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**More than one way to scan a CT**

**BY MARILYN POWERS**  
STAFF WRITER

Time is precious to most people who need medical treatment, and a new computerized tomography scanner, known as a CT scanner, at Pampa Regional Medical Center helps medical personnel detect conditions such as strokes and bone injuries much quicker than the scanner it replaced.

"The major difference between this one and the last one is that the last one did one slice (section) at a time. This one does six at a time, which cuts the amount of time needed. One spin or revolution of the mechanism is six slices, or six pictures," said Tim Hardin of the hospital's radiology department.

Each rotation of the scanner's donut-shaped machinery takes .47 seconds, so the scanner can do 12 "slices" per second. For a scan of a patient's entire head, 24 slices are needed, or two seconds' time to be scanned by the

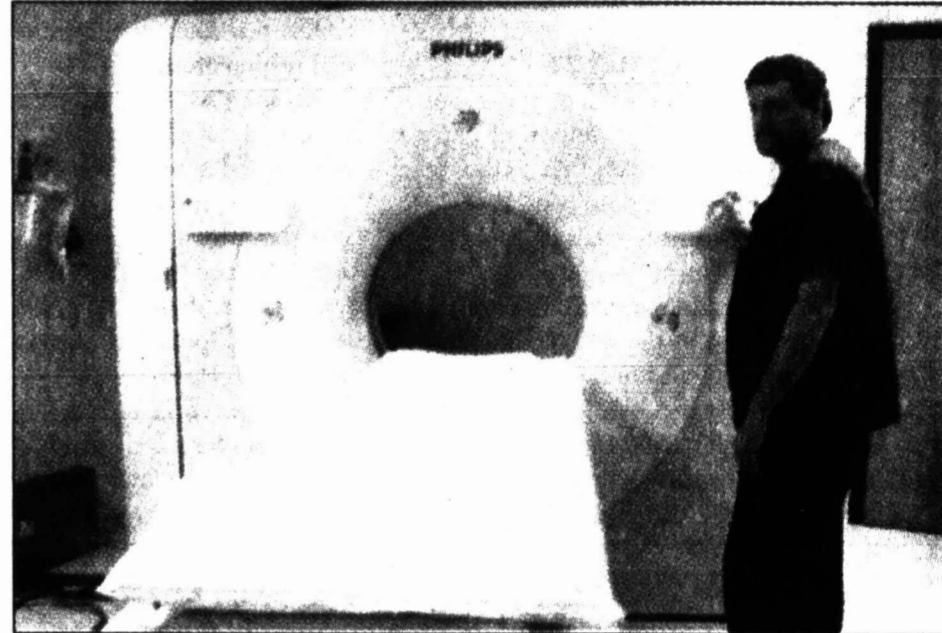
machine. Each "slice" is an axial, or horizontal, section of the body. Images of the scans are ready within two minutes, Hardin said.

"With the speed of this machine, it's easier on a patient with a broken bone. It's hard to keep still very long, and the patient needs to be perfectly still during the scan," Hardin said.

Computerized tomography, a type of X-ray, is generally ordered when there are suspected head injuries such as strokes, skull fractures or broken facial bones. It is also used when other bone fractures are suspected, and for vascular studies and internal organ scans, such as are needed to look for cancerous masses.

"We couldn't do the vascular studies before. Now we can evaluate arteries for blockages, and will be able to see fluid which is the result of a leak (inside the body)," Hardin said.

The new CT scanner can also create



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)  
Tim Hardin of Pampa Regional Medical Center's radiology department prepares images of a patient's skeletal structure on the computer terminal of the hospital's new computerized tomography, or CT, scanner. The new equipment can create three-dimensional images of scans in seconds.

**Golden Horseshoe discovered today**

Search for the Top O' Texas Rodeo Golden Horseshoe ended today when Alicia Nicholas and Jonathan Smith found it hiding at Warner Horton Supply. Nicholas and Smith will receive box seat tickets for all performances of the Top O' Texas-PRCA rodeos and will ride in the parade on Saturday morning, June 5. Rodeo officials extend their congratulations to the pair of winners.



**PHS to release students early for funeral service**

Pampa High School will end classes early on Wednesday, May 26, so students may attend the funeral of sophomore Amy Youree who died in a vehicle accident Saturday, school officials announced.

High school students will be released at 2:45 p.m., Wednesday, so they'll have time to get ready for the funeral at 4 p.m. at First Baptist Church.

PHS has also announced its final exam bell schedule for Thursday, May 27, and Friday, May 28.

**Thursday, May 27**  
8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. - 1st period exam

9:35 a.m. to 11:05 a.m. - 2nd period exam  
11:05 a.m. to 12:05 a.m. - Lunch  
12:10 p.m. to 1:40 p.m. - 3rd period exam  
1:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. - 4th period exam

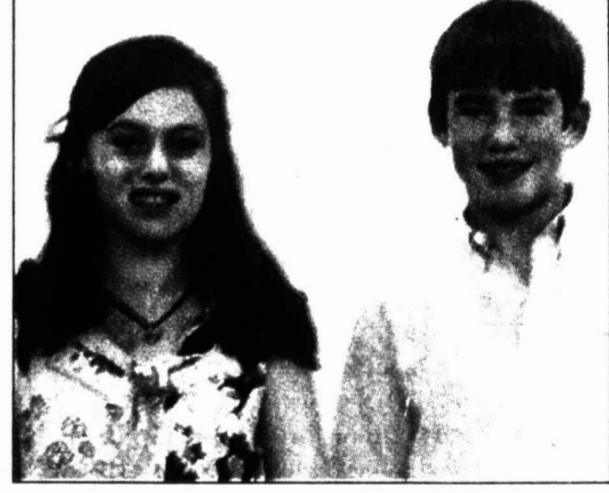
**Friday, May 28**  
8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. - 5th period exam  
9:35 a.m. to 11:05 a.m. - 6th period exam  
11:05 a.m. to 12:05 a.m. - Lunch  
12:10 p.m. to 1:40 p.m. - 7th period exam  
1:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. - Dismissal at 1:40 p.m.

Graduation ceremonies for the PHS Class of 2004 are set for 2 p.m., Saturday, May 29, at Harvester Field.

**Pampa Middle School honors top students**



(Courtesy photos)  
Top Ten students of 2004, Best Citizens, and Patriots were announced at the Pampa Middle School 8th Grade Awards Assembly in the middle school auditorium on May 21. The Top Ten is determined by the students' grade point average. Top Ten students of Pampa Middle School for 2004 are pictured after being recognized at the assembly: Bottom row, from left, Ja'cee Villarreal, Kristen Dunn, Kayla Mendoza, Lidia Salazar, and Jennifer Cox. Second row, from left, are Samantha Sutterfield, Lacy Loving, Kailee Intemann, Garnett Schafer, and Brody Russell.



Claire Boyd, left, and Jad McGuire, right, received The Patriot awards for this year.



Brody Russell, left, and Kristen Dunn, right, were chosen as Best Citizens for 2004.

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## ON RECORD

### POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

#### Wednesday, May 19

Burglary was reported in the 1200 block of South Nelson. Method of entry is unknown, and nothing was reported taken.

#### Saturday, May 22

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 500 block of Oklahoma. Method of entry is unknown. Insurance papers were taken.

The City of Pampa Water Department reported theft of services in the 1100 block of North Starkweather. Amount of loss is unknown.

A committal was reported at One Medical Plaza.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 2100 block of North Duncan. Method of entry is unknown. A stereo and PlayStation were taken, for an estimated loss of \$285.

#### Monday, May 24

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1800 block of Fir. Method of entry is unknown. A wallet was taken but later returned with \$5 missing out of it.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 600 block of North Dwight.

Criminal mischief over \$50 and under \$500 was reported in the 600 block of North Dwight. A window was broken out of a vehicle. Estimated loss is \$300.

Taylor Food Mart, 600 E. Frederic, reported a gasoline drive-off. Value of gas taken is \$37.43.

Found property was reported in the 2300 block of Rosewood. A street marker was found.

Identity theft was reported in the 1700 block of Hobart.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1800 block of Fir. A window was broken out, with damage estimated at \$60.

Theft was reported in the 200 block of Tignor. Checks were taken.

Assault was reported in the 2200 block of Charles. No injuries were reported.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 1200 block of Hobart.

Assault was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 1900 block of Duncan and reportedly involved juveniles. No injuries were reported.

Jaymie Nation, 28, 616 N. Wells, was arrested in the 600 block of North Wells on a capias pro fine for failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Jayson Calfy, 19, Montague Apts. #8, was arrested in the 600 block of North Frost for burglary of a motor vehicle.

#### Tuesday, May 25

Ashley Dawn Ragan, 26, 637 N. Dwight, was arrested in the 600 block of North Dwight for theft under \$50, evading arrest and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Michael Heiskell, 27, 1928 N. Christy, was arrested in the 1000 block of South Gray for no insurance, no valid driver's license, expired motor vehicle registration and failure to change address.

### AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

#### Monday, May 24

7:58 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to 23rd Avenue and Perryton Parkway and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

11:20 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Pitts and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

1:28 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2500 block of Aspen and transported a patient to PRMC.

4 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Big Springs.

#### Tuesday, May 25

12:24 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Dean. No transport.

### FIRE

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

#### Monday, May 24

7:54 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at 23rd Street and Perryton Parkway.

11:09 a.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to a lifting assist in the 400 block of Pitts.

12:57 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1900 block of Wells.

4:24 p.m. — Two units and seven firefighters responded to a lifting assist at Pampa Regional Medical Center.

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CXX	91.51	+1.34
Wal Mart	55.20	+0.21
OKF	21.25	+0.19
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West Texas Crude	41.71	

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

BP	53.84	+1.37
CVX	91.51	+1.34
Wal Mart	55.20	+0.21
OKF	21.25	+0.19
NS-Gip	13.36	+0.88
West Texas Crude	41.71	

### SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Office today reported the following arrests.

#### Monday, May 24

Leander Joseph Feltner, 20, Letors, was arrested for theft over \$50 and under \$500, and failure to appear on a theft charge.

Joshua Lloyd Mullen, 19, 418 Wynne, was arrested for theft under \$50 and capias pro fines for disorderly conduct/obscene language, theft under \$50 and three counts of failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Jason Applegate, 25, 511 Doyle, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for theft by check.

## OBITUARIES

### SERVICES TOMORROW

**STRIBLING, Bernice** — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Miami Cemetery, Miami.

#### BERNICE STRIBLING

Bernice Stribling, 96, died Sunday, May 23, 2004, in Pampa. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Miami Cemetery with the Rev. Tom Stribling, pastor of United Methodist Church of Happy, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Stribling was born July 4, 1907, in Hunt County, Texas. She had been a resident of Miami since 1914. She married Tas Albert Stribling on June 18, 1931, in Miami. He preceded her in death in 1989. She was past matron of the Roberts County Chapter #98 Order of the Eastern Star, and a member of the First Baptist Church of Miami.

Survivors include one son, David B.

Stribling of Pampa; five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, one great-great grandchild. She was preceded in death by a son, Albert Tas Stribling, on July 15, 2003.

Memorials may be made to American Legion Post #106, P.O. Box 478, Miami, Texas, 79059.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).



## WEATHER FOCUS

Today's forecast is calling for mostly cloudy skies with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon, highs in the lower 80s and northwest winds 5 to 10 mph, shifting to the northeast 5 to 15 mph in the afternoon. Tonight should fall on mostly cloudy skies with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening, lows in the upper 50s and east winds 5 to 15 mph.

Wednesday should be mostly cloudy. Highs around 90. West winds around 10 mph. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower

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60s. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph.

Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. West winds 10 to 15 mph. Thursday night, mostly

cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s.

Friday, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 90. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s.

