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BSA talks PRMC in Pampa; 'no concrete plans'

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Baptist St. Anthony Health System (BSA) of Amarillo hosted a meeting Wednesday at the Pampa Country Club with area health care professionals, representatives from BSA and prominent members of the community, including Mayor Brad Pingel, Pampa Economic

Development Corporation President Clay Rice, and Joe Weaver of the Chamber of Commerce.

The meeting opened a dialogue between Pampa doctors and BSA, which is considering the purchase of the Pampa Regional Medical Center.

"The intent of the meeting was to open a conduit of conversation to determine the level of inter-

est in bringing BSA to the community," said Bill Buck, CEO of Pampa Regional Medical Center. He added that "a lot of homework needs to be done" before that can happen.

Robert Williams, CEO of BSA, said that the meeting's purpose was to dispel rumors and gauge interest here.

"We'll follow up with more spe-

cific, private meetings to look more deeply into things," he said.

Williams spoke at the meeting, then responded to questions and comments.

During the meeting, Williams claimed that at this point the company has no concrete plans for the hospital if the purchase does go through. No deal has been finalized.

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Jay Kelly (left) and **Cesar Cruz** (center) of the Plaza speak with **Kenneth Reese** of Verizon Wireless at the Biz 2 Biz Exchange. The two businesses were among the 19 participants of the expo.

Biz 2 Biz connects businesses

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Friday's Biz 2 Biz Exchange Business Expo, held at the M.K. Brown Auditorium, was an opportunity for 19 area businesses to meet and reach out to one another.

Daniel Silva, organizer of the event and owner of Vision Computer Services, described the business community as an ecosystem that mutually supports one another.

"This event is designed to unite us and bring us together to see what kind of services we each have to offer," said Silva. "There's a big need for businesses to work with each other and support each other so we can all benefit."

Pat Mitchell of Landmark Property said that the expo was a helpful way for businesses to discuss shared goals and what they really want the community EXCHANGE cont. on page 6

Circle of Friends to host benefit dinner

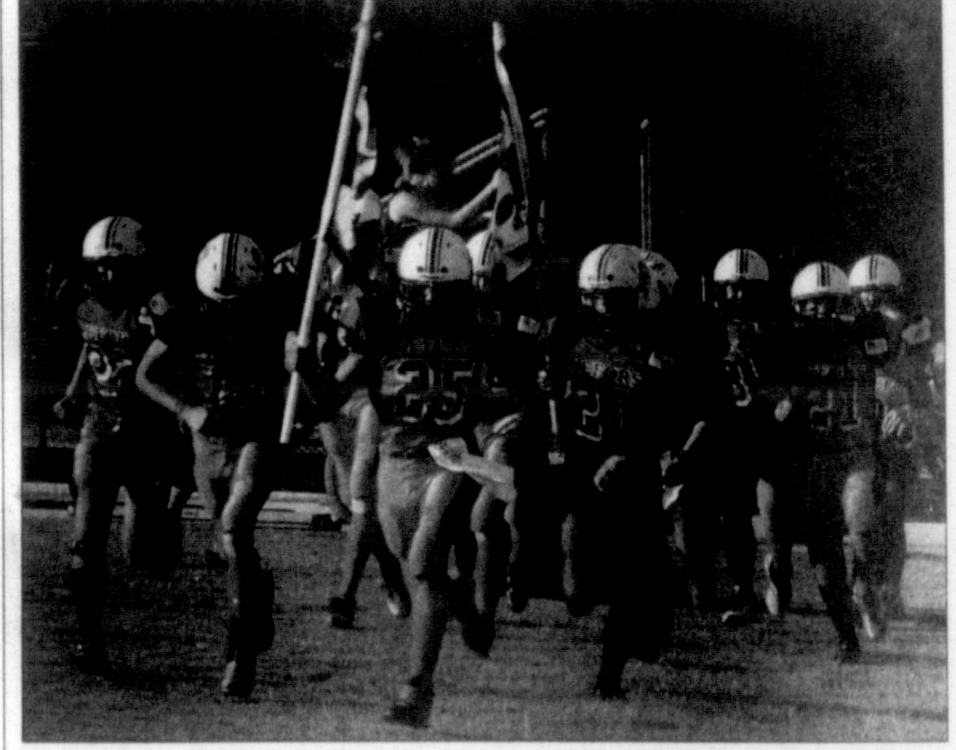
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Cortnie Price wants Pampa to know that the Circle of Friends is not an exclusive one.

The Circle is a non-profit volunteer organization that was founded to support the goals of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center in Amarillo. The group will be holding a benefit dinner party at 7 p.m. tomorrow at the Chaumont Development Pond near 2700 Chaumont Dr., the home of Circle members Karen and Bill Bridges.

"We'd love for people around Pampa to join us," Price said. "Each community in the Panhandle has a party to raise money. We charge a membership fee, \$35 as a couple, \$20 as a single. We have an auction, both a silent auction

FOOTBALL SEASON BEGINS READY TO RUMBLE



staff photo by Andrew Glover
The Lefors pirates charge onto the field to face the Hedley Owls Friday in Lefors. The Pirates won 59-42; the game kicked off high school football season in Gray County. Pampa and McLean play tonight. Full game recap in SPORTS, page 10.




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Today: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 100. South southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. South southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 102. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 103. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

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Texas to begin deporting foreign cons?

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas parole officials can soon use a new state law to begin deporting some of the 11,000 foreign citizens who are incarcerated in state prisons.

The *Austin American-Statesman* reports the deportations could save taxpayers millions of dollars.

The state law, which takes effect Sept. 1, allows the parole board to approve convicts for parole on the condition that they are deported to their home country. The law covers foreigners convicted of both violent and nonviolent crimes.

During a meeting Wednesday in Austin, the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles was assured by federal immigration officials that foreign citizens who are deported — most probably back to Mexico — will actually be sent to their home countries and not turned loose in Texas. Officials with U.S. Immigration

and Customs Enforcement assured state officials convicts not deported will be handed back to state prison officials.

"That's nothing we can't take care of," Cari Cephas-Kimbrough, an ICE assistant field office director in Houston, told the board.

Parole officials are worried about how to implement the new law because in recent years, several hundred foreign-born felons were paroled and released to federal officials for deportation but were instead allowed to remain in Texas on parole at the cost of state taxpayers.

No one could say Wednesday how many parole-to-deport cases might be approved, or when they would start.

"I think several hundred would be a good start, as soon as they can," said state Rep. Jerry Madden, R-Richardson, who sponsored the leg-

islation last spring.

Bryan Collier, deputy executive director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, said about 11,500 of Texas' 156,000 state prisoners are not U.S. citizens, and about 6,000 of those currently have a deportation order pending.

Texas lawmakers have debated such a deportation program for nearly 20 years, with several unsuccessful attempts at legislation.

Lawmakers say the state could save as much as \$100 million annually if as many as 5,000 foreigners were removed from state prisons and deported. The state spends about \$3 billion a year operating the state's 112 prisons and related programs.

If all 11,000 foreign convicts were removed from Texas' prisons, the state could save more than \$213 million.

Obituaries

Donald "Don" McMinn, 81

Donald "Don" McMinn, 81, died August 23, 2011, in Pampa.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, August 27, 2011, at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel, with Rev. C. W. Parker, pastor of Harvest Fellowship, officiating.

Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. McMinn was born December 23, 1929, in Kirklane to Clarence E. and Vera M. McMinn. He married Jenny (Jackie) Gross on March 1, 1951, in Pampa. Don worked for Cabot and IRI for over 20 years. He loved sharing stories of the time he worked in the oilfield. He had a love for his family and animals, music, antiques, and refinishing furniture. He will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Jenny (Jackie) McMinn of the home; a son, James McMinn of the home; a daughter, Donna Miller and husband Larry, and their son Shelby, all of Pampa; one granddaughter, Lori Perry of Pampa; one great-grandson of Pampa; his sister, Berna May and husband John of Odessa, and one niece. Don was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials may be made to Odyssey Hospice, 6900 I-40 West, Suite 150, Amarillo, TX 79106, or Pampa Meals on Wheels, P.O. Box 939, Pampa, TX 79066-0939.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 5:30-7 p.m. on Friday, August 26, 2011.

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



McMinn

ated his own overland commercial truck. He was a member of First Baptist Church of White Deer. Eugene loved spending time with his grandchildren and attending their games. He will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Survivors include his wife, Clara Hoskins of the home; his son, Rickey Hoskins of the home; his daughter, Callie Freedman and husband Bill of Amarillo; two brothers, Don Hoskins of Amarillo and Charles Hoskins and wife Pat of Austin; two grandsons, William Herring and wife Lisa of Phoenix, Ariz., and Nolan Hoskins of Amarillo; two granddaughters, Tori Ellison and husband Chris of Phoenix, Ariz., and Katherine Hoskins of College Station; a great-granddaughter, Mason Herring of Phoenix, Ariz.; and his sister-in-law, Carolyn Hoskins of Pampa. Eugene was preceded in death by a brother, Jim Hoskins; and his parents, Cecil Clarence and Bernice Eddins Hoskins.

