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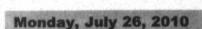
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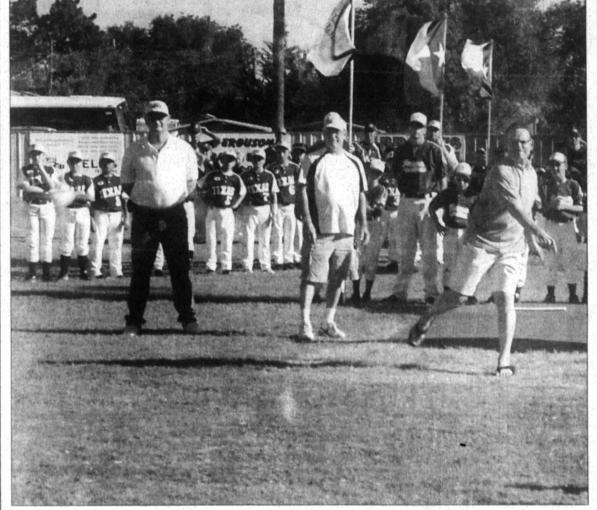




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PLAY BALL



With Pampa's team looking on (below), Pampa Mayor Lonny Robbins fires a first pitch strikedown home plate during Friday's opening ceremony of the Cal Ripken 10-year-old Southwest Regional Baseball Tournament. Unfortunately for the home team, they lost their first two games en route to an early exit from the bracket.

Busy baseball weekend, but home team out

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There wasn't an empty parking space or seat at Optimist Park last Friday. On a cool July evening, 10 teams from Texas,

Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Mississippi all took the field during the opening ceremony of the Cal Ripken 10-year-old Southwest Regional Baseball Tournament. With music playing in the background, the teams stepped onto the grass one by one, each carrying their respective state flag. Pampa graduate Tanner Davis sang the nation-

al anthem, then Pampa Mayor Lonny Robbins showed off his arm throwing a fastball over the plate to Pampa's catcher Bryson Paronto.

It was a festive kickoff, but, unfortunately for Pampa, the end result wasn't quite so celebratory. Pampa lost their first two games, 11-2 to Benton and 14-1 to Tri-County, and was the first team to be eliminated.

Before the weekend was over, Deaf Smith County, Tahlequah and Mountain Home saw their tournaments come to an end. Benton, Ark., East



Central Miss., North Randall County, Plaquemine, La., Little Rock, Ark., and Texas Tri-County remain competing for a spot in the Cal Ripken World Series in Florida.

For more **DETAILED TOURNEY COVERAGE**, including game recaps and photos, turn to page 7

Animal shelter meeting set for tomorrow

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Madeleine Pickens, noted animal welfare activist and wife of oilman T. Boone Pickens, had one word to say about the grassroots effort that got her involved in improving Pampa's animal shelter.

"Wonderful," said Pickens. "Just wonderful."



Pickens, who owns a ranch with her husband just north of the city, is one of the latest additions to a local push to bring needed upgrades to the shelter. The

City of Pampa will be hosting a meeting at 6 p.m. tomorrow in the Heritage Room at M.K. Brown Auditorium for anyone interested in joining the volunteer effort.

"When you see a place is struggling and they have a 95 percent euthanasia rate, the question you ask is ,'How can we help?" Pickens said. "I was absolutely delighted when the girls called me SHELTER cont. on page 3

Man arrested for assaulting police officer

DAVID BOWSER dbowser@thepampanews.com

A Pampa man was in Gray County jail today on charges of assaulting a public servant, resist-

ing arrest and evading arrest. Rafael Vasquez Felix, 41, was arrested Sunday evening by Gray County deputies after a high speed

chase through South Pampa. Gray County Lt. Joe B. Hoard said today that deputies witnessed a traffic violation about 8:30 p.m. Sunday on Huff Road. When they tried to pull the driver of the tan Ford pickup over, he sped away. Officers chased the pickup for

ASSAULT cont. on page 2

Fire department's Lane having the time of his life

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J.W. Lane sat on the chrome bumper of a bright red fire truck at Pampa's Station Two with a broad smile on his face. Why the smile? Simple. He's doing what

he wants with his life. He's a firefighter. Lane, 22, said he never wanted to be anything else.

"I'm from Allison," he said.

Lane was born and reared in that Wheeler County community near the Oklahoma

"My mom was a nurse," he said. "My dad was a volunteer firefighter for over

Lane said that ever since he was a child

he wanted to be a firefighter. "Seeing my dad go and do stuff," he

Lane laughed that if his father didn't hear the pager, the other volunteer firefighters would come to the house and get



He said his grandmother's house is by

the fire station. "If something happened," Lane said, "you'd always get to see the trucks go

He said it was exciting as a lad growing up in Allison.

"My mom was an EMT First Responder," Lane said.

The ambulance would have to come from 30 miles away, so the area depended

"She'd scoop us up in the middle of the night," Lane grinned, "and we would go." He said it's been in his blood ever since

Turning serious, he said there's a feeling LANE cont. on page 3



staff photo by David Bowser

Pampa firefighter J.W. Lane said he never wanted to be anything but a firefighter.





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Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high near 93. South southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 66. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 90. South wind around 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 90. South southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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Lots of new helmets just arrived!

Pampa man arrested after stop yields meth

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A 30-year-old Pampa man was in Gray County jail today after being arrested Friday night on drug charges. Zachary Lee Mears was arrested on outstanding war-

rants by Gray County deputies after he was stopped about 11:30 p.m. at Starkweather and Tyng.

Gray County Lt. Joe B. Hoard said today that deputies stopped the 2004 Mitsubishi that Mears was driving Friday night and asked for permission to search the car. When they were denied permission, the called the Pampa Police Department to provide a canine unit.

The dog alerted on the car and based on probable cause officers searched the vehicle and found a baggie of crystalline substance they believed to be methamphetamine.

Assault

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four or five blocks from the 1000 block of Huff to the 1100 block of South Nelson to where the truck pulled up a vard

The driver leaped from the pickup and ran south with the officers in pursuit.

After the deputies caught the man, identified as "Felix, 'they reported that he hit one of them.

Hoard said the officer suffered only minor injuries.

Last Minute

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Obituaries

Iva Jenkins, 87

Iva Jenkins went to be joined with her savior, Jesus Christ, and her God this past Friday evening on July 22, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. She was 87 years old.

