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Hibbett Sports to open Aug. 1

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The merchandise has arrived and the shelves are being stocked at the new Hibbett Sports store at 1615 N. Hobart Street.

Store Manager Kathryn Phillips could be found there Friday afternoon, helping to ready for the soon to arrive inventory.

"We got the sign up in the middle of the week," she said, "and we will be open for business on August 1."

The Pampa store is among more than 750 stores in 24 states for the company, which specializes in sporting goods equipment, footwear and apparel.

"We carry a large selection of athletic shoes, name brand clothing, and everything for children's sports," Phillips said.

She is acquainted with local customers since she has lived in Pampa for 20 years, at one time managing the former Save On Office Supply store here.

She most recently managed the Hibbett Sports store in Borger. The



The new Hibbett Sports store, being finished at 1615 Hobart is expected to open for business August 1. staff photo by Randy Pribble

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Pampa PD will call to update list

Beginning today, the Pampa Police Department is updating its telephone contact numbers for businesses in the area. Dispatchers will call Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. only.

If anyone is uncomfortable about giving out information to an unsolicited caller, and/or to make sure you are speaking to the Pampa Police Department, you may call 669-5707, Debbie McDonald.

Oil rises above \$68 as rally extends to third week

AP— Oil prices rose above \$68 a barrel Monday as a rally fueled by an improving economic and corporate outlook extended into a third week, even while analysts warned that market fundamentals did not support higher prices.

By mid-afternoon in Europe, benchmark crude for September delivery was up 37 cents to \$68.42 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. On Friday, the contract rose 89 cents to settle at \$68.05.

Oil has rebounded from \$58.78 a barrel earlier this month as stronger economic results from the U.S. and China boosted investor optimism.

The Dow Jones industrial average has risen about 11 percent during the last 10 days.

"Oil is completely mirroring equity markets," said Jonathan Kornafel, Asia director for market maker Hudson Capital Energy in Singapore. "There's less risk aversion so more investment in commodities."

Many companies have reported better than expected second quarter

Children's books deal with divorce, pet death

DALLAS (AP) — After Bill Cochran's 2-year-old golden retriever died, the normally fun-loving Dallas advertising executive used his grief to turn out a heart-wrenching book for children.

It was the first of two children's picture books written by the man with a boisterous personality who once created an ad campaign around a talking ham sandwich and spends his weekends performing with an improv comedy troupe. His second children's book is also about a difficult subject: divorce.

"My Parents are Divorced, My Elbows Have Nicknames, and Other Facts About Me," released this summer, follows a boy who proclaims: "My name is Ted and my parents are divorced. But that doesn't mean I'm weird." He goes on to tell us a few more facts about himself: He enjoys wearing capes, making soap Mohawks in the bathtub and eating cold spaghetti sauce out of the jar, among other things.

Cochran, a 42-year-old clad in shorts and flip-

flops, acknowledges he's "pretty much known as a loud, silly guy."

"When 'Forever Dog' first came out, no one even

expected it to be such a tearjerker," he said.

Maria Modugno, vice president and editorial director at Cochran's

publisher, HarperCollins Children's Books, said Cochran has "a unique talent for handling delicate topics with just the right

balance of humor and sensitivity."

Cochran, who grew up in Palo Alto, Calif., started college thinking he would get an economics degree, but soon realized that he was more suited to work in a creative field, changing his major to theater and film with an emphasis on writing. After working on several television game shows in Hollywood, doing everything from writing to assisting with the voting machine on the "Love Connection," he went into advertising. He's worked at the Dallas advertising agency The Richards Group for 15 years.

In his first book, "The Forever Dog," a young boy realizes that even though his dog is gone, he will always have the memories of her — such as the dog's penchant for sleeping on the boy's head.

The book, published in 2007, was inspired by the sudden death of his dog Mo from a blood disease. Cochran, then in his late 20s, knew he had written something good when everyone who read it burst



Children's book author Bill Cochran poses at his Dallas office Monday, June 29, 2009 with the two books he has written. Cochran has written about two heart wrenching topics: the death of a pet and divorce. The dichotomy though isn't as disparate as one might think as he's infused the serious subjects with a little humor and a lot of sweetness. (AP Photo/LM Otero)

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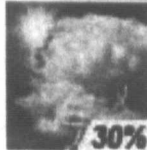
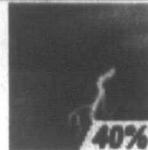

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For the record

PAMPA FORECAST

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Tonight: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65. South wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Tuesday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 84. South southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.

Tuesday Night: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 63. East northeast wind around 10 mph.

Wednesday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 85. East southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west southwest.

Wednesday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65. Calm wind becoming north between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 81. North northeast wind around 10 mph.

Thursday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 62. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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Texas claim forms sent for Countrywide

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Claim forms should arrive this week for Texans eligible to share in nearly \$7.5 million in restitution from Countrywide Financial Corp. Attorney General Greg Abbott's office on Monday announced the forms were mailed late last week over the February agreement. The deal applies to Countrywide customers who secured loans between 2004 and 2007, who lost their homes to foreclosure or whose payments were 120 days behind as of Oct. 6, 2008. Only Countrywide customers who receive letters are eligible to seek restitution. The final dollar amount will depend upon the number of people who respond. The AG's office in 2008 investigated Countrywide for encouraging homeowners to accept loans they could not afford, failing to fully disclose risky terms and writing loans for unqualified borrowers.

QuikTrip to pay nearly \$750,000 in back pay

WASHINGTON (AP) — Convenience store operator QuikTrip Corp. is paying current and former employees in nine states nearly \$750,000 in overtime back wages following an investigation by the Labor Department. The agency found the Tulsa, Okla.-based store failed to pay 3,819 workers the overtime compensation they were supposed to receive. The employees worked in Arizona, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas.

Laura Bush to take part in submarine ceremony

GROTON, Conn. (AP) — Officials at the Naval Submarine Base in Connecticut say former first lady Laura Bush will take part in a change of command ceremony for the USS Texas this week. The ceremony is scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday at the base in Groton. Navy officials say Bush will give brief remarks as Cmdr. Robert Roncska formally takes over command from Cmdr. James Gray. Bush participated in the laying of the ship's keel when she was first lady of Texas. She also spoke at the submarine's christening in 2004 and its commissioning in 2006 when she was the nation's first lady.

Obituaries

Kathy Crawford, 59

Pampa — Kathy Crawford, 59, died July 25, 2009, in Albuquerque, NM. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors. Mrs. Crawford was born May 18, 1950 in Vernon. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1955. She married Tommy Crawford on November 25, 1968 in Juarez, Mexico. Kathy had been the business manager for Family Medicine Center of Pampa since

1998, and she was the business manager for Medical & Surgical Clinic in Pampa for 30 years. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church where she loved teaching the children. Survivors include her husband: Tommy Crawford of the home; 2 daughters: Jennifer Hinchliffe and husband Jason of Amarillo, and Lori Crutchfield and husband Brian of Pampa; 1 brother: Danny Boyd of Pampa; 2 sisters: Lynda Whitmarsh of Howardwick

and Phyllis LaRue of Mobeetie; 7 Grandchildren: Alex Clark, Megan Clark, and Zachary Clark, all of Amarillo, Zoe Crutchfield and Tucker Crutchfield, both of Pampa, Cassidy Crutchfield and Claire Crutchfield, both of White Deer; many dear friends and a wonderful church family. She was preceded in death by her parents: Ray and Freda Boyd; and brother: Kevin Boyd. MEMORIALS: Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E.



