl. John Smith says 19-year-old Brian Alexander Marines of Baytown was jailed Thursday on a charge of arson to a place of worship, with bond set at \$750,000. Smith had no details on an attorney for Marines, nor any information on the two juvenile co-defendants.

No church damage estimate was immediately available.

Living Hope Church last week was targeted with graffiti. Investigators have not said whether they believe the vandalism and the fire are related.

Pastor Kevin Kleinhenz says his church will share space at New Journey Church during the repairs.

CASA GRANDE, Ariz. (AP) — Arizona launched a fundraising website Wednesday to build fencing along the U.S.-Mexico border, a newly authorized project that supporters said is needed to close gaps exploited by smugglers and illegal immigrants.

"Arizona once again has to do the job the federal government isn't," said state Sen. Steve Smith, a first-term Republican who sponsored the legislation authorizing the fence project.

Smith, Arizona Senate President Russell Pearce, state Attorney General Tom Horne, Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio and other supporters gathered Wednesday evening in a restaurant in Smith's legislative district to kick off the fundraising campaign.

The public will back the effort, Pearce predicted. "I know where America stands," Pearce said. "We have a nation at risk. And why are we going to build a fence? Because you'll never get it built by the federal government."

The website, buildtheborderfence.com, received 884 online donations totaling \$39,085 within its first 17 hours, said Arizona Senate spokesman Mike Philipson.

Initial online donations ranged from the minimum of \$5 to "dozens in the \$250 to \$500 range," Philipson said. Contributions also can be mailed.

Smith said during a Tuesday interview that his initial goal is to raise \$50 million.

"It's not my end goal," he said. "If we can raise \$50 million, we're off to a fabulous start."

Smith said he was optimistic about the fundraising potential because people have donated nearly \$3.8 mil-

lion to a fund to defend the state's 2010 immigration enforcement law known as SB1010.

That effort raised money for "an intangible service - you're paying for a lawyer," Smith said. "This, you can taste and smell what you're getting - you're paying for a secure border."

What the money will actually buy has yet to be determined. A border security advisory committee consisting of legislators, state agency directors and county sheriffs will make recommendations to the Legislature on how and where to spend the money.

Fencing currently covers about 650 miles of the U.S.-Mexico border, or about one-third of the 2,000-mile boundary. It ranges in quality from simple barbed wire or vehicle barriers to carefully engineered, 18- to 30-foot high fences near cities.

Smugglers often circumvent the barriers by cutting or driving through them, climbing over them, or digging often-elaborate tunnels under them.

Wednesday's website launch was keyed to the date most new laws passed during the state Legislature's 2011 regular session go into effect.

While Arizona lawmakers rejected several immigration enforcement measures this year that were opposed by business groups, the border fence measure didn't get as much attention.

Democratic lawmakers say that the fence project is a misguided and piecemeal approach to border and immigration issues that should be tackled more comprehensively.

More recently, the Sierra Club said strengthened border barriers can damage the environment by causing flooding and blocking wildlife.

An immigrant-rights activist, Jaime Farrant of the Border Action

Network, said the fence project could end up costing the state money if donations fall short and supporters press ahead anyway.

"We're just concerned this is playing politics with the border instead of trying to address border security seriously," Farrant said.

Smith and other Republicans argue that the federal government hasn't done enough to secure the border from crossings by illegal immigrants, drug smugglers and terrorists.

The new law authorizes use of inmate labor to help build the fence, which would go on private or government land. The federal government will be asked to allow construction of fencing on its easements along the border, but Smith said he also has specific state-owned and private land in mind.

The fundraising website's initial home page shows a location on the border where fencing currently consists of a series of vertical posts to bar vehicle crossings. In the foreground, ranch-style barbed-wire fencing intended to restrain livestock has a big gap.

The site also includes a state official's declaration that donations may qualify as state and federal income tax deductions. But it says donors should consult their tax advisers about that.

Smith said he expects the site's content will be updated as soon as Thursday. The advisory committee will get regular updates on how much money is raised, and a running tally may be added to the site, he said.

"We're going to be extraordinarily open and transparent to the penny of what we have," Smith said.

# Couple's goal: visit all 722 Whataburgers

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — A Rockport couple share a passion that drove them to 225 Whataburger locations and will lead them to 497 more.

It all started in San Angelo in 1963. That's when Karl and Carol Hoepfner took their first bite. They were hooked on Whataburger for life.

This year, they earned the title of Whataburger's biggest fans in an essay contest.

And with title in hand they have been proving it with a 10-state journey to visit all 722 Whataburger locations.

They made their 225th stop Wednesday at the Whataburger by the Bay.

Whataburger, the restaurant mascot, hugged both of them. Management handed the couple an orange and white cake, which read, "Welcome Karl and Carol." Karl shook the hands of every employee and handed the staff a sheet of paper to write a message for his scrapbook.

When they returned the decorated paper, he added it, as has become his tradition, to the book along with his receipt, showing what they ate and a folded table number - 13, the unit number of their home.

To top it off, the couple threw the first pitch at the Hooks game at Whataburger Field.

Throughout their military careers, they dined around the world. But their favorite little place is Whataburger

store No. 201 in Rockport, where they have eaten at least 7,000 times.

"We've been all over the world and never tasted a better burger," said Karl, 75.

The first Whataburger opened in Corpus Christi.

In 2010, Whataburger celebrated its 60th anniversary and on that day, Aug. 3, the Hoepfners were at No. 201 in Rockport.

"We were first in line to get a free Whataburger," he said. "The assistant manager told me about the contest, and I wrote 700 words why we were the biggest fans."

The contest awarded the Hoepfners \$10,000 in prizes including Whataburger for life. They immediately returned \$7,000, asking instead for 1,000 \$7 gift cards, which they have given to needy individuals, local police officers and firefighters and the charity organization Rockport-Fulton Good Samaritans.

Dennis Carnes, board member for the Good Samaritans, said the organization, which helps feed the needy, is indebted to the couple.

"It makes our clients feel thrilled," he said.

The couple's journey to every Whataburger, began on a somber note. Carol, 73, was diagnosed with a rare form of blood cancer in her eyes, which eventually sent her to Houston for 23 days of radiation earlier this year.

All of the appointments were late in

the day, and Karl wanted to do something other than spend the rest of the time in their apartment.

"We won this contest and thought we might as well visit a few Whataburgers," he said.

A few turned into 1,500 miles and 90 locations around the Houston area. Then it snowballed into the 10-state journey, which the Hoepfners treat like vacations.

The couple plan to make the last of their just less than 500 remaining stops a special one.

During their trip through the Rio Grande Valley, they missed one Whataburger location in Palmview not far from Mission. Karl felt so embarrassed by his mistake that he wrote a letter to the store apologizing.

What they don't know, yet, is that Karl plans to make that restaurant their 722 stop.

There are 36,864 ways to make a Whataburger and not even Karl and Carol have tried them all. They have their favorites.

Karl likes a plain Whataburger with grilled onions and jalapeños and "toast my buns."

Carol prefers a Justaburger with grilled onions. She likes her buns toasted as well.

"It's a balanced meal," he said. "You got your salad, bread and meat"

"A Whataburger is a very good burger if it takes six napkins; seven is just outstanding," he said.

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Friday, July 22, the 203rd day of 2011. There are 162 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On July 22, 1861, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a resolution declaring the Civil War was being waged to preserve the Union rather than to end slavery, a stance that would shift as the conflict continued. (The Senate passed a similar resolution three days later.)