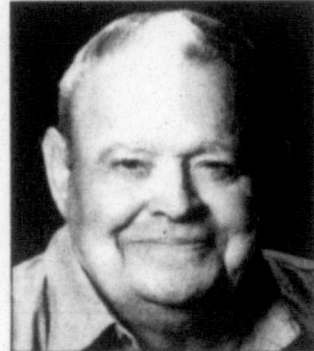
Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 337, White Deer, TX 79097.

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

William E. (Bill) Harden, 70

William E. (Bill) Harden, 70, formerly of Pampa, died August 15, 2011. Memorial services were held at First Baptist Church of Alvord.

He is survived by his daughters, Lisa Rivera and husband Joe of Denton, Kimmie Schneider and husband Dale of Giddings; his sons, Dean Harden and wife Melanie of Corinth, Allen Harden and wife Tess of Rhome; nine grandchildren; one great-grandson; a brother, Gale Harden and wife Phyllis; a nephew, Greg Harden and wife Kristi of Pampa. Burial will be at Mobeetic.



Harden

Eugene Hoskins, 77

WHITE DEER—Eugene Hoskins, 77, died August 25, 2011, Amarillo.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, August 27, 2011, at Memory Gardens Mausoleum in Pampa, and memorial services will be at 3:30 p.m., Saturday, August 27, 2011, at First Baptist Church in White Deer, with Rev. Alan Wilson, pastor of First Baptist Church of White Deer, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Hoskins was born July 4, 1934, in Durant, Okla. His family moved to Skellytown when he was a young boy. He graduated from White Deer High School. Eugene married Clara Meaker on August 16, 1951, in Clayton, N.M., and they just celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. He farmed for years and owned and oper-



Hoskins

Charles Ray Martin, 72

PROVIDENCE VILLAGE—Charles Ray Martin, 72, of Providence Village, passed away on Wednesday, August 24, 2011, at his home. He was born in Pampa, on April 14, 1939, to Clyde Martin and Nellie Jones Martin. He served in the United States Army; graduated from Pampa High School and LSU School of Insurance, and was a member of the Aubrey Church of Christ.

A memorial service will be Friday, August 26, 2011, at 2:30 pm at the Aubrey Church of Christ, 911 Hwy 377, Aubrey, TX with Willie Franklin officiating. The family requests memorials be made to the Denton State Supported Living Center.

Charles is survived by his wife, Linda; daughter, Kacia Beggs and husband Bradley; sons, Brent Martin and Chad Martin and wife Dede; brothers, Tommy Gene, and Ronnie Bob Martin; grandchildren, Ryan and wife Sarah, Katie and Andrew Beggs, Taylor Maxson and Kelci Martin; and great-grandchildren, Haley and Shelby Kay Beggs. He is preceded in death by his parents; and brothers, Clyde Columbus, Jr. and Jimmy Dale.

For the record

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24 hour period ending Thursday, August 25 at 7 a.m.

Pampa PD reported 22 traffic related incidents.

Pampa EMS and Pampa PD responded to 9 medical calls.

Animal Control officers responded to 7 animal related incidents.

Wednesday, August 24
 Police reported an accident at the 1900 block of North Christine.

Criminal trespassing was reported at the 500 block of North Naida.

A burglary of a motor vehicle was reported at the 1400 block of North Somerville.

Criminal mischief was reported at the 100 block of Village.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 500 block of Naida.

A burglary of a motor vehicle was reported at the 1400 block of North Somerville.

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A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 2200 block of North Hobart.

Police investigated an alarm at the 1200 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious person was reported at the 2400 block of Mary Ellen.

A missing person was reported at the 2500 block of North Rosewood.

Harassment was reported at the 100 block of Village.

An assault was reported at the 600 block of North Faulkner.

A threat was reported at the 1900 block of North Nelson.

Harassment was reported at the 700 block of Wilks.

Suspicious persons were reported at the 500 block

of North Magnolia and the 300 block of South Anne.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 400 block of North Hill.

An assault was reported at the 1200 block of North Hamilton.

An accident was reported at the 200 block of West Brown.

Police investigated an alarm at the 900 block of East Fisher.

A gas drive off occurred at the 100 block of West 28th.

Police investigated an open door at the 100 block of North Hobart.

A runaway was reported at the 1300 block of West 22nd.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 1300 block of West 22nd.

A domestic disturbance was reported at the 1800 block of North Wells.

Harassment was reported at the 700 block of Wilks. Police investigated an

alarm at the 200 block of East Foster.

A stolen vehicle was reported at the 500 block of West Montague.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 100 block of North Somerville.

A domestic disturbance was reported at the 500 block of North Wynne.

Thursday, August 25
 A domestic disturbance was reported at the 500 block of East Foster.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24 hour period ending Thursday, August 25 at 7 a.m.

Wednesday, August 24
 Hailey Marie Andler, 19, was arrested by police on a charge of making a false report to a police officer.

Christopher Duane Rose, 39, was arrested by deputies for theft over \$50 and under \$500.

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Boy bitten by rattlesnake

AMARILLO (AP) — Authorities say 5-year-old boy is in stable condition after being bit by a rattlesnake while playing in the soccer field in front of his elementary school in the Texas Panhandle.

Don Wood, superintendent of the Bushland school district located just outside of Amarillo, says that the kindergarten at Bushland Elementary School was playing early Thursday afternoon when the rattlesnake struck.

Wood says, "He is in stable condition, but very scared." He says paramedics stabilized the child and transported him to Northwest Texas Hospital.

Wood told the *Amarillo Globe-News* that the school secretary found the snake and prevented it from moving. Then, he says, the custodian got a broom and "whacked the snake to death."

Okla. fugitive found in Texas

RICHMOND, (AP) — A fugitive who fled Oklahoma as he was about to go on trial on a child sexual abuse charge has been captured in southeastern Texas, according to the FBI in Oklahoma City.

Charles Alan Dyer, 31, of Marlow was arrested by a Fort Bend County deputy sheriff about 8 a.m. Thursday near Richmond, about 30 miles southwest of Houston, FBI special agent Clay Simonds said Thursday.

"They received a tip from the public," Simonds said of the Fort Bend County sheriff's department, "and they responded to that area and confronted that individual that appeared to be Mr. Dyer and ran his fingerprints and confirmed it was him."

Dyer is expected to be turned over to the FBI, which had had been seeking him for unlawful flight to avoid prosecution, Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office spokesman Bob Haenel said.

The FBI joined the search after receiving information that Dyer had crossed state lines.

The search for Dyer began when he failed to show up for the Aug. 15 start of his trial on the child sexual abuse charge in Stephens County in southern Oklahoma.

Parnell: Perry credible candidate

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) - Texas Gov. Rick Perry is a credible candidate in the race for the GOP presidential nomination. So says Alaska Gov. Sean Parnell.

Parnell was asked about Perry's candidacy and how the Republican field for the 2012 race was shaping up during a news conference Wednesday. Parnell noted that he can't blend campaign politics and state business but did say Perry brings a lot to the race.

Parnell said he has worked with Perry on resource development issues, and that the fellow Republican understands the need for energy development.

Parnell has been pushing the federal government, which controls most land in the state, to expand oil and gas development in Alaska.

Papayas detained at border

WASHINGTON (AP) - The government is detaining all papaya imports from Mexico after testing showed high rates of salmonella contamination in the fruit.

Mexican papayas were linked to 100 cases of salmonella poisoning in 23 states earlier this summer. Subsequent Food and Drug Administration testing of papaya imports found a 16 percent salmonella contamination rate in papayas from all over Mexico.

The papayas will be allowed into the United States only if Mexican exporters can show valid lab testing that proves their fruit is not contaminated.

A Texas company recalled papayas linked to the outbreak last month.

FDA officials say they are working with the Mexican government to find sources of the contamination and ensure better papaya safety in the future.

Four-year-old left at fire station

HOUSTON (AP) - A woman has handed over a 4-year-old boy to Houston firefighters, saying she can no longer care for him.

The Houston Chronicle reports that the child was dropped off Wednesday morning at a Fire Station. Houston Fire Department spokeswoman Alicia Whitehead says the boy was healthy. She also adds that the woman was n't his legal guardian.

Texas Department of Family and Protective Services spokeswoman Estella Olguin says the boy is now in state custody.

She says they've been trying to find the boy's father and his family.

Even though child does not fall under the Baby Moses law, Whitehead and Olguin agreed the woman was right to hand him over.

The Baby Moses law was designed to give the parents of newborns an option other than abandoning a child.

99 years for cattle rustling

LUBBOCK (AP) - An East Texas man with a prolific cattle rustling history spanning more than a decade has been sentenced to 99 years in prison for swindling bovines from a Mississippi rancher.

Carl Wade Curry, 44 from Athens was accused of stealing 400 head of cattle worth more than \$200,000 last year.

District Attorney Staley Heatly says Curry placed an order with a Mississippi man using a fake name and cattle company in Vernon, where the owner shipped the cattle. The owner contacted authorities when he didn't receive payment.

A jury in Hardeman County took less than 30 minutes to both convict and sentence Curry on Wednesday evening. In the deal Curry used the name Earnest Jackson.

"He was going to mail me a check and he didn't," rancher David Sanders of Starkville, Miss., said. "Then he was going to Federal Express it to me. Didn't happen."

