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## Pampa Guard unit gets its orders

### 11 Bravo infantry group here to be deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
 Editor

Soldiers from the Texas National Guard stationed in Pampa will be headed for Operation Iraqi Freedom by mid-August.

One day after celebrating this nation's independence, members of 11th Bravo, 2nd Battalion, 142nd Infantry learned they will be deployed in mid-August.

"The orders were issued July 4, but we didn't receive them until we came in to work on Tuesday morning," said Staff Sgt. Rodney Bishop who works daily at the National Guard office, east of Pampa on U.S. Highway 60.

ly that not all of them will be deployed. "Some are still going through basic training," he said.

All of the soldiers will undergo

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## Bandits hit local business

### Deputies seeking 2 male suspects

By MARILYN POWERS  
 Staff Writer

Gray County Sheriff's Office is investigating an armed robbery that occurred at about 2:10 a.m. today at Allsup's at Texas Highway 152 and Price Road.

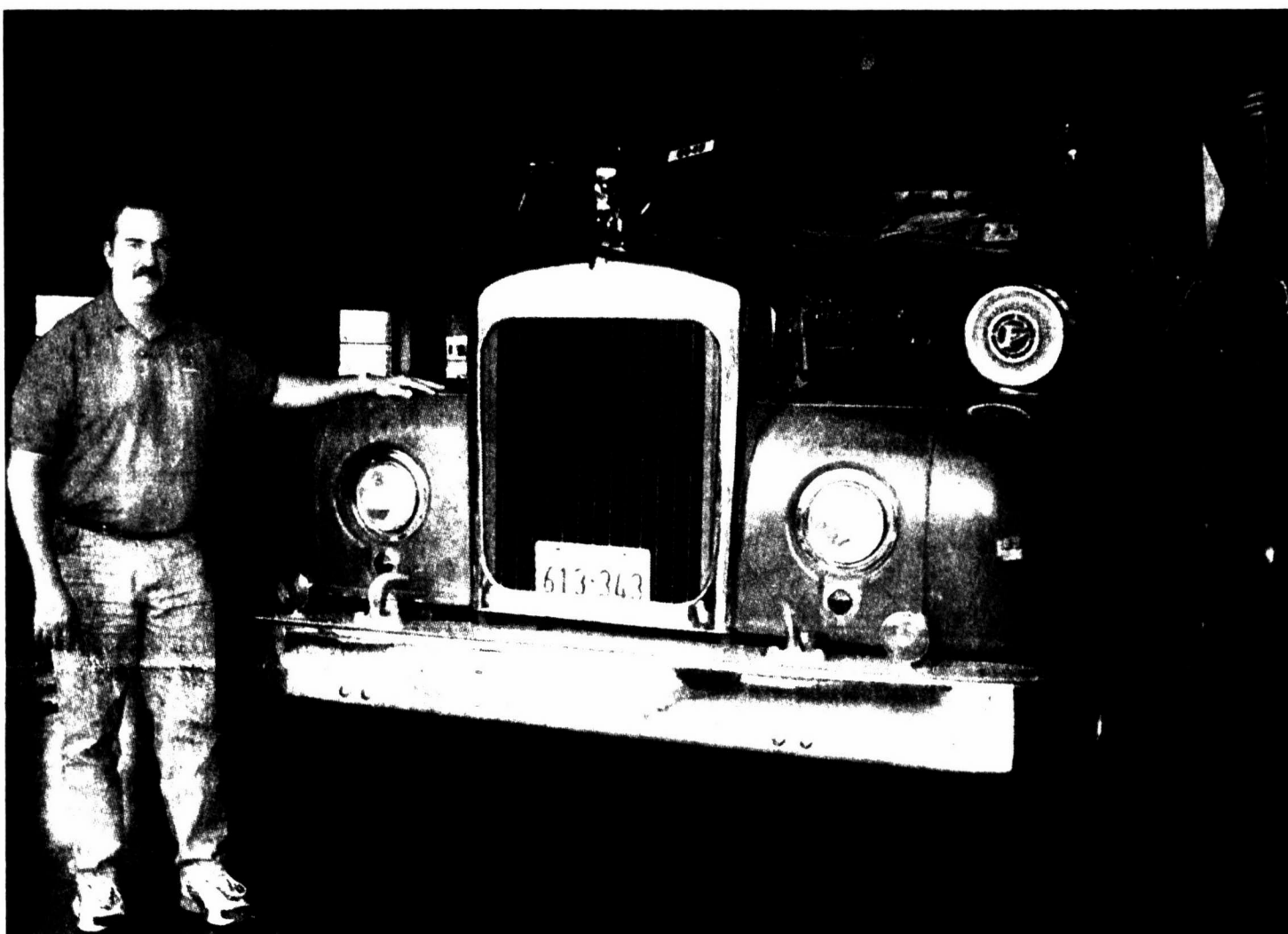
Two black males entered the store at 2401 W. Alcock with bandannas over their faces and pulled a pistol on the clerk, demanding all the money in the store, according to Lt. Joe Hoard of the sheriff's office.

The clerk opened the cash drawer and one of the suspects reached over and took all paper money and rolled coins out of the register. The suspects tried to get the clerk to open the store's safe, but the clerk could not open it.

The two ran out the door and headed east with an unknown amount of cash, Hoard said. The clerk activated the store's holdup alarm and called 911 on a cell phone.

Both men are described as being about six feet tall. One was wearing a blue bandanna and the other had on a red bandanna. No other clothing description was given, Hoard said, and the clerk did not observe a vehicle in the area at the time of the robbery.

Anyone with any information on the robbery may call the sheriff's department at 669-8022.



Pampa News photo by DEE DEE LARAMORE  
 Randy Dunham, assistant chief for the Pampa Fire Department, lays a fond hand on the department's oldest vehicle, a 1957 Mack.

## Needed: One new fire truck

By DAVID BOWSER  
 Staff Writer

Sleek red Italian sports cars can cost over \$200,000, but Kim Powell wants something more for her money. She wants a big red fire truck.

Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell said as the city's firefighting vehicles age, maintenance costs are going up and some of the vehicles no longer meet industry standards for firefighting equipment.

"Obviously, \$212,000 is a lot of

money," she said. Pampa Fire Department has nine trucks at three fire stations, including four fire engines, three booster trucks, a rescue vehicle and a truck purchased jointly with Celanese, Texaco and Phillips Petroleum.

Two boosters, a 1957 Mack and a 1979 Chevrolet, are reserve units at Station Three.