Iva Jenkins was a longtime Pampa resident for more than 30 years and was a former Pampa Daily News employee for many years working as a teletype opera-

Iva Jenkins was born in Lancaster, on September 23, 1924 to her late parents,

Zeke and Hila Fitzhugh. She was one of 10 brothers and sisters growing up and being raised on a cotton plantation in Lancaster, south of Dallas.

Jenkins

Iva Jenkins was often regarded as one of the true, genuine and loyal mother of boys. She raised her two sons in Pampa, both of whom graduated from Pampa High School. Her oldest, Jim Jenkins, was a 1961 PHS graduate and her youngest, John Jenkins, was a 1970 graduate from Pampa High School. She enjoyed her adult life following the professional activities and careers of her two sons. Her oldest son, Jim Jenkins, was a former rodeo performer specializing in calf roping and bareback riding. Jim Jenkins, upon his college degree at Texas Tech University became and still remains a college professor of animal science at South Plains College in Levelland. Additionally, Jim Jenkins has been well decorated over the years directing numerous championship livestock judging teams in his 40 plus years of service at South Plains College.

Iva Jenkins' youngest son, John Jenkins, is a former Pampa Harvester athlete who went on to perform as a college football and baseball star for the Arkansas Razorbacks. John Jenkins has gone on to coach football for over 30 years for a number of teams in college and pro

football. John Jenkins is well known in football circles for his powerful record-breaking pass offenses and high scoring championship teams. Currently, he is slated to become the new General Manager and Head Football Coach of the Texas team in the New United States Football League, set to begin play in the spring of 2011.

As a mother of these two sons and playing "big sister" to so many others she often had her work interrupted at The Pampa News, by her neighbors, to come home and break up water-balloon fights, paint-balloon fights or any number of violent disturbances by her sons or from any of the neighborhood boys. She was always available to offer her advice, counsel and even strategy to her sons, their buddies and neighborhood guys involving girlfriends, schoolwork and other matters.

Iva Jenkins even came to the rescue of the Pampa Harvester football team once by allowing one of the star senior players to come in and live with her and John when his family was having to move from Pampa. She offered to do this so the young man could play his senior year for the Harvesters and remain with his Pampa teammates when his parents moved away. Iva knew that it would have hurt the team if one of the top senior players had to move from Pampa before his senior season. Her explanation to this decision was simply, "Why not. They are all in and out of my house at all hours anyway.'

especially dogs. Over the years she had dogs by the names of Ike, Flapper, Buster, Judy and Ginny. And in her later years she adopted two rescued snow-white cats named Max and Molly. For these animals they all went from the out-house to the penthouse as living with Iva Jenkins they had every day as a party and every meal was a banquet.

dedicated member of Calvary Baptist Church in Pampa, (now Grace Baptist Church) where she always attempted to keep her two sons in Sunday school and church.

July 26, 2010, in Lancaster, with the Reverend Raefe Jenkins (her grandson) of Marshall and East Texas Baptist University officiating.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department

incidents over the weekend.

Officers said there were 25 traffic-related calls and four accidents

Animal control officers reported there were 24 animalrelated calls.

Pampa EMS reported 15 medical calls.

reported two fire related calls and one accident call.

Officers reported an information call in the 600 block of N. Faulkner.

A theft was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

block of E. Craven.

An alarm was reported in the

Phone harassment was reported in the 1100 block of E.

Juniper Dr. Officers conducted a follow-

block of N. Wells.

Zimmers

Theft was reported in the 600

block of N. Zimmers. Disorderly conduct was re-

Alcock.

Phone harassment was reported in the 2300 block of Cherokee Dr.

An information call was reported at Foster and Lefors.

An information call was reported in the 500 block of

A suspicious person was reported at 23rd and Lea. An information call was re-

Browning Ave. Disorderly conduct was re-

ported in the 900 block of S.

An information call was re-

ported in the 100 block of N. Hobart. A violation of protective or-

block of W. Craven. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block of N.

ported at Hill and Browning. Officers provided an agen-

A suspicious person was reported in the 1300 block of N. Russell.

A suspicious person was reported in the 300 block of S. Starkweather.

ported in the 1200 block of S.

Officers delivered a message in the 1000 block of E. Forster.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1200 block of N.

Hobart A suspicious person was reported at 21st and Coffee.

Harvester.

ported at Locust and Henry.

Browning. Officers conducted a follow-

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 300 block of N.

Sunset Dr. A theft was reported in the

Found property was reported

A narcotics violation was reported in the 1900 block of N.

A civil matter was reported in the 1600 block of Holly Ln.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of E.

ported in the 1500 block of Williston.

Coffee. Officers completed a special

assignment in the 1100 block of N. Coronado Dr.

Iva Jenkins also had a tremendous love for little animals,

Iva Jenkins always had a very strong faith and was a

Memorial services for Iva Jenkins were held Monday,

The Pampa Police Department reported the following

The Pampa fire department

Friday, July 23

Officers conducted a followup investigations in the 500 block of N. Magnolia, the 1800 block of N. Chestnut, the 1800 block of Williston, the 1800 block of N. Banks and the 100

block of E. Foster. A theft was reported in the

200 block of W. Kingsmill. Officers conducted a followup investigation in the 700

1800 block of N. Dwight.

up investigation in the 500

An information call was reported in the 200 block of S.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 600 block of N.

ported in the 900 block of E.

An information call was reported in the 1100 block of Si-

der was reported in the 200

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Tyng.

Saturday, July 24

Disorderly conduct was re-

A suspicious person was reported in the 1000 block of N.

A suspicious person was re-

ported in the 900 block of W. A suspicious person was re-

Officers delivered a message in the 600 block of N. Christy. Officers provided a motorist assist in the 700 block of W.

An alarm was reported in the 400 block of W. Brown.

Officers completed a special assignment at Hwy 60 and 70. A domestic disturbance was reported in the 300 block of E.

up investigation in the 1800 block of N. Banks.

400 block of N. Ballard.

An information call was reported in the 1200 block of N.

in the 1100 block of Terrace. A suspicious person was reported in the 400 block of N.

Christy.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1000 block of W.

A stolen vehicle was reported in the 700 block of E. Murphy. Disorderly conduct was re-

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1300 block of

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1500 block of N. Williston.

A threat was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill. A domestic disturbance was

reported in the 2100 block of N. Faulkner. A suspicious person was reported in the 600 block of E.

