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Pampa artists at Amarillo show

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AMARILLO — Two Pampa artists have teamed up for a show at the Panhandle Art Center in Amarillo.

Kevin Costley and Grant Johnson have joined forces for a joint art show in the Cassatt Gallery at the art center located in the old Sunset Center.

Costley moved to Pampa almost a decade ago from Philadelphia. He had been working as an art director for a government contractor.

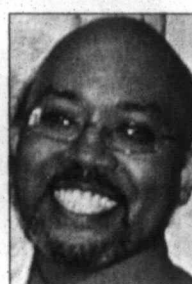
Since then he's been named Artist of the Year for the Pampa Fine Arts Association, where Costley is a member.

This month he and Johnson opened their exhibit at the Panhandle Art Center in Amarillo, where Costley's also a member.

The exhibit was originally scheduled just for



Johnson



Costley

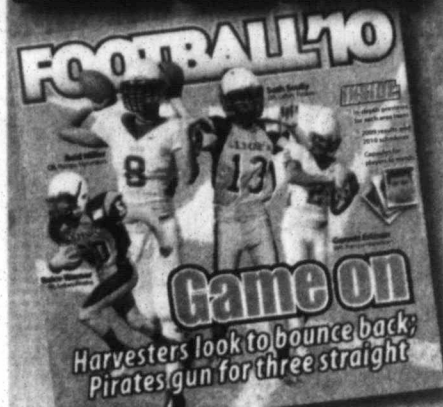
August at the Amarillo gallery, but it has been so well received, it will stay up through the end of September.

A graduate of Art Institute of Philadelphia, much of Costley's work has a Christian theme, but he's recently branched out to more secular subjects, part of which are on display at the Panhandle Art Center.

Johnson began his professional painting career in

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Previews for each area team, plus a look at district realignment, schedules and players to watch this season!

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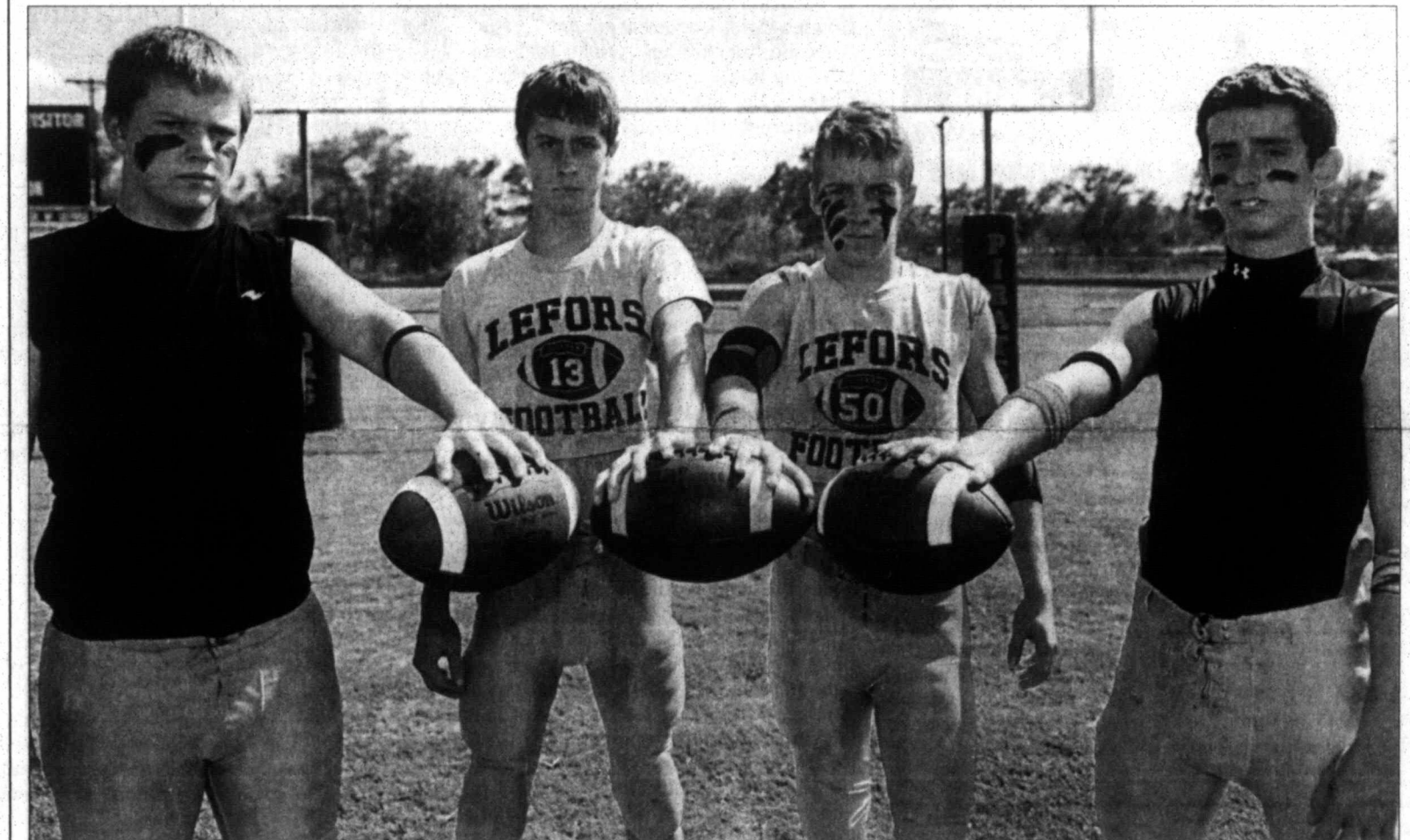
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TWO DOWN, ONE TO GO



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Lefors team captains (from left) Joey Johnson, Seth Scully, Reice Warner and Cody Hess are primed to lead the Pirates to a third consecutive district title. Their season starts when they face Hedley tonight at 7 p.m. For Pampa and other area team previews, check out the new **GRIDIRON PREVIEW** page, page 10. For more on the upcoming football season, check out today's **FOOTBALL '10** special section.



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Sparks fly as Garrett Rhine welds the new handrailing in place at the church at Buckler and Somerville.

Wells Street Church of Christ moving to North Somerville

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Despite the "For Sale" sign, the Wells Street Church of Christ isn't going out of business. They're just moving to a new location.

"I suppose people we'll call us the Somerville Street Church of Christ," said Mike Wesbrooks, one of the church's elders. "We have been the Church of Christ on 400 North Wells. Now, we're going to be the Church of Christ on 500 North Somerville."

They were supposed to move into their new location this weekend, but he said it will probably be after Labor Day.

They church has had numerous repairs and modifications made to the building.

They have replaced the front concrete steps and are adding an iron grillwork hand railing to the stairs. The east wing of building that houses Fellowship Hall has been renovated. There is new carpeting in the sanctuary, and restrooms have been added on the first floor.

"That building never did have a restroom

upstairs," Wesbrook said. "You had to go down to the basement for the restrooms."

He said it's almost like a new building.

Wesbrooks said his church bought the building from the Central Church of Christ.

"It's a solid building," he said.

Wesbrooks said the Wells Street Church of Christ had planned for several years to build a new building and had started a building fund, but they couldn't build a new church building without going into debt.

When the Church of Christ building came up for sale on Somerville, Wesbrooks said they bought it.

"We bought the building," he said, "and fixed it up and didn't have to go into debt."

Wesbrooks said the old church on Wells is for sale.

"There are a few people that are interested in it," he said.

The historic old church was moved to Wells Street after World War II. It initially had been built as the chapel for the Pampa

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Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
High 86 Low 61	High 86 Low 63	High 86 Low 66

Tonight, Mostly clear, with a low around 54. South wind around 10 mph.

Friday, Sunny, with a high near 86. South southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday Night, Mostly clear, with a low around 61. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday, Sunny, with a high near 86. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday Night, Partly cloudy, with a low around 63. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Sunday, Mostly sunny, with a high near 86. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Sunday Night, A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 66. South wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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TAKING RESERVATIONS on booth rentals for antique mall coming soon in downtown Pampa. Will be at 120 N. Cuyler, Saturday 12-2.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

Officers reported 13 traffic-related stops and two accidents. They reported 10 abandoned vehicles.

Animal control officers reported 14 animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS reported five ambulance calls. The Pampa Fire Department reported one medical call.

Wednesday, Aug. 25

Officials reported a violation of city ordinances in the 1600 block of Hamilton.