### On this date:

In 1587, an English colony fated to vanish under mysterious circumstances was established on Roanoke Island off North Carolina.

In 1893, Wellesley College professor Katharine Lee Bates visited the summit of Pikes Peak, where she was inspired to write the original version of her poem "America the Beautiful."

In 1934, bank robber John Dillinger was shot to death by federal agents outside Chicago's Biograph Theater, where he had just seen the Clark Gable movie "Manhattan Melodrama."

In 1943, American forces led by General George S. Patton captured Palermo, Sicily, during World War II.

In 1975, the House of Representatives joined the Senate in voting to restore the American citizenship of Confederate General Robert E. Lee.

In 1991, police in Milwaukee arrested Jeffrey Dahmer, who later confessed to murdering 17 men and boys (Dahmer ended up being beaten to death by a fellow prison inmate).

In 1995, Susan Smith was convicted by a jury in Union, S.C., of first-degree murder for drowning her two sons. (She was later sentenced to life in prison, and will not be eligible for parole until 2024.)

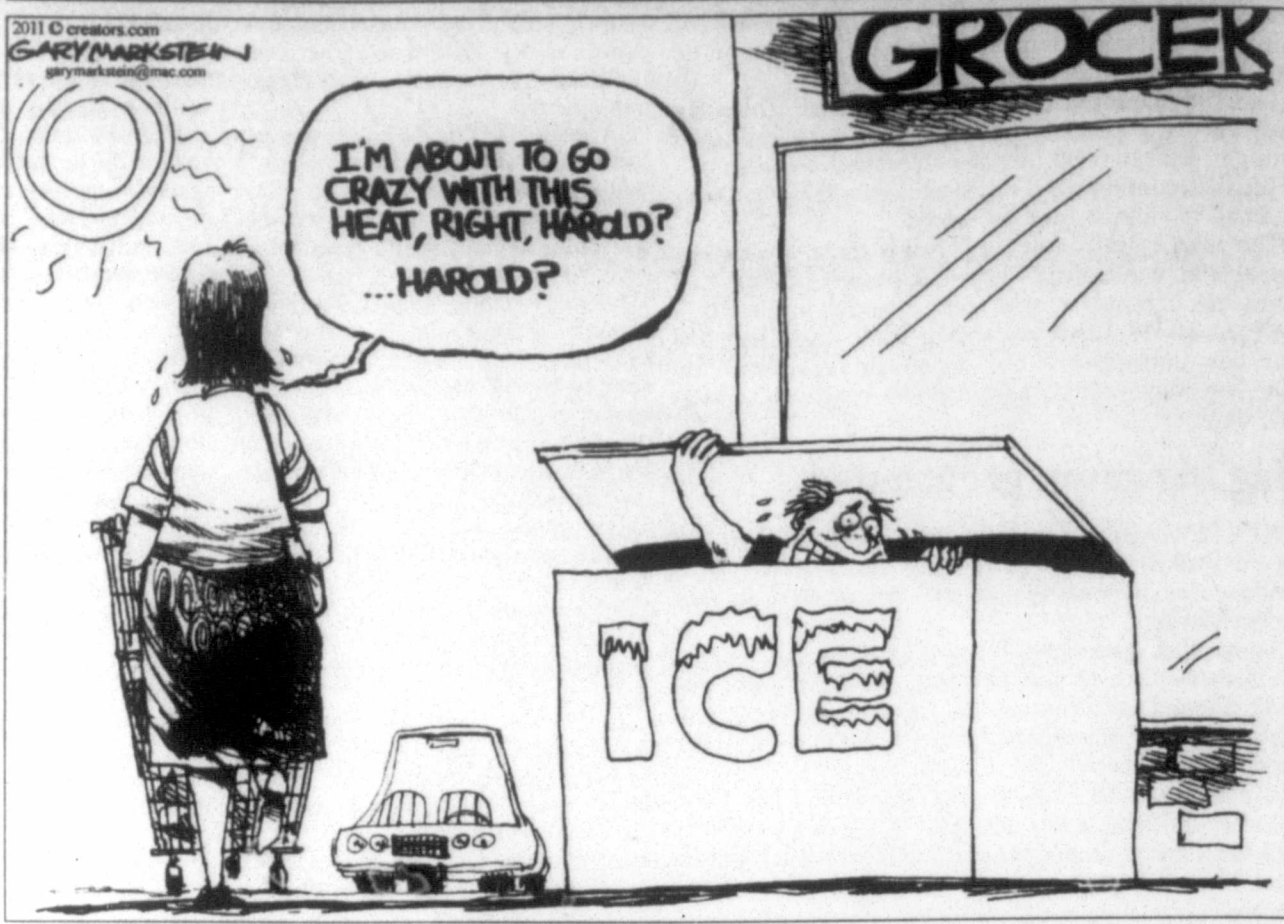
**Ten years ago:** President George W. Bush and other world leaders closed out a summit in Genoa, Italy, with a vow to wage a united attack on global poverty and disease; they failed, however, to resolve a sharp dispute over global warming.

**Five years ago:** Israeli tanks, bulldozers and armored personnel carriers knocked down a fence and barreled over the Lebanese border as forces seized the village of Maroun al-Ras from the Hezbollah guerrilla group.

**One year ago:** President Hugo Chavez severed Venezuela's diplomatic relations with neighboring Colombia over claims he was harboring leftist guerrillas.

**Today's Birthdays:** Former Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., is 88. Actor-comedian Orson Bean is 83. Actress Louise Fletcher is 77. Actor Terence Stamp is 73. Game show host Alex Trebek is 71. Singer George Clinton is 70. Actor-singer Bobby Sherman is 68. Actor Danny Glover is 65. Actor-comedian-director Albert Brooks is 64. Rock singer Don Henley is 64. Movie composer Alan Menken is 62. Actor Willem Dafoe is 56. Actress Joanna Going is 48. Actor Rob Estes is 48. Actor John Leguizamo is 47. Actor-comedian David Spade is 47. Actress Irene Bedard is 44. Actor Rhys Ifans is 44. Actor Colin Ferguson is 39. Singer Rufus Wainwright is 38. Actress Franka Potente is 37. Actress A.J. Cook is 33. Actress Selena Gomez is 19.

**Thought for Today:** "Life is the art of drawing without an eraser." — John W. Gardner, American government official (1912-2002)



## The flight of the silver shoguns

For a while, I thought I'd never get home.

The flight from Houston started out routine, with the pilot coming on the intercom to talk about clear skies and a smooth flight to Amarillo.

Two days of business meetings made the sound of 'home' a good sound indeed.

It was a small jet, the kind with two rows of seats on one side and one row on the other.

I was in seat number one in the single file row, across the aisle from the galley. In fact, I was able to have a nice conversation with the flight attendant as she completed her pre-flight routine.

My seat faced the wall on the other side of which was the plane's entrance and the little fold-down seat for the flight attendant.

The plane had been delayed a half-hour, so the passengers were a little restless until the plane took off.

When the captain made his flight announcements over the intercom in that smooth, "I'm in control just relax" voice, we settled back in our seats and relaxed.

Five seconds later on a mike that I'm sure he did not intend to be open, we heard the captain calling out to the tower requesting vectors for returning to the air field and something about the landing gear.

The flight attendant, sitting in her fold-down seat, leaned around the wall with wide eyes.