Chief Powell proposes to replace the almost 50-year-old Mack with a new truck.

The new truck would go to the

Central Fire Station downtown and the other vehicles would take a step down the line toward retirement at a future date.

"It would have a ripple effect," Powell said. "In other words, if we replaced the '57 Mack that is reserve equipment, it would come to Central and then one from Central would go to Station Two."

Fire trucks today are required to be able to pump 3,000 gallons per

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## Stop the presses!

### News equipment upgrade

Starting Monday, July 12, *The Pampa News* press will undergo an upgrade to enhance the color quality of the paper, Publisher L.W. McCall announces.

"The upgrade begins Monday and will go on for about a week," McCall said. "We don't anticipate any major problems during the upgrade, but there may be some late deliveries."

With the upgrade completed, *The Pampa News* looks forward to an improved look and print quality of the newspaper.

## Blast investigators agree

By MARILYN POWERS  
 Staff Writer

The state fire marshal's office has joined Gray County Sheriff's Office and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) in determining that Tuesday's explosion at Titan Specialties was an accident.

"It was a manufacturing accident which occurred during the grinding of an explosive material, which ignited somehow,"

said Ben Gonzalez, public information officer of the Texas Department of Insurance in Austin by telephone Thursday afternoon.

The state fire marshal's office is part of the Texas Department of Insurance.

*"It was a manufacturing accident which occurred during the grinding of an explosive material."*

Ben Gonzalez  
 Texas Dept. of Insurance, Austin

Gray County Sheriff's Office called in the state fire marshal's office and ATF to investigate the explosion because "we wanted the best people we could get in here to help us with it," said Chief Deputy Kelly Rushing in an interview

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# Ken Lay enters innocent plea

HOUSTON (AP) — Federal prosecutors have unveiled charges that placed Enron Corp. founder and former chairman Kenneth Lay at the helm of a conspiracy to make a severely shaky company appear healthy in the frenzied weeks before its scandalous collapse.

Lay took the news Thursday with an unusual and aggressive public declaration of innocence, speaking at length at a news conference and taking questions from reporters after entering an innocent plea.

"I firmly reject any notion that I engaged in any wrongful or criminal activity," Lay said. "Not only are we ready to go to trial, but we are anxious to prove my innocence."

Lay and his family continue to grieve "over the loss of the company, my failure to be able to save it," he said in the same hotel meeting room where Enron held its last shareholder meeting months before the company crashed. "But failure does not equate to a crime."

Lay appeared in federal court in Houston 2 1/2 years into a painstaking investigation that has produced charges against some of his once most highly trusted lieutenants. Prosecutors have aggressively pursued the one-time friend and contributor to President Bush, and this week's action made Lay the 30th and highest-profile individual charged.

## Orders

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mental and physical evaluations before being selected for deployment, he added.

Sgt. Bishop said they were told they will leave in mid-August but have not received a specific date at this time.

Approximately 3,000 Texas National Guard members have received mobilization orders, the Guard announced Thursday.

The soldiers are part of the 56th Brigade, 36th Infantry Division (formerly 2nd Brigade, 49th Armored Division), headquartered in Fort Worth. The units that will make up the 56th Brigade Combat Team are located across Texas.

An Amarillo unit, Company A, has also been deployed, as has Pampa's sister unit in Wellington, Company B. All three are part of 2nd Battalion, 142nd Infantry.

This is the first divisional brigade in the Texas National Guard to be mobilized for duty outside the United States since World War II, according to Lt. Gen. Wayne D. Marty, Adjutant General of Texas.

*'This is the largest Texas National Guard formation called up for mobilization into a combat zone.'*

— Gen. W.D. Marty  
Adjutant General of Texas

"This is the largest Texas National Guard formation called up for mobilization into a combat zone during the current hostilities," Gen. Marty explained. "Up until now, smaller units have been called up to fill larger organizations."

Gen. Marty noted that the newly-alerted Texas Guard members will join approxi-

mately 2,200 already on active duty, comprising about one-fourth of the Texas National Guard.

"Regardless of the number, we realize we are putting more soldiers in harm's way," Gen. Marty said. "However, ever since 9-11, we have been looking to ensure the readiness of each soldier for deployment. We can assure these soldiers won't be deployed either individually or organizationally without being ready."

He said the level of readiness will be validated by the active Army and all pre-mobilization requirements will be met.

Each National Guard unit has an organization called the Family Readiness Group that provides assistance to families of mobilized soldiers.

The soldiers have been ordered to active duty initially for 18 months. However, under federal statute, the Secretary of the Army may direct active duty for up to two years, depending on the needs specified by the Secretary of Defense.

## Truck

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minute. "We have to have three fire pumps," Powell said. "When we talk about fire trucks, a lot of people don't understand that we don't have one fire truck for everything. The pumps are special firefighting equipment."

She said they have a 1988 Smeal Pumper, Engine One at Central Fire Station, that is used for structure fires, medical response and hazardous material calls, but they also have a 1998 Pierce, their newest truck, that's used out in the county for structure and grass fires, dumpster fires and hazardous material situations because it is equipped with a foam system and tank designed to smother fires.

Powell said the Pierce booster truck is equipped totally different from the other trucks at the station. "We carry a whole set of different equipment for grass rigs versus a structural firefighting truck," Powell said. "We use it out in the county because it's portable, but we don't take our engines outside the city limits with the exception of Engine 1-A, which is a 1967 Howe. It has our jaws of life equipment on it and our airbags."

The 22-year-old Engine One at Station Two was partially refurbished, but now they are having problems

with the transmission. "It cost us about \$17,000 this year and we still don't have it in service," Powell said.

They put a new transmission in Engine One, the 1988 Smeal Pumper.

"What we're seeing now is that our maintenance is costing us more and more every year to keep us up, current and ready to go," Powell said.

The 1957 Mack is stored at Station Three on South Barnes.

*'What we're seeing now is that our maintenance is costing us more and more ...'*

— Kim Powell  
Pampa Fire Chief

"That truck is started and checked out at least three times a week," Powell said.

She said it's driven to make sure it will pump if needed. There is a problem, however, getting it to pump up to current standards.

Powell said she's not sure it could be refurbished to meet current standards. The updating that can be performed would be expensive.

"A few things that have to be done to upgrade this thing includes fully enclosed seating for all members riding on the truck," Powell said.

"Only two people can ride in this truck. This truck was designed for a firefighter to ride on the tail board."

Today's rules and regulations forbid tailboard riders anymore.

"That means that all three engine crews would have to ride in the cab," Powell said, "and that's not feasible."