Saturday, partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs around 90. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Breezy. Lows in the lower 60s.

Sunday, partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the mid 80s. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s. Memorial Day, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s.

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## Report says government keeping back lead hazard data for housing

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Information about lead hazards in both public and private housing around the country is being withheld by the government, according to a senior federal housing official whose comments were videotaped and obtained by the San Antonio Express-News.

At least one child at each of 16,500 HUD properties and other sites was diagnosed with lead poisoning, according to the newspaper's copyright report in Tuesday online editions.

Joseph Smith, Deputy director of the Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control, told a managers group that work in the office of Alphonso Jackson, secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, that information about federal-assisted housing would not be made public.

It was part of meeting between Smith and Jackson's staff members.

"We came upstairs and told the (HUD) secretary's staff that we had 16,000 properties and that we would be out doing site inspections and will in fact be issuing a press release in regards to them," Smith reportedly said at the taped meeting. "The office of the secretary said, 'Wait a minute! Wait a minute! Do you realize that probably 55 percent of those are going to end up being our houses?'"

"We said we know that some of them are going to be there, but we're sending them through the process," Smith said.

He continues by relaying what the secretary's staff told him.

"We have programs in place that will ensure that our properties are not a part

of the public acknowledgment."

Smith's comments were made at a senior HUD management meeting in Washington on May 4.

Smith was outlining plans to address and identify lead hazard locations by 2010. The meeting was broadcast to HUD offices around the country. It was released by government union members who held an informational picket of San Antonio HUD headquarters last week.

Brian Sullivan, HUD spokesman in Washington, sought to clarify Smith's remarks.

"The idea that HUD is withholding information about lead hazards is absolutely and totally false," Sullivan said.

He said HUD does not plan to conceal any information about any hazards to children.

Sullivan said that the locations, most of which are privately owned, are the subject of an enforcement investigation and cannot be revealed now — and he doesn't know when the information would be made public.

HUD is working with local health departments to gather information about housing where lead hazards are known.

HUD had received responses from 25 departments at the time of the May 4 meeting.

The video showed that Detroit had 4,700 sites; Baltimore had 3,100; St. Louis had 1,800; and Syracuse, N.Y., had 1,450.

Lead poisoning can cause reduced intelligence, reduced stature and impaired hearing.

## Army copter center planned for former air base

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A military helicopter research facility is planned this year for a former air base in Central Texas, according to U.S. Army officials who want to develop new technology for their fleet.

City leaders say they hope the Rotary Wing Technology Center, to be based at KellyUSA, will spark a new round of high-tech growth as the region's first military research hub. The center will involve the Defense Department and a consortium of private businesses specializing in the construction, maintenance and repair of copters.

"This will be a magnet for many firms who want to locate in San Antonio in order to be near the center," Bob Sanchez, a local businessman who led the drive to land the facility, told the San Antonio Express-News in Tuesday's online edi-

tion. "The impact is as big as the program itself. For helicopters it is in the billions of dollars."

Army officials have \$14.6 billion to spend following their decision to cancel the Comanche, a reconnaissance helicopter that had been in development for 21 years. Top Army leaders plan to ask Congress to allow the service to spend the money earmarked for 121 Comanches and instead buy 796 new UH-60 Black Hawks and modernize 1,400 helicopters now in service.

The move away from the Comanche project began in 1983 and was to have cost \$39 billion. The shift came after cancellation of the \$11 billion Crusader artillery system. A failed attack involving 31 AH-64 Apache Longbows during Gulf War II by the Army also was a factor in the

decision to junk the Comanche. "It's a fascinating period because Army aviation could either go down or go up," Michael O'Hanlon, a Brookings Institution senior fellow, said. "It's not going to make or break the Army, but it could be quite critical in determining whether Army aviation has a brighter or dimmer future."

Opening of the KellyUSA center, which will start with just the Army and a handful of contractors, will be marked with a June 29-30 workshop. Tony Vatalicos, the center's director, said the facility should be operational by year's end and will be staffed by up to 30 civilian Defense Department workers.

He said that work force could grow to 200 employees, adding that most of them will come from the San Antonio area.

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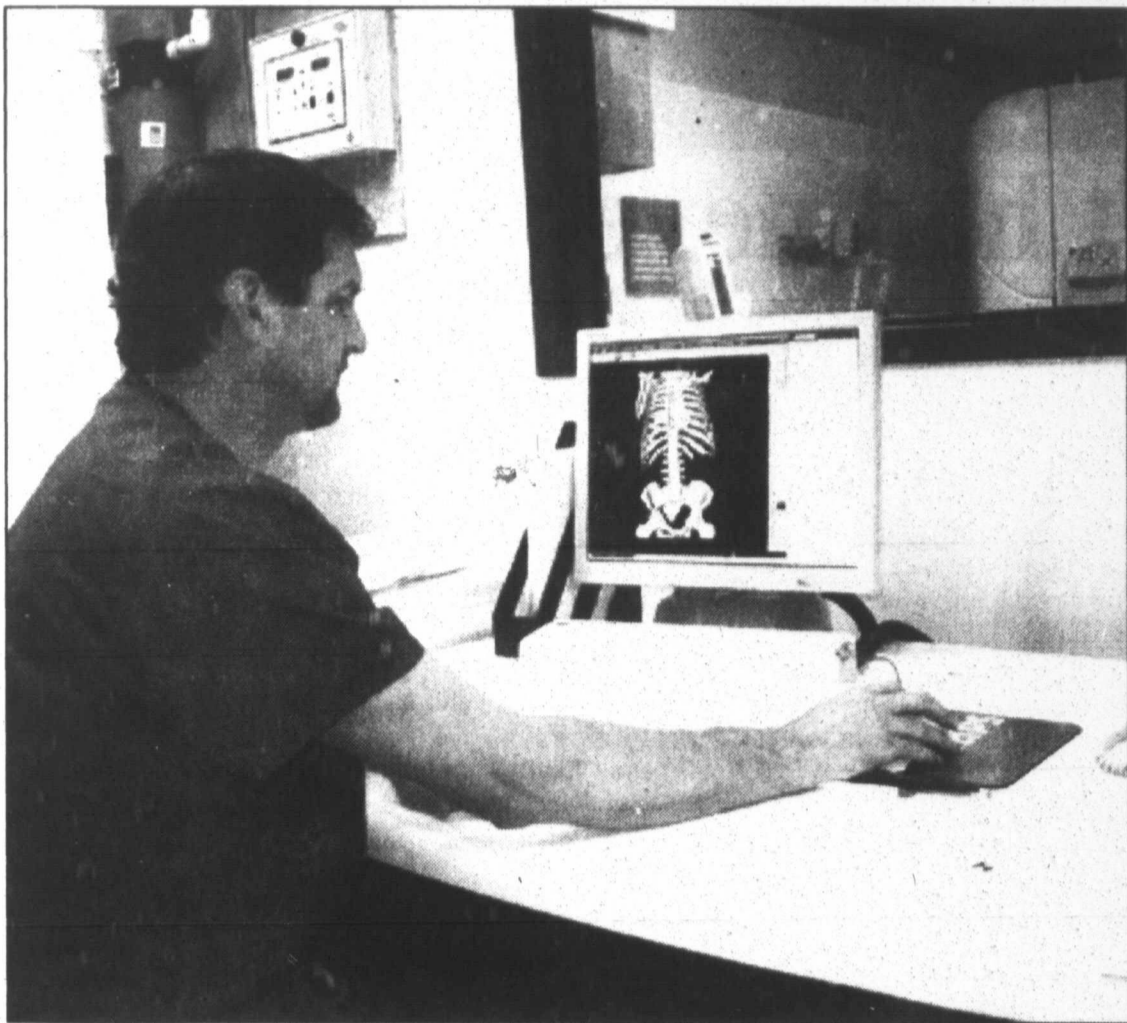
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(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)

Tim Hardin of Pampa Regional Medical Center's radiology department prepares the department's new computerized tomography, or CT, scanner for its next patient. The new scanner was put to work at PRMC on May 3 and replaces a nine-year-old scanner.

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three-dimensional images from the scans, which are helpful for orthopedic and other surgeons to see before performing surgery, Hardin said.

The three-dimensional images can be rotated through a 360-degree turn, or can be flipped end over end or in any three-dimensional direction for viewing.

"With its speed and what we can do with the data afterward, it's hard to do without," Hardin said of the new CT scanner.

PRMC's new scanner arrived at the end of April, and was put to use on May 3. Radiology staff members received two weeks of training before beginning to use the new scanner, and Hardin is scheduled for two more weeks of training.

Between 120 and 130 CT scans are performed at PRMC each month, Hardin said.

"It is a very highly utilized machine, part of the backbone of the radiology department. They are not generally found in doctors' offices," he said.

The department's next planned advance is to make the images it takes available on all computer terminals in the hospital. This would eliminate X-ray film-developing and would replace the old method with digital technology, Hardin said.

The radiology department at the hospital performs nearly 1,000 X-rays per month, generally for such suspected conditions as pneumonia and injuries from falls such as broken bones, Hardin said. The department also performs magnetic resonance imaging, or MRI; ultrasound; and nuclear medicine.

**Kid Pony Show entry deadline near**

Deadline is fast approaching for the Top O' Texas Kid Pony Show. All entries must be received in the rodeo office by 5 p.m. on Friday, June 5.

Contestants are encouraged to enter as early as possible as the rodeo office will be closed on Monday, May 31.

Entries are also being taken for all other events of the Top O' Texas Rodeo including Mutton Busting, Double Mugging, and the Rodeo Parade.

The Challenge Pick Up Race has a new twist this year. The Top O' Texas Directors have challenged other area rodeo associations to compete for bragging rights. This fun-filled event will be held during the free barbecue on Thursday, June 3.

Tickets are on sale at the rodeo office at Wayne's Western Wear for the 58th annual Top O' Texas Rodeo performances June 3, 4 and 5. Tickets are also available for

the Queen's Luncheon and Style Show scheduled for Thursday, June 3, at 11:30 a.m. at the Pampa Community Building. Deadline for purchasing tickets is 5 p.m., Friday, May 28. Seating space is limited, so organizers encourage persons wishing to attend to get their tickets as soon as possible.

For more information, contact the rodeo office at 669-0434 or buy tickets at 200 N. Ballard.

**SBC, union reach tentative agreement after 4-day strike**

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — SBC Communications Inc. agreed to a tentative contract Tuesday that guarantees jobs to more than 100,000 union employees and gives them access to positions in the company's fastest-growing sectors.

The agreement between San Antonio-based SBC and the Communications Workers of America came hours after the union workers returned to their jobs after a planned four-day strike.

CWA leaders say the deal, subject to member approval, provides higher wages and strengthens job security for the employees it represents in 13 states.

CWA workers walked off the job Friday and picketed at facilities across the nation to put pressure on SBC, but never intended for the strike to go beyond four days. Many returned to work after midnight Tuesday as planned, and the agreement came soon after.

"This agreement helps ensure that American workers and their communities benefit from the promise of new information technology jobs," CWA President Morton Bahr said in a statement, adding that the pact provides opportunity for members as they move from traditional telecom work to the new technologies of the industry.

The tentative agreement provided across-the-board base wage increases. On average, employees will receive base wage increases of 2.3 percent per year for five years and lump sums averaging \$300 per year, said SBC officials.

"SBC now has a labor agreement that provides us greater control over our cost structure and flexibility to meet our competitive challenges, while continuing to provide the outstanding wages and benefits that are hallmarks of this company," SBC chairman and chief executive Edward E. Whitacre Jr. said in a statement posted on the company's Web site.

**Annual Buddy Poppy campaign to benefit needy veterans, widows**

Members of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post #1657 and its Ladies Auxiliary will be distributing Buddy Poppies here on Friday, May 28.

