

PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Saturday	Sunday
High 82 Low 57	High 88 Low 57	High 80 Low 54

Today: Sunny, with a high near 82. West northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 57. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 88. West northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 57. Northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 80. Northeast wind around 10 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 54. East southeast wind around 10 mph.

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Police Department

A burglary occurred at the 400 block of East Browning.

Criminal trespassing was reported at the 900 block of South Barnes.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 200 block of North Sumner.

A runaway was reported at the 900 block of South Love.

A hit and run was reported.

A suspicious person was reported at the 100 block of North Dwight.

A domestic disturbance was reported at the 2300 block of North Rosewood.

A theft occurred at the 1000 block of South Huff.

Found property was reported at the 1100 block of

East Harvester.

Suspicious persons were reported at Finley and Murphy and Rham and Sumner.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 300 block of North Banks.

Criminal mischief was reported at the 700 block of Locust.

Wednesday, September 21

A prowler was reported at the 2100 block of North Dwight.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24 hour period ending Wednesday, September 21 at 7 a.m.

Tuesday, September 20

Casey Renee Graham, 18, was arrested by deputies for a charge of minor in possession.

Obituaries

Martha Jo McKelvy Sherrer, 80

PETALUMA, Calif.—Services celebrating the life of Martha Jo McKelvy Sherrer will be at 3 p.m., Saturday, September 24, 2011, at Providence Baptist Church, Springridge, La. Officiating will be Pastor Chris Young. Interment will follow in Providence Cemetery.

Martha Sherrer went to be with her Lord and Savior on September 4, 2011 at her home in Petaluma, Calif.

Martha was born Martha Jo McKelvy on November 28, 1930, to Clara Louis and Aubrey Alphonso McKelvy Sr. in Marshall. She was the beloved sister of Aubrey Jr. and a twin sister, Mary Jane. Martha graduated from Fair Park High School in Shreveport, La. and Spencer Business College in New Orleans. She later married and had four children, Janice, Dale, JoAnn and Steven. Martha worked most of her adult life as a bowling proprietor, first at Park Place Lanes in Port Arthur, then Gateway Lanes in Beaumont, and finally at Park Central in Port Arthur. She also managed Trash and Treasure Antique Co-op in Pampa, before moving to Petaluma. A wonderful cook, she had great fun entertaining her family and wonderful friends. Quilting and crafts were favorite hobbies she enjoyed. She then retired to spend time with her beloved husband, Aubrey Sherrer.

Martha is preceded in death by her husband, her son, Dale Pryce Evans Jr., her brother, Aubrey A. McKelvy Jr., son-in-law, Ralph Edward West, and a brother-in-law, Ellison "Tut" Brown.

She is survived by her sister, Mary Jane; sister-in-law, Juanita McKelvy; daughters, Janice and Randy Monte, JoAnn West and Joe Don Barker; son, Steven and Susie Casciola; beloved grandchildren, Philip Wistner Jr., Aron and Laura Wistner, Christine Sloan, Rebekah Evans, Cory and Gordon West, Marisa and Mariah Casciola, and Mike Lopez; blessed with four great-grandchildren, Shelby Sloan, Tyler, Samantha, and Stephanie Wistner; one niece; and several nephews.

The family would like to express their deepest thanks to caring friends, Tim Lipps, Glenda Azevedo, and Santa Rosa Hospice, Cherie, Karen, and Georgia.

Martha's greatest legacy was the love she had for her children and her greatest gift is the love her children will always have for her! She will be missed.

Raymond Bruce Smith, 78

WHITE DEER—Raymond Bruce Smith, 78, died September 21, 2011, in White Deer.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, September 24, 2011, at Memory Gardens Mausoleum in Pampa, with Dwight Been, officiating.

Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa, with military honors courtesy U.S. Army, Fort Hood. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.



Sherrer

Mr. Smith was born September 23, 1932, in Gray County. He graduated from high school in Shamrock. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean Conflict. Raymond married Christine Been on February 16, 1957, in Pampa. He worked for Shell Oil Company in Skellytown for 18 years, and came back to Pampa to work for Celanese, retiring after 22 years of service. He was the Boy Scout leader for Troop 9 in Skellytown. Raymond was a member of Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ in Pampa. He was a very loving husband, father, papaw and great-papaw.

Survivors include his wife, Christine Smith of the home; two sons, Alvin Ray Smith and wife Mary of Fort Worth, and Darryl Wayne Smith and wife Cayla of White Deer; two daughters, Rita Gay Mauldin and husband Boyd, and Linda Jo Smith and husband Dusty Oakley, all of Amarillo; son-in-law, Chip Hughes of Lubbock; 16 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; four sisters, Judy Robertson and husband Bob and Sylvia Johnson, all of Amarillo, Leta Wischkaemper of Shamrock, and Margie Prestidge of Canyon; two brothers, Douglas Smith of Pampa and Carroll Smith of Kerrville. Raymond was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Lilian Nance; and a daughter, Teresa K. Hughes in 2008.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, September 23, 2011, at Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Home in Pampa.

Memorials may be made to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

Marion Johnson, 87

PLANO—Marion Johnson, 87, died September 21, 2011, in Plano.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, September 24, 2011, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel in Pampa, with Floyd Stumbo of The Children's Home of Lubbock, officiating.

Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Johnson was born October 29, 1923, in Crosbyton to Fred and Leona Littlefield. She graduated from West Texas State College where she was president of her senior class, delivering the commencement address. Marion moved to Pampa to teach first grade where she met and married John Johnson on April 17, 1949. They made their home of 59 years at the Johnson Farm southwest of Pampa and he preceded her in death on January 9, 2009.

For many years, Marion taught second grade in White Deer. She was a dedicated teacher and was recognized as "Outstanding Elementary Teacher of America" for 1974.

Marion was a loving and devoted wife and mother. She was a long time member of Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ in Pampa. She lived her last couple of years in a senior facility in Plano where she was a victim of Alzheimer's.

Survivors include her daughter, Mary Bartley and husband Jerry of Plano; a granddaughter, Blair Lawrence of Plano; and a brother, Bob Littlefield of Hobbs, N.M.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to The Children's Home of Lubbock, P.O. Box 2449, Lubbock, TX 79408.

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Schools

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Fires cut power to refineries

TEXAS CITY (AP) — Electric power to three Southeast Texas oil refineries was disrupted by a fire at a power substation serving the area.

The Galveston County Daily News reports the power disruption happened about 6:50 p.m. Thursday when crews from the Texas-New Mexico Power Co. had to shut down its Cherokee substation in Texas City to fight a fire there. The disruption prompted emergency flaring at the Valero, Marathon and BP refineries in Texas City. The glare from the flaring and the resulting columns of black smoke were visible across Galveston County.

Fire crews in Texas City and adjacent La Marque performed street-by-street air monitoring. Texas City Homeland Security Coordinator Bruce Clawson said no hazards were detected outside plant sites and no injuries were reported.

Texas nixes special last meals

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas inmates who are set to be executed will no longer get their choice of last meals, a change prison officials made Thursday after a prominent state senator became miffed over an expansive request from a man condemned for a notorious dragging death.

Lawrence Russell Brewer, who was executed Wednesday for the hate crime slaying of James Byrd Jr. more than a decade ago, asked for two chicken fried steaks, a triple-meat bacon cheeseburger, fried okra, a pound of barbecue, three fajitas, a meat lover's pizza, a pint of ice cream and a slab of peanut butter fudge with crushed peanuts. Prison officials said Brewer didn't eat any of it.