There are some warning lights and other lighting would need to be updated to meet current standards. Noise levels in the cab no longer meet current standards.

"To retrofit those things, we would have to add a whole additional compartment to this truck," Powell said.

New standards, she said, require such things as seat belts.

"This truck doesn't even know what a seat belt is," Powell said.

The water tank in this truck needs to be replaced, she said.

"That's a \$6,000 bill by itself," Powell said. The pump needs to be rebuilt.

"If they still have parts for it," she said, "would cost in excess of \$4,000."

They just finished doing that to the Ford fire truck at Station Two.

The Mack also needs a new transmission and braking system.

"Those are just a few things," she said. "It would be cost prohibitive if not impossible to upgrade this or refurbish this truck."

## Blast

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Wednesday morning. Lt. Joe Hoard of the sheriff's office said Thursday it had completed its investigation and determined that the 7:30 a.m. blast at the drilling equipment company Tuesday was accidental. Jake Gonzales of ATF in Lubbock said yesterday in a telephone interview that his agency had also ruled the incident an accident.

Gonzales said this morning that he did not know what was produced when potassium perchlorate and magnesium are mixed, which is what Karen Standefer was doing when the explosion occurred and killed her.

"It was part of the manufacturing process for whatever particular item they were making," Gonzales said.

Two other Titan employees were injured in the blast. Ron Hurst suffered injuries to his hand, and Merry Jenkins was airlifted to a

Lubbock burn center. No information was available as of press time today on Jenkins' condition.

Other agencies involved in the investigation include the Texas Department of Public Safety, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Both Gonzales and Gonzalez said they expected their agencies to complete their investigations of the incident some time next week.

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# Viewpoints

## Some things just don't make much sense

I just don't know anymore. In a recent decision, the Supreme Court concluded in a majority decision that captured Taliban and al Qaida enemy combatants being held at Guantanamo Bay have the right to use our courts as a means to declare their innocence.

Aren't these enemy combatants prisoners of war, having supported a direct attack on America and killed our soldiers on the battlefield? Why should they have the same rights as a citizen of the United States?

Supreme Court, if this is doctrine, how about seeking out Japanese, German, and Italian POWs, those that are still alive and family members of those who are not

alive, that were held in our POW camps during W.W.II. Tell them we are sorry, that a judge and jury should have declared their guilt or innocence for shooting and maiming our soldiers and, we'll throw in reparations, as well.

I just don't know anymore. Families of Reserve and National Guard soldiers on active duty in Afghanistan and Iraq are lamenting and crying for the return of their loved ones because of hardships back here at home. Soldiers are deserting to Canada rather than report for duty or transfers to the battlefields.

The cry babies are members of families whose son or daughter joined the Reserves

or National Guard as a means of financial or educational support. They knew what was required of them before even signing to join up. They have it in print that they may be called to active duty.

And, the last time I checked, it's an all-volunteer armed forces. Wah-wah-wah.

There is no greater sacrifice than to lay down your life for your country. To those killed and wounded in Afghanistan and Iraq in the defense of our nation and their grieving families, I can think of no greater insult.

I just don't know anymore. There is a new monument in Washington, D.C., honoring our men and women who served our nation in W.W.II, the sacrifices made by the



**Dennis Palmitier**  
Columnist

millions killed in action, wounded in action, suffered atrocities as POWs at the hands of Japanese and German soldiers, and those who made it back after doing their duty. Why did it take 50-plus years to honor the Greatest Generation that literally saved the world from chaos?

I just don't know anymore. To all the naysayers, pun-

its, and know-it-alls that think they have a better solution to Iraq and the war on terror than our sitting government, put up or shut up.

It's a bleak situation when our nation cannot rise up and support our President in these times of crisis as our nation did FDR with W.W.II. We were attacked at Pearl Harbor, the Day of Infamy. Our fathers and mothers rose to the occasion and prevailed over tyranny.

Sept. 11, 2001, was no different. We were attacked and our citizens killed or maimed. There sure was a rush to memorialize The World Trade Center and those lost, but the momentum to make sure it doesn't happen again has waned over

second guesses and innuendo.

Who was it that said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what YOU can do for your country"?

Yes, I just don't know anymore.

Note: "I just don't know anymore" was a quote used by Kevin Dorsey, my friend from Houston who was a radio station producer and commentator for Clear Channel Communications. Kevin died last year at 35 due to a heart attack. I miss you, Kevin; I miss your "time" on the air. I know God is probably put out with your commentary by now. I know two children, a lot of friends, and listeners who want you back. So, "keep it up!"

## Today in History

(AP) — Today is Friday, July 9, the 191st day of 2004. There are 175 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On July 9, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was read aloud to Gen. George Washington's troops in New York.

### On this date:

In 1540, England's King Henry VIII had his six-month-old marriage to his fourth wife, Anne of Cleves, annulled.

In 1816, Argentina declared independence from Spain.

In 1850, the 12th president of the United States, Zachary Taylor, died after serving only 16 months of his term.

In 1896, William Jennings Bryan delivered his famous "cross of gold" speech at the Democratic national convention in Chicago.

In 1918, 101 people were killed in a train collision in Nashville, Tenn.

In 1944, during World War II, American forces secured Saipan as the last Japanese defenses fell.

In 1947, the engagement of Britain's Princess Elizabeth to Lt. Philip Mountbatten was announced.

In 1951, President Truman asked Congress to formally end the state of war between the United States and Germany.

In 1974, former U.S. Chief Justice Earl Warren died in Washington, D.C.

In 1982, a Pan Am Boeing 727 crashed in Kenner, Louisiana, killing all 146 people aboard and eight people on the ground.

Ten years ago: Planned talks between North Korea and South Korea were put on hold following the death of North Korean dictator Kim Il Sung. Members of the Group of Seven nations concluded their economic summit in Naples, Italy.

Five years ago: A jury in Los Angeles ordered General Motors Corporation to pay \$4.9 billion to six people severely burned when their Chevrolet Malibu exploded in flames in a rear-end collision. (A judge later reduced the punitive damages to \$1.9 billion, while letting stand \$107 million in compensatory damages; G.M. settled the lawsuit in July 2003 for an undisclosed amount.)

One year ago: Pleading for patience, President Bush, continuing his Africa tour, said the United States would "have to remain tough" in Iraq despite attacks on U.S. soldiers.