"VFW by-laws require that the proceeds from our distribution of Buddy Poppies must be used to benefit disabled and needy veterans and widows and orphans of deceased veterans right here in the community," said

Post Commander Danny Martin.

The VFW Buddy Poppy symbolizes sacrifices made by the nation's war dead.

In 1923, the VFW was the first veterans organization to promote a national campaign for the annual distribution of "Poppies" assembled by disabled or hospitalized veterans. That tradition continues today with more than 14 million Poppies assembled by

paid, disabled and hospitalized veterans each year.

VFW members and its Ladies Auxiliary raise more than \$15 million annually for the distribution of Buddy Poppies.

The VFW, founded in 1899, is the nation's oldest major veterans organization with more than 1.9 million members. Pampa's VFW Post recently celebrated its 75th anniversary.

**Officials warn of possible scam**

Residents who have had someone solicit money or goods as "Tralee Warehouse Girls" between Monday, May 17, and Friday, May 21, are asked to contact Kim at Tralee Crisis Center, 669-1131, or Donny Brown at the Pampa Police Department.

**PHS Class of 1973 plans 31st reunion, June 18-19**

Members of Pampa High School Class of 1973 plan a 31st class reunion, June 18 and 19, in Pampa. The class missed having a 30th reunion, so alumni are gathering for a 31st reunion.

Any class member who has received reunion information has not replied, send the information to Culberson-Stowers Inc., P.O. Box 1542, Pampa, Texas, 79066-1542, or to Richard Stowers, 805 N. Hobart, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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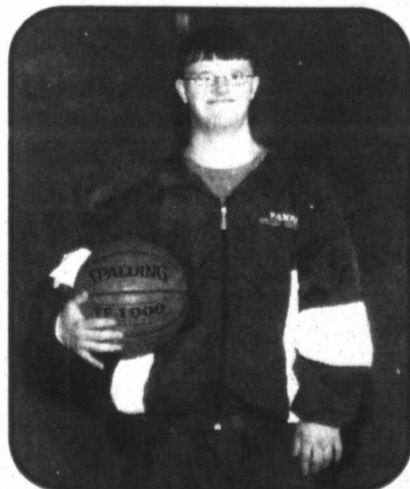
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# VIEWPOINTS

## I wish it had never happened



MARILYN POWERS  
STAFF WRITER

This is my second column. If you didn't get to read the first one, which had two good jokes in it, it's because my editor didn't think it was fit to print. If you did get to read my first one and liked it, tell my editor. She needs a good puzzle to figure out and distract her from the world's weighty matters. Just don't identify yourself. She might get worried about you and call the police to do a welfare check.

If you understood everything I just wrote, don't tell anybody. They might look at you as strangely as they look at me sometimes.

Now that I've got that out of my system, I'd like to tell you about Sherrie. This is not a humorous topic unless you have a sense of humor that is not compatible with mine.

I had the privilege of working with Sherrie during one of my varied jobs in an illustrious work record. See, I told you I was being serious.

Sherrie and I had the same job in different towns, but we got to see each other at staff meetings and otherwise keep in touch via telephone and computer.

Sherrie is about a dozen years older than me, but we share a love of humor and fun. She is what some would term a "cut-up."

Sherrie always expressed a deep and abiding envy of my fingernails. She wore nails that you had to glue on. I would

arrive at a staff meeting, and the first thing she would do, if I was within arm's length, was grab one of my hands and examine my nails.

Then she would invariably ask if my fingernails were "real" and "really mine." I don't know if I ever convinced her with my assurances, or if she finally decided I was telling the truth because she couldn't get the fingernails to pop off under pressure applied by her. But we would, if you can believe it, go downhill from there in our greetings to each other.

We also understood each other perfectly. What we were really saying to each other is that we were glad to get to see each other again, and we were good pals.

Besides being as silly as me, Sherrie is intelligent, compassionate, thoughtful and pretty. She has a good sense of style, dedication to her job, devotion to family and loyalty to friends. That is why what she told me one day after about two years of working together really bothered me. Sherrie said she had grown up in the

same South Plains town she currently lived and worked in. When she was a little girl, she had to sit in the balcony at the movie theater because that was the area designated for "coloreds." She had to use the "coloreds'" water fountains and bathrooms. She had to sit in a certain place on the bus.

You see, Sherrie is an American of African ancestry, or African-American.

I grew up in a tiny Panhandle town and have never lived anywhere outside the Panhandle. The only incidents of racial segregation or conflict I were ever really exposed to were via the media, not firsthand.

When Sherrie told me about her firsthand experience with segregation, I sat in shock for a moment. My first reaction was, "Oh, why did anyone do that to her? There's absolutely no reason for her to have had to go through that."

The key, you see, to my reaction was that I knew Sherrie. She wasn't just an unknown stranger.

Maybe that's the key to some of these types of problems. Maybe it's true that you fear the unknown the most, and you distrust, resist and deny it the most.

I am not saying that I have never felt any type of prejudice against anyone at all. I am far from being that good a person. I am simply saying this:

I wish with all my heart that Sherrie hadn't had to go through that.

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### TEXAS EDITORIAL

## This is what's different about the United States

From the Fort Worth Star-Telegram:  
 At a time in our nation's history when almost everything is partisan and politicized, it's not surprising that the treatment — or mistreatment — of Iraqis at the Abu Ghraib prison is also a subject of intense political acrimony.

That is counterproductive. The calls in Congress for unfettered investigations, which should follow the evidence wherever it might lead, are entirely proper. Speed and openness are important. Also important is that U.S. political institutions handle these investigations at least as well as the military handled its own internal inquiry.

Terrible things happen in war. But how a nation deals with those terrible things can determine whether it maintains its greatness — or slides into decline and disrepute.

Some say that no matter what happened at Abu Ghraib, the prisoners under American supervision were treated better than those who inhabited the prison when Saddam Hussein ruled Iraq.

We have no argument with that. But it's a pale defense for a nation that sees itself as great and good and governed by a body of laws.

Some say that the United States is involved in a different kind of war than it has ever faced.

We have no argument with that, either. But that doesn't justify sanctioning methods and behavior that run counter to America's self-image.

Some say that the grisly killing of American Nick Berg illustrates the savagery of the terrorists whom the United States is fighting.

No argument there. But that's what we have come to expect from terrorists.

Some say that the Americans involved in the treatment of prisoners were poorly trained and poorly led.

Again, no argument. But if training is required so that Americans can recognize the difference between right and wrong, something in our society is terribly amiss.

There may be a fine line between aggressive interrogation and abusive treatment. Crossing that line in the heat of battle is one thing. Crossing it as part of deliberate policy is something else entirely.

We take heart from Secretary of State Colin Powell's assurance to Arab leaders on May 16 in Jordan that the prison episode was "not consistent with our values system."

We agree with his complaint that those same leaders failed to show the proper amount of outrage about the beheading of Berg by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

And we agree with Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., speaking May 16 on Meet the Press: "We need to take this as far up as it goes."

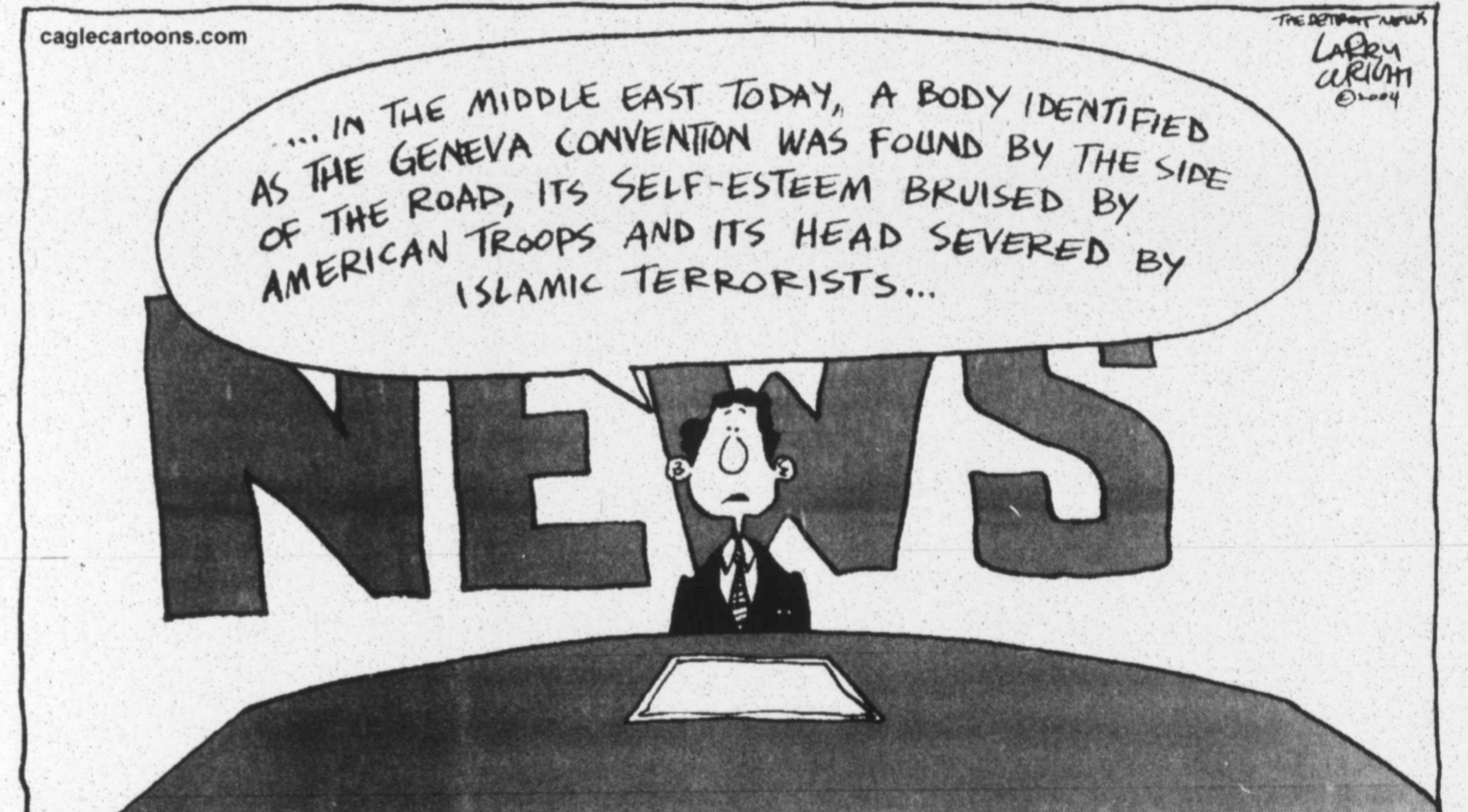
And therein lies the basic difference between the United States and many other nations: We confront embarrassing and sometimes terrible issues in public and in an orderly manner — and always against the mirror of what we believe this nation stands for.

Powell said in the preface of a State Department report released May 17: "Advancing human rights and democracy around the world not only reflects our nation's deepest values, it is profoundly within our interests."

He said in an Associated Press story that he had been asked repeatedly by foreign leaders during the weekend in Jordan about the Abu Ghraib scandal. "In their disappointment about America right now, I told them watch America, watch how we deal with this, watch how America will do the right thing," Powell said. "Watch what a nation of values and character, a nation that believes in justice, does to right this kind of wrong."

He promised "multiple investigations."

Congress is where that most often happens in matters of national policy.



## A good example of bad journalism



MARVIN OLASKY  
COLUMNIST

For a good example of what's wrong with liberal journalism, see the top front page headline on (May 19) morning's USA Today: "Brutality intensifies in Iraq." From that headline two stories descended, one on the murder of Nick Berg and the other on the day's Abu Ghraib hearings.

