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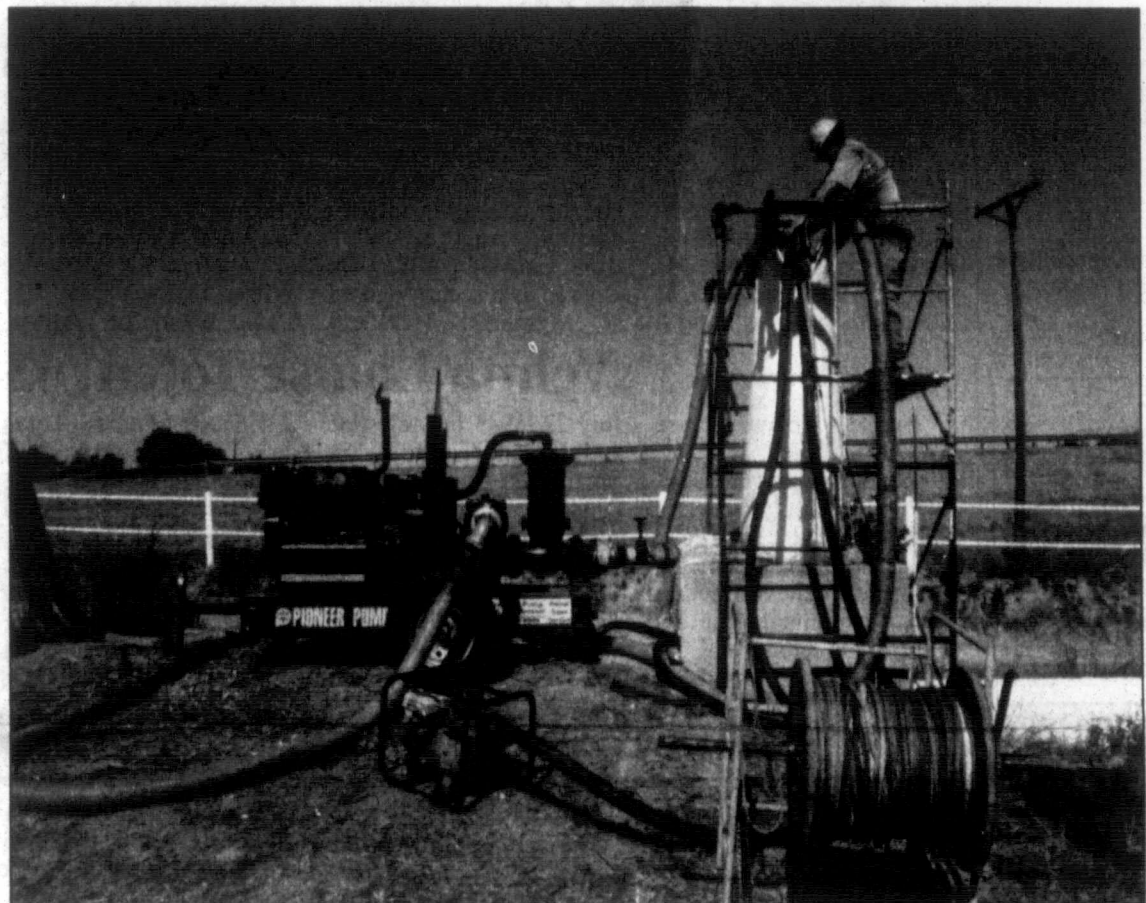
BY DAVID BOWSER
 dbowser@thepampanews.com
 City officials are cracking down on sign stapled or tacked to utility poles in Pampa.
 Public Works Director Donny Hooper said today there is an ordinance prohibiting putting signs in the right-of-way of city streets and on utility poles, but that in the past, it had not been rigorously enforced. He said that was about

to change.
 "We're getting complaints," Hooper said. "It is illegal to put signs in the right-of-ways. As of late, we've had an increased volume."
 He said that in addition to garage sale and yard sale signs, there has been an increased presence of commercial signs advertising various services.
 Hooper said that in the past, the city has removed commercial

signs.
 Now, he said because of the proliferation of signs on utility poles, code enforcement officers would be removing the signs and possibly issuing citations.
 "Citations can be issued for these violations," Hooper said.
 He noted that often it is difficult to determine who has violated city code, such as instances where there are tree limbs left in an alley, but the signs usually have the per-

son's name, address and telephone number.
 Hooper said that in addition to putting up the signs, people tend to leave them and not take them down following the yard or garage sale.
 "There are appropriate places," Hooper said, "where these events can be advertised."
 He said the signs stapled, taped or tacked to utility poles are unsightly.

LANDFILL IMPROVEMENTS



Donald Schiwitz with Insituform adjusts the liner he's inserting in a pipe liner at the Pampa Landfill. Public Works Director Donny Hooper said the cost-saving measures were being performed this month to extend the life of the pipes. "It's less expensive than replacing them," Hooper said.

Two men arrested for theft, drugs

Two men were in Gray County jail today in lieu of bond after being charged with stealing wire and possession of a controlled substance.
 Ashley Bryan Sandlin, 35, of Skellytown, and Cody Ray Wright, 26, of Borger, were in Gray County jail today in lieu of bonds totaling \$10,000 for each man after Gray County sheriff's deputies arrested the duo for stealing wire Sunday morning.
 Authorities said a Gray County deputy was told about 7 a.m. Sunday that two men were stealing wire on Perry Street on Horse Alley. When the deputies drove up to the location a few minutes later, he found Sandlin and Wright next to a late model white Chevrolet Suburban.

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Public hearing to be held on water system

The Pampa City Commission will hold a public hearing for public comments relative to the 2008 Consumer Confidence report for the Pampa Municipal Water System and Water System at Texas Department of Criminal Justice Jordan and Baten units Tuesday beginning at 4 p.m.
 Commissioners will also consider approving a loan and a grant funded by the Pampa Economic Development council for a new business during their regular meeting at Tuesday, July 14.
 The commission will also consider the award of a bid of \$400 for a delinquent tax property, a mobile home, at 800 Locust St., and a bid for \$200 for a tax delinquent property located at 51 E. Foster.

Oil up near \$60 on weaker dollar

PABLO GORONDI
 ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER
 Oil prices rose above \$60 a barrel on Monday, halting last week's falling trend, as investors turned to commodities for protection against a weaker dollar and after attacks on oil facilities in Nigeria.
 By mid-afternoon in Europe, benchmark crude for August delivery was up 19 cents to \$60.08 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. On Friday, the contract fell 52 cents to settle at \$59.89.
 Earlier Monday, prices fell as low as \$58.88, as investors continued to fret about global economic growth and crude

demand.
 The dollar was down against the euro and the yen on Monday, luring investors to commodities like oil and gold as a hedge against the inflation risks posed by a weaker dollar.
 The euro rose to \$1.3963 from 1.3936 late Friday in New York, while the dollar was worth 92.26 Japanese yen, down from 92.34 yen.
 Prices have fallen \$14 a barrel, or 19 percent, since June 30 after poor unemployment data from the U.S. and Europe sparked doubts that the global economy was poised for a strong recovery this year.
 "There's been a shift in market sentiment," said Victor Shum,

an energy analyst with Purvin & Gertz in Singapore. "Earlier this year, there was a lot of talk about green shoots. Now the focus is on the green shoots shriveling."
 KBC Market Services in London said oil prices could easily fall to around \$50 a barrel if investment funds drew out of commodities.
 "Mounting stocks of oil around the world reflect the reality that oil demand remains on its knees," KBC said. "Market fundamentals are weak, and if anything getting worse rather than better."
 Traders will be looking this week to the first big batch of second quarter corporate results
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Helton to represent Bloomer Trailers on National High School Rodeo Team

Logan Helton has been chosen to represent Bloomer Trailers out of hundreds of high school rodeo athletes across the United States. The Bloomer Trailer team consists of 35 team members representing eight states.
 Helton will be competing in the bull riding, calf roping and team roping events.
 Helton has qualified for the Texas High School

Rodeo Finals for the past four years in bull riding, team roping and calf roping. He qualified for the National High School Rodeo Finals in 2007 representing Texas in bull riding. He raises bucking bulls "Helton Bucking Bulls". Logan is a recent graduate and will attend college in the fall and compete on a University Rodeo Team. Logan is currently competing in the PBR,

CBR and the PRCA. He is the son of Wade Helton and Jenny Gillispie.
 He lives in Pampa and he was home schooled because he traveled so much. According to the Bloomer staff, he has scholarship offers from several colleges—full ride for music and rodeo, but has not yet decided which college he will attend. He can play several instruments, sing, has

his own stock contracting company and competes in high school rodeo, PRCA, CBR, and PBR.
 Helton and the rest of the Bloomer team will be competing against approximately 1200 other contestants at the International Finals Youth Rodeo in Shawnee Oklahoma July 13-18. The IFYR also known as the Cheyenne of High School Rodeo prepares you to move up to the next level, it offers 11 performances of the top high school rodeo action, it has 3 arenas running simultaneously, and more than \$200,000.00 payoff. The best of the best compete at Shawnee and it is the coveted win in a High School Rodeo career.
 Team members are chosen to represent Bloomer Trailers not only on their
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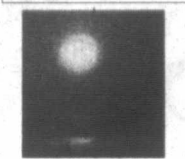
PAMPA FORECAST

Tuesday



High 86
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Wednesday



High 82
Low 62

Thursday



High 86
Low 62

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 75. South southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tuesday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 102. Southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 72. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 pm. Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 98. North northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 am. Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. South southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north northeast.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 pm. Partly cloudy, with a high near 92. Calm wind becoming south southeast around 5 mph.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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Emergency Services

SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests over the weekend.