Frederic. A suspicious person was reported in the 800 block of N. A suicide attempt was re-

A burglary was reported in the 2100 block of N. Hobart. An information call was reported at Duncan and Ken-

ported in the 1900 block of N.

tucky. An information call was reported at the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2200 block of N. Officers conducted a wel-

fare check at Gwendolyn and Banks Criminal mischief was reported in the 1600 block of N.

Holly Ln.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of E. Browning. Disorderly conduct was re-

ported in the 2800 block of N. Charles. Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of N.

Faulkner Theft was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill. An animal bite was reported in the 1200 block of N. Duncan.

A runaway was reported in the 1400 block of W. Somer-Theft was reported in the

1900 block of N. Hobart. Officers provided an agency assist in the 1100 block of S. Nelson

ported in the 1800 block of W. An information call was reported in the 200 block of W.

Kingsmill.

Williston.

Disorderly conduct was reported at Texas and Frost. A gas drive-off was reported in the 1000 block of W. Wilks.

An open door was reported at

Huff and McCullough. Monday, July 26 A suspicious person was reported in the 1800 block of N.

A suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of N. A suspicious person was reported in the 1900 block of N.

Hobart. An open door was reported in the 1500 block of N. Banks. Officers conducted a welfare

check in the 800 block of N.

Gray. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 600 block of N.

Sheriff's Department

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

Friday, July 23

Dana Lynn Daniels, 45, White Deer, was arrested by officers on charges of driving without liability insurance with a previous conviction.

Don Goin Abney, 61, was ar-

rested by deputies on charges of theft by check. John Jay Helie, 38, Des Moines, Iowa, was arrested by officers on charges of possession of marijuana, more than 50 lbs.,

but less than 2000 lbs. Angel Renee Whinery, 21, Lubbock, was arrested by deputies on charges of violation of parole in connection with possession of a controlled substance.

James Floyd Williams, 47,

was arrested by deputies on two charges of credit card abuse and sex offender duty to register. Ira Don Hicks, 40, was arrested by deputies on two charges of driving while under the influence with a child passenger,

public intoxication and failure to Marcus Allen Dorsey, 20, was arrested by deputies on charges of engaging in organized activ-

Zachary Lee Mears, 30, was arrested by deputies on charges of bond surrender in connection with possession of marijuana and driving without liability insurance, and failure to appear.

Saturday, July 24

rested by officers on charges of disorderly conduct - language. David Michael Casey, 39, Knoxville, Tenn., was arrested by deputies on charges of theft Disorderly conduct was reby check in Tennessee.

Joshua Lee Rivas, 19, was ar-

Jose Jaime Sanchez, 21, was

arrested by officers on charges

of driving while under the influence, possession of drug paraphemalia and failure to appear. Austin Lane Cummings, 17, was arrested by officers on charges of disorderly conduct -

loud noise.

rested by officers on charges of theft under \$50 and possession of dangerous drugs. Jose Manuel Solis, 27, Dal-

Jeremy Wilson, 22, was ar-

las, was arrested by officers on charges of public intoxication. Daniel Torres, 28, Dallas, was arrested by officers on charges of public intoxication.

Sunday, July 25 Gaylon Wayne Jones, 61, was arrested by officers on charges of driving while under the influ-Rafael Vasquez Felix, 41, was

arrested by deputies on charges of assault on a public servant, resisting arrest search or transport and evading arrest or detention.

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No decision on BP exec's status

LONDON (AP) - BP PLC said Monday that "no final decision" has been made about management changes, which reportedly include the departure of Tony Hayward as chief executive in an effort to mend the company's image after the Gulf of Mexico oil spill.

The oil company said its board would meet Monday evening, a day before it announces earnings for the second quarter.

"BP notes the press speculation over the weekend regarding potential changes to management and the charge for the costs of the Gulf of Mexico oil spill. BP confirms that no final decision has been made on these matters," the company said in a statement to the London Stock Exchange.

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HITCHCOCK (AP) — Authorities say a southeast Texas man is accused of shooting his pregnant girlfriend to death in front of her 10-year-old daughter.

Thirty-three-year-old Bernard Stinson Cunningham was charged Sunday with murder in the death of 31-year-old Erika Johnetta Gee. Hitchcock Police Chief Clay Kennelly says the unborn child, due in about four months, also died. Cunningham is accused of shooting Gee three times late Saturday and then fleeing. He turned himself in about 20

He told police the shots were accidentally fired while the two were struggling with the gun. But the police chief says the child's statement disputes that.

Cunningham remained in Galveston County jail Monday. Bail was set at \$500,000. A jail official did not have an attorney listed for him.

Kemah to restore rail depot

KEMAH (AP) — The southeast Texas city of Kemah plans to restore its old railroad depot.

The depot had been used as a storage shed in the backyard of a resident in the nearby town of Clear Lake Shores for years, where it survived a storm surge from Hurricane Ike in 2008. The resident sold it to the city last summer for \$7,500.

The Galveston County Daily News reports city officials have not decided what the restored 12-by-25-foot depot

Dyana Babik, Kemah Historical Society secretary, says the city might use the building for offices or a small gallery displaying historic photos of Kemah.

Babik says the depot probably was built in the late

The mayor says contractors will finish the restoration project by December.

Texas opposes Alamo trademark

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The state of Texas is opposing an attempt by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas to trademark the phrase "The Alamo."

The state argued in a brief filed Friday with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office that it is the rightful owner of the trademark. The state says the Daughters' application would likely cause confusion.

The Dallas Morning News reports that Houston attorney Paul Van Slyke filed the opposition on behalf of Gov. Rick Perry's office.

After finding out the Daughters — longtime custodians of the state-owned Alamo - had filed for the trademark, the state had asked for a time extension to look into the

The Daughters now have until Sept. 1 to answer the state's opposition. A call to the Daughters' president general was not immediately returned Monday.

Darth Vader robs bank

SETAUKET, N.Y. — Times must be tough back at the

Empire. A bank robber dressed as "Star Wars" villain Darth Vader made off with an undetermined amount of cash after pointing a handgun at startled tellers inside a Chase bank branch on Long Island.

Detectives say the man walked into the bank shortly before noon Thursday wearing a full head mask and a blue cape. The only part of the uniform that was out of place were his camouflage pants. And that handgun — no light saber.

Suffolk County police detective Sgt. William Lamb told reporters that at least one customer at the time didn't think the theft was legit. The customer, whose identity was not released, can be seen cowering on the floor in a surveillance camera photo, moments after the robber shoved him

"The customer thought it might have been a joke and not a serious attempt at a robbery," Lamb told the Daily

Man with potted plant robs bank

NEW YORK (AP) — New York police arrested a man on Wednesday accused of robbing two banks -- with a bunch of flowers and a potted plant.

