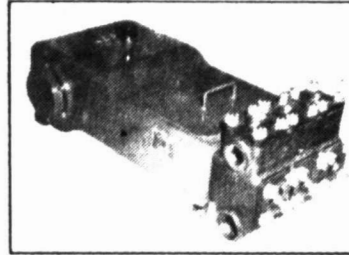




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Only one month 'til rodeo time!

Pampa's annual Top O' Texas Rodeo events set to begin on June 3

Entries are now being accepted for all events of this year's Top O' Texas Rodeo set for June 3-9.

Kid Pony Show entry forms for youths up to age 15 are available at the rodeo office, 200 N. Ballard. Kid Pony Show performances start at 7 p.m. nightly, Monday, June 7, through Wednesday, June 9. Kid Pony Show entries close at 5 p.m. June 4. The rodeo office will be closed on Monday, May 31. No entries will be accepted after the deadline, so participants should enter early.

Entries are also being accepted for the Mutton Busting competition to be held during the 58th annual PRCR Rodeo. Sponsored by the Brainard Ranch, Mutton Busting will be held each night, Thursday through Saturday,

June 3-5, during the PRCR Rodeo for youths up to age 7. Entries are limited to six contestants each night on a first-come, first-serve basis. Prizes will be awarded to the winners each night. Mutton Busting contestants must also be entered in a Kid Pony Show event, rodeo officials said.

The 58th annual Top O' Texas Rodeo performances, a Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association sanctioned event, will be held Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, June 3, 4, and 5, at 7:30 p.m. Beutler and Gaylord Rodeo Company will produce this year's show with outstanding National Finals Rodeo stock Wayne Brooks of Lampasas, will be announcing this year's professional rodeo action. Top O' Texas Rodeo Association will also

bring world famous bullfighters Dustin Brewer and Jeff Franks to the arena to assist the cowboys. Barrel man and entertainer for the rodeo activities this year will be Jim Bob Feller.

Double Mugging, sponsored by Centenas Fuels and Bowers Ranch, is a nightly event where local cowboys and cowgirls try their skills. Entry forms can be picked up at the rodeo office. Area residents are encouraged to come out and cheer for the local competitors during the rodeo performances.

At 5:30 p.m. Thursday, June 3, ticket holders will be treated to a free barbecue sponsored by Albertson's, Frank's True Value, Thriftway, and Just Ask Rental. Taylor Petroleum, Electric Motor and Equipment, ER's Wheel

Alignment and Tires, Southwest Collision, Bowers Ranch and Pampa Regional Medical Center. Top O' Texas Ice and M&H Leasing will supply the ice for all rodeo events including the barbecue.

While eating barbecue that night, spectators can watch the popular Pick Up Race set to begin at 6 p.m. Sponsored by Panhandle Performers, the Pick Up Race will take on a new twist this year when directors of the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association challenge other area rodeo associations.

Starting at 8 a.m. Friday, the horsemanship competition of the Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Pageant will be held in the rodeo arena. Beautiful young ladies will be showcasing their

(See RODEO, Page 5)

Four Pampan arrested after Amarillo fight

BY MARILYN POWERS
STAFF WRITER

A Pampa man charged with attempted capital murder was one of four Pampan booked into Potter County Correction Center early Sunday morning after they were involved in a fight at an Amarillo club, according to a news release from Amarillo Police Department.

Randy Dewayne Cox, 24, was charged with attempted capital murder and possession of marijuana after Amarillo police officers responded to two 911 calls concerning a large fight with weapons at the Shack, 405 N. Hughes, at 3:32 a.m. Sunday. Another call had reported shots fired at the address.

Another Pampan, Nathan

Williams, 26, was charged with evading arrest and booked into the Potter County jail. Williams was one of five charged with deadly conduct with a firearm in connection with the April 3, 2003, shooting death of Tracy Williams in the 1000 block of Huff Road.

Kevin Jeringan, 24, and Rod Lamond Darnell, 27, both of Pampa, were also arrested by Amarillo police on charges of evading arrest and were booked into Potter County Correction Center.

Several Amarillo police officers responded to the 911 calls concerning the club early Sunday. Upon their arrival, according to the news release, several people in the parking lot of the club pointed out a white sport utility vehicle and

(See FIGHT, Page 5)

Two teens confess to cemetery spree

BY MARILYN POWERS
STAFF WRITER

Two Lefors teens have confessed to the Saturday night vandalism which left overturned tombstones and discarded beer cans in the Lefors cemetery.

"Two juveniles came in on their own and gave statements about what happened. They were turned over to Gray County Juvenile Probation Office," said Chief Deputy Kelly Rushing of the Gray County Sheriff's Department.

"We feel like we've been able to get the ones responsible," Rushing said. The teens are ages 14 and 15.

"The speculation is that they went up there to have a drinking party. There's lots of beer cans up there," Rushing said.

Lefors City Secretary Judy Williams said Monday that about 27 headstones in the cemetery had been involved, including those which were turned over, damaged or shattered.

No stone unturned



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)

Israel Vasquez of Solis Masonry in Amarillo unloads stone paving blocks at Lovett Memorial Library this morning. The stone will be used to pave an area around the base of one of two statues which Larry Franklin of Pampa has donated to the library. Franklin is also donating the paving and all other landscape work in addition to the two statues, said a library spokesperson. The statue which will be placed near the front sidewalk at the library depicts a mother reading to her child. The second statue will be placed in the Reading Garden of the library.

House redraws bill without payroll tax, video gambling

AUSTIN (AP) — Speaker Tom Craddick chastising House began what could be days of extensive floor debate for his last minute opposition to a House education funding proposal, said Tuesday a new plan has been drafted that doesn't include a payroll tax or video gambling.

"Yesterday when the proposal came out and basically took two business proposals off the table, it really hurt us," Craddick said. "I really works." Craddick said the speaker's criticism

could hurt job creation in Texas.

"I cannot support placing a higher tax burden on Texas workers and their wages," Perry said. "The only permanent solution to school finance is job creation."

The House plan, drafted by a 29 member education committee, had called for a 1.25 percent payroll tax on businesses, capped at \$200 per full-time employee, raising the sales tax from 6.25 percent to

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Lawmaker suggests Iraq prisoner abuse more widespread

WASHINGTON (AP) — Stunned by the U.S. military's abuse of Iraqi prisoners, lawmakers demanded answers Tuesday to how it happened. One senator said he feared the abuses may be more widespread than first reported.

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., emerged from a closed-door briefing of the Senate Armed Services Committee and said he feared that the allegations made public so far are "the beginning rather than the end" of the abuse allegations.

"This does not appear to be an isolated incident," Kennedy said. There

might be other abuses at facilities in Iraq and possibly Afghanistan, he said.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., told reporters outside the hearing he was "extremely hopeful that ... this was not a widespread pattern of abuse and that the conduct of the overwhelming majority of Americans is honorable and decent."

McCain, who spent 5 1/2 years as a prisoner of war in Vietnam, added, however that the abuses themselves would not be tolerated or excused.

"The rules for the treatment of prisoners of war are very clear," McCain

said. "There is no justification for this kind of treatment."

The Pentagon sent several lower level uniformed military officials to Capitol Hill after being summoned by the committee. Chairman John Warner, R-Va., said the allegations, "if proven, represent an appalling and totally unacceptable breach of military conduct that could undermine much of the courageous work and sacrifice by our forces in the war on terror."

As the committee met, Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said on the Senate floor that he wants Secretary of Defense Donald

Rumsfeld to come to the legislative body "no later than the end of this week ... and explain to us what they know."

Among other things, Daschle said he wanted to know why President Bush was not earlier informed of a report that American soldiers had subjected detainees to blatant and sadistic abuse at the Abu Ghraib prison and why Rumsfeld and Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Richard Myers have not yet read the two-month old report.

"Why, in other words, has there been this extraordinary disconnect, this

unbelievable failure of communication, of oversight," Daschle said. "We cannot let this action go without doing all that we can to ensure that we understand all of the circumstances ... and be provided with ... specific and detailed response involving discipline."

White House spokesman Scott McClellan said Tuesday that Bush first became aware of the allegations of abuse some time after the Pentagon began looking into it but did not see the pictures until they were made public and did not learn of the classified Pentagon report until news organizations reported its existence.

Conference to address effects of North American Free Trade Agreement

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — In the 10 years since the North American Free Trade Agreement took effect, Texas business leaders have enjoyed exponential growth in exports to Mexico, but the deal has caused labor problems and could face future stumbling blocks.

City and government trade supporters will celebrate the anniversary of the pact at a conference Wednesday and Thursday. San Antonio leaders will highlight increased business since the tariff barriers among Mexico, Canada and the United States were lowered in 1994.

Texas has seen a 120 percent increase in exports to Mexico — up to almost \$98 billion since NAFTA's inception.

A Supreme Court decision on whether to allow Mexican tractor-

trailers and their drivers access to U.S. highways is pending. The battle has gone on for more than eight years.

Officials in San Antonio believe they haven't gotten all the rewards from the agreement due to the failure of this provision to be adopted. They had hoped that allowing these trucks onto U.S. highways would generate more logistics and distribution business.

Texans have also experienced negative effects from NAFTA, mostly in the garment and manufacturing industries.

Closure of five plants in South Texas alone has left thousands of workers without jobs, Levi Strauss, Haggar, Sony Electronics, Philips Semiconductors and Fruit of the Loom factories have all closed their doors.

The majority of these displaced workers are middle-aged and do not have strong enough English-language skills to find good-paying work.

The state of Texas announced a 90-day halt to new retraining programs two weeks ago. That caused cancellation of classes for 200 recently laid-off Levi's workers.

Although the program has been tough on Mexico, it has also helped bring positive change to the country.

"NAFTA gave the opportunity to Mexico to become a global player," Daniel Tablada Jr., who teaches international marketing at the University of Texas at San Antonio, said in a story for online editions of the San Antonio Express-News.

WEATHER FOCUS

Today's forecast is calling for mostly sunny skies, highs around 90 and southwest winds 15 to 20 mph. Tonight should be mostly clear with lows in the upper 50s and south winds 10 to 20 mph.