"It is extremely inappropriate to give a person sentenced to death such a privilege," Sen. John Whitmire, chairman of the Senate Criminal Justice Committee.

Ring

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Kingdom called me up and said they want to put Silver Ring Thing in their textbooks."

Pattyn closed his talk with the story about Jesus healing the paralytic from Mark 1:1-12. The president said students had to get right with God first before making a commitment to abstinence.

"When Jesus looks at you, he isn't looking at that ring on your finger," Pattyn said. "He's looking at your heart. He is looking right through you and saying 'What are you doing.'...Jesus comes up to you and says 'Before you put this (ring) on, you need to get right with me.'"

Pattyn said it was good to come to Pampa because it's a closed community with so many going to the same high school.

"All of these kids that put on a ring go back to school together," Pattyn said. "We usually have five to seven high schools come. So it's a little more scattered. I think it will be quite a buzz tomorrow at school that there is a change going on and that there are people that want to make a difference."

Owens said the important thing is that the commitment sticks.

"For the students to get encouragement now and down the road will be the key to this," Owens said. "What this event did was plant the seeds that will take fruit in their lives forever. That's the advantage of hosting something like this."

Cole said it was an important message for students.

"(Youth) realize this is truth," Cole said. "I think whether it's 10, 100 or 500, they could change Pampa and change their history. Life is pretty valuable when they are making a commitment to a pure life."

Pattyn said there is a lot of sexual temptation in the world.

"There is so much evil," Pattyn said. "If you go to silverringthing.com, you will be on our website. If you type in thesilverringthing.com you will be on a porn site. They purposely created that site to try and chase kids down. These kids that want to try to do the right thing and live a moral life, need infrastructure. They need something to be built around them."

After the presentation, students were given the opportunity to purchase rings to display their commitment.

Centers

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goal of this program is to divert those in crisis away from jails and hospitals when it is appropriate and enroll them in less restrictive and more appropriate treatment options. Also, our jail telepsychiatry program has expanded into the Gray County Jail in order to provide more access to more services more cost effectively and more securely.

Texas Panhandle Centers also provides a program known as Services to At-Risk Youth (STAR). The STAR program provides short term counseling for youth of any age up to seventeen who have been identified as being at risk of runaway, truancy, delinquency or family conflict. Other Services provided by Texas Panhandle Centers in the Pampa area include a workshop for individuals diagnosed with intellectual and developmental disabilities, Crisis Response Services to disasters such as wildfires or tornadoes and mental health services to inmates who will soon be released from the Baten ISF.

Pampa resident "Mary" started in our services this year. Mary has a long history of excessive alcohol use and over the years has suffered from verbal and emotional abuse, resulting in low self-esteem and major depression. Since enrolling in services, Mary has responded well to treatment that has been provided by Pampa Clinic staff. Mary is happier, healthier and well along the road to recovery.

The programs described above are all enhanced through support of the Pampa United Way. Texas Panhandle Centers is proud of its affiliation with Pampa United Way. Often thought of as just a fundraiser, Pampa United Way is much more than that. Pampa United Way partners in change with local agencies, including Texas Panhandle Centers. Pampa United Way works with a wide range of people and organizations to identify and solve critical community issues. The assistance of Pampa United Way allows Texas Panhandle Centers to provide more services to more Pampa residents in more efficient ways. Pampa United Way's support has been vital to enabling Texas Panhandle Centers to live up to its motto of "Making Lives Better."

asking the Texas Education Agency for a waiver for some of its elementary school classes to exceed the state-required maximum class size ceiling. According to the PISD's enrollment report from Sept. 6, there were 15 classes between the four elementary that were over the 22-student limit.

However, Haensch said that between the addition of the teachers and the employment of new aides to help the teachers already in place, the district will only need waivers for some of those classes.

"We have, I believe, nine classes that are going to have more than 22 students in them," Haensch said. "We had a whole bunch more than that, but the five teachers that we employed (at the school board meeting) were to go into the areas that we would have had more (classes) that would have been over 22. We added five teachers to try to get that number that we were requesting waivers on down."

Haensch said the district is also asking for a local resolution because the PISD's board, by policy, has limited the fifth grade to no more than 24 students per class.

"We have quite a few of the fifth grade sections that are over 24," he said. "We asked the board to adopt a resolution that would waive that requirement for one year. This resolution is good for one year, and then next year, if we're in the same situation, we'll have to either ask the board for another waiver or we'll have to hire more teachers to go in."

Meanwhile, more kids

appear to be coming in daily.

"We're still getting some new students. We got two today," said Wilson Elementary Principal Rhonda Patterson on Thursday. Patterson added that Wilson is still getting an average of one to two new students a week.

With some campuses being more crowded than others, Patterson said that the district has had to transfer some students between schools to balance out the class sizes.

"We had a couple of students who transferred to Lamar (at the beginning of the year), but because their class sizes were so big, and in those classes, we didn't have the maximum number, so they transferred those students back to us," said Patterson. "I think we've tried to equalize those numbers around the district a little bit."

When students are asked to switch campuses, Haensch said, the school district offers to provide as much assistance as it can.

"When we do that, we always offer to provide transportation," he said. "Some of the families have taken us up on that, some haven't."

Other unforeseen challenges have also surfaced — in the lunchroom, for example.

"With so many kids, especially the little ones, it just takes a long time for them all to finish," said Jan Cleek, principal at Lamar Elementary, which has seen the biggest increase of students from last year (82 kids). "We have enough food, but it's just getting all the kids in and out and ready for the next group. Because there's so many of them, it can just take a while."

"We have had to change

our cafeteria schedule a little bit," agreed Principal Jill Faubion of Travis Elementary. "We couldn't get all the kids through the line in time for the next class, so we adjusted our schedule some. We also had to add more tables, because when kindergarten and first grade were in there, there weren't enough places for everyone to sit."

The added enrollment may have also aggravated an already tenuous traffic issue at Travis.

"We have a lot of traffic problems here at our school, because these schools were built back in the day when kids all walked home," Faubion said. "Parents pick their kids up from school now, but we're landlocked, so we have no place to go. It's not like we can add parking because there's no room. We always have traffic issues because we're trying to release a lot of kids, but I've noticed that it's even worse this year. I thought about it one day, and I realized, well, it's because we have potentially 30 more cars to pick up their kids."

Still, while the principals acknowledged the challenges posed by having more students than anticipated, they were quick to say that, so far, their campuses have to be up for the task, thanks to experience, enthusiasm and old-fashioned teamwork.

"Everyone's pitching in," Cleek said. "Any teachers or aides who have had time to help in the cafeteria during the whole time we have kids in the cafeteria, they're down there helping. They're down there helping kids through the line. They help the little ones with their trays, opening milks, all that

kind of business. Anyone who has extra time has been down there helping."

"We're working together and handling it very well," echoed Patterson. "I have to tell you, I was so impressed with all our teachers when we were trying to scramble around and build new classrooms quickly so we could have it absolutely ready for the day the students came in. We had many teachers come up on a Saturday and Sunday and work to put things together for the new teachers coming in. It was amazing."

"Whoever comes in, we teach them, that's the bottom line," said Cleek. "We can't turn kids away just because there are so many, and we wouldn't. It's a little different challenge, but we've adjusted just fine. Our teachers are doing a great job with it. It's going to be a good year."

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Today in History

Today is Friday, Sept. 23, the 266th day of 2011. There are 99 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Sept. 23, 1952, Sen. Richard M. Nixon, R-Calif., salvaged his vice-presidential nomination by delivering the "Checkers" speech, in which he defended himself against allegations of improper campaign fundraising.