Hmmm ... are sexual humiliation and beheading morally equivalent? Following a week-long frenzy of coverage, was the Abu Ghraib story journalistically equivalent to the new story of Nick Berg's horrific death? A headline like, "Muslim extremists behead an American," would have been much better in conveying the news of the day than "Brutality intensifies in Iraq."

USA Today's generic headline assigned no responsibility and was not even accurate. The Abu Ghraib story concerned continuing testimony about the mistreatment of Iraqi prisoners, but the "brutality" itself was not increasing and had probably ceased upon full exposure. Other newspapers had similar headlines expressing shock that war is hell. I'd prefer Dante-like surveys of the underworld's levels.

Yes, Iraqi prisoners should not have been subject to cruel and unusual punishments, but perspective is important. The photo of an Iraqi man with a leash around his neck showed shameful perversity, but at least the man still had a neck. The United States during the initial phase of

the Iraq War used "smart bombs" in an attempt to minimize civilian casualties: compare that to Islamic fascists sawing off Nick Berg's head.

Liberalism these days is a mix of multiculturalism and belief in man's perfectibility, and both aspects of the faith lead reporters astray. War is an evil, but cultures that respect the Bible try to reduce the evil within that evil by following commands from Mount Sinai and conventions from Geneva. Those with biblical understanding also know that we often mess up. Add wartime pressures to man's sinfulness, and some bad incidents should be no surprise.

Journalists should not be surprised about the mess-ups: Our questions should concern how, often and how badly. Since some of the Abu Ghraib prison guards will say, honestly or maliciously, that they were just following orders, we do need to know more about what exactly their orders were. We need to know whether the prisoners were run-of-the-mill captives or vicious terrorists caught in the act of killing others or making bombs that would murder civilians.

Instead of asking deeper questions,

many journalists will stay at the surface and keep the Abu Ghraib story bubbling because of its ugly reality, because it reduces both a key GOP strength (pride in our soldiers) and a key Democratic weakness (John Kerry's Vietnam-era maligning of our soldiers), and because hearings are easy to cover. But the rest of us, even as we ask authorities to punish those guilty of unnatural acts and natural cover-ups, should demand more.

We should debate the contention of some international organizations that no prisoners should be subjected to sleep deprivation and solitary confinement. I'd suggest that if those practices can ferret out from terrorists information that could save lives, guards should receive a flashing yellow light. But we won't have that debate if reporters lump together tough information-gathering practices and forced participation in pornography.

We also need to debate the larger questions: Is Iraq better or worse off than it was under Saddam Hussein? Because of the war, are residents of New York and Washington more or less likely to be victims of terrorist attacks? We should look straight-on at Abu Ghraib, photos and all, without seeing it as the tip of an iceberg that may not exist, or as an opportunity to create a political earthquake. We should also steel ourselves to look at the Nick Berg snuff video, and then not lose track of those who have now added his name to a long list of terrorism's victims.

### TODAY IN HISTORY

**BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS** convened in Philadelphia after enough delegates had shown up for a quorum.

Today is Tuesday, May 25, the 146th day of 2004. There are 220 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On May 25, 1787, the Constitutional Convention was

convened in Philadelphia after enough delegates had shown up for a quorum.

On this date: In 1810, Argentina began its revolt against Spain.

In 1844, the first telegraphed news dispatch, sent from Washington, D.C., to Baltimore, appeared in the Baltimore "Patriot."

In 1895, playwright Oscar Wilde was convicted of a morals charge in London; he was sentenced to prison.

In 1935, Babe Ruth hit the 714th and final home run of his career, for the Boston Braves, in a game against the Pittsburgh Pirates.

In 1946, Transjordan (now Jordan) became a kingdom as it proclaimed its new monarch, King Abdullah Ibn Ul-Hussein.

In 1961, President Kennedy asked the nation to work toward putting a man on the moon by the end of the decade.

In 1963, the Organization of African Unity was founded, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

In 1968, the Gateway Arch, part of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial in St. Louis, was dedicated.

In 1979, 275 people died when an American Airlines DC-10 crashed on takeoff from Chicago's O'Hare airport.

In 1981, daredevil Daniel Goodwin, wearing a "Spiderman" costume, scaled the outside of Chicago's Sears Tower in seven-and-a-half hours.

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# U.S.-British blueprint for Iraq sets stage for intense discussion

By EDITH M. LEDERER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Security Council nations gave a generally positive response to the U.S.-British blueprint for a post-occupation Iraqi government but several demanded greater Iraqi control over security and the U.S.-led multinational force that will try to restore stability.

The introduction of a draft resolution Monday by Iraq's occupying powers set the stage for intense negotiations with longtime critics of the war, such as France and Germany, who are demanding that Iraq's interim government be the key decision-maker on security issues.

The United States and Britain unveiled the long-awaited plan hours before President Bush said in a nationally televised address that American forces would stay in Iraq until it was free and democratic.

The resolution is an attempt by the Bush administration to win international backing for the post-occupation plans in Iraq, which have been severely shaken by violence. With his approval ratings sinking after repeated setbacks in Iraq, Bush is also seeking to rebuild support at home.

Under the resolution, the multinational force would be authorized to take "all necessary measures" to maintain security and prevent terrorism, while no mention is made of the Iraqi army.

The mandate for U.S.-led forces in Iraq would be reviewed after a year. U.S. deputy ambassador James Cunningham said the United States will keep its promise "that we will leave if there's a request from the government to leave," which he called highly unlikely.

Council members said one of the major concerns raised during closed-door discussions after the resolution was introduced on Monday was the question of whether sovereignty is really being restored.

Doubts over the government's legitimacy would undermine Washington's claims that the June 30 handover of power represents a major change in Iraq, with the official end of the U.S.-led occupation that many Iraqis resent.

Many in Iraq and in Europe fear that the interim government will not be seen as legitimate if it doesn't have a credible voice in the operations of armed forces on its own soil.

German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder said the new Iraqi government "must be able to make decisions over security issues or else it won't be truly sovereign."

Moscow has yet to give its official reaction but a Russian diplomat said the draft raises numerous questions and needs changes. The unnamed diplomat spoke to the Interfax news agency.

China expressed support for the plan and urged the early establishment of a new Iraq with "political sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity."

French Foreign Minister Michel Barnier told reporters that Paris seeks a timeline for handing over control of Iraqi armed forces. The Iraqi government should "in time" have "authority over police forces and the Iraqi army," he said.

Human Rights Watch criticized the draft, saying the United States and Britain will retain ultimate responsibility for security and human rights and Iraq's new interim leaders will not have full authority to govern the country.

Cunningham and Britain's U.N. Ambassador Emyr Jones Parry insist that the resolution will return all sovereignty to the Iraqis.

"The important thing is that the political responsibility for taking decisions for the presence of the multinational force, for the development of a constitution, for the development of the political process, are going into Iraqi hands," Cunningham said. "It's not for the Security Council to tell them how to do it. It's for them — it's their process."

## In the spirit of the celebration ...



(Courtesy photo)

Kaycee Sellers, Quila Martinez and Jesus Soto were dressed in festive attire for a recent Cinco de Mayo celebration at Lamar Elementary School. Prizes were awarded to the classrooms with the most students dressed in traditional Mexican wear. Children in Carol Phillip's first grade class, in Linda Ditmore's third grade class and in Diana Watson's kindergarten class were presented piñatas.

## Israeli troops pull out of Gaza camp

RAFAH, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli troops abruptly left this refugee camp without completing a sweep for arms smuggling tunnels, prompting growing criticism in Israel on Tuesday that the military has little to show for a weeklong offensive that drew worldwide condemnation.

Estimates of the number of houses demolished in the raid varied greatly. The United Nations said 45 buildings were razed, while Palestinian officials said about 300 houses were destroyed. Israel said 56 homes were demolished or damaged.

It was difficult to obtain an independent estimate, because areas of demolition are scattered throughout the camp. Also, 45 Palestinians were killed by Israeli fire, including at least 17 gunmen and 12 children under 16, according to hospital doctors.

Israeli Vice Premier Ehud Olmert, meanwhile, said a one-vote majority is emerging in the divided Cabinet in favor of a Gaza withdrawal. The Cabinet is to vote on the plan next week, and Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has been struggling to secure a majority. Earlier this month, his Likud Party rejected a Gaza pullout.

Sharon has insisted that he would not negotiate the terms of a pullback with the Palestinian Authority. However, Egypt, on Monday emerged as a key mediator. Egyptian intelligence chief Omar Suleiman met with Sharon and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, relaying messages between the sides and saying Egypt is willing to play a major role in assuring security in

Gaza and an orderly transfer of power.

Suleiman urged skeptical Palestinian leaders to go along with Sharon's plan of "unilateral disengagement," which would also include a withdrawal from four West Bank settlements, according to Palestinian officials.

Arafat promised to prepare a Gaza security plan by June 15, to show he is capable of running the coastal strip after an Israeli pullback, the officials said.

Sharon's push for a Gaza withdrawal came despite the Rafah offensive, launched a week ago, after 13 Israeli soldiers were killed in Gaza. Rafah abuts the border with Egypt, and troops raided the camp in search of tunnels. The army has said it is crucial to destroy the tunnels to cut off the flow of weapons to militants.

Military commentators said the operation achieved little of what it set out to do, at a very high price.

The army said it found three arms smuggling tunnels, acknowledging several more remained hidden in Rafah. No large stockpiles of weapons were discovered. Hundreds of Palestinian gunmen slipped through the Israeli dragnet.

The army's sudden departure, without completing the search for tunnels, "is to a great extent a failure," wrote commentator Amir Rappaport in the Maariv daily.

Roni Daniel, military correspondent for Israel TV's Channel Two, quoted a field commander as saying troops moved in the camp like a "bull in a china shop" and destroyed dozens of greenhouses for no reason.

## Floods wash through Dominican town

JIMANI, Dominican Republic (AP) — Bodies, tattered clothes and the remnants of houses lay in the streets of a small Dominican farming town after rain-triggered floods swept through it, killing about 100 people and leaving 150 others missing, officials said.

Relatives slogged through mud in search of loved ones while workers dug for bodies amid the remnants of a neighborhood that was washed away Monday in Jimani, a western town surrounded by sugar cane fields.

"They found my daughter. Now I have to see if I have some family left," said Elena Diaz, 42, sobbing in a long line outside the morgue where she went to look for her son-in-law and three grandchildren. She said her daughter's house was swept away.

Rains drenched the small agricultural town near the Haitian border early Monday, causing the Solie River to burst its banks and sweep away a neighborhood.

The raging water carried

victims away, and bodies were found up to 6 miles downstream, said Maximo Noves Espinal, a rescue worker. "We're recovering bodies; we'll be at it all night," he said.

By late Monday, only debris-filled mud and scattered clothes remained where dozens of houses once stood. Some cadavers lay along the main road.

Ambulances lined up to pick up the dead while people wandered streets littered with fallen trees and power poles.

Officials were using the electrical generator room of the hospital as a morgue because the actual morgue was destroyed by floodwaters. Rescue teams kept arriving with more bodies.

Few houses were left; many were destroyed or swept away.

Farmer Jose Altigracia Perez said he was in his house about 3 a.m. Monday when the water began to rise, leaving little time for action.

"The house is all gone. The river came and took everything. Now I don't have any-

thing," said the 60-year-old Altigracia, waiting in line outside the morgue and looking for his 3-year-old son.

Flooding also drenched spots throughout the country and in neighboring Puerto Rico, claiming four lives in other spots.

The weather struck most fiercely in Jimani, located about 110 miles west of the Dominican capital, Santo Domingo.

Elsewhere in the Caribbean country, 30-year-old Nelson de Jesus and 31-year-old Cristian Ramos were caught in an overflowing river late Sunday and died in northern San Francisco de Macoris, officials said.

Another man, 27-year-old Delervin Castro, was fishing off the coast Sunday in northern Sanchez when he was swept away by strong currents, officials said.

