



C.F.&I. built new houses in Sopris this year:  
 a. 1905  
 b. 1908  
 c. 1912  
 d. 1917

Yesterday's answer: Sopris

## WHAT'S UP TODAY?

Today is Thursday, July 1, the 182nd day of 2010. There are 183 days left in the year. This is Canada Day.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On July 1, 1910, the original Comiskey Park, home of the Chicago White Sox for eight decades, held its opening day under the name White Sox Park. (The home team lost to the St. Louis Browns, 2-0.)

### On this date:

In 1867, Canada became a self-governing dominion of Great Britain as the British North America Act took effect.

In 1943, "pay-as-you-go" income tax withholding began.

In 1946, the United States exploded a 20-kiloton atomic bomb near Bikini Atoll in the Pacific.

In 1960, the independent Republic of Somalia was created from the merger of former British and Italian colonies.

In 1968, the United States, Britain, the Soviet Union and nearly 60 other nations signed the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

In 1997, Hong Kong reverted to Chinese rule after 156 years as a British colony.

In 2004, actor Marlon Brando died in Los Angeles at age 80.

Ten years ago: Vermont's civil unions law, which granted gay couples most of the rights, benefits and responsibilities of marriage, went into effect. The Confederate flag was removed from atop South Carolina's Statehouse. Academy Award-winning actor Walter Matthau died in Santa Monica, Calif. at age 79.

Five years ago: Justice Sandra Day O'Connor unexpectedly announced her

retirement from the Supreme Court (she was succeeded by Samuel Alito). Rhythm-and-blues singer Luther Vandross died in Edison, N.J. at age 54.

One year ago: President Barack Obama held an hour-long town hall forum on health care reform in Annandale, Va., where, in an emotional moment, he hugged cancer patient Debby Smith, a volunteer for Obama's political operation, Organizing for America. Academy Award-winning actor Karl Malden died in Brentwood, Calif. at 97.

### Today's Birthdays:

Actress Karen Black is 71. Dancer-choreographer Twyla Tharp is 69. Actress Genevieve Bujold is 68. Gospel singer Andrae Crouch is 68. Rock singer-actress Deborah Harry is 65. Movie-TV producer-director Michael Pressman is 60. Actor Daryl Anderson is 59. Actor Trevor Eve is 59. Actor Terrence Mann is 59. Rock singer Fred Schneider (B-52's) is 59. Pop singer Victor Willis (Village People) is 59. Actor-comedian Dan Aykroyd is 58. Actor Alan Ruck is 54. Actress Lisa Blount is 53. Rhythm-and-blues singer Evelyn "Champagne" King is 50. Olympic gold medal track star Carl Lewis is 49. Country singer Michelle Actress Julianne Nicholson is 39. Actress Liv Tyler is 33. Bluegrass musician Adam Haynes (Dailey & Vincent) is 31. Actress Hilarie Burton is 28. Actress Lynsey Bartilson is 27. Actor Evan Ellingson is 22.

## Answer to previous Word Scrammage

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S <sub>2</sub> H <sub>7</sub> O <sub>2</sub> R <sub>2</sub> T <sub>2</sub> E <sub>1</sub> N <sub>2</sub>	1 <sup>st</sup> DOWN = <b>138</b>
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<b>AVERAGE GAME 195-205 PTS</b>	<b>JUDD'S TOTAL = 307</b>

6-30-10

# Facilities for the disabled serve a variety of needs

**DEAR ABBY:** You did a disservice to the truly disabled on May 1 when you advised "Jennifer in Maine" it was OK to use the handicapped restroom stall because her large size made it uncomfortable using a regular one.



**Dear Abby**  
 Jeanne Phillips

I am married to a disabled person. He cannot get off a toilet without the grab bars available in a designated stall. What some individuals may not know is that many disabled people also suffer from bladder and bowel control issues and are desperate to use the facilities when they enter a restroom. A minute or two delay for them can spell disaster.