Saturday
Charles Ray Carroll, 40, of Wentzville, Mo., was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of public intoxication.

Gene Marchman, 49, of Pampa, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of public intoxication.

David Price Farrar, 47, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa police officers on assault charges involving a family member.

Gloria Gonzales Lopez, 42, of Borger, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of driving while intoxicated, not having a drivers license and not having liability insurance.

Ashley Bryan Sandlin, 35, of Skellytown, was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of theft of wire or cable containing 50 percent aluminum, bronze or copper worth less than \$20,000 and possession of a controlled substance, more than one gram but less than four grams.

Cody Ray Wright, 26, of Borger, was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of theft of wire or cable containing 50 percent aluminum, bronze or copper worth less than \$20,000 and possession of a controlled substance, more than one gram but less than four grams.

Maurilio Contreras Martinez, 33, of Canadian, was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of driving while intoxicated, third offense.

Monday
Mario Montevalvo, 40, of Pampa, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Kristol Nichole Rodriguez, 20 of Pampa, was arrested by Pampa police officers on a traffic warrant charging her with not wearing a seat belt.

AMBULANCE

Guardian EMS responded to the following calls between 7 a.m. Sunday and 7 a.m. Monday.

Sunday
4:37 p.m. -- An MIC unit responded to the 100 block of Huff and transported one person to the Pampa Regional Medical Center.

4:49 p.m. -- An MIC unit responded to the 2800 block of Hobart and took one person to the Pampa Regional Medical Center.

9:33 p.m. -- An MIC unit responded to the 1200 block of Duncan and took one person to the Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:25 p.m. -- An MIC unit responded to the 1300 block of Barnett and took one person to the Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Monday
1:31 a.m. -- An MIC unit responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky and took one person to the Pampa Regional Medical Center.

4:10 a.m. -- An MIC unit transported one person from the Pampa Regional Medical Center to the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

Obituaries

Wayne Ivey, 76

Pampa— Wayne Ivey, 76, died July 12, 2009, in Pampa, Texas.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Ivey was born October 30, 1932 in Hedley. He married Maggie Talley on November 10, 1948 in Pampa. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1953. Wayne worked for the Texas Railroad Commission for 20 years before his retire-

ment. He was the former owner and operator of Ivey's Cushman Motor Scooters and worked for Cabot Machinery for 10 years. He was a member of CrossPointe Church.

Survivors include his wife, Maggie Ivey of the home, four sons; Tom Ivey and wife Cara, and Gary Ivey and wife Stephanie, all of Amarillo, David Ivey and wife Peggie and James Ivey and wife Kim, all of Pampa, a sister; Janie

Gibson and husband Lloyd of Clarendon, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

MEMORIALS: American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, Virginia 22312, or CrossPointe Church, 711 E. Harvester, Pampa, Texas 79065.

Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whatley.com



Ivey

N. Morris Wilson, 74

Beaumont, TX: (Special) — Graveside services for Mr. N. Morris Wilson, 74, of Beaumont, TX will be at 10:00 A.M. Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery in Canadian, TX with Rev. Lewis Holland, officiating. Burial will follow under the direction of Hughs Funeral Home of Canadian, TX.

Mr. Wilson passed away Saturday, July 11, 2009 in Beaumont, TX.

Mr. Wilson was born April 4, 1935 in Hemphill County, TX to the late Mr. Joseph Wilson and Mrs. Ora (Brooks) Wilson. He was a 1955 graduate of Canadian High School

and went on to attend McMurray College in Abilene, TX. While living in Canadian he was the general contractor for various remodels, such as the Moody Building in the late 1970's and the addition to the Hemphill County Library as well as many new home construction in the local area. He was also a volunteer for the Canadian Fire Department.

Mr. Wilson was a past State Officer for the Jaycee's Civic Organization in Pampa, TX in the 1960s. He moved to the Golden Triangle area in 1998 from Canadian, TX. He worked as a security guard at Memorial Hermann Baptist Beaumont Hospital in Beaumont, TX. He was also a member of Trinity Methodist Church in Beaumont, TX. He was preceded in death by 5 brothers and 2 sisters.

He is survived by two sons, Kevin Wilson and wife Pam of Wilmington, NC; Robert Wilson and wife Neysia of Iowa Park, TX; two brothers, Rhea Wilson and wife Pat and Kelly Wilson and wife Lee all of Canadian, TX; one sister, Mabel Woods of Canadian, TX; four grandchildren, Jerome Wilson of West, TX; Graham Wilson of Austin, TX; Brittnee Wilson of Iowa Park, TX; David Wilson of Wallace,

NC and many friends.

The family will greet friends at the First Christian Church on Monday, July 13, 2009 from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Viewing will be available at the First Christian Church Chapel at 402 Purcell Ave in Canadian.

The family suggests memorials be made to Baptist Hospital of Southeast Texas Foundation, Attn: Kristie Young, P.O. Drawer 1591, Beaumont, TX 77704.

You may send condolences online at www.hughsfuneralhome.com.

Velma Louise Toten, 63

Pampa—Velma Louise Toten, 63, died July 11, 2009, in Pampa, Texas.

Private family services will be held at a later date. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Miss Toten was born

July 22, 1945 in Muleshoe and attended schools in Springlake-Earth and Dimmitt. She was preceded in death by her parents; William M. and Martha Toten, and by a brother.

Survivor include her brother, William Toten and wife Susan of Pampa;

a nephew, Matthew Toten and wife Tammy of Pampa, and their children, J. D. and Monica of Pampa and Randall of San Diego, California; a niece, Maria Zamora and husband Manuel and their children, Anthony and Alyssah of El Paso; an aunt, Ethel Pratt

of Panhandle and special friends Don and Nancy Snider of Pampa.

Sign the on-line register at HYPERLINK "<http://www.carmichael-whatley.com>" www.carmichael-whatley.com

Emergency Services

PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents over the weekend.

Officers made 37 traffic stops and worked four accidents. They responded to 28 animal-related calls.

There were 24 suspicious person, prowler or suspicious vehicle reports.

Friday
Officers performed a welfare check.

A ladder at Attebury Grain Elevator was reported damaged.

Phone harassment was reported in the 900 block of Twiford.

Officers responded to an alarm in the 1800 block of North Holly Lane.

A vehicle was reported stolen in the 1900 block of Alcock.

A civil matter was reported in the 2600 block of North Hobart.

Phone harassment was reported in the 1100 block of Seneca Lane.

A medical emergency was reported in the 500 block of North Gray.

A theft was reported in the 400 block of North Zimmers.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 500 block of South Barnes.

A medical emergency was reported in the 1300 block of North Duncan.

A medical emergency was reported in the 1100 block of North Starkweather.

A bicycle was reported stolen in the 1400 block of Somerville.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1200 block of North Christine.

A civil matter was reported in the 400 block of East 17th.

A medical emergency was reported in the 1100 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of South Wells.

A threat was reported in the 500 block of North Lowry.

Saturday
Officers performed a welfare check in the 300 block of Sunset.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block of North Davis.

An assault was reported in the 100 block of West 30th.

A 911 hang up call was reported in the 1300 block of North Hobart.

A burglary was reported in the 2200 block of North Coffee.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of North Wells.

Officers responded to an alarm in the 1900 block of North Holly Lane.

Property was reported found in the 1700 block of North Hobart.

A back door was damaged and \$50 in cash, a gun, a laptop computer were reported stolen in the 1700 block of North Hobart.

A civil matter was reported in the 2600 block of North Hobart.

A civil matter was reported in the 500 block of North Nelson.

A gas drive off was reported in the 1000 block of West Wilks.

A medical emergency was reported in the 1500 block of Kentucky.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 400 block of North Perry.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of South Banks.

A medical emergency was reported in the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of North Faulkner.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 400 block of North Perry.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 600 block of Jupiter.

Phone harassment was reported to the police department.

A civil matter was reported in the 1800 block of North Evergreen.

A brick was thrown

through a window of a 1990 Ford 250 truck in the 2400 block of North Comanche.

Sunday
A domestic disturbance was reported at Francis and Purviance.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of Kingsmill.

A medical emergency was reported on County Road D.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1200 block of South Barnes.

A door in the 1800 block of North Dwight was kicked in.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of North Sumner.

Officers responded to a medical emergency in the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

A digital camera, \$100 in cash and a class ring were taken and a back door and desk were damaged in the 1700 block of North Hobart.

Officers responded to an alarm in the 2200 block of Hobart.

A house was spray-painted and a car was scratched in the 1000 block of East Browning.