"What did he say?" she asked. "I couldn't hear him up here."

"Looks like we are returning to the airport," I replied. "Something about the landing gear."

I said this with all the calm I could muster. There was no evidence of any problem with the plane, no bumps, no smoke, no indication at all of any problem, except

the landing gear was still down.

Inside, I had already said several prayers and had replayed in my mind all the runway crashes I had ever seen.

The stewardess picked up the cabin phone and talked to the pilot.

"The good news," she said to me, "is that the gear is locked in the down position. Much better than being locked in the up position."

She got on the cabin phone again to explain the situation to the passengers, telling them we were headed back to the airport to have the plane checked out and assuring us that we would not all die in a flaming fireball, or words to that effect.

Despite all the professional assurances, it was difficult to 'enjoy' the part of the flight where you land with the knowledge that something may be wrong with the wheels.

It does not help to have several fire trucks and assorted vehicles rush up to the plane as it slows to a halt on the runway.

Outside my window I could see firemen in silver flame-retardant suits (looking like shiny Japanese Shoguns) as they scurried underneath the airplane.

After 15 or 20 minutes of this, the aircraft was apparently deemed safe enough to taxi back to the terminal where it was placed out of service. That left us no option but to disembark and await our fate in the concourse lobby.

We waited and waited.

Finally, we were directed to another concourse (of course) to board a

different, but identical jet.

I was surprised to see we had the same flight crew.

The time was 20 minutes past our original projected Amarillo arrival time.

But we were happy, yes indeed, considering the flaming crash alternative scenarios.

So, here I was, again having a pleasant conversation with the flight attendant as she went about her pre-flight routine.

Since the plane had not been sealed, the door to the flight deck was opened giving me a clear view of the captain as he reached for an overhead switch....and everything went dark in the galley.

I couldn't help but snort out a laugh.

The flight attendant had the look of a deflated balloon.

"I am going to have people freaking out!" she said to me in a low voice.

"Yeah, probably," I replied with a smile at the absurdity of the situation.

But freak out we didn't.

After another 20 minutes, and with the assistance of an ace electrician, all the lights were on and the landing gear retracted and we were headed for the panhandle.

Not too long after that the flight attendant handed me a coke from the drink cart.

"Do you drink alcohol?" she asked. "I have been known to do that," I said.

She handed me a small bottle of Jack Daniels Old No. 7.

It was a lovely flight.



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# Worship

## We were there at the crucifixion

There is a spiritual song whose title asks, "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?"

The thoughtless answer is no. No living person could have been. The spiritual is insistent. Were you there? Many were.

Nicodemus was there in all his judicial pride. The man who went to Jesus to inquire of salvation, who recognized Jesus as Rabbi (Master), who later helped to bury the Lord, who was not ready to face persecution and ridicule, and stood by in his pride and said nothing. If you let pride rule any part of your life and prevent your serving the Master, you were there.

Judas Iscariot was there led there by greed. Greed caused Judas to sell the Master for 30 pieces of silver, to cry out against the woman who anointed Jesus, to betray the Son of God while moving under the guise of friendship. Greed causes wars, depressions, corruption of nations, etc. causes people to rob God of that which belongs to Him. Yes! Greed was there when they crucified my Lord.

Peter was there. In Gethsemane, he drew a sword to defend Jesus, followed atar off, denied Jesus three times out of fear. Jesus is hurt when professing Christians deny the Lord in word and deed. He was crushed when the apostles fled and when Peter denied him. Yes, fear, cowardice and neglect were there.

The Chief Priests were there in all their ecclesiastical dignity, preferring the church to the Saviour.

The Pharisees were there with their formal worship (II Tim. 3:5). Preferring tradition to the Word of God and destroying Christ rather than yield to his power.



**JIMMY FLYNN**

### the good word

Then there was a host of indifferent people, not identified. Indifference is probably the heaviest anchor attached to Christianity today.

There was still another individual standing by the cross—the Centurion.

He had witnessed the miracle of restoration of the severed ear in Gethsemane, heard the prayer and other words of Jesus on the cross, saw something much more than a man dying on the cross, saw and recognized the redeeming blood pouring forth, he saw a personal Saviour. "Surely this was the Son of God." Many witnesses to Christ's power were there.

Were you there when they crucified the Lord? Not physically—but because of our sins the Lord was crucified. Our sins of pride, greed, cowardice neglect, fear, ecclesiastical dignity and formalism, indifference, blindness to God's power, nailed him there.

Yes! We were all there—"All we like sheep have gone astray." As our sins were gathered at the cross of our Lord to crucify Him—so must we return to the cross to be delivered from our sin.

There is a fountain filled with blood.

*Jimmy Flynn attends Central Baptist Church and is the minister of the Nursing Home Ministry.*

## CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

### Highland Baptist prepares for fall

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Highland Baptist Church youth group is departing for a mission trip as the church is preparing for the fall.

The youth group is going to Las Vegas, N.M.

Pastor Paul Nachtigall said they are doing a Vacation Bible School for a church.

"They will also be doing some odds and ends for the church," Nachtigall said.

The church is preparing for their booth at Chautauqua. Nachtigall said he has a pretty good idea that they are bringing back their popular

booth item.

"I looked in our freezer and it's half full with popsicles," Nachtigall said. "I'm assuming that's what we are doing."

Nachtigall said he is wrapping up a sermon series on Christian responsibilities.

"I've spent a lot of time on responsibilities to our family and nation," Nachtigall said.

The pastor said they are getting ready to kick off their fall ministries.

"We're chugging along and about to get things going," Nachtigall said. Highland Baptist Church is located on the 1300 block of North Banks Street.

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## We all have a mountain before us

The first American to climb Mt. Everest was Jim Whittaker. He tells of his journey to the 29,000-foot peak in his work, "A Life On The Edge; Memoirs Of Everest And Beyond." He tells of the physical fatigue, the dehydration, the avalanches, the mental exhaustion, and the hypothermia. All other Americans who attempted to climb Mt. Everest had failed. He succeeded and when interviewed in regards to his success he said, "You don't really conquer Mt. Everest, but you first conquer yourself. You battle your pain, your altitude sick-



**DAVID BOULTER**

ness, and your fears in order to reach the top."

This is a great word of wisdom and reminds us of 85-year-old Caleb who still wanted his mountain (Joshua 14:8-12). We must never lose sight of the fact that the trip to the summit begins inside each one of us.

We all have a mountain that stands before our lives — a challenge before us to climb it. Maybe it is an academic dream, a business dream you want to accomplish, or some "bucket list" even you want to experience. It may be intimidating and scary to you. You could even fail, but you will never be satisfied until you step up — so go ahead by faith. Jesus Christ tells us about faith and mountain moving in Mark 11:23. Read it today.

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## Survivor fails to halt Stroman execution

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — The lone survivor of a shooting spree that convicted killer Mark Stroman said was revenge for the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks asked the courts to spare the Texas death row inmate's life. The request delayed the execution, but couldn't stop it.

Stroman, 41, went to the death chamber Wednesday night in Huntsville about three hours later than scheduled. He was sentenced to death for the fatal 2001 shooting of Dallas-area convenience store clerk Vasudev Patel during a robbery attempt.

From inside the death chamber, Stroman looked at five friends watching through a window and told them he loved them. He said hate in the world needed to end and asked for God's grace shortly before the fatal drugs began flowing into his arms at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Huntsville Unit.