Wednesday, mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 90s. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Wednesday night, mostly clear. Lows in the upper 50s.

Thursday, mostly sunny.

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Breezy. Highs in the lower 90s. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Breezy. Lows in the upper 50s.

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

Saturday, partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the upper 80s. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Breezy. Lows around 60. Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s.

OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

SHED, Walter Arthur — Memorial services, 1 p.m., Calvary Baptist Church, Pampa. Graveside services, 2 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

WALTER ARTHUR SHED

Walter Arthur Shed, 74, died Monday, May 3, 2004, at Amarillo. The body will not be available for viewing. Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, 2004, at Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Richard Bartel, pastor, and Mr. Walt Parry, officiating. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, 2004, at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

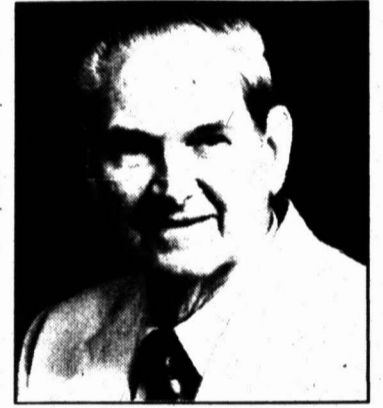
Mr. Shed was born July 2, 1929, in Lampasas to Jesse Thomas and Ida Mae Shed. He attended Ranger Jr. College in Abilene, earning an Associate Degree. He served as a tank commander in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict, serving from April 1951 until 1953 when he received an honorable discharge. He married Jamie Meador on Jan. 16, 1976, at First Christian Church in Pampa. He was a real estate broker and co-owner of Sh-d Realtors from 1977 until the time of his death. He was an avid golfer, a hard-working businessman, a selfless giver, and a loving husband, father and grandfather. He was an active member of the Calvary Baptist Church, serving in the church choir.

Survivors include his wife, Jamie, of the home; children, Donna Brown and husband Alan of Houston, Susan Herb and husband Ben

of Abilene, Larry Shed and wife Marty of Houston, Gary Meador and wife Tanya of Amarillo, and Karen McGahen and husband Dicky of Pampa; and grandchildren, Jillian and Patrick Brown of Houston, Rebecca, Emily and Daniel Herb of Abilene, Jeffrey and Sarah Shed of Houston, Kendall Meador of Amarillo, and Shelby and Shealyn McGahen of Pampa; two brothers, Hubert Shed and Clarence Shed, both of San Antonio; one sister, Mattie Mae Diem of Lampasas. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

Memorials may be made to Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd, Pampa, Texas, 79065. The family will receive friends at the home of Dicky and Karen McGahen, 1318 Mary Ellen.

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ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Monday, May 3

Criminal mischief was reported at the swinging bridge in Mora-Wilks Park. An unknown person or persons broke and untied 15 boards from the bridge. Estimated amount of loss is \$100.

Possible identity theft was reported in the lobby of the police department.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of Lefors. Two windows in the front of a house were broken, for an estimated loss of \$125.

A runaway was reported in the 500 block of Lowry.

Theft was reported in the 2100 block of Mary Ellen. A box of checks was taken.

Found property was reported in the 2100 block of North Russell. A bicycle was found.

Emmanuel Eugene Wine, 23, 1128 Varnon Drive, was arrested in the 500 block of North Hobart for theft under \$50.

SHERIFF

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

Monday, May 3

Joseph Garcia, 41, 712 S. Finley, was arrested on a sentence in 223rd District Court on a charge of driving while intoxicated, third offense.

Lisa Ann Hollowell, 32, Panhandle, was arrested for forgery of a financial instrument.

Christopher Dale Shouse, 28, 313 N. Sumner, was arrested on a bond forfeiture concerning a Grayson County charge of theft under \$20.

Jimmy Winn, 51, Lubbock, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated, first offense.

AMBULANCE

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

Monday, May 3

9:04 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of North Ward and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:51 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to 2200 block of North Hobart and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

4:36 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

11:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Baptist-St. Anthony's West, Amarillo.

FIRE

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

Monday, May 3

4:41 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a car fire in the 400 block of East Foster. Fire was out on arrival.

10:54 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a small oil spill at Randy Matson and Hobart. Oil apparently fell into the street from the back of a vehicle.

City Briefs

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Wheat	8.55
Milo	8.07
Corn	8.75
Soybeans	9.62

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

QXY	48.85	+0.08
BP	53.59	+0.31
Celanese	42.26	+0.39
Cabot Corp.	34.32	+0.38
Cabot Oil Gas	36.50	+0.21
Coca Cola	50.31	+0.31
AT&T	45.31	+0.37
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equestrian talents for this event. Friday night, June 4, is Family Night. Discounted ticket prices are available on Friday night for senior citizens and children when an adult ticket is purchased for that night's performance.

The annual Rodeo Parade at 10 a.m. kicks off the Saturday, June 5, events. Starting at the M.K. Brown Auditorium parking lot, the parade will wind its way through downtown Pampa and return to the auditorium. This parade is one of the largest in the Texas Panhandle, filled with interesting and unusual sights. Entries are now being accepted for parade participants.

Pampa's Top O' Texas Rodeo is a Dodge Ram Tough Rodeo, thanks to Fenton Dodge. North Country Coors Distributing is also a rodeo sponsor. The rodeo dances, featuring Flashbak, are sponsored by Bowers Ranch and CN Ranch. Dances will be held nightly — Thursday, Friday and Saturday — in the

Top O' Texas-Norris Dance Pavilion adjacent to the rodeo arena. On Thursday night, dance-goers receive \$1 off the dance admission price with a rodeo ticket stub. Dance tickets may be purchased at the door for \$8 per person or \$15 per couple.

Top O' Texas Rodeo Association is proud to be holding the Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Pageant in conjunction with this year's rodeo. Major pageant sponsors include JLB Ranch, Holman Services, Bob Clements Inc., Keller Williams Realty, The Amanda Jacobs Memorial, Clark Carr & Sons Memorial, Pampa Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee, CN Ranch, Mike and Brenda Guess, Ben Watson of Edward Jones Investments, Rheams Diamond Shop, Celanese, Dobson Cellular, Dr. John Sparkman, D.D.S., and Bowers Ranch.

Special prizes and a scholarship are to be given this year by the Amanda Jacobs Memorial. This year's queens, Courtney Stephens and Karli Douglas, have worked untir-

ingly representing Pampa and the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association at many functions, rodeo officials said.

The luncheon and style show for the rodeo queen pageant will be held on Thursday, June 3, at 11:30 a.m. at the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. Tickets are on sale at the rodeo office and the public is encouraged to get their tickets early, as seating is limited. The new queens will be crowned during the Saturday night rodeo performance and the public is encouraged to join in saying "farewell" to the current queens and "welcome" to the new representatives.

Top O' Texas Rodeo Association directors, members and staff, express thanks to all rodeo, barbecue, dance and queen pageant sponsors and to Pampa citizens for their continued support of the Top O' Texas Rodeo.

Tickets and entry forms for all of the events are now available at the rodeo office. For more information, contact the rodeo office at 669-0434 or write to P.O. Box 659, Pampa, Texas, 79066-0659.

Thousands flee as California wildfire explodes to 5,000 acres; man arrested

CORONA, Calif. (AP) — Thousands of people were evacuated from their homes Tuesday as wildfires burned through Southern California brushlands parched by hot, dry weather that led to an early fire season declaration.

Some homes and outbuildings were destroyed but there were no reports of losses on the scale of the destruction that happened last fall, when thousands of homes were destroyed.

A man was charged with negligently setting the largest blaze.

Weather appeared to be improving Tuesday, with temperatures in the areas of the largest fires expected to top out in the mid-90s, about 10 degrees cooler than Monday. Meteorologists also said humidity would increase as air moved onshore from the Pacific.

The two biggest fires were in Riverside County, east-south-

east of Los Angeles, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency declared both of them major disaster areas to make firefighting agencies eligible for federal funds. Fires also were being fought in San Diego County and up the coast in Santa Barbara County.

The Cerrito fire in Riverside County between Corona and Lake Elsinore exploded overnight to 5,000 acres, up from 1,600 late Monday. It was just 15 percent contained Tuesday, according to the California Department of Forestry. Three outbuildings, two unoccupied mobile homes and an unidentified structure were destroyed.

As many as 600 people were evacuated as the Cerrito fire approached their homes, and 2,000 to 3,000 others may have left voluntarily, said Rick Griggs, an engineer with the California Department of

Forestry. Abraham Contreras said firefighters warned him Monday night that flames were heading toward his home, so he cleared his own firebreak around his 33 acres.

"I went with the tractor and made a circle around the property," said Contreras, adding that the fire burned everything in the area except his and his neighbor's homes. "The fire can't come back, everything's burned."

One man had been arrested for investigation of two felony counts of "recklessly causing the fire with equipment," said CDF Capt. Julie Hutchinson. She said the man "didn't intentionally inflict damage; he did something that was negligent."

Also in Riverside County, the 4,000-acre Eagle fire south of Temecula destroyed or damaged "multiple structures" during the night, Griggs said.

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FIGHT

said the suspects were in that vehicle and were armed with a handgun.

Officers attempted to stop the vehicle on the parking lot, according to the news release, but the SUV left at a high rate of speed, striking a parked car while leaving. The SUV drove eastbound on Northwest 4th Street, and Sgt. Mike Reed stepped into the roadway to try to stop it, according to the release.

The SUV did not stop but

continued to accelerate toward Reed, almost striking him, according to the release. Reed fired several rounds from his handgun at the SUV, striking the driver once.

The SUV continued east on 4th Street, with several officers pursuing it, and finally stopped after hitting a retaining barrier on private property belonging to Plains Dairy, according to the release.

Several persons who were in the vehicle ran from the scene and were found hiding at various locations, including

Cox, who had a gunshot wound to his left side. Cox was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital, where he was treated and released before being booked into jail.