The Pampa Fire Department reported a spill of hazardous material at Brown and Cuyler.

Criminal trespass was reported to police.

Officers were put on special assignment in the 100 block of East Harvester.

A theft was reported to police.

An alarm was reported in the 1600 block of North Faulkner.

A fraud was reported to police.

Officers assisted a motorist at Hobart and Alcock.

Threats were reported in the 1100 block of North Starkweather and in the 1000 block of South Sumner.

A theft was reported to police.

A theft was reported in the 600 block of South Cuyler.

A 911 hangup call was reported in the 1400 block of Dogwood.

A 911 hangup call was reported in the 900 block of South Varnon.

Officials reported a violation of city ordinances in the 600 block of North Somerville.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block of North Zimmers.

Thursday, Aug. 26

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of North Varnon.

A threat was reported at Varnon and Crawford.

Officers assisted another agency in the 2500 block of West Alcock.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

Wednesday, Aug. 25

Ricky Lee Reynolds, 28, was arrested by deputies on theft charges out of Hockley County.

Brandy Ralyn Hulsey, 35, was arrested by deputies on charges of theft under \$50, having an open container in a car and failure to appear.

Brent Keith Crossmean, 52, was arrested by deputies on theft by check charges out of Hutchinson County.

Thursday, Aug. 26

Harrell Eugene Connors III, 24, of McLean, was arrested by police on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Danica Nicole Bowles, 22 Months

Danica Bowles of Amarillo was granted her angel wings on August 21, 2010, at the all too young age of 22 months.

The life of Danica will be remembered and celebrated at 10 a.m., Friday, August 27, 2010, at the Second Baptist Church in Amarillo, Texas with Pastor Wayne Griffin as celebrant. Interment services will follow at Llano Cemetery in Amarillo.

Danica was born October 28, 2008, in Amarillo, to Tasha Warden and Joshua Bowles. With broken hearts, we miss her greatly. Twenty-two months was not enough time for Danica to share all the love in her heart. Danica was a typical toddler; she loved to play, swim and loved to eat, often robbing food from her twin's plate. When she was a baby, she had a bald head, pale skin and a pudgy belly earning her the nickname "Buddha". Her final days were spent surrounded by family and friends touched throughout her short, yet very memorable life. Her gentle smile could melt the hearts of those around her.

With Danica's passing we remind others that her life is one to be celebrated. Although we will miss her every day, especially that beautiful smile and her sparkling blue eyes, she will remain forever in our hearts. Through her teachings about life, we were able to create wonderful memories and it has been a privilege to be her parents. We are so thankful Danica's siblings had their sister and they will hold dear the memory of Danica's gentle spirit.

Danica was preceded in death by her maternal grandmother, Mary Hallman and her paternal grandmother, Velma Hughes.

Survivors include parents, Tasha Warden & Josh Bowles of Amarillo; three sisters, her twin, Mackenzie Donell Bowles, Ariel Bowles of the home, Savannah Dwight of Amarillo; two brothers, Adam Jella and Christopher Jella of the home, paternal grandparents, Karen Hughes of Canyon, Jim and Leonna Williams of Amarillo; maternal grandparents, Paula and Jack Owen of Amarillo; great-grandparents, Ronnie Hallman of Dallas, Pete Hughes, of Pampa; Aunt Chrissa Bowles of Canyon and Uncle Marcus Story and wife Tosha, Nicci Wilson all of Amarillo; great-aunt, Pam Best of Canyon; cousins, Jacey Kilburn of Canyon and Brooklyne Story of Amarillo. She also leaves behind many other loving family members and numerous dear friends.

The family will receive visitors from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at Brooks Funeral Home in Canyon.



Bowles

and many friends, including Ron Weidler and Debbie Weidler Sharp.

Memorials may be made to First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson, Pampa, TX 79065, First Christian Church, 1420 N. 3rd, Abilene, TX 79601, or Windcrest Alzheimer's Care Center, 6050 Hospital Drive, Abilene, TX 79606.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Don Johnson, 62

Don Johnson, 62, died August 25, 2010, in Amarillo. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Johnson was born August 24, 1948, in Paris. He attended Clarendon schools, graduating from Clarendon High School in 1966. He joined the U. S. Army in 1968 and was honorably discharged in 1970. Don married Linda Jones on March 27, 1971, in Goodwell, Okla. They moved to Pampa in 1974 with Mobil Oil where Don worked for 25 years, retiring in 1994. He then went to work for Universal Compression, and later for Forrest Oil Company. He was a member of Highland Christian Church. He enjoyed fishing and especially spending time with his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Johnson of the home; a daughter, Sonee Johnson of Canadian; a son, Lance Johnson and wife Tracie of Canadian; three grandsons, Mason Moore and Jacob Meek, both of Canadian, and Triston Johnson of Corpus Christi; a granddaughter, Sierra Moore of Canadian; brother, Jerry Roy Johnson of Mound Ridge, Kan.; sister, Carol Jones of Amarillo; and numerous nieces and nephews. Don was preceded in death by his parents; and two sisters, Mary Ford and Shirley McKinney, both of Clarendon.

Memorials may be made to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 2201 Civic Circle, Amarillo, TX 79109.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Dorothy Snider, 84

SEABROOK—Dorothy Snider, 84, died August 25, 2010, in Seabrook.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Snider was born September 22, 1925, in Pampa where she attended Pampa schools. She married M. D. Snider on February 14, 1941. She worked alongside her husband in the family business, M. D. Snider Trucking, for 30 years, retiring in 1982. She was a member of First Baptist Church. Dorothy loved to travel in their motor home all around the country. She enjoyed working in her yard, as well as spending time with her family.

Survivors include her husband, M. D. Snider of the home; a son, Victor Snider and wife Scena of Amarillo; two daughters, Sandra Taylor of Seabrook, and Dianne Flack of San Marcos; six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, eight brothers and sisters.

Memorials may be made to Vista Care, 13325 Hargrove Road, Suite 230, Houston, TX 77070.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Kenneth "Tiny" Williams, 79

Kenneth "Tiny" Williams, 79, died August 26, 2010, in Pampa.

Memorial services are pending. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Williams was born January 29, 1931, in Randall, Okla. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1943. He married Rhonda Whelchel on April 4, 1992, in Stinnett. Tiny was a member of the First Christian Church and Top O' Texas Masonic Lodge #1381 AF&AM. He was a barber.

Survivors include his wife, Rhonda Williams of the home; two sons, Monte Williams and Mark Williams, both of Pampa; a sister, Wanda Hardy of Lafayette, La.; a brother, Jim Wright of Grove, Okla.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Congress calls egg company owners to testify

WASHINGTON (AP) — A House panel wants the owners of two Iowa companies involved in a massive egg recall to explain how eggs from their farms were linked to as many as 1,300 cases of salmonella poisoning.

A House Energy and Commerce subcommittee will hold a hearing on the recall Sept. 14. The committee is inviting Austin "Jack" DeCoster, the owner of Wright County Egg, and Orland Bethel, the owner of Hillandale Farms, to testify. The two farms have recalled more than 550 million eggs after they were linked to the cases of salmonella poisoning.

The committee is doing an investigation into the recall and has written both farms, asking about company operations, communications with the government and what they knew and when.

The panel has also written the Food and Drug Administration, which oversees the safety of shell eggs, and the Agriculture Department,

which oversees other egg products and the health of the hens. The committee asked for records of inspections and past communications with the two farms, along with other documents. The FDA has said it has "no inspectional history" with the two farms.

Rep. Rose DeLauro, D-Conn., who heads the spending committee that oversees the FDA and USDA, has also written letters to the two agencies.

A spokeswoman for Wright County Egg would not say if DeCoster will attend the September hearing, but said the company is "working right now" to

respond to the committee. "We will approach it in the same forthright manner as we have in our cooperation with FDA to date," said Hinda Mitchell.

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Lawyers: Texas financier didn't tap investor money

HOUSTON (AP) — Lawyers for R. Allen Stanford say the Texas financier did not take out \$1.7 billion in deposits made to his now defunct Caribbean bank and use them for loans to himself.

Stanford's attorneys were trying to shoot down claims made by a fraud examiner who has testified the financier used the money as personal loans.

Stanford's financial dealings were being examined during a court hearing Thursday in which a federal judge was to decide if Stanford and two ex-executives of his now defunct companies will continue having their legal bills paid for by an insurance policy. They are fighting charges they bilked investors out of \$7 billion in a massive Ponzi scheme.