"Even though I lay on this gurney, seconds away from my death, I am at total peace," he said. He called himself "still a proud American, Texas loud, Texas proud."

"God bless America. God bless everyone," he added, then turned his head to the warden and said: "Let's do this damn thing."

Feeling the drugs beginning to take effect, he said, he began a countdown. "One, two," he said, slightly gasping. "There it goes."

He was pronounced dead at 8:53 p.m., less than an hour after his final court appeal was rejected.

The execution's brief delay was caused by appeals from Rais Bhuiyan, a Bangladesh native who said his Muslim religion allowed him to forgive Stroman. Bhuiyan, who was blinded in one eye in the shooting, insisted that state officials had prevented him from meeting with Stroman and engaging in a remediation program to learn more about his shooting spree, which also killed another man.

"Killing him is not the solution," Bhuiyan said. "He's learning from his mistake. If he's given a chance, he's able to reach out to others and spread that message to others."

The U.S. Supreme Court twice turned down appeals Wednesday, but the punishment wasn't carried out until the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, acting on a second petition from Bhuiyan, barred a state district judge in Austin from stopping it.

"He needed to have his day in court," Lydia Brandt, a lawyer for Stroman, said of the efforts from Bhuiyan's lawyers.

Stroman had said his 2001 Dallas-area shooting rampage — which killed Patel and Waqar Hasan — targeted people from the Middle East, though all three victims were from South Asia. It was the death of Patel, who was from India, that put Stroman on death row.

None of Patel's relatives attended the execution. Instead, they selected a police officer to represent them.

Stroman's execution was the eighth this year in Texas. At least eight other inmates in the nation's busiest death penalty state have execution dates in the coming weeks.

Stroman's lawyer, in a separate unsuccessful appeal to the Supreme Court, pointed to Bhuiyan's "significant surprise" and argued that attorneys during Stroman's trial and in earlier stages of his appeals were deficient for not illustrating "the path that led him to this violent frenzy."

## Repair problems with carpeting

### HOME HOW-TO

Dear Pat: I just finished remodeling my living room, and I am already over budget. I realize we have crushes and stains on the carpet in several spots. How can I repair this damage so I won't need new carpeting now? — Randi P.

Dear Randi: The deteriorated spots on carpeting are not always readily apparent until you move furniture, as when you are remodeling. Entire areas can be slightly stained and discolored, but it is not noticeable until moving furniture exposes a clean, stain-free area.

Many of the damaged and stained spot may have occurred during your remodeling project. A stepladder left in the same location for a week or more can crush the carpet fibers and leave a lasting indentation. If you don't overlay drop cloths enough or clean them off regularly as you are working, the fine dust can make its way through to the carpet. Paint drips can also permeate drop cloths.

The type of carpeting you have will make a difference in how it resists indentations and stains. Nylon carpeting is very resilient, and crushed spot will tend to spring back on their own over time. Polyester carpeting retains its bright colors better, but the fibers do not have as good a memory as nylon, so indentations may not spring back on their own.

Since you mostly likely have your furniture in different locations now after the remodeling, you will notice quite a few old crushed spots and newer ones from ladders, tools, etc. Vacuum those crushed spots thoroughly, and give them a week or so to recover on their own.

If, after the week, they are still too noticeable, use a flat-blade screwdriver and fluff up the nap. Don't dig too deeply, or you may pull some of the pile loose from the carpet backing. Just fluff it enough so the fibers appear to be separated.

Preheat a regular steam iron on a high steam setting. Hold the iron about one-quarter to one-half inch above the fluffed spot. Press the steam button to saturate the area with steam. This should help to straighten out the fibers and make the crushed spot less apparent.

the carpet to the subfloor to hold it in place. Use a curved upholstery needle and fishing line to sew the halves together. Remove the nails when the repair is complete.

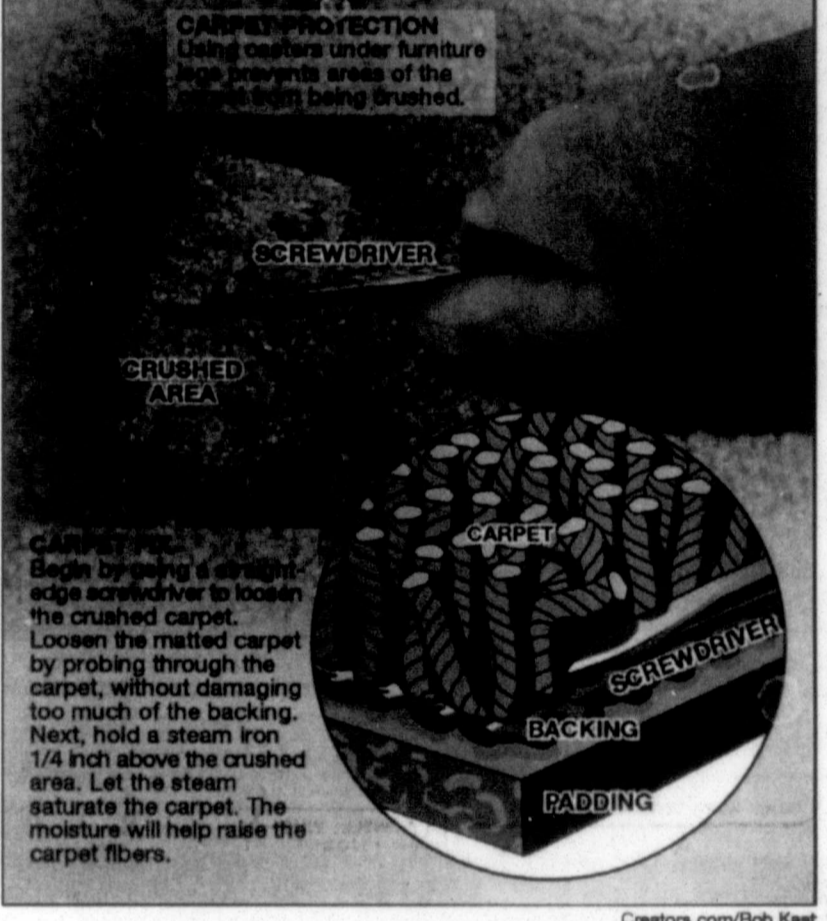
The best method to remove a stain depends on what the staining substance is. First, always blot up the excess with paper towels. When you clean a spill, clean from the outer edges to the center of the spot. Read the packaging for carpet cleaners for one specifically formulated for that stain. A good two-part cleaner for many common new and old stains is Prochem (www.prochem.com).

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

### HOME HOW-TO

#### Carpet Care

Furniture or heavy objects may create ugly carpet dents in your house. Fortunately, you may be able to extend the life of your carpet with a screwdriver, steam iron and some elbow work.



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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My best friend "Zoe" is unable to have children. She tried in vitro four times without success. The doctors told her there's nothing else they can do. Her uterus is not able to carry a child to term.

Zoe and her husband have decided to adopt. However, it is very expensive and all of their savings went toward the IVF treatments. Zoe's mom wants to have a benefit to raise money for them. I am against the idea because, in my opinion, benefits are given for something you don't choose (like cancer or a house fire). Adopting a child is a choice.

I live paycheck-to-paycheck as it is, and I don't feel comfortable donating to this cause. What if they change their minds after the benefit or the adoption doesn't work out? What will they do with the money then?