On this date:
In 1779, during the Revolutionary War, the American warship Bon Homme Richard, commanded by John Paul Jones, defeated the HMS Serapis in battle.

In 1780, British spy John Andre was captured along with papers revealing Benedict Arnold's plot to surrender West Point to the British.

In 1806, the Lewis and Clark expedition returned to St. Louis more than two years after setting out for the Pacific Northwest.

In 1846, Neptune was identified as a planet by German astronomer Johann Gottfried Galle.

In 1957, nine black students who'd entered Little Rock Central High School in Arkansas were forced to withdraw because of a white mob outside.

In 1962, New York's Philharmonic Hall (later renamed Avery Fisher Hall) formally opened as the first unit of the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts.

In 1973, former Argentine president Juan Peron won a landslide election victory that returned him to power; his wife, Isabel, was elected vice president.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush returned the American flag to full staff at Camp David, symbolically ending a period of national mourning. Thousands gathered at New York's Yankee Stadium to offer prayers for the victims of terrorism; Mayor Rudolph Giuliani pledged that "our skyline will rise again."

Five years ago: Three young children were found dead in an East St. Louis, Ill., apartment, hours after Tiffany Hall was charged with killing their pregnant mother and her fetus in a grisly attack. (Hall later pleaded guilty to four counts of murder and one count of intentional homicide in the death of the fetus and was sentenced to life in prison without parole.) Barry Bonds hit his 734th career home run in the Giants' 10-8 loss to the Brewers, breaking Hank Aaron's NL record.

One year ago: The U.S. delegation walked out of a U.N. speech by Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad after he said some in the world had speculated that the U.S. staged the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks in an attempt to assure Israel's survival.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Mickey Rooney is 91. Actress Margaret Pellegrini ("The Wizard of Oz") is 88. Singer Julio Iglesias is 68. Actor Paul Petersen ("The Donna Reed Show") is 66. Actress-singer Mary Kay Place is 64. Rock star Bruce Springsteen is 62. Rock musician Leon Taylor (The Ventures) is 56. Actress Rosalind Wiseman is 54. Golfer Larry Mize is 53. Actor Jason Alexander is 52. Actress Elizabeth Pena is 52. Actor Chi McBride is 50. Country musician Don Herron (BR549) is 49. Actor Erik Todd Dellums is 47. Actress LisaRaye is 45. Singer Ani DiFranco is 41. Rock singer Sarah Bettens (K's Choice) is 39. Recording executive Jermaine Dupri is 39. Actor Kip Pardue is 35. Actress Aubrey Dollar is 31.

Thought for Today: "Trust your own instinct. Your mistakes might as well be your own, instead of someone else's." — Billy Wilder, Austro-Hungarian-born American movie director (1906-2002).



Is Israel's window of acceptance closing?

In June 1967, with ex-Vice President Richard Nixon, this writer toured an Israeli military hospital full of wounded Egyptian soldiers.

An Israeli officer told us that in the hospital was an Egyptian officer he had captured in the 1956 Sinai campaign, and that he had asked the Egyptian: "We have fought three times now, and three times you have been defeated. Why do you keep fighting us?"

The Egyptian replied, "You may have defeated us three times, and you may defeat us 11 times. But the 12th time we win."

From that Six-Day War, wise Israelis took away two lessons.

First, they had to remain alert and strong enough to defeat all their neighbors at once. Second, the more important struggle was that they must win the acceptance of the Arab peoples to survive in an Arab sea.

The Israelis were not alert in 1973 when Egypt launched the attack of Yom Kippur that sent their army reeling along the Suez Canal.

President Nixon intervened with a massive airlift to save Israel.

Half a decade later, President Sadat and Menachem Begin agreed at Camp David to a trade of land for peace. Israel would give up all of Sinai captured in 1967 in return for a peace treaty with Cairo.

A treaty with King Hussein of Jordan followed.

Israel was on its way to winning acceptance in the Arab world.

In 1982, after an Israeli diplomat was mortally wounded by an assassin in London, Begin ordered an invasion of Lebanon. Gen. Ariel Sharon swiftly reached the suburbs of Beirut, and Yasser Arafat's PLO was expelled to Tunis.

But as Yitzhak Rabin ruefully conceded, "We let the Shia genie out of the bottle."

In the south of Lebanon, quietest Shiites had begun to fight the Israeli occupation in militias that came to be known as Hezbollah.

Bled for 18 years, the Israelis



PAT BUCHANAN

withdrew in 2000, leaving Hezbollah dominant in Lebanon.

Perhaps more critically, after the Six-Day War, the Israelis had annexed all of Jerusalem and begun to move settlers into East

Jerusalem and onto the West Bank. In 1987 came the First Intifada, an uprising of the Palestinians using sticks and stones. Yet the movement of Israeli settlers continued. From a few thousand in the 1970s, the number has grown to half a million.

Having won peace with Egypt and Jordan, the Israelis began secret negotiations with the Palestinians. In 1994 came the Oslo Accords, an agreement to trade land for peace. As Sadat got back the Sinai by making peace with Israel, Palestinians would get a nation of their own in return for recognizing Israel.

Israel had broken out of her isolation and won acceptance from Egypt, Jordan and even Arafat's PLO.

But in 1995, Prime Minister Rabin, who had won the Nobel Peace Prize for Oslo and had come to believe in the necessity of trading land for peace, was assassinated by an Israeli fanatic determined to prevent any surrender of West Bank land.

When Sharon came to power, he gave up Gaza, but refused to yield on Jerusalem or the West Bank. His successor, Ehud Olmert, like Rabin and Ehud Barak before him, came to believe that Israel had to give up the West Bank for peace, or she would never know peace.

But Olmert failed to negotiate that peace.

Looking back, Israel has prevailed in all her wars, from the War of Independence, to the Sinai

campaign, to the Six-Day and Yom Kippur wars, to the 1982 invasion of Lebanon, to the first and second intifadas, the Lebanon War of 2006 and the Gaza War of 2008.

But today Israel is more isolated than she has ever been, and the prospects are bleak that she can break out of this isolation.

Hamas rules Gaza. Hezbollah rules Lebanon. The Turks have turned hostile. The Palestinian Authority has given up on Barack Obama and is demanding a state from the Security Council and U.N. General Assembly. Israel's partner in Egypt, Hosni Mubarak, is gone. The Israeli embassy in Cairo has been sacked. Mobs in Amman have sought to do the same.

George W. Bush was persuaded by neocons that an invasion of Iraq would start the dominoes of Arab tyranny falling and usher in an era of pro-Western democracies in the region.

Not quite. The Arab Spring that followed the U.S. invasion by a decade is bringing down the despots but also unleashing the demons of ethnonationalism and Islamic fundamentalism that are anti-American and anti-Zionist.

Israel's great patron, America, is in retreat from the region, with her army in Iraq home by year's end and her autocratic allies down in Egypt and Tunisia and tottering in Bahrain and Yemen.

By 2050, Palestinians west of the Jordan will outnumber Israelis two to one. Syria, Jordan and Egypt, which had 40 million people at the time of the Six-Day War, will have 170 million. Militarily, Israel remains dominant, but neither time nor demography seems to be on her side.

And Arab acceptance seems more distant than ever.