Sanders had already shipped the cattle to a non-existent address in Hardeman County. When Sanders didn't get paid he called the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. A special ranger with the association located the animals before they were sold.

Testimony at Curry's trial revealed he had stolen 2,097 head of cattle worth nearly \$1 million since 2007, Heatly said.

Selecting a home improvement project

Dear Pat: I have an older home, and it's somewhat smaller than most other homes in my neighborhood. I'm thinking about building a room addition. How can I determine if this makes sense? — Annette H.

Dear Annette: There are several factors to consider when deciding whether or not to do a major home improvement project and in determining the scope of the project. Of course, your budget is always one of the primary factors, but not always the most important one. Also, if you plan to do some of the work yourself to cut costs, be reasonable about your skill levels.

People should look at a house as a home rather than simply as a financial investment. Unless you are planning to sell your house fairly soon, consider your quality of life and how the home improvement will affect it. If you've always dreamed of something, such as a large master bathroom or a wood-working shop, weigh that more heavily than the financial gain. If this is not your dream house and you're sure you'll be moving on sometime, place more weight on the financial benefits of the home improvement project.

Contact a Realtor to do a comparative market evaluation of your home relative to others in your area. Many Realtors will do an evaluation for free, because they hope to get the listing when you do sell your home someday.

You don't want your home after the improvement to be significantly pricier than the others in your neighborhood, because you may not be able to recover the cost of the improvement. Since you say your home is one of the smaller ones, you probably can make some substantial improvements and still be in the ballpark on selling price.

If you have several improvement projects under consideration and must choose from among them, get an appraisal of the home with each of the various improvements taken into consideration. You may find a significant profit advantage in selecting the proper improvement. Also, check some builder magazines. They often do annual analyses of which improvements bring the best return at resale. The return on investment for projects varies substantially for different areas of

HOME HOW-TO

the country. For example, adding an in-ground pool will not increase the value of a house as much in Maine as it does in Florida.

Another consideration is how well the improvement blends with the existing architecture of your home and with other homes in the area. When completed, you want the room addition not to look like a room addition. It should appear to be just part of the original house. This is true for both the exterior and the interior of your room addition.

Accomplishing this seamless blend may add largely to the overall cost of the improvement. An example of what not to do would

be to use inexpensive vinyl siding on the addition when the rest of the house's exterior is brick veneer. Actually, matching new brick to old brick can be difficult to do. The type of mortar joints can even affect the appearance.

The interior trim is usually much easier to match to the old than the exterior. Try to resist the temptation to use the newest high-tech materials unless they offer some actual functional advantages. Lighting is one area, though, where the newer bulbs and fixtures are much brighter and more efficient, so go with the best.

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HOME HOW-TO

Home Addition

Many do-it-yourselfers hire professionals to plan or complete the technically challenging projects. Professionals generally fall into a few main categories. Ask for all contractors to provide proof of their contractor's license and proof of insurance.

DESIGN PROFESSIONALS

Remodeling projects with significant structural changes may require the help of an architect, who is an expert in taking ideas and turning them into project plans and blueprints.

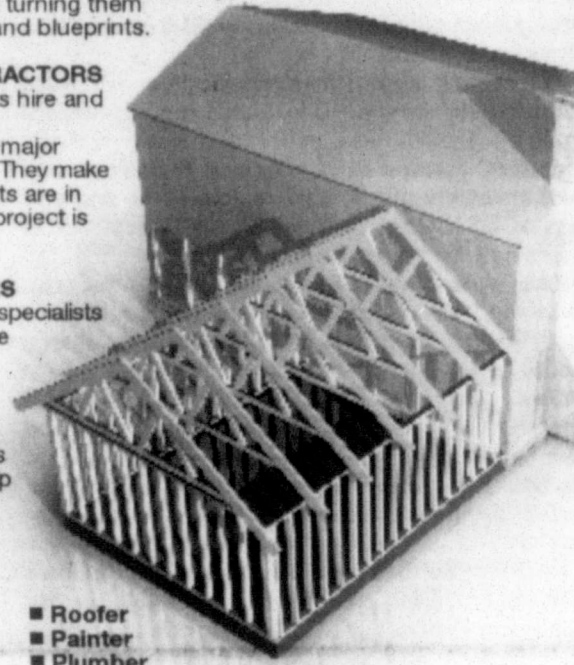
GENERAL CONTRACTORS

General contractors hire and manage multiple subcontractors for major renovation projects. They make sure building permits are in order and that the project is legal.

SUBCONTRACTORS

Subcontractors are specialists who work under the direction of the general contractor or homeowner. They can be hired for specific aspects of a project or to help with planning and problem-solving. Examples of subcontractors:

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- Roofer
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Today in History

Today is Friday, Aug. 26, the 238th day of 2011. There are 127 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing American women the right to vote, was certified in effect by Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby.

On this date:

In 55 B.C., Roman forces under Julius Caesar invaded Britain, with only limited success.

In 1883, the island volcano Krakatoa began cataclysmic eruptions, leading to a massive explosion the following day.

In 1910, Thomas Edison demonstrated for reporters an improved version of his Kinetophone, a device for showing a movie with synchronized sound.

In 1936, the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty, calling for most British troops to leave Egypt, was signed in Montreux, Switzerland (it was abrogated by Egypt in 1951).

In 1958, Alaskans went to the polls to overwhelmingly vote in favor of statehood.

In 1961, the original Hockey Hall of Fame was opened in Toronto.

In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson was nominated for a term of office in his own right at the Democratic national convention in Atlantic City, N.J.

In 1986, in the so-called "preppie murder case," 18-year-old Jennifer Levin was found strangled in New York's Central Park; Robert Chambers later pleaded guilty to manslaughter and served 15 years in prison.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush admitted he was worried about the economy's "paltry" growth and, without making specific promises, assured steel company executives and workers at a picnic celebrating the 100th anniversary of USX Corp. that protecting domestic steel was a national security priority.

Five years ago: Iran's hard-line president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, inaugurated a heavy-water production plant, a facility the West feared would be used to develop a nuclear bomb.

One year ago: The government of Chile released the first video of the 33 miners trapped deep in a copper mine; the men appeared slim but healthy as they sang the national anthem and yelled "long live Chile, and long live the miners!"

Today's Birthdays: Former Washington Post Executive Editor Benjamin C. Bradlee is 90. Actress Francine York is 75. Singer Vic Dana is 69. Rhythm-and-blues singer Valerie Simpson is 65. Pop singer Bob Cowsill is 62. Actor Brett Cullen is 55. NBA coach Stan Van Gundy is 52. Jazz musician Branford Marsalis is 51. Country musician Jimmy Olander (Diamond Rio) is 50. Actor Chris Burke is 46. Actress-singer Shirley Manson (Garbage) is 45. Rock musician Dan Vickrey (Counting Crows) is 45. TV writer-actress Riley Weston is 45. Rock musician Adrian Young (No Doubt) is 42. Actress Melissa McCarthy is 41. Latin pop singer Thalia is 40. Rock singer-musician Tyler Connolly (Theory of a Deadman) is 36. Actor Macaulay Culkin is 31. Actor Chris Pine is 31. Rhythm-and-blues singer Cassie Ventura is 25. Actress Keke Palmer is 18.

Thought for Today: "While we read history we make history." — George William Curtis, American author-editor (1824-1892).



Some 9/11 charities failed miserably

NEW YORK (AP) — Americans eager to give after the 9/11 terrorist attacks poured \$1.5 billion into hundreds of charities established to serve the victims, their families and their memories. But a decade later, an Associated Press investigation shows that many of those nonprofits have failed miserably.

There are those that spent huge sums on themselves, those that cannot account for the money they received, those that have few results to show for their spending and those that have yet to file required income tax returns. Yet many of the charities continue to raise money in the name of Sept. 11.

One charity raised more than \$700,000 for a giant memorial quilt, but there is no quilt. Another raised more than \$4 million to help victims, but didn't account publicly for how it spent all of the money. A third helps support a 9/11 flag sold by the founder's for-profit company.

There are other charities that can account for practically every penny raised — except that all the money went to pay for fundraising, and not the intended mission.

To be sure, most of the 325 charities identified by the AP followed the rules, accounted fully for their expenditures and closed after fulfilling identified goals.

There have been charities to assist ill and dying first responders, to help families of the dead, to help survivors and to honor the memory of victims. And there are charities that revolve around the flag, patriotism, motorcycle rallies and memorials of all sizes and shapes.

But in virtually every category of 9/11 nonprofit, an AP analysis of tax documents and other official records uncovered schemes beset with shady dealings, questionable expenses and dubious intentions. Many of those still raising money are small, founded by people with no experience running a nonprofit.

The Arizona-based charity that raised \$713,000 for a 9/11 memorial quilt promised it would be big enough to cover 25 football fields, but there are only several hundred decorated sheets packed in boxes at a storage unit.

One-third of the money raised went to the charity's founder and relatives, according to tax records and interviews. The chairman of the board, an 84-year-old Roman Catholic priest, says he didn't know he was chairman and thought that only small amounts of money had been raised. He says he was unaware that the founder had given himself a \$200 per week car allowance, rent reimbursement and a \$45,000 payment for an unreported loan.