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Rudell Taylor

Rudell Taylor died Monday, July 20, 2009 at the Catholic Care Center in Wichita, Kansas at the age of 80. Rudell was born the daughter of Walter and Estelle Everson on Friday, July 27, 1928 in Crowell, Texas. She was a resident of Pampa, Texas for over 70 years. On September 17, 1948, Rudell and James C. Taylor

were united in marriage in Pampa, Texas. She was preceded in death by her life long soul mate and husband James C. Taylor. Survivors include her son Larry Taylor and his wife Debra of Wichita, Kansas, granddaughter Tammy of Glendale, Arizona, grandson Jim of Augusta, Kansas, 5 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

There will be no visitation as cremation has taken place. Memorial service for Rudell will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, August 1, 2009 at the Memory Gardens Mausoleum in Pampa, Texas. For further information or to leave condolences, please visit www.cornerstoneofwichita.com. Arrangements are by Cornerstone of Wichita.



Taylor

Buna Vestal Mullins Gudgel, 98

McLEAN — Buna Vestal Mullins Gudgel, 98, died Saturday, July 25, 2009, in McLean, Texas. Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28, 2009 in the First Baptist Church with Rev. Thacker Haynes, Pastor of the First United Methodist Church in McLean, and Rev. Z. A. Myers of Shamrock, officiating. Interment will be in Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean. Arrangements are by Robertson Funeral

Directors of McLean. Mrs. Gudgel was born September 28, 1910 in Hollis, OK to Noah and Annie Waldon Mullins, and had lived in the McLean, Gray County area for more than 74 years. She married John Henry Gudgel in Sayre, OK. She had worked at Marie Foundations in McLean for several years, a job which she loved, before her retirement. She loved baking breads, canning, and was famous for her homemade pies. She was a member

of the VFW Auxiliary, the Ladies of the Moose Lodge Auxiliary, and was a Baptist. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband in 1977, a son, Elmer Keith Gudgel, two daughters, Betty Campbell and Dorothy Steel; a granddaughter, Rhonda Gudgel; and two great great grandchildren, Bryan Bybee and Audrey Morris. Survivors include four daughters, Marlene Hamby and husband Kenneth of Miami, TX, Arlene Back

and husband Rex of Wheeler, Shirley Morris of McLean, Mary Basham and husband Donnie of McLean; 25 grandchildren; and numerous great and great great grandchildren and special friends Boots and James Stone. MEMORIALS - BSA Hospice or the American Cancer Society. Sign our online guest book: www.RobertsonFuneral.com

EMERGENCY SERVICES

PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police Department responded to the following calls during the period between 7 a.m. Friday, June 24 to 7 a.m. Monday, June 27.

Monday
Animal Control Officers responded to 25 calls or stops.
Pampa Police Officers made 33 traffic stops, conducted 13 follow-up investigations, and responded to seven requests for information.
Officers responded to a traffic accident in the 400 block of Doucette.
Criminal mischief was reported in the 1770 block of N. Russell. , an automobile window was broken out.
Officers served a warrant in the 1900 block of Coffee St.
Found property was reported in the 1800 block of Hobart St.
Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of E. Harvester, graffiti at Pampa High School.
Officers provided a funeral escort.
A theft was reported in the 2100 block of N. Wells, reported at \$1,500.
Criminal trespass was reported in the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway.
A suspicious vehicle was reported at Christine and Louisiana.
A domestic disturbance was reported in the 600 block of N. Frost St.
A burglary was reported in the 400 block of W. Francis Ave.
A suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of E. Foster Ave.
Officers were on special assignment in the 300 block of Cuyler St.
A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of N. Wells St.
A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway. Violation of a city ordi-

nance was reported in the 700 block of E. Francis Ave.
Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of S. Wynne, warning issued.
A burglary was reported in the 600 block of S. Yeager.
A suspicious person was reported at Gillespie and Browning.
A suspicious vehicle was reported at Rosewood and Sandlewood.
A suspicious person was reported at Francis and Gillespie.
Criminal mischief was reported in the 1200 block of Christine, window shot out with a pellet gun.
A building check was conducted in the 100 block of Craven.
A building check was conducted in the 400 block of Foster Ave.
A suspicious person was reported at Brwonin and Somerville.
A building check was conducted in the 800 block of W. Foster Ave.
Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of N. Wells St., warning issued.
Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of N. Terry Rd.
Theft was reported in the 300 block of N. Hobart St.
A suspicious person was reported at Browning and Starkweather.
A suspicious person was reported at Francis and Lefors.
A suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of N. Sumner.
Officers responded to an alarm in the 700 block of E. Frederic Ave.
Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of E. 27th Ave., damage to vehicle from rocks.
An abandoned vehicle was reported at Russel and Worrell.
Officers responded to an alarm in the 2300 block of N. Navajo Rd., false

alarm.
Officers conducted a motorist assist at Cuyler and Brown.
A domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of Doyle St.
An alarm was reported in the 100 block of Kingsmill Ave.
Criminal mischief was reported in the 1100 block of N. Charles St., car window broken.
Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of Sumner.
A threat was reported in the 1900 block of N Grape Lane.
A building check was conducted in the 100 block of E. craven.
A building check was conducted in the 800 block of W. Foster.
A burglary was reported in the 100 block of W. Kingsmill.
A suspicious person was reported in the 200 block of W. Foster Ave.
Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of N. Cuyler, broken windows.
a suspicious person was reported in the 500 block of N. Brown St.
A suspicious person was reported in the 300 block of S. Cuyler St.
A 911 hang-up call was made from the 900 block of Cinderella Drive.
A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1200 block of N. Wells.
A domestic disturbance was reported in the 100 block ok of N. Sumner, twice.
A stole n vehicle was reported in the 700 block of E. Kingsmill.
A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 2100 block of N. Chestnut Drive.
A burglary was reported in the 700 block of Frost St.
A theft was reported from the 2800 block of N. Charles St.
Officers responded to a traffic accident in the 100

block of Sirroco Place.
Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block of N. Yeager St.
Phone harassment was reported from the 700 block of N. Christy St.
A burglary was reported in the 300 block of S. Miami St.
A threat was reported from the 500 block of N. Lowry St.
A suspicious person was reported in the 1200 block of N. Hobart St.
A suspicious person was reported at Purviance and Francis.
A missing person was reported in the 10 block of N. Terrace St.
A theft was reported from the 1900 block of N. Hobart St.
Phone harassment was reported from the 300 block of S. Anne St.
A suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of S. Starkweather.
A missing person was reported in the 1500 block of Williston St.

SHERIFF

The following people were booked into the Gray County Jail between Friday, July 24 and Monday, July 27.
Daniel Medrano Jimenez, 36, of Pampa, violation of a protective order.
Heather Lynette Edinger, 29, of Pampa, burglary of a building.
Ronald John Garbulinski, 33, of Pampa, capias rpo fine, no valid driver's license.
Mario Lee Alva, 22, of Pampa, warrant - speeding in a school zone, warrant - failure to appear, warrant - ran stop sign, 2nd, warrant ran stop sign 3rd.
Christina Arreola, 30 of Pampa, warrant - unlawful use of funds for human service.
Geoffry McCaslin, 27, Canyon, DWI w/child under 15.
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Sex abuse testimony ends Alamo's long crime career

DEBORAH HASTINGS
AP NATIONAL WRITER

Of all the horrid accusations against evangelist Tony Alamo — and the list is long — it was the testimony of formerly loyal subjects, recounting “marriages” between their cult leader and girls as young as 8, that may end his 40-year rule and send him to prison for life.

Born Bernie Lazar Hoffman, the 74-year-old faces up to 175 years behind bars following his conviction Friday on 10 counts of transporting young girls across state lines for sexual purposes. Some jurors wept while women described being molested by and forced into sex with their decades-older pastor.