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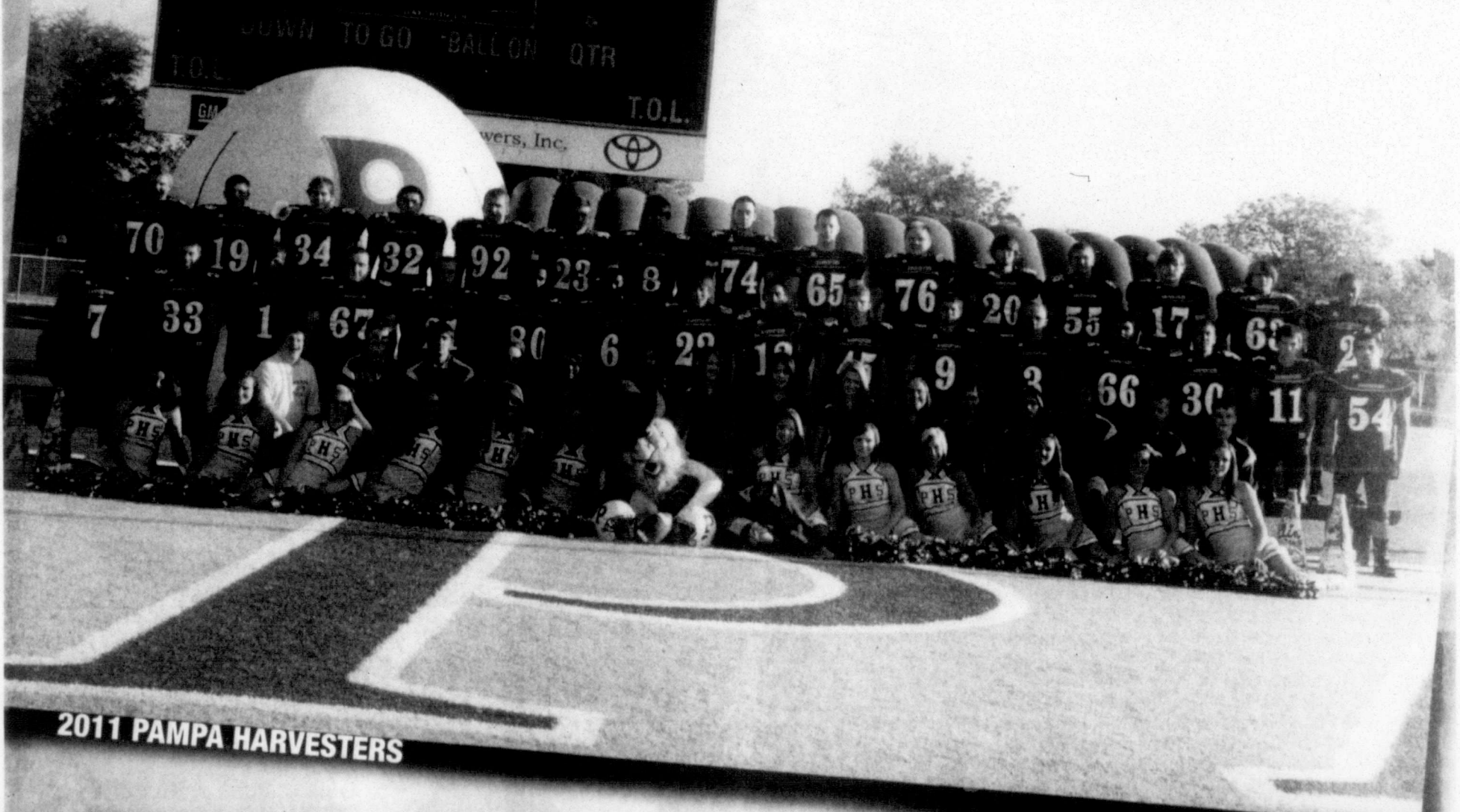
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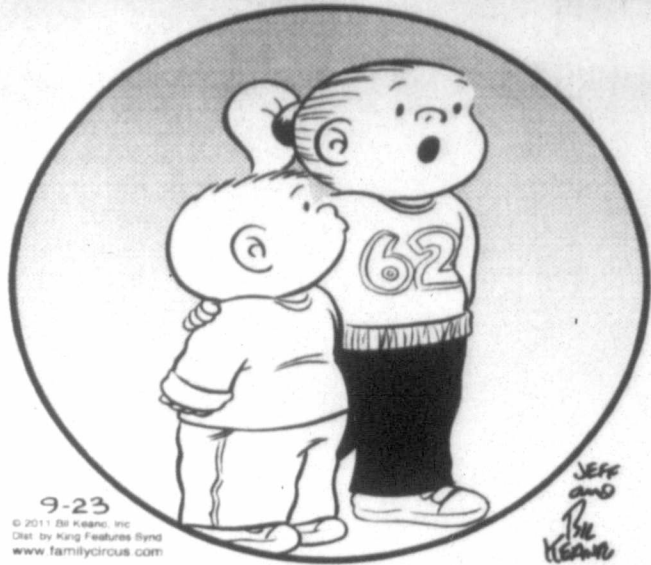
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"PJ's feelin' sad. I think two cookies might cheer us up."

Non Sequitur



Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Sept. 23, 2011.

This year, you gain a greater sense of direction, as you are focused. You will not scatter your energy; you will be most direct. A male or assertive friend plays an unusual role in your year. You might resent how hard this person can push. Learn to say "no." Don't lose sight of your goals. If you are single, you could meet someone through an expanding circle of friends. If you are attached, the two of you will bond by socializing more. LEO helps get you moving.

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)
***** Others could be a handful in the next few months. What you need to do is not personalize everything you hear or what others do. It isn't always about you! If there is a theme, do look at it. You work well with a child or loved one. Tonight: Let your hair down.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
***** Remain more sensitive to different people, especially if they are involved with you personally. Your private life seems to take precedence. You want to think through your feelings and a sudden insight. A friend plays a significant role. Tonight: Buy flowers or a favorite dessert -- something that will make the evening special.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** Your creativity emerges when speaking to others. Some might feel you are witty; others think you are funny. You want to stay on message. A meeting takes an alternate path, one you did not anticipate. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** Be aware of the costs of pursuing a certain path. It could cause an unexpected twist. A boss or someone you look up to continues to act in a most unpredictable manner. Pull back if you are uncomfortable. Tonight: Treat time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** The Moon empowers you, just in time for the weekend. You can clear out a lot of work, complete a project and get more done than you anticipated. An unexpected communication surprises you for a short while. Tonight: Have a

ball. Love the moment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***** Know how much you have to offer, and even if you are feeling insecure, don't step back. You might be inclined to undermine yourself in a discussion where someone does the unexpected. Stay centered and claim your power. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** The Sun enters your sign, allowing greater visibility. You know what you want and where you are heading. A friendship means much more than you are willing to acknowledge. The only person you are hurting is yourself. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** Others need to know where you stand. Your nerves could be fried by a demanding week and a lot of changes in your daily life. Revamp your thinking. Evaluate how much you hold on to the unnecessary. Tonight: Leader of the gang.