There's a charity for a 9/11 Garden of Forgiveness at the World Trade Center site — only there's no Garden of Forgiveness. The Rev. Lyndon Harris, who founded the Sacred City nonprofit in 2005, spent the months following 9/11 at ground zero helping victims, relatives and first responders. He said he formed the charity to fulfill "our sacred oath" to build the garden. Tax records show the charity has raised \$200,000, and that the Episcopal priest paid himself \$126,530 in salary and used another \$3,562 for dining expenses between 2005 and 2007.

Harris said he sees his charity's work as a success even if there is no garden at the site. "I saw our mission as teaching about forgiveness," he said.

Another Manhattan 9/11 charity, Urban Life Ministries, raised more

than \$4 million to help victims and first responders. But the group only accounted for about \$670,000 on its tax forms. Along with almost four dozen other 9/11 charities, Urban Life lost its IRS tax-exempt status this year because it failed to show how money was collected and spent.

The Flag of Honor Fund, a Connecticut charity, raised nearly \$140,000 to promote a memorial flag honoring 9/11 victims. The flag, which contains the name of every person killed on Sept. 11, 2001, is on sale today at Wal-Mart and other retail stores. But only a tiny fraction of the money from those sales goes to 9/11 charities, with most going to retail stores, the flag maker and a for-profit business — run by the man who created the flag charity.

The AP examined charities that received tax-exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service by promising to serve victims of the 9/11 tragedy, build memorials or do other charitable works in honor of the dead. The charities were identified using data maintained by Guidestar, a private database of nonprofits that the IRS recommends.

The \$1.5 billion donated to these charities was in addition to the billions spent by Congress and states and established nonprofits like the Red Cross.

Most of the 9/11 charities fulfilled their missions, but the AP analysis found dozens that struggled, fell short of their promises or did more to help their founders than those affected by the terrorist attacks.

The quilt that isn't

Kevin Held was earning a living as a self-employed handyman in Peoria, Ariz., when he formed Stage 1 Productions in 2003 to promote the American Quilt Memorial honoring the lives lost on Sept. 11. He said thousands of individual pieces would be crafted together on white, king-sized sheets that, when sewn together, would stretch 1½ miles across an eight-lane highway.

That never happened.

The \$713,000 that Held raised from students, school fundraising campaigns, T-shirt sales and other donations is gone. More than \$270,000 of that went to Held and family members, records show.

In a July interview, Held said he hoped to finish the quilt in a few months. But he changed his mind a few weeks after the AP began asking questions, abruptly shutting the project because of "tough economic times."

Held has done an impressive job raising money, persuading students to hold "penny drives" and police officers to buy T-shirts promoting the quilt for \$20 or more. But he's spent a lot in doing so.

Since 2004, Held paid himself \$175,000 in salary, health insurance, other benefits and a weekly car allowance he received for most of that time. He's owed another \$63,820 in deferred salary, according to the charity's most recent tax filing. Held argues that he's actually owed closer to \$420,000, because he was supposed to receive \$60,000 annually since 2003, and has received far less.

He told the AP in July that more than \$50,000 paid in 2005 to satisfy a loan never reported by the charity went to his mother to repay "an accumulation of a bunch of small loans." But when pressed last week — after the AP pointed out that his mother died that

year — Held said he paid himself more than \$45,000 to repay the loan. He said he couldn't explain the other \$5,000 without researching it.

He said he paid another \$12,000 to his brothers, Dave and John, as consulting fees.

Held also charged the charity more than \$37,000 for office rent, utilities and other related expenses, according to the group's tax forms. But the addresses reported by the charity for most years were Held's home and private mail boxes at PostNet and UPS stores in Arizona and south Texas.

Held said he received much of the office payments to cover the cost of working out of his home.

Held spent more than \$170,000 on travel since 2004 to promote the quilt. He rarely traveled without his two Alaskan Malamute dogs, one at 120 pounds and the other 200 pounds. He also listed \$36,691 in credit card and bank charges since 2005 and \$10,460 for an expense listed as "petty" in 2009.

"I loved going out and traveling," he said. "I loved going to the police departments."

Held acknowledges he struggled managing the charity's finances, but he said he didn't live off the nonprofit. "If I made a mistake, I made a mistake. If I did, then crucify me. I never said I was a professional at this."

Still, he's come a long way since serving a few days in a Tampa jail in 1993 for misdemeanor theft and battery. With his wife, he's moving into a \$660,000, five-bedroom house overlooking a lake in Chandler, Ariz.

The charity's finances surprised the state's tax filings as board chairman. He said he had no idea that Held had collected more than \$713,000 for the charity until the AP showed him the documents.

Duffy, who lives in St. Lawrence Friary in Beacon, N.Y., said he became suspicious several years ago after Held created a new fundraising project without finishing the quilt. The latest project — Operation Adopt-a-Soldier — promises students postcards and posters that they can send to soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan if each class will send Held up to \$40.

"Is this some kind of scam?" Duffy said he asked Held in an email. "Are you playing on the emotion of the people with this?"

Held responded that he was insulted by the suggestion and assured Duffy that he would finish the quilt project.

"As we look at it today," Duffy said, "certainly it seems to be that we were duped entirely by whatever he had in mind. I don't know what that is. But I would call it a scam or a clever scheme."

Even Held's story of how the quilt project started is suspect.

For years, he claimed he had come up with the idea for a student-led national tribute after hearing that Dominique Deal, a family friend's high school daughter, crafted her own memorial on a bed sheet.

But she says that story isn't true.

"I think he wanted people to think I came up with it. But I just helped," said the woman, now Dominique Greer, 25, and married in Peoria, Ariz. "I guess he thought it would be weird to say he started it."

Held now admits he made up the story because he didn't want to receive credit.

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Worship

We ask kids: What color is God?

"I think God is light blue and white, because I think he watches us from the clouds," says Brittany, age 9.

There's a sense in which God did watch over his people from the clouds. When the Lord brought Israel from the bondage of Egypt into the wilderness, he led them with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night (Exodus 13:21).

The heavens speak to us every day, if we have the eyes to see. The psalmist wrote: "The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament shows His handiwork" (Psalm 19:1).

"I think God is a gold color, because he shines like gold," says Justin, 8. "I think God is so beautiful and his son, Jesus, is beautiful, too!"

What would you think of someone who rented a safe deposit box to store asphalt? If people sought God with the same zeal they seek and hoard gold, their lives would change radically. That's exactly what Jesus proposed when he said we should seek the kingdom of God first and let him fill in the details of your life on Earth.

"God is a rainbow color, because he loves all people," says Hunter, 7. When you stand before God's throne, Hunter, you'll see a rainbow surrounding it (Revelation 4:3).

We know the rainbow as a sign of God's promise not to destroy the Earth again by flood. But in heaven, the rainbow represents more than God's promise to Noah. It's part of the glory cloud that surrounds the Lord Jesus.

"I think God is all colors, because all the people of the world are different colors," says Jane, 10. "God could be black, white, peach and maybe light brown. He is God, so he can



CARY KINSOLVING

KIDS talk about GOD

choose." Try multicolored, says Carter, 11: "I don't think God is any certain race or color. I think God has a little bit of every color in him, because he loves us all the same."

"God is every color, because he is a spirit, and he changes colors," says Taylor, 10.

But Austin, 10, says: "God doesn't have a color. He is so glorious, he doesn't need one. When we go to heaven, we won't care what color he is."

Author C.S. Lewis said that all our questions will seem shortsighted and small during the first moment in heaven. They will be eclipsed by an overwhelming vision of God's infinite glory.

Think about this: "God is not a color. God is spirit," says Dave, 9.

Memorize this truth: "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth" (John 4:24).

Ask this question: Do you know Jesus as the light of this world and the next?

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CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

Redeemer sees growth

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Redeemer Pampa started with about 25 people in someone's family room on Sundays. Three weeks ago, the church has moved to a bigger space at the American Event Center and is continuing to expand its ministry.

Pastor Jeremy Buck said services are now hovering around 50 to 60 people, adding he is excited about the growth. "God has been so gracious to us," Buck said. "I'm excited to be a part of the journey."

The church is studying different books of the Bible on Sunday mornings. Buck said the past couple of months, the church has been studying the book of James.

"We are finishing James this Sunday," Buck said. "We will move on to Jonah next week."

Buck said the church doesn't have any big events planned but is focused on its gospel community ministry.

"We have studies during the week that meet at different people's homes," Buck said. "They go deeper into the passages that we preached on Sundays. There are mixed ages in the group. We just want to share life together."

Buck said the ministry has gotten off to a good start and hopes it grows.

"We have three (gospel communities)," Buck said. "We hope to continue to expand as we train more leaders."

Redeemer Pampa meets on Sundays at 10:45 a.m.

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Just give things one more chance

DAVID BOULER
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Ronald Ames Guidry was called "The Louisiana Lightning." He pitched 14 years for the New York Yankees. In 1978 he went 25-3 with a 1.75 ERA. He tells the story of becoming frustrated when the Yankees decided to send him down to the minor leagues because they felt he needed more development. He told his wife, "I'm not going back down to the minor leagues -- I quit."