A search of the SUV yielded a semi automatic handgun and suspected narcotics, according to the news release.

No information was available as of press time today on whether bond has been set for the four Pampans or whether they are still in custody at the Potter County jail.

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BILL

6.75 percent; and allowing state-taxed slot machines at horse and dog tracks.

In exchange, property taxes would have gone down by 30 percent, from \$1.50 to \$1.05 per \$100 in appraised land value.

Under the new House plan, the sales tax would go up to 7 cents and would include automotive maintenance and repair — a provision a House committee abandoned a few days ago.

Property taxes would now be capped at \$1.20 per \$100 in valuation, instead of \$1.05.

The earlier House bill also called for eliminating the franchise tax on businesses; expanding the sales tax to

include billboard advertising, bottled water and drinks at establishments that hold mixed drinks licenses; and increasing the taxes on motor vehicles and boats from 6.25 percent to 7.75 percent. It was not clear whether those provisions will remain in the new bill.

The state-taxed video gambling option was the other tax drawing criticism in the earlier bill.

A group of Republicans released a letter Monday signed by 25 legislators from both parties that said they wouldn't vote for any plan that included video gambling. It "will not have our support and we respectfully request that you withdraw this idea from consideration," said the letter sent to Perry, Craddick

and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst.

Before Craddick's announcement, more than a dozen Democrats offered what they called a better education spending plan. They support tripling the homestead exemption from \$15,000 to \$45,000, while giving each Texas school teacher a \$1,000 salary increase and restoring teachers' health insurance stipend beginning next school year.

The Democrats' plan didn't address how the state should pay for those items. The legislators said they only wanted to outline how the state should spend money raised by the Republican-backed plan so more of it went to students and teachers, while providing property tax relief for all homeowners.

Pentagon notifying 47,000 more US troops they will be dispatched to Iraq for one year

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. military commanders in Iraq have decided they need to keep an expanded force in Iraq beyond June and will send 10,000 active-duty Army and Marine Corps troops for one-year tours, defense officials said Tuesday.

The Army planned to announce that about 37,000 National Guard and Reserve troops are getting called to active duty to support three National Guard combat brigades that will be sent to Iraq late this year or early in 2005, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

There are now about 138,000 U.S. troops in Iraq. The number was to have fallen

to about 115,000 this spring, but the latest change of plans would leave the total at about 125,000 to 128,000 after June. That could still change, depending on the security situation between now and June.

About 5,000 Marines and a contingent of about 5,000 soldiers from the 10th Mountain Division, based at Fort Drum, N.Y., will go this summer to relieve the 1st Armored Division and the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, whose soldiers were due to come home in April but were extended until June.

Pentagon officials had said in recent weeks that they were prepared to replace a portion or all of the 20,000 1st

Armored and 2nd Cavalry soldiers who are on extended duty in Iraq if Gen. John Abizaid, the top commander of U.S. forces in the Middle East, believed they were needed.

Abizaid and his subordinate commanders have used the 2nd Armored Cavalry and 1st Armored to deal with outbreaks of violence in and around the Shiite holy city of Najaf and elsewhere in central Iraq.

The Army and Marine Corps are hard-pressed to find substantial additional troops for Iraq duty. Of the Army's 10 divisions, parts or all of nine are already deployed in Iraq or Afghanistan.



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VIEWPOINTS

Another way to milk the cow

HAVANA — Want to help the poor and oppressed of Cuba without aiding and abetting the Castro regime? There is a way, and it starts with milk and medicine.

In a society long known for being child-friendly, the milk shortage brought about by Marxist economic practice here greatly distresses Cubans. When a baby is born, parents get a card that is supposed to entitle them to a quart of milk per week until the child is 7 years old. But Cubans regularly say that some milk never shows up and other portions are watery. They say the type of milk distributed to children ages 3 to 6 is of such low quality that many children have stomach problems.

The healthcare system also is a mess. Medical visits are free, but medicine is scarce. Hospitals (except those restricted to Communist leaders and foreigners) are seen as unhygienic, and at one hospital, the new tradition is BYOX — Bring your own X-ray film. At a pharmacy that's supposed to be one of the best-stocked, since it's across the street from the Havana Children's Hospital, everything from A through V — antibiotics to vitamins — is scant.

Milk and medicine could be sent in containers through the Port of Havana, but everything coming that way is subject to a government that is now two-thirds kleptocracy and one-third ideology. One shipment of milk for children turned into ice cream for tourists.



MARVIN OLASKY
EDITOR

Medicine often goes to special hospitals used by Communist Party officials.

A better alternative is already showing itself to be possible: Some individuals, such as those on humanitarian visas who bring in medicine or powdered milk packets with their personal luggage, do get help to those truly in need. Church-related groups distribute medicine or transport milk to the eastern part of Cuba, where shortages are particularly severe.

One scholar in Havana suggests that the person-to-person approach might be impractical: "You'd need a whole army of people to bring in bags of medicine." An army of people. Hmmm. Where have we heard an expression like that before? Ah — George W. Bush has proclaimed, "We will rally the armies of compassion in our communities. This will not be the failed compassion of towering, distant bureaucracies. ... In every instance where my administration sees a responsibility to help people, we will look first to faith-based organizations ..."

What if an army of compassion would enlist to bring in medicine or milk? Cubans would be helped, and such an approach would also contribute to the

building of civil society. Churches and other non-governmental organizations that now distribute milk are learning to take action outside of government control by working with each other and developing new connections in their communities. In essence, they are preparing for a democratic transition in Cuba, helping new centers of governance to emerge alongside the tottering offices of the old.

The United States now offers humanitarian visas to those bringing in desperately needed items; that opportunity should be greatly advertised and promoted. The travel costs are not high: a \$50 Miami airport tax (which the U.S. government could arrange to waive for those bringing in supplies), a \$25 Havana airport tax, and a ticket costing \$225 from Miami.

One small but energetic group, Evangelical Christian Outreach for Cuba (ECHO-Cuba), has two people once a week each bringing in 20 pounds of powdered milk packets directly from Miami; that's what I brought in on my trip. Those who fly through Jamaica or the Bahamas can bring in 120 pounds of packets. What if more Americans, traveling on humanitarian licenses, came to Cuba until an army of compassion was regularly moving in and out?

Fidel Castro's favorite slogan these days is *Un mundo mejor es posible* (a better world is possible). Indeed it is, if a compassionate conservative alternative to his regime emerges.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Nurses form the backbone of nation's healthcare system

To the editor:
 Annually, National Nurses Week begins May 6 and ends on May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, founder of nursing as a modern profession. During this week, nurses from Pampa Nursing Center will be honored with a "Hawaiian Luau - Texas Style" on May 11.
 As we all know, nurses are the backbone of our healthcare system. They work tirelessly with great dedication to ensure our residents are well taken care of. Often our nurses are the only family that some of our residents can claim. Working with these treasures is more than a job. It is an opportunity to truly make a difference.
 Nurses Week is not just another Hallmark holiday. It is a time to recognize contributions of our hardworking nurses and nurses around our community. Our residents and staff appreciate the dedication and contributions of each of our nurses and we urge everyone to celebrate the value of great nursing.
Janice Cunningham
 Pampa Nursing Center

TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

- Today is Tuesday, May 4, the 125th day of 2004. There are 241 days left in the year.
- Today's Highlight in History:
 One hundred years ago, on May 4, 1904, the United States began building the Panama Canal.
- On this date:
 In 1626, Dutch explorer Peter Minuit landed on present-day Manhattan Island.
 In 1776, Rhode Island declared its freedom from England, two months before the Declaration of Independence was adopted.
 In 1886, at Haymarket Square in Chicago, a labor demonstration for an eight-hour work day turned into a riot when a bomb exploded.
 In 1927, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences was founded.
 In 1932, mobster Al Capone, convicted of income-tax evasion, entered the federal penitentiary in Atlanta.
 In 1942, the Battle of the Coral Sea, the first naval clash fought entirely with carrier aircraft, began during World War II.
 In 1945, during World War II, German forces in the Netherlands, Denmark and northwest Germany agreed to surrender.
 In 1961, a group of Freedom Riders left Washington for New Orleans to challenge racial segregation in interstate buses and bus terminals.
 In 1970, Ohio National Guardsmen opened fire on anti-war protesters at Kent State University, killing four students and wounding nine others.