Finding it "difficult" to squeeze into a tiny stall is not the same as finding it impossible. The same goes for abusers of handicapped parking tags. The only persons entitled to these accommodations are the disabled -- not the lazy, not the obese, or even necessarily the elderly. We who are blessed with the gift of mobility should make sure that accommodations are always available for those who are not. -- VOICE OF REASON IN OHIO

**DEAR VOICE:** Thank you for correcting me. I told "Jennifer" I saw nothing wrong with using the larger stall as long as she deferred to a disabled woman needing it at the same time -- and not everyone agreed with my reply. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** Not all reasons for needing the special stall are evident. Have you ever tried to fit two adults into a regular stall when one of them is disabled and needs assistance? This happens when someone else uses the bigger stall even though there were other ones available. It infuriates me knowing my parents suffer because people ignore disability-specific setups. -- DAUGHTER OF DISABLED

**DEAR ABBY:** Handicapped parking spaces are legally reserved for people who have a disability. Handicapped restroom stalls are built to accommodate the disabled -- not reserved for them. -- BAR-

BARA IN SAN LUIS OBISPO

**DEAR ABBY:** I believe the larger stalls are there for anyone who needs them. If a woman has to change clothes, that stall is helpful, but she should be quick so as not to leave a disabled person waiting.

Women with small children or a baby in a stroller should use this stall and keep the kids in there with her. I was appalled when I saw a woman leave her baby in a stroller outside a small stall while she used it. -- HEDDY, OUT WEST

**DEAR ABBY:** I use the bathroom stalls for people with disabilities and sometimes get dirty looks. I have a back injury and because the seats are much higher in a disabled stall, it allows me to conduct my business without enduring extreme pain. Please remind your readers that disabilities have many faces. -- LADY WHO KNOWS IN EL CENTRO, CALIF.

**DEAR ABBY:** I also exclusively use the larger stall. I am a perfectly healthy 36-year-old woman with a thin build and no physical limitations. What I do have is moderate obsessive-compulsive disorder. The thought of using the smaller stall makes my heart race and my skin crawl.

I touch most of the outside world with a tissue or handkerchief. In a restroom I need enough space to be sure I will not touch the toilet, door, walls, trash can or paper dispenser. I realize my disorder is quirky, but I adapt. And obviously, I would yield to any person in need. -- DENTON, TEXAS, READER

**DEAR ABBY:** You may have overlooked the real concern of "Jennifer's" mother about her obese daughter's use of the handicapped stall. Jennifer needs to shape up before she is the one in the wheelchair. -- VALERIE IN FLORIDA

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# Jim Irwin spins a local rancher's tale

By **TIM KELLER**  
 The Chronicle-News

**DES MOINES** – Jim Irwin came to Studio C in Des Moines Saturday night to celebrate the release of his autobiography, "Eight 1/2 Decades in New Mexico," which spins tales from the 1920s to the present reflecting Irwin's eventful life as a Union County farmer and rancher.

An appreciative crowd laughed and applauded as Irwin played the raconteur, reminiscing events that, in many cases, included the parents or grandparents of those in attendance. Growing up in Grenville, Irwin told of getting caught stealing an apple. At 17, he was valedictorian of his Grenville High

School graduating class of three boys and three girls. He wore expensive boots and a cowboy hat to join the US Navy, where he was promptly stripped and shaved.

Back in New Mexico he became a cattle dealer. Arriving in California aboard a trainload of cattle, he asked whether a storekeeper would take his check. The man looked him over; then said, "From you, I'm not sure I'll even take cash."

Such are Irwin's tales. He hired sharecropper families to farm four separate parcels of land, then had to take over when drought sent the families packing. He turned to dairy farming which, like sharecropping, followed a pattern of success followed by failure. After losing

most of his cattle herd in the blizzard of April 1957, Irwin jumped into raising hardy Galloway cattle and spent eight years as president of the American Galloway Breeding Association.

After 10 years in the auction business, Irwin and his daughter Tammy in 1996 started an Albuquerque property management company that keeps the whole family busy today, managing 500 rental properties for their owners, taking a 10 percent commission off the rents. Irwin lives in Rio Rancho. From that distance, he decided to write down many of the tales he remembers from a life well lived -- 85 years and counting.