Officers responded to a medical emergency in the 1200 block of Duncan.

An in-dash stereo was taken from a vehicle in the 400 block of North Perry.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1600 block of East U.S. 60.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of North Somerville.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 2100 block of North Wells.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 600 block of North Nelson.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

A 60-inch television and a bicycle were reported stolen in the 1000 block of Neel Road.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1200 block of North Russell.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1400 block of North Dwight.

Violation of a protective order was reported in the 700 block of North Magnolia.

Water was shut off at a building in the 600 block of Reid.

A person was stopped in the 1800 block of North Hobart on suspicion of driving while intoxicated.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1400 block of West Somerville.

A burglary was reported in the 500 block of West Brown.

More than \$21,000 in damages were reported after vandals threw a wreath, three lounge chairs, yard table with umbrella, two metal chairs, lawn ornaments, three yard lights and a riding lawn mower were thrown into a swimming pool in the 1800 block of Dogwood Lane.

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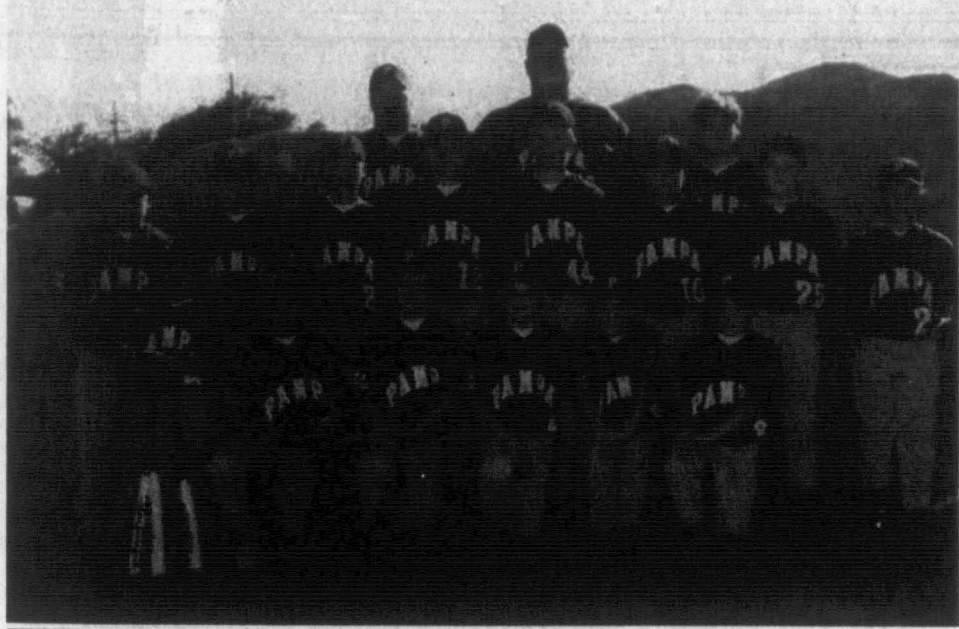
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All Star team goes for championship



The 2009 Pampa 9-10 All Stars will be playing for the Cal Ripken District 1 Championship Monday night at the Pampa Optimist Park at 6 p.m. The team qualified for the state round to be played at The North Randall County facility in Amarillo starting Saturday, July 18. Pictured in the front row are: Bat Boy Mason Wilson, Brant Logan, Carson Eubank, Bryson Paronto, Bandon Seick and Brendon Woelfle. Middle row: Jared Lake, Chance Butler, Zach Wilson, Braden Fry, Kyndan Lott, Adam Zuniga, Bryson Burrell and Bradey Porter. Back row: Manager Roy Lott, Coach Chris Porter, Coach Jeanna Zuniga

Pampa 12 year old All Stars go 2-2 in tourney

The Pampa 12 year old all stars went 2-2 in the annual Cal Ripken district tournament held this weekend in Amarillo.

On Saturday morning, Pampa squandered a 7-3 lead, by allowing 7 runs in the top of the fifth to the North Randall County 12 year old team. Pampa's late comeback fell one run short, as they lost by a score of 10-9. Aaron Allen, Cade Engle, Ethan Hunt and Tom Haley each had one hit for Pampa. Allen, Engle and Hunt each scored 2 runs.

In game 2, Pampa bounced back to defeat High Plains, by a score of 10-3. Allen had 2 singles and a triple and scored 3 runs. Hunt added 2 doubles. Ryan Powell, Engle, Blayne Troxell and Rhett

Harden each added a hit. Hunt and Brody Gaines each pitched 3 strong innings for Pampa.

On Sunday, Seminole opened up a close game by scoring 4 runs in the bottom of the 4th and Pampa found themselves on the short end of an 8-3 game. Allen had 2 more singles, Hunt added a single, Troxell had a single, and Gaines added a double. Jacob Nelson walked twice and scored a run.

On Sunday afternoon, Pampa rebounded to trounce the North Randall County 11 year old team by a score of 12-4. Hunt pitched 4 shutout innings and helped his own cause with 3 hits, including a single, double and a long 2-run home run over the left field fence. Allen contin-

ued his torrid hitting pace by adding 3 more singles, including 2 bunt singles. Engle added a single and a triple. Powell added 2 singles, Troxell had a single, Casey Martindale added a single, and Gaines had a single. Jacob Nelson went 2 for 2 with a single and double. Pampa successfully attempted 3 suicide squeeze plays during the game.

Solid defense and baserunning were contributed by Chance Douglas and Nathan Furgason. The team will travel to Seminole for the state tournament beginning Saturday July 18th. The winner of that tournament qualifies for the Regional tournament held in Springdale, AR.

Stimulus funds available for public sector energy

Stimulus Funds Available for Public Sector Energy Improvements

(AUSTIN) — The U.S. Department of Energy has approved Texas' plan to use more than \$218 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds to assist state and local governments hit by tight budgets and increasing pressure to cut energy consumption and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The stimulus funds will be administered by the State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) to help state agencies, local governments, school districts, public colleges and universities, public hospitals and municipal utilities pay for energy-saving upgrades and installations.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for agencies in state and local government to move forward with projects that will save valuable taxpayer dollars through energy efficiency and help Texas meet clean air goals and reduce its energy use," said Texas Comptroller Susan Combs, whose agency includes SECO.

Most of the stimulus dollars — \$158.2 million — will go to a revolving loan program similar to SECO's successful LoanSTAR program. SECO will accept applications for loans up to \$10 million, at 2 percent interest, for energy-saving

projects such as high efficiency heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems; high efficiency lighting; improving insulation; adding reflective window film; and automating energy management systems and equipment controls. Borrowers repay the loans with money saved from utility costs. Then SECO uses the repaid money to make more loans.

Projects that save the most energy per dollar spent will receive priority. The state plans to meet the U.S. Department of Energy's goal to save 10 million BTUs of energy annually for every \$1,000 spent. Ready-to-go projects are also leading contenders for ARRA funding.

More information about the revolving loan program and other energy-related programs receiving economic stimulus funds is posted on the Comptroller's SECO ARRA Web site at www.seco.cpa.state.tx.us/arra/. In August, government entities can check this site for loan and grant applications and timelines and sign up to receive updates on SECO ARRA programs.

In addition to the revolving loan program, \$16.9 million in ARRA funds will provide grants for proj-

ects such as traffic signal synchronization, replacing signal lights with LEDs, purchasing alternative fuel vehicles and equipping alternative fueling stations for government vehicles. Grants totaling \$30 million will help public entities install renewable energy technology, including solar, wind, biomass, hydroelectric and geothermal. Using \$6 million in stimulus funds, SECO will partner with the Texas Workforce Commission to train workers for jobs in energy efficiency and renewable energy industries. And \$5 million will be spent on energy education and outreach to help reduce Texas' energy consumption.

Theft

The deputy arrested the two in connection with the theft of aluminum, copper and bronze wire.

Officers obtained a warrant to search the Suburban, authorities said, and found

a substance believed to be methamphetamine.

Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman set bonds today at \$5,000 for each man on charges of theft of wire or cable worth less than

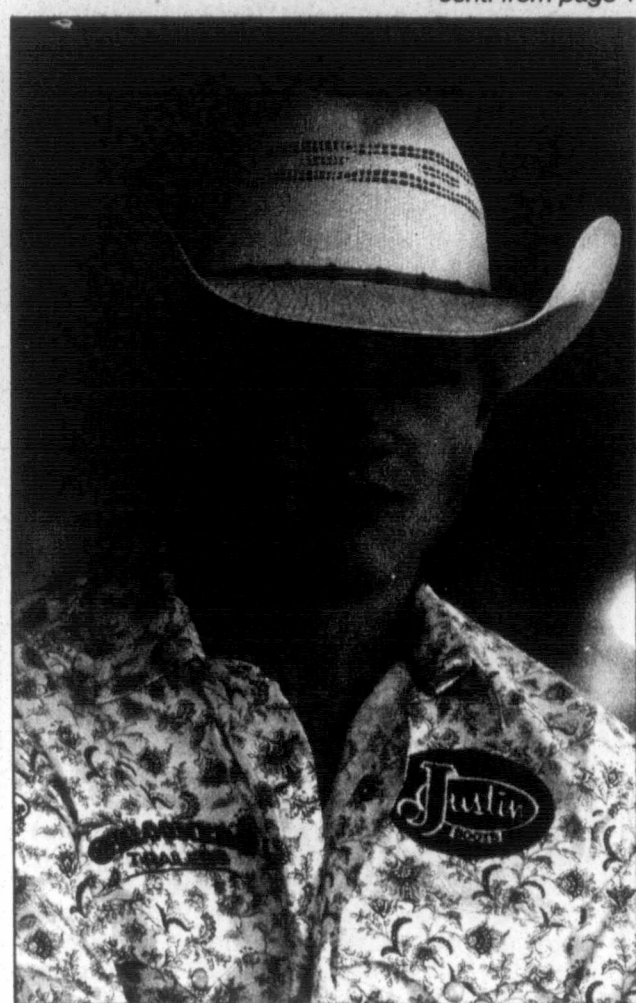
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\$20,000 and \$5,000 bonds for each man on charges of possession of a controlled substance, greater than one gram but less than four grams.