At least 450 homes were flooded throughout the country and at least 14 small towns had power outages and toppled phone lines. Lora Salcedo said.



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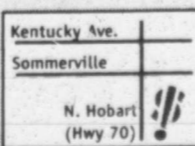
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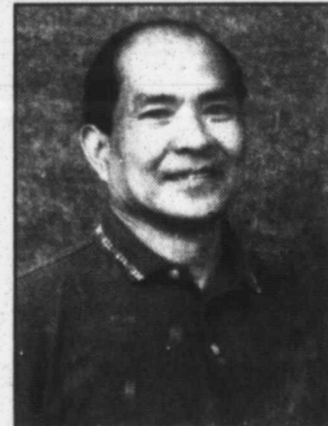


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# BUSINESS REVIEW



## Schneider House gets new manager

*'Senior Living at Its Best'*

Schneider House Apartments in Pampa has a new manager, Debbie Sigala. Debbie comes to Schneider House from Genesis House where she was a secretary and a purchasing agent.

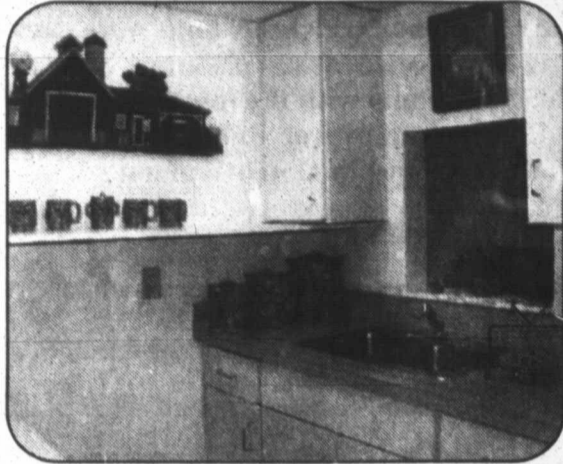
Debbie takes over for Becky Smith who is assistant manager at Pam Apartments and retains ties with Schneider as property manager. Other staff members include Leon Peeler, maintenance supervisor.

Though she "loved the job at Genesis House, loved being with the kids," Debbie says she is excited about working at Schneider House.

One of Debbie's goals is to get the community more involved at the Schneider House. She is presently looking at hosting a blood drive there and would like to host other events and organizations.

Every second Tuesday starting in June, Schneider House will host a blood and sugar drive sponsored by Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency. If interested, the number to call is 665-0415.

Many things are happening at the Schneider House, Debbie says, including an upgrade of



Debbie Sigala

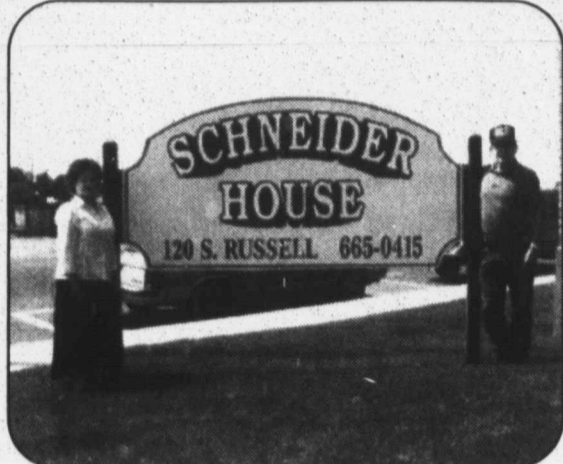
the security system.

The Schneider House Apartments offers senior adults and disabled individuals a charming place to call home.

Located at 120 S. Russell, Schneider House Apartments in Pampa offers its residents all the comforts of home with a wide-variety of services and conveniences to make life easier and better.

Debbie says Becky is instrumental in the content and design, in crafting "the look," of the apartment building which is comfortable, stylish and homey.

"We want potential residents to see how comfortable and roomy our apartments actually are," said Becky, adding that each apartment comes furnished with a stove, refrigerator and central heating and air conditioning.



► Sigala and Leon Peeler

In addition, an alarm system is provided to each resident should they get into a health emergency and need to signal for help.

Schneider House has a laundry room downstairs, and an elevator to whisk residents from floor-to-floor. Wheelchairs as well as scooters have access to the entire building, making it handicapped accessible to the parking and downtown area. Sidewalks and ramps are located outside the building. It has an indoor mail service and has a modern grande lobby on its ground floor as well.

Many Schneider House residents gather in the mornings for breakfast and fellowship. Besides a weekly movie night, residents may enjoy a multitude of fun and engaging activities

such as the weekly country and gospel music night, craft days, parties, church services, cook-outs and much, much more.

Another advantage of living at Schneider House is that residents are within easy walking distance of downtown and have use of an attractive park directly across the street from the great, old-fashioned, apartment building, the front of which has a long, sheltering overhang to shade residents who want to take to the air. A comfortable row of benches lines the shaded porch.

"The residents here mean a lot to me," Debbie said. "Every day I get closer to them. My door is always open to them any time. We work together."

Rental rates are based upon income with medical deductions for disabled or senior citizens. The Schneider House is a surprisingly affordable, independent living facility with utilities included and no maintenance required, Smith said.

Schneider House is "Senior Living at Its Best!" For more information, contact Debbie at Schneider House at 665-0415. Office hours are 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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# Officials suspend general in charge of Abu Ghraib unit

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army general who was in charge of the U.S. prison guards accused of abusing Iraqis has been suspended from command of the 800th Military Police Brigade, officials said Monday.

Brig. Gen. Janis Karpinski and other officers in her brigade were faulted by Army investigators for paying too little attention to the prison's day-to-day operations and not acting strongly enough to discipline soldiers under her command for violating standard procedures.

Karpinski's suspension, which has not been announced by the Army, was the latest in a series of actions against officers and enlisted soldiers implicated in the abuse scandal at Abu Ghraib prison near Baghdad.

Last week, Spc. Jeremy Sivits received the maximum penalty of a year in prison and a bad-conduct discharge in the first court-martial stemming from the abuse of Iraqis at the prison. He was among seven members of the 372nd Military Police Company that have been charged.

Karpinski, who has returned to the United States, has not been charged with an offense. Being suspended from her command does not mean she has been relieved of command, so technically she could be reinstated, although the intensity of the international furor over the Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse makes that highly unlikely, said the officials, speaking on condition of anonymity.

In an interview on MSNBC Monday night, Karpinski said she has been told of her suspension by "several sources, but I have nothing in writing." The paperwork will cite the reason for her suspension, she said.

Karpinski has said she was being treated unfairly for the acts of others over which she had no control. "And actions like this renew my thought process of being a scapegoat and using the 800th MP Brigade as the organization responsible for this," she said.

In his widely cited investigation report on the Abu Ghraib abuse allegations, Maj. Gen. Antonio Taguba found heavy fault with Karpinski's performance and recommended that she be relieved of command and given a formal reprimand. Instead she was given a less-severe "memorandum of admonishment" on Jan. 17 by Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, the top U.S. commander in Iraq.

Taguba reported that despite the documented abuse of prisoners, he saw no evidence that Karpinski ever attempted to remind the military police in her command of the requirements of the Geneva Conventions, which protect prisoners of war and civilian detainees in times of armed conflict.

"What I found particularly disturbing in her testimony was her complete unwillingness to either understand or accept that many of the problems inherent in the 800th MP Brigade were caused or exacerbated by poor leadership and the refusal of her command to both establish and enforce standards and principles among its soldiers," Taguba wrote.

In her defense, Karpinski has said in numerous interviews with news organizations that her military superiors and civilian leaders ignored her requests for more troops to watch prisoners. She also has said that control of the prison was taken away from her in November 2003.

## Outstanding choir students



(Community Camera photo)

Choir awards were handed out recently during the high school Choir Banquet. Above: (standing, left-right) Fred Mays, choir director; Alan Arzola, Outstanding Senior Boy Hugh Sanders Achievement Award; Brianna Bailey, Nona S. Payne Scholarship and American Choral Directors Award; Stephanie Nelson, Outstanding Senior Girl Hugh Sanders Achievement Award; Wanetta Hill, director; and (seated) Ben Gibson, Outstanding Mixed Choir Member. Not pictured: Diana Cabrales, Outstanding Women's Choir Member.

## FBI apologizes to American lawyer

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Offering a rare public apology, the FBI admitted mistakenly linking an American lawyer's fingerprint to one found near the scene of a terrorist bombing in Spain, a blunder that led to his imprisonment for two weeks.

The apology Monday came hours after a judge dismissed the case against Brandon Mayfield, who had been held as a material witness in the Madrid bombings case, which killed 191 people and injured about 2,000 others.

Mayfield, a 37-year-old convert to Islam, sharply criticized the government, calling his time behind bars "humiliating" and "embarrassing" and saying he was targeted because of his faith.

"This whole process has been a harrowing ordeal. It shouldn't happen to anybody," said Mayfield. "I believe I was singled out and discriminated against, I feel, as a Muslim."

Karin J. Immergut, the U.S. attorney in Oregon, denied Mayfield had been a target because of his religion and

maintained that the FBI had followed all laws in the case.

Court documents released Monday suggested that the mistaken arrest first sprang from an error by the FBI's supercomputer for matching fingerprints and then was compounded by the FBI's own analysts.

"The FBI apologizes to Mr. Mayfield and his family for the hardships that this matter has caused," the bureau said in a statement. The agency also said it would review its practices on fingerprint analyses.

"We need to know more about how this happened. All of us in this country need to know more about how this type of mistake can be made," said U.S. Public Defender Steve Wax, Mayfield's attorney.

Mayfield, a former Army lieutenant, was released last week. But he was not altogether cleared of suspicion; the government said he remained a material witness and put restrictions on his movements.

Those restrictions were lifted Monday.

U.S. District Judge Robert Jones said all property that had

been seized from the Mayfield residence should be returned, and all copies of Mayfield's personal documents held by the federal government were to be destroyed.

The case began when FBI fingerprint examiners in Quantico, Va., searched for possible matches to a digital image of a fingerprint found on a bag of detonators the day of the Spanish bombings on March 11.

The system returned 15 possible matches, including prints belonging to Mayfield, on file from a 1984 burglary arrest in Wichita, Kan., when Mayfield was a teenager.

Three separate FBI examiners narrowed the identification to Mayfield, according to Robert Jordan, the FBI agent in charge of Oregon. A court-appointed fingerprint expert agreed.

The FBI maintained their certainty even as Spanish authorities said by mid-April that the original image of the fingerprint taken directly from the bag did not match Mayfield's, Wax said.

## Group protesting Exxon stance on global warming

DALLAS (AP) — On the eve of Exxon Mobil Corp.'s annual shareholders' meeting here, protesters from Greenpeace were projecting 40-foot-high images of storms, floods and other global warming early Tuesday on the building where stockholders were to gather.

The world's largest publicly traded oil company came under fire for what the environmental group called its unwillingness to take action to curb global warming, which some scientists have identified as one of the world's biggest looming problems.

"These are projections that show the effects of global warming, like extreme droughts," said Louise Fraser, a spokeswoman for the London-based environmental group, adding that the protest follows the theme of the new movie, "The Day After Tomorrow."

The images were being shown the side of the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center in downtown Dallas. One read, "Global warming fueled by Exxon Mobil."

Attorneys for Exxon Mobil are suing Greenpeace over a protest at the company's Irving,

Texas headquarters that the environmentalists contend was peaceful. At the protest, 36 people were arrested and face the possibility of criminal charges.

Company shareholders were to meet Wednesday, but Fraser declined to say if protests were also scheduled then.

Exxon Mobil officials did not return a telephone call early Tuesday.