Bus driver records now online

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Administrators at school districts across Texas now have a faster and simpler way to check the safety records of bus drivers.

The Department of Public Safety on Thursday announced a website, Texas.gov, that allows districts to instantly review bus driver records, instead of having to rely on the mail to get the information.

DPS earlier this month began offering the online driver record checks. Since then more than 6,000 records have been requested by school districts across Texas, where public schools resumed classes Monday.

DPS says the service is provided at no charge to school districts.

Charged with counterfeiting

ORANGE, Texas (AP) — A traffic stop on Interstate 10 in southeast Texas has led to counterfeiting charges against three people from Georgia.

The Orange County Sheriff's Office identified the trio as the driver, 60-year-old Arthur Muhammad of Lithonia, Ga., plus 29-year-old Amirah Price of Stone Mountain, Ga., and 41-year-old David Haynes of Decatur, Ga.

Sgt. Chad Hogan said Thursday that Muhammad and Price were released on bond. Haynes was in custody with bail set at \$50,000.

The three face 15 felony counts of possession of counterfeited instruments.

Sgt. Chad Hogan says the westbound vehicle was stopped Wednesday for following another motorist at an unsafe distance. A search turned up "thousands of dollars of highly altered, counterfeit" currency.

Hogan had no information on attorneys for the suspects.

Boy dies in wreck during chase

TRINITY, Texas (AP) — A Texas boy died in a traffic accident while driving his father's vehicle and being pursued by officers in a wreck the day after he started sixth grade.

The Department of Public Safety identified the boy as 12-year-old Scott Allen Williford of Trinity, located 80 miles north of Houston.

DPS says Williford died when the pickup left the road and hit a tree Tuesday night. The DPS accident report says Williford, who was not wearing a seat belt, was dead at the scene.

Trooper Chad Seamans says the family had reported that the boy took his father's vehicle without permission. Seamans says the pickup ran multiple vehicles off the road during the chase that lasted about 15 minutes.

Groveton Junior High principal Todd Moore says counselors were available at school.

Nearly \$1.5 million fine over Pasadena chem plant

HOUSTON (AP) — A company that operates a chemical manufacturing facility in the Houston area has agreed to pay nearly \$1.5 million in civil penalties over 2006 hazardous waste violations.

The Justice Department, the Environmental Protection Agency and the state on Thursday announced the proposed settlement with Air Products LLC over its Pasadena facility. The proposal is subject to a 30-day public comment period and approval by a federal court in Houston.

Authorities say the settlement would resolve violations in wrongly transferring spent acid to the nearby Agrifos Fertilizer Inc. manufacturing plant. Air Products has agreed to continue to manage the spent acid on-site and not ship it to Agrifos or any other facility not authorized to accept it.

ID on hot SUV baby death

LUFKIN, Texas (AP) — Lufkin police have identified an infant who died after apparently being forgotten in an SUV on a day when temperatures topped 100 degrees.

Detective J.B. Smith on Wednesday said the victim was 3-month-old Isabella Marie Staland of Huntington. Smith says her death Tuesday afternoon appears to have been an accident.

Smith says the girl's father, 27-year-old Christopher W. Staland, dropped one of his children off at school, then apparently forgot that the baby was still in the SUV when he went to work in Lufkin.

Staland hours later realized he had not dropped the girl off at a day care facility and found the baby still in the vehicle.

Oversight ended at Austin

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The state will have less oversight of some schools in Austin that have shown academic improvement.

The Texas Education Agency has ended the assignment of a state management team to the Austin Independent School District. The team had assisted the district since November 2007.

The Austin-American Statesman reported Thursday that Johnston High School ended up being closed by the state in 2008. Pearce Middle School was closed in 2009. Both campuses have since been reorganized and reopened.

TEA spokeswoman Debbie Ratcliffe said that only about two dozen of more than 1,200 districts and charter schools in Texas are currently assigned management teams or monitors. She says the team and Austin district worked well together.

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1986, although he had long been interested in painting. For the last two years, he has been listed in the top 20 artists in international portrait competitions.

Self-taught, Johnson said he's always been fascinated by the creative process.

His work demonstrates very pronounced brush work as he uses the texture of the paint toward the overall message. Johnson's work is a study of the battle between light and dark.

While he paints a variety of subjects, he is best known for his portrait work, which he describes as Expressionistic Realism. Johnson has been heavily influenced by the early masters, he said, although his style is unique.

Church

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Army Air Corps Training Base, Wesbrooks said.

While the entire congregation is involved in the new church, Wesbrooks singled out Church Elder Monty Joiner and Deacons Nathan Bailey and John McCall for their work on the project.

Poll: Most say US still unprepared for disasters

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most people think the U.S. is not better prepared for handling natural disasters than it was when Hurricane Katrina ravaged the Gulf Coast five years ago, according to a poll released Thursday.

Almost six in 10, or 57 percent, say the country has not improved its disaster preparations, according to the survey by the nonpartisan Pew Research Center. Roughly equal numbers of Democrats, Republicans and independents share that view.

Just 38 percent said the country is more ready than it was.

The poll also found that nearly 7 in 10, or 69 percent, think progress has been made rebuilding New Orleans and the Gulf.

People in the South — which includes Gulf Coast states — feel most strongly about it, with 75 percent saying progress has been made. In other regions, a combined 66 percent see progress.

Democrats were less convinced than Republicans and independents, with 63 percent of them saying reconstruction has moved ahead.

Mexico state to boost pay of state police

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP) — A Mexican border state's governor says he'll give state police officers a 20 percent pay raise in the hope of deterring them from being lured into helping drug cartels.

Nuevo Leon state Gov. Rodrigo Medina said the increase would be given only to officers who pass "confidence control checks" to prove they have no links to drug gangs.

The low pay of Mexican police is often blamed for the ease by which cartels recruit officers. Medina said state troopers in Nuevo Leon, across the U.S. border from Texas, now earn the equivalent of \$687 a month. Two-thirds of local police officers are paid \$315 a month or less, according to the federal Public Safety Department. Mexico's minimum wage is about \$145 a month.

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Today in History

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Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing American women the right to vote, was certified in effect by Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby.

On this date:

In 55 B.C., Roman forces under Julius Caesar invaded Britain, but achieved limited success.

In 1883, the island volcano Krakatoa began cataclysmic eruptions, leading to a massive explosion the following day.

In 1910, humanitarian and Nobel Peace laureate Mother Teresa was born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu in present-day Skopje, Macedonia.

In 1910, Thomas Edison demonstrated for reporters an improved version of his Kinetophone, a device for showing a movie with synchronized sound.

In 1958, Alaskans went to the polls to overwhelmingly vote in favor of statehood.

In 1961, the original Hockey Hall of Fame was opened in Toronto.

In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson was nominated for a term of office in his own right at the Democratic national convention in Atlantic City, N.J.

In 1968, the Democratic national convention opened in Chicago.

In 1972, the summer Olympics games opened in Munich, West Germany.

In 1978, Cardinal Albino Luciani of Venice was elected pope following the death of Paul VI. The new pontiff took the name Pope John Paul I. (However, he died just over a month later.)

Ten years ago: President Bill Clinton visited Nigeria, where he appealed to the leaders of the oil-rich nation to set aside political acrimony so that their citizens could lift themselves from poverty and isolation. The Houston Comets won their fourth straight WNBA championship by defeating the New York Liberty in overtime, 79-73. Maracaibo, Venezuela, won the Little League World Series title, defeating Bellaire, Texas, 3-2.

Five years ago: Utility crews in South Florida scrambled to restore power to more than 1 million customers blacked out by Hurricane Katrina, which continued to churn in the Gulf of Mexico. A fire raced through a crowded, rundown Paris apartment building housing African immigrants, killing 17 people, mainly children.

One year ago: Authorities in California solved the 18-year-old disappearance of Jaycee Lee Dugard, who appeared at a parole office with her children and the Antioch couple accused of kidnapping her when she was 11. A giant wildfire erupted north of Los Angeles; the blaze went on to destroy more than five dozen homes, kill two firefighters and force thousands of people from their homes. Death claimed crime story author Dominick Dunne, 83, in New York City; Ellie Greenwich, 68, who'd co-written songs like "Chapel of Love," "Be My Baby" and "Leader of the Pack," in New York City; Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim, 59, one of Iraq's most influential politicians, in Tehran.