"Eight 1/2 Decades in New Mexico," 318 pages, is available by mail order for \$21.72, including shipping, from Corner Post Company, PO Box 81586, Albuquerque, NM 87198, or at Studio C in Des Moines where, Saturday night, many of Irwin's listeners left with two or three new autographed copies under their arms.



Photo by Tim Keller

Jim Irwin shared stories from his new book with the Studio C audience Saturday night.

## THE FINE PRINT

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### Elks Lodge

Trinidad Order of Elks, Lodge #181 meets 8 p.m. 1st & 3rd Thurs @ 120 South Maple St.

### FRIDAY

#### Old Sopris Reunion

Annual Golf Tournament will be Friday, July 2 @ the Trinidad Golf Course. The annual community celebration "The Sopris Spirit" will be held Saturday, July 3. For more information call Sharon Butero @ 719-846-6594 or Loretta Archuleta @ 303-745-8261.

#### SCR T Opening & Gala

"NONSENSE" Opening Night Friday, July 2, 7:30 p.m. & Gala Evening Showing Sat, July 3, 7:30 p.m. For tickets call 719-846-4765 or go to the SCR Ticket Office at 132 E. Main. St. Trinidad. For more information email <www.SCRTheatre.org>.

### SATURDAY

#### Gideons

Fisher's Peak Gideons Saturday Morning Prayer Group meets @ 7 a.m. every Sat. Call 719-680-0290 for location.

#### La Casa Breakfast

La Casa Monthly Breakfast is 7 a.m. to Noon 1st Sat @ La Casa Lodge in Janzen.

#### Weight Watchers

Meets 9:30 a.m. every Sat @ the Senior Citizens Center, 1222 San Pedro Ave.

#### Curses

FREE Weight Management meetings 1 p.m. 1st Sat every month. Call 719-

846-0700 to register.

### TUESDAY

#### Schools

★PRIMERO – School Board Executive Session meets 5 p.m. Tues followed by open meeting to hire new school superintendent @ the school.

★HOLY TRINITY ACADEMY – School Board Special Meeting 6:30 p.m. Tues @ the Davis Building on the TSJC Campus. Call 859-0740 (Andrea) for more information.

### SUMMER FUN

#### SCR T Main Events

★NONSENSE runs July 2 – Aug 14.  
 ★BABY runs July 9 – Aug 13.  
 ★SQUABBLES runs July 22 – Aug 12.  
 For tickets call 719-846-4765 or go to the SCR Ticket Office at 132 E. Main. St. Trinidad. For more information email <www.SCRTheatre.org>.

#### Trinidad Lake State Park

★DOW Youth Archery Program with Bob Holder - 4 p.m. Sat, July 3 in the Carpois Cove Parking Lot.

★Tales of the Fur Trade with Mountain Man Jack Rudder - 7 p.m. Sat, July 3 @ the amphitheatre.

★Pick & Grin 'Round the Campfire with singer-guitar player Kevin Crosby & singer-mandolin player Mark Huston @ 7 p.m. Sun July 4 @ the amphitheatre. (No charge for events, but all vehicles must have a park pass.)

#### Shuler Theatre

★25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee - July 3 (7:30 p.m. Sat) & 9 (7:30 p.m. Fri).

★God's Man in Texas - 7:30 p.m. July 8 (Thurs), 17 (Sat) & 22 (Thurs)/ 2:30 p.m. Matinee Sun July 18. Call 575-445-4746 or email <www.shulertheater.com> for ticket information. Be sure to ask about upcoming performances of "Fools," by Neil Simon &

"Grace & Glorie," by Tom Ziegler.

### RATON Events

★16th Annual International Santa Fe Trail Balloon Rally July 3-5. Call 575-445-3689 for more information.

★Annual Fireworks Extravaganza by the Raton Fire Dept, downtown @ dusk July 4th. Go to www.ratonnm.gov or call 575-445-9551 for more information.

