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## Police: meth lab in plain sight

### Infant removed from home

BY BETSY PHILLIPS  
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Five people were arrested in Pampa yesterday for allegedly manufacturing methamphetamine.

A Pampa Police officer located a strong chemical odor coming from a residence at 621 Lowry early Wednesday morning and Pampa Fire Department personnel were called in to help locate the smell.

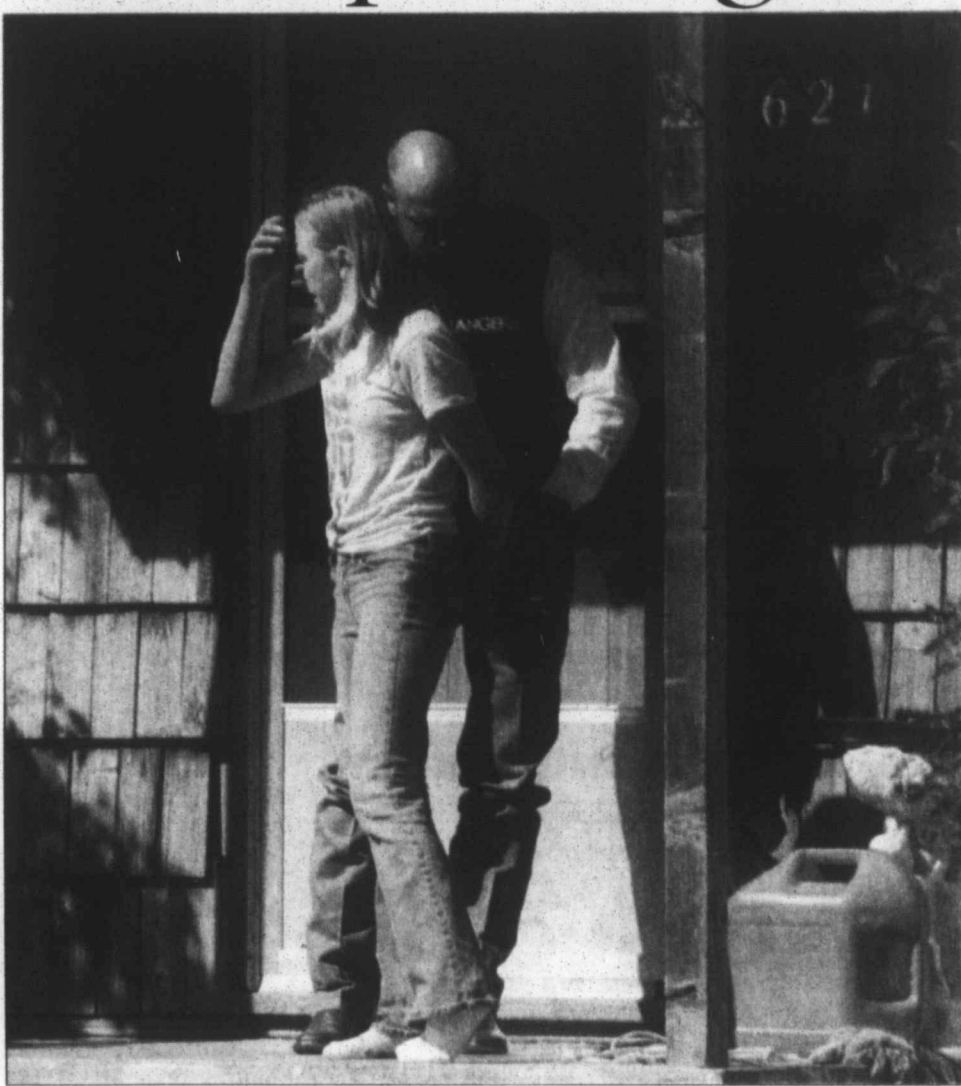
What they found upon investigation, police officials say, was an active methamphetamine laboratory in the yard, in plain

sight. Pampa Police obtained a search warrant for the two residences. Pampa Police and the local Texas Ranger executed the warrants.

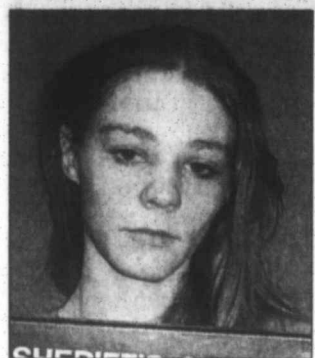
Officers, firefighters and paramedics surrounded the house until about 10 a.m., when a line of armed officers hit the back door of the home. A second line of officers, guns drawn, entered the side door of another structure behind the house.

Additional methamphetamine and drug parapher-

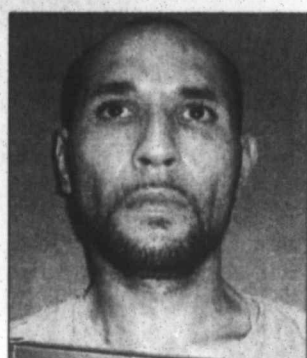
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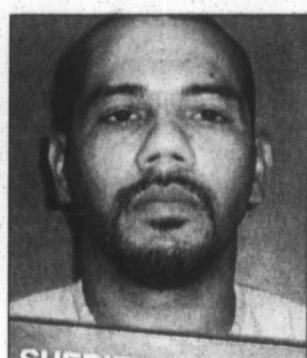
Above, one of the suspects in an alleged live meth lab bust is placed in handcuffs at the scene at 621 Lowry in Pampa Wednesday, June 24. At right, police enter one of the two houses on the property after obtaining a warrant.



Kayla Breann Middleton



Henry Palacios, Jr.