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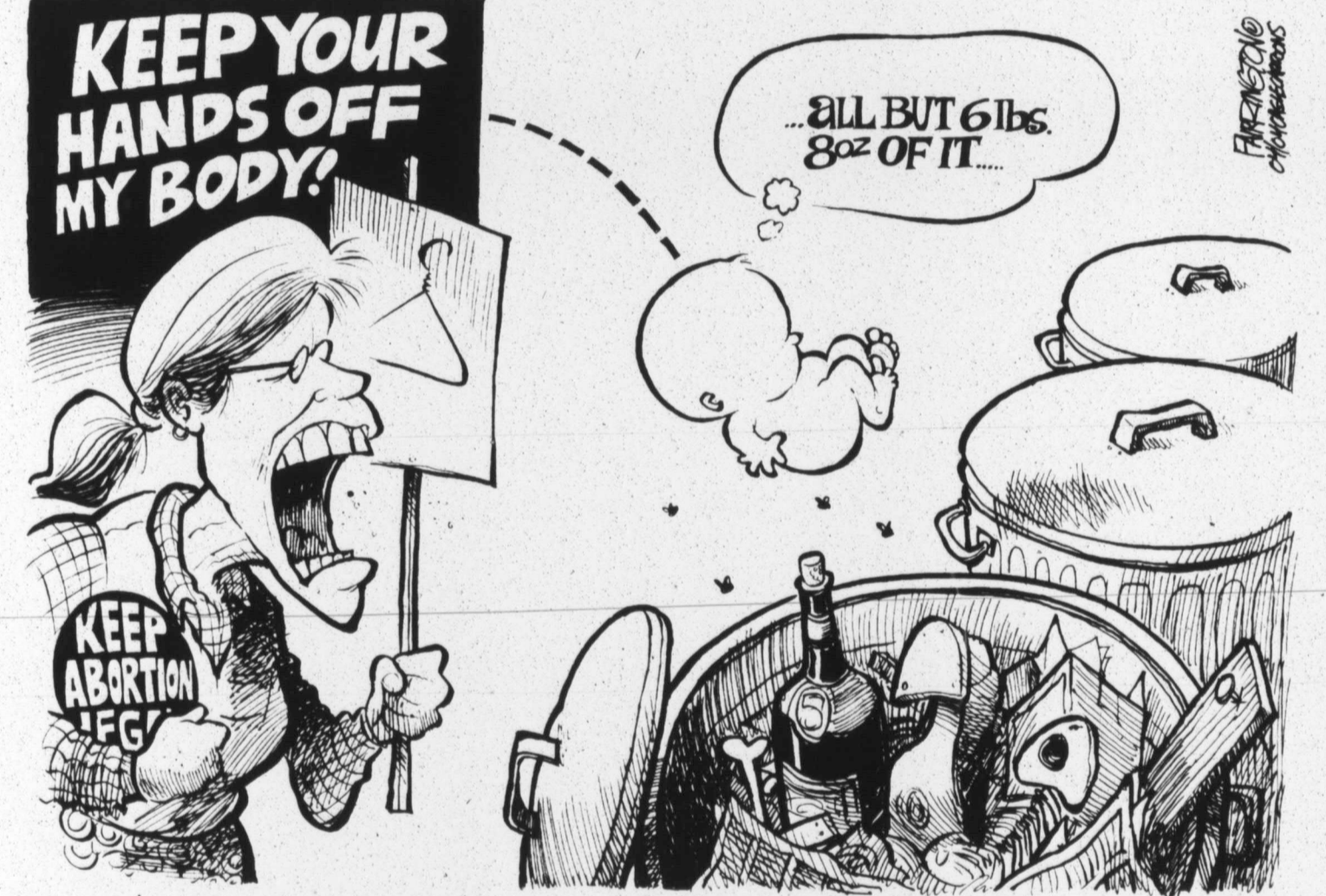
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Health not true issue in abortion debate

Since the *Roe v. Wade* decision in 1973, over 43 million babies have lost their lives to abortion. That's equivalent to the entire population in 17 states within the United States.

Last Sunday, (April 25) hordes of pro-abortion fanatics celebrated those deaths during the misnamed March for Women's Lives in Washington. According to eyewitness accounts they behaved like the barbarians they are. It was not for women's lives they were marching, but simply to safeguard their rights to kill the unborn in massive numbers.

"Organizers of this deceptively-named demonstration are not interested in protecting women," said Denise M. Burke, staff counsel with Americans United for Life (AUL). "Rather, in an election year, they are using misinformation and scare-tactics in an attempt to advance their radical, political agenda at the expense of women's health."

"They callously equate simple access to abortion, with 'women's health' and are unconcerned about ensuring that the actual practice of abortion is safe for women," Burke said. "In several states, the abortion lobby opposes safety and health regulations on their clinics — leaving abortions to be performed with less state regulation than is in place for veterinarian clinics."

Added her colleague Dorinda C. Bordlee, "If the abortion industry honestly cared about women's health and well-being, they would support state legislation that informs women of the proven risks of abortion and that ensures that abortion clinics are following accepted medical standards. Instead, they vigorously oppose any legislation that they see as a threat



MICHAEL REAGAN
COLUMNIST

including legislation designed to protect the health and safety of women."

So much for women's lives. After all, if it's women's lives that are at stake, why is it that they aren't dying and the babies are?

They call the pro-life movement a war against women, when the truth is it's a pro-abortion war against the sanctity of human life.

I've run my own personal survey which you'll never see on CBS, ABC, NBC or CNN. I am an adoptee and I wondered if all the other adoptees feel as I do — grateful that my natural parents chose to give me life instead of killing me in my mother's womb.

So I asked my fellow adoptees if they share my joy in having been allowed to live and so far 100 percent of the adoptees I have talked to have said something like "What, are you crazy? I'm very happy to be alive. I would have never wanted to be aborted."

But when you look at that group that showed up on Sunday and all these other outrageous organizations you realize just how bizarre the whole assemblage was.

Roe v. Wade may not be overturned in my lifetime, but I predict when it is it will be because of an MRI. Recent experiments using MRIs to show how people react to such things as images of 9/11, for

example, showed that the brains of the Democrats reacted differently from the brains of Republicans.

Think about that in the light of scientific testing to determine if there is a gene that causes someone to be homosexual. If we found such a gene, could we not also use MRIs to find a gene that causes someone to be liberal. Would that not tempt some parents to want to abort a baby carrying the homosexual or liberal gene? Then and only then would the pro-abortionists want to overturn *Roe v. Wade* because it wouldn't be merely the unborn who are endangered by abortion, but unborn liberals or homosexuals.

"If *Roe v. Wade* were overturned tomorrow, it would not mean an automatic end to abortion," said Dorinda Bordlee. "In that scenario, the issue of when and under what circumstances abortion would be allowed would be returned to the 50 states where the representatives of the people, not unelected judges, would decide whether a woman deserves to know all the medical risks before undergoing an abortion, whether minors should involve their parents in their decisions, and whether inhumane procedures such as partial-birth abortion should be banned."

"This is exactly the scenario that pro-abortion groups fear," her colleague Denise Burke added "They do not want to give the people, including women, a true choice or a voice in this debate. Rather, they want to dictate policy and are willing to engage in deception and political gamesmanship to advance their radical agenda."
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BUSINESS REVIEW

B&B Pharmacy offers personal service

A small town pharmacy offers services a larger pharmacy cannot provide.

Home-owned and operated, B&B Pharmacy is dedicated to providing personal service to all of its customers. Dennis Roark and his wife Donna have owned the local pharmacy since 1988.

The pharmacy offers a full line of medical needs, including ostomy supplies. Special orders can be obtained in one day. Crutches, canes, braces and wraps are always in stock. Medical needs for sports-related injuries can also be found.

Customers at B&B Pharmacy receive personal service from the Roarks. "We try to make our customers feel comfortable and free to ask any questions they might have," said Roark.

The staff at B&B Pharmacy strive to provide the personal service a big chain cannot provide.

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our customers to come to us with any concerns about interactions with their medications. It is important to us to know them and their needs."

"If any person has questions about the over-the-counter medications and possible reactions with their prescriptions, I would be more than happy to assist them."

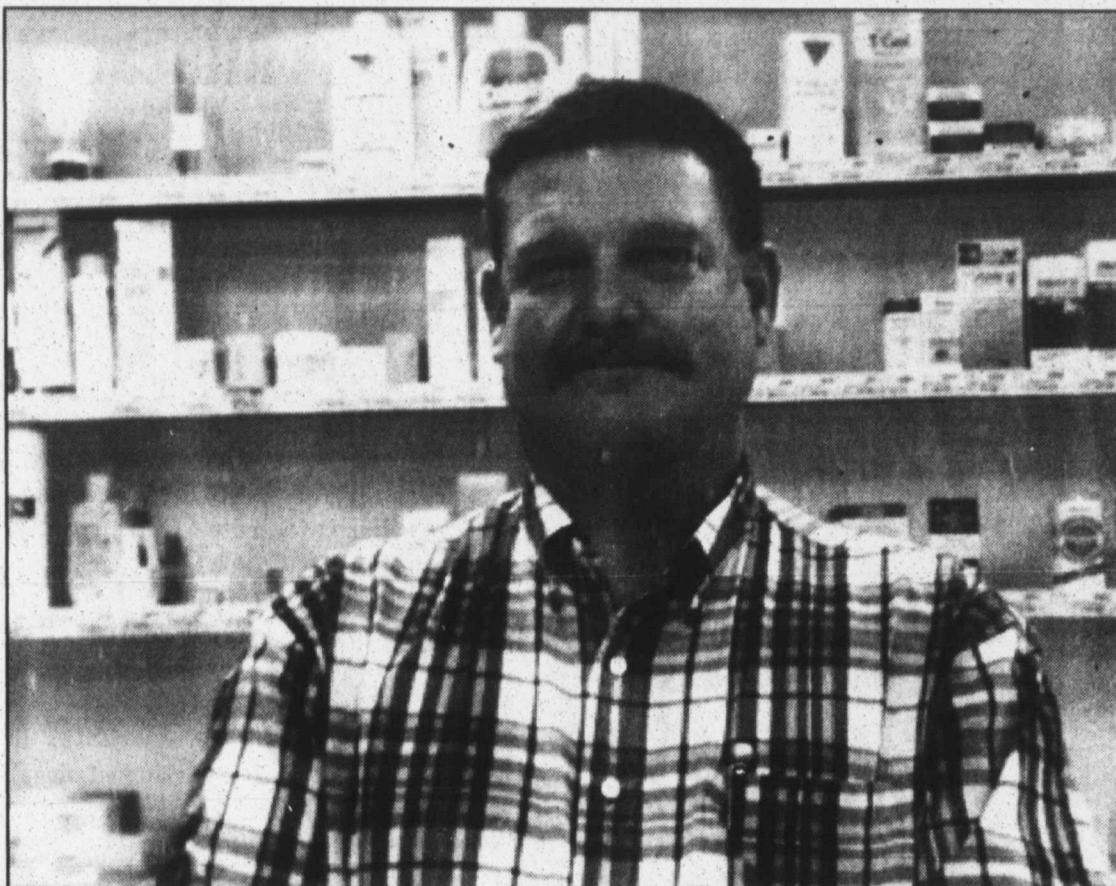
Long time customers know that the staff at B&B Pharmacy will do all they can to meet the needs of their customers. New customers will find the personal service appealing to them.

"We want to provide our customers with their needs," said Roark. "New customers are always welcome."