Is what they're planning acceptable? Am I wrong to feel this way? I know I'll be talked about by Zoe and her mother if I don't contribute. — FRIEND IN CONFLICT

DEAR FRIEND IN CONFLICT: Whether Zoe and her mother retaliate by gossiping about you is beside the point. I see nothing wrong with a benefit.

If Zoe and her husband can't afford to adopt a baby, another option they might consider is becoming foster parents. There are thousands of children who need good homes and loving parents and that, to me, would be the perfect solution. Please suggest it to them. If you are living paycheck-to-paycheck, then you do not have money to donate to this cause or any other right now.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 19-year-old student who works. Recently, I was talking with a co-worker about life, the economy and tough times. As we conversed I mentioned that I use hand soap as shampoo and body wash to save money. A few days later, during my lunch hour, I found grocery bags containing toiletries in the back of my vehicle. I didn't say anything about it to him, but he mentioned "seeing someone" put something in my car.

I feel uneasy about this. I didn't mean to throw a pity party. I'm unsure whether to accept this "anonymous" gift. It was a nice gesture, but I don't want it to become a regular occurrence. Should I say something? — HAVE MY PRIDE IN ARIZONA

DEAR HAS YOUR PRIDE: Yes. Write your co-worker a short note, thanking him for his generous gift. Then say you think he is caring and thoughtful, but you are accepting his gift only as a onetime gesture.

DEAR ABBY: A dear friend, "Harold," passed away suddenly from a heart attack. Since we knew his wishes, he was cremated. Harold always hated having his picture taken, so the only photo available for display at his memorial was his driver's license photo, and he looked like a deer in the headlights.

I wish we'd had a few candid shots of Harold to remember him by. I would have loved to have kept one for myself. Please urge your camera-phobic readers to permit family and friends to snap a shot or two of them every once in a while, before it's too late. Thanks. — MISSING HIM IN ILLINOIS

DEAR MISSING HIM: Please accept my condolences. The fear that the only picture available for their memorial would be a driver's license photo (or a mug shot) may convince my camera-shy readers to relent. But don't count on it.

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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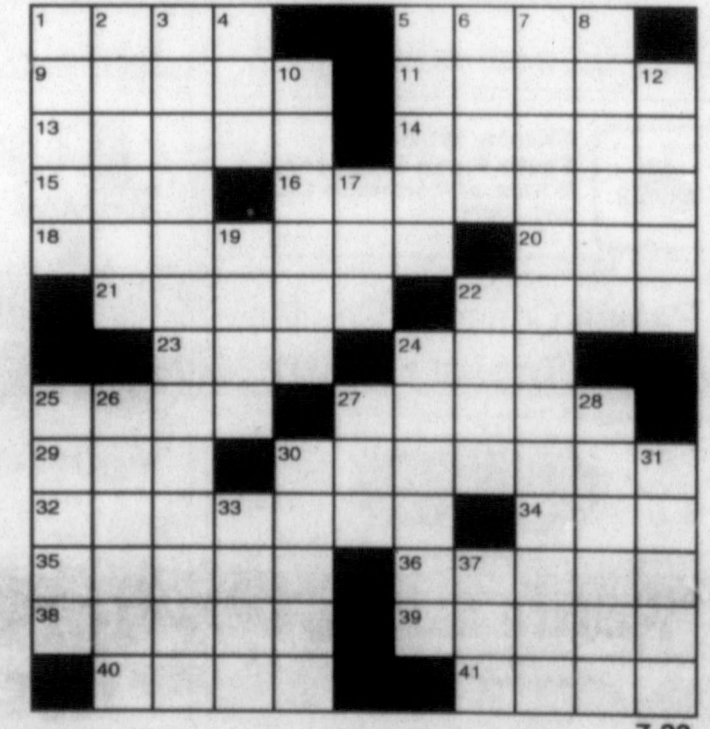
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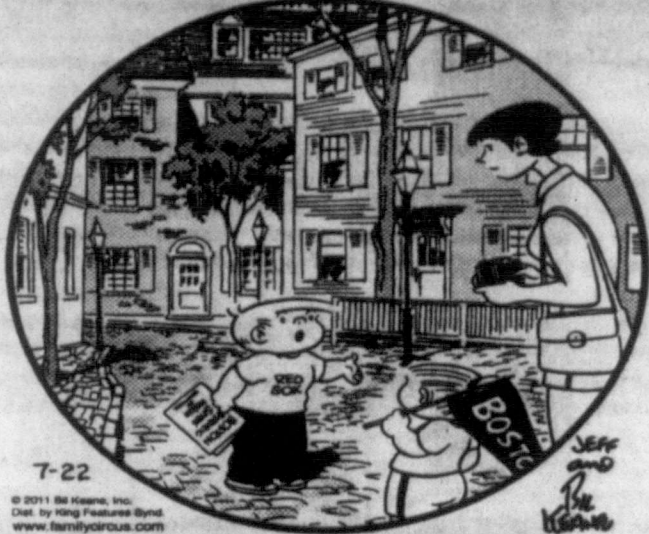
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### Nest Heads