Today's Birthdays: Former Washington Post Executive Editor Benjamin C. Bradlee is 89. Former Democratic vice-presidential nominee Geraldine Ferraro is 75. Actress Francine York is 74. Singer Vic Dana is 68. Rhythm-and-blues singer Valerie Simpson is 64. Pop singer Bob Cowsill is 61. Actor Brett Cullen is 54. NBA coach Stan Van Gundy is 51. Jazz musician Branford Marsalis is 50. Country musician Jimmy Olander (Diamond Rio) is 49. Actor Chris Burke is 45. Actress-singer Shirley Manson (Garbage) is 44. Rock musician Dan Vickrey (Counting Crowes) is 44. TV writer-actress Riley Weston is 44. Rock musician Adrian Young (No Doubt) is 41. Actress Melissa McCarthy is 40. Latin pop singer Thalia is 39. Rock singer-musician Tyler Connolly (Theory of a Deadman) is 35. Actor Macaulay Culkin is 30. Actor Chris Pine is 30. Rhythm-and-blues singer Cassie Ventura is 24. Actress Keke Palmer is 17.

Thought for Today: "Do not wait for leaders; do it alone, person to person." - Mother Teresa (1910-1997).

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Let our fear be more accurate

Right after the U.S. invasion of Iraq in 2003, a dry cleaner's storefront was vandalized and set ablaze in Modesto, California. The reason? The business was named "French Cleaners."

The French government took a strong anti-war stance regarding our preemptive invasion of the sovereign nation of Iraq. They said they would not join the "Coalition of the Willing." Republican congressmen Robert W. Ney and Walter B. Jones, Jr. then rallied to make French Toast and French Fries less "wimpy" and championed new names for the fried fares. "Freedom toast" and "freedom fries" were soon available in the House cafeteria. Ironic, since the French helped us win our freedom from England in the Revolutionary War.

The French Cleaners became a victim of a hate crime because the French were personae non gratae. Enemies of America! You're either with us or against us — and the French were against us!

Of course, the Modesto French Cleaners owner is Pierre Frik, a Middle Eastern man from Lebanon. Frik admitted he thought he might end up a target because he was Middle Eastern — never guessing it would be because the name of his store contained the word "French."

Which leads me to urge the following: Let our paranoia be accompanied by just a little research. No, I'm not promoting some "kumbaya - stop the hating" message. No "can't we just all get along?" query. No, the economy stinks. No one should be expected to love everybody. We're hurting. Instead, this is a plea to get the hating straight so at least we have the accurate thing in our crosshairs.

For example: In May, Arizona passed a law banning ethnic studies as part of its pandering to the election year anti-immigrant fervor. Following the "fear of outsiders" theme, the next national news story out of Arizona was about a pair of escaped convicts at large, John McCluskey and Casslyn Welch. The two were described as "fiancée-cousins." So, which is more of a threat: learning about other cultures, or refusing to marry outside your family?

If any state should be teaching multiculturalism, it's the one that launched the phrase "fiancée-cousin" onto America's headlines.

A Pew Poll recently found that 18 percent of Americans think President Barack Obama (who bucked a 20-year trend to have a name that wasn't Bush or Clinton) is a Muslim. The U.S. just spent a trillion dollars "liberating" Muslims in two countries and helping them democratically elect leaders. You'd think we'd all be super pro-Muslim judging by our national budget. But no, "Muslim" has a negative connotation because of terrorists on 9/11. Christian terrorists have "nothing to do with Christ" — but Muslim terrorists must be BFF's with everyone of the Islamic faith.

Believing Obama is a Muslim shows how little we understand about actual Muslims. Some have rightfully pointed out that Obama drinks alcohol (remember the Beer Summit?) and eats pork, both of which defy the teachings of Islam. In reality, Sharia Law, the sacred Law of Islam, is completely opposite of how Obama's kneejerk critics describe him. "Radical leftist" doesn't fit with being a "secret Muslim." Nor does having an "extremist" Christian preacher like Reverend Jeremiah Wright. Nor does calling yourself a Christian and attending a Christian church. Oh sure, Obama is a sleeper cell: soon, 19 months into his presidency, he's going to decree that girls not go to school and we have to stone adulterers. He's a closet foreigner tyrant who will make us all bow toward



Tina Dupuy

Mecca. So, what's the hold up? Is the bill being stalled in the Senate or what?!

You know what tyrants don't do? Let you call them tyrants.

Of course, Obama's legitimate critics say he has yet to close Guantanamo as promised, and there are still killings of alleged terrorists without trials.

Criticizing our elected leaders is part of being American. But using innuendo to try and make our president un-American delegitimizes the whisperer. It lacks logic and, therefore, credibility.

All I'm proposing is this: Ask some follow-up questions before burning in effigy. Are there French people who actually own it? Do we happen to have the same grandparents? What do you mean by "secret Muslim?"

Otherwise, let's all shake our fists until more of us are employed.

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Judge recommends \$12M settlement on bad peanuts

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A federal judge is recommending approval of a \$12 million settlement for those sickened or killed in last year's salmonella outbreak tied to a Virginia-based peanut processor.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Michael Urbanski in Lynchburg issued his recommendation late Wednesday to pay more than 120 personal injury claims related to the outbreak, including the families of nine people who died and 45 children who were sickened. The settlement must now be approved by a bankruptcy judge.

The outbreak began after an open container of peanut butter at a long-term care facility in Minnesota was found to contain a strain of salmonella in January 2009.

The peanut butter was traced to two plants owned by Lynchburg-based Peanut Corp. of America in Blakely, Ga., and Plainview, Texas. The products from the plants were eventually linked to the nine deaths and illnesses of about 700 people.

Under the brand names Parnell's Pride and King Nut, Peanut Corp. produced not only peanut butter, but peanut paste, an ingredient found in foods from granola bars and dog biscuits to ice cream and cake. More than 3,490 products were recalled, including some millions of Kellogg's Austin and Keebler peanut butter sandwich crackers.

Peanut Corp. filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy to dissolve amid fallout from the outbreak.

The money provided by the company's insurer, Hartford Casualty Insurance Co., will be distributed based on the extent of victims' illnesses. Additional undisclosed settlement funds are being paid by Kellogg Co.

Post-Ike, UTMB cuts back on indigent care

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — The University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston has been forced to cut back on indigent care in the nearly two years since Hurricane Ike because of government pressure to start making money, the hospital complex said.

UTMB last year devoted 2.6 percent of its patient services to charity care, compared to 20.6 percent in 1999, the Houston Chronicle reported Thursday.

Hospital officials say the Legislature wants it to make money, not lose it as was happening in the decade before Ike struck on Sept. 13, 2008.

"In recent years UTMB has carved back and carved back to the extent that if they were taking care of the indigent it was through the counties," said Anne Dunkelberg, associate director of the Center for Public Policy Priorities in Austin.

Figures on the decline in spending on charity care were provided by Dr. Merle Lenihan, based on UTMB's annual financial reports. Lenihan is the author of a report by the Galveston County Cancer Coalition on the county's lack of charity policies.

"I think it is a different world for UTMB, but it is a world of accountability," said Dr. Ben Raimier, UTMB senior vice president. UTMB has not abandoned indigent care, but has been forced to cut back because the Legislature is requiring the medical school to pay its way, said Raimier, especially since Ike swamped parts of the campus.

The settlements from the insurance money range from \$2 million for a West Virginia man, and nearly \$1 million in the estate of an Alabama woman, to less than \$50,000 for some of the children. Most of the other claims are for less than \$100,000.

"All of these families have mounting medical bills, and this happened right at the heat of the economy tanking," said Houston attorney Ron Simon, who represented some of the victims. "This is going to give them a

chance to pay those bills and move on and get closure on what was a very, very traumatic part of their lives."

An attorney representing Peanut Corp. in its bankruptcy case did not immediately return a telephone message seeking comment.

The judge's recommendation follows a nearly five-hour hearing last week where the judge questioned three lawyers representing the families and children, trustees in the bankruptcy case and a lawyer for Kellogg.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Intermediate



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I had to chuckle at the letter from "Smooth-Headed in Tampa" (June 28), who complained that shallow women won't date a bald man. He hit the nail on the head with the term "shallow."

My husband is bald, but I didn't realize it when I first met him because he always wore a ball cap. We had gone to school together many years earlier, and he had thick, wavy hair then. When he took his cap off, I only hesitated for a second, remembering a lesson my father had taught me: "Never judge a book by its cover."

I'm so glad I heeded my dad's advice. We've been married 11 years and are more in love with each other now than when we married.