Edward Pemberton, 44, faces charges related to the robberies earlier this month at two different banks in the Manhattan neighborhood of Chelsea.

Dubbed the "bouquet bandit" by local news media, Pemberton is accused of pulling out a note demanding money — first from under a potted plant and then from inside a bouquet of flowers - and handing it to the bank

"He did odd jobs in the flower district. Very odd jobs," New York Police Commissioner Ray Kelly told reporters. An undisclosed amount of cash was handed over on both occasions. The bunch of flowers was left behind after

Man in wig, clown pants robs bank

the second robbery.

SWISSVALE, Pa. - Authorities say a Pittsburgh-area man robbed a bank wearing a woman's blond wig, fake breasts under a sweater and clown pants.

Swissvale police say 48-year-old Dennis Hawkins of North Braddock was sitting in a parked car covered in red dye from an exploding packet in a bag of money when he was arrested Saturday.

Police Chief Greg Geppert says Hawkins robbed the bank at gunpoint, using a toy BB gun he had shoplifted

Geppert says Hawkins then entered a woman's car. She got out, took her keys and alerted police. Hawkins was found sitting in the car.

He is being held on \$230,000 bail. It's not clear whether he has an attorney.

FLAVORFUL FESTI



staff photo by David Bowser

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Pampans Cile Taylor and husband Harold Taylor take a lunch break at the Old Mobeetie Music Festival over the weekend at Old Mobeetie.

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of satisfaction in the job that few others can appreciate. 'When I started college," Lane said, "I didn't even think about going to fire school."

He enrolled in the music school at South Plains College in Levelland, one of the top country-western music schools in the nation according to The New York Times. "I wanted to be a professional musician," Lane said.

He still plays a lot of music. "I'm fixing to record some stuff for song-writing pur-

poses," Lane said.

He'll go to Lubbock to make the recordings.

"I'll down a few of the songs I've written and see what I can do with them," Lane said. "I have a few people who might be interested and have a lot more time on their hands than I do." Despite his thoughts of music, Lane said he went four

months without a fire helmet on his head and couldn't

"I just couldn't get away from it," he laughed. A lot of kids want to go party in their 18th birthday, he

"I spent my 18th birthday on the front of a fire truck,"

Lane said.

That was the spring of 2006, when high winds and racing flames burned off a million acres in the Texas Panhandle

"I was right in the big middle of that," he said. Lane joined the Pampa Fire Department in December,

In addition to Pampa, Lane also works part time for the North Wheeler County Volunteer Fire Department.

Pámpa's home now. "This is where I live," he said.

While he's always dreamed of being a firefighter and he enjoys music, he admitted that he also has another love.

"I got married on Memorial Day," he grinned. There was an early summer cruise to Jamaica, then it

was back to work on his firetruck. "We went on a seven-day honeymoon cruise," Lane said.

With his new bride, Whitney, a full time firefighting job, and a budding music career, Lane is not bored. "I stay very busy," Lane grinned, "but I wouldn't have

it any other way.'

Shelter

and asked me to be a part."

The girls that Pickens is referring to are Mona Reagan and Jennifer Timmer, who are spearheading drive to improve the city's animal control practices. Reagan and Timmer founded the tentatively named Pampa Save-A-Kitty project, which aims to decrease the shelter's euthanasia rate through a trapneuter-release program and moving unadopted animals to no-kill shel-

The two contacted Pickens a few weeks ago, and Pickens was more than happy to be a part of the movement.

"We toured the shelter with Madeleine a little while back," said Reagan. "She looked around and it was clear to her that what the shelter needed most was volunteers.'

"I don't know of any other animal shelters that don't have volunteers helping out," Pickens said.



Reagan

Supervisor) Monty (Montgomery) is swamped and they need help, see that the people of Pampa are willing to pitch in.

Animal Control

(Pampa

Both Reagan and Pickens said that they've already gotten phone calls from Pampa residents who want to

know how they can help. 'That's what the meeting is going to be for," said Reagan. "Hopefully, we can get to talking about how we

can move forward." Pickens, who is involved with several other animal advocacy groups nationwide (she founded "Saving America's Mustangs," a sanctuary dedicated to saving wild horses from

slaughter), is currently in California and cannot attend the meeting.

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However, her involvement has already yielded positive results; after she toured the shelter, the dogs being housed in the facility were moved to a no-kill shelter in Dalhart. Still, and it's great to Pickens said that there is much left to be done, though she is very much encouraged by the volunteerism that she sees in the people of Pampa.

"I just love seeing people take part," said Pickens. "It's really neat that this is happening. (The animals) are all God's creatures and truly they're a gift to mankind. It's wonderful that there are people who respect that.

"You don't have to be rich to be a philanthropist," she added. "You can give your time... When I was contacted about this, I just thought, 'How neat,' and it makes me happy



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I were having dinner with another couple when a conversation ensued that divided the men's views from the women's. It concerned a recently widowed man (I'll call him "John") who is dating a woman from our wives' circle of friends, "Peggy." (Peggy is a widow.)

The wives were appalled that John has begun dating only three months after his wife "Gloria's" death, and insisted a woman in his situation would not. Furthermore, the women went on to question whether it was appropriate for him to date within Gloria's circle of friends. Our wives believe that anyone within this circle should be off limits, while we men don't see it as a problem.

So my question is: What is the proper protocol? (As an aside, the women now shun both John and Peggy.) — JUST WONDERING IN THE **BAY AREA**

DEAR JUST WON-DERING: "The wives" obviously identify with Gloria and feel that John's not wearing sackcloth and ashes for at least a year after her

death is disrespectful to her memory. That's what they would expect from you. They would also prefer that you not date any of the available women in your circle. They were stating their feelings. So consider yourselves put on notice!

From my perspective, it seems your wives feel neither John nor Peggy has grieved long enough, and so they are punishing them. It is possible, however, that Gloria told John she didn't want him to be alone and grieve after she was gone, which is why he is being comforted by someone who knew them both. I'd advise your wives to give them the benefit of the doubt instead of shunning them.

DEAR ABBY: I regularly get phone calls that start with, "How are you doing?" I am often stuck trying to recognize the voice and sometimes I can't. When I ask who's calling, the caller becomes miffed that I didn't recognize his or her voice.