## More storms, tornadoes hit U.S. Midwest

INDEPENDENCE, Iowa (AP) — With so much of her family's belongings covered in dark, greasy mud, it's hard for Amy Hare to know what is lost and what can be salvaged.

The three-bedroom ranch home Hare rents is one of scores ravaged by storms in Iowa, which was lashed by a string of 19 tornadoes, hail, high wind and heavy rain over the weekend.

"I know we lost some photographs, Polaroids, of my youngest daughter taken just after she was born," Hare said Monday as she swept water and mud.

On Monday night, Iowa was drenched by yet another wave of powerful thunderstorms, even as residents of this eastern town of 6,000 people waited for Malone Creek to recede.

As that wave of storms swept eastward early Tuesday, one person was killed when a mobile home was destroyed at Winchester, Ill., authorities said. Few details were available because the Scott County coroner lost power in the storm, dispatcher Eric Tucey said.

Illinois also had a possible tornado that damaged several homes and businesses near Jacksonville, and State Police said a twister damaged a home south of Springfield.

Tuesday's storms followed more severe weather on Monday, when tornadoes touched down in Oklahoma, Nebraska, Missouri and Kansas.

Hare said water forced its way into the basement through sealed windows, rising nearly to the rafters and leaving dolls, clothes, appliances and photographs coated with a thick film of pungent, sludge-like mud.

"It's just going to be a matter of going through things to know what's gone for good and what we can save," said Hare.

The storms that moved across Iowa on Friday, Saturday and Sunday dumped as much as 9 inches near Ames. Monday night's downpours brought more than 3 inches of rain to some areas.

Gov. Tom Vilsack asked for a federal disaster declaration covering 24 counties, including Humboldt County, where nearly every building in the small town of Bradgate was damaged by a tornado Friday.

## Large fire breaks out at chemical warehouse east of city of Atlanta

CONYERS, Ga. (AP) — A huge fire broke out in a chemical warehouse Tuesday morning, setting off multiple explosions and prompting hundreds of residents to evacuate.

The fire in the warehouse owned by Biolab, which makes chemicals for pools and cleaning products, was reported about 5 a.m. Multiple explosions could be seen and heard as the fire spread through the warehouse.

The plumes of gray, green and white smoke prompted evacuations of homes and businesses within a one-mile radius in Conyers, an east Atlanta suburb of about 10,000. Sheriff's department spokeswoman Jodi Shupe said she did not have exact figures on how many people were evacuated, but said the number was in the hundreds.

A hospital reported treating at least two people who were having trouble breathing or suffering from irritation from the chemicals, she said.

The fire was confined to the warehouse, officials said. It was not immediately clear how it started or what chemicals were burning, although authorities said chlorine was one of the chemicals involved.

Chlorine is an irritant, and is "certainly dangerous to

people with respiratory conditions in particular," said Buzz Weiss, spokesman of the Georgia Emergency Management Agency.

The fire slowed the morning commute into Atlanta. Several roads around the BioLab plant were closed for at least two hours. Interstate 20, a main thoroughfare into Atlanta, was also closed during rush hour as smoke cut the visibility.

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# DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

## BRIDE WHO HAD HAPPY WEDDING DIDN'T SWEAT THE SMALL STUFF

**DEAR ABBY:** After reading your column on how to ensure that bridesmaids' dresses match perfectly, I would like to offer a different perspective.

I married for the first time last June at age 47, and I did it on a very low budget. I would have paid for my bridesmaids' dresses had I been able to afford them, but it wasn't possible. My solution was to simply tell my closest friends to wear what they looked and felt good in -- preferably something blue.

One friend could only afford to wear the mauve dress from her daughter's wedding, so I changed my color scheme to a "rainbow" wedding.

On my wedding day, my bridesmaids were more nervous than I was. So, after they helped me into my white gown and veil, I put on a white baseball cap, blew a whistle and gave the following pep talk: "OK, team. We've trained long and hard for this day, and it's here. There's tension and obstacles, but let me ask you -- have we got the heart? (Yes!) The desire? (Yes!) Are we in this together? (Yes!) Then what're we gonna do? Win! Win! Win! Yea, team!"

I didn't care if things matched perfectly. What mattered was these were the people I cared about the most, people who had a special place on our special day and enjoyed themselves. And do you know what? Everyone looked fabulous! If I was outshined, that was OK. I still had the husband, bless his patient, enduring soul.

A lot of our guests said it was one of the best weddings and receptions they had ever been to. So things weren't exact -- big deal! -- IMPERFECT BUT HAPPY BRIDE IN DAYTON, OHIO

**DEAR HAPPY BRIDE:** I'm sure no one shined brighter than you on your special day. You were beautiful, both from without and within. Even more important than the color scheme, your priorities were in order. I wish you and your husband many happy years together, surrounded by the friends who love you.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have never seen this problem in your column. My husband and I have been seeing "Dr. Smith" for more than 10 years. We like him, but we're considering going to another doctor who was recommended by a friend. Dr. Smith does only cursory examinations. He doesn't ask enough questions or really listen to our complaints. Our friend says her doctor is very patient and thorough.

This is a very small town, and we run into Dr. Smith at the country club from time to time. We don't want to offend him or be uncomfortable when we see him.

Your advice will be appreciated. - ALLAN AND KRYSTAL IN THE U.S.A.

**DEAR ALLAN AND KRYSTAL:** Change doctors if you feel you will receive better care. Your doctor may have such a full roster that he won't even miss the two of you. Please do not feel the need to apologize. Medicine is a business, and if Dr. Smith isn't customer-friendly, you are within your rights to seek care elsewhere. If you are asked why you felt the need to change doctors, tell him the truth. You'll be doing him a favor and helping to improve his practice for other patients.

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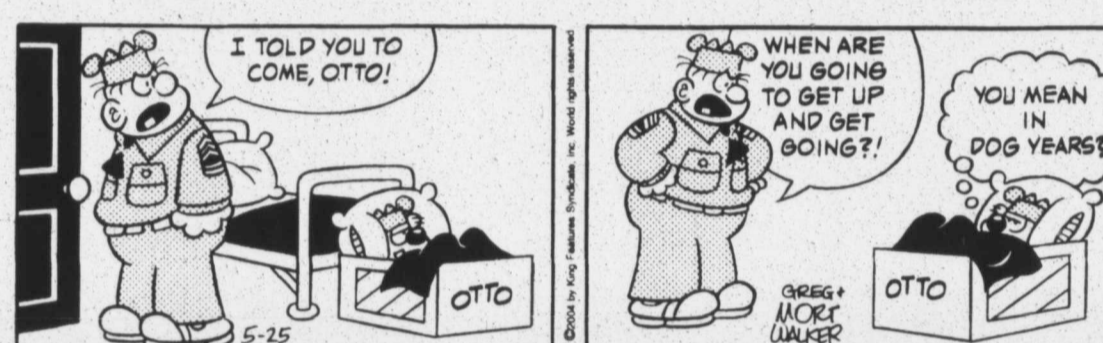
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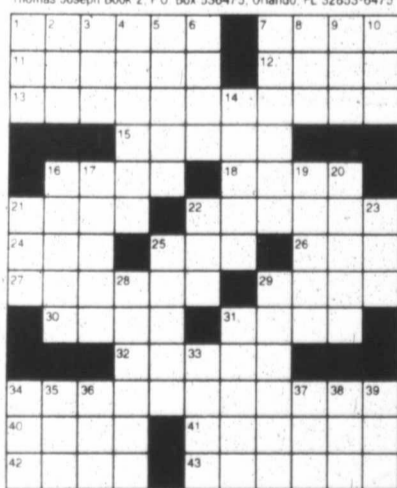
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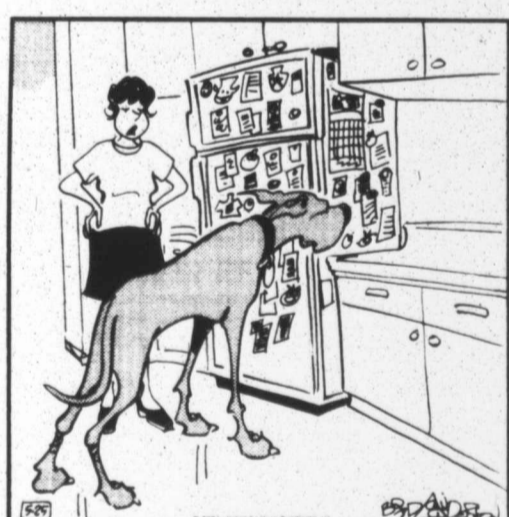
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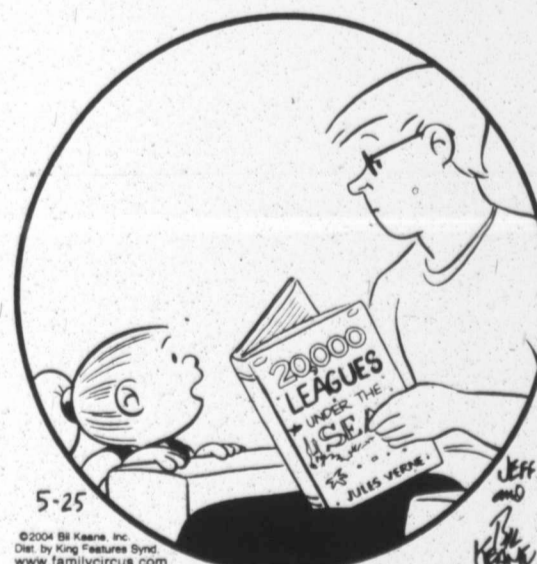
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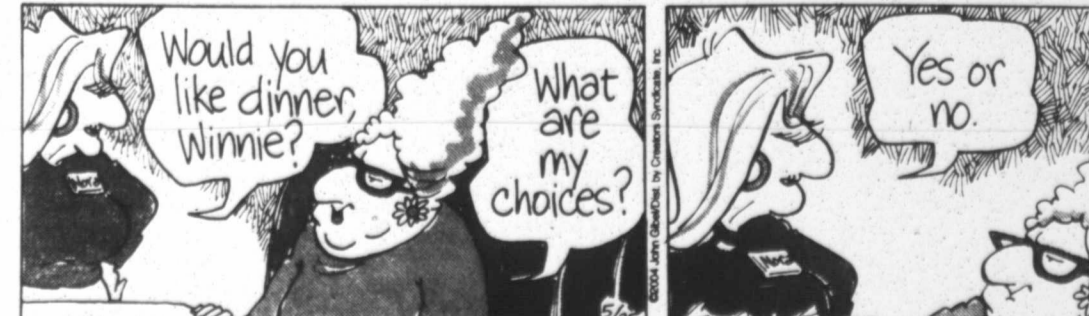
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# SPORTS

## Pennant race tightens in Cal Ripken League

PAMPA — Just when a person would think the Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken League could not develop a tighter pennant race, it got tighter.

Glo-Valve eeked by Celanese 7-6 in a game shortened to five innings by the time limit Monday at Optimist Park. Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency and D.E. Chase Inc. battled to a 5-5 tie in the nightcap.

Glo-Valve now stands 7-7-1 for the season while DFB is 7-2-1. The two battle for first place Wednesday at 5:45 p.m.

Cody Davis was the hero for Glo-Valve. He came on to pitch in the third inning with Glo-Valve down 6-2, a runner

on base and none out. He walked the first batter, but permitted only one other base runner on a walk in the fifth inning to win his first game of the season. He allowed no runs or hits. He struck out three and walked two. Tyler Malone was charged with all six Celanese runs. He permitted two hits, struck out three and walked six. Anthony Allen also pitched for Glo-Valve.

Brent Green started for Celanese. He allowed four runs on six hits in three innings. He walked one and struck out three. Mitchell Killgo finished up. He surrendered three runs on only hit. He struck out five and walked six.