Rodeo

ability to win in their event, but also based on moral character, attitude, competitive spirit and leadership ability. "Becoming a champion is not easy, it takes hard work, perseverance and dedication to get to the top and stay at the top of any field. Loagan has all the qualities of a winner and we are proud to have him on our team" said Randy Bloomer, owner of Bloomer Trailers.

The majority of the Bloomer team members will go on to compete at the college and pro level. The Bloomer Trailers program works hard with the team members leading up to the competition in several areas including: obtaining sponsors, interviewing for television and radio, the business side of rodeo, professional photo shoots, and focusing on being a winner in and out of the arena. They work with several Professional Rodeo Cowboys that are Bloomer Trailers Pro Team including Josh Peek, Tuff Hedeman, Joe Beaver, Cody Ohl and many others. They are all trained by legendary commentator Pam Minick and interviewed by The Roping Show for a future episode. Bloomer team members also work with such companies as Justin Boots, Panhandle Slim, Cinch Jeans, Cruel Girl Jeans, Southern Thread and many others that look at each one as the



Logan Helton

future of pro rodeo.

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ing bulls "Helton Bucking Bulls". Loagan is a recent graduate and will attend college in the fall and compete on a University Rodeo Team. Loagan is currently competing in the PBR, CBR and the PRCA. He is the son of Wade Helton and Jenny Gillispie.

Oil

for clues about economic growth. Investors will also be eyeing data on housing starts, retail sales and industrial production.

"Expectations are that most companies are going to report poor results and a conservative outlook," Shum said. "It's not unreasonable to expect crude prices to move down to the mid-\$50s over the coming days and weeks."

Traders have been disappointed by evidence of weak gasoline sales in the U.S. over the Independence Day holiday weekend of

July 4, a time that usually marks the peak of gasoline demand for the summer.

"The U.S. summer driving season has been a non-event for a second year in a row," Shum said.

In Nigeria, Africa's largest crude exporter, militants said they had attacked an oil depot and loading tankers in the country's populous economic center of Lagos.

The militants say they are fighting to force the federal government to devote more oil-industry funds to the southern region, which

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remains poor despite its bounty of natural resources.

Attacks over the past years have cut Nigeria's oil output by about 25 percent.

In other Nymex trading, gasoline for August delivery was up 0.11 cent at \$1.6516 a gallon and heating oil dropped 0.44 cent to \$1.5291. Natural gas for August delivery slid 9.8 cents to \$3.275 per 1,000 cubic feet.

In London, Brent prices were up 53 cents to \$61.05 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange.

Longtime North Texas reporter dies

DALLAS (AP) — North Texas television reporter Brett Johnson, known for his folksy style, has died. He was 48.

Dallas-Fort Worth television station KXAS reports that Johnson died Sunday at Baylor All Saints Hospital in Fort Worth. He'd been admitted to the hospital after complaining of stomach pain. His family says he was diagnosed with pancreatitis, which led to other complica-

tions.

Johnson was a reporter at KXAS for 13 years. He joined KXAS after working several years at Dallas-Fort Worth television station KDFW. He previously worked in Waco, Wichita Falls and Oklahoma City.

He graduated from Eastern Hills High School in Fort Worth and Stephen F. Austin University. He lived in Fort Worth.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Monday, July 13, the 194th day of 2009. There are 171 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On July 13, 1793, French revolutionary writer Jean-Paul Marat was stabbed to death in his bath by Charlotte Corday, who was executed four days later.

On this date:

In 1787, Congress enacted an ordinance governing the Northwest Territory.

In 1863, deadly rioting against the Civil War military draft erupted in New York City. (The insurrection was put down three days later.)

In 1886, Father Edward Joseph Flanagan, the founder of Boys Town, was born in County Roscommon, Ireland.

In 1960, John F. Kennedy won the Democratic presidential nomination at his party's convention in Los Angeles.

In 1972, George McGovern claimed the Democratic presidential nomination at the party's convention in Miami Beach, Fla.

In 1979, four Palestinian guerrillas stormed the Egyptian Embassy in Ankara, Turkey, killing two guards and taking some 20 hostages. (The guerrillas surrendered 45 hours later.)

'Individuality is freedom lived.'

— John Dos Passos
American author (1896-1970)

In 1985, "Live Aid," an international rock concert in London, Philadelphia, Moscow and Sydney, took place to raise money for Africa's starving people.

Ten years ago: Angel Maturino Resendiz, suspected of being the "Railroad Killer," surrendered in El Paso, Texas. (Resendiz was executed in 2006.)

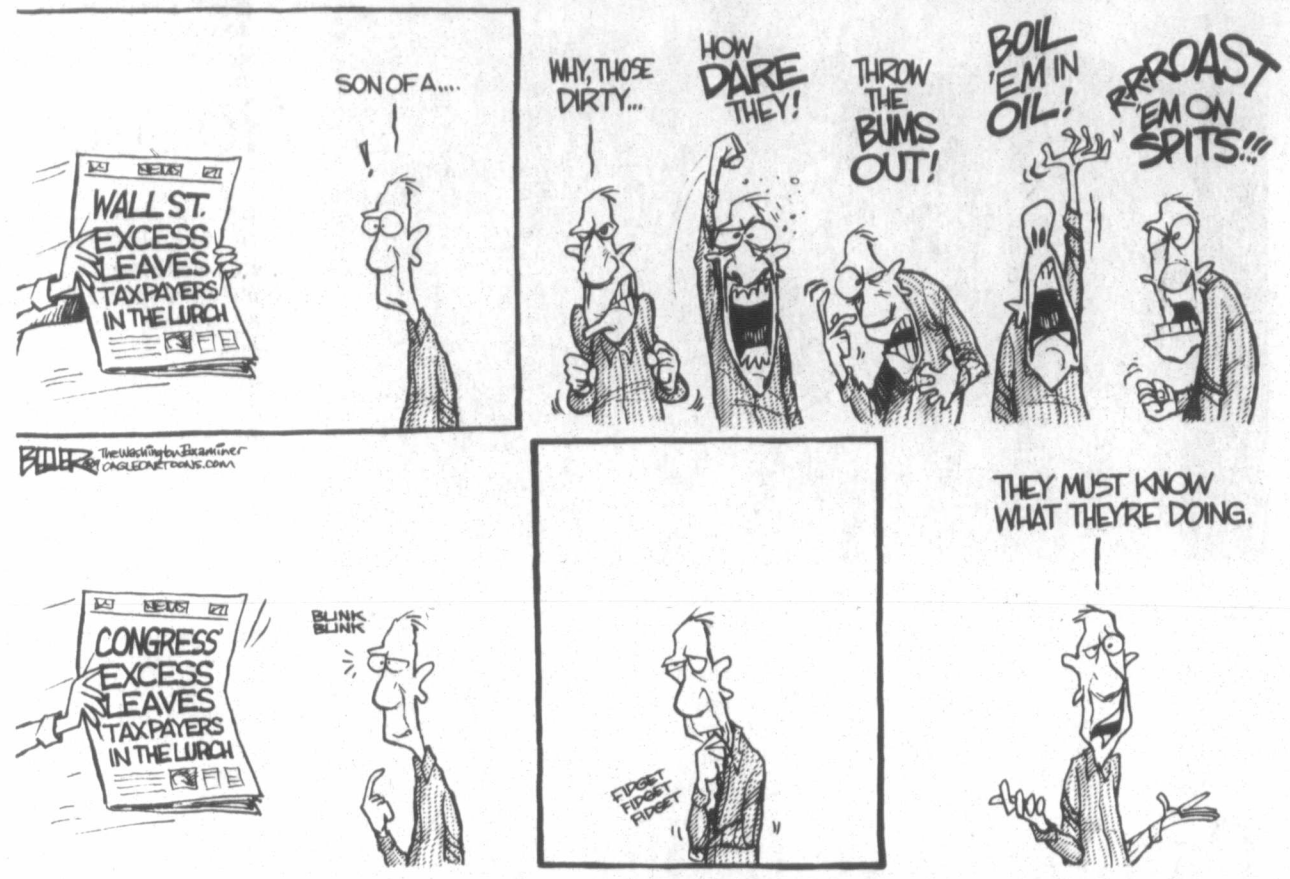
In Tehran, police fired tear gas to disperse 10,000 demonstrators on the sixth day of protests against Iranian hard-liners. The American League won the All-Star Game for the third straight time, defeating the National League 4-1 at Boston's Fenway Park.