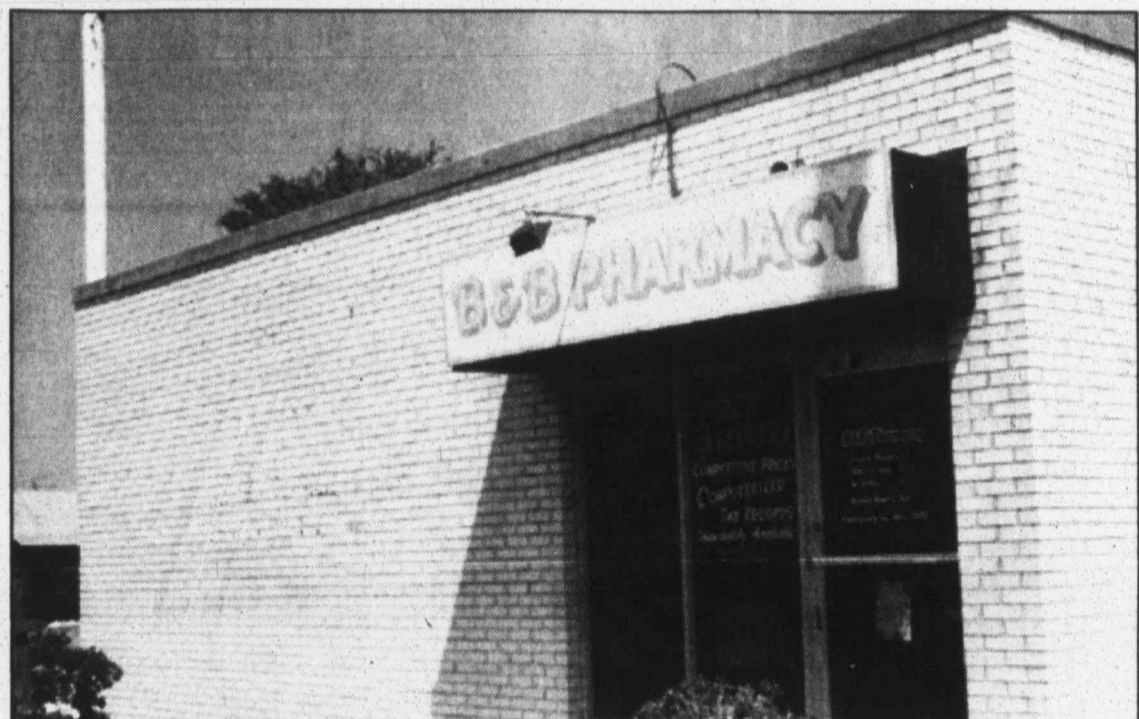
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B&B Pharmacy is located at 300 N. Ballard, and their phone number is 665-5788.



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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Husband's Sneak Attacks Could Mean Danger Ahead

DEAR ABBY: "Krista in Jacksonville" complained that her husband sneaks up behind her when she's alone in the house and scares her. He also appears out of nowhere when she's in the shower. You advised her that his behavior is childish and a touch sadistic -- and told her to hang bells on her door frames and lock the bathroom door.

While your answer was good, you may have overlooked something. Sneaking up on someone, especially a spouse, could be considered a precursor to an abusive relationship. The person doing the sneaking has the control and is doing it to scare the other person. I think Krista and her husband should get marital counseling. -- SEEN IT BEFORE IN BOISE

DEAR SEEN IT BEFORE: While I did not consider the husband's behavior to be ominous, your point is worth considering. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My father used to do the same thing to my mother (and me and my siblings) until he caught her off guard one night when she nearly slapped him back into the previous week. (She claimed it was a reflex.) He's never sneaked up on any of us again. -- ANDREA IN BARSTOW, CALIF.

DEAR ANDREA: He should have considered himself lucky. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: It was with a knowing smile that I read Krista's letter. Unfortunately, sneaking up on her could put her husband's life in danger. My husband used to enjoy doing that, too, that is, until one evening when I was in the kitchen cutting some meat for dinner, and he scared me. Without meaning to, I almost stabbed him. Thankfully, I missed. Needless to say, it hasn't happened again. Ever since that inci-

dent, he always announces his presence. As a matter of fact, he kind of reminds me of the old TV series where the husband would walk in the door and holler, "Honey, I'm home!" -- MEGAN IN WYOMING

DEAR MEGAN: That's one way to get your "point" across.

DEAR ABBY: My husband also liked to scare me. One night he came up from behind as I was leaving the bathroom. The hallway light was off and, not knowing who or what was behind me, my reaction was one of self-defense. I turned and hit as hard as I could.

Ten years have passed since that incident, and I recently heard him telling our kids the story of why not EVER to scare Mama. -- PATRICIA IN MANHATTAN BEACH

DEAR PATRICIA: It seems you made a lasting impression.

DEAR ABBY: Regarding the letter from "Krista in Jacksonville" and her husband who sneaks up behind her when she's alone in the house: I notice she didn't mention why he persists in doing it.

I used to "surprise" my girlfriend like that, but in retrospect, I wasn't admitting even to myself that I expected to find her with someone else. -- FORMER TIPTOER IN GAINESVILLE, FLA.

DEAR FORMER TIPTOER: It would be interesting to know whether your fears were justified. The kind of insecurity you describe feeds upon itself, and no amount of reassurance can make it go away. It is telling that you use the past tense to describe that relationship. Thank you for laying it on the line and providing food for thought to readers of both sexes.

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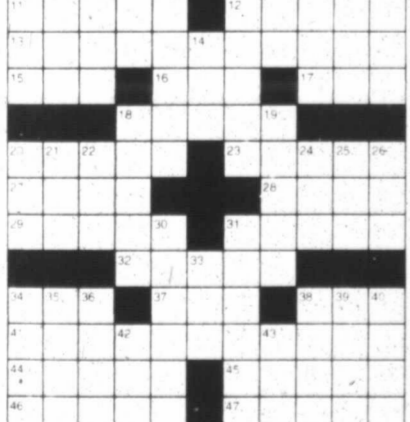


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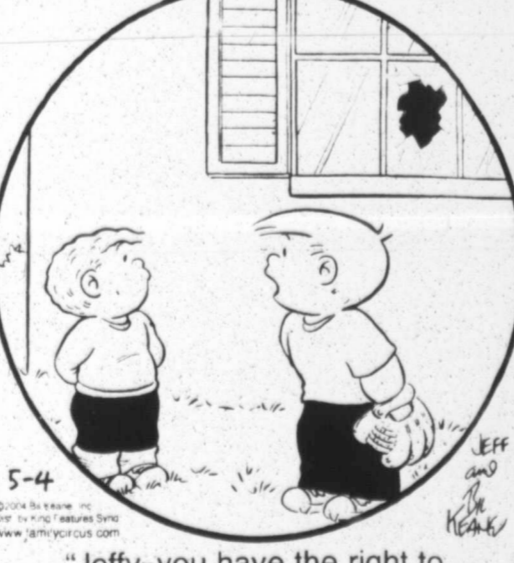
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Tillman remembered in his hometown

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Pat Tillman's decision to walk away from a multimillion-dollar NFL contract to fight for his country made him a hero to some of the people he used to idolize.

Many celebrities and politicians were among the approximately 3,000 people who came out in his hometown Monday to remember a man so moved by the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks that he left the Arizona Cardinals to join the Army.

"I was told he admired me but it's the reverse ...," Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger wrote in a letter read by his wife, Maria Shriver. "Pat's journey,

that's the American dream and he sacrificed that. That to me is a real hero."

Tillman, 27, died April 22 in Afghanistan in a firefight near the Pakistan border as he was leading his team to help comrades caught in an ambush. The Army gave few details of how Tillman was killed, but said he was fatally shot while fighting "without regard for his personal safety."

Shriver said Tillman epitomized the message her uncle, John F. Kennedy, delivered in his presidential inauguration 43 years ago.

"My uncle once said, 'Ask not what your country can do

for you, ask what you can do for your country.' You, Pat, have lived those words," she said.

NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue and Hall of Famer Gene Upshaw, executive director of the players' union, were among those who attended the public memorial at a municipal rose garden.

"The underlying thing was his courage and selflessness on the athletic field, in his community and now as a soldier," Tagliabue told reporters before the service.

Last week, the military posthumously promoted Tillman, a member of the

Army's elite Ranger unit since 2002, from specialist to corporal. He also was awarded a Purple Heart and Silver Star.

"While many of us will be blessed to live a longer life, few of us will ever live a better one," said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who spent 5 1/2 years as a prisoner of war in Vietnam. "He was a most honorable man."

Tillman attended San Jose's Leland High School and was drafted by the Cardinals after starring at Arizona State. He became the Cardinals' starting safety and broke the franchise record for tackles in 2000.

"It was an honor to coach

Pat," former Cardinals assistant coach Larry Marmie said. "I learned a lot from him. Players often look for the respect from their coaches. I found myself trying to earn Pat's respect."

Though he never publicly offered reasons for his decision to join the Army, several friends have said the terrorist attacks affected him deeply.

"He wasn't interested in headlines," Upshaw said. "But he was interested in giving everything for a cause, whatever the cause may be."

Tillman was assigned to A Company, 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, and was based in Fort Lewis, Wash.

NOTEBOOK

GOLF

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Vijay Singh made a 25-foot birdie on the 18th hole to win the rain-delayed HP Classic, denying Masters champion Phil Mickelson his second straight victory and Joe Ogilvie his first title.

Singh overcame a six-shot deficit in the last eight holes, using an eagle on No. 15 to shoot 29 on the back nine for a round of 9-under 63.

Singh finished at 22-under 266.

Mickelson, playing in his first tournament since winning the Masters, and Ogilvie were a stroke back.

CORRECTION

It was sophomore Tyson Hickman, not Dusty Lenderman, who pitched the final inning in Pampa's 13-1 win Saturday over Caprock.

BASEBALL

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The do-it-all performance of Greg Maddux helped the Chicago Cubs split a four-game series with the St. Louis Cardinals, an outcome that seemed fine with both teams.

"It ended up even and right, the way it should have," said the Cubs' Todd Walker, who homered and had three RBIs in Chicago's 7-3 victory Monday. "We certainly could have won the two games we lost and they certainly could have won the two games they lost."