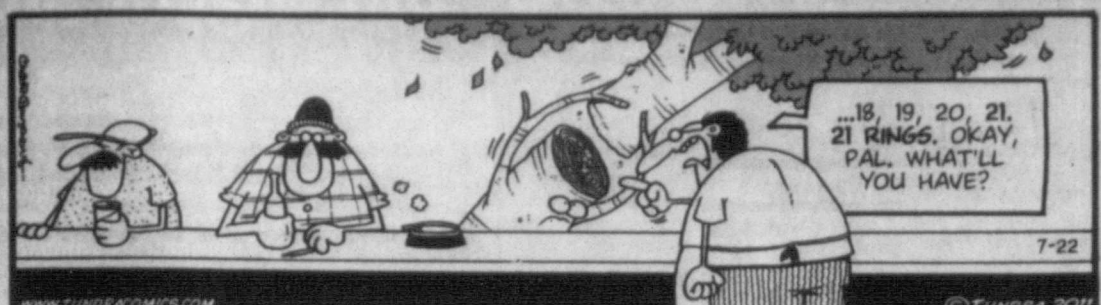


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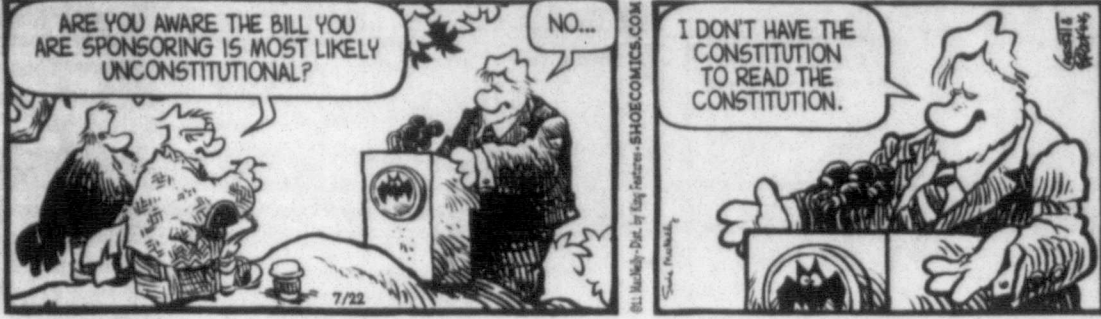
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Friday, July 22, 2011:  
This year, you often swing back and forth with your concerns. Sometimes you are nurturing; other times you are dramatic. Your communication can be as clear as a bell, yet you could close down with ease. If you are single, you are enticing to others. Know that. However, to hang in there with you takes commitment. If you are attached, the two of you are always in the midst of an exciting change or happening. You like vitality. ARIES likes to have conversations with you.  
The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult  
**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
★★★★ Act on ideas rather than put them on the back burner. You might want to review recent decisions. If you do, postpone all actions until tomorrow, when the planets present a different tableau. Tonight: Head home early.  
**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
★★★ If you're unsure or uncomfortable in any way, given a day, the situation could look different. You might want to initiate a conversation with a neighbor or close friend. When you feel on top of your game, you could be surprised how differently this chat might go. Tonight: Nap, then decide.  
**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
★★★★ Zero in on what you feel is important. In meetings, share ideas and brainstorm away. You might not want to take action just yet. You could discover a different perspective suddenly. Plan on deep thinking. Tonight: Buy a coveted item.  
**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
★★★★ You might want to approach a situation differently than in the past. Realize what is happening within your immediate circle. Someone might be taking a strong stand without realizing what is going on. Tonight: Out with friends.  
**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
★★★★ Push beyond the obvious to see what is going on. You finally have a solution and understanding. Take your time acting, as tomorrow is a much better day for it, when the Sun beams in

your sign. Express your willingness to hold up your end. Tonight: Burning the candle at both ends.  
**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
★★★★ Others respond to your inquiries. Listen to your inner voice with a partner. Make plans to get together for a talk. Holding back won't be supportive. A talk opens doors. Tonight: Chat over dinner.  
**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
★★★★ Others come forward with questions. You might feel quite indulged and cared about. Realize what is happening at work. A late meeting today could be very important. Stop and consider your goals. Tonight: Someone wants to move in closer — enjoy!  
**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
★★★★ Realize what is going on with a child or loved one. Know what needs to be done in order to free up your weekend. Clear out errands; schedule a cleanup if need be. You want to be free of details. Tonight: Out with friends.  
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
★★★★ Your playfulness helps end the week well. Just know when it is appropriate to express your whimsicalness. A conversation comes off as a caring gesture. Use this occasion to clear the air. Tonight: Be spontaneous.  
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
★★★★ Be aware of limitations within your personal life. You might need a break or a change of pace. Complete as much as you can. Relate directly to a key person later today. In fact, postpone an important chat until later. Tonight: Go home first, then decide.  
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
★★★★ You are likely to be busy, clearing your desk, returning calls and having a long-overdue conversation. If possible, avoid taking on any more work at this moment. Listen to news, but be willing to not react. Tonight: Meet a friend for happy hour.  
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
★★★★ You might be more vested in a situation than you realize. Understand what is going on around you before you make a decision. If you can wait a bit longer, you could be surprised by a conversation that changes your decision or plan. Tonight: TGIF.

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### Shoe



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### Peanuts



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# NASCAR THIS WEEK

## ON THE TUBE

All times Eastern  
**Sprint Cup**  
 Brickyard 400,  
 1 p.m., July 31

**Nationwide Series**  
 Federated Auto Parts 300,  
 7:30 p.m., Saturday

**Truck Series**  
 Lucas Deep Clean 200,  
 8 p.m., Friday

## BURNING ISSUES

► Kyle Busch, in the Loudon garage area after his Toyota hit the wall, scoffed at the notion that an on-track rivalry contributed to his demise. "Nice try at making up a story," he said to a television interviewer.

► Busch's Nationwide Series victory in New Hampshire was his 100th in NASCAR's "three major touring series" (Sprint Cup, Nationwide and Camping World Truck).

► As a means of comparison, in the aforementioned touring series, Dale Earnhardt won 97 races, as did Darrell Waltrip. Mark Martin has won 96.

► Busch also tied Martin's record career total of 49 Nationwide wins.

► The breakdown of Busch's totals: 22 Cup, 49 Nationwide and 29 Truck.

► Matt Crafton broke a long (79 races) dry spell in the Camping World Truck Series. Before winning in Iowa, his previous victory had been at Charlotte Motor Speedway on May 16, 2008.

► Dale Earnhardt Jr. is now the only driver in the top 10 without a victory.

► Other winners, but prominent drivers include Tony Stewart, Clint Bowyer, Casey Kahne, Greg Biffle, Mark Martin, Juan Pablo Montoya and Jeff Burton. Not even a victory is likely to get Burton in the Chase.

► Five drivers are within 26 points of leader Carl Edwards with seven races remaining in the regular season.

► Popular Doug Fritz stepped down as president of Richmond International Raceway and was replaced by Dennis Gickmeier.

## 2011 STANDINGS

Sprint Cup Series	Pts.
1. Carl Edwards	652
2. Jimmie Johnson	-7
3. Kurt Busch	-11
4. Kevin Harvick	-15
5. Kyle Busch	-20
6. Matt Kenseth	-26
7. Jeff Gordon	-65
8. Ryan Newman	-66
9. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	-75
10. Denny Hamlin	-82
Tony Stewart	-82
12. Clint Bowyer	-110

Nationwide Series	Pts.
1. Elliott Sadler	673
2. Reed Sorenson	-7
3. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	-18
4. Justin Allgaier	-41
5. Eric Almirall	-81
6. Jason Leffler	-91
7. Kenny Wallace	-102
8. Steve Wallace	-148
9. Mike Annett	-153
10. Brian Scott	-163

Camping World Truck Series	Pts.
1. Johnny Sauter	388
2. Austin Dillon	-22
3. Cole Whitt	-26
4. James Buescher	-36
5. Matt Crafton	-44
6. Timothy Peters	-47
7. Ron Hornaday Jr.	-53
8. Parker Kligerman	-54
9. Joey Coulter	-57
10. Brendan Gaughan	-73



## WHO'S HOT AND WHO'S NOT



► **Who's hot:** Ryan Newman won the New Hampshire pole and won the race. ... Teammate Tony Stewart started and finished second.

► **Who's not:** Tire failure sent Kyle Busch reeling from first to fifth in the Sprint Cup standings. ... A 17th-place finish was a disappointment for Clint Bowyer, who lost a golden opportunity at his best track.



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## SPRINT CUP

**Race:** Brickyard 400  
**Where:** Indianapolis (Ind.) Motor Speedway (2.5 mi.), 160 laps/400 miles.  
**When:** Sunday, July 31.  
**Last year's winner:** Jamie McMurray, Chevy.  
**Qualifying record:** Casey Mears, Dodge, 186.293 mph, Aug. 7, 2004.  
**Race record:** Bobby Labonte, Pontiac, 155.912 mph, Aug. 5, 2000.  
**Last week:** Stewart-Haas Racing teammates Ryan Newman and Tony Stewart both started and finished 1-2 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. Newman's first victory of the season was the 15th of his career.

## NATIONWIDE

**Race:** Federated Auto Parts 300  
**Where:** Nashville Superspeedway, Lebanon, Tenn. (1.333 mi.), 225 laps/299.925 miles.  
**When:** Saturday, July 23.  
**Last year's winner:** Brad Keselowski, Dodge.  
**Qualifying record:** David Stremme, Dodge, 166.561 mph, April 6, 2007.  
**Race record:** Scott Wimmer, Chevy, 134.095 mph, March 22, 2008.  
**Last week:** Kyle Busch, in a Toyota, equaled Mark Martin's record for career victories in the series with his 49th at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. It was also Busch's 100th victory in the three major NASCAR touring series.