Jose Palacios



Dorothy Vaughn



Amanda Woodard

## Meet Mr. D II Saturday on garden tour



staff photo by David Bowser

Keith Vanderpool stands on the deck of his home overlooking his koi pond with Mr. D visible swimming around in it. The pond will be one of the ones on the garden tour this weekend.

BY DAVID BOWSER  
 dbowser@thepampanews.com

Sitting above Meadowlark Creek where it flows into Red Deer Creek is the home of Mr. D II who lives in Keith's pond.

Those who go on the Koi Pond and Garden Tour this weekend will get to meet both.

Philip and Gladys Vanderpool moved here a few years ago with their son Keith.

With a lot of hard work, Philip and Gladys resurrected a garden that had become overgrown with grass and weeds with a variety of plants and several tons of flagstones for a path. He went on to build a small recirculating waterfall and stream.

"It's Phil's and Gladys' garden," Gladys said with a laugh, "and Phil's waterfall and stream."

But the showplace of the home's landscaping is Keith's koi pond below the deck at the back of the house.

"If it weren't from him," his mother said, "we wouldn't even be on the

tour." "This is Keith's pond," Philip said. "He saved his money. He was working, and he paid for it."

Keith is the one who decided where to put it.

Koi are carp that have been bred for over a thousand years for their variety of colors. Indeed, goldfish were developed from koi. Although koi are thought to have originated in China, they were introduced to Japan several hundred years ago where using koi to decorate small ponds became immensely popular. That popularity has spread to Pampa with this weekend's annual koi and Pond Tour.

"Keith has been going to the pond tours with me," Gladys said, "and he loved Loyd Waters' Mr. D. He has a fish named Mr. D."

Waters, a moving force behind the koi and Pond Tour, has a large golden koi named Mr. D in honor of a friend, Lance DeFever, who gave the original Mr. D to Waters. Gladys said Keith wanted a Mr. D.

Waters told Keith that if

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**Friday:** Sunny, with a high near 95. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.  
**Friday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Saturday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 94. Southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.

**Saturday Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 67. Northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Sunday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 86. East northeast wind around 10 mph.

**Sunday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 63. East wind around 5 mph becoming south.

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There are no obituaries today.

## Emergency Services

### AMBULANCE

Sunday's Guardian EMS responses, continued from yesterday's edition.

4:26 p.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 800 block of west Twenty-fifth street, one patient was transported to PRMC.

5:16 p.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 800 block of west Twenty-fifth street, one patient was transported to PRMC.

8:04 p.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 900 block of Finley, no transportation was necessary.

8:15 p.m.—An MICU unit responded to PRMC and transported one patient to the 800 block of west Twenty-fifth street.

11:48 p.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 400 block of Starkweather, one patient was transported to PRMC.

Monday  
3:11 a.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 1400 block of west Somerville, one patient was transported to the PRMC.

Guardian EMS responded to the following calls during the period between 7 a.m. Monday, June 22 to 7 a.m. Tuesday, June 23.

Monday  
9:53 a.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 600 block of north Nelson and transported one patient to Panhandle Regional Medical Center.

11:17 a.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 1200 block of north Wells and transported one patient to Odyssey Healthcare.

12:35 a.m.—An MICU unit responded to an auto accident at the intersection of Kingsmill and Gray and transported two patients to PRMC.

2:57 p.m.—An MICU unit responded to PRMC and transported one patient to a nursing facility in Amarillo.

4:08 p.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 1200 block of east Browning and transported one patient to PRMC.

2:29 p.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 800 block of west Twenty-fifth street and transported one patient to PRMC.

5:05 p.m.—An MICU unit responded to PRMC and transported one patient to the 800 block of west Twenty-fifth street.

6:47 p.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 2200 block of north Dwight and transported one patient to PRMC.

10:50 p.m.—An MICU unit responded to PRMC and transported one patient to Baptist St. Anthony's. Tuesday

3:43 a.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 1000 block of Neel Road, no transportation was necessary.

4:16 a.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 1300 block of west Kentucky and transported one patient to PRMC.

5:00 a.m.—An MICU unit responded to PRMC and transported one patient to the 1300 block of west Kentucky.

5:55 a.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 2900 block of Rosewood and transported one patient to PRMC.

Guardian EMS responded to the following calls during the period between 7 a.m. Wednesday, June 24 to 7 a.m. Thursday, June 25.

Wednesday  
7:36 a.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 700 block of Lowry for a standby.

10:04 a.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 12,000 block of Highway 60 and transported one patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:43 a.m.—An MICU unit responded to PRMC and transported one patient to the 2200 block of Kentucky.

2:13 p.m.—An MICU unit responded to PRMC and transported one patient to North West Texas Hospital.

8:58 p.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported one patient to PRMC.

10:42 p.m.—An MICU unit responded to PRMC and transported one patient to the 1500 block of West Kentucky.

12:34 a.m.—AN MICU unit responded to the 8300 block of the Cole Addition and transported one patient to PRMC.

3:25 a.m.—AN MICU unit responded to PRMC and transported one patient to North West Texas Hospital.

### FIRE

The Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the period from 7 a.m. Wednesday, June 24 to 7 a.m. Thursday, June 25.

7:09 a.m.—Five units and nine personnel responded to the 600 block of Lowry for a Hazmat report.

5:53 p.m.—One unit and three personnel responded to the 1400 block of Williston for a life assist.

12:28 a.m.—One unit and three personnel responded to the Cole Addition for a medical assist.

The Pampa Police Department responded to

the following calls during the period between 7 a.m. Wednesday, June 24 to 7 a.m. Thursday, June 25.

Wednesday  
Animal Control Officers responded to 19 calls or stops.

### PAMPA PD

Pampa Police Officers made three traffic stops, had six followup investigations, made one welfare check, responded to three agency assist requests, and responded to three requests for information.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 600 block of North Lowry.