Please tell "Smooth-Headed" that not all women are shallow. He wouldn't want a woman like that, anyway. Besides, those women have no idea what they're missing. I keep threatening to get my husband that T-shirt that reads, "This Isn't a Bald Head, It's a Solar Panel for a Sex Machine," but he says he doesn't want to spill the beans! — LOVE HIS CHROME DOME

DEAR LOVE: Thank you for the encouraging words for "Smooth-Headed." If the enthusiasm from my readers who love and/or prefer bald men is any indication, "Smooth" has been worrying needlessly. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I happen to absolutely go nuts over bald or balding men. I find nothing sexier. I can spot a bald man a mile off, and in my eyes there is no one else who compares. It may be because ever since I can remember, my father has been balding.

It makes no difference to me whether a man has little or no hair, is tall or short, thin or heavy. It is what's on the inside that counts. Any man bold enough to shave his head or not cover it with a ball cap

is tops in my book. (My favorite actor is Vin Diesel.) — OUT THERE LOOKING

DEAR ABBY: Doesn't "Smooth" know that bald is the new "sexy"? If he is uncomfortable with his hairline, he should see a barber or stylist who can make what hair he has "hot." Every head can look good.

I have happily dated men with receding hairlines and shaved heads. "Smooth" just needs to find a real woman who's interested in who he is, not what's growing or not growing on top of his head. — NOT BALDPHOBIC IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR ABBY: You are correct that plenty of women will date balding men. Aside from your assertion that we are the smart ones who see beyond the surface, balding is supposed to be a sign of virility.

I do have one question for "Smooth-Headed": Are you willing to date women who are less than supermodels? Many women I know, myself included, are smart, funny and sexy, but have been spurned because we are slightly overweight. What I have learned is that people who sit around whining about the opposite sex being shallow should review their own biases and unrealistic expectations. Who might you be overlooking, Mr. "Smooth"? — BIG AND BEAUTIFUL IN SOUTH DAKOTA

DEAR ABBY: I am in a loving, happy relationship with my 26-year-old boyfriend who has male-pattern baldness. We met through Internet dating, and "Smooth" should give it a try. Potential dates read about your interests and personality at the same time they see your photos. They'll start to know you before they meet you.

My advice to balding men: Don't be ashamed. "Own" your baldness. My boyfriend does. And his self-confidence makes him even more attractive to me. — HAPPY HONEY TO A BALDING BABE

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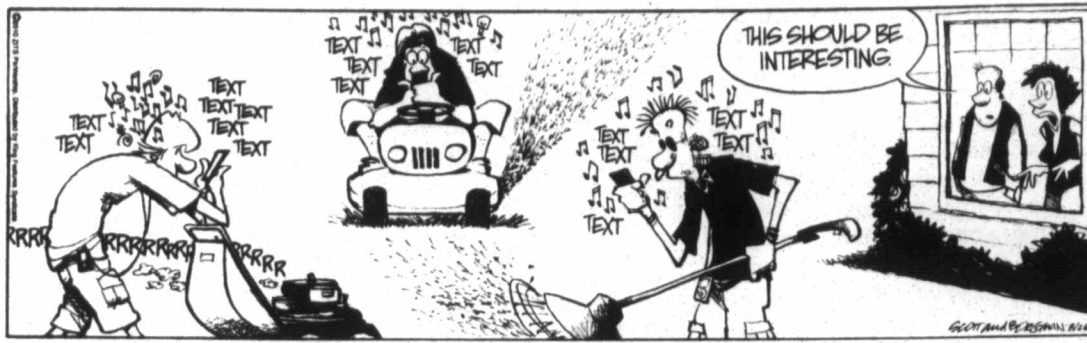
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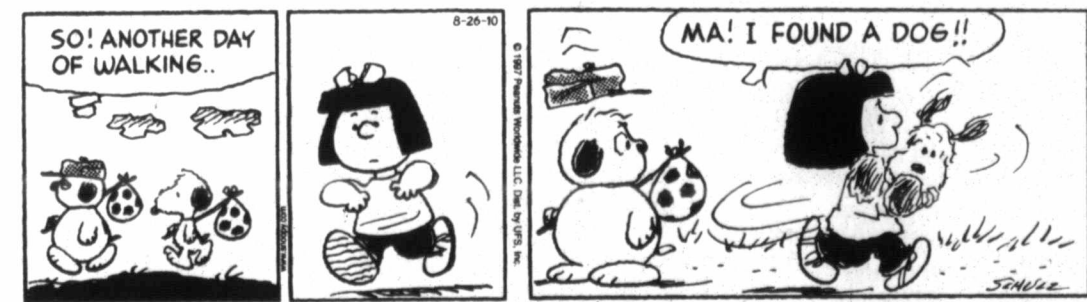
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
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 - 1 Pond life
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 - 11 Magician's cry
 - 12 Piano piece
 - 13 The Yokum boy
 - 14 Tart fruit
 - 15 Stuff thrown overboard
 - 17 Cow call
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 - 23 Out of bed
 - 25 Maggie and Bart's sister
 - 26 Bar order
 - 28 Reformer Lucretia
 - 29 Painter Georges
 - 30 Solution: Abbr.
 - 31 Pewter component
 - 32 Office-holders
 - 33 Pioneering rap trio
 - 35 Oscar's roommate
 - 38 Weatherman Al
 - 41 Un-escorted
 - 42 "Baby, — Your Loving"
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- 1 Gardner of "Mogambo"
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 - 6 Kick back
 - 7 Article
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 - 10 Fox hole
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 - 21 Nepali, e.g.
 - 22 Accords
 - 24 Popped down
 - 25 Baseball's Gehrig
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 - 35 Way off
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 - 39 Snaky swimmer
 - 40 Nutrition-label abbr.

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New jobless claims drop

WASHINGTON (AP) — New requests for unemployment benefits fell sharply last week, the first decline in a month and a hopeful sign after a raft of negative economic reports.

New claims for jobless aid dropped by 31,000 to a seasonally adjusted 473,000, the Labor Department said Thursday. Still, claims remain much higher than they would be in a healthy economy. Employers are reluctant to hire as economic growth appears to be slowing.

The drop comes after a steep rise the previous three weeks that sent claims to their highest level in nine months. Those increases raised fears that businesses were starting to layoff more workers.

Even with last week's decline, the four-week average, a less volatile measure, rose to 486,750, the most since November 2009.

The report is "mildly encouraging" but should be treated with caution, said Doug Porter, an economist at BMO Capital Markets, because the weekly claims report is highly volatile.

Separately, the Mortgage Bankers Association said that one in 10 American households with a mortgage was at risk of foreclosure this summer.

The number of Americans missing mortgage payments and falling into foreclosure has followed the upward trend in unemployment, which has been near double digits all year and has shown no sign of dropping soon.

Also, mortgage buyer Freddie Mac said the average rate for a 30-year fixed loan fell to 4.36 percent this week. That's the ninth time in 10 weeks that the average rate has dropped to the lowest level since Freddie Mac began tracking rates in 1971.

Rates have fallen since the spring as investors,

spooked by a slowing economy, shifted money into the safety of Treasury bonds. That has lowered the yield on Treasuries and mortgage rates tend to track those yields.

The jobless claims report helped send stocks up slightly in morning trading. The Dow Jones industrial average rose almost 34 points. Broader indexes also edged up.

The Labor Department, meanwhile, also said the total unemployment benefit rolls climbed steeply, as more people join extended unemployment aid programs that were renewed last month by Congress. During the recession, Congress added up to 73 weeks of emergency aid on top of the 26 weeks typically provided by the states.

All told, about 10.1 million people were receiving unemployment checks in the week ended Aug. 7, the latest data available. That's up about 260,000 from the previous week.

The extended program lapsed in June, throwing nearly 2 million people off the rolls. But since Congress renewed the program, the total benefit rolls have increased by 2.2 million, according to Dan Greenhaus, chief economic strategist at Miller Tabak.

That suggests "that there is little if any meaningful hiring throughout the economy," Greenhaus wrote in a note to clients.

The economy has grown for four straight quarters. But the pace has slowed from a 5 percent annual rate in last year's fourth quarter to 3.7 percent in the January-to-March period. It has weakened even further in the past several months.

Many economists expect the government Friday to revise lower its growth estimate for the April-June quarter to below 2 percent. That's weak in normal times and even worse after such a steep recession.