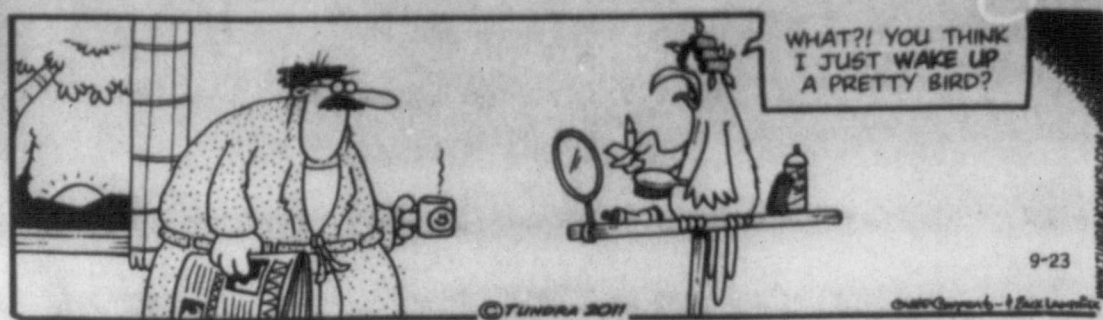
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***** Focus on your long-term goals, especially when you are in a meeting. Your creativity could flare, adding to any situation. Your finances could swing back and forth. You have the energy to complete any project. Tonight: Where the action is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***** A partnership or an involvement with another source of money keeps you on your toes. You might be a little too manipulative, and others respond in kind. Lots of answers come in your direction. Tonight: Go with another person's plans.

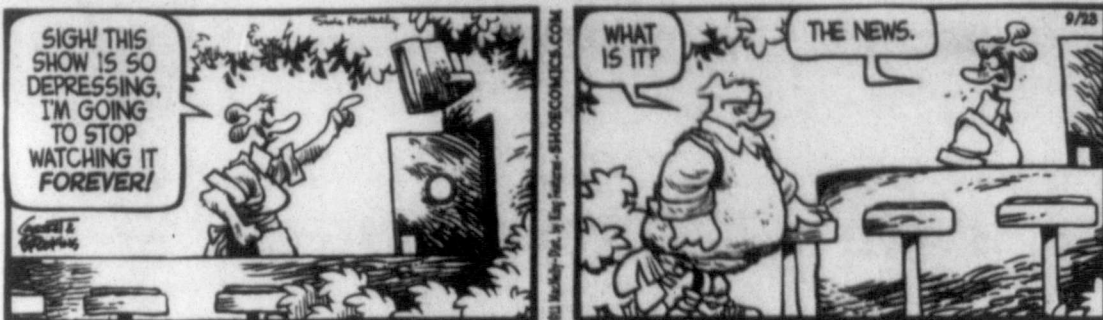
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** Clearly someone else is in control. You might need to review a matter with greater care. Your ability to visualize could be very different from others'. Present your ideas as clearly as possible. Tonight: The only answer to an invitation is "yes."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
***** Continue to deal with others directly. Someone feels so good when you focus on him or her. Use care counting your change, adding and subtracting funds or even paying bills. You could be distracted. Tonight: Out with friends.

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Marvin



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NASCAR THIS WEEK

ON THE TUBE

All times Eastern
Sprint Cup
 Daytona 300,
 2 p.m., Sunday

Nationwide Series
 OneMain Financial 200,
 3:30 p.m., Oct. 1

Truck Series
 F.W. Webb 175,
 3 p.m., Saturday

BURNING ISSUES

► The Great NASCAR Drought Relief Program is in full swing. Two of the past three races have been put off, at least a day by rain.

► One small obstacle in the path of Chase drivers: Tony Stewart and Ryan Newman: Stewart is still looking for a competition director to replace Bobby Hutchens, dismissed earlier in the year.

► Some observers have cited the two "wild card" positions in the Chase as the season's most significant change. How come? The 12 who made the Chase were the 12 ranked highest in the points, same as last year. No real change has yet occurred.

► Now that the Chase is under way, just remember this: It's not about bonus points and wins for a wild card anymore. The final 10 races reward consistency, just as the whole season once did.

► For the first time, New Hampshire hosts the Chase's second race. During the first seven seasons of the championship format, the Loudon track led off.

► Pair New Hampshire with Phoenix, Martinsville and Dover. Set Talladega aside. The other five races in the Chase occur at tracks that are quite similar.

► Clint Bowyer's move from Richard Childress Racing to Michael Waltrip Racing seemed imminent at press time. Not this year, of course. In 2012.

► Why are Bowyer and Childress apparently splitting? Allegedly because the sponsorship, supposedly 5-Hour ENERGY, fell shy of what Childress felt he needed to keep Bowyer in house.

► Bowyer's move could wind up creating a Sprint Cup opportunity for Childress' grandson, Austin Dillon.

► Jimmie Johnson has won the past five championships mostly by winning Chase races. If he is to claim a sixth straight, he may have to do it with consistency this time.

2011 STANDINGS

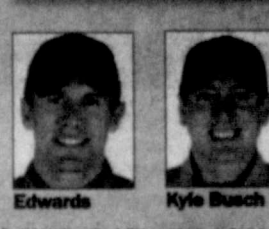
Sprint Cup Series	Pts.
1. Kevin Harvick	2,054
2. Tony Stewart	-7
3. Carl Edwards	-10
4. Kurt Busch	-11
5. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	-13
6. Ryan Newman	-14
7. Brad Keselowski	-14
8. Jimmie Johnson	-16
9. Kyle Busch	-19
10. Matt Kenseth	-24
11. Jeff Gordon	-25
12. Denny Hamlin	-41

Nationwide Series	Pts.
1. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	986
2. Elliott Sadler	-14
3. Reed Sorenson	-47
4. Aric Almirola	-64
5. Justin Allgaier	-81
6. Jason Leffler	-127
7. Kerry Wallace	-173
8. Steven Wallace	-195
9. Brian Scott	-208
10. Michael Annett	-214

Camping World Truck Series	Pts.
1. James Buescher	621
2. Austin Dillon	-3
3. Johnny Sauter	-6
4. Timothy Peters	-20
5. Ron Hornaday Jr.	-47
6. Matt Crafton	-49
7. Joey Coulter	-52
8. Parker Kligerman	-54
9. Cole Whitt	-55
10. Todd Bodine	-65



WHO'S HOT AND WHO'S NOT



► **Who's hot:** Carl Edwards has finished seventh or better, with two wins, in his past nine Nationwide Series races. ... Chevy drivers have won the past five Camping World Truck races, and Kevin Harvick won three of them.

► **Who's not:** Steven Wallace has finished outside the top 10 in his past four Nationwide Series races. ... Eight races have passed since Kyle Busch's most recent Camping World Truck victory.



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SPRINT CUP

Race: Daytona 300
Where: New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Loudon (1.058 mi.), 300 laps/317.4 miles.
When: Sunday, Sept. 25.
Last year's winner: Clint Bowyer, Chevy.
Qualifying record: Ryan Newman, Chevy, 135.232 mph, July 16, 2011.
Race record: Jeff Burton, Ford, 117.134 mph, July 13, 1997.
Last week: After not winning during the regular season, Tony Stewart took the first Chase race of the postseason. Stewart broke a 32-race losing streak while Kevin Harvick jumped into the points standings lead. Notably, Dale Earnhardt Jr. finished third after many ran out of gas on the last lap.

NATIONWIDE

Race: OneMain Financial 200
Where: Dover (Del.) International Speedway (1.0 mi.), 200 laps/miles.
When: Saturday, Oct. 1.
Last year's winner: Kyle Busch, Toyota.
Qualifying record: Kyle Busch, Toyota, 156.228 mph, May 15, 2010.
Race record: Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevy, 130.152 mph, May 30, 1998.
Last week: Brad Keselowski, in a Dodge, won comfortably at Chicagoland Speedway, taking advantage of a pit-road mistake by Carl Edwards' Ford to pull away in the late stages.