Fraud was reported in the 300 block of North Hobart, where a fake \$20 bill was passed.

A suspicious person was reported in the 400 block of South Graham, at the intersection of Twenty-first and Hamilton, in the 1100 block of Gwendolyn Ave., and in the 1500 block of North Sumner.

Theft was reported in the 300 block of West Thirtieth where cash was stolen from a wallet and in the lobby of Pampa Police Department a person reported the theft of a stolen gun.

Criminal mischief was reported in the lobby of PPD.

A civil matter was reported in the 600 block of North Sumner.

Two incidences of harassing phone calls was reported in the lobby of the PPD.

Criminal trespass was reported at the intersection of Seventeenth and Coffee.

Forgery was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner, where checks were stolen and forged.

An auto accident was reported in the 300 block of North Thirtieth.

A prowler was reported in the 2100 block of Williston and in the 700 block of East Murphy.

Thursday  
A suspicious vehicle was reported at the intersection of Randy Matson and Charles and in the 900 block of Barnard.

An harassing phone call was reported in the lobby of the PPD.

### SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Department made the following arrests during the period between 7 a.m. Wednesday, June 24 and 7 a.m. Thursday, June 25.

Wednesday  
Amanda Nicole Woodard, 25, of Lefors, was arrested for manufacturing and delivery of a controlled substance.

Dorothy Jean Vaughn, 26, of Pampa, was arrested for manufacturing and delivery of a controlled substance.

Jose Ray Palacios, 31, of Pampa, was arrested for manufacturing and delivery of a controlled substance.

Henry Palacios, Jr., 34, of Pampa, was arrested for manufacturing and delivery of a controlled substance.

Kayla Breann Middleton, 18, of Pampa, was arrested for manufacturing and delivery of a controlled substance.

Michael Douglas Crocker, 29, of Pampa, was arrested on two counts of bond surrender on forgery.

Russell Allen Owen, 43, of Pampa, was arrested for evading arrest with vehicle and no valid drivers license.

Alicia Jill Patterson, 23, of Cedarvale, KS, was arrested for aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury.

Armando Sanchez, 25, of Pampa, was arrested for wrong or fictitious vehicle registration.

Mario Isidro Portillo, 45, of Pampa, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, second offense.

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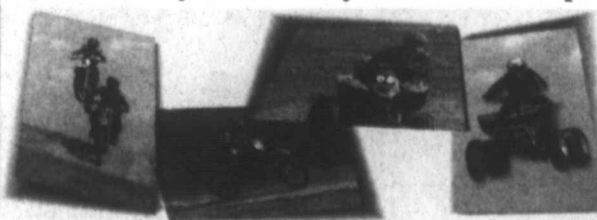
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# Indicted billionaire Stanford taken to Houston courthouse

HOUSTON (AP) — Billionaire R. Allen Stanford arrived at a federal courthouse Thursday wearing handcuffs and leg chains as he faces charges of fraud and conspiracy related to allegations that he swindled investors out of \$7 billion in an elaborate Ponzi scheme.

Stanford, wearing an orange prison jumpsuit and dark slip-on shoes, was the last inmate off the corrections shuttle bus.

Stanford and three executives from his now defunct Houston-based Stanford Financial Group are set to be arraigned, a week after a grand jury returned a 21-count indictment.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Frances Stacy is also expected to decide if Stanford will be allowed to be free on bond pending trial.

Stanford was arrested June 18 in Virginia. He was returned to Texas on Tuesday and was being held in the Montgomery County Jail in Conroe, located just north of Houston, according to his attorney Dick DeGuerin.

Stanford had tried to turn himself in to federal authorities in the months before his indictment. But authorities couldn't take him into custody until charges were filed.

Each of the most serious counts Stanford faces carry prison terms of up to 20 years.

Indicted Stanford executives Laura Pendergest-Holt, Gilberto Lopez and Mark Kuhrt were also set to enter pleas during Thursday's hearing before Stacy.

The billionaire and the executives are accused of orchestrating a mas-



Billionaire R. Allen Stanford is escorted into the federal courthouse Thursday, June 25, 2009, in Houston. Stanford faces federal charges that he ran a \$7 billion scheme to defraud investors with his international banking empire. (AP Photo/David J. Phillip)

sive fraud by misusing most of the \$7 billion they advised clients to invest in certificates of deposit from the Stanford International Bank, based on the Caribbean island of Antigua.

## Meth

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nalina was found in the residences. Approximately 320 grams of suspected methamphetamine were recovered from the residences at 621 and 621 1/2 Lowry.

An infant child was removed from the residence and released to relatives.

Arrested at the residences were, Jose Ray Palacios, 32, Henry Palacios Jr., 34, Kayla Breann Middleton, 18, Amanda Nicole Woodard, 25, and Dorothy Jean Vaughn, 26.

Each was booked into the Gray County jail and will face charges of manufacturing or delivering a controlled substance, penalty group 1, in an amount over 200 grams but under 400 grams. I convicted, each faces up to 99 years in prison and a \$100,000 fine.

As of Friday morning, all those arrested remained in the Gray County Jail.

## Mr. D II

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the young man built a koi pond, Waters would bring him a Mr. D.

"We have a Mr. D," Gladys said with a broad smile.

She said Keith calls him Mr. D II but there have already been two Mr. Ds, but one of them died.

"He's really Mr. D III," Gladys said.

Mr. D II lives in the pond with Sunkist and Spot, two smaller koi.

A turtle lived there for a while, but he left.

"For about a month," Philip said, "we had to listen to the mating calls of a couple of frogs - all night long."

The mating was apparently successful. The pond is also shared by a bunch of tadpoles.