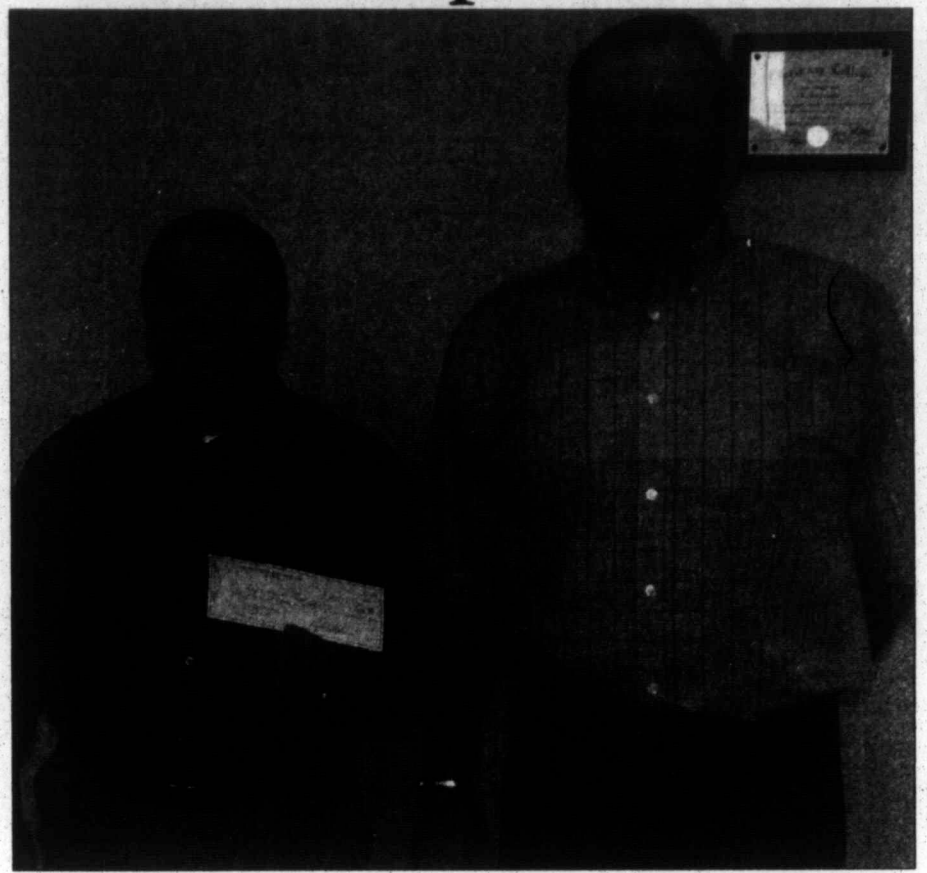
The housing sector, which usually helps power economic recoveries, is now acting as a drag. New home sales fell 12.4 percent in July to the lowest level in nearly a half-century, the government reported Wednesday. And another report this week showed that sales of previously occupied homes fell to their lowest level in 15 years. Sales are plummeting after a popular homebuyer's tax credit expired April 30.

Jobless claims fell steadily last year as the economy began expanding, dropping from a peak of 651,000 in March 2009 to about 460,000 at the beginning of this year. After fluctuating around that level for most of this year, claims started climbing again last month.

In a healthy economy, claims generally fall below 400,000.

Some companies are still cutting workers. Northrop Grumman Corp. said Wednesday that it will lay off 642 workers at its shipyard in Pascagoula, Miss., by the end of the year. The shipyard currently has 11,000 employees.

Scholarship Donation



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Ray Jaramillo (left), dean of Pampa's Clarendon College facility, accepts a \$1,000 check from Roy Stephens, secretary of the Tri-State Golf Tournament Association, for the school's general scholarship fund. The donation was made possible through proceeds from the recent tournament.

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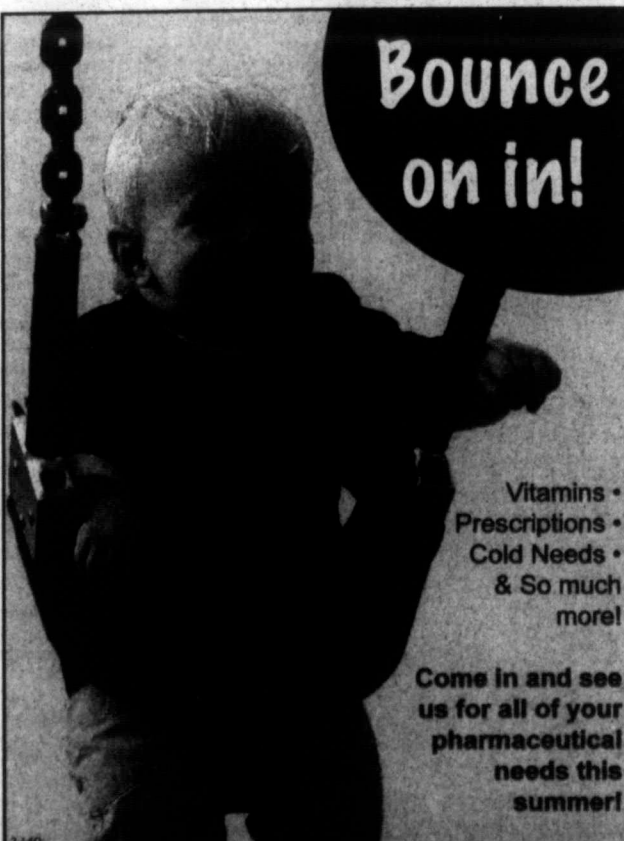


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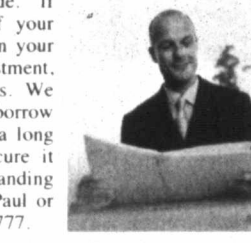
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Aug. 27, 2010.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** The Moon in your sign gives you an edge, even when dealing with a cold, difficult person. You could be uncomfortable with what is coming up at the workplace. You cannot count on someone like you have in the past. Tonight: As you like. This is your weekend!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Much is going on that is making you uncomfortable. You have not isolated some of the elements as of yet. You just know that you would prefer to pull back and do less until you are sure of yourself. Tonight: Vanish if you can.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** You might want to zero in on basics, knowing your limits. Friends and several meetings could punctuate your day, making accomplishing what you want difficult. Stay focused, and you will be smiling. Tonight: Where the action is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Though you might want to take a stand or make a decision, others could be challenging. Take another look at an associate. Have you noticed a change in this person's demeanor? Understanding evolves. Tonight: Working late.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Detach and get away from what might be a ritualistic approach. You need to break past former barriers. A novel approach will open doors. Be willing to change courses, even if you're nervous. Take a risk. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Be smart and let someone you trust handle a personal matter. This person has proven him- or herself trustworthy over and over. You could be more difficult than you realize. A risk right now is not a good idea. Tonight: Meet up with a dear friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Others want to run with the ball. You might question what is enough personally with a certain situation. You might need to make an adjustment. You could be a bit more cynical or distant than you realize. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Though you might feel a bit down, rethink a decision with care. Try not to make a point right now; somehow a conversation could backfire. A meeting could feel awkward. Know that there will be a better time. Tonight: Get some exercise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Stay on target with a project. You are unusually creative. Funnel this energy into work, knowing you want to get out of the door. Delay a meeting if possible, especially as a key person might be negative. Tonight: Let go of the week. Join fun friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** You might feel squeezed — in many ways you are. Don't push someone too hard, or else it could backfire. If you can, work from home or make it an early workday. A family member will be thrilled to have you home. Tonight: You don't have to go far.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Open up conversations with those who impact your daily life. You might be overworking a problem and making more out of it than need be. News from a distance could feel like someone closed you off. Tonight: Hang out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Realize the cost of pursuing a certain path. A friend could be the source of disconcerting news. Think twice and see if there is a better route. Understand where a partner is coming from. You don't need to agree. Tonight: Your treat.

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Sports

Woods plays best round of the year at the Barclays Tournament

PARAMUS, N.J. (AP) — Tiger Woods finally looked like the No. 1 player in the world.

In his first tournament since his divorce, he played by far his best round of the year Thursday at The Barclays, missing only one fairway and three greens in a 6-under 65 for his lowest score this year.

That put Woods in front with Vaughn Taylor as the early group of players were still finishing the opening round.

"It feels good to be able to control my ball all day like this," Woods said.

If he keeps the lead, it would be the first time he would be in such position after any round since his Australian Masters victory at the end of last year, and the first time on the PGA Tour since the second round of the Tour Championship

last year.

So much has changed since — the car crash after Thanksgiving night, the revelations of adultery, five months away from the game and a broken marriage, which officially ended Monday.