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK

Race: F.W. Webb 175
Where: New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Loudon (1.058 mi.), 175 laps/185.5 miles.
When: Saturday, Sept. 24.
Last year's winner: Kyle Busch, Toyota.
Qualifying record: Kyle Busch, Toyota, 130.029 mph, Sept. 16, 2010.
Race record: Kyle Busch, Toyota, 112.106 mph, Sept. 19, 2009.
Last week: Austin Dillon drove a Chevy to victory, taking advantage of a two-tire pit stop to gain an insurmountable edge over Kevin Harvick. The top three all drove Chevys, with Nelson Piquet Jr. finishing third.

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

JUAN PABLO MONTOYA SPRINT CUP SERIES No. 42 TARGET/DEGREE MEN CHEVROLET



Former top NASCAR rookie Juan Pablo Montoya and his team have been struggling in 2011. Despite the tough season, he loves working at Earnhardt Ganassi Racing.

Montoya Still Looking For Groove

Colombian driver making most of dreary season without making Chase

By Monte Dutton
 NASCAR This Week

Juan Pablo Montoya began competing regularly in NASCAR's Sprint Cup Series in 2007. He was named Rookie of the Year, which came as no surprise since Montoya is one of the world's more recognizable names, not to mention one of its prodigious talents.

Yet Montoya — who won the CART championship in 1999 as a rookie, won the Indianapolis 500 in 2000 and the Grand Prix of Monaco in 2003 — has yet to blossom into full-fledged stock-car stardom.

Montoya, who turned 36 on Tuesday, is the first foreign-born driver to win more than once in Cup competition. He made the Chase for the Sprint Cup in 2009. Both his victories to date have occurred on road courses.

Entering Monday's rain-delayed Geico 400 at Chicagoland Speedway, Montoya, who is from Bogota, Colombia, but now lives in Miami, ranked 18th in the points standings. It's been a dreary season not just for Montoya but for his team, Earnhardt Ganassi Racing with Felix Sabates. Montoya's teammate, Jamie

McMurray, had slumped to 25th entering the Chicagoland race.

"I think the No. 1 car (McMurray) has been having a really rough season, and they have been trying to change things around and it hasn't really come to them," Montoya said. "They have had a couple of decent results, but overall it has been a really hard season for them."

"For us, we have been up and down. We can get a top-five (finish) here and there, and fight for a win there, and then run 30th. It is something ... we need to understand why it is, and lately it has been getting harder and harder. I think our cars need to get better. We looked at some numbers and stuff, and there is some work to be done. It is going to be interesting."

If Montoya is growing weary of struggling, he hasn't admitted it. He insists he is happy with the principal owner, Chip Ganassi.

"He's a good guy to work for," Montoya said. "Like everybody else, he's got his good days, and really bad days. You've got to make sure, when you talk to him, you've got him on a good day."

Jimmie Johnson is the foregone contender

By Monte Dutton
 NASCAR This Week

How could the winner of the past five Sprint Cup championships possibly be overlooked in this year's Chase? Beats Carl Edwards. Entering the Chase's first race, the Geico 400 at Chicagoland Speedway, much of the attention was focused on other drivers, particularly Jeff Gordon and Kyle Busch, instead of perennial incumbent Jimmie Johnson.

"I'm not surprised more people aren't talking about him," said Edwards of Johnson. "I just think that, because he has been the champion for five years now, everyone realizes he is going to be tough."

"Let me put it this way. It won't surprise anyone in the garage or in this room (media center) if he were to be one of the contenders in the final race at Homestead. I hope he's not because he's awfully tough to have to race at these championships, but I think he will be tough and everyone takes that as a given. I think that is where the lack of talk about it comes from."

Footnotably — Tony Stewart, whose media conferences are almost always

Surprise? — Making the Chase wasn't one for Brad Keselowski. He expected to be there.

"I can't speak for everyone out there, but as a team, we expected to have a shot at this, and it's good to finally make it happen in our second year together and we don't feel like we're a fluke," he said. "You know, for us entering the Chase, I feel like we're entering it in somewhat of a very low-key, low-pressure feeling of 'hey, we've made it this far, let's keep it going,' and I don't see why we can't. ... We've been racing against the same guys as the last few weeks, and we've been running with them and/or beating them, and I feel like we can just continue that."

"I don't see where anything was changed, and I feel like, if anything, as a team we're getting stronger, so that's good."

Not unprecedented — Jeff Gordon suggested that Paul Menard intentionally took a spin in order to help his teammate, Kevin Harvick, win at Richmond. It's all been denied, but

FEUD OF THE WEEK



JEFF GORDON VS. PAUL MENARD

Menard spun late in the Wonderful Pistachios 400 at Richmond, and Gordon suggested that the Brickyard 400 winner might have "taken one for the team" to help teammate Kevin Harvick win. The suggestion — Gordon didn't volunteer it but mentioned it in answer to a question — led to hasty denials all around and at least a preliminary NASCAR investigation.

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his take: "This seems more pressing an issue outside the garage than in it. Publicly, most drivers scoff at the notion that Menard spun intentionally. Privately, they'd like to have a teammate who'd do the same for them."

Know Your NASCAR

1. What is Richard Petty's middle name?
2. What is David Pearson's middle name?
3. What is Bobby Allison's middle name?
4. What is Brian France's middle name?
5. Who was often given credit for "discovering" Greg Biffert?
6. Who was Bruton Smith's initial partner at Charlotte Motor Speedway?
7. Who founded New Hampshire Motor Speedway?
8. Who won the first NASCAR pole at Indianapolis Motor Speedway?
9. In what year did Winston sponsor the Cup Series for the final time?
10. In what year did Tiny Lund win the Daytona 500?
11. In what year did Rex White win the Grand National championship?
12. In what year did Rusty Wallace win the Winston Cup championship?

12. Lee
3. Gene
2. Arthur, as in Robert Arthur Allison.
4. Zachary
5. Barry Parsons
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7. Bob Bahne
8. Rick Mast
9. 2003
10. 1983
11. 1991
12. 1981

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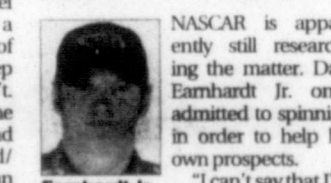
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LEGENDS AND LORE

Where Ricky Came From

Newburgh, Maine's Ricky Craven was always immensely popular when he competed in Cup races at nearby New Hampshire Motor Speedway. Craven never won at the Loudon track but twice won poles (1996, 98). Craven's two Cup victories occurred in Martinsville, Va., and Darlington, S.C. His best finish in the points standings was 15th in 2002. Craven, born May 24, 1966, now works as a television analyst at ESPN.



Earnhardt Jr.

NASCAR is apparently still researching the matter. Dale Earnhardt Jr. once admitted to spinning in order to help his own prospects.

"I can't say that I've ever done anything compared to what Jeff (Gordon) was insinuating in his comments," said Earnhardt, "but, I've tried to help myself out by bringing out a caution ... so maybe that is about the same thing, I guess."

"I got in trouble, though. If you do anything like that, you just can't admit it."

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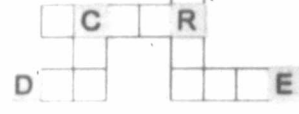
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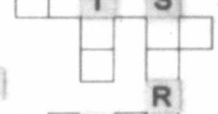
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Level: Intermediate

French drain may solve drainage problems

Dear Pat: My husband and I are looking to buy an existing house or build a new one. Our current lot has drainage problems even in mild rains. What should we be on the lookout for when evaluating lots and houses? — Pam T.