## CAMPING WORLD TRUCK

**Race:** Lucas Deep Clean 200  
**Where:** Nashville Superspeedway, Lebanon, Tenn. (1.333 mi.), 150 laps/199.95 miles.  
**When:** Friday, July 22.  
**Last year's winner:** Todd Bodine, Toyota.  
**Qualifying record:** Erik Darnell, Ford, 162.118 mph, Aug. 12, 2006.  
**Race record:** Scott Riggs, Dodge, 132.466 mph, Aug. 10, 2001.  
**Last week:** Matt Crafton, in a Chevy, captured the second victory of his career and first since 2008 by holding off Austin Dillon at Iowa Speedway. Chevy drivers finished in the first eight positions. Pole winner David Mayhew took third on the day.

## INDIANAPOLIS DATA

July 31

Distance: 2.5-mile oval  
 Length of frontstretch: 5/8 mi.  
 Length of backstretch: 5/8 mi.  
 Miles/Laps: 400 mi. = 160 laps

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

RYAN NEWMAN SPRINT CUP SERIES No. 39 U.S. ARMY CHEVROLET



It was a great weekend for Stewart-Haas Racing driver Ryan Newman in New Hampshire. Newman won the race after taking the pole and finished just ahead of team owner and fellow Indiana native Tony Stewart. Newman now sits eighth in the points standings.

# Newman Relishing Loudon Moment

Stewart-Haas teammates get 1-2 finish at New Hampshire

By Monte Dutton  
 NASCAR This Week

When Ryan Newman crossed the finish line at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, having won for the 15th time in his Sprint Cup career, he enjoyed a pleasing, but rare, overlap.

Newman also started on the pole in the Lenox Industrial Tools 301. It was the 47th pole of Newman's career. Only nine drivers have ever won more. But it was only the fourth time Newman won after starting out front.

"We backed up what everybody said we couldn't back up," he said. "That was our qualifying effort on Friday. I had won three-for-46, now four-for-47."

"We'll relish this moment and figure out what we did right so we

can keep doing it.

Eight of Newman's 15 career victories occurred in 2003, when he drove for Roger Penske. He was selected as Cup's 2002 Rookie of the Year over Jimmie Johnson, who has since won five championships.

Newman's owner and teammate, Tony Stewart, finished second, marking the first time teammates both started and finished 1-2, in the same order, since 1957.

As the laps wound down, Newman had track position but was low on fuel. He managed to save enough fuel to maintain the lead and hold off Stewart's charge.

"One of the best cars here was the '14' (Stewart). There were a couple other cars at different times, but the '14' was mired back in traffic,"

said Newman. "I had to run the wheels off of it to get up to where he had some track position so he could try to run us down."

"Fortunately, it stayed green. I was more worried about a yellow coming out with five to go. 'Do we have enough fuel for a green-white-checked (finish)?' Usually those things that come and squish us didn't happen today. Maybe a change of luck for us from that standpoint."

Newman, like Stewart, is a native of Indiana. The 33-year-old South Bend native graduated from Purdue University in 2001 with a degree in vehicle structure engineering.

Now eighth in the Sprint Cup point standings, Newman became the 13th driver to win in the season's first 19 races.

## Bowyer needed a lift he didn't get at Loudon

By Monte Dutton  
 NASCAR This Week

To Clint Bowyer's way of thinking, New Hampshire Motor Speedway was a handy place to get out of a fix.

Twice a winner at the 1.058-mile oval, Bowyer hoped to walk off a limp from his team's performance. Thirty-fifth place in Kentucky and 36th in Daytona had dropped him to 12th in the Sprint Cup standings and winless for the year. He has to be 10th or better to make the Chase in points, or win at least once to get one of two wild-card spots.

Loudon proved to be another downer for Bowyer, who finished 17th but remained 12th in the standings.

"Oh, this is a crucial time for us," said Bowyer. "We've got them breathing down our necks and we're still within reaching distance of the cars in front of us, so this is a good time to get things pointed back in the right direction, pointwise."

**Pleasant memories** — Kurt Busch won both New Hampshire races in 2004, the year he won the championship, and added a third win in 2008. Sunday's race, he predicted correctly, would be as much about

strategy as speed.

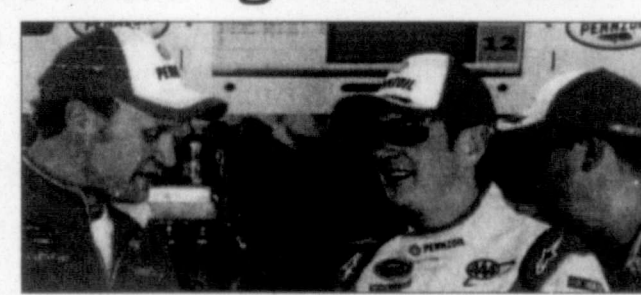
"This is a tough track with strategy," he said. "Taking two tires at the end, or when is the final time that you want to pit, is always in question. Fuel mileage comes into play on who can pit for the final time and last the longest on a tank of gas. It changes with the way the yellows fall and with your strategy."

"A track like this, the fastest car usually does win, but a track like this also lends itself to unique ways to get a win."

**Play to win** — Carl Edwards has led the points standings for most of the season but has only one victory to date.

"The second half of the season for us is about getting wins," he said. "It is about going out here and being aggressive, and getting those bonus points going into the Chase, and having a little bit of fun."

"We have worked really hard to get to this point in the season and be in the position we're in ... so now we're trying to go out there and get some more victories, which is fun. That's the whole point of what we do. It's nice to not be looking backwards over



Kurt Busch, center, has had his share of successes at New Hampshire. The driver says the Loudon track is as much about having a fast car as it is having the right strategy to win.

our shoulders right now but to be looking forward."

**Are you nuts?** — When a reporter asked why he liked "the shorter tracks better," Ryan Newman, who won the Loudon pole and race, started laughing.

"That's the thing," said Newman. "I don't mean to interrupt you, but I don't. I've always liked the banked race tracks the most."

"It's not that I dislike this race track; I do like it. I enjoy it. But if you ask me to go out in my backyard and build a race track, it would have 20 degrees of banking on it. That's just what I like."

## FEUD OF THE WEEK

VERSUS

Johnson Montoya

**JIMMIE JOHNSON VS. JUAN MONTOYA**

Johnson expressed his frustration with Montoya, who has often tangled with other drivers during his five-year NASCAR career. "I don't think of the three times he's wrecked me (that) it's been intentional," said Johnson. "but he's (Montoya) out of mulligans and I've had enough of, 'Oh, I'm sorry,' and you're spun out. It's happened way too often to the No. 48."

**NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his take:** "Nothing new about this story. Montoya is a supremely talented driver who is also aggressive. He has his share of enemies, but in general, he neither gives quarter nor expects any."

## YOUR TURN

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

### Irate About TNT

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 have been a loyal fan of NASCAR for some time now, even with the ridicule of friends, family and strangers, so please take my criticism seriously if you want me to continue.

You have to do something about the TNT coverage. They are simply horrible. I currently have to watch by streaming via my laptop, and the last two races have been a joke. First the spitting of the screen with (four-way) view ... the commentary can only be heard and it is never synchronized with what's going on in any of the four or eight views.