*'There are two kinds of people in one's life — people whom one keeps waiting — and the people for whom one waits.'*

— S.N. Behrman  
Author, dramatist



## Isolate Internet pornography

Okay, the Supreme Court says the 1998 law that was meant to protect children from internet pornography is a threat to free speech, but there is a way to achieve what the Child Online Protection Act sought to do without endangering anybody's right to free speech.

The Act was designed to keep kids under 17 from accessing sexually explicit material online, but the Supreme Court now says that you can't do that by violating the First Amendment, which the court insists the act does. As a result, in the words of the Family

Research Council's Patrick Trueman, "Because of the Supreme Court, now, every hardcore porn site in the world is open to our children, no restrictions."

That does not have to be. The same result can be achieved without running into a roadblock in the courts.

How? Simply isolate porn, shove it into a dark corner on the web where youngsters under 17 will be

unable to venture.

Congress must enact a law which provides a specific domain solely for pornographic sites. This idea has been kicking around Capitol Hill for a long time, but nobody has done anything about it. The time has come to revive it.

I have a web site, hordes of individuals and groups have their own web site — dot-com, dot-org you name it. So why not establish dot-

XXX and quarantine pornographic filth?

By doing this the smut peddlers will have their free speech rights protected, adults who get their jollies from viewing porn would still be able to satisfy their addiction, and children will be protected from filth in their homes. Parents could buy the software that will block access to the porn domain, as the court suggested parents do when it said technology may be best way to protect children. Wrote Justice Anthony

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**Michael Reagan**  
Columnist



## Electronic votes need verification

The Dallas Morning News on paper trails for electronic voting machines:

There's just one thing wrong with electronic voting machines: People don't trust them to accurately record their votes.

Voters reasonably fear fraud, a padding of the totals or a manipulation of the software so that a vote for Smith automatically becomes a vote for Jones.

So it's equally reasonable that voters would want to verify their votes through the use of paper receipts that they could check and that

could be used in recounts.

The League of Women Voters pumped some big momentum into the "verifiable paper trail" movement late last month when it rescinded its support for paperless systems. Delegates at the league's convention voted to support systems that are as "recountable" as they are secure, accurate and accessible.

Good for the league.

It's true that paper receipts have their own potential flaws and complications.

Printers jam. Receipts could be as mutilated and as difficult to decipher as the infamous Florida punch cards.

And machines that have been programmed to record incorrect votes could be programmed to print out correct receipts.

Nevertheless, receipts would provide a decent safeguard in case someone hacks machines to change an election's outcome.

No one's apparently tried to manipulate the machines yet. But computer experts have demonstrated that it could happen.

Furthermore, machines in some states have malfunctioned, causing voters to be effectively disenfranchised. Receipts would have provided a recountable record.

The solution in Texas and elsewhere — verify with paper.

### Texas Thoughts

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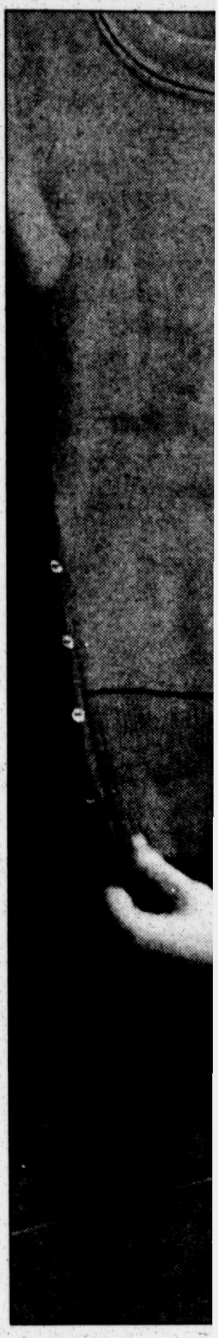
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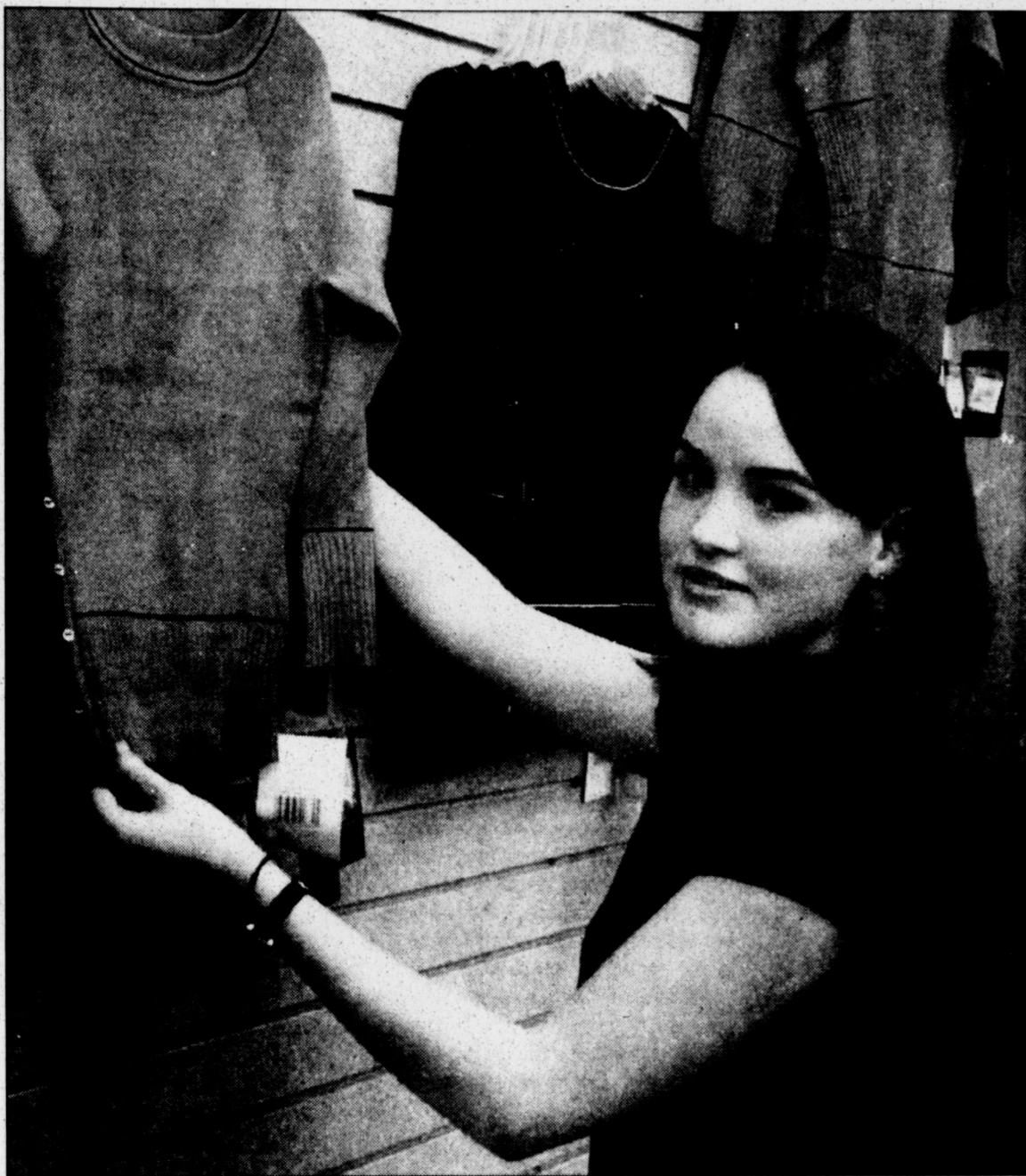
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**Colors for fall**