His golf hasn't been very good, either, which is why Woods began the FedEx Cup playoffs 112th out of 125 players.

This was his lowest score in 46 rounds, dating to a 62 in the BMW Championship last year, and the timing could not have been better. He needs a strong week — starting with making the cut — to advance out of the first round of the playoffs.

And while Woods is quick to acknowledge that it was just one round, he could not have asked for a better start —

3-wood into the fairway, pitching wedge to 15 feet below the hole and a birdie.

More followed, even on the par 5s, which have given Woods fits in recent months.

He used his driver only twice, deciding that his 3-wood was enough to reach the corners at Ridgewood without having to take on the tops of trees that line the fairways. Plus, with saturated conditions from rain earlier in the week, tour officials allowed players to lift, clean and place their golf balls in the fairway.

"With the ball in hand, it's much more important to hit the fairways," Woods said. It was the first time since the 2006 British Open at Royal Liverpool that he hit his 3-wood off the tee on every par 5. The two times he hit the driver turned

out to be two of his best shots of the day.

With no wind on the 291-yard fifth hole, Woods hit a baby cut with his driver and knew it was good when the gallery packed in the grandstand behind the green let out a cheer that could be heard back on the tee. It landed pin-high and settled 15 feet away, and the eagle putt came up inches short.

Easy birdies have been in short supply for Woods this year.

The other drive came on the 18th, which he blasted more than 300 yards into the middle of the fairway. That left him a 7-iron that he hit to about 6 feet behind the hole for his 65.

More than hitting into the fairway was the shape the shot required, and pulling it off.

Hidden Hills golf results Aug. 23-25

Monday Night Scramble

First- 30

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First- 62

E. Maxwell

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Second- 62

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Third- 62

H. Knutson
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L. Morris
R. Morris

Fourth- 63

RD. Stephens

B. Spurgeon
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J. McGuire
Fifth- 63

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John Allen, 13, dives headfirst into the water at M.K. Brown Swimming Pool, one of the many parks around the community with one pool for summer fun.

Plenty of local options for Pampa kids

Parents want their kids to know how and what to do to survive in water," Visk explained. "We have little one year olds who are jumping off the diving board. Lessons help kids to not be afraid of the water and enjoy it."

The Lovett Memorial Library offers a summer reading program. The program allows children to learn about different subjects and interests. Marsha Rollins said the biggest draw at the library is that it is inexpensive for the parents!

"It's no cost," Rollins said. "Especially since that things are tight. Having some place for the kids to go that's good for them and a positive environment and so cost to them is a big deal."

Cross-a-Rose offers children two programs in the summer. Assistant Children's Director Cherrise Moore said the program offers an art program where children do crafts, learn music, drama, story-telling, and creative writing. The program will take place June 7-18. The other program is July 11-30 and is exclusively drama. In this program children work on a musical and perform it publicly on July 30. Moore said it's amazing what children do.

"Children learn lines, songs and dance moves," Moore said.

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Tech study counts Prairie Chickens by helicopter

Anna Aull-Lewis

Remember that adage about not counting your chickens? That doesn't apply to Jennifer Timmer.

Timmer, a graduate student at Texas Tech, has spent the past three months in Gray County cataloging the numbers and locations of lesser prairie chickens by helicopter. Her research is part of a two-year study being conducted by Texas Tech with funding from Texas Parks and Wildlife and the Department of Energy, focusing on lesser prairie chicken populations in the Texas Panhandle.

"Obviously, the greater diversity we have on the birds, the better informed we'll be, so that's basically why I've been here for the last few months."

For the duration of her Pampa stay, Timmer (along with another two Texas Tech grad students) has spent her mornings in pursuit of the elusive little birds, scanning the meadows of Gray and neighboring counties for lesser prairie chickens "flocks," or communal breeding groups. Because of the nature of the chickens, Timmer explained, the job is always an early morning affair.

"You wake up very early, usually the weather's good, no fog, no precipitation, so winds over 40 miles an hour. One part of our job is to use other surveys and based on the bird's biology, it's easier to run and a half hour after sunrise. You bring them out and they'll start to move away from the lake and go back."

"We'll meet the helicopter pilot usually at either Airport or Wheeler Airport and take off from there. The flight path will be located on our GPS units and then we just look for the birds."

"Typically, you just fly along the meadow and you just keep your eye out. Usually, if you see one, you'll see a few more, because he's also looking out for prairie birds that you will have to scan around the side of you. You're just kind of looking all around the meadow, so you'll see the helicopter as you fly around the meadow."

"It's not the most exciting thing in the world, necessarily," Timmer laughed, "but it is cool when you find them."

Timmer said that the chickens are most easily spotted during their distinctive breeding display. "I always tell people to 'You take them,'" she said. "It's hard to describe, but their breeding display is really, really cool."

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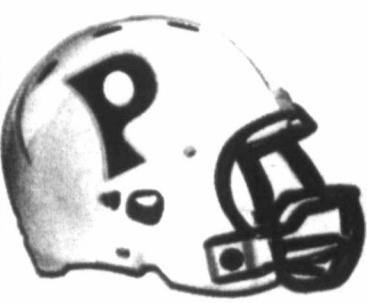
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School has started. The green P-s have been placed on the varsity helmets and it's time for football as the Pampa Harvesters are set to open the season against the Iowa Park Hawks 7:30 p.m. Friday at Harvester Field.

This will be the first meeting between the two teams. The Hawks went 5-6 last season and lost in the area round of the 3A playoffs. Head coach Heath Parker said he's impressed with what Iowa Park is bringing Friday.

"They remind me a lot of a Panhandle team that plays extremely hard," Parker said. "They play great defense, they run the ball well."

Senior center Reid Bradley said the Hawks have very good athletes and their linebackers are fast.

"Inside running will be a challenge," Bradley said. "The linebackers flow very fast to the ball."

Junior running back and defensive back Latigo Collins said they'll use some misdirection.

"We're going to try to get them to over play," Collins said.

Parker said his defense will have to watch out for the Hawks' quarterback.

"He was their tailback last year and they moved him to quarterback," Parker said. "He's unconventional for their style of offense for being a quarterback with legs. He's just as likely to take off scrambling and throw the ball up deep. The secondary is going to have to stay on it's receivers."

Collins said the key for the secondary and defense is to stop the two plays they like to run.

"They like to run a couple of post plays,"

Collins said. "We're going to force them to run stuff they don't want to."

Parker said Iowa Park's best players are their two defensive ends that will be a challenge for them offensively.

"They are tall lanky kids that play with good pad level," Parker said. "They are very good at attacking our B gap from an outside alignment. That can cause you problems, it's hard to keep them out of the B gap and can create a lot of pressure on your offense if you're not careful."

Junior quarterback Reid Miller said the Hawks linebackers and defensive ends will create a challenge for the offense.

"The defensive ends have nothing but talent and they're going to try and get off blocks," Miller said. "The linebackers are going to flow and stuff but if we get good blocks, we're going to be fine."

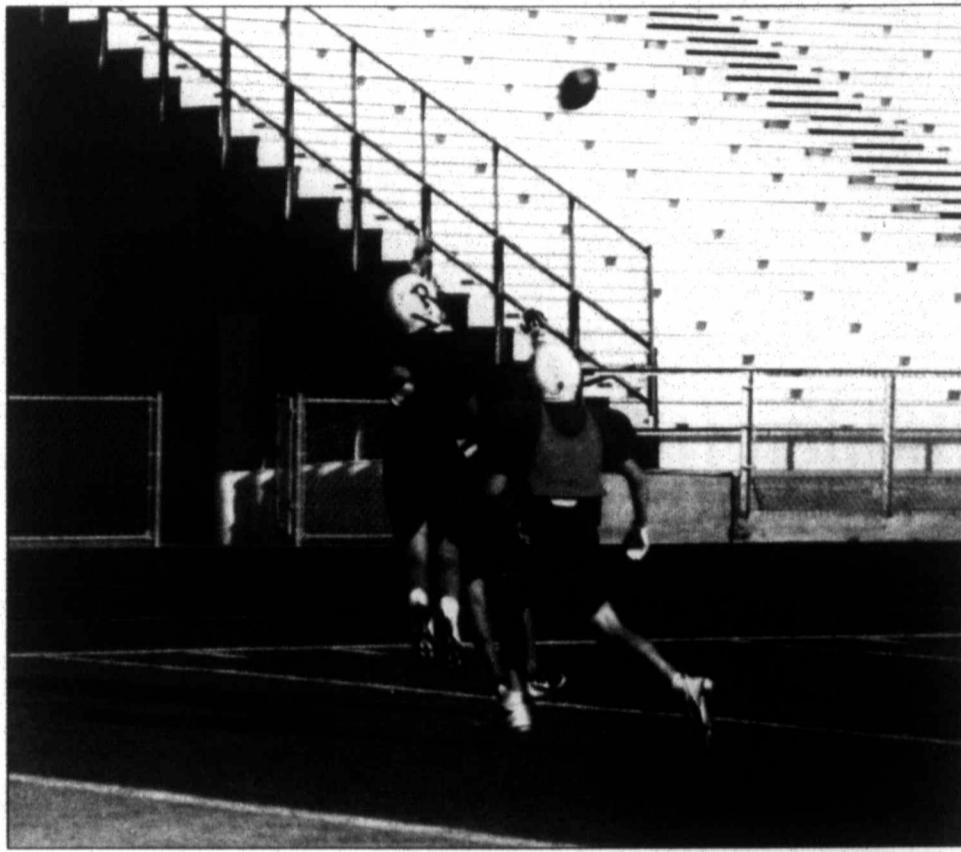
Bradley said the key on offense will be to get the running game going.