With all their ponds, streams and waterfalls, the Vanderpools said they are now a frog sanctuary.

In the sitting area overlooking the garden is a large concrete frog next to the fountain.

"That's their protector," Gladys said.

It won't be long before the tadpoles, the ones that don't become koi dinners, will grow into full-fledged frogs, and Philip can sit on the deck and listen to the frogs' mating calls again - all night long.

The first part of the koi Pond and Garden Tour will be from 10 am. To 5

## Judge blocks closure of Temple shelter

BELTON, Texas (AP) — A judge has blocked closure of a homeless shelter in Temple where structural and safety issues were raised.

Judge Gordon Adams issued a temporary injunction and ordered another hearing Aug. 26.

The Temple Building and Standards Commission on June 1 ordered Martha's Kitchen to close its thrift store, furniture warehouse and men's dormitory. Officials cited plumbing and electrical problems at additional structures, ordering repairs within 90 days.

Wednesday's order found Martha's Kitchen would suffer harm by not being able to provide food and shelter and by immediate closure.

Volunteer board chairman Ray Severn says Martha's Kitchen will "continue to feed, clothe and house the homeless."

An attorney for the city, Enid Wade, says Temple has the option to appeal.

## Give the Gift of Life!

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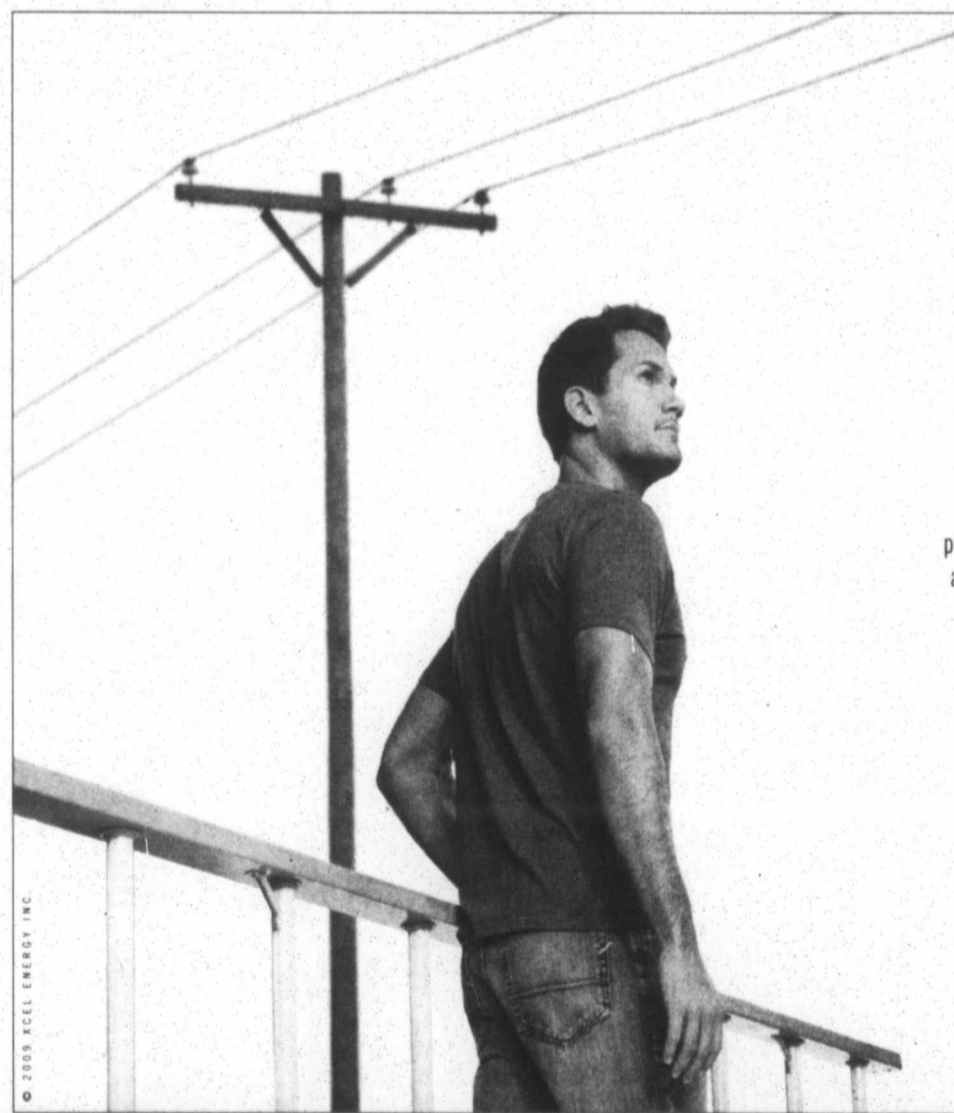
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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Thursday, June 25, the 176th day of 2009. There are 189 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1658 - Aurangzeb, Mogul emperor of Hindustan, imprisons his father, the shah, after winning battle of Samgarh.

1862 - United States recognizes independence of Liberia.

1872 - Roman Catholic Jesuit order is expelled from Germany.

1876 - A force of 200 U.S. soldiers under Gen. George Armstrong Custer is wiped out by the Sioux Indians at Little Big Horn, Montana.

1879 - Ismael Khedive of Egypt, who had tried to free Egypt from Western control, is deposed by the Sultan and succeeded by his son Tawfiq.

1924 - Britain says it will not abandon Sudan, despite Egyptian demands for complete withdrawal.

1942 - British Royal Air Force stages 1,000-bomber raid on Bremen, Germany, in World War II.

1950 - Korean War begins with North Korea's invasion of the Republic of Korea.

1959 - Soviet Union proposes denuclearized zone in the Balkans and Adriatic.