### Carnegie Library

Summer Reading Program runs July 6 – Aug 7. Free fun for all ages; Registration begins July 6. Call 846-6841 for more information or come on down to the Library.

### Art Community

Special showing by Doug Holdread "The Pinon Canyon Experience" July 9-31 @ the Corazon Gallery, 149 E. Main Street, Trinidad. Works in oil & watercolor. Opening Reception 5 p.m. Fri, July 9 – proceeds to benefit the Pinon Canyon Expansion Opposition Coalition.

### Horse Shows

Fisher's Peak Horse Assn hosts annual Summer Horse Show 10 a.m. July 10 & 24 (Sat) @ the Las Animas County Fairgrounds. Each event offers Halter, Performance & Gymkana events. For more information call 719-846-1521.

### Field Trip

Trinidad History Museum – Sun 10th Field Trip to Camp Amache with Dr. Bonnie Clark & Steve Archer. Cost: \$15 Non-member & \$11 Children age 12 & under, current museum volunteers & History Colorado members with valid membership cards. Registration required by July 1. Call 719-846-7217 or come to the History Museum 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Mon-Sat.

### Aguilar Fest

Seeking vendors for this fun-filled 3-day Street Festival & Flea Market July 16-

18 (Fri-Sun) on Aguilars Main Street. Contact Megan @ 719-859-1834 or FaceBook - Aguilars Fest.

### PUBLIC SERVICE

#### LA County Vets

In order to reduce expenses, the Las Animas County Veteran's Office hours have been reduced to 4 hours per day, from 10 a.m. to noon & 1 - 3 p.m. M-F. The LA County Veterans Service Officer will continue providing transportation for military vets for medical appointments. Contact Nick DeBono in Room 101 of the courthouse or call him @ 719-846-3940 if you need transportation.

#### Noah's Ark

Free Dog & Cat Spay/Neuter Clinic - Fri July 9 & Sat July 10. Appointments are available to low-income residents of Las Animas County (proof of income & animal rabies vaccination required). For more information call 680-2385 during the morning M-F. Sponsored by a grant from Petsmart.

### Raton Centennial

Calling all miners, ranchers, railroaders, educators, artists, history buffs and those interested in celebrating the history of Raton during the 2012 New Mexico Centennial. A community committee to plan and coordinate events and activities is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wed, July 14 @ the International Bank, International Room (upstairs). If you have ideas and are interested in participating, or know someone who might, please join us at the meeting. Many talents are needed. (Information: 575-445-2243.)

### Donation Fund

The family of Alfred Freyta has set up a Medical Donation Fund & is asking anyone who would like to help with his medical expenses to please inquire at the International Bank, 320 N. Convent, Trinidad or call 719-846-1600.

### NM Highlands

★University in Raton will have GED exams July 12 & 13. Last day to register is July 9. Come by 130 Park Ave to register & pick up a GED schedule.

★Fall 2010 admissions to MNHU & registration begin now. Semester starts Aug 23. Call 575-445-0445 for more information or stop by. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. M-F.

### Head Start

Rocky Mountain SER Southern Colorado Head Start is currently accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year. Please stop by 513 Alta St. or contact 846-4391/ 846-6661 for more information.

### School Info

★Trinidad Catholic High - Class of 1965 is planning a reunion for Sept 17th. We are looking for class members: Cynthia Tamez & Carol Jo Zanolelli. Anyone who has information about where they might be please call Shirley Compton @ 846-7583.

★Trinidad High School - Class of 1970 planning 40th Class Reunion in Sept. Looking for class members, Carol Crocker, Donna Garcia, Sylvia Cruz Garcia, Wilbert Garcia, & Kirk Snyder. Please call Pat Mascarinas @ 719-680-8752 or email her @ pmascar3@q.com if you have any information.

### Al-Anon Family

Group meets @ 6 p.m. every Friday in the Presbyterian Church basement, 801 San Pedro. For info call: Sharone 719-846-9999. No fee charged to participate & all are welcome.

### Trinidad AA

Meetings Sun-Thurs. Call 719-671-6066 or 719-546-1173 for details.