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## 23½ HOURS OF CONTINUOUS RACING



Ayden Heltsley jumps in celebration after winning a heat on Saturday in a pinewood derby tournament at the annual Community Celebration of Scouting at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' recreational facility on Butte House Road in Yuba City. Photos by Nate Chute/Appeal-Democrat

# Derby day for the scouts

By Ashley Gebb @ADagebb

It's no wonder Conner Myerson has the sleekest, fastest car of any around.

With a Beale Air Force Base mechanic - his dad - as his crew chief and co-car designer, the father-son duo worked together to paint the sleek black pinewood derby entry with a camouflage hood and USA written on its tail. But it was more likely the weight and aerodynamics of the small wooden racer that snared the 7-year-old the title of Buttes Area District Pinewood Derby Champion on Saturday.

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Dozens of scouts, their families and community members had gathered at the LDS Recreational Facility in Yuba City for an exhausting



Christian Johnson adjusts his car on Saturday before running it in a heat in the pinewood derby tournament.

23½ hours of continuous pinewood derby racing and morning Scout-O-Rama, where Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts showcased their skills.

Starting Friday afternoon, the compact wooden cars began whizzing down the track and did not stop until Conner was crowned champ and his father took first place in the Buttes Area Cup, bringing pride to Pack No. 64.

Conner narrowly edged out Christian

Johnson of Pack No. 389 and his cheese-wedge car to win first place. The Yuba City boy was disappointed by his loss but happy he made it so far with his hand-carved car and the pennies and screws glued onto its undercarriage.

"It feels awesome," he said. Derby entries had been carved and painted to look like sleek sports cars,

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## YUBA COUNTY

# Trash bill 1 vote from Brown

By Ben van der Meer @ABvdmeer

Pending one more vote in the Assembly, a bill closely watched - and opposed - by Yuba County officials will be on its way to the governor.

Assembly Bill 845, by Assemblywoman Fiona Ma, D-San Francisco, would bar a city or county from passing any ordinance affecting trash from being imported into the city or county, if the ordinance is based on from where the trash came.

Though bill proponents said it was designed to get around voter-approved initiatives on landfills in Solano County, Yuba County officials have said the affect is greater.

Yuba County is reviewing elements of a plan, already approved in San Francisco, in which trash from the Bay Area city would be shipped by train to the Ostrom Road landfill near Wheatland, beginning in 2015.

Though the landfill has capacity for San Francisco trash, county officials have said they fear the bill's passage will affect how much say they will have over the conditions for allowing the project to proceed.

"It just doesn't seem morally fair," said Yuba County Supervisor Roger Abe, explaining while cities like San Francisco haven't bothered to go through the process to establish a landfill, the bill punishes places like Yuba County that have.

Rick Paskowitz, a watchdog on Ostrom Road operations, said the bill clearly harms local control in favor of big-city influence.

"For beside the legacy of sneakiness will be the legacy of 'pre-emption of local authority,'" Paskowitz said in an email sent Thursday, after the state Senate

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Fiona Ma Assemblywoman



Roger Abe Supervisor

## CAMPAIGN 2012

# Ayn Rand's legacy nothing to shrug about

By Jay Price The News & Observer

RALEIGH, NC - Even before GOP presidential hopeful Mitt Romney picked US Rep. Paul Ryan as his running mate, a certain selfish, dead and enduringly controversial novelist already was enjoying an unusual boom in university classes, thanks to tens of millions of dollars in grants from a Winston-Salem, NC-based bank.

Now Ayn Rand, heartless arch-villain to some, triumphant free-market oracle to others, is under an even larger national spotlight, thanks to her role as economic muse to Ryan. Dozens of stories, blog items and columns on the Rand-Ryan connection have popped up, and Twitter has been awash in Rand tweets.

Her work is a unique stew of fiction, economics and her own brand of philosophy - Objec-

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ken atheist, supporter of abortion rights and adulteress, she

can seem an unlikely hero for conservatives, at least those most concerned with social issues. Her views on unfettered free markets, limited government and personal responsibility, though - and the way she expressed them - have always been powerful stuff.

Rand has long inspired a dedicated cadre of fans, including John Allison, the former CEO of the bank, BB&T. Like Ryan, Allison was known for handing out

copies of her popular 1957 polemic novel, "Atlas Shrugged," to his staff and others.

In recent years, BB&T's charitable foundation awarded grants to dozens of colleges and universities to support teaching about capitalism, in many cases the moral aspects of free-market economics. The requirements often include teaching "Atlas Shrugged."

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