1966 - Vatican and Yugoslavia resume diplomatic relations in major move aimed at improving Roman Catholic relations with communist world.

1972 - Burundi government reportedly continues to execute Hutu tribe members, and about 25,000 Hutu refugees are reported fleeing to other countries.

1996 - A truck bomb explodes in a U.S. Air Force housing area near Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, killing 19 Americans and injuring 270.

1997 - In the most serious collision involving manned spacecraft, an unmanned cargo vessel smashes into Russian Mir space station during docking, rupturing a laboratory module and knocking out half the station's power.

1998 - South Korean commandos cut open the hatch of a North Korean submarine they captured and find the crew of nine shot to death in an apparent suicide pact. Suspicion focuses on spying activities.

1999 - In his first state of the nation address, South African President Thabo Mbeki promises to tackle rampaging crime. The nation's murder rate is the third highest in the world and more than 49,000 cases of rape were reported in 1998.

2003 - U.S. President George W. Bush hosts European Union leaders at the White House for the annual U.S.-EU summit. In a joint statement, both sides say they will agree to use "all means available" to block the proliferation of nuclear, biological and chemical weapons.

Today's Birthdays:

Russia's Czar Nicholas I (1796-1855); Antonio Gaudi, Spanish architect (1852-1926); Lord Louis Mountbatten, English statesman (1900-1979); George Orwell, British writer (1903-1950); Sidney Lumet, U.S. director (1924--); Carly Simon, U.S. singer (1945--); Jimmie Walker, U.S. actor/comedian (1947--); George Michael, pop singer (1963--);

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## Why do politicians cheat?

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Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — What is it with philandering politicians?

Why do men in power — the ones on pedestals — think they are above us and can get away with cheating on their spouses, particularly when media scrutiny is so intense and peccadilloes are arguably more politically damaging than in the past?

There's a long list of those who thought they could jet off to Argentina, or cruise on the Monkey Business, or check into a hotel under an assumed name or use an escort service and never get caught, never have to come clean.

The names quickly come to mind — South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford, Sen. John Ensign, R-Nev., Sen. David Vitter, R-La., former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., one-time Democratic presidential hopefuls John Edwards and Gary Hart, former New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer, ex-New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, current New York Gov. David Paterson.

These days, the fall-out can run the gamut. It can doom a career — former New Jersey Gov. Jim McGreevey — or unleash the fury of a special prosecutor, leading to impeachment — then-President Bill Clinton.

This wasn't always the way it was. There are politicians, presidents even, who did the dalliance dance privately and didn't pay publicly, John F. Kennedy and Franklin D. Roosevelt included.

No more. It's a different world — a public that feeds on the exploits of Paris, Lindsay and Britney documented in the tabloids, glossy magazines and at-your-fingertips Internet has developed an insatiable appetite for scandal.

That makes it all the more inexplicable that these men — and they are almost universally men, as politics remains mostly a man's game — tempt fate. And, particularly, men with presidential aspirations.

One possible explanation, said Stanley Renshon, a political psychologist at City University of New York: "Narcissism is an occupational hazard for political leaders. You have to have an outsized ambition and an outsized ego to run for office."

Or, perhaps, think you can stray from your marriage without consequence.

"I think too often, and for me in the political process, you begin to think of yourself as master of your own universe and your own set of ethical structures, your own sense of decision-making," McGreevey, who resigned amid a scandal over his admission of a homosexual affair, said Thursday on NBC's "Today" show.

To be sure, politicians don't necessarily have different reasons for cheating than non-politicians, and they don't necessarily cheat more

often.

The difference: "They live their lives more in a fishbowl, and that has responsibilities and costs with it," Renshon said, adding that an adulterous politician doesn't just betray his family's trust, he also betrays the public's trust.

Indeed, when politicians get caught, they do so in extraordinary fashion and their actions raise questions about their judgment, character and integrity as a leader.

If they can lie to their loved ones, who is to say they won't lie to everyone else? If they can't stay faithful to their marriage vows, who is to say they'll stay faithful to their oaths of office? And if they have secrets in their private lives, who is to say they don't have secrets in their public lives?

"It does matter in public perceptions," said Stephen Wayne, a Georgetown University government professor who has studied political psychology. When it comes to the highest positions in politics, he said,

There's also a clue in the kind of people drawn to politics.