Stanley Kubrick's final film, "Eyes Wide Shut" starring Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman, had its premiere in Los Angeles. (The movie opened in wide release three days later.)

Five years ago: A confidant of Osama bin Laden's (Khaled bin Ouda bin Mohammed al-Harbi) surrendered to Saudi diplomats in Iran and was flown to Saudi Arabia. The American League cruised past the National League 9-4 in the All-Star game at Minute Maid Park in Houston.

One year ago: An assault by militants on a remote U.S. base in Afghanistan close to the Pakistan border killed nine American soldiers and wounded 15. Anheuser-Busch agreed to a takeover by giant Belgian brewer InBev SA. Talk show host Les Crane died in Greenbrae, Calif., at age 74.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Patrick Stewart is 69. Actor Robert Forster is 68. Actor Harrison Ford is 67. Singer-guitarist Roger McGuinn (The Byrds) is 67. Actor-comedian Cheech Marin is 63. Singer Louise Mandrell is 55. Writer-director Cameron Crowe is 52. Tennis player Anders Jarryd is 48. Rock musician Gonzalo Martinez De La Cotera (Marcy Playground) is 47. Country singer-songwriter Victoria Shaw is 47. Bluegrass singer Rhonda Vincent is 47. Actor Kenny Johnson is 46. Country singer Neil Thrasher is 44. Singer Deborah Cox is 36. Edmonton Oilers defenseman Sheldon Souray is 33. Rock musician Will Champion (Coldplay) is 31.



Editorial Opinions from Texas Newspapers

Austin American-Statesman on U.S. Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor:

Even before Sonia Sotomayor, the president's nominee to the U.S. Supreme Court, appears before the Senate Judiciary Committee this week, we have a powerful notion of what the outcome will be.

Barring a major bombshell, Sotomayor, now a federal appeals court judge in New York, will get the votes she needs out of committee to set up a confirmation from the full Senate.

Before that, however, players in the political drama will take full advantage to play to their power bases so that their approbation or objection to the judge's nomination will be widely distributed.

The committee is unlikely to unearth anything we don't already know about Sotomayor. If confirmed, she will become the first Hispanic and the third woman to be appointed to the court.

She was raised in the Bronx, she attended Princeton and did quite well there, and she has an overall moderate record on both the district and appellate court bench.

On criminal cases, she voted to affirm criminal convictions 92 percent of the time, reversed 2 percent of the criminal convictions she reviewed and sent the reminder back to the trial court. So, we know she's not soft on crime.

The Wall Street Journal examined her finances and determined she isn't much of a saver but noted that she can look forward to a comfortable judicial retirement, so she doesn't have to be.

She also has more courtroom experience that most of the incumbent Supreme Court justices.

While much will be made of the Supreme Court's reversal of the New Haven firefighters case in which she participated, remember that she was one in a panel that rendered an unsigned, one-paragraph opinion. The case alleged reverse discrimination, and the panel's opinion somehow has become Sotomayor's sole intellectual property by opponents of her nomination who are only too happy to paint with the broadest of brushes.

The actual circumstances, as University of Texas Law Professor Lucas Powe Jr. explains on the next page, are much more nuanced. Nuance has no place in a political campaign, and that is what this has become.

Both sides have mounted slick, well-financed efforts and claim to be educating the public. They're not. They are pushing a point of view.

The only difference between this and any other political campaign is that we have a very good idea how this one will end. Sotomayor has the education, the experience and the judicial temperament to sit on the nation's highest bench. Most important, she's got the votes.

Nonetheless, every objection by people who find something to be offended about in one of her rulings, opinions or speeches will be heard. U.S. Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Alabama, and the judiciary committee's ranking Republican, is urging his colleagues to slow down the confirmation. This is the same senator who urged his colleagues to speed up the confirmation of Justice Samuel Alito. ("Let's not leave it hanging out there," Sessions said. "We don't need to read everything he has written.")

Hypocritical as it is, that's the system. And even given the hypocrisy, it's not all bad.

Neither Princeton nor the federal bench is known as a breeding ground for humility, so it might even be healthy for the judge to listen to reasonable opposition to her nomination.

The process will lose credibility, though, if hijacked by distortion, hysteria and just plain bigotry. We have seen plenty of examples of all those.

The hyperventilated hyperbole issuing from Sotomayor's opponents doesn't change, nor will it change, one very obvious fact: If she is not confirmed for whatever reason, the Democratic president is going to nominate someone of a similar bent.

Judiciary committee members should set an example of civility and respect as they handle Sotomayor. They are participating in history, after all, and don't want to go down as narrow-minded partisans bent on putting on a show with no substance.

The Dallas Morning News on Texas litter:

When you hit the highway for that midsummer getaway, you can learn a lot about the other drivers barreling down the road.

The guy in the pickup must be a Big Mac man since he just tossed a McDonald's bag out the window. Perhaps he was aiming for the bed of his

truck, but the wind delivered his trash to the ditch.

The college kids in the Mustang appear to have had a wild night. They dumped their empty beer bottles on the side of the road.

And the lady in the Lexus seems to love lattes. She pitched her Starbucks cup when she thought no one was looking.

Amazingly, after more than two decades of being told, "Don't mess with Texas," the state is still populated with plenty of lazy litterers. In a 2007 study, more than half of the Texans surveyed said they litter and those are just the people who admit to this dirty little secret.

Fortunately, Don't Mess with Texas is here to help.

The program, sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation, is offering friendly reminders that trash belongs in a bag.

If you spot illicit littering, jot down the offender's license plate number and a few details about when and where the trash tossing occurred. Use the "Report a Litterer" form on the campaign's Web site, and Don't Mess with Texas folks will take it from there.

Only law enforcement officials can enforce litter laws, but Don't Mess with Texas takes a good-humored approach to a serious issue. The program sends a letter and a litter bag to reported litterbugs just in case they don't have a trash receptacle within arm's reach.

The state of Texas should not be forced to remind you that car windows don't double as garbage disposals. But if you're at loss for what to do with all those cigarette butts, the bag can be yours for the low, low price of free.

And the offer's not limited to litterers. Neatniks who already do the right thing can request a free litter bag and Don't Mess with Texas bumper sticker online.

The campaign that captures the essence of Texas has always been creative in its efforts to reprimand those who would dare sully our state. But they need Texans to be their eyes on the ground. So, when you see a soda can go flying out a car window, take cover and take good notes.

Odessa American on the Federal Reserve:

Whether an honest audit of the Federal Reserve would raise questions about whether the United States really needs a central bank with the kind of power the Fed currently enjoys as Rep Paul no doubt hopes is a question for another day. For now, auditing the Fed is an idea whose time has come.

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Deputy's use of scent ID targeted in lawsuits

VICTORIA, Texas (AP) — The only dog handler in Texas who uses scent to identify suspects in crimes is named in two lawsuits amid increasing criticism of a practice that defense attorneys say can be hopelessly imprecise.

The Victoria Advocate reported Sunday that the work of Fort Bend County sheriff's Deputy Keith Pikett led to 62 days in jail for Calvin Lee Miller before the Yoakum native was cleared in the robbery of one elderly woman and sexual assault of another.

A swab of Miller and the scent from the assault victim's sheets were sent to Pikett, whose three bloodhounds indicated Miller's scent was on the sheets.

The other lawsuit involves a former Victoria County sheriff's captain who became a murder suspect based on scent evidence.

No laws or regulations govern scent lineups, but they're admissible in courts across the nation. Only tighter oversight can keep shoddy scent IDs from becoming key evidence, a growing number of critics say.

"This is junk science. This isn't even science. This is just junk," said Jeff Blackburn, chief counsel for the Innocence Project of Texas. The group works to free wrongfully convicted inmates and started to

investigate Pikett recently. The premise for scent identification revolves around two things: Dogs have a keen sense of smell — sometimes 10,000 times more sensitive than humans — and everyone has a unique scent.

Supporters say it can be a reliable and important part of law enforcement when lineups are closely regulated and human interaction is limited.

Critics contend scent IDs are easily influenced by human involvement such as the use of a leash during a lineup; the presence of many scents on evidence or in scent lineups; and the fact that humans must speak for dogs in court.

Even supporters say great care must be taken if scent lineups are to be considered reliable.

"As a dog handler, you'd better be acting as a scientist," said Steve Nicely, a police dog handler who has since served as a defense witness. "Otherwise, you're acting on myth and folklore."

Pikett's scent work led to a search warrant for the house of former Victoria County sheriff's Capt. Michael Buchanek during the 2006 investigation of the high-profile murder of Child Protective Services worker Sally Blackwell in Victoria.