Have people forgotten telephone manners? Receiving no introduction from a caller often leaves me in the dark. I was

taught to identify myself before starting the conversation. Am I being a fuddy-duddy? - WHO'S CALLING? IN RICH-MOND, KY.

DEAR WHO: Your problem is not uncommon. Unless the caller is a close family member or friend, it's presumptuous for someone to assume his or her voice will be recognized.

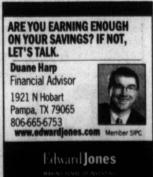
Some people solve this problem by having caller ID on their phone so they can see a caller's name and/or number when the phone rings. Others handle it this way: "How am I doing? I'm doing great! How are YOU doing?" Once the person starts talking, the chances become g areater that you'll know who's on the line. However, if you don't, feel free to add: "Who is

DEAR ABBY: I recently had a child and would like to join a church for the community, moral messages and the music. I grew up going to one and got a lot out of it.

However, exploration throughout my 20s made me realize that I didn't believe what was being taught. I tried hard to accept the doctrines, but truthfully, I doubt I ever will. Would it be dishonest to start attending again? -NEW MOM IN ARKAN-

DEAR NEW MOM: Many people consider themselves to be more "spiritual" than "religious." And I'm willing to bet that in many congregations there is a range in the intensity of belief among the attend-

I encourage you to select a denomination with which you feel most comfortable. Some — like the Unitarian Universalist faith (www.uua.org) have no dogma or creed and support their members in following their own spiritual paths.



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Today in History

Today is Monday, July 26, the 207th day of 2010. There are 158 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 26, 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

On this date:

In 1775, Benjamin Franklin became America's first Postmaster-General.

In 1788, New York became the 11th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1945, Winston Churchill resigned as Britain's prime minister after his Conservatives were soundly defeated by the Labor Party.

In 1947, President Harry S. Truman signed the National Security Act, which established the National Military Establishment (later renamed the Department of Defense).

In 1956, the Italian liner Andrea Doria sank off New England, some 11 hours after colliding with the Swedish liner Stockholm; at least 51 people died. Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser nationalized the Suez Canal.

In 1971, Apollo 15 was launched from Cape Kennedy on America's fourth manned mission to the moon.

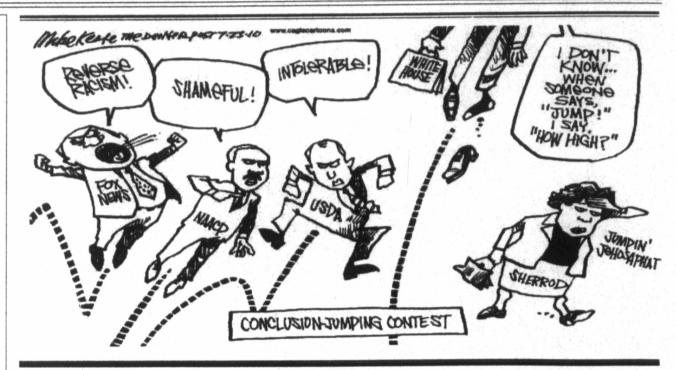
Ten years ago: George W. Bush and his just-chosen running mate, Dick Cheney, set out on their first campaign excursion together as they visited Cheney's former hometown of Casper, Wyo. A federal judge in New York approved a \$1.25 billion settlement between Swiss banks and more than a-half million plaintiffs who alleged the banks had hoarded money deposited by Holocaust victims.

Five years ago: America's manned space program roared back to life with the launch of Discovery, 2 1/2 years after the Columbia disaster.

One year ago: Sarah Palin stepped down as governor of Alaska to write a book and build a right-of-center coalition, but left her long-term political plans unclear. A 36-year-old woman, driving the wrong way on the Taconic Parkway in Westchester County, N.Y., crashed into an SUV, killing eight people, including herself; toxicology tests showed Diane Schuler was drunk and had used marijuana.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Blake Edwards is 88. Actor James Best is 84. Rhythm-and-blues singer-songwriter Bobby Hebb is 72. Rock star Mick Jagger is 67. Movie director Peter Hyams is 67. Actress Helen Mirren is 65. Rock musician Roger Taylor (Queen) is 61. Actress Susan George is 60. Olympic gold medal figure skater Dorothy Hamill is 54. Actor Kevin Spacey is 51. Rock singer Gary Cherone is 49. Actress Sandra Bullock is 46. Rock singer Jim Lindberg (Pennywise) is 45. Actor Jeremy Piven is 45. Rapper-reggae singer Wayne Wonder is 44. Actor Jason Statham is 43. TV host Chris Harrison ("The Bachelor") is 39. Actress Kate Beckinsale is 37. Rock musician Dan Konopka (OK Go) is 36.

Thought for Today: "A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing." — George Bernard Shaw (born this date in 1856, died 1950).

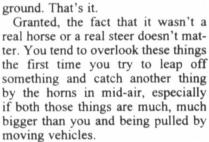


Steered wrong: Arnie goes to the rodeo, Part II

(Editor's Note: Part I appeared in this past weekend's edition of The Pampa News)

Right, so where was I?

Oh, yeah — out-of-shape city kid about to jump off of a horse and onto a steer and wrestle it to the ground. That's it.



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"Climb on up to the saddle there and let's see what you got," said my instructor, Billy Billingsley, with an encouraging smile.

"You'll be fine," he added. "We'll start with the steer just right next to you (on the practice horse) without

I stood there with Billy, waiting as the horse and steer were pulled around towards us.

"Just remember what I told you," he said. "Put your weight on the stirrups, lean back and pick a spot on (the steer's) back to jump."

Easy for you to say, I thought. The most physical activity I've had since I moved down here was playing Madden.

Still, I didn't just come to rodeo camp to be a spectator. Back in Indiana, I'd climbed up utility poles, explored sewers and rode in a stunt plane as it did loops and twirls a mile or so above a cornfield, all to write about it afterwards. Besides, if anything else, I'd have a good story to tell folks over a beer or two someday ("I wrestled a steer once," I'd say to the blonde at the bar).

Grabbing the saddle horn, I pulled myself up to the seat and slid my shoes in the stirrups.

"Now, those aren't the best shoes for this," said Billy, pointing to my rubber-soled sneakers. "But you'll be OK."

Thanks for the encouragement, boss.

Anyway, there I was, sitting in the saddle and staring at the fake steer's bright orange head like a doofus, surrounded by a bunch of kids who'd grown up cowboys. It was like fresh-



staff photos by Randy Pribble

TOP: Billy Billingsley (foreground) judges my technique. **BOTTOM:** The moment of truth: Arnie goes bulldogging.

man year gym all over again; there were 400 kids in my graduating class, and I was the only who jumped off the high dive wearing a life jacket.