The family packed their furniture and headed back to Louisiana. All along the way his wife Bonnie encouraged him to give it one more chance. Because of her encouragement, he agreed to report

to the minor league and give it one more chance. Are you ready for this. The next year he was called up again and won the Cy Young Award as the best pitcher in baseball.

I think two things leap out of this story. First, the value of encouragement in turning our disappointments into appointments for success. We all need encouragement. God did not create us to go it all alone. I'm so thankful for my wife and friends who encourage me.

Secondly, the value of one more chance. Where are you discouraged? Why not give it one more shot. Amazing things could happen!

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Longhorn Network launches Circle

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Longhorn Network, the much-hyped and controversial partnership between ESPN and the University of Texas, launches Friday with a significant question: Will anyone be watching?

As of Thursday, ESPN and Texas officials had yet to announce a major cable or satellite provider to carry the Longhorn Network and its 24-hours, seven-days-a-week focus on Texas sports.

The biggest carrier so far is Verizon, which announced Thursday it would carry the network on its FiOS TV sports package with a potential reach of about 4 million subscribers in about a dozen states, including Texas.

"We have confidence someone will see us on Friday," said Stephanie Druley, vice president of programming for the Longhorn Network. "We're moving ahead, business as usual. It's inevitable we're going to be on TV."

Cable television analyst Adam Swanson of SNL Kagan said while not having a major carrier already announced is "not ideal" for the Longhorn Network, it also isn't unusual given the history of tough network negotiations with providers. He noted the long and expensive fights waged between cable providers and the NFL over the NFL Network.

"It's not unprecedented," Swanson said. "In a week, if they still don't have distribution, that's a problem."

The Longhorn Network debuts Friday night with a two-hour special featuring live interviews with football coach Mack Brown, other Texas coaches and some former Longhorns athletes. The first live game coverage will be Friday's night's Texas volleyball match against Pepperdine.

The network's big target date for a distribution deal is Saturday, Sept. 3, when it will broadcast the Longhorn's season-opening football game against Rice.

"Having this launch national would be nice, but we understand the business and we're going to launch small. It's going to grow as we go," Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds said.

Swanson said ESPN has the leverage of having the top brand in television sports programming when negotiating a distribution deal.

"They have established a brand that is really second to none," Swanson said. "ESPN is the big dog."

It's the marriage of two big dogs like ESPN and Texas that has unsettled the rest of the Big 12, most notably rival Texas A&M.

The ability to create its own network was a major reason Texas spurned offers to join the Pac-10 and Big Ten in 2010. But the 20-year, \$300 million deal with ESPN, the Disney-owned giant based in Bristol, Conn., staggered the Longhorns' Big 12 rivals and created worries within the league that one of the country's wealthiest and most powerful programs just got richer and stronger.

Texas A&M apparently has had enough of Texas and the Aggies are making a push to leave the Big 12 for the Southeastern Conference. On Thursday, the Aggies formally told the Big 12 they are considering a departure.

Incoming Texas A&M Chancellor John Sharp insists such a move would not be done because of the network, but A&M officials have been the most vocal in concerns over the impact of the network on the Big 12.

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together every year and they take them to camp. They're all kids who are struggling with cancer or surviving cancer, and that way it gets kids who are just starting out and who have lived through it and they get them together to experience something they probably wouldn't have experienced. It's things like that that the party is for."

"It's just about helping the people who need the extra help," Price added. "Cancer treatments are expensive. I didn't really realize all the little things that you can help do. When I went on the board and realized what we do, it was amazing because they're actually helping in all these ways. It's just a way to help people who may not necessarily would get that help, and it all stays in the Panhandle. It's all through Harrington."

Pampa's Circle of Friends, according to Price, is one of 17 active groups in the Panhandle.

It's also a circle that loves to get larger.

"I want people to feel welcome to just show up," Price said. "I want this to feel open. I want people to come join us. It's open to the public and we want people to show up. This isn't just a society event. It's for a really good cause, and it's just a fun evening on top of that."

"It's a pretty casual environment. It's not a formal thing at all. We're going to have fajitas from the Plaza. It's just friends coming together, and it's a good opportunity for the community to get together and raise some money for a good cause."

Exchange

to become.

"The networking has been very beneficial," said Mitchell. "People got the chance to bond a little, because they don't get to during the work week."

"I've done some real business today,

too," he added with a smile.

Participants manned booths and attended a networking luncheon at the American that allowed each business to speak about the services they offer. The expo opened up to the public from 4 to 6.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband purchased a bag of individually wrapped frozen chicken breasts during his lunch break. After work, we took our kids to a concert and didn't return home until 8 p.m. The bag of chicken was in his trunk for seven hours on a hot summer day.

My husband thought it was OK to freeze the meat and feed this to our kids, ages 6 and 2. I adamantly disagreed. What are your thoughts? We've had this argument before. — NO WAY! IN SAN JOSE

DEAR NO WAY!: Your husband is SERIOUSLY off base. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, "cold food" — such as chicken, fish, raw meat — should be purchased just before leaving the market and the shopper should plan to drive directly home. Always refrigerate perishable food within two hours, and when the temperature is above 90 degrees Fahrenheit, it should be refrigerated within one hour! Food left in the car for the length of time your husband did is no longer fit for human consumption and could have made your children seriously ill.

Readers, for the answers to food safety questions, the USDA can be contacted on the Internet at AskKaren.gov. Submit a question there and it will be answered. The

USDA also has a Meat and Poultry Hotline, (888) 674-6854, which is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

DEAR ABBY: My ex-husband and I divorced seven years ago. He has remarried, and I also recently married again. He is still bitter toward me. His emotional abuse was partly to blame for our split, although I was not entirely without fault. I made mistakes, too, which I regret.

Two of my children hold me responsible for the divorce and continually throw my mistakes back in my face. I walk on eggshells around them. I have apologized repeatedly and asked their forgiveness. I'm afraid of losing contact with my grandchildren every time one of my kids becomes upset about the past.

I have been to counseling, but was told I just have to be happy with me. Is there a way my children can finally forgive me for the past? I'm not a bad person, just a flawed one. — HUMAN IN ONTARIO, CANADA

DEAR HUMAN: We're all flawed, including your children. If they are determined that blame for the divorce falls solely on you, while absolving your emotionally abusive husband, nothing you or I can do will change their minds.

You have paid your therapist good money for the sensible advice you

received, so please heed it. The longer you continue to walk on eggshells and tolerate the treatment you are receiving, the longer it will continue. Concentrate on your own life, and far more happiness will result than what you're experiencing now.

DEAR ABBY: Many letters you print come from women who seem shocked because they've ended up with men who have little or no character. However, I have never dated a man who could hide his true colors longer than six months.

You often advise these women to seek counseling or an attorney, but for the millions of women who haven't yet made these mistakes, how about a shout-out for prevention? Amazingly, not getting leagally attached and not allowing yourself to become pregnant by a man you've known only a few weeks isn't considered common sense anymore.

The heart is ungovernable, but people do have absolute control over using birth control and getting married. What percentage of women's problems do you think could be avoided if, for the first year of dating someone, they used birth control 100 percent of the time and didn't rush to get married? — PERPLEXED IN PEORIA

DEAR PERPLEXED: I'd say about 50 percent — but I may be underestimating by a long shot.

Pierce to retire from NBC Bank

National Bank of Commerce is announcing the retirement of Linda Lou Pierce from the bank after her service of 13 years. Linda Lou came to the bank in May 1998 working with her then-job coach, Cindy Cooper. After only a short while, Linda Lou was working on her own, shredding checks and bank documents. Linda Lou had to overcome her fear of steps in order to work at the bank, due to the shredder being in the basement. However,

this was Linda Lou's first job, and it was so important to her that she would not let steps stand in the way. Linda Lou's last day at work will be August 25th. She will be missed by all employees at the bank.



Pierce

BANANAGRAMS!

For each word or phrase below, rearrange the letters to spell two new words that are homonyms. For example, AGE WITH WIT becomes WAIT, WEIGHT.