Chelsea Dyer of Dunlaps straightens new sweaters, part of the fall fashions already being displayed in local stores.

**Cleaning woman claims \$294 mil. lottery jackpot**

BRAINTREE, Mass. (AP) — Meet Geraldine Williams, a retired custodian and cleaning woman who will no longer have to mop her own floors or dust her own furniture. Williams stepped forward Friday to claim the \$294 million Mega Millions jackpot, the second-largest jackpot ever to go to a single person in North America.

Williams, who was introduced at a news conference at state lottery headquarters, said she'll take the payout in a lump sum of \$117.6 million after taxes.

She said she was still stunned by her luck, a week after the numbers were drawn. "I'm in disbelief," she said. "I can't believe it's me."

Williams, 68, recalled staring at a television as it showed the winning numbers, clutching her winning ticket and muttering, "Oh, God! Oh, God! Let it be! Let it be!"

Williams cleaned homes after retiring as a custodian at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell. She said she fully intended to keep an appointment to clean a client's home this week until she was told she had to meet with

financial advisers in Boston.

Williams said she told her three children about her good fortune as soon as she knew, but added hiding it from everyone else had been difficult. She kept the winning ticket at a bank before turning it in.

"It's horrible," she said. "I don't like lying, I don't like sneaking around."

Williams said she plans to give the money to her children and some charities, and to travel.

Williams, a grandmother of eight who moved to Lowell more than 40 years ago, said she plans to stay in the area.

A neighbor of Williams called her "a bundle of energy."

"She really will be able to enjoy this. I'm so happy for her. It's unbelievable, it's very surreal," said Paula Peacock, 39.

Peacock said Williams picks up trash in their neighborhood of two- and three-family homes.

She added that Williams, "takes care of people that are elderly. If I know, Gerry, she'll still want to go and take care of them."

*'I'm in disbelief. I can't believe it's me.'*

— Geraldine Williams  
Mega Millions winner

**Porn**

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Kennedy, "filters are less restrictive" while avoiding putting a damper on free speech.

If the porn industry were intellectually honest they'd welcome the idea, but they're not honest. They probably would oppose having their own domain because they can then be blocked from the home. They want children to see porn. It is a well known fact that children can be aroused by viewing porn and as a result, will get into an addiction to pornography when they get older.

And pornography has been having an adverse effect on parents themselves. Husbands are becoming addicted and marriages are being destroyed because of the easy access to pornographic websites. Wives are being devastated by porn but the porn merchants are laughing all the way to the bank.

Unfortunately, up until now, the burden of shielding children from porn has been placed solely on parents. And parents have been helpless. The fact is that the only way to stop this onslaught on children's morals is Congressional action - by having Congress isolate porn by enacting a bill to mandate the creation of a separate internet domain

where all pornographic websites would be required to locate. No porn site would be allowed to use any other domains to peddle their wares.

Once that is done parent can go out and buy the software that would block access to the porn domain and their children will be protected from falling into the clutches of the porn merchants. This makes the choice the parent's choice. What the courts have done is to take our choices away and let the pornographers run wild.

It's time for Congress to stop this idiocy and tell the pornographers, "You've got your own domain. Get inside and stay there."

**Community calendar**

- **Gray County American Red Cross** and the City of Pampa will be offering 30-minute swimming classes in two-week sessions throughout the summer. Class levels range from one all the way up to level five with one open to children between 3 and 5 years of age. The first two-week session will be offered between June 14 and 25. The second session is scheduled from July 12-23 and the third from Aug. 2-13. Classes are at different times for different levels. Each two-week session will be \$35. To register and pre-pay, stop by the local Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. For more information, call 669-7121.

- **The Texas Department of Health** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., July 7 and 21, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa; and from 12:30-4 p.m., July 12, City Hall, Canadian.

- **Red Hat Dollies Society** will meet from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. July 15 at The Coffee Shop in downtown Pampa. The group will visit downtown businesses following luncheon.

- **2CARE for Moms & Babies** will conduct two car safety seat classes dur-

ing the month of July. The first class will be offered in English at 7 p.m., July 20, at Zion Lutheran Church in Pampa. Another class will be held in Spanish at 1:30 p.m. July 21 also at Zion Lutheran. Participants must pre-register to attend. For more information or to pre-register for the first class, call 664-2459. If interested in the second class, call 1-888-892-2273, ext. 228.

- **Pampa Fine Arts Association** Board of Directors will meet at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Pampa Community Building (Chamber building).

- **Pampa Garden Club** meets at 2 p.m. the second Monday of each month from September through May. Meeting location changes monthly.

- **Pampa Pilots Association** meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Airport Lounge.

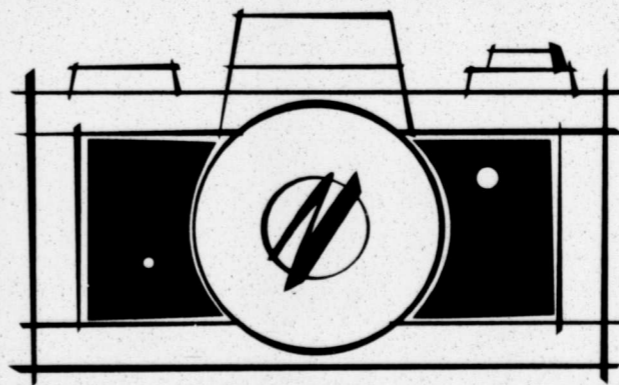
- **Pampa Rotary Club** meets at 12 noon every Wednesday at Pampa Country Club.