I took a deep breath, swallowed and jumped.

I landed hard against the steer's "neck," grabbing its head with one arm and wrapping the other around one of its horns. It wasn't a long way down, really, but the impact was harder than I had anticipated. No time to wince about it though, I thought to myself, as I pulled the steer's head down and kicked my legs out from under me, bringing the "animal" with me as I thudded into a sitting position in the dirt.

"That looked good," yelled Billy with a laugh as he pulled me up. "How'd that feel?"

"My arms hurts," I replied with a grin. It still shows — it's been more than a week, and I've still got a bruise on my arm that looks like a big purple Australia.

"Yeah, you'll get that," said Billy, again smiling. "But you did good, though, for your first time."

He gave me some pointers — don't be so stiff in the legs, he told me — and we tried it three or four more times, each ending with him pulling me up from the ground.

"That's really pretty good," he said.

I like to think he was impressed, but I'm pretty sure he was just humoring me some.

"You want to try it moving?" he sked.

"I, um...sure," I said. "Why not?"
I could go into further detail, but
the next part of the lesson ended with
someone in a truck yelling, "He lost
his shoe! It just flew off!"

On the positive side, though, it ended with me and the steer sitting on the ground, my arms folded around its horns as it lay curled at rest.

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Shoeless, I stood up and dusted myself off.

"You did real good, man," said Billy, patting me on the shoulder. "Looked like you got nervous up there, but you did it."

"Yeah," I nodded. "Where's my shoe?"

I'd have hung out to try it again a few more times if I could, really, but I had to get back to the office. Billy and his campers to teach, anyway, and I didn't want to take more time away from them.

I have to thank Billingsley and Jamie Greene for letting me try it firsthand. Looking through the photos now, it was a thrill to give it a try, and I can see how so many kids get the rodeo bug.

For so many of them, it's so much more than just an action sport. It's a way of life, and it's a gateway to life lessons that the rodeo imparts in its own way.

"They learn that they can be cowboys and cowgirls without having to acting rough and tough," said Billingsley. "You see it in all these kids. They become a family here."

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Just then, the we heard a dull thump, as one of the kids in Billy's class missed his mark on the steer and landed awkwardly in the dirt, arms still wrapped around the steer's plastic horns.

Immediately, the other campers jumped to his aid, leaning over and checking on their fallen friend.

"You OK?" asked one.
"Here," said another, reaching out a hand to help him up.

"Yeah," said the errant bulldogger, grabbing the hand and pulling himself up. "Just didn't get him right."
"You'll get it" said another same

self up. "Just didn't get him right."
"You'll get it," said another camper. "Don't worry."
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es, Billy smiled, as if to say, "See?"

I just smiled back and nodded. I could've said something, but there wasn't much to say that would've framed it any better.

Besides, I'm a cowboy now, and from what I hear, we're more the strong, silent type.

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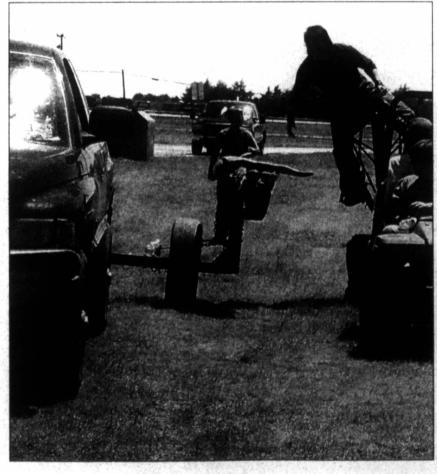
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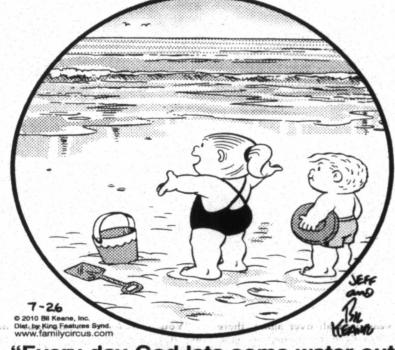
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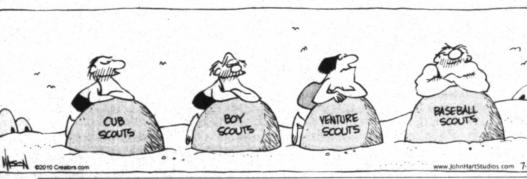


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This year, you will speak your mind more and more. Brainstorming sessions, especially about finances and options, prove to be unusually dynamic if you can open up to the possibilities. Often, you encounter surprising events that could fall either way. Your resilience could be tested, as well as your ability to see the big picture. Decisions need to be made quickly. If you are single, romance won't elude you, though you might opt to keep the heat down. You might back off from anyone who is overly controlling. You will want time to assess a bond, more so than in previous years. If you are attached, the two of you work better and better together, especially when handling life's problems. Understanding grows between you, stirring the embers of romance. AQUARIUS can be challeng-

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average: 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** A change in energy might take you off the hot seat for the moment. Look at greater efficiency and achievement. You will be able to undo a problem if you follow a more creative idea. Tonight: Follow a friend's idea. TAURUS (April 20-May 21)

*** Tap into your creativity as you seek out answers. You are taking a stronger position than you might have intended to. You will get answers if you relax and work with others. You might even surprise yourself with what pops up Tonight: Leader of the gang. GEMINI (May 22-June 20)

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distance. You need and want different answers. Be honest about what is happening within your immediate circle. A vulnerability comes out. Don't worry so much about revealing yourself. Tonight: Choose something offbeat

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Be direct with partners. You finally might find out a lot more about someone. Don't worry about the awkwardness in expressing your thoughts and feelings. An encounter brings a closeness. Tonight: Let go of a disagree-

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Others still appear to be in control. Let it be. Go off and enjoy yourself in a unique, dynamic manner. Your imagination could be triggered through another person's idealism. Use caution with spending. Tonight: Follow another's

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ An easy turnaround becomes possible because of your energy, resourcefulness and caring. But you discover that those in your daily life might be reticent to follow your pace.