Among many who've watched Alamo's handiwork since the 1970s — which produced allegations including kidnapping, brainwashing, child abuse, tax evasion and threatening a federal judge — there was never any doubt the street-hustler-turned-pastor should be locked away for good. Their question is, what took so long?

“This man has been running around the country for decades getting away with doing awful things and hurtful things to people,” said Mark Potok of the Southern Poverty Law Center, which lists Tony Alamo Christian Ministries as a hate group for its virulent anti-Catholicism and homophobic leaflets.

“Law enforcement is very reluctant to intervene in what looks like religion,” Potok said. “You've got to be very careful when you are attacking people's beliefs. There is a tendency to not want to violate people's constitutional rights.”

To understand Alamo's twisted legacy and onerous movement, it helps to know the beginning.

Bernie Hoffman of Joplin, Mo., a self-admitted petty criminal, arrived in Los Angeles in the 1960s, claiming he was a music promoter with clients including the Beatles. In a bar, he met a chain-

smoking aspiring actress named Susan Lipowitz.

Both were married to others. Both soon divorced. They married in 1966 in Las Vegas and legally changed their names to Tony and Susan Alamo for reasons that remain unclear.

The Alamos built a congregation from runaways, drug addicts, and drifters that littered Hollywood Boulevard. They started businesses, including making rhinestone-studded denim jackets that fetched \$500 or more.

They promised eternal salvation and free room and board. In exchange, they demanded total control of their followers' money, communication and sex lives. The congregation swelled to 700 or more and the Alamos grew rich.

When Susan died in 1982 from lung cancer, Alamo displayed her embalmed body in a glass coffee table, ordering the faithful to pray for her resurrection.

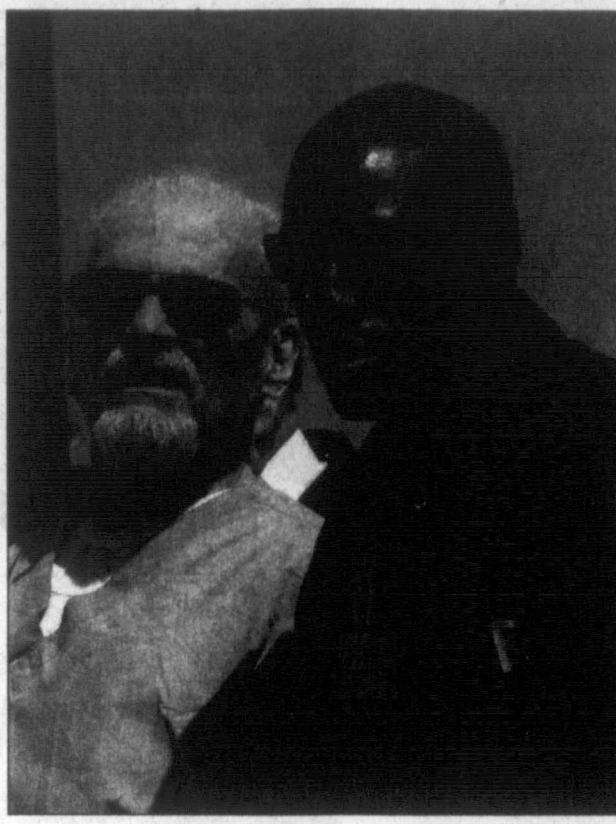
But defections started. Former members carried tales of corporal punishment, forced marriages and being refused food for days.

In 1987, brothers Carey Miller and Bob Miller fled the California compound, leaving three sons. When the men came back one night to take the boys, they found that 11-year-old Justin had been paddled. Authorities said he had been beaten for “misbehavior” including asking a science question in history class, punished with 140 blows from a 3-foot board while Alamo gave orders via speaker phone.

“Justin Miller was beaten, and mistreated,” said Pennsylvania attorney Peter Georgiades, who specializes in cult cases. Not as punishment, he said, but “because they were trying to control all the other parents who were thinking ‘we should get out of here.’”

His bloodied backside prompted authorities to raid the compound, but Alamo was gone.

The Los Angeles District Attorney's office charged



Evangelist Tony Alamo is led from the federal courthouse, Friday, July 24, 2009 in downtown Texarkana, Ark. Tony Alamo, a one-time street preacher who built a multimillion-dollar ministry and became an outfitter of the stars, was convicted Friday of taking girls as young as 9 across state lines for sex. (AP Photo/The Texarkana Gazette, Evan Lewis)

him with felony child abuse and the FBI launched a manhunt. Alamo was arrested in 1991 in Florida, where he'd been living under an assumed name and running local businesses. The IRS also charged him with tax evasion, and he was sentenced to six years for refusing to pay taxes totaling \$7.9 million. While he was incarcerated, Los Angeles prosecutors dismissed their case against Alamo.

After Alamo left federal prison, he started another compound in the tiny town of Fouke, Ark., near the Texas border, with about 100 followers. He still preached that Armageddon was around the corner and young girls made the best wives.

Until last September, when more than 100 agents, including state police and the FBI, raided his Arkansas property. Alamo surrendered five days later and was denied bail. For the first time, his followers openly revolted.

Women were talking —

on an Internet site and to state police, who alerted the FBI. They were tired of being abused, they said. They'd been given to Alamo as teenagers. They'd seen others handed over at ages 8, 9 and 10.

Neighbors, angry that Alamo posted armed guards on the public road leading to his property, said they'd had enough. The town council got complaints.

Carl Hassan, a mental health therapist who counsels cult defectors, said he'd heard the abuse complaints and offered help. “There was a lot of lobbying done behind the scenes on behalf of these victims by their families and others,” he said. He declined to provide details, and neither the FBI nor Arkansas State Police would comment on the Arkansas case.

“Liars,” Alamo called them on his Web site. “Bull---,” he said aloud in court.

IG blames system failure in death

WASHINGTON (AP) — Military leaders and a major military contractor failed to protect a Green Beret who was electrocuted while showering in his barracks in Iraq, the Defense Department's Inspector General determined.

The early 2008 death of Staff Sgt. Ryan Maseth, 24, of Pittsburgh, triggered an investigation by the IG of Maseth's death, but also a review of 17 other electrocution deaths in Iraq. Uproar over it also led to the electrical inspections of about 90,000 U.S.-maintained facilities in Iraq, which are ongoing.

The inspector general says in its findings to be released later Monday that “multiple systems and organizations” failed and exposed Maseth to “unacceptable risk.” A summary of the IG's findings were obtained by The Associated Press.

Maseth was electrocuted while showering when he came in contact with an energized metal shower and hose caused by the failure of an ungrounded water pump located on the roof of the building, the IG said. It says Houston-based military contractor KBR Inc. installed the pump and adjacent water tanks.

KBR did not ground equipment during installation or report improperly grounded equipment during routine maintenance, the inspector general said. It also says KBR did not have standard operating procedures for the technical inspection of facilities.

But it also says military commanders and key decision makers failed to ensure that renovations were properly performed and did not address the maintenance situation.

Maseth's family has an ongoing lawsuit against KBR. A spokeswoman for KBR did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Of the 18 electrocution deaths in Iraq, nine were blamed on touching live electrical wire or cables and didn't warrant further review by the IG, according to the summary.

Hibbetts

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company also has stores in Dumas, Plainview and Amarillo.

“We are excited,” the manager said. “This is something Pampa needs.”

Oil

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company results, bolstering investor sentiment that the worst of a severe global recession is over.

But U.S. gasoline demand so far this summer has remained weak, raising doubts about whether the economy can emerge this year with a strong recovery.