Brenden Rice led off the top of the first inning for Celanese with a walk. He moved to second when Tanner Davis' roller hit the first base bag and bounded away from the fielder. The runners moved up on a passed ball. Rice scored on a single up the middle by Green. Davis tallied on a wild pitch giving Celanese a 2-0 lead.

Glo-Valve tied the score with two runs in the bottom of the first. Alex Clendening stroked a single to center and Allen blooped a Texas Leaguer to right field. The runners executed a double steal with Clendening scoring on a throwing error. A single by Kade Wilson plated Allen.

Celanese had a wild second inning which saw them score four times without the benefit of a hit on four walks, two hit batters and three wild pitches. Glo-Valve catcher Jonathan Robinson threw out two runners trying to steal second to keep more runs from coming across.

Glo-Valve pecked back with two runs in the third on a walk to Allen, a triple by Malone and a double by Wilson. The winners tied the score in the fourth inning on walks to Davis and Clendening, a wild pitch and a two-run single by Malone.

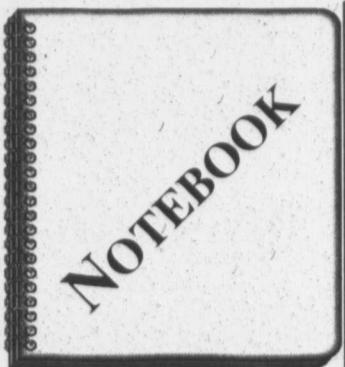
Consecutive walks to Michael Fisher, Davis, Clendening and Allen after two were out in the bottom of

the fifth gave Glo-Valve the lead for the first time in the game and pushed it beyond the 1:45 minute time limit.

Malone made the defensive play of the game for Glo-Valve, snagging a sinking line drive while diving to his right in the fifth inning. Green made the defensive play of the game for Celanese by fielding a hard hit ball lined right back at him in the first inning.

Today will feature a game at 5:45 p.m. between Celanese and Rotary Club with D.E. Chase and Cabot Corporation competing at 7:45 p.m.

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way Agency.



### GOLF

PAMPA — Rick Valingo of Pampa had a hole-in-one during the Thursday scramble at the Pamcel Course.

Valingo used a 5-iron to ace the No. 8, 157-yard hole.

Witnesses were Steve Williams, Martin Stephens, Kenneth Norris and Chuck Black.

### TENNIS

PARIS (AP) — Sixth-seeded Andre Agassi lost 6-4, 7-6 (4), 6-3 to France's Jerome Haehnel, a career minor leaguer ranked 271st and making his tour debut in the French Open after playing the qualifying rounds.

Defending champion Justine Henin-Hardenne, back after six weeks off with a viral infection, struggled a bit against Sandrine Testud before winning 6-4, 6-4. She trailed 2-0, double-faulted eight times — but made it to the second round.

In other matches, 27th-seeded Vince Spadea erased nine match points against another French qualifier, Florent Serra, to win 7-5, 1-6, 4-6, 7-6 (7), 9-7, and second-seeded Andy Roddick beat Todd Martin 7-6 (5), 6-4, 7-5.

### HOCKEY

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — It wasn't long ago when Jarome Iginla and Martin St. Louis toiled together in obscurity with the Calgary Flames.

In four short years they have become two of the NHL's biggest offensive threats. Soon, one will add Stanley Cup champion to his ever-growing resume.

Iginla has emerged into an NHL star with the low-budget Flames, while St. Louis left Calgary in 2000 and established himself as a scoring champion with the Tampa Bay Lightning.

On Tuesday night, they will face off in the opener of the unlikely Stanley Cup finals.

Iginla's first season as captain couldn't have gone any better. He tied for the league lead with 41 goals, led Calgary to its first playoff appearance in eight years, and has the Flames within four wins of the franchise's second championship.

Iginla is two years removed from his first goal title when he scored 52. With 17 playoff points this year, he trails only St. Louis.

### Flashback

2000: Pampa downed Palo Duro 28-9 in a football homecoming game.

Quarterback J.J. Roark threw a 29-yard touchdown pass to Armando Tarango and scored on an 11-yard run to lead the Harvesters' attack.

Pampa's defense stepped up big. Jeff Warren had a fumble recovery in the end zone for a touchdown and Chris Lewis set up another score when he covered a loose ball on the PD 22.

## Coaches discuss recruiting scandal, salary cap at Knight Commission

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the aftermath of the Colorado recruiting scandal, football prospects visiting Rice University will have to sign forms promising to behave.

"Before they go out, we want to say, 'Here's where you can go; here's where you can't go.' If he's not willing to sign it, I'm not willing to have him on my campus," coach Ken Hatfield said.

The recruiting scandal was one of many topics — including the state of the BCS, coaches' salaries and new academic standards — covered Monday in a Knight Commission meeting about reform in college athletics.

The panel heard Hatfield and former Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum defend the practice of having players act as hosts when high school prospects make weekend visits.

"There's no doubt that a satisfied customer is your best salesman," said Hatfield, who asks his host players also to sign the form pledging to avoid certain behavior. "You've got to put them with your student-athlete if you want to know anything about them."

Colorado's football program has become the focus of recruiting problems for several months after allegations that players used sex, alcohol and drugs to

lure recruits to the school. A grand jury has been convened to hear some of the more serious charges.

Slocum, now an adviser to Texas A&M's president, spoke against the idea of national standards for recruiting visits, saying they should be left to individual schools.

"I personally don't think this is a major problem," Slocum said. "We can't legislate to do away with all wrongdoing."

If it's not a major problem, then Gary Roberts certainly sees one coming. The director of the Sports Law Program at Tulane, Roberts said there will be one day a scandal so big that it will force major change: a salary cap for coaches; limits on spending for recruiting, stadiums and other facilities; and a fair distribution of television money based on something other than wins and losses.

Such changes would curtail the so-called "arms race" of competitive spending in college athletics, which would affect many sports drastically. The changes can't happen, however, unless Congress passes a law that would grant antitrust protection to the NCAA, which had its power eroded by a 1984 Supreme Court decision on television rights.

"I don't think Congress or the

public are ready to embrace what I'm suggesting," Roberts said, "but I think the day is coming. Every day there are more and more scandals, and every day there and more people ashamed" of the current system of college athletics.

Roberts suggested the Knight Commission prepare for the big scandal-to-come by forming a task force to write antitrust legislation. Commission chairman William Friday, president emeritus of the University of North Carolina, said Roberts' idea merits serious attention.

Hatfield, for one, was not impressed with the idea of a salary cap for coaches.

"Do you think someone caps the head of your engineering department's salary?" Hatfield asked. "If they're competing against Harvard, Stanford and Rice, and they all want the same person, do you think that university's going to come up with the best package they can?"

The commission also agreed that college football's postseason needs an overhaul to ensure that BCS bowl money is more equitably distributed among schools. The commission did not suggest a playoff for the national championship, as endorsed in testimony by Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham.

## Pistons tie series with Pacers at 1-1

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — With one stunning leap, Detroit's Tayshaun Prince put the Indiana Pacers in a very unfamiliar position.

Indiana had just come up with a steal, and Reggie Miller was cruising in for a game-tying breakaway layup.

But Prince sprinted in from midcourt and made a perfect-

ly timed block to help the Pistons beat the Pacers 72-67 in Game 2 of the Eastern Conference Finals Monday night.

Detroit tied the best-of-seven series 1-1, stealing the home-court advantage from the Pacers heading to Auburn Hills for Games 3 and 4 on Wednesday and Friday nights.

The Pistons snapped the Pacers' 14-game home winning streak that included six playoff victories.

"We're in a tough spot, down one at our place," Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said. "We haven't shot the ball well. Some of it is bad shooting, some of it is Detroit playing good defense."

## Reds 7, Astros 5

CINCINNATI (AP) — Barry Larkin decided to try for third, confident about his chance of stretching a leadoff hit.

Then, he tripped and worried he wouldn't make it.

A Cincinnati stumble? Not a chance.

Larkin was safe at third — that was the umpire's call, anyway — and the Reds were on their way to a 7-5 victory Monday night and a rare four-game sweep of the Houston Astros.

Austin Kearns followed Larkin's dash with a tiebreaking homer that left the overlooked Reds alone atop the NL Central and looking down on the rest of the league as well.

A team that lost 93 games last season now leads the Chicago Cubs by a half-game and has the league's best record at 26-18. The Reds have won six in a row — their best spurt in two years.

## Soccer play



Paulino Rios of the Cheetahs controls the ball and Lainie Dunn of the Whirlwinds moves in to play defense in an Under-8 Division game. Both teams are in the Pampa Soccer Association.

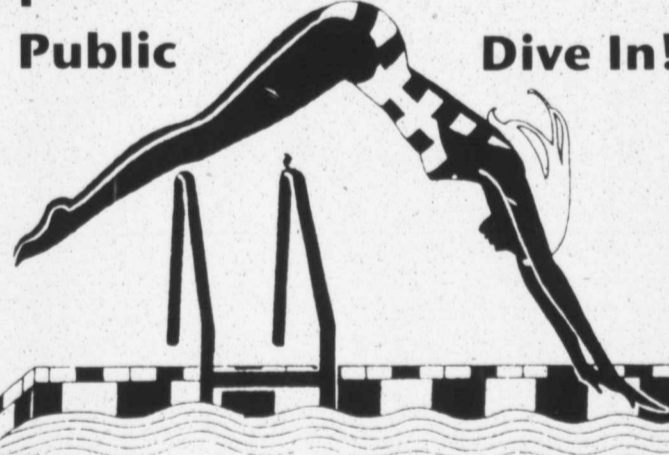
## Clarett loses another court decision

NEW YORK (AP) — Maurice Clarett lost yet another court decision in his attempt to play in the NFL next season.

An appeals court said that federal labor policy allows NFL teams to set rules for when play-

ers can enter the league. The decision by the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals was consistent with the appeals court's refusal last month to permit the former Ohio State running back into the NFL draft.

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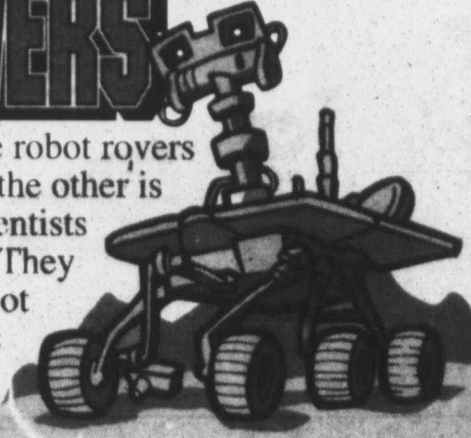


This Week: Mars Rovers

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# ROBOT ROVERS

NASA scientists sent two little robot rovers to Mars. One is named Spirit; the other is called Opportunity. NASA scientists control the robots from Earth. They send messages that tell the robot rovers where to go. The robots are taking pictures and testing rock samples.



## Weekly Writing Corner

### Spaced-out Vacation

I just visited the moon. It was pretty cold and there were no jacket stands, so we pretty much left the first day we got there.

PS: I brought you some moon rocks.

Rachel  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Today I went to some kind of planet. It was weird. Life-savers were bagels, shavers were vacuums, and stuff like that.

Nicolette  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Well, the Sun sure is getting my mind off school, and I sure am going to have a good tan. Next time I go on vacation, we should pick a place that has better food; all the food is well done! See you soon.

Chris  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade

If I had a vacation in space I would go to Jupiter to work out, and then go to Pluto to cool off.

Ian  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Greetings from Uranus! It is very hot, which you wouldn't expect because it is far from the Sun. It is also very cloudy. There are five moons surrounding Uranus, and at least 9 small rings around it.

Erica  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Here I am standing on the Sun. It is about 10,000°F. The diameter is 866,000 miles, about 109 times the diameter of Earth. I can barely see the Earth since the Sun is 93 million miles away.