The deputy's dogs walked from a spot where

Blackwell's body was found to her home about five miles away, then to Buchanek's home nearby. Through a scent lineup, authorities obtained a search warrant. Another man eventually pleaded guilty in the case.

Rex Easley, an attorney for Buchanek and Miller, criticized Pikett's use of a leash and said the evidence was contaminated with countless other scents. An expert hired by Easley blasted Pikett's work.

The lineup was "the most primitive evidential police procedure I have ever witnessed," said Bob Coote, who worked with police dogs in the United Kingdom. "If it was not for the fact that this is a serious matter, I could have been watching a comedy."

Pikett's attorney, Randy Morse, said his supervisors haven't set guidelines for his work because he's the only one who understands it. Morse said he had advised his client not to comment.

Some prosecutors and investigators support scent identification because it can offer leads where there were none.

San Jacinto County District Attorney Bill Burnett used Pikett as an expert witness to prosecute three codefendants in a murder case. One was convicted of murder, another of capital murder and the



(AP Photo/Victoria Advocate/Bill Clough) Fort Bend County Deputy Sheriff Keith Pikett gives his bloodhound "Clue" a sent to seek during a scent lineup on a church parking lot in Rosenberg, Texas.

third was acquitted. "I felt like this evidence was certainly credible," Burnett said.

The Scientific Working Group for Dog and Orthogonal Detection Guidelines is drafting a list for scent lineups. The group will likely suggest an international board to oversee certifying agen-

cies, said Kenneth Furton, chairman of the federally funded group. Even with certification, Furton said, no criminal case should be built on scent lineups alone.

The 43-year-old Miller, who was initially targeted because police knew him as a habitual nonviolent offender, said he moved

away from Yoakum after his arrest. Easley said the former high school football player still doesn't understand how he ended up in jail.

"His question was, 'If I didn't do it, how could those dogs say I did it?'" Easley said. "And I told him dogs can't talk."

More storms threaten shuttle launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA faced the prospect of more stormy weather Monday as it tried for the fifth time to launch shuttle Endeavour to the international space station.

NASA began loading about 500,000 pounds of liquid oxygen and hydrogen into the huge orange external tank in a process that will take about three hours.

Thunderstorms prevented Endeavour and seven astronauts from blasting off Sunday evening. Forecasters said there was a 60 percent chance the weather would force yet another delay Monday evening for the space station construction mission.

"It's just not our day for the weather," launch manager Mike Moses said following the latest postponement.

"We'll be ready," commander Mark Polansky said.

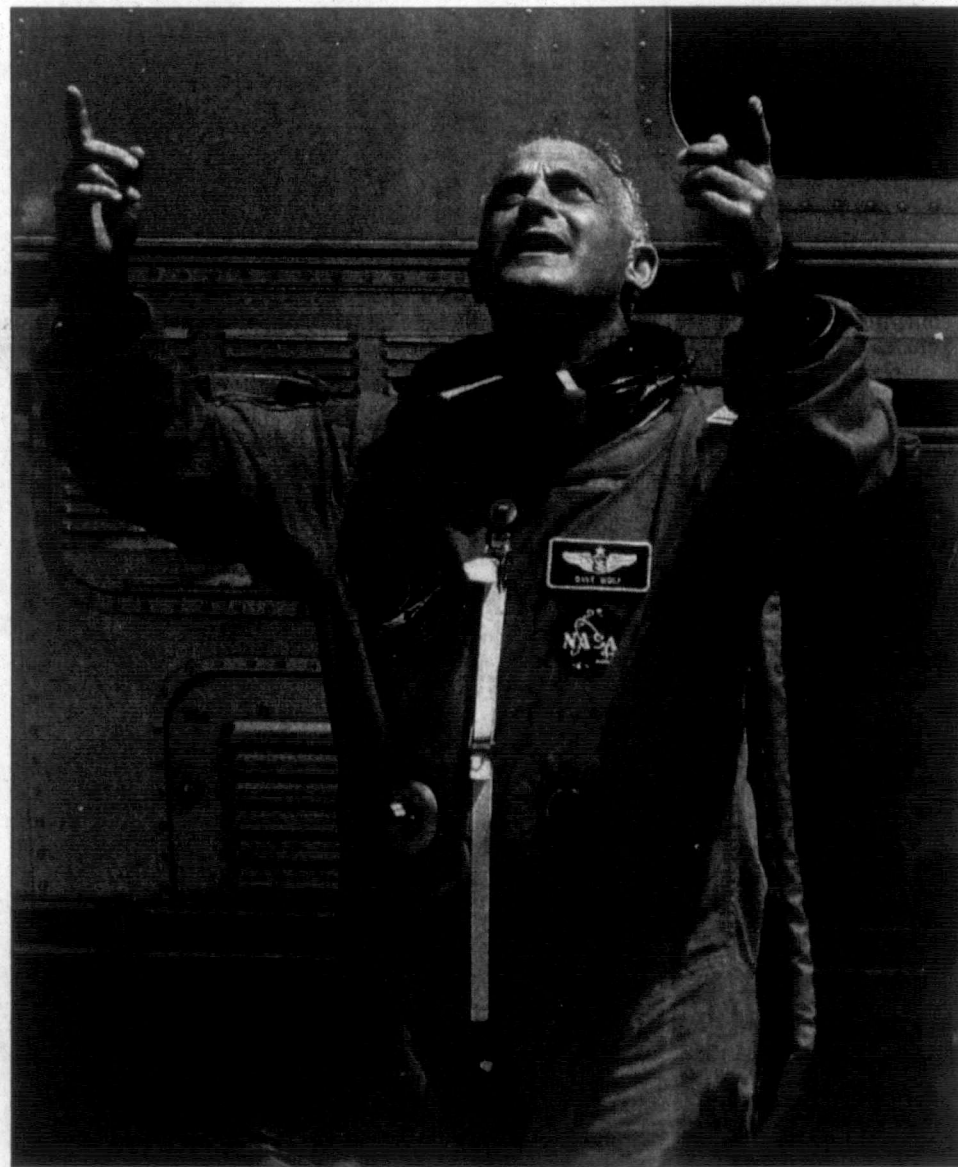
NASA has until Tuesday, possibly Wednesday, to launch Endeavour with the final piece of Japan's space station lab. Otherwise, it will have to wait until the end of July because of a Russian supply ship that's awaiting liftoff.

Sunday's countdown made it all the way to the nine-minute mark before the liftoff was scrubbed.

Saturday's launch attempt was foiled several hours in advance by a series of lightning strikes around the pad that required extra checks of the many critical shuttle systems. Back in June, hydrogen gas leaks held everything up.

No leaks popped up this time, thanks to all the repairs. The tight plumbing allowed Polansky and his crew to board the shuttle for the first time for a real launch try.

Endeavour holds the third and final segment of Japan's enormous \$1 billion space station lab, named Kibo, or Hope. It's a porch for experiments that need to be exposed to the vacuum of space. The



(AP Photo/John Raoux) Space shuttle Endeavour mission specialist David Wolf points to the sky after leaving the Operations and Checkout building to board the shuttle with the rest of the crew at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla., Sunday, July 12, 2009. Endeavour is scheduled to lift off this evening on a mission to the International Space Station.

shuttle also is loaded with large spare parts for the space station and hundreds of pounds of food for the six station residents.

When the shuttle astronauts finally arrive at the space station, they will make up the biggest crowd ever in a single place in orbit: 13 people.

Endeavour will spend nearly two weeks at the space station. In all, the flight will last 16 days. Five spacewalks are planned to hook up the Japanese lab's new porch, replace space station batteries and perform other maintenance.

Heat warnings are still in effect — stay cool! Don't forget your pets!



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY:

I would like to make my father's final years of life happy ones. The problem is, Dad is a bigot. He is loud, opinionated and verbally abusive to and about people. Visiting him is stressful because I know the conversation will, at some point, turn to how terrible a certain person, country or political persuasion is. He is ill-informed yet convinced he is right.

My father is also not willing to forgive anyone who has hurt him. He thrives on anger and hate. It saddens me that his last years are so rooted in unhappiness and negativity. I don't know how to create lasting, loving memories -- for both Dad and me. Any suggestions would be appreciated. -- OUT OF IDEAS IN NEW ORLEANS

DEAR OUT OF IDEAS:

Your impulse is noble, and I respect you for it. But your father didn't suddenly become the way he is. What you have described are the patterns of a lifetime.

You might have better luck if you limit your time with him, and when you visit and he goes off on a tangent, smile and say, "Dad, we get to spend so little time together -- let's talk about happy things." If that doesn't improve this situation, you might be able to retrain him by saying, "Dad, if you're going to go on like this, then I can't stay."

But please accept the fact that you are not going to change your father. Change has to come from within.

DEAR ABBY:

My wife has recently become bulimic, and it is having an impact on our family. I have looked into treatment centers where patients can go for two to six weeks and receive constant care and help, but they are very expensive. Where can someone go to get help that does not cost an arm and a leg? -- NEEDS HELP FAST IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR NEEDS HELP FAST:

The first thing you must do is see that your wife is examined by her medical doctor to determine whether the bulimia has harmed her body. Then she needs to be evaluated by someone who treats bulimia to find out how serious her problem is. Inpatient treatment is expensive, but your wife's condition may not be so serious that it is warranted.