"So it worked out fine, especially for us being on the road."

There's no tougher place for the Cubs to play. They're 7-27 at Busch Stadium since 2000.

As for the Cardinals, their unheralded pitching staff stood up to the Cubs. And they won two games in their final at-bat despite continuing struggles at home, where they're 6-11.

"We haven't been playing very well at home, so at least we were able to put on a good series and not really lose any ground or gain any ground," Reggie Sanders said. "It was a very good series, an exciting, postseason type series. More to come."

In the only other National League game Monday, Cincinnati beat Houston 7-5. Maddux (2-2) beat the Cardinals with his arm, bat and legs. He pitched seven strong innings, stole a base, got an infield hit and scored twice.

Sammy Sosa and Derrek Lee also homered for the Cubs, who split despite scoring only 14 runs. The games drew a total of 181,826 fans — an average of 45,456.

"As a player you appreciate the added excitement and the enthusiasm," Maddux said. "It's always cool playing here. Even as a Brave it was cool playing here, but with the Cubs it's a whole new level."

Flashback

1973: Toddy Black had three hits, including a pair of doubles in Pampa's 9-2 loss to Borger in American Legion baseball action. He knocked in one of the Pampa runs.

Introduction



(Photo by Stephen Rogers)

Senior softball player Haley Bowen of Pampa is introduced during a recent district game. Bowen carried a .357 batting average going into the playoffs. The Lady Harvesters meet El Paso Ysleta at 5 p.m. Friday at Ratliff Complex in Odessa.

AUSTIN (AP) — Here is the Texas high school baseball poll for May 3, as compiled by the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association and Texas High School Baseball Magazine:

- Class 5A**
1. Corpus Christi Moody 29-1
 2. Tomball 26-1
 3. Humble Kingwood 21-5
 4. Houston Lamar 26-1
 5. Flower Mound 27-4
 6. The Woodlands 25-2
 7. Austin Bowie 23-5
 8. Hurst Bell 25-3
 9. Sugar Land Clements 22-6
 10. Fort Bend Elkins 19-6

- Class 4A**
1. Corpus Christi Calallen 26-2
 2. Wichita Falls Rider 22-3
 3. Port Neches-Groves 26-2
 4. Fort Worth Arlington Heights 27-2
 5. Mission Sharyland 23-4
 6. Henderson 26-2
 7. Denton Ryan 23-4
 8. Hewitt Midway 23-6
 9. Boerne 21-4
 10. San Antonio South San 23-4

- Class 3A**
1. La Grange 22-0
 2. Lorena 20-2
 3. Lubbock Cooper 22-1
 4. Bridge City 23-3-3
 5. Presidio 21-2
 6. Bellville 18-6
 7. Princeton 23-1
 8. Lufkin Hudson 20-5
 9. Barbers Hill 20-4
 10. Waco Connally 18-4

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 10. Abernathy 19-4

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 2. Dawson 16-5
 3. Albany 17-4
 4. Baird 22-1
 5. Poolville 15-5
 6. Tolar 16-2
 7. Anderson-Shiro 15-8
 8. Iola 16-3
 9. Follett 12-2
 10. Plains 11-4

Wheeler's Salas qualifies for state track meet

Wheeler's Joe Salas qualified for the state meet by placing second in the discus at the Region 1-1A meet last weekend in Levelland.

Salas threw the discus 151-4 to take second behind Roscoe's Cale Smith with a 152-2 throw.

The Canadian boys team came away as the big area winners in regional 2A action.

Tony Livingston won both

the 300 hurdles (40.34) and long jump (22-03), while Josh Berry claimed the shot put title (54-05.50). Austin English is also going to state after placing second behind Berry in the shot put with a throw of 53-04.

In the girls division, Canadian's Tandi Rankin qualified for state in the 300 hurdles with a second-place time of 47.83. First place went

to Shallowater's Annie Cox, 46.68.

Lefors' Rachel Stubbs came close to qualifying for state in the 3200 at the girls Region 1-1A meet. Stubbs finished third with a time of 12:27.23.

The top two finishers in each event qualified for the state meet May 14-15 in Austin.

Pampa athletes and how

they placed at the 4A regionals in San Angelo are as follows:

- Boys**
- 110 hurdles: 7. Greg Wiley, 16.67.
- Girls**
- High jump: 7. Keisha Lee, 5-0; 13. Jaclyn Spearman, 4-8.

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Reds snap five-game slump with 7-5 victory over Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — Ken Griffey Jr. walked briskly out of the clubhouse without saying a word. The oft-injured center fielder moved without even the slightest hint of a limp.

That was another bit of good news for the Cincinnati Reds on a night when they finally snapped an embarrassing slump.

Backup catcher Javier Valentin hit a two-run homer in the eighth inning and the Reds snapped a five-game losing streak Monday night, beating the Houston Astros 7-5 despite losing Griffey to a stiff right hamstring.

"It's been a long trip. It's nice to get this one and to win it that way," Reds manager Dave Miley said. "We've had

some tough losses." Indeed, Cincinnati had lost leads in each of its previous five defeats, including a 6-5 loss at Houston on Sunday that particularly dampened the spirits of the team.

Things were so bad in Cincinnati's clubhouse that shortstop Barry Larkin held a players-only meeting in an attempt to bolster the team's sagging morale.

Apparently, it worked. "This win showed a lot of character," said Jacob Cruz, who hit a two-run double. "We could have folded. If we had let this one get away, it would have been tough."

The Reds looked like they might be forced to deal with a loss of a different kind when

Griffey left in the third inning after striking out against Roy Oswalt. Griffey was replaced by Jason Romano in the bottom of the third and is day-to-day.

It's the latest setback for the injury-prone star who missed the first two games of the season after straining his right calf while running out a grounder in spring training.

A string of serious injuries the past three years has limited a player who made the All-Century team before returning to his hometown for the 2000 season.

Griffey has really been struggling this season, hitting .228 with three homers and 14 RBIs. He hasn't homered in 64 at-bats, his longest drought since going 79 at-bats without

a homer in 1993. After the game, Reds head trainer Mark Mann said Griffey would be evaluated by team doctors Tuesday. Griffey didn't seem bothered by his gimpy hamstring at all as he quickly exited the clubhouse.

Regardless, Cincinnati didn't need him Monday night.

Valentin put Cincinnati ahead 6-5 with a home run off Brad Lidge (0-1). D'Angelo Jimenez added a solo shot in the ninth for the Reds, who ended Houston's four-game winning streak and went 4-6 on their longest road trip of the season.

Cincinnati had to rally to get this win, especially after starter Paul Wilson stumbled in the sixth.

Raul Chavez doubled in two runs, and Craig Biggio added an RBI single, putting Houston up 5-4.

But Valentin's soaring shot to right-center gave the Reds a 6-5 lead. The ball dropped right into the Astros' bullpen — appropriately enough.

"We had a tough week. We needed this game," Valentin said. "To come back and win this game will give us a winning streak. It's going to be different now."

Jimenez homered to right field in the ninth, and Danny Graves got three outs for his major league-leading 11th save in 14 chances.

John Riedling (1-0) earned the win, allowing two hits in 1-3 innings.

Oswalt, who is 8-0 in 12

career appearances against the Reds, had a shaky outing.

The right-hander allowed two-run doubles to Sean Casey and Cruz. Oswalt went six innings, allowing six hits and striking out seven. He left trailing 4-2.

"I couldn't find the feel all night," Oswalt said. "The ball was just flying out of my hand."

"I felt better in the third and fourth innings, but then I kind of lost it again after that. It was bad all around."

Notes: Former President Bush and wife Barbara had front-row seats behind the plate. ... Houston RHP Roger Clemens was selected NL pitcher of the month. It's the 15th time in his career he's been honored as pitcher of the month.

Rogers, Westbrook highlight big night for American League pitchers

By The Associated Press

Kenny Rogers threw a four-hitter, Jimmy Gobble came within one out of a shutout and Jake Westbrook outpitched Curt Schilling.

One starter simply outdid the next in the American League on Monday night.

Rogers was the best of all, becoming the oldest Texas pitcher to throw a shutout since Nolan Ryan in 1991. The 39-year-old left-hander led the surging Rangers to their fifth straight victory, 9-0 over visiting Tampa Bay.

"I didn't even look at the scoreboard after the second," Rogers said. "I knew I had the lead and had to keep throwing strikes."

Texas scored eight runs in the first inning, making it easy on Rogers. Westbrook had it much tougher, locking up with Schilling in Cleveland's 2-1 victory over the Boston Red Sox.

Westbrook pitched six score-

less innings at Jacobs Field, boosting his bid to win a permanent spot in the Indians' rotation.

"I want to start, but I'll pitch wherever they need me," he said. "It felt good to go out there and put up six zeros."

Gobble retired his first 16 batters in Toronto — but didn't even get a win. The Royals blew a two-run lead with two outs in the ninth before Aaron Guel homered in the 10th for a 3-2 victory.

"I've never even been in the ninth inning before," Gobble said. "It didn't work out but we got the win and that's all that matters."

In other AL games, Chicago beat Baltimore 5-4, and Anaheim outscored Detroit 11-9.

Rogers (4-1) struck out four, walked one and helped preserve his eighth career shutout when he made a lunging grab of Rocco Baldelli's liner with two on to end the third.

It was the 34th complete game of Rogers' career. He got his 105th win with the Rangers,

moving ahead of Bobby Witt for second place in team history behind Charlie Hough (139).

"Kenny was in command the whole way," Texas manager Buck Showalter said. "He's always a good guy to have on the mound, but especially when you can put up that many runs early. He can use all his pitches."

Ryan was 44 when he pitched his last shutout on June 11, 1991.

Alfonso Soriano hit a two-run homer, and David Dellucci and Michael Young each had a three-run shot in the first. Texas (17-9) has won nine of 10 and owns the best record in the majors.

The Devil Rays, coming off an 8-2 win over Oakland on Sunday, have gone 25 games without consecutive victories. That's the longest such streak since Baltimore failed to win two straight over the first 25 games in 1999.