ROLL KEEN CLONE

TRACK A TEAR

SEED HIS DIG

SAW RED DOORS

Yesterday's Answer: COLOR, CORAL, CARGO, GRACE, RAGED, ADAGE; HORAH, ROACH, NACHO, OCEAN, CLEAN, UNCLE

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Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Intermediate

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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 - 15 Moose's kin
 - 16 Scottish river
 - 18 — -Tiki
 - 19 Long, long time
 - 20 Print measures
 - 21 Have life
 - 22 "Blade" star
 - 24 Skedad-dled
 - 25 Pipe material
 - 27 Aspirin target
 - 29 Collar
 - 32 Rock's — Fighters
 - 33 Dude's address
 - 34 Yank's foe
 - 35 Suffering
 - 36 Detective Archer
 - 37 Binary base
 - 38 Commer-cial cow
- DOWN
- 40 Wash-room fixture
 - 42 Detroit team
 - 43 Detached
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 - 45 Saturn sights
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 - 2 Arthurian isle
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 - 4 Exalted verse
 - 5 European grazer
 - 6 Store events
 - 7 Tad's dad
 - 8 Best Supporting Actor of 1968
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 - 10 Lamented loudly
 - 17 Trap
 - 23 "The Gold Bug" writer
 - 24 In favor of
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 - 31 Some steaks
 - 33 Sanctify
 - 39 Acct. addition
 - 41 Ring legend

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Yesterday's answer

NEW CROSSWORD BOOK! Send \$4.75 (check/m.o.) to Thomas Joseph Book 1, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



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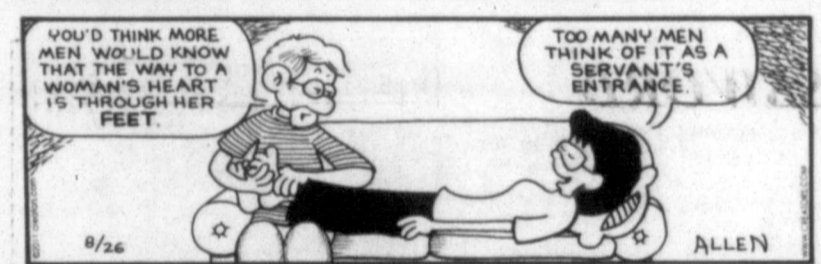
"Whenever we pass by here, my eyes make my tummy hungry."

Non Sequitur



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Nest Heads



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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Aug. 26, 2011:

This year, go within before acting. Often your judgments could set you down the wrong path. Learn to clear your mind and then eye a situation. Releasing personal biases could be helpful. You have the ability to devour knowledge. Break past your mental filters. Many of you will enroll in classes. Others will travel or consciously get involved with people who are very different. If you are single, the relationship you choose now might not be "the one." Get to know this person well. If you are attached, the two of you could plan a long-desired special trip. LEO reads you well.

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)

★★★★ A block could become an opening. Your creativity opens up; nearly anything is possible. The unexpected occurs. Your sixth sense comes through as well. A boss or supervisor could change his or her tune. Tonight: Take a stand, if need be.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Consider revising your opinions in light of a friend's surprising statement. Don't make a big deal out of what you hear. Mull over the pros and cons. A family member or roommate could feel uncomfortable with your willingness to mentally or emotionally "pioneer." Tonight: Go home first.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Your ability to make an impression is enhanced by your willingness to let bygones be bygones. You move forward with electric clarity. A sudden turn is possible. Tonight: Be open to others.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Your ability to move forward on a key project could make all the difference. Understand the possibilities that present themselves. You might need to toss out an idea or two in the middle of a discussion in order to get feedback. Tonight: Let go and relax.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You feel a change in the air. Claim your power. Worry less about other people's reactions. Listen to your feelings. A promise of newness touched with excitement could be difficult to say no to. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Recently you have felt better and more empowered. Yet you could be out of kilter today. Don't worry; this low energy and confusion will pass. Trust that this is the downside of feeling great. Just wait for the cycle to swing the other way. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You deserve to feel perky and on top of life. Understand what is happening within. Some trepidation might be appropriate. Realize what is behind these feelings, but still remain optimistic and on the bright side. Tonight: Let your popularity speak.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Reach out for others, knowing how you feel about an important friendship. You could feel pushed. You have more than your fair share of responsibilities to handle right now. A discussion could feel strangely out of kilter. Tonight: Out late.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Seek out more information, especially as someone is more than willing to talk - finally. Impulsiveness marks your actions. Make it OK to live out your fiery side. Make an adjustment financially, as long as it won't cause more pressure. Tonight: Go with a great idea.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Deal directly with a key associate. You might feel a bit awkward as you have this discussion. You might be surprised by an investment or a roommate. You learn more about what you've been taking for granted. Tonight: Visit over dinner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Others take the lead. You can ask subtle questions when you feel it is appropriate. You will have an opportunity to straighten out a misunderstanding, if not today, in the near future. You will need to get past a grudge or sensitivity. Tonight: Choose your company with care.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You might want to revamp your schedule, determining your highest priorities. An insight could stun you. A partner now seems to be able to talk about what is going on. Listen attentively without making too many judgments. Tonight: Get some exercise.

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Mother Goose and Grim



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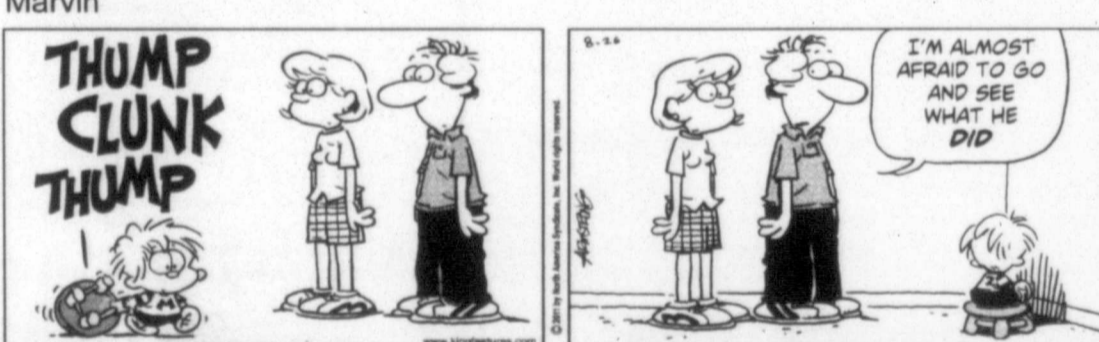
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Marvin



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Blondie



NASCAR THIS WEEK

ON THE TUBE

All times Eastern
Sprint Cup
 Irwin Tools Night Race,
 7:30 p.m., Saturday

Nationwide Series
 Food City 250,
 7:30 p.m., Friday

Truck Series
 O'Reilly Auto Parts 200,
 8 p.m., Wednesday

BURNING ISSUES

► Once again, a Kyle Busch victory brought with it articles attesting to his "maturity." He's a great driver, but a changed man? No. The season has to this point been marked by NASCAR disciplinary action and, off the track, trouble with the law regarding a traffic incident.

► There is no "New Kyle Busch," but there's little phoniness in him, either. He has a burning desire to win. Sometimes frustrations bring out the worst in him. Like him or not, NASCAR would be a great deal less interesting without him.

► Michigan's published attendance estimate, 81,000, was the lowest at the track since NASCAR began listing attendance on its race reports in 2003.

► Kyle Busch took great relish in the fact that he gave Toyota a victory at the track nearest Detroit, the center of the domestic automobile industry.

► With only one victory thus far in the season, Jimmie Johnson's career winning percentage has fallen from .162 to .154.

► Tony Stewart remains in contention to make the Chase, but he is struggling. Stewart, who was NASCAR's top rookie in 1999, has never failed to win at least once in a season.

► Some will undoubtedly proclaim—and already are—that Kyle Busch is the favorite for the championship. It's been said before. The Chase has always been unkind to the younger Busch brother.

2011 STANDINGS

Sprint Cup Series	Pts.
1. Kyle Busch	799
2. Jimmie Johnson	-10
3. Kevin Harvick	-39
4. Carl Edwards	-39
5. Matt Kenseth	-40
6. Jeff Gordon	-60
7. Ryan Newman	-74
8. Kurt Busch	-77
9. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	-96
10. Tony Stewart	-105
11. Clint Bowyer	-129
12. Brad Keselowski	-157

Nationwide Series

1. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	834
2. Elliott Sadler	-8
3. Reed Sorenson	-9
4. Justin Allgaier	-62
5. Aric Almirola	-64
6. Jason Leffler	-95
7. Kenny Wallace	-120
8. Steve Wallace	-158
9. Brian Scott	-176
10. Michael Annett	-185

Camping World Truck Series

1. Johnny Sauter	519
2. James Buescher	-5
3. Austin Dillon	-8
4. Timothy Peters	-12
5. Cole Whit	-32
6. Matt Crafton	-44
7. Ron Hornaday Jr.	-46
8. Joey Coulter	-51
9. Parker Kligerman	-59
10. Todd Bodine	-71



WHO'S HOT AND WHO'S NOT



► **Who's hot:** Brad Keselowski has finished first, second and third in the past three races. ... Kyle Busch now leads the Sprint Cup Series in both points (799) and victories (4).

► **Who's not:** Carl Edwards has a new contract, but his performance is in a swoon. He's fallen from first to fourth in points in two weeks. ... Kurt Busch has fallen from third to eighth in four weeks.



If you have a question or comment, write: NASCAR This Week, c/o The Gaston Gazette, P.O. Box 1538, Gastonia, NC 28053 or send an e-mail to mdutton@gastongazette.com

SPRINT CUP

Race: Irwin Tools Night Race
Where: Bristol (Tenn.) Motor Speedway (.533 mi.), 500 laps/266.5 miles.
When: Saturday, Aug. 27.
Last year's winner: Kyle Busch, Toyota.
Qualifying record: Ryan Newman, Dodge, 128.709 mph, March 21, 2003.
Race record: Charlie Giotbach, Chevy, 101.074 mph, July 11, 1971.
Last week: Kyle Busch became the first driver to win four races, outdistancing Jimmie Johnson in the Pure Michigan 400. Busch now leads the series in both points and victories with three regular-season races left before the Chase begins.