A daytime program in which she could return home at night might work for her, and it is less expensive. Another possibility would be ongoing therapy once or twice a week, which is even less costly. Some programs charge on a sliding scale.

Public agencies such as the Department of Social Services or Mental Health Services may have therapists who are qualified to treat bulimia at reduced rates. Or depending upon your family's financial situation, she might qualify for treatment under Medicaid.

An organization that may be able to guide you is the National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders Inc. (ANAD). While ANAD does not offer treatment, it does provide information about self-help groups, therapy and referrals to professionals. For more information, visit its Web site at www.anad.org or call (847) 831-3438.

DEAR ABBY:

I am a budding photographer and have recently framed and hung a montage of some scenic photos I took on my bathroom wall. The problem is, my husband says that photographs do not belong in the bathroom. What do you think? -- DEFLATED EGO

DEAR DEFLATED:

Actually, your husband may have a point. The steam and dampness could damage your prints. So ask him where he thinks a more appropriate place to display them might be, and see if anything "clicks" so you can reach a compromise.

Sudoku

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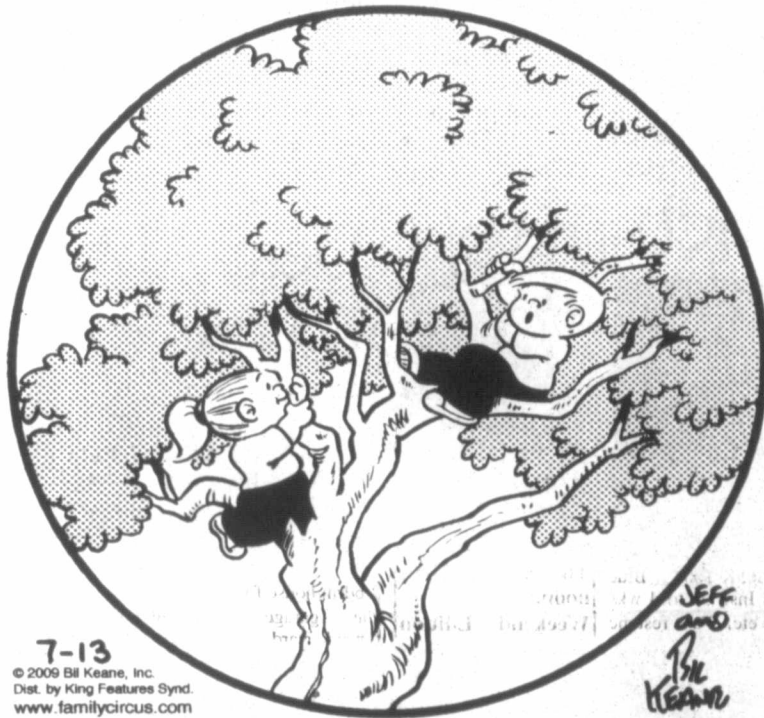
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"My dad says Marmaduke is a hybrid dog 'cause he runs on dog food and water."

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By Bil Keane



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"Don't climb higher than me, Dolly. Some of the guys are watching."

Daily Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 1 Monday morning feeling
 - 6 Makes finer
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 - 23 Make a mistake
 - 27 Comic Martin
 - 29 Like gymnasts
 - 30 Hide out
 - 32 Coop group
 - 33 Pooh-poohs
 - 35 Boater or bowler
 - 38 Prefix with pad or taxi
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 - 45 Telegraphy pioneer
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- 1 Bikini top
 - 2 Moon craft
 - 3 "What Kind of Fool —?"
 - 4 Pool platforms
 - 5 Baseball's Rusty
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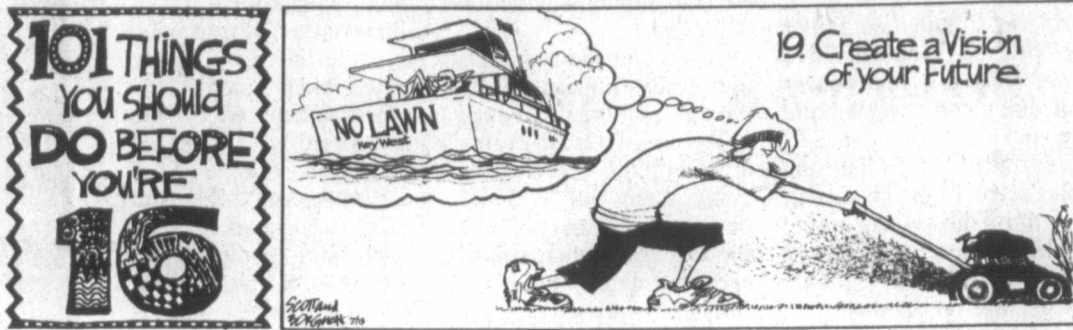
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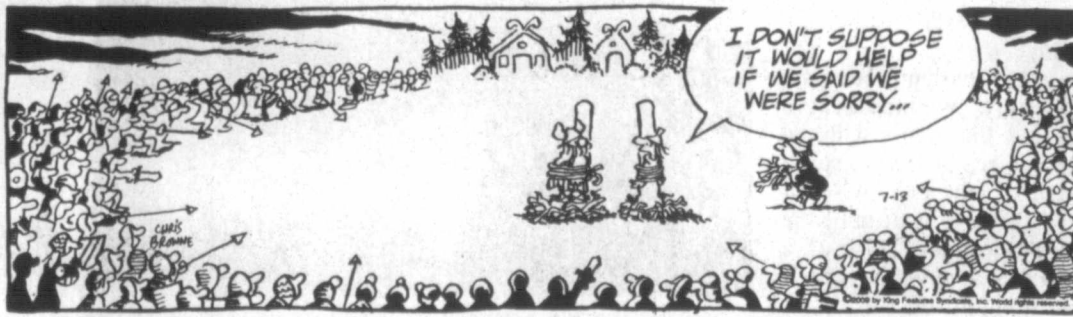
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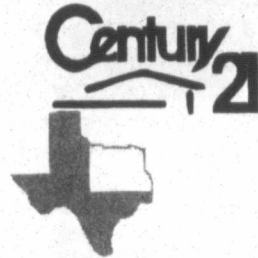
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have:
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ***** Count on your energy and ability to get past problems. If you enjoy yourself and understand what is going on, you will be able to move through a problem. Listen to suggestions more carefully, as you are on autopilot. Tonight: Ask and expect to receive.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ***** Listen to what others are saying and read between the lines. Use your intuition if you need to make a decision. You are best off doing a lot of listening and evaluating. Try to dive into work and get your job done. Tonight: Yawn — early to bed.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ***** Zero in on what you want. You could be exhausted from a current situation. Listen to what others share with an open mind. Someone you care about understands much more than you

think. Friends and co-workers play significant roles, whether you like it or not. Tonight: Where people are.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ***** A must appearance could cause you a lot of tension. Don't let this happen. Know where you are going and why. If you have an opportunity to make a change or adjust your role in an uncomfortable situation, do. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ***** If you want a job done exactly as you like, do it yourself. The smart move will be to delegate, or not be so controlling. If others have a vested interest, the quality of the project, interaction or situation will be improved. Listen to news with a bit of skepticism. Tonight: Say "yes."
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ***** Deal with others directly, knowing that a lot could unfold. No matter how you handle a personal matter, you always wonder if you could have done something differently. Enjoy the key people in your life through acceptance. Tonight: Dinner for two.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ***** Others demand a lot of attention. The true question remains: Can you handle what is on your plate? Please honor your limits. You don't need to ingratiate yourself to anyone. Tonight: Sort through your options.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ***** All work and no play will not work ultimately. Look in the mirror, are you going overboard in one area of your life? Perhaps you might want to make an adjustment rather than pay the ultimate cost of leading a one-sided issue. Tonight: Get a lot of exercise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ***** Your imagination calls up many different alternatives. How do you see someone and what goes on could make a huge difference. Lighten up and allow more playfulness into your life. Creativity flows into your life. Tonight: Add more to the night.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ***** Understand what is going on with a family member, roommate or your domestic life. Be more aware of what is happening behind the scenes. Be careful with signing any agreement today. Tonight: Mosey on home.
AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb. 18)
 ***** Listen to news, but also ask questions. Someone might be exaggerating because he or she wants to make you happy. Clear up this situation nicely, or just accept it, depending on what type of impact this person has. Tonight: Visit with a dear friend.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ***** Scrutinize your budget. Understand your limits. Know what you want to do. Sometimes you simply cannot see eye to eye with others, no matter how hard you try. Think in terms of both of you being right, not in black-and-white terms. Tonight: Pay bills first.

BORN TODAY
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Saturday's Cryptoquote: THE HEAD LEARNS NEW THINGS, BUT THE HEART FOREVER MORE PRACTICES OLD EXPERIENCES. — HENRY WARD BEECHER

Shelton helps Mariners beat Rangers 5-3

SEATTLE (AP) — Chris Shelton made a nice impression on his new team and hurt his former club with one swing Sunday.