Westbrook (2-1) has allowed just two runs and eight hits in his last 22 innings. Using his sinker to perfection, he got 13 ground-

ball outs and handed the Red Sox their fourth straight loss.

Rafael Betancourt worked the ninth for his first save — Cleveland's third in nine tries.

Schilling (3-2) has 2,587 strikeouts, moving him into 20th place on the career list ahead of Bob Feller (2,581) and Warren Spahn (2,583). But he gave up a two-run homer to Victor Martinez in the first inning.

"Jake pitched a great game, but we've got to win games like this," Schilling said. "It was one of those where if you score two, I've got to give up one. You score three, I've got to give up two."

Kansas City snapped a four-game losing streak and improved to 2-10 on the road.

"Jimmy gave us a great performance," Guel said. "If we had lost that game it would have been the offense's fault."

The Blue Jays lost for the sixth time in seven games and dropped to 1-9 at home.

Getting ready



Blayne Richardson, who plays for the Wildcats in the Under 8 division, shows his soccer ball to official Mitch Kelley before getting ready for a recent Pampa Soccer Association League match.

Defenses step up in Pistons and Nets NBA playoff clash

Detroit wins low-scoring 78-56 conference semifinal opener

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Tayshaun Prince said what the Detroit Pistons wouldn't before their series with New Jersey.

"Obviously, last year weighed on our minds," Prince said.

Fueled by being swept in the conference finals last season, the Pistons held the Nets to the second-lowest point total in NBA playoff history in a 78-56 victory Monday night.

Game 1 of the Eastern Conference semifinal also featured the lowest-scoring first half in a postseason game. The teams combined for just 62 points, with Pistons leading 37-25.

The Nets ending up losing by 22 points despite holding the Pistons to no

more than 21 points in any quarter.

After winning Game 1 in the first round against Milwaukee, the Pistons dropped the next game before winning the series in five games. They don't want to follow the same pattern Friday night in Game 2 when the Nets come back to The Palace.

"The first thing I told my team is that we had had an unbelievable win against Milwaukee, and we lost the home court in the next one," Pistons coach Larry Brown said. "New Jersey is a great team, and they will play their best game on Friday."

Price had 15 points, 10 rebounds and five assists, and Richard Hamilton also had 15 points. Ben Wallace

had 13 points and led the defensive effort with 11 rebounds, four steals and three blocks.

New Jersey shot just 27.1 percent and tied the postseason record for fewest field goals — 19 — in what was easily its worst offensive performance of the season.

The Nets scored just 39 points through three quarters and needed reserve Lamar Slay's jumper with 42 seconds left to avoid tying the lowest playoff total in league history — 54 points by Utah against Chicago in the 1998 NBA Finals.

"It was almost like we thought we were playing a different game — where the lowest score wins," Nets star Jason Kidd said.

The loss snapped New Jersey's streak of 14 consecutive postseason victories against Eastern Conference teams.

"That's no big deal," Richard Jefferson said.

Kenyon Martin and Jefferson — New Jersey's top two scorers — combined for twice as many fouls (10) as field goals. Martin scored just 11 points, less than half his playoff average, and Jefferson had eight after missing 11 of 12 shots.

"I'm a 50-percent shooter for my career, so 1-of-12 is absurd," Jefferson said. "It's unbelievable almost. But give them credit, it was one of those nights."

A lot of teams have said similar things after playing the Pistons.

Detroit gave up 84.3 points a game during the regular season, the third-lowest scoring average since the NBA began using a shot clock in 1954-55. The Pistons set a league record by holding 11 opponents — including five straight —

under 70 points, and 36 in a row to less than 100.

The Pistons' under-70 streak stopped at New Jersey in their last regular-season meeting when the Nets committed an intentional foul to stop the clock with 13.1 seconds left. Aaron Williams then made a tip-in with 1.1 seconds remaining in an 89-71 loss, and the Pistons mocked New Jersey for celebrating the basket.

Now, they can mock the Nets again, if they so choose, after imposing their will in the opener of the best-of-seven series.

"I don't think it will do anything but wake up that team," Brown said.

The Nets might have been rusty after a full week off after sweeping New York in the first round, but their coach refused to blame the playoff.

"I don't think that had

anything to do with it," Lawrence Frank said.

The Pistons took the lead for good with 4:28 in the first quarter. They led by as many as 12 points in the first half, and 21 in the third before coasting in the final quarter.

Notes: The previous record for fewest points in a half was 63, accomplished three times, most recently in Game 3 of the NBA Finals last year when San Antonio led the Nets 33-30. ... The Nets' playoff streak trailed only the Los Angeles Lakers' run of 16 in a row in the Western Conference from 2000-02. ... The Pistons are 25-7 since acquiring Rasheed Wallace in a three-team trade Feb. 19. ... New Jersey has won an NBA-best 27 games in the playoffs since the start of the 2002 playoffs.

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Wheaties, though somehow you stumble into others. Be gracious and thoughtful when dealing with a family member and those in your immediate circle. You might not like everything you hear. Take a strong hand with finances. Tonight: Treat yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** You might want to think through a problem on your own. Information could be distorted, but so could your thinking. Do what you need to do to check out your sources and hunches. You won't get a clear perspective until late in the day. Tonight: Indulge yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** You might be deceiving yourself about how much you will need to spend. Key in to where the problem might lie. Avoid making monetary commitments until you have a better sense of where your funds will be going. Tonight: Take a night for yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Visualize, but don't consider your ideas grounded just yet. Test out concepts with someone whose opinion you value, preferably a person who doesn't always agree with you. Meetings provide more feedback. Tonight: Take a midweek break.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** You might not be sure of your facts. Repave recent groundwork, realizing what might need to be done in order to handle an issue that involves work. Don't listen to office gossip. Find the experts, if you can. Later today, you'll gain a better perspective. Tonight: Out late.

BORN TODAY

Singer Tammy Wynette (1942), author. Kafi Marx (1818), philosopher Soren Kierkegaard (1813)

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2-Swampers

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6-General Labor

40+ hours a week

1-Inside Sales with Delivery & Inventory Duties

Drug Screening on all Jobs. Salary Based on Experience. Apply in Person @ 107 Price Rd. Or send resume to PO Box 596, Pampa, Tx. 79065

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

5-4 CRYPTOQUOTE

E O O J N H Z E Q Z T I Z W E

U T I S N J R F B Q M Z I Y Z Q G E X N W

U M E Q Z W N P H N B B N I Q Z I

T Q M N J W V N B T I Y Q T F W

E W U N B B D T B Q E Z J N

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: ONE HALF OF KNOWING WHAT YOU WANT IS KNOWING WHAT YOU MUST GIVE UP TO GET IT. —SIDNEY HOWARD

70 Musical

2 PIANOS FOR SALE. 1-Solo Concerto Wooden Upright Piano. 1-Old Style Upright Handpainted Saloon Style Piano. Make Offer on either or both! 665-9792 or 662-1985

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45 yearling Black Angus bulls, Sires Rep. Basin Max 602C, Sleep Easy, GT Max, Schurr Top Supreme, Fame, Fly Traveler, 1680 Precision, Battle Cry, Low to moderate BW, thick and beefy, 80 lb of purebred angus ft being bred now to Sleep Easy and Northern Improvement. Deliver in Oct. after preg check and all shots. Contact Thomas Angus, Gordon Thomas, Reydon, Ok. 580-655-4318 or 580-497-7217.

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FREE kittens to a good home. Call 665-2774.

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CLEAN 1 bdr., stove, refrig., completely renovated, new carpet. All bills paid. 669-3672, 665-5900

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LARGE 1 bedroom with carport & storage owner will carry with \$500 down. \$200 mo 665-4842.

NICE Home, 3 bdr., 1 ba., new paint & carpet, good neighborhood. Close to schools, 2216 N. Wells, \$25,000. 665-3609

115 Trailer Parks

TUMBLEWEED Acres, Storm Shelters, fenced, stor. bldg. avail. 665-0079, 665-2450.

120 Autos

Doug Boyd Motor Co. "On The Spot Financing" 821 W. Wilks 669-6062

'00 Chrysler T&C. 78K mi., top of the line, all the bells & whistles, leather, capt. chairs, Infiniti sound \$12,650. 669-1388

121 Trucks

1986 Ford pickup, cassette player. Very nice. \$2500 obo. Call 665-7792.

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Beautifully furn. 1 bdr., starting at \$350. We pay gas & water, you pay elec. 3&6 mo. leases. Pool & laundry on site. Caprock Apts. 1601 W. Somerville 665-7149 Mon.-Fri. 8:30-5:30 Sat 10-4

96 Unfurn. Apts.

GWENDOLEN Plaza Apts. 1&2 bdr. Gas / water pd. 3.6 mo. 1-yr. lease. 800 N. Nelson, 665-1875. 1/2 Off Deposit Special.

98 Unfurn. Houses

PICK UP rental list from Gray Box on front porch of 125 S. Houston. Update each Fri.

NEW Mgmt! N&L Investments. 1, 2 & 3 brm., apts., duplexes,

A Newspaper Activity Page for Young People



This Week: Marsupials

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The baby opossums have taken words out of the paragraphs below! Find them.

North American Marsupial
The opossum is a marsupial. A grown _____ is no bigger than a cat. Yet she can hold up to 13 _____ in her _____.

Opossum babies are as small as _____ when they are born. They stay in the pouch until they are about 2 months old. By that time, they are the size of _____.