NATIONWIDE

Race: Food City 250
Where: Bristol (Tenn.) Motor Speedway (.533 mi.), 250 laps/133.25 miles.
When: Friday, Aug. 26.
Last year's winner: Kyle Busch, Toyota.
Qualifying record: Greg Biffle, Ford, 127.132 mph, March 26, 2004.
Race record: Brad Keselowski, Chevy, 93.509 mph, Aug. 22, 2008.
Last week: Marcos Ambrose, coming off a Cup victory at Watkins Glen, drove his Ford to a spectacular victory at Circuit Gilles Villeneuve in Montreal, Quebec. Ambrose drove from the back to the front of the field and overcame a spin to win by 1.112 seconds over Alex Tagliani.

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK

Race: O'Reilly Auto Parts 200
Where: Bristol (Tenn.) Motor Speedway (.533 mi.), 200 laps/106.6 miles.
When: Wednesday, Aug. 24.
Last year's winner: Kyle Busch, Toyota.
Qualifying record: Ken Schrader, Chevy, 126.922 mph, Aug. 25, 2004.
Race record: Travis Kvapil, Chevy, 88.813 mph, Aug. 20, 2003.
Last week: Kevin Harvick, in a Chevy, backed up his Pocono victory with another triumph in Michigan. The race ended under caution with Toyota drivers Timothy Peters and Miguel Paludo taking second and third, respectively.

BRISTOL DATA

FOX March 20 Aug. 27

Distance: .533-mile oval
Length of frontstretch: 650 ft.
Length of backstretch: 650 ft.
Miles/Laps: 266.5 mi. = 500 laps

Banning in progress

WHAT'S UP NEXT

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Five-time Cup champion Jimmie Johnson, seen at right with his wife, Chandria, marks second in the points standings despite having an off year with one win. The California native has never led in the points at the end of the regular season, which is just three races away.

Atypical Year For The Master

A 54-time race winner, the five-time Cup champ has one win in 2011

By Monte Dutton
 NASCAR This Week

BROOKLYN, Mich. — This hasn't been a typical year for Jimmie Johnson... yet.

Johnson, who will turn 36 on Sept. 17, has won 54 Sprint Cup races since he became a series regular in 2002. Then there's the matter of five championships. The last five.

This year Johnson has won once. The Pure Michigan 400 marked only his second runner-up finish.

On the other hand, Johnson, who grew up in El Cajon, Calif., ranks second in the points standings, and in his five championship seasons, he has never led the points at the end of the regular season, which is now just three races away.

"I'm very interested to see how this Chase goes," he said. "I think it's the hardest one to predict. It's going to be a close one. I don't know who to make the favorite. We'll just have to see how everybody responds to pressure when it really kicks up."

Johnson may not know whom to make the favorite, but it seems a bit absurd to pick anyone but... him.

After all, no one else has ever won five straight championships at NASCAR's premier level. He could use a victory or two in the final three regular-season races, but his consistency to this point does rank him second, and consistency is important in the Chase.

Johnson was unable to hold off Kyle Busch at Michigan International Speedway, one of the few tracks where he has never won. Afterward, he said his only regret was "not winning."

"I had every opportunity handed to me," he added. "(Crew chief) Chad (Knaus) made an awesome call to get me to pit road before the (next to last) caution (flag) came out. I had a second shot (after the final caution) at (Busch) on the restart and didn't have enough to get by."

"No excuses. I just wasn't able to get him today."

Naturally, Johnson will rely on his experience in the Chase.

"You're going to be tested in all areas," he said. "We all have weaknesses, and we all have strengths."

"Really, the bottom line is being strong or adequate in your weakest areas, and making that part up so your average is high enough to perform. ... It's really about withstanding pressure in all areas."

Economic concerns trouble many teams again

By Monte Dutton
 NASCAR This Week

BROOKLYN, Mich. — Oh, no. It's the economy again, stupid. Supposedly, NASCAR and, uh, the country were emerging from recession. Now it appears both may be slipping back in.

"Certainly Kyle Busch Motorsports feels it with the Truck team and with trying to start up a Nationwide team," said a logical spokesman, Kyle Busch. "You've got to have money to move forward, and it's hard to get people to commit to this and understand you're trying to employ people."

Some Sprint Cup teams have more than 400 employees.

"We're trying to get as much as we can," Busch added. "Everybody's fighting for the same thing."

The matter of Bristol — With Bristol's annual night race coming up on Saturday, it was natural that talk of the "new Bristol" came up. The drivers like the wider racing groove much better. A majority of fans seem to like the excitement of more wrecks and contact of the "old track."

"Behind the wheel, that's what we want," Jimmie Johnson said, "and that's what they (Bristol management) gave us."

"It's sort of a shame that the fans like the old madness better."

Tough love — Up-and-comers Austin and Ty Dillon have a contentious relationship.

No, it's not like that. They're brothers, both grandsons of NASCAR owner Richard Childress. Austin, the elder, was points leader in the Camping World Truck Series and lost his lead after a 22nd-place finish in The VFW 200 at MIS.

Ty will undoubtedly be among the series leaders when he gets in the series.

"In any kind of sport, we're bangin' doors by the end of it," said Austin. "I push him (Ty) a lot because he's so talented."

"The cool thing is we're both good for each other. ... I can't wait to race together in the same series."

Short memory — A Michigan release made the following claim regarding the Pure Michigan 400: "Believed to be the first time a state brand is featured as the title of (race in) NASCAR's premier series."

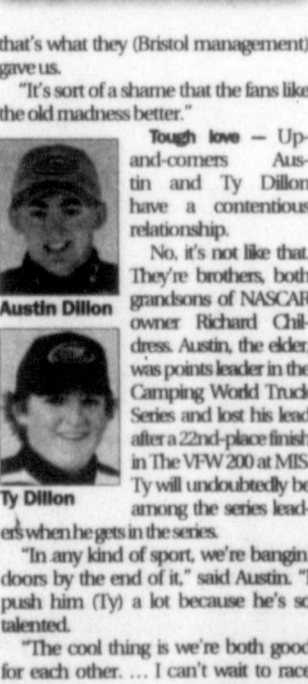
Oh, yeah? How about bygone races such as Bristol's Volunteer 500, Martinsville's Old Dominion 500 and the Lone Star 500 at Texas World Speedway?

Then again, in those days, no one used commercial terms like "brand."

Not gon' do it — Dale Earnhardt Jr., in response to the feeding frenzy regarding Danica Patrick's apparent NASCAR plans: "I don't deal in hypotheticals. I can't do you no favors today."

Slightly less productive — The good news for Joe Nemechek is that he equaled Hall of Famer David Pearson's career total of 574 starts in NASCAR's premier series. The bad news is that Nemechek trails Pearson (105) by 101 in career victories.

NUTS AND BOLTS



Austin Dillon and Ty Dillon

FEUD OF THE WEEK

J. JOHNSON VS. BRAD KESELOWSKI

Johnson has won a record five straight Sprint Cup championships. Keselowski is closing in on his first Chase and is the sport's hottest driver at the moment. Nevertheless, Johnson mildly brought up Keselowski's inexperience. "When you go through (the Chase field) and look at the guys you're racing against, I think drivers who have won championships at a high level, you have to take and see them first," he said.

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his take: Johnson's point is valid, but there was likely a bit of gamesmanship in his remarks.

YOUR TURN

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Enough Is Enough?

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 don't think Carl Edwards should race in the Nationwide races. Give the rookies a break. He has too much experience, being a Sprint driver.

Rosemarie Thompson
 Buena, N.J.

Well, he's far from the only one. Apparently Edwards will trade his place in the field for one in the TV booth next year in the Nationwide Series.

Dear NASCAR This Week,

Hurray for Marcos Ambrose...! But, otherwise, the Nationwide race at Montreal was BORING. This race event is just too long. As with many other viewers, I'm about saturated with all the commercials. Shorten the race and spare the fans.

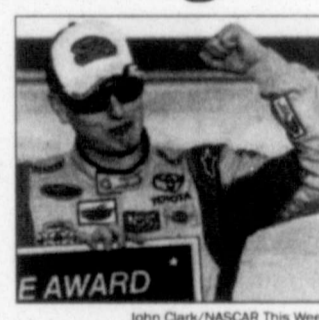
David Quakenbush
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Thanks for letting us know how you feel.

FAN TIPS

Stewart-Haas Wins A Bonus

Kraft-Nabisco's "Win Tony Stewart's or Ryan Newman's Favorite Chevy" Sweepstakes runs through Sept. 30. A victory by Stewart results in an award of a Camaro, while a Newman victory produces a Silverado giveaway, in addition to a five-day/four-night trip to Homestead-Miami Speedway for NASCAR races in November. For more information, visit Kraft.Promotions.com/nascar2011.



Kyle Busch took over sole possession of the Cup points standings this week. The Chase for the Championship starts Sept. 18.

LEGENDS AND LORE

Mo Petty Memory

The seventh race of the 1962 Grand National (now Sprint Cup) season took place at Asheville-Weaverville Speedway, a half mile in Weaverville, N.C., and Richard Petty finished fourth. It was Maurice Petty, who earned the bulk of his fame building engines for brother Richard, who finished eighth in the 200-lapper. Joe Weatherly, driving a Pontiac, dominated the race, finishing three laps ahead of runner-up Jim Paschal, also in a Pontiac. Buddy Baker was third in a Chrysler.