Dear Pam: Lot drainage problems cannot only be a hassle and a mess when your children are playing outdoors, but the problems may also cause significant damage to your home. One obvious problem is leaky basement walls and water damage from flooding.

Less obvious problems are slow degradation of the lumber and other building materials from the constant dampness. Many hungry and damaging insects tend to thrive in a damp environment, and some types can quickly munch away at the structural lumber.

If you have some lots or existing houses in mind, and you are not in a rush to make your purchase, visit them after a rainstorm. Although standing puddles are an obvious sign of problems, pay particular attention to areas near the house that feel spongy and soggy.

Wait one day after the rain and visit the suspect areas again. If they seem to have dried out in a 24-hour period and now feel solid and stable, they will probably not cause serious problems. Have your real estate agent schedule your house tour at the time of your second visit to look for signs of indoor leaks. It often takes some time for the water to seep into the house after a rain.

When you look for lots to build a new house on, make the same inspections after a rain. Keep in mind that when a house is built on the lot, there is less ground area to absorb the water. If you notice any puddling, natural drainage paths and soggy soil, it will probably be worse after the house, driveway, patios, etc. are built.

If you are looking for a lot in a new subdivision, ask the builder to see the future plans. A lot may be very dry now, but if a clubhouse, recreational area or other streets will be located nearby and above your lot, it may create drainage problems. A lot with a 3- to 4-foot slope across it is ideal for natural drainage.

Also, pay attention to the location of nearby creeks. They may seem like just a trickle now, even after it rains. Once the subdivision is completed and much of the ground is covered with houses, concrete and asphalt, more water will run off into the creek instead of naturally being absorbed into the ground.

If you and your husband just fall in love with a particular lot that may have some potential drainage problems, there are a few

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things you can do. The foundation can be built a foot or two above the level of the ground. Slope the ground gradually away from the house to provide a natural path for the water.

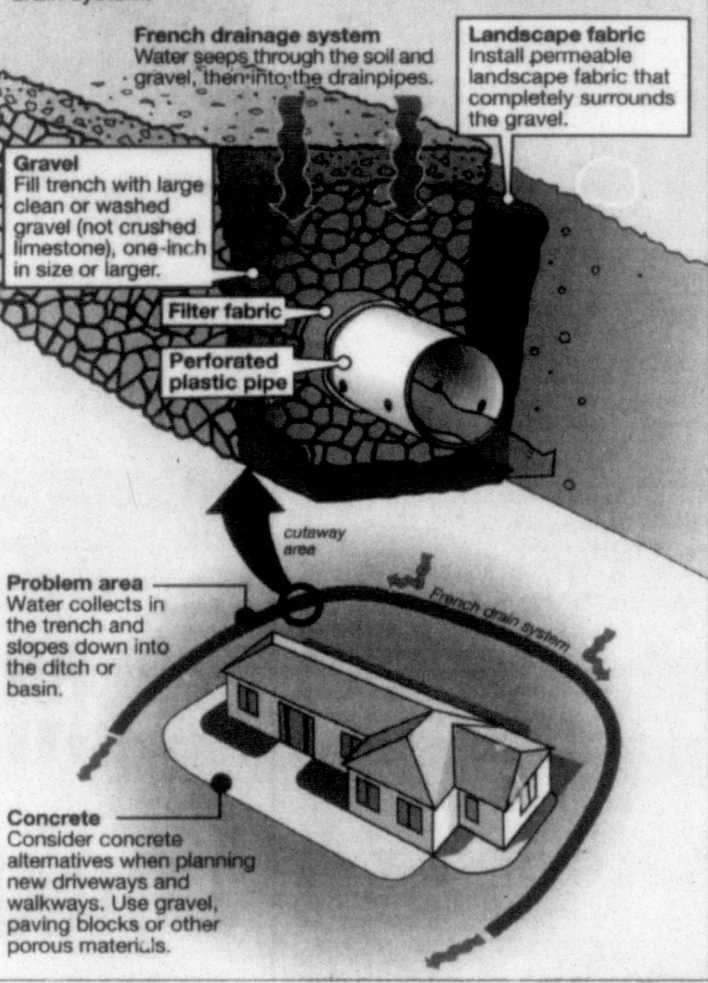
Installing a French drainage system is simple and usually effective. It is typically a 6-inch-wide, 2-foot-deep trench dug around the house with a perforated drainage pipe in the bottom. Fill the trench with 1-inch gravel. Since water flows with less resistance through gravel than soil, it will drop into the trench, and the drainage pipe will carry it away.

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

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French Drain

Proper drainage is often overlooked when building a house. Depending on your drain requirements, solution range from a simple downspouting to a labor-intensive system like a French drain system.



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mentary School, 300 E. Tule, Pampa, Texas. Interested parties may contact Betty Meadows, Purchasing Director, PISD, 321 W. Albert St., Pampa, TX 79065-7801, phone number (806)669-4700, to arrange for inspection of the premises and for review of the sales contract and Special Warranty Deed.

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costs associated with the bidder's timely removal of the Property from the underlying land. The awarded bidder shall be responsible for the removal of the Property from the lot in a time frame agreed upon by the bidder and District, shall be grounds to void the sale to that buyer, and permit the District to offer the Property to the next highest bidder who can remove the Property within an agreed time frame. **THE PROPERTY MAY CONTAIN ASBESTOS AND/OR ASBESTOS-CONTAINING MATERIALS, PCBs, LEAD PAINT OR OTHER ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.**

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Sports

PHS swim teams look to continue their dominance

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The number 13 has been dubbed as an unlucky number and involved in superstitions. The Pampa Harvester and Lady Harvester swim teams hope that number will provide a good superstition as it aims for their 13th straight district title.

Junior Ramon Portillo said the team looks pretty good.

"I think we have a really good chance at winning district this year," Portillo said. "We have a really good chance for the girls and guys. Our relays are looking pretty good. Our medley relay is looking really good. We have really good backstrokers, breaststrokers and freestylers."

Head coach Edward Garvin said he has a good mix of returners and newcomers, but wishes he had larger numbers.

"I was expecting 25 this year," Garvin said. "I had some kids leave the team that I wasn't expecting. I think I have some good strong swimmers. It's looking pretty good for a 13th district championship. That's the team goal."

Senior Kendle Ramey said the girls are pretty strong despite graduating several from last season.

"The new girls are very talented and have a lot of potential," Ramey said.

The boys return six regional finalists in seniors Karl Pfitzner (medley relay, individual medley and butterfly), and Spencer Estes (freestyle, backstroke and 200-yard freestyle relay), juniors Travis Hinkle (medley relay, butterfly and 200-yard freestyle relay) and Portillo (500-yard freestyle and 200-yard freestyle relay), sophomores Michael Foreman (200-yard medley relay) and Chris Garvin (500-yard freestyle).

The girls return three regional finalists. Senior Jessica Covil finished 12th in the

200-yard freestyle, 14th in the 100-yard butterfly and was part of the 200-yard freestyle relay team that finished sixth. Ramey finished 11th in the 500-yard freestyle and was on the 200-yard freestyle relay team. Senior Treycci Carroll finished 13th in the 50-yard freestyle.

Coach Garvin said the team went to camps during the summer including one at Texas A&M, adding it helped it improve on its technique.

"I was really excited to take seven kids to Texas A&M swim camp. That was pretty good and I think that helped them a lot...The summer program was pretty good."

Ramey said the camps were very helpful.