“I think a lot of the green shoots we've seen over the last few months have a lot to do with the government stimulus which are eventually going to run out,” Kornafel said. “The fundamentals should definitely have us lower.”

JBC Energy in Vienna said there was “considerable potential for a down-

ward correction in the near term” in oil prices.

“The current optimism might be exaggerated, as expectations are outpacing real developments,” JBC said. “It remains questionable how sustainable the current oil price rally is.”

In other Nymex trading, gasoline for August delivery rose 1.16 cents to \$1.9275 a gallon and heating oil gained 1.39 cents to \$1.7952. Natural gas for August delivery fell 5.9 cents to \$3.636 per 1,000 cubic feet.

In London, Brent prices were up 39 cents to \$70.71 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange.

Books

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into tears. Still, it took Cochran 12 years and a string of rejection notes to get it published.

Christopher Smith, a co-worker and fellow improv performer, said that after reading the book he realized how much Mo's death had affected Cochran. “I always knew Bill was a funny guy. ... I realized he was a pretty deep guy too,” Smith said.

Although he hasn't hit national best-seller lists yet, he's still getting e-mails about “The Forever Dog” from readers. Hollis Blume, 44, of Lake Bluff, Ill., e-mailed him last month after picking up the book at the library for her two children, 5 and 3. Blume, whose father had died the week before, was struck by the book's message, which helped her discuss her father's death with her children.

“We just talked about even though we won't be seeing Grandpa, he still is joyful in our hearts. He lives there now,” Blume said.

When it came time to do a second book, Cochran's editor wanted another one on another tough topic, and Cochran eventually chose divorce.

But the first drafts from Cochran, whose parents split up when he was 7, came off too maudlin.

Finally, Cochran imag-

ined his adult self giving his 7-year-old self advice, and the book came together, ending up “half made-up, half yanked from childhood,” he said.

“I had to dig back on old wounds,” said Cochran, who is divorced himself but is currently single with no children.

Steve Bjorkman, who illustrated “My Parents are Divorced,” liked that the book talked about how tough divorce can be for a child, while also inserting goofy moments.

“It was an illustrator's dream because I could be as silly as I wanted and the next page could be serious,” said Irvine, Calif.-based Bjorkman.

Bryan Embry, 31, a divorced dad of two daughters, said “My Parents are Divorced” struck a chord when he read it to his 9-year-old and 5-year-old.

“I got about halfway through it and had to choke back tears,” Embry said.

Cochran's mother said she spotted a bit of her son in the main character.

“He didn't put his hair into soap Mohawks,” Carol Souter said, “but he did wear a cape.”

Cochran said he already has his next book idea percolating, this one for children a little older about a boy who wishes he had superpowers.



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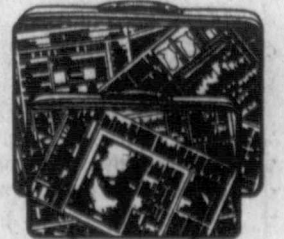
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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Monday, July 27, the 208th day of 2009. There are 157 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 27, 1909, during the first official test of the U.S. Army's first airplane, Orville Wright flew himself and a passenger, Lt. Frank Lahm, above Fort Myer, Va., for one hour and 12 minutes.

On this date:

In 1789, President George Washington signed a measure establishing the Department of Foreign Affairs, forerunner of the Department of State.

In 1794, French revolutionary leader Maximilien Robespierre was overthrown and placed under arrest; he was executed the following day.

In 1919, race-related rioting erupted in Chicago; the violence, which claimed the lives of 23 blacks and 15 whites, lasted until Aug. 3.

In 1953, the Korean War armistice was signed at Panmunjom, ending three years of fighting.

'Diplomacy is the art of saying 'nice doggie,' until you can find a rock.'

— Will Rogers, American humorist

In 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed the Kerner Commission to assess the causes of urban rioting, the same day black militant H. Rap Brown said in Washington that violence was "as American as cherry pie."

In 1974, the House Judiciary Committee voted 27-11 to adopt the first of three articles of impeachment against President Richard Nixon, charging he had personally engaged in a course of conduct designed to obstruct justice in the Watergate case.

In 1996, terror struck the Atlanta Olympics as a pipe bomb exploded at Centennial Olympic Park, directly killing one person and injuring 111. (Anti-government extremist Eric Rudolph later pleaded guilty to the bombing.)

Ten years ago: The House approved President Bill Clinton's one-year extension of normal trade with China. In an overwhelming defeat for major league umpires, their threatened walkout collapsed when all of the umpires withdrew their resignations; however, about one-third of them ended up losing their jobs anyway. A flash flood in Switzerland claimed the lives of 21 people, 18 of them tourists. With Air Force Col. Eileen Collins at the controls, space shuttle Columbia returned to Earth, ending a five-day mission.

Today's Birthdays: TV producer Norman Lear is 87. R&B singer Harvey Fuqua is 80. Actor Jerry Van Dyke is 78. Sportscaster Irv Cross is 70. Actor John Pleshette is 67. Singer Bobbie Gentry is 65. Actress-director Betty Thomas is 61. Olympic gold medal figure skater Peggy Fleming is 61. Actor Maury Chaykin is 60. Singer Maureen McGovern is 60. Actress Janet Eilber is 58. Actress Roxanne Hart is 57. Country musician Duncan Cameron is 53. Comedian-actress-writer Carol Leifer is 53. Comedian Bill Engvall is 52. Jazz singer Karrin Allyson is 47. Country singer Stacy Dean Campbell is 42. Rock singer Juliana Hatfield is 42. Actor Julian McMahon is 41. Comedian Maya Rudolph is 37. Rock musician Abe Cunningham is 36. Singer-songwriter Pete Yorn is 35. New York Yankees star Alex Rodriguez is 34.

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"Houston, Tranquility Base here. The Eagle has landed."

On July 20, Texans, Americans, and the world at large celebrated the 40th anniversary of the first manned spaceflight to touch down on the Moon. When astronaut Neil Armstrong spoke those iconic words, he stunned rapt television viewers across our globe while also underscoring that Americans — and Texans in particular — are proud that NASA calls Houston home.

The Apollo Program brought us the first photographs of a distant Earth seen from a new perspective, as well as formidable advancements in technology and medicine.

The Apollo anniversary is a reminder that we can overcome challenges and achieve great things. The Senate recently confirmed former astronaut Charles Bolden, Jr., as NASA Administrator. He has a daunting task ahead of him, as we all await the outcome of the White House-ordered review of the nation's human spaceflight programs, to help us determine the best path forward, and to ensure we have the resources to support long term goals.

Our nation faces a possible five-year gap in the ability to put humans in space. This would occur between the planned retirement of the space shuttle program next year and the earliest possible inauguration of the new Ares rocket

and Orion crew capsule in 2015. Such a gap would greatly hinder American scientific research on the International Space Station because it would limit access; to reach the ISS, American astronauts would need to travel on foreign spacecraft, including those from Russia and possibly even China.

I am deeply concerned by our dependence on foreign spacecraft, but even more so by the impact that a five-year gap would have on the creative scientists and engineers who support our manned space programs. The potential loss of their skills during the transition has long-term implications for our state and our nation.