Last week I became so frustrated I turned off the whole thing.

I don't know if I will attempt to watch this debacle again. I truly love auto racing, but I don't need the frustration.

Roger F. Ruiz  
 Fairbanks, Alaska

If it's any consolation, the rest of the races are on ESPN/ABC.

## FAN TIPS

### Showdown Wraps in Ga.

Sprint officials announced the Sprint Summer Showdown, a promotional program involving drivers, charities and fans. It all culminates at Atlanta Motor Speedway's AutoCare 500, with the winners of the previous five races — Indianapolis, Pocono, Watkins Glen, Michigan and Bristol — racing for a \$3 million payday, with \$1 million each going to the driver, the driver's designated charities and a fan selected in an online/trackside contest. If any of the eligible drivers wins at the Hampton, Ga., track, the \$3 million bonus will be paid. Fans can enter each week by picking which driver they believe will win each of the five races at sprint.com/sprint or by visiting the Sprint Experience display at each Sprint Cup event.

## LEGENDS AND LORE

### Team Feats Of Strength

On April 7, 1957, Fireball Roberts drove a Ford to victory in the Wilkes County 160 at North Wilkesboro (N.C.) Speedway. A teammate in Ford's factory effort, led by Pete DePaolo, was Paul Goldsmith, who finished second. Roberts started and finished first; Goldsmith started and finished second. That particular distinction wasn't achieved again by teammates until Sunday, when Ryan Newman and Tony Stewart started and finished 1-2 in Loudon, N.H. Back in 1957, however, the top four finishers represented DePaolo's team. Ralph Moody was third and Marvin Panch fourth.

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# Sports

## Pampa's Stephens wins 77th Tri-State Seniors Tourney

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Last year, Roy Don Stephens was within striking distance of claiming the Tri-State Senior Golf Association Championship. He was a little short, as he watched Jerry Austry nail a 110-yard shot for the victory.

This year was a different story for the Pampa golfer.

At the conclusion of stroke play, Wednesday, Stephens joined the long list of tournament winners as he became its 77th overall champion.

Stephens, who played in his fourth tournament, shot a gross score of 148, besting Marco Garcia by 17 strokes. The newly-crowned winner said he is humbled by the victory.

"I'm just glad to be here," Stephens said. At the banquet Wednesday, Stephens won a watch and \$300. Stephens said he was happy about the win, adding he enjoyed the people he played with.

"I played steady," Stephens said. "You have such nice guys up here that you hate to beat any of them. We had a lot of fun."

Stephens served as tournament secretary for the second consecutive year and

enjoyed the camaraderie.

"We had a great tournament," Stephens said. "There are some real nice people here."

Gail Melban won the overall gross in the ladies division with a score of 163. Joyce Rasco won the overall net with a score of 133. Other winners included Mel Yates, who won the 50-65 years old division gross with a 154. Jack Cox Jr. won the net with a 133. Terry Cox won the net in the 66-69 years old division with a 137. Gary Bowe won the gross in the 70-73 division with a 146. Don Adams won the net with a 133. Grover Wade was victorious in the 74-79 division with a 163. Doyle Munkres won the net with a 139. Ed Whinery won the gross with a 159 in the 80-89 division. Gene Hall won the net with a 135. Deck Woldt won the nine hole division with a 94.

At Thursday's banquet, Duane Pittman was awarded the Colonel Bogey Award, which goes to the person who has given a lot of time and effort to the Tri-State Seniors Association. People from Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas, Louisiana and New Mexico attended the tournament. 89 people competed.



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Roy Don Stephens (left) receives a watch from Ken Rheams for winning the Tri-State Seniors Tournament. Stephens shot a gross score of 148.



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Duane Pittman openly shows his joy as he receives the Colonel Bogey Award from James Cunningham at the Tri-State Seniors Banquet Wednesday. The award goes to the person who gives a lot of time and effort to the Tri-State Seniors Association.

### NFL LOCKOUT

## NFL owners expect to vote on tentative deal at meetings

Some discord emerged as NFL owners pored over a tentative deal to end the league's labor dispute before an expected vote Thursday.

"I don't see why we wouldn't" vote on the proposed settlement, Indianapolis Colts owner Jim Irsay said during a lunch break after more than three hours of discussions. "Like anything else, the morning gets a little ruined by not getting all the things you hoped to get when you hear the whole thing. I'm hopeful that eventually we can get a positive vote."

The league has said it hopes to have an agreement ready for ratification on Thursday. At least 24 of 32 owners would need to OK the deal.

Players had been expected to vote Wednesday on a full proposal, but they didn't.

"We continue to talk. There are some issues that are outstanding left to resolve," NFL Players Association head DeMaurice Smith said shortly after 2:30 p.m.

Even after all acceptable terms are established, a deal would lead to a collective bargaining agreement only if NFL Players Association team reps recommend re-establishing the group as a union, which must be approved by a majority vote of the 1,900 players.

In March, when talks broke down and the old CBA expired, the NFLPA said it was dissolving itself as a union and instead becoming a trade association, a move that allowed Tom Brady and other players to sue the league under antitrust law. Only a union can sign off on a CBA.

"I certainly remember comments from some of the owners about how we might not even be like a real union. Well, guess what? The decision to decertify was important, because at the time we were a real union," Smith said during a brief appearance outside NFLPA headquarters in Washington. "And the decision for our players, as men, to come back as a union is going to be an equally serious and very sober one that they have to make."

The owners, who locked out players March 12, met behind closed doors at a hotel conference room near Atlanta's airport, occasionally stepping within sight — but not earshot — of reporters to speak 1-on-1 with NFL Commissioner

Roger Goodell. He chatted first with Jerry Jones of the Cowboys, then with Arthur Blank of the Falcons.

"I'm optimistic that we'll get approval," Blank said Thursday morning on his way into the session. "My understanding is that the owners will have the opportunity to ratify the agreement today, even if the players do not approve it today."

All 32 teams were represented, although not each one by an owner. The Patriots, for example, sent team president Jonathan Kraft. His father, Patriots owner Robert Kraft, missed the meeting because his wife, Myra, died Wednesday from cancer.


Remaining issues left to settle were believed to include how to set aside three pending court cases: The players' antitrust lawsuit against the NFL in federal court in Minnesota; the TV networks case, in which players accused owners of setting up \$4 billion in "lock-out insurance," money that the league would receive even if there were no games played in 2011; and a collusion case, in which players said owners conspired to restrict salaries last offseason.

Ten players — including quarterbacks Brady, Peyton Manning and Drew Brees, Chargers receiver Vincent Jackson and Patriots guard Logan Mankins — filed their antitrust suit March 11. That was the day the country's most popular sports league was thrown into limbo, and the owners locked out players hours later.

Also under discussion are how workman's compensation claims will be resolved and the players' demand that the NFL turn over \$320 million in unpaid benefits from the 2010 season. Because there was no salary cap that season, the old CBA said NFL teams were not required to pay those benefits.


If the four-month lockout — the NFL's first work stoppage since 1987 — is going to end in time to keep the preseason completely intact, the players and owners almost certainly must ratify the deal this week. The St. Louis Rams and Chicago Bears are scheduled to open the preseason Aug. 7 in the Hall of Fame game.

Asked Wednesday night whether that exhibition game will be played, NFL general counsel Jeff Pash replied: "It would be pretty challenging."



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