"It helped me stay in shape," Ramey said. "It was good to hear from another coach and get their perspective."

Portillo said the pressure builds every year that they win a district title.

"There's always going to be that pressure," Portillo said. "I don't think we are. It's going to take pretty good scrimmages."

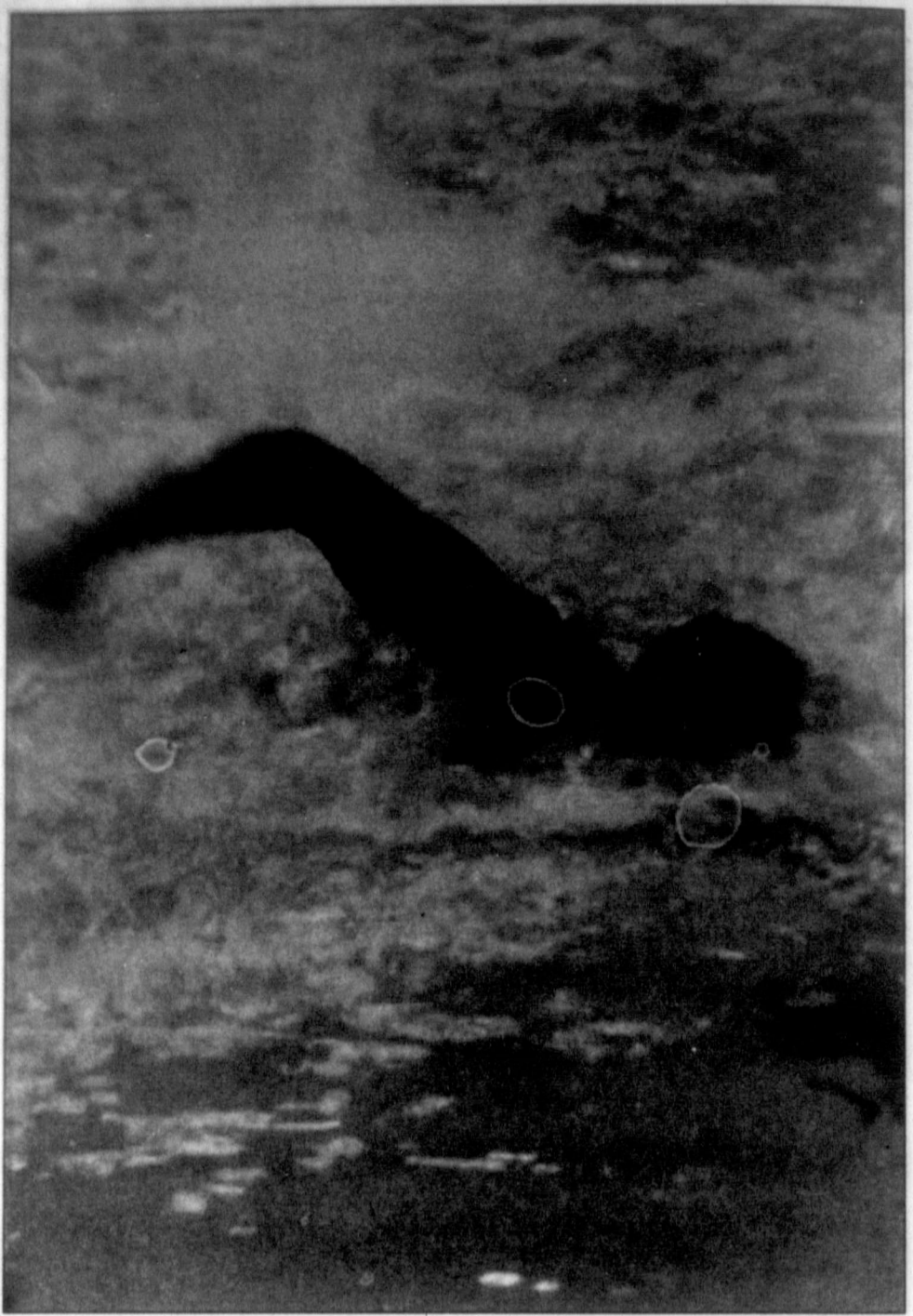
Garvin said Caprock and Seminole will provide strong competition in district.

"Seminole's guys are getting stronger," Garvin said. "Caprock girls are getting stronger."

Ramey said she is looking forward to the Lubbock Invite Meet which is January 13-14.

"We see how we measure up against schools we face in regionals and the 5A schools," Ramey said.

The Harvesters and Lady Harvesters open with the Green and Gold meet 9 a.m. at the Pampa Youth Center. The teams then compete in the Lubbock Relays October 8.



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Senior Ramon Portillo practices his strokes Monday at the Pampa Youth Center. Portillo is one of six regional finalists returning.



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Freshman Samantha Vanhouten gets some lap work in during Monday's practice. Vanhouten will be one of many new faces for the Lady Harvesters.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a flight attendant for a major carrier. I encounter rude passengers every single day, as well as people (including children) with no manners. I accept that not everyone will be friendly to me. Some people are not capable of being friendly, and others may be going through personal issues and not realize they're being rude.

I have a colleague, "Joel," who can't get past this. If a passenger doesn't say "please" or "thank you," Joel will respond with, "What do you say?" or, "What's the magic word?" or a sarcastic, "You're welcome!" if a thank-you hasn't been given. I am appalled by this. While I agree that manners are important, I don't feel it's my place to educate our passengers. Joel gets his point across with a rude, condescending tone.

What's your take on this? Is Joel out of line or offering a valuable lesson? Can I voice my objection and tell him he's embarrassing his co-workers, the passengers and himself? — ATTITUDES IN ALTITUDES, IN FLORIDA

DEAR ABBY: From my window seat it appears there may be stormy weather ahead for your co-worker.

However, this is a lesson he will have to learn for himself, so stay out of it. One of these days when he asks a passenger what the "magic word" is, someone is going to give him one that can't be printed in a family newspaper. Yes, Joel is out of line, and when enough passengers complain about him to the airline, he will suffer the consequences.

DEAR ABBY: I am an accepting person who can make friends with just about anyone. Among my friends there are some who identify as homosexual. I value their friendship because they are caring, honest and funny — traits I look for in any friend.

My grandparents — whom I am close to — are not so accepting. They have strict beliefs regarding homosexuality. So whenever I want to talk to them about something interesting that happened when I was with my friend and his or her partner, I'll catch myself hesitating. I want to be able to talk to them, but I feel like every time I mention a gay friend it causes tension. Is there a way I can be graceful about this without stirring up bad feelings? — RAINBOW GIRL IN SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

DEAR RAINBOW GIRL: Yes. Ask your grandparents if they'd prefer you tell them all about your activities and whom you spend time with, or if they'd rather you remain silent about your gay friends. Explain that you sense tension when you're open with them, and ask if they'd feel better if you were selective in discussing your life, your friends and your interests. That way the choice will be theirs.

DEAR ABBY: I am a middle-aged man with an older sister who criticizes the way I sneeze. She thinks my sneezing isn't "restrained" enough. It's not a question of direction or whether I put my hand in front of my mouth or not. She believes if I don't try to stifle my sneeze I'm uncouth. In my opinion, sneezing is a natural automatic response and serves to relieve whatever causes it. What do you think? — SOMETHING TO SNEEZE AT

DEAR SOMETHING: I agree with you. And I am not convinced that trying to stifle a sneeze is healthy because it's nature's way of expelling something from the nose that is irritating. Sneeze away, and — God bless you!



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