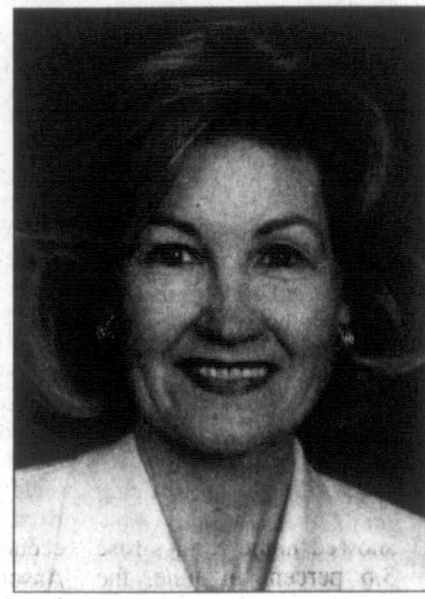
NASA partners with 63 universities and educational centers in Texas to provide new opportunities for medical research and technology. NASA's 50-year tradition of scientific innovation makes it essential to our national defense. Space-based technology plays a preeminent role in modern warfare and intelligence gathering, for example.

NASA's contributions affect ordinary Americans in our day-to-day lives. They include polymer fabrics that protect firefighters and members of the military from extreme temperatures; breakthrough medical technologies such as CAT scans and MRI machines; GPS

technology; the satellite telecommunications network; memory foam; space blankets; shock-absorbing padding in football helmets; and advances in weather forecasting, robotics, electronics, and search-and-rescue technology.

President John F. Kennedy, whose vision spurred the Apollo missions, once spoke at Rice University and asked, "Why, some say, the moon? Why choose this as our goal? ... Why does Rice play Texas? ... We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills." In the same spirit, I believe now is the time for America to renew its commitment to the scientific research embodied by NASA, the International Space Station, and a mission to Mars. Exploration, innovation, and discovery are part of the very fiber of our American identity.

The prowess, imagination, and courage embodied by America's aviation



community have inspired the world for over a century. In only seventy years between 1899 and 1969, American ingenuity propelled us from the early exuberance over the Wright brothers' biplane gliders, to the wonder of Charles Lindbergh's first solo transatlantic flight, and to the astonishment of an American flag on the Moon. As we celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Apollo 11 spaceflight, let us thank NASA for its extraordinary contributions to our state and our country, and let us strengthen it as it continues to reach for the stars.

Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. Senator from Texas and is the Ranking Member on the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Letters to the editor

Thank you Pampa All-stars and parents,

Having the privilege and honor of coaching the Pampa 9-10 All-stars has been a memory that I will cherish forever. I would like to share some of the moments and extend thank you to the parents and community for a tremendous season. From day one of practice we as coaches realized that these young men are special, and that was an understatement. Not only talent but just a well rounded group of boys, from manners to caring about each other. Like the time Bradey Porter gets hit by a foul ball during a game and our team turns into a group of 10 year old doctors running to his aid. "He needs ice, No No he needs a pill" was heard thru the dugout. Teamwork was prevalent during a late night practice as one of our boys struggled during batting practice and not a single complaint on how late or hot it was, just words of encouragement for their teammate. Emotions ran deep as Kyndan Lott held

his head in his glove and wept after winning the Lamesa battle. I also had to share the tears with him.

Chance Butler reminds us we need to pray before our game, remember he is 10 years old. That everlasting smile Carson Eubank flashes followed by a "Yes Sir". We struggled to find the right position for these men; like the game we threw Jared Lake on third base against Randall, stellar performance. Who knew?

And when Bryson Burrell holds up stealing a base, and when asked why "Coach gave me the stay sign" which really was

coach shadowing the sun from his eyes. Now who gets the error? We can't forget Zach Wilson's game face, like a rock, but really a young man with the heart of a champion. And when you ask Adam Zuniga, who played catcher, "Is that was a ball or strike?" he sides with the umpire 99% of the time. We saw a group of young men embrace Mason Wilson our Bat Boy as One of the Team never once shutting him out because he was the little guy. Also you can't forget right after losing the biggest game of their career, up to this point, the hardest question was

"Where are we eating".

Many of these young men will go on to be team mates, some will move away, and some will choose other avenues. Wherever they go they have a memory of a lifetime and so do I. We as parents and adults soon forget the values and attributes that we once had, example being our 9-10 year old All-star team that held their heads high and represented Pampa, Texas with the upmost integrity. I am proud to know each of these young men and thank them for allowing me to be part of their life.

Coach Lott

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Texas woman spreads Bible lessons worldwide

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LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Spread the Word. That's simply what she does — and has done for 40 years.

Dorothy Hilton, who will soon be 92, spread Bible-related materials wherever she could after making her first audio recording on a seven-inch reel of tape in 1969.

Some of the Bible teaching tapes, sent around the world, became a perpetual-motion generator for her ministry.

"I would just pick up the phone and it would be England, someone saying, 'I found a reel tape in the attic, and it's fascinating. Do you have more?'"

Hilton primarily published the lessons taught at Lubbock Bible Church by the Rev. Charles Clough in the 1970s, under her ministry of Alpha Omega Tapes. There were 1,550 of the lessons, and she had the entire collection.

For the past 17 years, though, she has become a part of the correspondence work done by the Lubbock-based Exodus Prison Ministry, which sends its study books to thousands of inmates.

She sometimes needs a walker to move to the copy machine after suffering a fall three years ago, but that doesn't seem to limit her portion of the work in producing 55,000 books a year.

The volunteers who staff Exodus get no pay for publishing the Bible lessons, but no one complains, least of all Hilton: "It means putting out God's word, and what a privilege. How much greater privilege could you have than to share his word?"

She said her philosophy is based on the Bible, and recommends it to others.

"It's really sad to be an atheist and not have a hope," she said.

Carla Hilton remembers watching her mother's ministry while growing up.

"She lives for sharing Christ with whoever will hear — that's been her whole goal in life. And her passion is how the prophecies in the Bible are now playing out in history," said Hilton, a nursing teacher in Lubbock.

She added, "Another of her passions is Israel. She knows that history circles around Israel, and that it will culminate with what God is going to do with Israel."

Joyce Hargis, director of Exodus, said Dorothy is the most evangelistic person she has ever met.

"She keeps us busy. When Dorothy gets to heaven, they will no longer call it a 'land of rest,' because she will put everyone to work."

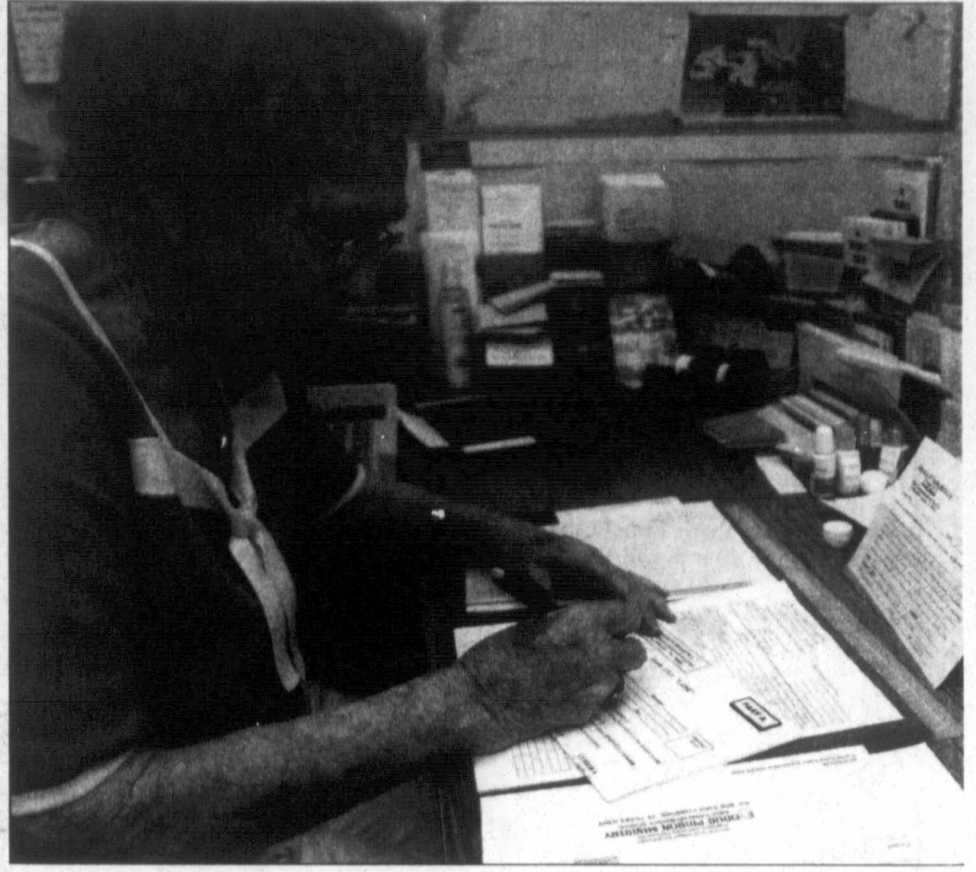
Carla remembers that other work involved Child Evangelism and teaching Sunday School.