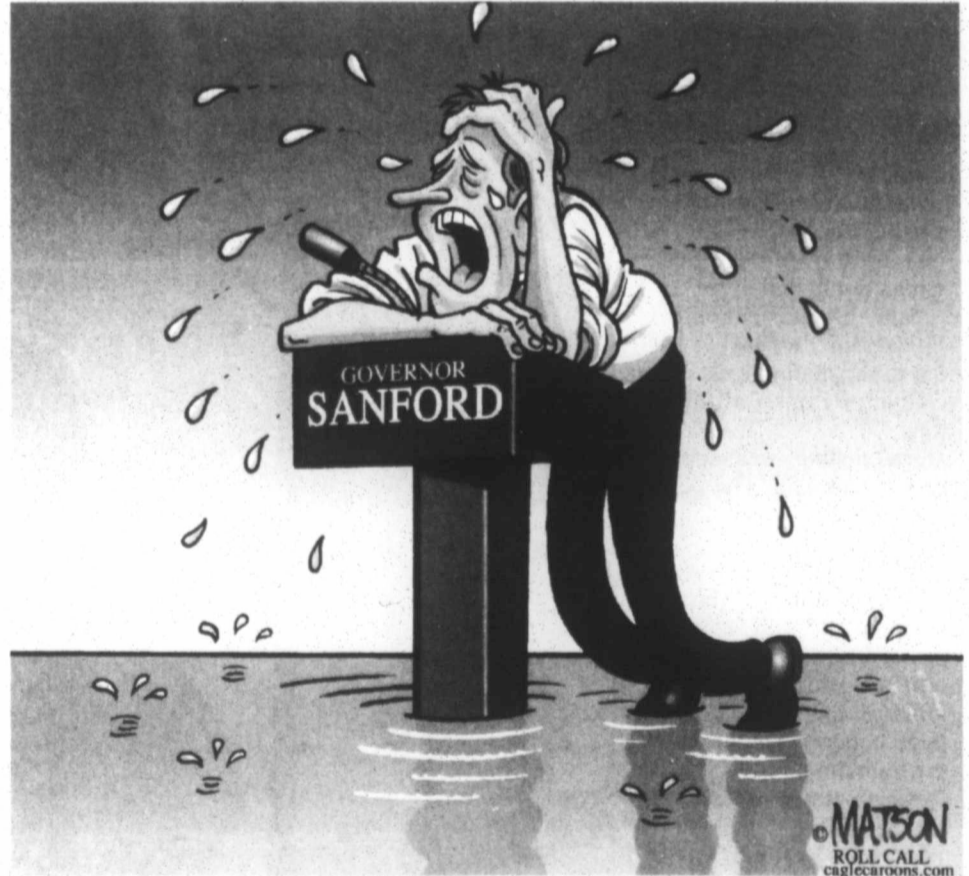
These are men who love themselves deeply, need to be recognized and relish approval. These are men who adore getting praise and who often are surrounded by swarms of sycophants. These are men who, in some cases, need to exercise power and sometimes can become drunk from it. These are men who think the rules don't apply to them and who think they're untouchable.

As leaders, these are also the type of men who are likely to break promises, manipulate and cut corners. They probably are big risk-takers. And they're prone to thinking of themselves first.

Just ask their wives, their mistresses — or the security details that often are privy to indiscretions.

Not a year seems to go by without a Washington sex scandal, and both Democrats and Republicans are guilty.

Last year, Edwards, Vitter and Spitzer came before the public to



"DON'T CRY FOR ME, I WAS CRYING IN ARGENTINA."

"we want to figure out who acts as a model for others."

Presidents, senators, congressmen and governors who have extramarital affairs flunk that test.

On some level, it's easy to see why they cheat.

Fred Greenstein, a Princeton University professor emeritus of politics, suggested adrenaline as the common denominator, saying, "For some individuals, the excitement of illicit sexual activity might feed the same desire" as "the excitement of politics."

Political life — with its long hours, frequent travel and endless stream of new acquaintances — also can be a strain on even rock-solid marriages. At times, the lifestyle almost seems to invite unfaithfulness.

"There's lots of temptation," Greenstein added.

admit they erred.

This month alone, it has been Ensign and Sanford, two Republicans who have mentioned as possible 2012 presidential candidates as the out-of-power GOP seeks to rebound.

Those dreams are probably over, and the double disclosures of infidelity also may have brought short-term embarrassment to a party searching for a new leader.

Said Todd Harris, a Republican operative, "If this was supposed to be our farm team, we'd better start looking for a new farm."

## Court says strip search of teen illegal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court said Thursday school officials acted illegally when they strip-searched of an Arizona teenage girl looking for prescription-strength ibuprofen.

In an 8-1 ruling, the justices said that school officials violated the Fourth Amendment ban on unreasonable searches when ordered Savana Redding to remove her clothes and shake out her underwear.

Redding was 13 when Safford Middle School officials in rural eastern Arizona conducted the search. They were looking for pills — the equivalent of two Advils. The district bans prescription and over-the-counter drugs and the school was acting on a tip from another student.

The school's search of Redding's backpack and outer clothes was permissible, the court said. But the justices said that officials went too far when they asked to search her underwear.

The court also warned against a search that is "excessively intrusive."

Justice David Souter wrote in the majority opinion. "We think that the combination of these deficiencies was fatal to finding the search reasonable."

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Intermediate

## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: I have started a promising career I thoroughly enjoy. But my husband, "Derrick," has been laid off from his job due to the economy.

I love Derrick with all my heart. I hate to see him hurting. I keep reminding him that he's still a wonderful person and a great worker. I tell him God is watching over us and will help him; it seems to be doing no good. Losing his job appears to have damaged his self-esteem as a man and, with it, our ability to connect. My husband is distant all the time.

I desperately want to help, but I'm getting scared, too. I realize it is my turn to be strong for us now. Any words of advice? -- PRAYING IN NEBRASKA

DEAR PRAYING: Love him, support him and encourage him. Remind him that losing his job wasn't his fault, and all he has to do is look at the news to know that he is far from alone.

Your husband will need to network to find out what jobs are out there for people with his skills. If that doesn't pan out, he may need to explore retraining for a career other than the one he had planned. Believe me, you both have my sympathy.

There will be an end to this recession eventually, and it's important that you not lose sight of that fact. It is also important that your husband not isolate himself. The more people he is

in touch with, the better his chances for hearing about an opportunity.

DEAR ABBY: I just returned home from a doctor's follow-up appointment with a specialist (not my regular doctor). My appointment was for 1:15. I was finally seen at 2:30. Can you guess how long I was with him? The visit lasted a grand total of seven minutes. It's a good thing he didn't take my blood pressure because it would have been through the roof.

I understand there can be unforeseen issues with patients, but shouldn't the front desk staff inform the patient when he or she walks in about a delay? And how long is appropriate for a doctor to keep a patient waiting? Is it appropriate for a patient to demand to be seen? Can you issue an ultimatum such as, "I need to leave in 10 minutes"? -- SICK OF WAITING IN DENVER

DEAR SICK OF WAITING: When you arrived for your appointment, you should have asked the receptionist if the doctor was running late, and if so, approximately how far behind he was. That way, you could have stepped out for a cup of coffee if you wished.