- **Pampa Takedown Club** Wrestling for youth 5-15 years of age. Practice is at 900 N. Frost. Season starts Sept. 25 through February. For more information, call Rick Urguhart at 665-8321.

- **Pampa Woodcarving Club** meets at 7 p.m., the second and fourth Thursday of each month at First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson. Meetings are open to any individuals interested in woodcarving from beginners to all experience. Projects and instructors are available. For more information, call 669-3008.

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# Religion

## Shamrock church sets centennial celebration

SHAMROCK — First Baptist Church in Shamrock will celebrate their 100th anniversary, July 17 and 18. There will be an ice cream social on Saturday, July 17, from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Sunday, July 18, the regular morning service begins at 10:45 a.m., followed by a lunch catered by Danny's of Lubbock in the Family Life Center at noon. An afternoon service is planned from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Many former pastors and members are expected to attend. For more information contact the church office at 806-256-3207 or by e-mail at kmartk@hotmail.com.

## Church leadership: Awesome responsibility

For the past year when someone would call my office and ask, "Hey, Mike, what are you doing?" 90 percent of the time I would reply, "Studying on Revelation."

We finally finished our advanced Revelation class and now the answer to that question has changed. Now it is, "Oh, I'm working on 1st and 2nd Timothy and Titus."

Those three letters are often referred to as the "Pastoral Epistles." Many people think that they are a kind of church manual for preachers. They do talk about a lot of things that Timothy and Titus, as young preachers, were to tend to. As I have been reading them over and over I have been struck with what prompted their writing.

And what is that you ask? Paul told Timothy clearly what prompted his first letter in chapter 1:3-4. "As I urged you upon my departure from Macedonia, remain on at Ephesus, in order that you may instruct certain men not to teach strange doctrines, nor to pay attention to myths and endless genealogies, which give rise to mere speculation rather than furthering God's provision which is by faith."

So 1st Timothy was written to instruct and admonish Timothy to deal with the false teachers in the church at Ephesus who were stirring up quite a stink.

Now usually when we think of false teachers in a church we either think of the preacher or some outsider. Why is it that we hardly ever think of a false teacher as one of the other leaders in the congregation? An elder? A deacon?

Notice that the letter wasn't sent to the church at Ephesus, nor was it sent to the leaders (a.k.a. "elders") of the Ephesian congregation. Have you ever wondered why? Wasn't it those leader's job to handle things? Wasn't it the congregation's own business to

handle things? Why was Paul sending Timothy to stick his nose in "their" business?

Here is where I really need to thank a magnificent Christian scholar and teacher, Gordon Fee. His commentary on the Pastoral Epistles is second to none.

There is a good reason why he didn't send the letter to those local church leaders (elders, deacons). They were the problem.

Earlier on his third missionary journey, Paul met with the Ephesian church leadership to encourage them and to warn them and to prophecy over them. It is recorded in Acts 20:17-38.

The bottom line is that he said that the Ephesian church would be torn apart by some of those very elders. Paul spent more time with that church (two years) than with any other. They did some incredible things during those two years. But after he left Ephesus some of those whom he probably appointed began to tear the church up.

Now 1st Timothy was written after the warnings and prophecy in Acts 20. What Paul said would happen did happen. Some of the leaders turned out to be wolves in sheepskin. Timothy was supposed to stay in Ephesus and set things straight.

Too often people want to be a leader at church or want one of their friends to be because they think of it like being a leader in a local service club. Church leaders will answer to God for the souls in their church; those souls entrusted to their oversight by the Lord.

So preachers, be careful. Elders, be careful. Deacons, be careful. One day each of us must answer for the souls we were to watch over. May God raise up excellent, godly leaders for each of our churches. God bless.

**Mike Sublett**

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### Happy campers

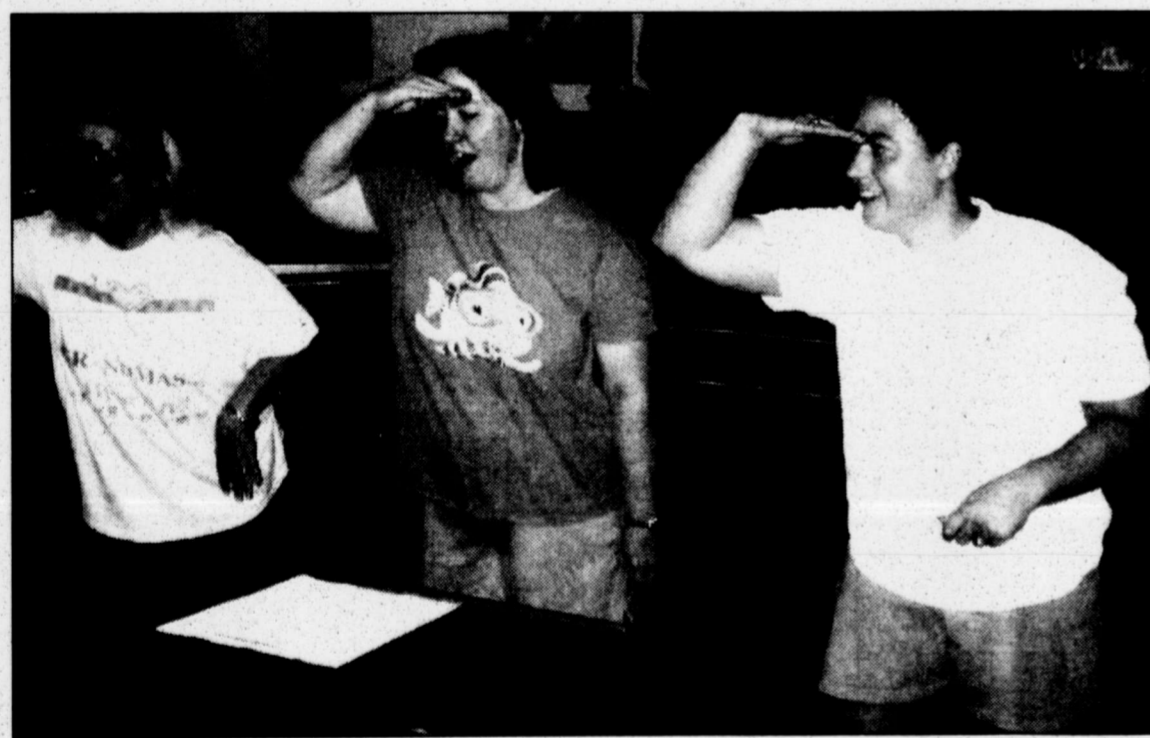
Jadyn, Jordan and Courtney Parsons wear their Camp Shockley t-shirts. They along with several other members of Faith Advent Christian Fellowship recently attended Camp Shockley outside Ada, Okla. Camp Shockley was established in 1952 as a youth and family camp for all ages. The speaker for the week was Kent Billings of Bristow, Okla., who brought the message each evening. Other youth attending include Haley, Lane, and Cody Copeland, and Jacob and Chris Lewis.