"But after the tape ministry was established, she would spend hours and hours counseling people in the tape shop when she wasn't running tapes. She would counsel people who were down and out or discouraged, or were just wanting to know about Christ."

Dorothy thinks the prison ministry is proving effective.

"We get notes that tell us that it's changed their lives," she said. "They always wind up, 'Pray for my family.' They also want their family won to Christ."

She sums up her faith this way: "It means eternal life. It means the only hope that anyone has — to hope for heaven, and to honor and glorify the Lord while you are here."



In this July 14, 2009 photo Dorothy Hilton fills out materials at the Exodus Prison Ministry in Lubbock, Texas. Hilton has been a volunteer at the ministry for 17 years, making books, stuffing envelopes and answering letters from inmates. (AP Photo/Lubbock Avalanche Journal/John A. Bowersmith)

June home sales rise 11 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) — New home sales jumped in June by the largest amount in more than eight years as buyers took advantage of bargain prices, low interest rates and a federal tax credit for first-time homeowners.

While home prices are still falling, the figures released Monday were another sign the housing market is finally bouncing back. Data out last week showed home resales rose 3.6 percent in June, the third straight monthly increase.

Shares of big homebuilders soared on the news, with Beazer Homes USA up by more than 13 percent and Hovnanian Enterprises rising 8 percent. But with home prices still falling, these companies won't be making much money anytime soon.

The Commerce Department said new home sales rose 11 percent in June to a seasonally adjusted

annual rate of 384,000, from an upwardly revised May rate of 346,000.

Buyers are rushing to take advantage of a federal tax credit that covers 10 percent of the home price or up to \$8,000 for first-time buyers. Home sales need to be completed by the end of November for buyers to take advantage.

"The window of opportunity is closing," said Bernard Markstein, senior economist for the National Association of Home Builders.

June's results were the strongest sales pace since November 2008 and exceeded the forecasts of economists surveyed by Thomson Reuters, who expected a pace of 360,000 units. The last time sales rose so dramatically was in December 2000.

Sales have risen for three straight months. The median sales price of \$206,200, however, was down 12 percent from \$234,300 a year

earlier and down nearly 6 percent from \$219,000 in May.

There were 281,000 new homes for sale at the end of June, down more than 4 percent from May. At the current sales pace, that represents 8.8 months of supply — the lowest level since October 2007. If that number falls to just over 6 months, analysts say, builders will feel more comfortable ramping up construction.

Fallout from the housing crisis has played a central role in the U.S. recession, now the longest since World War II. Foreclosures have spiked, homebuilders have slashed construction, and financial companies have lost billions.

But it will still be a while before homebuilders turn into an engine for the economic recovery. Construction levels are still weak because builders still have too many unsold homes sitting vacant.

Astronauts go out on 5th and final spacewalk

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — After a week-and-a-half together, astronauts aboard the linked shuttle and station are taking their last spacewalk.

Christopher Cassidy and Thomas Marshburn ventured out Monday morning on the fifth and final spacewalk. They will rearrange

some power cable hook-ups, fold down a piece of popped-up insulation on a small robot arm and install TV cameras on the brand new porch of the Japanese lab.

Shuttle commander Mark Polansky says everyone will be careful, because "in my book, the last one you

do is always the one that you have to watch out for the most."

Endeavour will undock from the international space station Tuesday. The mission created the largest space gathering ever, with 13 people.

Dog home with family 10 months after Ike

CLEAR LAKE, Texas (AP) — A 4-year-old dog long gone in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike is back with her family in Clear Lake.

September's storm blew down a fence at the home of Joe and Kathy Bauer.

They took Daizy and her canine companion, Hank, to a kennel until they could

fix the fence.

Both dogs got out. Joe Bauer found Hank in a wooded area the same day the Blue Lacys slipped away.

The family went online, handed out fliers and put up yard signs with Daizy's photo.

KHOU-TV reports family friends last week

noticed a dog wandering in Webster, less than 1 mile from the kennel. The Bauers again went searching.

Kathy Bauer late Thursday whistled for the pet. She says Daizy came running and "lifted her paw for a handshake."

Cat with bad eyelids could get surgery

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A squinting cat missing most of its eyelids could get surgery to prevent it from going blind.

The 2-year-old cat dubbed Noble was scheduled to be examined Monday by a veterinarian in San Antonio. The brown

tabby in June was caught in a trap outside an abandoned house in Taylor.

Dawn Shepherd took the cat to the Austin Humane Society, where the feline was diagnosed with eye problems that prevented him from blinking.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have decided to take our son out of the day care where he has been for the past six months. It's a small center, run by a woman, "Joni," who serves as director and lead teacher. She started the service two years ago and manages a staff of about 12.

Joni is the reason we are leaving. She seems incredibly stressed out all the time. She is curt with us when we talk and has been too harried to discuss our concerns over our boy's care. She appears to be more preoccupied with finances than the quality of care she is providing. One of our favorite teachers just quit, and she confided that it was because of the difficulty she had working with Joni.

Because we told Joni we are going, she has requested an "exit interview" to discuss what didn't work for us. I am hesitant about it. If we let her know the impact her stress is having on the quality of service she provides, she might be able to hire an administrator and make improvements. On the other hand, she may take offense.

Our community is small, so we will see her around, and because there are few child care centers, we may need to go back to this one someday. Should

we be frank with her or let it go? -- MIDWEST MOM

DEAR MIDWEST MOM: Have the meeting with her. Be kind, calm and nonconfrontational, and do not tell her how to run her business. Explain that you are seeking other options for your son because she has been preoccupied and seems not to have enough time to address your parental concerns. Say you understand how complicated it is running a business even in the best of times, but as much as you like her, your first responsibility must be to your child. Period.

DEAR ABBY: I am a single woman in my 60s who lives alone. One of my greatest fears is developing dementia. Because there is no one living with me, there would be no one around to notice changes in my behavior.

I am still able to balance my checkbook, do my grocery shopping, drive myself to the dentist's office, etc. If I ever need assisted living, how would I recognize the fact so I could make other arrangements before requiring someone else to make them for me? -- GROWING OLDER IN SAN DIEGO
DEAR GROWING OLDER: Most single women have friends with

whom they interact on a regular basis. If you didn't recognize the signs that you were slipping, one or more of your friends probably would.

With our population living longer, concerns about age-related dementia are growing. Because this is one of your concerns, discuss it with your physician and request to be evaluated

for signs of dementia during your annual physicals.

DEAR ABBY: I am a college student with a gender-neutral name. I often need to exchange e-mails with people who have never met me, and I am frequently assumed to be male when I am, in fact, female.