"If we can get the running game going, we can get the passing game going," Bradley said. "If we get the passing game going we can get the screen game going."

Keep an eye on: WR/DB

Olin Boyd

Head coach Heath Parker said the key will be for the secondary to watch out for Iowa Park's quarterback. So, look for Olin Boyd and the secondary to make plays Friday Night and stop a dual threat quarterback.



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Garrett Ericson (middle) tries to bring in a ball over Daniel Hulsey and another defender in practice Wednesday. Pampa plays Iowa Park 7:30 p.m. Friday.

CORRECTION

Due to an error on our schedule provider's Web site, a pair of dates on the Lefors Pirates' schedule in today's Football '10 special section were printed incorrectly. The Hedley game is tonight (Aug. 26), not Aug. 27, and the McLean game is on Sept. 24, not Sept. 25. The Pampa News apologizes for the error.

AREA ROUNDUP

Miami Warriors vs. Novice Hornets, 4:30 p.m. Saturday at Jayton

An athletic quarterback and a defense that likes to mix things up is what the Miami Warriors are going to deal with when they face the Novice Hornets 4:30 p.m. Saturday in Jayton.

Head coach Jack Graves said Novice's quarterback Josh Arispe has good speed and his defense is going to have to be disciplined to stop him.

"He throws the ball well," Graves said. "We need to force him inside and not let him get outside."

Graves said Novice's different formations on defense could create a problem for the offensive line.

"They like to try and confuse the blocking scheme and hope they can get their opponent to make a mistake," Graves said. "We need to be able to read their stuff at the line. If we

take what they give us I think we will have a good opportunity."

Graves said the key will be shutting down the Hornets offense.

"We want to try and frustrate them," Graves said. "They are going to try and outscore you, that's their strength. "If we can shut down their offense and get them frustrated we have a chance."

White Deer Bucks vs. Dimmitt Bobcats, 7:30 p.m. Friday at White Deer

The Dimmitt Bobcats finished last season 1-9 with their only victory being a forfeit against Tulia. White Deer Head Coach Wade Wilson said his Bucks will play a much improved team 7:30 p.m. Friday in White Deer.

"They (Dimmitt) are not very big but have a lot of speed," Wilson said. "They looked good in their two scrimmages."

Wilson said their

strengths are their depth and speed.

"They have a lot of numbers," Wilson said. "Their secondary is fast. They run the ball very well. Hopefully we will be able to jump out on them."

Wilson said on defense Dimmitt likes to blitz a lot. "They use a speed run at us on defense," Wilson said. "Hopefully we will be able to run well."

Wilson said he is nervous about the first game though.

"Everyone has first game jitters," Wilson said. "You know still have kinks to work out on offense and defense. So you hope things come together."

McLean Tigers vs. Amarillo Holy Cross Catholic Mustangs, 7:30 p.m. Friday at McLean

The McLean Tigers will battle the unknown as they face the Amarillo Holy Cross Catholic Mustangs 7:30 p.m. Friday in McLean.

Head coach David Jurado said they have film on last year's team but don't know who graduated.

"It's scary," Jurado said. "The what saw from last year's team, they look pretty good. They have good talented kids."

Last season, the Mustangs led Lefors, who won their district last year, at halftime 22-19, before the Pirates came back and beat them 61-22. Jurado said the Mustangs ran a 3-2 defense with three linemen and two linebackers. Offensively Holy Cross runs multiple formations. Jurado said that's a challenge for his team.

"We threw a lot at them at practice," Jurado said. "We don't know what they'll run. Hopefully we will come out and just know what to read and do good."

The Tigers will be looking to improve on a 2-8 record from last season. Wheeler Mustangs vs.

Boys Ranch Roughriders, 7:30 p.m. Friday at Boys Ranch.

The Wheeler Mustangs open the season with a physical Roughrider team 7:30 p.m. Friday at Boys Ranch.

Boys Ranch just missed the playoffs last season finishing fourth in their district with a 5-5 record and 2-3 in district. Head coach Brandon Smith said Boys Ranch has a big defensive lineman that will challenge his offense.

"LeQuan McGowan is 5'8, 360 pounds and is a division one (college) player," Smith said. "We're going to have to

block him and move him out of the way."

Smith said Boys Ranch is also fast.

"We are going to have to contain them defensively," Smith said.

Wheeler's head coach is OK with where his team stands going into their first game.

"We improved some things after our scrimmage against River Road," Smith said. "Friday night we will tell how good we are. For 48 minutes we will have to play hard and play well."

Wheeler is coming off a 10-2 season and made it to the area round in the 1A Division II playoffs.

Guerrero powers Texas past Minnesota

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Vladimir Guerrero hit a tiebreaking homer and a patchwork bullpen made that hold up over the last three innings, giving the Texas Rangers a 4-3 victory over Minnesota as C.J. Wilson won his sixth consecutive decision.

"Just the wolfpack, they came in there and just everybody took a bite, it was pretty cool," Wilson said of the five relievers that finished the game. "Every single guy stepped up. It was awesome."

Wilson (13-5) had already thrown his last pitch Wednesday night when Guerrero led off the sixth with a homer on a night when the AL West-leading Rangers were without closer Neftali Feliz, who had worked three straight games, and primary setup man Frank Francisco (cortisone shot).

Michael Kirkman pitched a scoreless seventh in his second major league appearance before Darren O'Day and Darren Oliver both struck out the only batters they faced. Alexi Ogando allowed a hit and struck out two before Matt Harrison got the final two outs for his first pressure save.

"It's nice to see how they handled it. They had to handle it, that's what we had," manager Ron Washington said.

"Ronnie's got to be tired over there," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said. "But you've got to do what you've got to do, mix and match as best you can. He's got a lot of good arms that he can trust."

Guerrero had three hits, including the tiebreaking homer leading off the sixth against Brian Duensing (7-2). Josh Hamilton also homered for the Rangers.

Wilson gave up three runs with six strikeouts and two walks while throwing 103 pitches over six innings. The left-hander is 6-0 with a 2.29 ERA in eight starts since the All-Star break.

"He throws hard and has a good cutter," said Jason Kubel, who had a double and scored an unearned run against Wilson. "He has several pitches so you can't just sit on one."

While Wilson has been starting for the Rangers all season, Duensing is also a left-handed reliever turned starter. Duensing had been 4-0 in his first six starts since moving into Minnesota's rotation July 23.

"I had a couple pitches that Hamilton and Vladdy made me pay for," Duensing said. "If I make a different pitch, maybe it's a different ball game."

Duensing struck out five and walked one in six innings, the first time he lost when pitching that long. He was 7-0 his previous nine games in his career when he pitched at least six innings.

Texas has won four in a row, including the first three in the four-game set against Minnesota, and maintained an 8½-game lead over Oakland in the AL West. The Twins stayed 3½ games up in the AL Central after the Chicago White Sox lost to Baltimore.

Guerrero also had an RBI single, marking only the second time in 21 games that he had multiple RBIs. The other multi-RBI game in that span was Sunday when he had a three-run shot, his only other homer in August. Guerrero has 23 homers, but only three the last 38 games.

"I'm going to keep writing his name in the lineup until I decide to give him a day off because I know at any minute he can make a difference," Washington said.

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