## Chaplain to tell 'rest of the story'



Maj. Terry Callis  
U.S. Army Reserve

U.S. Army Reserve chaplain, Maj. Terry Callis of Canyon, will be a special guest of First Assembly of God Church at 6 p.m., Sunday, July 11. Maj. Callis will present slides of his deployment to Iraq and Kuwait and will answer questions about what is happening in Iraq. Maj. Callis returned home after a one-year deployment to Iraq and Kuwait. While deployed he was stationed for several months in Babylon, Iraq, during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He continues to serve in the Army Reserve as a chaplain with the 350th Civil Affairs Command. The public is welcome to attend.



### Lava, Lava singers

Katy Hupp, Linda Carlton and Angi Woelfle practice the songs for the Lava, Lava Island Vacation Bible hosted by First Christian Church and assisted by First Presbetyrian Church, Hi-Land Christian Church and St. Matthews Episcopal Church. The VBS runs from July 12-16, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. each evening.

## Eight new AME bishops include three Africans and two women

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — African Methodist Episcopal Church delegates elected eight new bishops Tuesday, including the first three "indigenous" bishops for Africa and only the second and third women to hold the post. David R. Daniels Jr., a native Liberian who is pastor of a West Columbia, S.C., congregation, agreed to serve in Africa, denomination spokesman Mike McKinney said. More than 1,900 delegates decided earlier during the quadrennial general conference to designate three of the eight bishop positions for

Africans. It was the first time the denomination had approved so-called "indigenous" leadership for any of its districts on the continent.

The new bishops' knowledge of African culture and languages will help the denomination grow on the continent while also responding to its AIDS crisis, Norris said.

## Church plans fish dinner on Saturday

Open Door Church of God-In-Christ will host a fish dinner starting at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 10.

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U.S. Army Reserve chaplain Terry Callis recently returned home to Canyon, Texas after a one year deployment to Iraq and Kuwait. While deployed, Chaplain Callis was stationed for several months in Babylon, Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He continues to serve in the Army Reserve as a chaplain with the 350<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Command.

Chaplain Major Terry Callis will be at First Assembly of God, Sunday evening, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. He will have slides and will be answering any questions you may have on what is really happening in Iraq. Come and you will have "The Rest of The Story".

Everyone is welcome!

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# Sports Day

## Lance bucked off

BONNEVAL, France (AP) — Lance Armstrong was thrown from his bike but not hurt in a crash involving a number of cyclists shortly after the start of the sixth stage of the Tour de France on Friday.

The five-time Tour champion quickly got back in the race after the crash, and with help from his U.S. Postal Service teammates, caught up with the main pack of riders.

"It was nothing serious," said Postal sporting director Johan Bruyneel. "The first stages, the first week, are always nervous."

*"It was nothing serious. The first stages, the first week, are always nervous."*

— Johan Bruyneel  
Postal Sporting Director

122-mile run from Bonneval to Angers, one of the flattest stages, which was expected to favor the speedy Italians.

The absence of the sprinters was a blow to the Tour following a week of mishaps and crashes.

"It's the flop of the first week," assistant Tour director Christian Prudhomme, said. "The Petacchi-Cipollini duel fell short. Zero."

Petacchi, the sprint king of last year's Tour, withdrew after injuring his left shoulder in a crash on rain-soaked pavement during Thursday's fifth stage from Amiens to Chartres, according to a Fassa Bortolo team manager.

Mario Cipollini, a former world champion riding for Domina Vacanze, withdrew because of an injury to his left leg sustained in the Giro d'Italia in May.

They were among more than 180 challengers trying to deny Armstrong another Tour title.

It was not immediately known what caused the crash, which occurred about 20 minutes into the stage.

Armstrong's spill came one day after the five-time champion gave up the lead in the Tour to conserve energy for the finish. The 32-year-old Texan was 24th in the fifth stage Thursday, dropping to sixth overall — 9 minutes, 35 seconds behind Frenchman Thomas Voeckler.

Also Friday, two of cycling's best sprinters withdrew as a crash-filled first week of the race drew to a close.

Italians Alessandro Petacchi and Mario Cipollini were forced out of the race due to injury before the start of Friday's stage, a

After finishing Thursday's stage, Armstrong said he would skip the Athens Olympics to spend more time with his children. The three-time Olympian said the five months of training he already has spent away from his children were enough.



The Pampa Optimist 13 year olds are, from left to right, front row- Brandon McBee, John Luke Covalt, Hayden Skinner, Jeremy Busse, Heath Skinner, and Coleby West. Middle row- Jeremy Maxwell, Jonathon Anguiano, Lane Douglass, Casey Trimble, Brett Powell and Gerado Dominguez. Back row- Coaches Jeff Skinner, Billy West and Monte Covalt.

## Pampa 13-year-olds heading for State

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

The Pampa Optimist Club 13 year old All Stars came back from a first round loss to finish third in the District Tournament last week in Hereford.

After falling to Canyon 7-3 in the first round, Pampa played some good baseball to finish the tournament with a 2-2 record.

Pampa faced Floyd County in the second game where great pitching, superb defense and solid hitting all contributed to a 7-1 win.

Game three pitted Pampa against Canyon and the boys were looking to avenge the earlier first round loss.

And they did.

In the rematch, Pampa pounded out 24 hits, committed no errors and took advantage of some great pitching en route to a 16-5 victory. The win meant Pampa had to play again that night.

In their final tournament game, Pampa faced Plainview and stayed with them through six innings. It was the seventh inning, the team's 14th of the day, that proved their downfall. Plainview plated 6 runners and won the game 12-5.

Pampa's 2-2 record was good for third place in the tournament and allows the team to advance to the State Tournament in Seminole, TX beginning this Saturday, July 10.

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## Pampa hosts tournament

Cal Ripken teams from Plainview, North Randall County, Deaf Smith County, Denver City and Abernathy will arrive in Pampa tomorrow for the West Texas 11-12 Cal Ripken State Baseball Tournament.