Is there a polite way to correct this in my return

e-mails? Or should I not let people know they have made a mistake until they meet me in person? -- Z.W., CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

DEAR Z.W.: A sure way to let people know they have made an incorrect assumption would be to sign your return e-mail "Ms. Z.W."

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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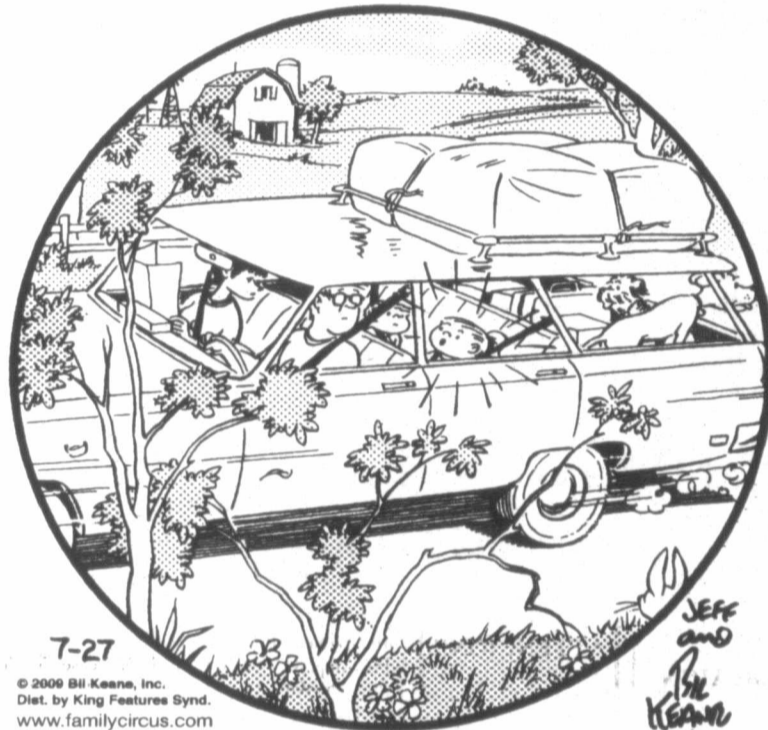
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"You'll have to come up with something better for a trade."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"Daddy, are you lost or are we going for a ride?"

Daily Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 44 Depend
 - 1 Copper-zinc alloy material
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- DOWN**
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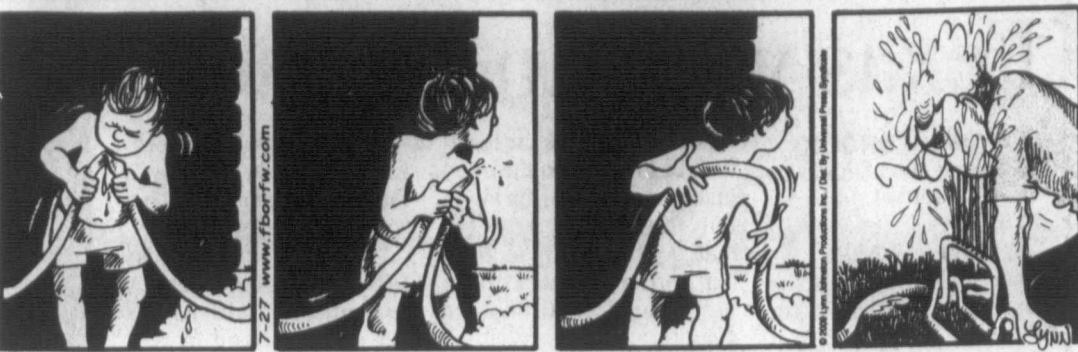
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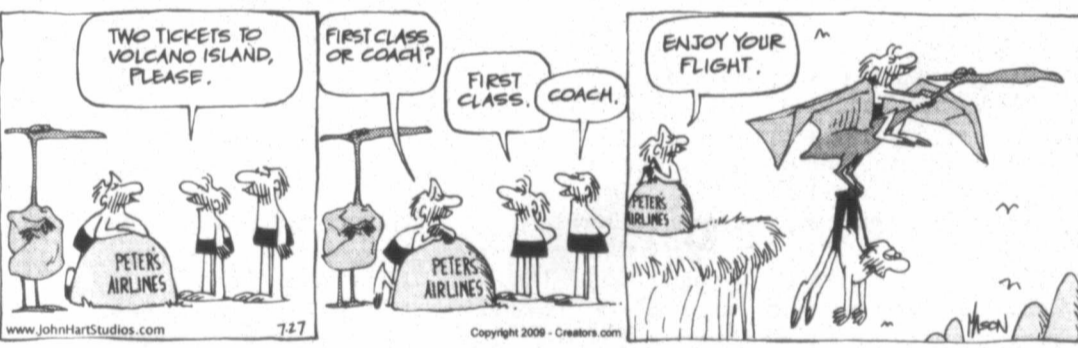
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, July 28, 2009:
This year, you often might need to stop, even if you are in a groove. Much changes quickly this year, not only in your life, but with those around you. What worked last week might no longer be effective or relevant. Continually update. If you are attached, your partner could start living with greater intensity; more adjustments will be called for in your interactions. Flex, understand and respect differences. If you are single, realize that it could take a full year after you meet someone until you really know him or her well. Be open, but keep this fact in mind. SCORPIO puts you on a pedestal but might not let you know it!

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)
**** Look someone square in the eye when discussing solutions, problems or a wild idea. Someone might exaggerate his or her feelings, though he or she means to be positive. Extremes come from out of left field. Adjust and don't make a big deal about a difference of opinion. Tonight: Catch up on news over dinner.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** If you ever felt lazy, the time to act on this predisposition is now. Listen to someone who has a very different lifestyle. Discuss your perspectives, and you might feel more justified in making decisions later. People tend to do the unexpected right now. Tonight: Easy does it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
**** An easy approach works with an associate, but you will need patience to

occur. Your creativity will flourish if you can get your mind off one specific issue. Answers will just bubble forth. A close associate gives you powerful feedback. Tonight: Work as late as possible.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** Your imagination and charisma mark your actions and results. You have a way of drawing out others. Just through a conversation, someone can inspire you to another level. Others seem to be transforming right in front of your very eyes. Tonight: Add more magic to your life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
**** Stay anchored and deal with a situation head-on. Your creativity flourishes when you are centered and determined. A style change in your daily life with work, errands and life brings transformational results. Tonight: Head home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***** Use an ability to make sense of a sequence of events. Inspire your daily life with more ideas and perhaps accept new ideas and technology. The unexpected occurs when you least expect it, making it more surprising. Let your intense ingenuity and creativity open up. Tonight: Make plans with pals.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
*** Curb a need to have events occur in a certain manner. You might want to be in control. Stop. Remember, you can never control anyone. They might let you think that, but ultimately they hold the reins to their life. Tonight: Balance your checkbook.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** Your smile rewards many people, but these same people need to have more of say. Let go of a need to control, and allow associates and friends to do more. Don't worry — no one can steal

want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
*** Somehow you are hearing echoes in your head. You are picking up another's vibes and might need to respond in some way. Creativity might be your strong suit, but be careful when applying it to your finances. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***** Opportunities arrive through associates, friends and networking in general. News heading in from out of left field could be a real eye-opener. Use the insight that evolves to break into new thinking and better ideas. Tonight: Find your friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
**** Others ask you for feedback, which also is a way of getting you more involved. Be sure the ramifications of carrying this weight are justified. Consider news. You'll see a situation far differently once you absorb all the information. Tonight: Follow-through counts.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
**** Reach out for the not-obvious solution. You might not be able to deal with the status quo, and decide on a practical way to change what is going on. Investigate options rather than react, and you will get a better solution. Tonight: Use your imagination.