In my opinion, if a doctor is running more than 15 to 20 minutes late, the next patient should be warned. However, making demands or issuing ultimatums is not appropriate. A more effective way to deal with it would be to call the doctor's office an hour ahead of time to see if he's on schedule.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I recently attended a spaghetti dinner. Is there a proper way to eat long noodles, or should one just put in a forkful and slurp up the noodles until they are gone? -- USING MY NOODLE IN DULUTH

DEAR USING YOUR NOODLE: Spaghetti can be a challenge, but consuming it by starting at one end of the noodle and sucking it into one's mouth is a distinct no-no because the sound can disrupt conversation. There are, however, exceptions to this in other cultures -- where noodles represent longevity and to cut them would be bad luck.

According to Emily Post, the proper way to eat spaghetti in our culture is "to hold the fork in one hand and a large spoon in the other. Take a few strands of pasta on the fork and place the tines against the bowl of the spoon, twirling the fork to neatly wrap the strands."

"For those who haven't mastered the art of twirling the pasta strands, there's the simple cutting method. Just be sure not to cut the whole plateful at one time; instead use your knife and fork to cut small portions."

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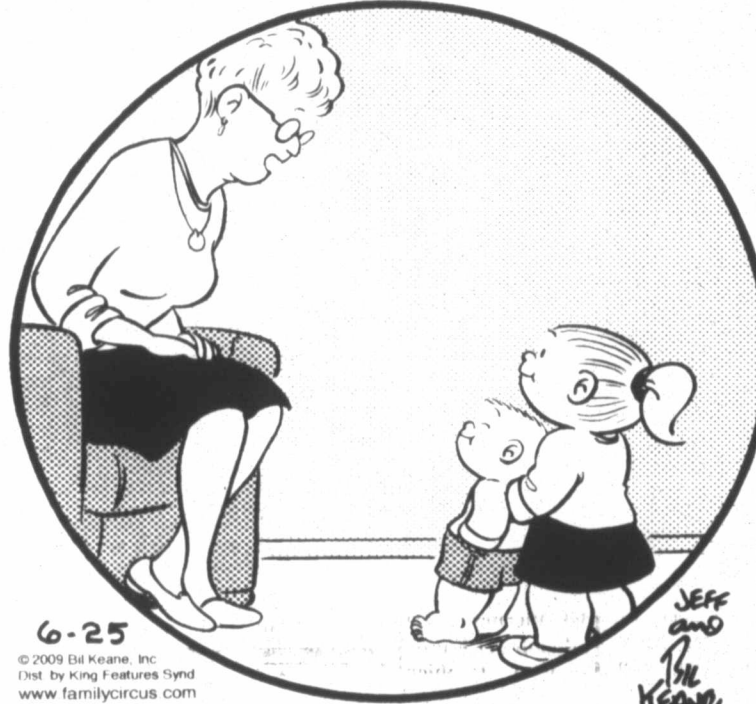
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## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



"Happy times get even happier when they're shared."

Daily Crossword Puzzle

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 45 Music
  - 1 Obsessed captain
  - 5 Tutor's charge
  - 10 Crippled
  - 12 Silly
  - 13 UV stopper
  - 14 Oriental assassin
  - 15 Brood watcher
  - 16 Minority areas
  - 18 1990s veep
  - 20 Mamie's husband
  - 21 Lecherous
  - 23 Homer's neighbor
  - 24 Await
  - 26 Mingue base
  - 28 Big truck
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  - 31 Cart puller
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  - 39 Jazz style
  - 40 Movie type
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  - 43 VCR button
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- DOWN**
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  - 2 Common eye color
  - 3 Surround-ed by character
  - 5 Freshener scent
  - 6 Mile or meter
  - 7 Showing exhaustion
  - 8 Only a few get them
  - 9 Like some cars
  - 11 Protractor units
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  - 19 Hoary
  - 22 Outlines
  - 24 Barkless dog
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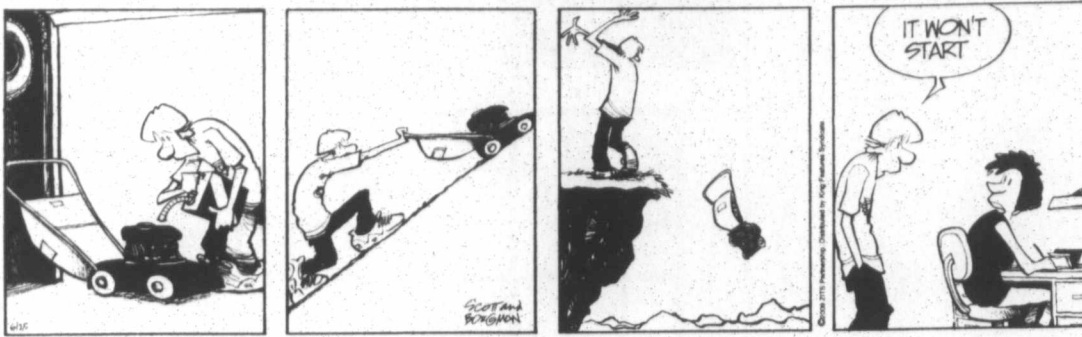
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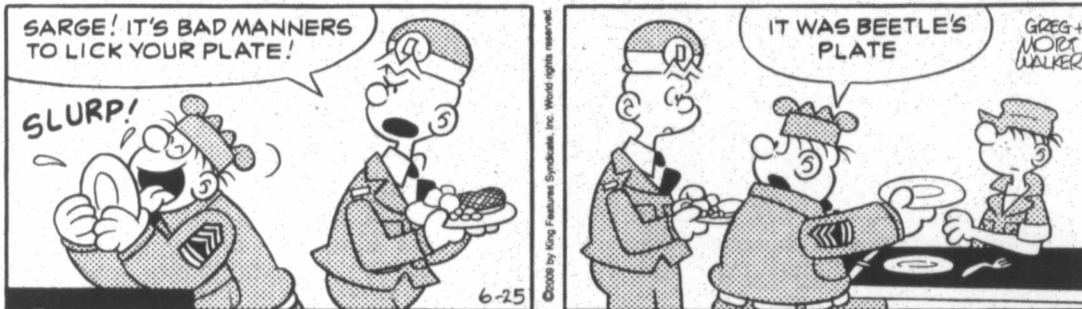
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## Senate accepts impeachment articles against federal judge