Shelton and Rob Johnson hit consecutive RBI singles with two out in the seventh inning, leading the Seattle Mariners to a 5-3 win over the Texas Rangers.

Shelton hit .216 in 41 games with the Rangers last season and agreed to a minor league deal with the Mariners in December. He batted .319 with 12 homers and 64 RBIs for Triple-A Tacoma before he was promoted Wednesday.

He grounded out in Friday's 6-4 loss to Texas in his only at-bat before coming up big Sunday in another pinch-hit appearance.

"I don't want to say you get used to it but just as long as you are prepared when you get called, that's the biggest thing," Shelton said of pinch hitting. "I was ready ... and I put a good swing on it today."

All-Star Ichiro Suzuki had two hits and drove in a run for the Mariners, raising his batting average to .362 and extending his hitting streak to 11 games.

Hank Blalock and Nelson Cruz homered for the Rangers. Cruz will participate in the home run derby Monday night in St. Louis.

Derek Holland and Darren O'Day (2-1) combined to retire the first two batters in the Seattle seventh, but Ken Griffey Jr. followed with the first of four straight singles for the Mariners. C.J. Wilson replaced O'Day after Franklin Gutierrez's hit put runners on first and



(AP Photo/John Froschauer)

Seattle Mariners second baseman Jose Lopez leaps out of the way as Texas Rangers' Andruw Jones is forced out at second on a ball hit by Marlon Byrd, who was safe at first during the fourth inning of a baseball game in Seattle on Sunday, July 12, 2009.

second.

Shelton then lifted a full-count pitch just over shortstop Elvis Andrus, driving in pinch-runner Josh Wilson. Johnson hit C.J. Wilson's next pitch to the same spot to score Gutierrez.

"C.J. makes a pitch on Shelton. He catches it at the end of the bat and pushes it over," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "Then Johnson gets another. It doesn't matter how you get the hits. They got them and plated two runs."

Miguel Batista (6-3) pitched 1 1-3 innings to get the win and David Aardsma got three outs for his 20th save in 22 chances.

Seattle won three of four against the Rangers

to improve to 46-42 heading into the All-Star break. They were 37-58 at the break last season.

"If we were winning one way, it would be hard to say we are a good team," Suzuki said through an interpreter. "But with so many people contributing, it shows that we are a good team."

Erik Bedard walked four in 5 2-3 innings, but limited Texas to two runs and three hits. The left-hander got two key double plays to help him get out of trouble.

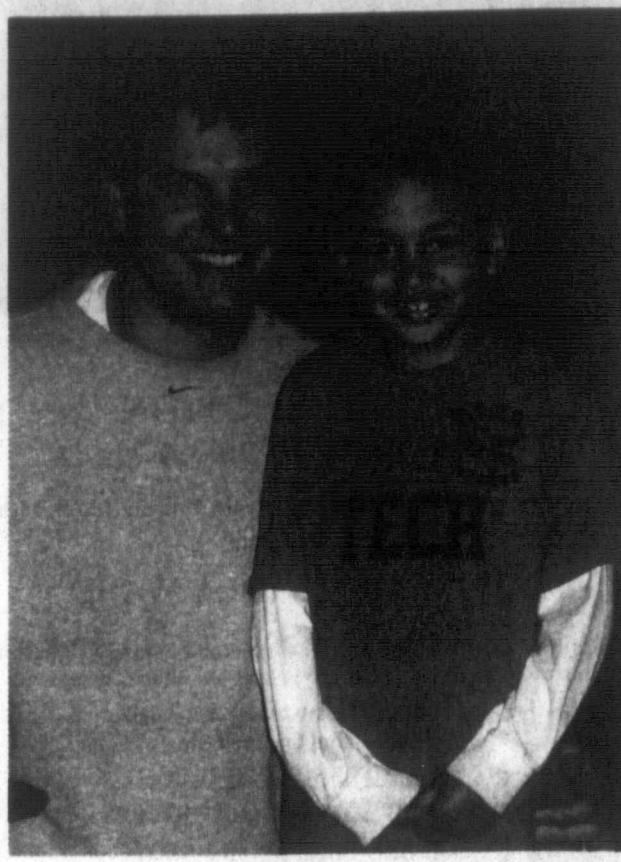
Rangers starter Dustin Nippert wasn't as fortunate, failing to make it out of the fourth inning. Holland entered after Ronny Cedeno's single loaded the bases with two

out. Suzuki made it 2-0 with an infield hit and Russell Branyan walked with the bases loaded to force in another run.

The Rangers tied it in the sixth. Blalock hit a two-run drive off Bedard for his 19th homer and Cruz hit Batista's first pitch for his 22nd of the season.

NOTES: Seattle 3B Adrian Beltre, who had shoulder surgery June 30, is at least another five weeks away. "The reports are that its gone real well," manager Don Wakamatsu said. "We're almost having to slow him down." ... For the Mariners, Garrett Olson (3-2) will lead off the second-half rotation Thursday followed by Felix Hernandez (9-3), Jarrod Washburn (6-6) and Bedard (5-2). ... Rangers SS Omar Vizquel, who lives in the Seattle area in the offseason, surprised his coaches and teammates by bringing his three kangaroos into the clubhouse before the game.

... The Rangers rotation to open the second half, beginning Friday, will be: Vicente Padilla (7-4), Scott Feldman (8-2), Tommy Hunter (1-1) and Kevin Millwood (8-7).



submitted photo by Teresa Dyson

Graham Harrell, former Texas Tech quarterback, poses with Chase Landers, son of Shelby and Stacy Landers of Pampa. According to Teresa Dyson, Chase's first grade teacher this year at Wilson Elementary (and the photographer for this photo), Harrell was in town recently as the best man in a wedding. Dyson's daughter was also in the wedding, so she arranged for the quarterback and the first grader to meet for this photograph at the rehearsal. Chase has told his teacher that he, too, wants to be a quarterback when he grows up.

GM workers going back online at Arlington plant

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Workers are returning to the General Motors Assembly Plant in Arlington for the first time in nearly two months.

The factory's 2,400 employees are set to be back on the assembly line Monday morning, welding and bolting together Chevrolet Tahoe, GMC Yukon and Cadillac Escalade sport utility vehicles.

They haven't worked since May 18

after General Motors Corp. closed 13 North American factories for two months to slash inventory. The company filed for bankruptcy during the shutdown.

Starting probably in September, a new labor contract will shift the work week to four 10-hour days. For now, regular eight-hour days will be in place.

The Arlington plant is GM's only full-size SUV factory.

Ark. man gets \$25M award Texas hotel suit

MARION, Ark. (AP)—InterContinental Hotels Group, owners of Holiday Inn Worldwide, has been ordered by a court to pay \$25 million in fraud damages over its dealings with an Arkansas man involving a hotel in Texas.

A Crittenden County Circuit Court jury decided on the award Friday to Hotel Associates, owned by J.O. "Buddy" House of West Memphis, according to

Tim Dudley, a lawyer for House.

The award consists of \$13 million in compensatory damages and \$12 million in punitive damages.

The suit claimed that InterContinental Hotels Group, Bass PLC and later Six Continents, committed fraud in dealings with House on a Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Cocaine seized after driver abandons truck

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Authorities working a check point for drivers license and insurance violations seized 22.2 kilograms of cocaine from a tractor-trailer after the driver abandoned the truck.

El Paso County sheriff's deputies noticed the 18-wheeler pull on to the shoulder before the check point Friday evening and thought the driver looked suspicious.

Authorities said witnesses reported that the man fled the scene in a pickup truck before officers checked the semitrailer.

After the driver disappeared, police dogs were used to locate the drugs.

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Ruble down on lower oil prices, rate cut

Russia's ruble edged down against the U.S. dollar Monday to its lowest level in at least two months as the decline in oil prices accelerated.

The ruble dropped to 33.04 against the dollar on the MICEX currency exchange as of 1000 GMT, and to 38.95 against the two-currency basket comprising dollars and euros. That is a 1.2 percent drop from Friday, when the Central Bank decided to cut interest rates in an attempt to boost the economy and banking system.

The ruble is traded in a managed float within a range of 26 to 41 against this basket of targeted currencies by the Central Bank to avoid large fluctuations. Policymakers have repeatedly asserted they will not allow sharp drops in the currency.

But the ruble remains vulnerable to the fluctuating price of oil, a cornerstone of Russia's econ-

omy. Lower interest rates and can weaken a country's currency.

Monday's weakening of the ruble came as U.S. crude dropped to \$59.55 per barrel, reflecting growing investor pessimism about the prospects for global economic growth. The price of oil has fallen by \$14 per barrel since June 30.

An effort to encourage banks to boost lending to the real economy and cut interest rates came into effect Monday when the Central Bank lowered refinancing rates by half a percentage point to 11 percent.

Russia's economy is likely facing its first recession since the aftermath of the 1998 financial crisis. Gross domestic product plunged by 9.8 percent in the first quarter this year, reversing nearly a decade of economic gain. A recession is typically defined as two consecutive quarters of negative growth.

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