BORN TODAY
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Sports

Rangers rock Royals bullpen in 7-2 win



Texas Rangers relief pitcher Dustin Nippert throws in the fourth inning of a baseball game against the Kansas City Royals Sunday, July 26, 2009, in Kansas City, Mo. (AP Photo/Ed Zurga)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Dustin Nippert allowed one hit in a stellar job of relief pitching, and the Texas Rangers scored seven times off the Kansas City bullpen in a 7-2 victory over the Royals on Sunday.

Nippert was forced into action when Rangers starter Kevin Millwood left after two innings with tightness in his left gluteus. He gave up a run in the seventh on Alex Gordon's single, the only hit he allowed. Nippert (3-0) walked two, hit a batter and struck out one in 4 2-3 innings.

The game was scoreless until the seventh, when Royals second baseman Alberto Callaspo dropped Ian Kinsler's pop up with two outs, allowing Nelson Cruz to score. Michael Young and Marlon Byrd

contributed run-producing singles after that.

Ron Mahay (1-1), the first of four relievers, faced two batters and gave up two hits to take the loss for the Royals. They've lost 11 of 12 overall.

Kansas City starter Sidney Ponson pitched six scoreless innings, lowering his ERA from 7.63 to 6.79. He held the Rangers to five hits while striking out four and walking three.

The Rangers led 3-1 going into the eighth, but scored four runs on three hits, including Andruw Jones' 15th home run to lead off the inning. The inning also included RBI singles by Michael Young and Kinsler, while another run scored on David Murphy's ground out.

In his past four outings, Cruz has allowed 10 hits

and 12 runs.

Young had three hits and rove in two runs.

Miguel Olivo's two-out single in the second off Millwood was the only hit the Royals had before Gordon's single in the seventh drove in Mark Teahen. Nippert retired the first 11 batters he faced. John Buck's single in the ninth scored Callaspo with the final run.

NOTES: Manager Ron Washington held Rangers CF Josh Hamilton, who is 0 for 7 with five strikeouts in the series, out of the starting lineup. ... Royals RHP Kyle Farnsworth, who is on the disabled list with a right groin strain, threw a bullpen session Sunday and is scheduled to begin a minor-league rehab assignment Tuesday with Triple-A Omaha.

DiSanto, Malouda score for Chelsea in 2-0 win

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Franco DiSanto and Florent Malouda each set up the other for a goal in the span of two minutes in the second half to lead Chelsea to a 2-0 win over Club America on Sunday in the final game of the World Football Challenge.

Malouda took a pass from Ashley Cole and chipped it in front of the goal, where DiSanto beat Club America goalkeeper Armando Navarrete to the ball and knocked it into the net in the 76th minute.

Two minutes later, DiSanto, a halftime substitute, beat defender Oscar Rojas along the end line and dropped a ball back to Malouda, who fired it past Navarrete from about 12 yards out.

"It is very important for a young player like me to

take advantage of every single opportunity," said DiSanto, 20, who made 16 appearances as a sub last season. "I'm just beginning with the Chelsea and I want to stay here."

Chelsea went undefeated in winning the four-team, round robin-style tournament, which was played in six cities across the United States over the last week. Club America was second, one point ahead of Inter Milan. AC Milan finished fourth.

The goals came about 15 minutes after Club America failed to capitalize on two of its best scoring opportunities. In the 61st minute, Chelsea goalkeeper Ross Turnbull pushed Enrique Esqueda's shot wide. Two minutes later, Pavel Pardo's free kick from 35 yards out glanced off the

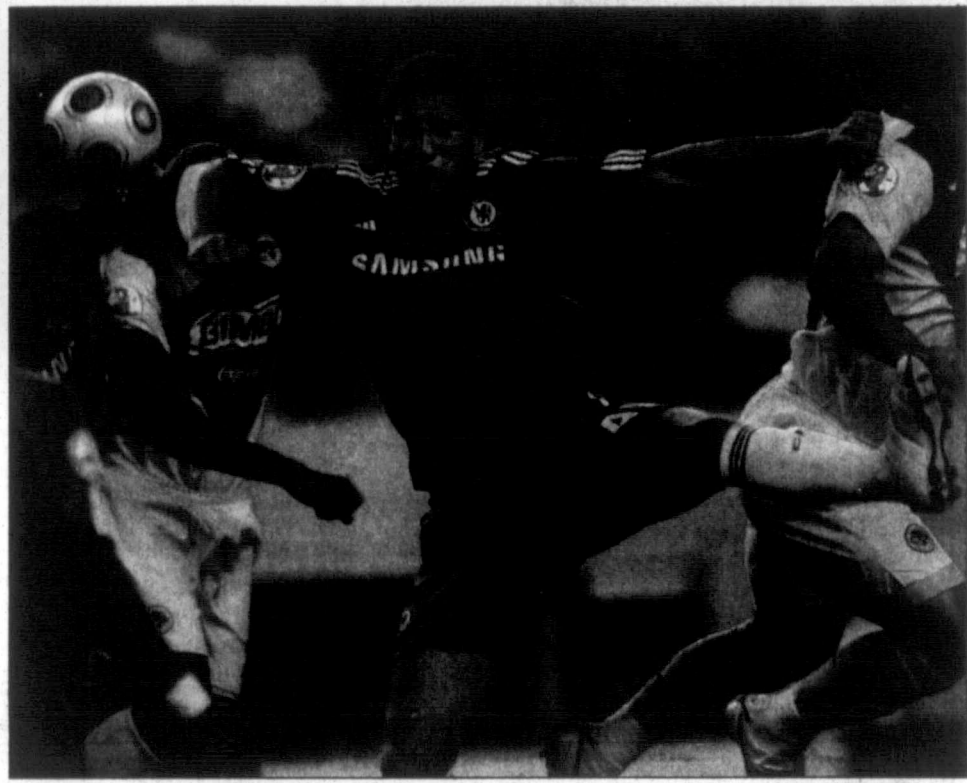
head of forward Salvador Cabanas, who flicked the ball off the post.

Esqueda also missed on back-to-back scoring chances in the first half, when goalkeeper Hilario tipped away a header. A minute later, Esqueda's shot missed just wide.

Chelsea outshot Club America 18-10, with 11 of those shots coming in the second half when the English Premier League team controlled the run of play.

Turnbull and Hilario combined for four saves. Navarrete finished with three saves for Club America, which plays in Mexico's Primera Division. Each team received a yellow card.

Chelsea kept most of its famous names on the bench. Frank Lampard,



Chelsea FC's Sam Hutchinson goes up for the header against Club America in the first half of the World Football Challenge soccer match on Sunday, July 26, 2009, in Arlington, Texas. (AP Photo/Mike Stone)

Didier Drogba, Michael Ballack and John Terry, who announced he would return to Chelsea, did not play.

Club America was without star goalkeeper Guillermo Ochoa, who earlier in the day led Mexico to a 5-0 win over the United States in the championship of the CONCACAF Gold Cup. Coach Jesus Ramirez took several players off the field in the second half, saying he was saving them for an upcoming match against Mexican club San Luis.

"It is hard to take off most of our starting team because everybody wanted

to continue on the field," Ramirez said through a translator. "We have to be smart, because we need most our players ready for this Wednesday."

The game was the second sporting event at the new Cowboys Stadium, which last week was the site of a

pair of Gold Cup quarter-final matches. The crowd of 57,229 mostly favored Club America, but was about 25,000 fewer than the turnout last week to see Mexico's national team.

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