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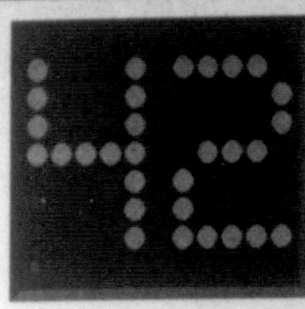
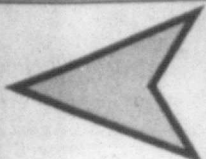
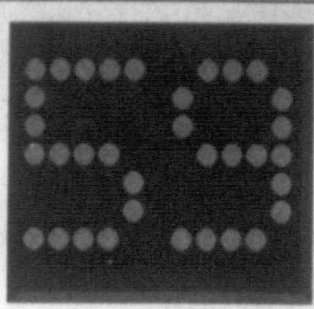
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Junior captain Helfer key in Pirates' win over Owls

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With a five-point lead in the second half, Lefors head coach Joey Czubinski turned to his junior captain, Colten Helfer, and told him he was going to turn him loose.

It didn't take long for Helfer to deliver as he intercepted the first pass of the half and set up the Pirates to win their opener 59-42 over the Hedley Owls.

Czubinski said once his team got past the nerves it settled down.

"We played a great second half," Czubinski said. "We scored three more times than they did."

Lefors outscored Hedley 30-18 in the second half. In the first quarter, the scoring started quickly. Lefors only needed two plays to get on the board as senior Andrew Chambers scored on a 36-yard run. Senior Dennis Sprouse missed the extra point, giving the Pirates a 6-0 lead. The Owls needed only 36 seconds to get on the board, as senior Chris Blackburn scored on a seven-yard run. Junior Coltin Kingston converted the extra point to give Hedley their first lead at 8-6.

The Pirates (1-0) weren't able to respond. Chambers picked up 24 yards on the first play of the drive. The drive ended when Chambers threw an interception to Nico Bennett giving Hedley the ball at the Pirates 18.

Lefors' defense forced a turnover of its own. Blackburn tumbled on third down and 18 and gave the Pirates the ball at the Owls six. The Pirates

weren't able to take advantage as they turned it over on downs.

Lefors defense came up big again as it forced a three-and-out. Senior Seth Scully recovered a block punt at Hedley's 11. A late hit moved the ball to the six. Helfer cashed in with a one-yard run. Sprouse converted the extra point to give Lefors a 14-8 lead.

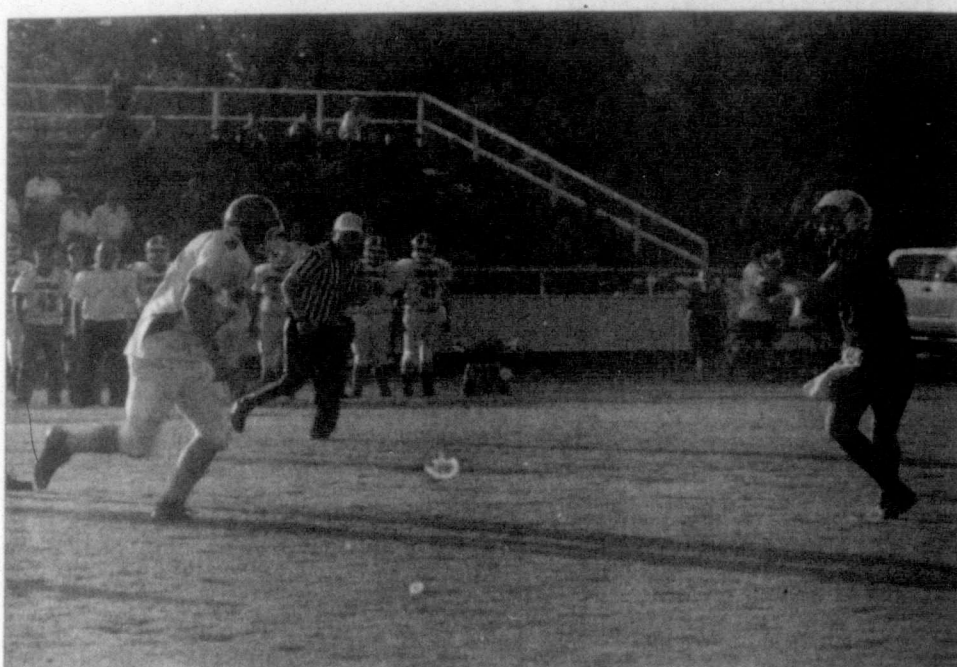
Hedley would respond as Bennett broke a 31-yard run on fourth and two. Kingston converted the extra point to take a 16-14 lead, which the Owls carried to the end of the quarter. The second quarter was scoreless until 5:25 when Blackburn scored his second touchdown from four yards out increasing Hedley's lead to 24-14.

Momentum switched in the Pirates direction. On fourth and long, Chambers scored his second touchdown on a 41-yard run. Sprouse committed a personal foul after the score, which pushed the kickoff back to the 15. After the extra point, Lefors cut the lead to three. On the next possession Hedley fumbled and Scully recovered. The Pirates took advantage when Scully completed a 17-yard pass to junior Gatlin Reagan, giving the Pirates a 29-24 lead.

Just like the first half, the Pirates started quickly. Helfer intercepted a pass from Kingston. Chambers scored his third touchdown on an 18-yard run, giving Lefors its largest lead of the game at 37-24.

Helfer said he wanted to make a big play on defense.

"I love playing safety and wanted an interception," Helfer said. "I read it



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Junior Spencer Nicholson unloads a pass as Hedley's Seth Ruthardt rushes towards him.

well and the quarterback looked right to his main receiver, their big center backed up and I stepped in, made the interception and changed the game."

Hedley turned it over on its next possession with a fumble, which was recovered by sophomore Tjaeden Swires. The Pirates failed to take advantage as it turned it over on downs. Things got testy at the end of the play, as sophomore Aaron DeLeon was ejected.

The Owls took advantage and cut the lead to one when Tanner Chambless

caught a 25-yard pass for a touchdown. Both teams turned it over on downs on their next possessions. Lefors led 37-30 at the end of the third.

In the fourth, the Pirates took over the game. Junior Spencer Nicholson threw two touchdown passes to Sprouse and Reagan, which gave Lefors a 53-30 lead. Hedley scored one more time with a 10-play 50-yard drive. Bennett scored his second touchdown. The Pirates immediately responded when Scully returned the kickoff 66 yards.

GAME AT A GLANCE

Lefors 59, Hedley 42

Records: Lefors 1-0, 0-0; Hedley 0-1, 0-0;

It was over when: Spencer Nicholson threw two fourth quarter touchdown passes to put Lefors up by 23.

Game ball goes to: Andrew Chambers, Sr., Lefors. Chambers rushed for 142 yards and scored three touchdowns.

Teams	1	2	3	4	Final
Hedley	16	8	6	12	42
Lefors	14	15	8	22	59

PHS secondary seeks to be momentum changers in 2011

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Pampa High School secondary coach Byron May describes his players' positions as high risk and reward.

"When the ball gets thrown in the air, the whole stadium holds their breath," May said.

May and his players hope those plays end positively and their fans can breathe a sigh of relief on Friday nights this year. Senior Trace Carter said the secondary has improved significantly.

"We're really good at playing pass defense," Carter said. "We are good at stopping the long balls that they try to throw over our head."

Junior Taylor Woods said the unit has started the year well.

"I would rank us pretty high in the region," Woods said. "We got a lot of people back there. We are just out there to make plays and play our hardest for each other."

The secondary made key stops in the Bushland scrimmage. Junior Chris Howard picked off a pass in the end-zone against Palo Duro. Joining the varsity from the junior varsity, Howard said Carter and Woods have been good leaders.

"They tell us what to do," Howard said. "If we mess up, they get on us. I think that's a pretty good leader."

Woods said it puts a little more pressure on him being one of the leaders.

"You have teach the younger ones everything," Woods said. "Either way, it doesn't matter. We are here to support each other and help each other out."

Howard said he is adjusting well to the varsity level.

"The biggest difference is the speed of the game," Howard said. "The players are a little bigger. I think I am adjusting well."

May said Woods and Carter have been strong in their leadership roles.

"Taylor was pulled up in the middle of the year last year," May said. "He spent a lot of time getting up to speed and that has really helped him in his development. Trace certainly has been a good leader. He's kept everyone lined out. When we've changed to different formations he is a key guy and a good communicator."

May said he is pleased with how the newcomers to the secondary are playing. "Chris Howard has done really well and I like how he is coming along," May said. "Joseph Vizcaino has played just about every position in the secondary. I'm really pleased with him. Miguel Pacheco has been a solid contributor and has really shown us some good things. We really like our secondary from top to bottom."

Howard said he thinks the secondary has done well so far and should be exciting to watch.

"We have to make some adjustments here and there," Howard said. "We are going to make a lot more interceptions."

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