Understanding grows. Tonight: Easy works.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Your inner voice might not be in sync with a creative idea. Understand what needs to happen in order to make a situation work. You cannot juggle both sides of an issue. Know that you must let go and trust more. Tonight: Go with

whimsy SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You might want to think through a situation more carefully than in the

past. Understanding evolves to a new

level. Keep your eye on the big picture

You are forced to maintain a low profile at the moment. Tonight: At home SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** Keep talking "possibilities,"

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especially around work. You'll see a situation in a different way. Listen to a creative type. You have a way to move a situation forward. Tonight: Make calls. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ** Watch what is happening within

your immediate circle of friends. You'll remain secure, direct and more upbeat if you can stay tuned in to certain realities. Express a wonderful idea, at least one that you believe is wonderful. Tonight: Don't commit to risking.

AOUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** You might be feeling an easing

of the tension and what is going on around you. Understanding what is happening within an immediate situation could be difficult. Your mind drifts from one conversation to another. Tonight: Do only what you want

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

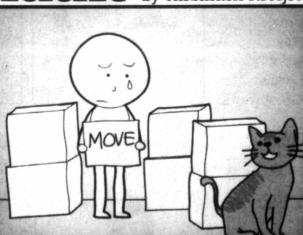
** Continue to play the role of observer. You might be a little confused by everything that is going on around you. Others become more verbal. Listen more; speak less. You will gain a stronger perspective. Tonight: Play it

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Pampa's tournament had a joyful beginning with the opening ceremony Friday night at Optimist Park. In the end, though, it would rain on Pampa's parade literally and figuratively as they lost their first two games Friday and Saturday to end their tournament

Manager John Davis said he was pleased with how his team played.

"We played good," Davis said. "It was just one of those weekends."

Pampa opened the tournament with Benton, Ark., and fell 11-2. Benton took the lead in the first inning and never relinquished it. Pampa got the first two outs of the first, but Benton reached base on a single and Yates Prickett reached on an error by the second baseman which scored Austin Harklau. Braden Carmen followed with a walk, but Parx Pinnell flied out to end the inning.

Bradey Porter led off Pampa's first with a single but would be caught stealing after a strikeout to end the inning. Benton opened things up in the top of the second with five runs on two hits, two errors and three walks. Prickett had the key hit of the inning with a RBI double. Brandt Logan led off Pampa's second with a single and would score on an error by the first baseman. Pampa would not be able to chip into Benton's lead any further as they stranded runners on the corners.

Pampa kept Benton off the scoreboard in the third but weren't so lucky in the fourth. Benton struck for five more runs on one hit and five walks. Jared Kelley hit a single that scored Logan Black and Jason Smith. Benton led 10-1 going to the bottom of the fourth as they were closing in on the run-rule.

Both teams would score in the sixth inning. Jake Hanley scored on a wild pitch for Benton and Caleb Davis scored on a single by Logan.

Porter was the starting pitcher for Pampa and pitched the first two innings in a losing effort. Logan led the team in hitting with two singles, a RBI and scored a run. Harklau pitched the whole game for Benton and allowed two runs (one earned) on five hits, walked one and struck out six.

The second game would be a wet one for Pampa as they faced Tri-County. It was pouring rain to start the game and they couldn't complete the first inning as the game was stopped due to lightning. Tri-County had already scored two runs before the delay to lead 2-0. The game would resume after 20 minutes with scattered drizzles.

Bradey Porter led off with a single and scored Pampa's only run on an error by the second baseman. Zane McCoy also contributed a single in the first but would be thrown out at home by the pitcher to end the inning.

Tri-County expanded their lead in the second. Colson Geisler singled and advanced to second on a wild pitch. Ty Williams drove in Geisler with a single to left. Williams would

be stranded at second as Kaleb Rael grounded out to end the inning. Pampa would be retired in order in the second.

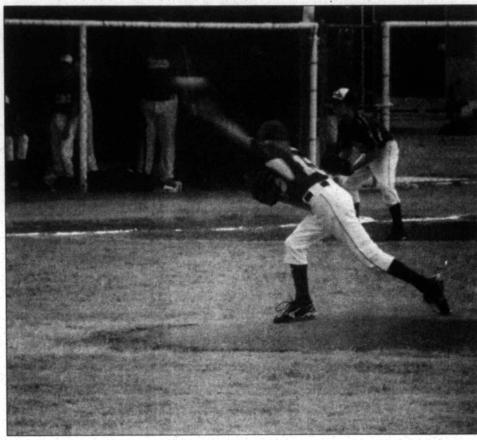
Tri-County scored two more runs in the third to widen the gap to 5-1. With one out, Wyatt Stavinoha singled and Lucas Smith walked. Ryan Neisner drove in Stavinoha with a single. Smith scored on a single by Geisler. Pampa reached base with a walk and a fielder's choice but failed to advance to second.

Tri-County broke the game open in the fourth with four runs on two hits, Cole Garlin led off with a walk and reached second on an error by the shortstop. Rael smashed a double to score Garlin. Hudson Oliver scored Rael on a single. Oliver scored on defensive indifference following a walk. Smith scored the final run of the inning.

As it began to rain harder again, Tri-County assured that the fifth would be the final inning with five runs on one hit, three walks and an error. Oliver got the big hit of the inning, as he smashed a ball to dead center for a three-run home run.

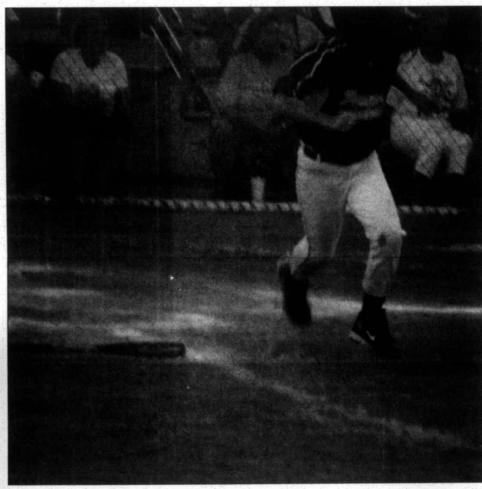
Caleb Davis started for Pampa and took the loss. Pampa was held to two hits which they got in the first inning from Porter and McCoy. Williams started for Tri-County and pitched the first three innings to get the win.

Tri-County played Benton today at 1:30 p.m. to advance to the quarterfinals of the loser's bracket.



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.Caleb Davis throws a pitch in the first inning against Tri-County Saturday. Pampa lost 14-1 and were eliminated with that loss.



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Bradey Porter hustles to first after putting a ball in play Friday against Benton. Pampa lost 11-2. Porter got one of five hits for Pampa.