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate began work Wednesday to force an imprisoned federal judge out of office.

Following a process scripted by the U.S. Constitution, the Senate accepted four articles of impeachment against U.S. District Judge Samuel Kent of Texas.

The House impeached Kent Friday on allegations of sexual assault and lying to Justice Department and court officials.

Kent pleaded guilty to lying to judicial investigators about the sexual assaults of two women who worked for him and is serving a 33-month prison sentence.

Kent has said he would resign in June 2010, allowing him to draw his \$174,000 annual salary another year. Federal judges are appointed for life. Lawmakers can only force Kent out of office by convicting him in a Senate trial on the impeachment charges.

Kent has said he would be left penniless if forced out.

"I am outraged that he continues to receive benefits and compensation as a federal judge, despite his felony conviction, admission of guilt, and prison sentence," said Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt.

House members and their staffers formally "marched" the impeachment articles from the House clerk's office in the Capitol, up a set of stairs and through the Rotunda to the Senate chamber.

A trial is not expected to begin for several weeks.

## August sales tax holiday will include school supplies

(AUSTIN) -- Great news for back-to-school shoppers. For the first time since it began in 1999, the annual August sales tax holiday will include many school supplies.

"A lot of families look forward to saving their hard earned money during the sales tax holiday weekend," Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said. "Now they can make their back-to-school budgets stretch even further because more than two dozen school supply items will be tax-free."

House Bill 1801 identifies school supplies priced less than \$100 that will be exempt from state and local sales tax for the tax-free weekend. Pens, crayons, calculators, notebooks, rulers, scissors and lunch boxes are a few of the items on the list. The full list can be found below.

These items are in addition to school backpacks and most clothing and shoes priced less than \$100

that are already tax-free the weekend of Aug. 21-23.

The Comptroller's office is sending information to retailers about implementing the expanded sales tax holiday.

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## GOP contenders move into campaign mode

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry is ready to raise campaign cash. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison appears finally ready to raise a ruckus in her bid to oust Texas' longest-serving chief executive.

With the five-month legislative session and its veto period over, the two heavyweight Republican contenders for the 2010 governor's race apparently feel free to begin the combat for the primary nine months away.

"I'm raising funds again for my campaign ... first time since December," Perry wrote Monday on Twitter. Perry could not collect contributions this year during the legislative session that ran from mid-January until June 1.

Money-raisers for Perry and Hutchison will be in high gear until the end of June, the deadline for donations that will appear on July campaign finance reports, closely watched as a barometer of which candidate can claim an early lead.

At this point, the candidates need to get voters to pay attention. A Texas Lyceum poll, a nonpartisan survey conducted by University of Texas and released Wednesday,

showed 45 percent of Republicans were undecided. Of the likely GOP primary voters who said they made up their minds, 33 percent supported Perry and 21 percent backed Hutchison. The poll had a margin of error of 3 percentage points.

The March 2010 Republican primary race is projected to cost tens of millions of dollars, and the winner will be the heavy favorite in the general election that November.

Even if Perry trails in money this summer — a real possibility because he couldn't accept donations all spring but Hutchison could — he'll likely catch up quickly because of established donors who are willing to give him as much as \$100,000 per four-year term, said Cal Jillson, a political science professor at Southern Methodist University.

The Democratic field was still unformed. Former ambassador Tom Schieffer formally launched his campaign on Wednesday, a day after state Sen. Leticia Van de Putte said she'd decided to bow out. Humorist Kinky Friedman, who ran as an independent in 2006, is raising money for a potential run.

Hutchison held an early money lead at the start of this year, with nearly \$8 million to Perry's \$6.6 million in the bank. Most of Hutchison's total was transferred from her federal campaign account.

Since then, she's been working on more state fundraising, and named John Nau, a Houston businessman and former Perry backer, as her finance chairman. She sent out a fundraising letter that sounded the national Republican theme but referred to Perry in saying, "We simply can't afford this type of leadership negatively defining our party for four more years."

Hutchison is stepping up complaints that the two-term governor is showing "hypocrisy" on issues ranging from property rights to the state's business tax.

"Real leaders don't grandstand on a temporary fix to the problem of their own making. This is a new height of hypocrisy even for Rick Perry," Hutchison spokesman Hans Klingler said in an attack this month, when Perry signed a law revising the business tax that he backed when it was crafted.

Perry spokesman Mark

Miner said the Hutchison accusations ring hollow.

"It's easy to criticize when you've been on the sidelines," Miner said. Among likely Democratic primary voters questioned in the Texas Lyceum poll, 80 percent were undecided. Friedman led with 10 percent while Schieffer trailed with 6 percent.

Schieffer, a former ambassador under President George W. Bush and brother of CBS newsman Bob Schieffer, told supporters he can win no matter who wins the Republican primary.

"But make no mistake about it. To win, this campaign must become a cause," Schieffer.

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