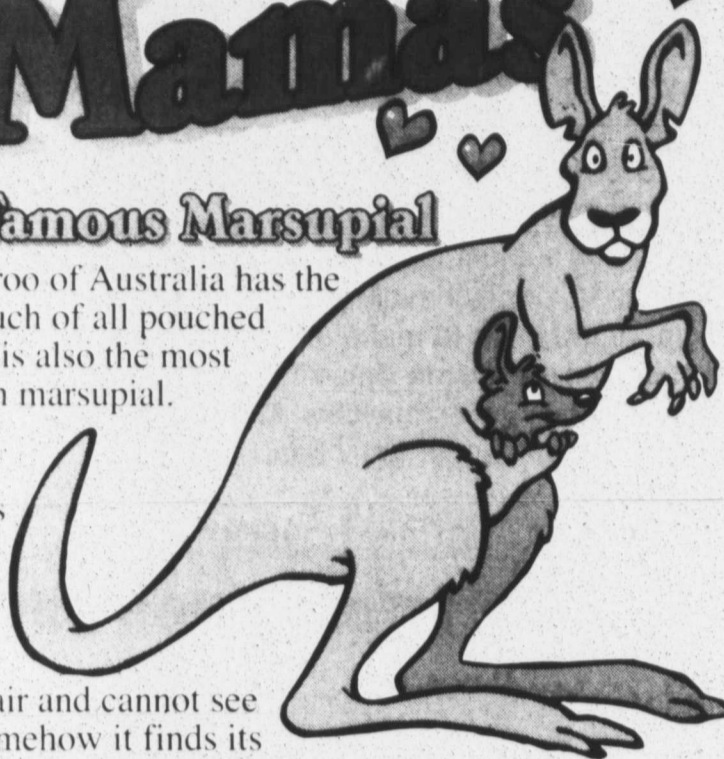
Some mothers carry their young around in a pouch that is part of their body! The word **marsupial** means "having a pouch."

Marsupial Mamas

Most Famous Marsupial

The kangaroo of Australia has the biggest pouch of all pouched animals. It is also the most well known marsupial.

When a kangaroo is born, it is only about 1 inch (2.6 cm) long. It has no hair and cannot see or hear. Somehow it finds its way to its mother's pouch and stays there for about four months.



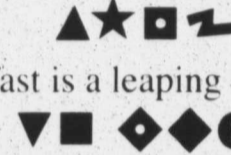
Use the code to find out...

What do people call a baby kangaroo?

CODE

- A = ● O = ★
- E = ◻ P = ◆
- H = ⊙ Y = ↘
- J = ▲ 4 = ▼
- M = ◇ 5 = ■

How fast is a leaping kangaroo?



Standard Link: Life Science: Animals have structures that serve different functions in growth, survival and reproduction. Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

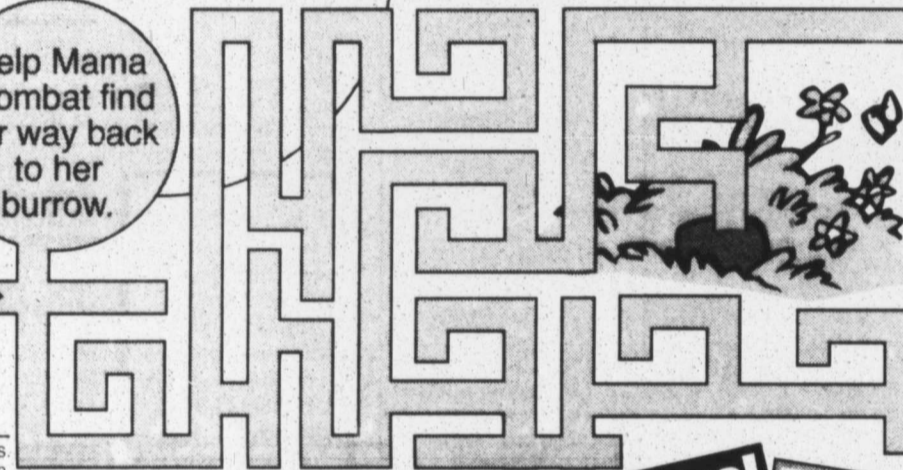
The Wombat

Another Australian animal with a pouch is the wombat. Its pouch faces backwards.

The wombat burrows and digs a home under the ground. It's a good thing that the baby faces backwards. Otherwise, it would be hit with dirt and stones as its mother digs her burrow!



Help Mama Wombat find her way back to her burrow.



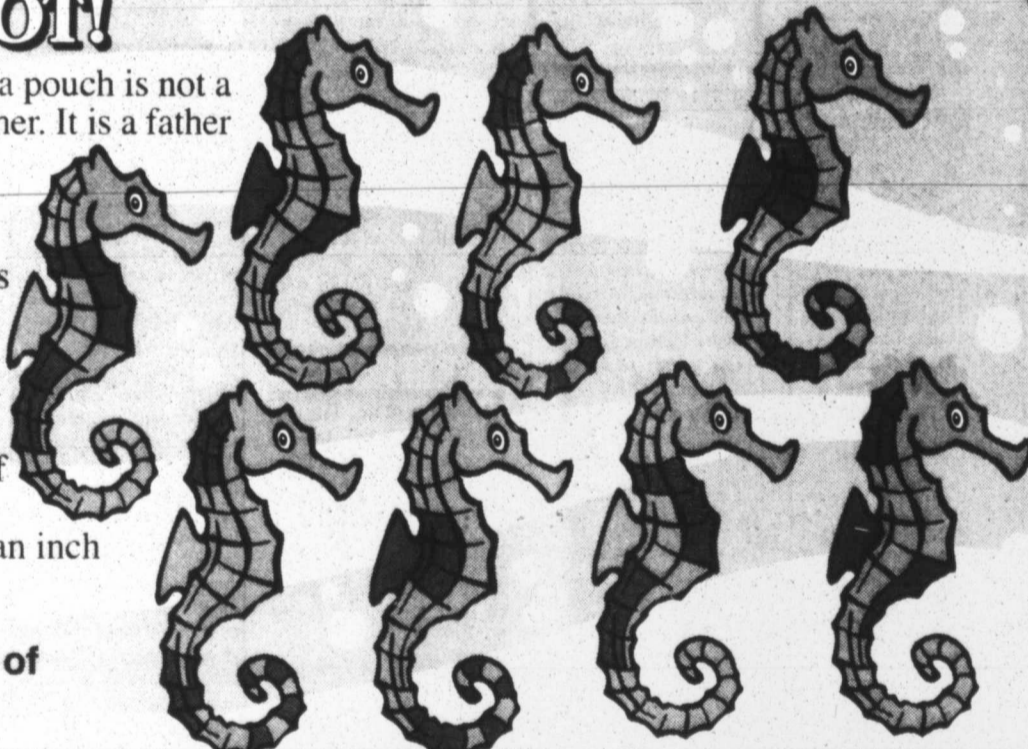
Marsupial? NOT!

The strangest creature with a pouch is not a marsupial and it's not a mother. It is a father sea horse!

The male sea horse has the pouch. The female lays eggs inside it.

There can be 300 or more eggs. When they hatch, the baby sea horses swim out of the pouch and never return. They are only about 1/5 of an inch (1/2 cm.) long.

Can you find the 4 sets of sea horse twins?



Word Play

Marsupial Mamas is an alliteration. That means that both words in the title start with the same letter. Can you find examples of two or more alliterations in today's newspaper?

Standards Link: Literary Analysis: Identify alliteration in text.

Marsupial Word Search

There are many different marsupials. Read the list to learn some of them. Then find those words in the puzzle.



Unscramble the boxed letters to spell the name of another famous marsupial.

K R B W O M B A T P R
O O K A N G A R O O G
A O P I N Y E O J U N
L R E O J D E T A C A
M A R S U P I A L H K
A L B A L V P C A O P
L L M U S S O P O V C
L A D M N P J I K O H
A W A L L A B Y K O T

WOMBAT
KANGAROO
OPOSSUM
WALLABY
KOALA
BANDICOOT
WALLAROO

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple step directions; Spelling: Spell grade level appropriate words.

Double Double Word Search

KANGAROO
HOLD
LEAPING
EGGS
DIRT
BACKWARDS
OPOSSUM
POUCH
WOMBAT
BABIES
DIGS
CAT
INCH
SWIM
MAMA

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

A M A M D K M K O M
N Y O L E S A L M I
I T O E H N L E U W
T H R N G C S A S S
A C T A Z G N P S E
B U R R I E S I O I
M O I D C A T N P B
O P D U K M O G O A
W S D R A W K C A B

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

Weekly Writing Corner

Short and Sweet

As athletic as Mia Hamm.
As lovely as the ocean.
As loveable as my dog,
As kind as my dad,
As smart as Einstein,
That's my mom.

Jessica,
4th Grade

Moms are great, moms are sweet.
Moms are giving; moms are there to help.
Moms are there to keep you clean and warm.
And moms are there because they love you.

Kyndal,
6th Grade

Here's a poem that's short and sweet, sweet as a cute parakeet.

You bring joy just like a toy.
You're just so fine you should be on a stop sign.
You are my grandmamma.

Selena,
3rd Grade

Roses are red, tulips are blue,
ginger bread cookies are sweet, like you.
One cup of sugar and ten cups of love,
rainbows and sun shine on you from above.

Kayla,
4th Grade

My mom is as sweet as a rose.
She is helpful, she is kind to others.

My mom helps me when I'm hurt.
She is beautiful.

She loves me and I love her.
My mom is the best mom in the world!

Sydney,
5th Grade

Your kindness is as sweet as honey.
And your words are as soft as silk.
Your eyes are blue like sapphires.
You are my mother.

Chris,
5th Grade

Kind, loving strong and lovely
Good cook
Pleasant, friendly and charming,
Generous, agreeable, thoughtful,
Funny, warm-hearted and sweet,
Gentle as a kitten,
The best mom in the world!

Josh
5th Grade

Write On!

Summer Jokes and Riddles

Ha! Ha! Ha! Send us your favorite joke or riddle.

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THE PAMPA NEWS
PO Box 2198 • Pampa, TX 79066-2198
Attention: Weekly Writing Corner

Please include your school and grade.

BEYOND Kid Scoop

"Mom, You're Fired!"

Imagine that you could fire your mom! Look through the newspaper to find all of the different people and companies you would need to hire to replace your mother. How much would it cost for one month? One year?

Standards Link: Social Science: Students identify the specialized work that people do to market goods and services and the contributions of those who work in the home.

Why did Mama Kangaroo scold little Joey?

ANSWER: For eating crackers in bed.