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staff photo by **Andrew Glover Conner Kordsmeier tags** out Pampa's Bradey

Porter as Jared Kelly (10) reacts to complete a

double play in the first inning. Benton won 11-2

Friday to open their tournament play.

Cal Ripken 10 yr Old Southwest Regional Tournament Scoreboard

Friday (Late)

Plaquemine La. 5 Texas Tri-County 3 Benton Ark. 11 Pampa 2 Saturday

Little Rock Ark. 19 Tahlequah Okla. 0 (4)
Benton Ark. 6 Mountain Home Ark. 5 (10)
Texas Tri-County 14 Pampa 1 (5)
East Central Miss. 13 Deaf Smith County 0 (4)
Sunday

Texas Tri-County 24 Tahlequah Okla. 1 (4)
East Central Miss. 12 Mountain Home Ark. 2 (5)
Little Rock Ark. 6 Plaquemine La. 1
North Randall County 2 Benton Ark. 1

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Cal Ripken recap: Six teams remain Look at Me!

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Saturday started with 10 flags hanging on the outfield fence but after Sunday only six flags are left hanging as the Cal Ripken 10 year old Southwest Regional tournament continues.

Plaquemine, La., opened their tournament with a 5-3 victory over Tri-County, Tex. Friday. Despite striking out 12 times, Plaquemine scored five runs on four hits.

KeAndre Randall was the winning pitcher, throwing five innings. Herb Thomas closed out the game. Mosby led the team in hitting with two singles and scored the winning run. Hudson Oliver was the starting pitcher for Texas Tri-County and earned a no-decision. Rael pitched the last two innings and suffered the loss. Aymond led the team in hitting with two hits and a RBI.

Little Rock opened their tournament strong as they crushed Tahlequah 19-0 in four innings. The first inning was all Little Rock needed as they scored 11 runs on four hits, walked seven times, and two batters hit by pitches. Conner Cline cleared the bases on a single, scoring three runs. Little Rock had 16 batters bat in the first inning. Bryce Tencleve was the winning pitcher. Jacob Wagner was the leading hitter with two hits, a double and two RBIs.

Tahlequah only managed two hits, with Austin Fisher and Ryan Hembree getting them. Fisher was the starting pitcher and earned the loss.

Mountain Home and Benton Arkansas engaged in a ten inning affair with Benton victorious 6-5.

Tied 3-3, Benton would rally in the bottom of the ninth. Benton would win in the tenth, when consecutive singles. Jason Smith slid home on an error by the second baseman to end the

Harklau led Benton in hitting with three singles. Ben Henderson led Mountain Home in hitting with three hits including a double, and scored a run.

East Central Mississippi closed out Saturday's action with a 13-0 victory over Deaf Smith County. After failing to get a hit in their first game, East Central scored 13 runs on five hits. The first inning was all East Central needed to carry them to victory as they scored seven runs on two hits. Louie Morgan came up with the big hit as he hit a three-run home run to score Blake Duvall and Josh

Brad Cumbest and Mark Kennedy combined to hold Deaf Smith County to one hit and struck out five. Cumbest led the team in hitting with two hits including a double and scored three runs. Conner McIntire got the only hit for Deaf Smith as their tournament ended without them scoring a run.

Tri-County eliminated Tahlequah with a 24-1 win Sunday. In the first inning, Tri-County scored seven runs on six hits. Rael and Neisner both hit two RBI doubles. Tri-County followed with a three-run second inning and a 11-run third and finished the game with 23 hits. Wyatt Stavinoha pitched the whole game and earned the win. Rael led the team in hitting with four hits including two-home runs and eight RBI.

Zachary Felts scored the only run for Tahlequah and got one of their four hits. Felts was also the starting pitcher and took the loss after two innings of work.

East Central Miss., eliminated Mountain Home with a 12-2 victory. A five-run third inning put East Central ahead 7-0 and would power them to victory. Duvall hit a two-RBI single for the big hit of the inning. Ryan Cumbest started and got the win. Avila led the team in hitting with two singles. Gabe Henderson and David Wehmeyer scored the only runs for Mountain Home. Gage McLain was the starting pitcher and took the loss. Wehmeyer was the teams leading hitter with one hit and one run scored. Little Rock continued

to advance in the winner's bracket with a 6-1 victory over Plaquemine. Plaquemine scored their only run in the top of the second. Juwan Fitch led off with a walk and after, a single, an error, Dwayne Askins singled to drive him

Little Rock would take control in the bottom of the second. Cline walked and Trey Harris doubled to lead off the inning. Wagner doubled and drove in both runners to give Little Rock a lead they wouldn't relinquish. Jonathan Herbet singled to drive in Wagner.

Little Rock would outscore Plaquemine 3-0 in the final four innings to advance to the winner's bracket semifinals. Cline, Harris and Wagner led the team in hitting as each of them hit a double and combined to score five of Little Rock's six runs. Herbert pitched

Plaquemine's loss sends them to the loser's bracket and played East Central Miss., today. Bourdeaux led the team in hitting with two singles. Thomas started the game for Plaquemine and took the loss.

five innings and earned the

North Randall County pitched a second no-hitter in a 2-1 victory over Benton to advance to the winner's bracket semifinals. Benton took the lead in the first inning. Jared Kelley lead off with a walk, and advanced on a passed ball and a fielder's choice. Kelley scored on a wild pitch. North Randall County tied the game in the bottom of the second. Cole Shultz doubled and scored on an error by the first baseman. In the third, Max Marsak singled and advanced to second on a passed ball. Rhett Maynard drove him in when he grounded out to short.

Trevor Andrus pitched the entire game and only allowed an unearned run and three walks. Marsak led the team in hitting with three hits and a run scored. Harklau pitched the whole game for Benton and allowed two runs (one earned) on seven hits and struck out two.

North Randall County played Little Rock today with the winner guaranteed a spot in the tournament championship. Benton played Tri-County today with the winner facing the Plaquemine and East Central winner.

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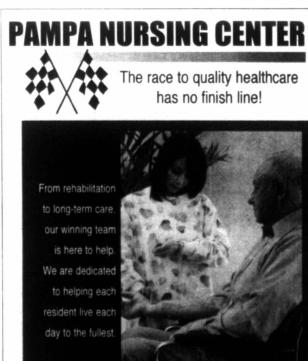
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Trevor Andrus (4) and Isaac Maes (31) celebrate after the final out is recorded in their 2-1 victory over Benton.





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