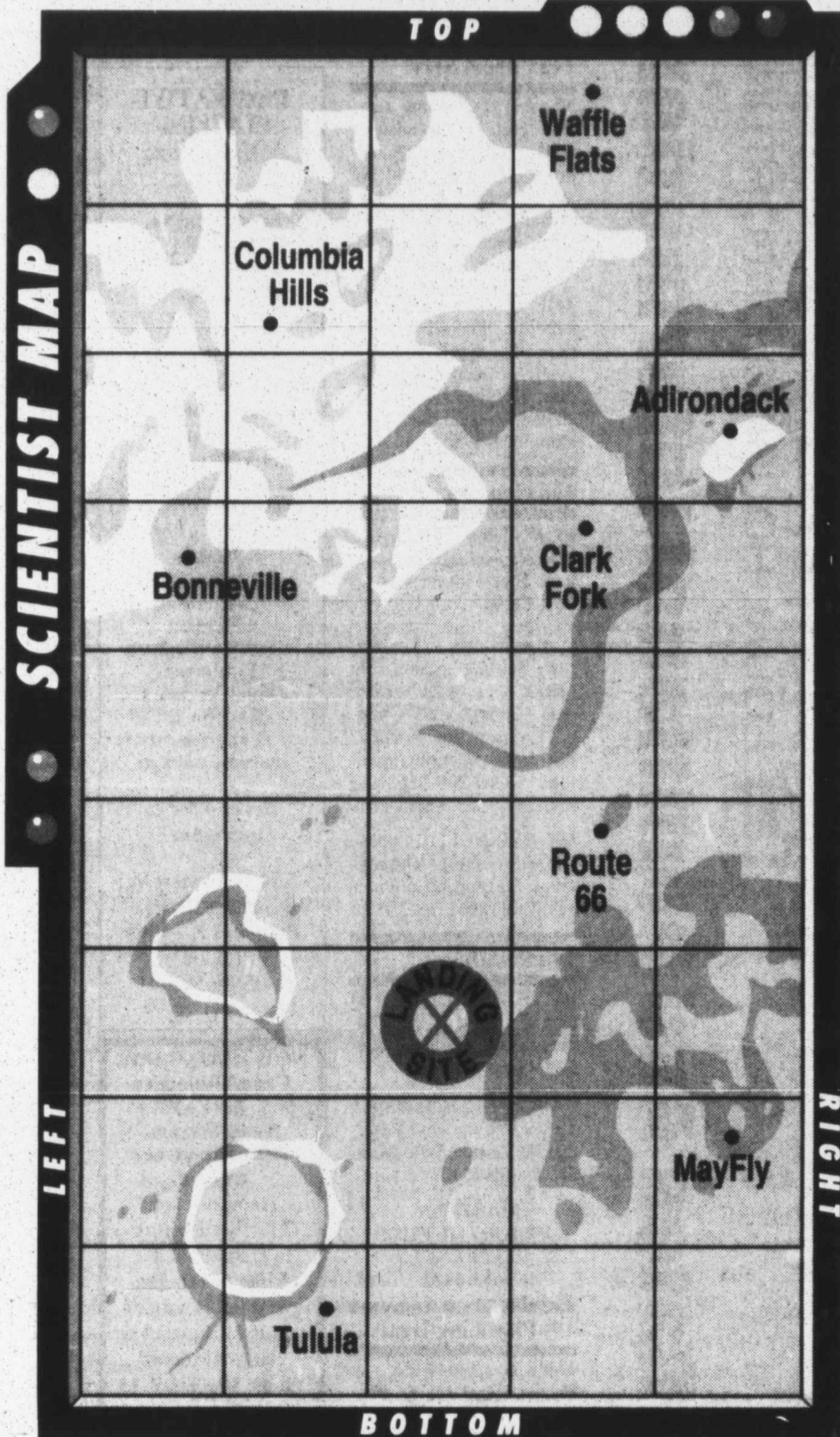
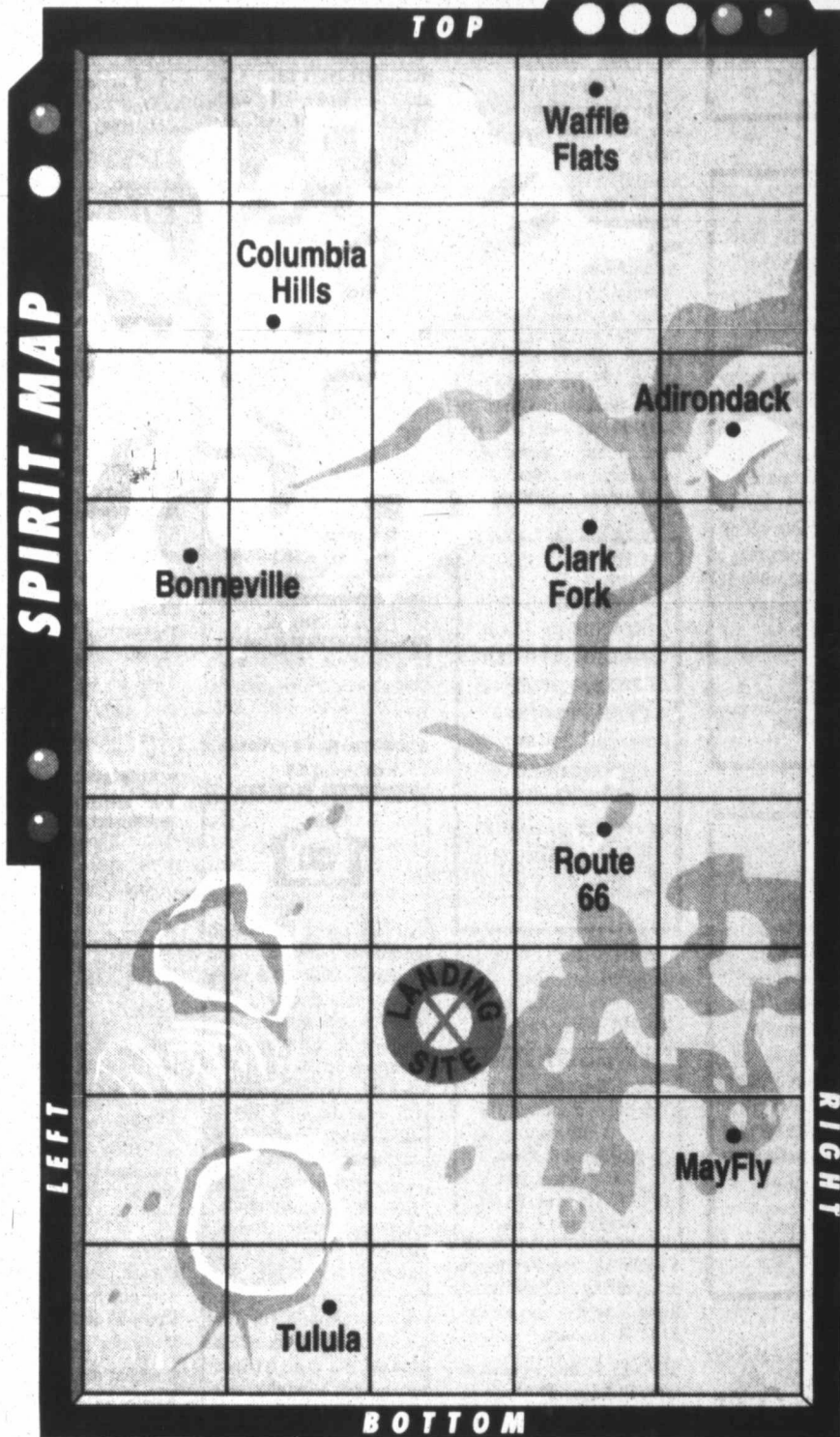
Talon  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Today I visited Pluto and went ice boarding. I also went to the Intergalactic Space Museum. I then went to a city called Earthtown to see the "aliens" take on the "Earthlings" in a baseball game. I had a really good time here, but tomorrow I'm visiting a dark hole!

Mike  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Wow! The ride to Qualpei was very exhausting, but I met my best friend there. His name is Calamike and he has 16.5 eyes. Don't let that startle you. He will come visit soon.

Niesha  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade



NOTE: These maps are not to scale and are not accurate in position of rocks.

## Kid Scoop's ROBOT COMMANDER GAME

Find out what it is like to command a robot on Mars!



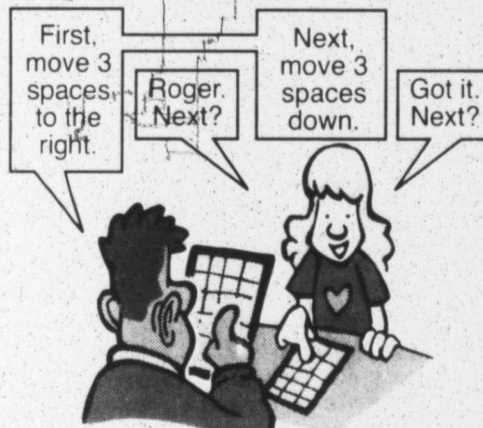
### Prepare for the Mission:

- Cut out the maps and the Spirit playing piece.
- Choose one player to be the scientist and one to be the robot, Spirit.

### HOW TO PLAY:

1. Give a map to each player. The player with the Spirit map also gets the robot playing piece.
2. The scientist picks a spot to send Spirit, but doesn't tell the other player.
3. Without looking at each other's maps, the scientist gives Spirit directions, one at a time, and tries to get the robot to the right destination.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple-step written directions.



4. When the scientist says, "Stop," Spirit should be at the right spot.
5. Check Spirit's map to see if it is at the spot the scientist selected!

See the Mars rovers online:  
<http://marsrovers.jpl.nasa.gov>

## Extra! Extra! EXPLORE NEWSPAPER SPACE

Look through the newspaper to find:

- Something a traveler needs
- Three ways to travel
- A distance
- Three numbers that add up to 15

Standards Link: Research: Use newspapers to locate information.

## 9-Year-Old Names Rovers

More than 10,000 [symbols] from children were sent to [symbols] with ideas for naming the robot [symbols]. Sofi Collis, a 9-year-old 3rd grader from Arizona, wrote the winning essay that named the [symbols] now on Mars.

Sofi wrote, "I used to live in an orphanage. It was dark and cold and lonely. At night, I looked up at the sparkly [symbols] and felt better. I dreamed I could [symbols] there. In America, I can make all my dreams come true. Thank you for the 'Spirit' and the 'Opportunity.'"

Use the code below to read this story.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use context clues to understand the meaning of sentences.

## Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

COMMANDER  
MARS  
SPIRIT  
MISSION  
ROVERS  
ROBOT  
EXPLORE  
DREAMS  
MAPS  
ROCK  
CONTROL  
ESSAY  
COLD  
DARK  
SPACE

E	C	A	P	S	X	M	E	A	C
X	R	K	S	T	P	S	T	O	H
P	E	S	O	P	S	I	M	N	L
L	S	B	O	A	R	M	R	O	O
O	O	R	Y	D	A	R	K	I	R
R	K	T	E	N	M	A	P	S	T
E	C	O	D	V	N	M	A	S	N
R	O	E	D	L	O	C	S	I	O
X	R	S	M	A	E	R	D	M	C

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

## BEYOND Kid Scoop

### Mission to Mars

Pretend your class has been selected to start a colony on Mars. Have each student find five items in the newspaper that he/she would like to take along. Write a sentence explaining why each item was selected.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write sentences that provide a context for the reader to imagine an experience.

What did the Martian say when it landed in a garden?



ANSWER: Take me to your weeder.

## Write On!

### Write Words Wonderfully

Write a sentence using words that all start with the same letter. This is called alliteration. Example: Ladybugs love little lollipops.

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