Team managers will have a check in at the Pampa Optimist Club building at 10a.m. State Commissioner David Lee, Assistant State Commissioner James Davis and District Commissioner Kevin Davis will check credentials of each team and certify them for play.

The first game begins at 1p.m. and will feature Deaf Smith County against Denver City.

Plainview and Pampa clash at 3p.m. The winner of the first game plays

North Randall County at 6p.m. while the winner of the second takes on Abernathy at 8p.m.

Pampa is 3-0 in tournament play winning the District I championship.

Pampa's players are Anthony Allen, Steven Botello, Alex Clendening, Corbin Clifton, Tanner Davis, Zach Doan, Garrett Ericson, Braden Hunt, Mitchell Killgo, Brent Green, Tyler Malone, Evan Meschke, Tye Powell, Zach Shaw, and Kade Wilson. John Warner is manager of the team. Coaches are Clint Allen and Kevin Hunt.

Ronnie Haynes is Tournament Director.

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## Whoa!

Mariam Solis, of Miller Insurance, is instructed by third base coach, Jose Vaganas, to hold her position during the Recreational Park League Mixed Open Div. 2 game between Miller Insurance and B&G Electric. Solis went on to score, helping bring Miller to its 12-5 victory over B&G.

## Emeka Okafor an Olympian

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Emeka Okafor was selected for the U.S. Olympic basketball team, filling the final spot on the squad headed to the Athens Games.

Okafor, the second over-

all pick in the NBA draft by the expansion Carolina Bobcats, was officially added to the team along with Carmelo Anthony, Carlos Boozer, Lamar Odom and Dwyane Wade.

## Houston Astros give L.A. Dodgers sixth straight victory

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Paul Lo Duca celebrated his late addition to the NL All-Star team with a home run, and the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Houston Astros 7-2 Thursday night for their sixth straight victory.

Right-hander Edwin Jackson (2-0) allowed two runs, five hits and no walks over five innings in his second spot start for injured Odalis Perez. Jackson also drove in the go-ahead run with a fourth-inning single, his first major league hit and RBI.

Jackson, Giovanni Carrara, Darren Dreifort and Tom Martin combined to hold the Astros hitless for the final 5 2-3 innings, helping Los Angeles equal its longest winning streak of the season.

Dreifort retired only one batter before walking the next three. But Martin bailed him out in the eighth by getting Lance Berkman on a double-play grounder, then pitched a scoreless ninth for his first save since 1997 as a rookie with Houston.

Right fielder Jayson Werth and center fielder Milton Bradley made consecutive diving catches in the seventh to rob Jose Vizcaino and Adam Everett of extra-base hits. But the news was not all good for the NL West-leading

Dodgers, who finished the game without two key members of their offense.

Adrian Beltre, removed from Wednesday's game after five innings because of a strained right quadriceps, was taken out after the second inning for the same reason. Shawn Green left for a pinch-runner in the fifth after getting hit on the left knee by a pitch from reliever Kirk Bullinger.

The Dodgers took a 3-2 lead on run-scoring singles by Werth and Jackson, whose hit chased Astros starter Brandon Duckworth (1-2) with two out in the fourth.

Duckworth, back in the majors following a monthlong demotion to Triple-A New Orleans, allowed three runs and seven hits in 3 2-3 innings. He lost for the first time in four career decisions against Los Angeles.

The right-hander, who once struck out the first six batters of a game against the Dodgers while pitching for Philadelphia, has allowed 16 earned runs and 24 hits over 16 innings in five starts this season. The Astros obtained him last November from the Phillies in the Billy Wagner trade.

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## Be the ball

Carl Johnson enjoys a sunny day as he rounds public golf course Hidden Hill's hole number nine.

## Mallon leads Canadian Open

NIAGARA FALLS, Ontario (AP) — Who needs practice when you're playing as well as Meg Mallon?

After taking most of the last three days off after winning the U.S. Women's Open, Mallon shot a 7-under 65 on Thursday to take the first-round lead in the Canadian Women's Open.

"I knew that I needed to rest," Mallon said. "Today, I felt like my legs were back with me again."

The 41-year-old Mallon played the Legends on the Niagara layout only once before the tournament, and relied on caddie John Killeen to help navigate the 3-year-old Battlefield Course that emphasizes accurate approach shots and putting.

"I called him my seeing

eye-dog today," Mallon said.

Mallon missed only four greens in regulation in her bogey-free round, and required a mere 25 putts — including a 30-footer for birdie on 14. She has played 43 straight holes without a bogey and is 17 under in her last three rounds.

On Sunday in the U.S. Women's Open, she closed with a 6-under 65 — the best final round by a champion in tournament history — to beat Annika Sorenstam by two strokes in South Hadley, Mass.

"When you're playing well you have to go with it and don't fight it," said Mallon, a two-time winner in Canada. "And certainly that's what I'd like to do this week."

## Hansen sets world mark; others disappointed

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Brendan Hansen set a world record to earn a spot on his first Olympic swimming team. Veterans Ed Moses, Brooke Bennett and Diana Munz found disappointment in the U.S. trials.

Hansen broke the mark in the 100-meter breaststroke, dominating the field with a time of 59.30 seconds Thursday night. He joined Michael Phelps as the first swimmers to set world records in the temporary pool built on the Long Beach shoreline.

Hansen made up for a heartbreaking showing in the 2000 trials, when he finished third in the 100 and 200 breaststrokes — just missing the team in both events.

"I was racing the Brendan Hansen from the 2000 Olympic trials," he said. "I'm definitely looking forward to the Olympics. This is a stage I've never been on before."

Hansen's expected rivalry with Moses went flat when the Sydney silver medalist didn't make the team. Moses finished sixth, nearly 3 seconds behind Hansen.

"I haven't been feeling real good," said Moses, who believes he had food poisoning. "I'm not going to make that as an excuse. I hold myself accountable."

Hansen, who broke the American record he shared with Moses in the semifinals, went even faster in the final. He eclipsed the record of 59.78 set by Japan's Kosuke Kitajima

in last year's world championships. Moses has struggled with injuries since Sydney, and his time was actually slower than what he swam in the semis.

"I'm really disappointed," he said. So were Bennett and Munz, the gold and silver medalists from Sydney who found themselves in the odd position of swimming the 400 freestyle in the far outside lanes.

"It was very surprising," said Munz, who couldn't remember the last time she didn't earn a coveted middle-lane assignment given to the fastest swimmers.

Bennett finished next-to-last in the eight-woman final. Munz rallied for third, but she was more than a full second behind second-place Kalyn Keller.

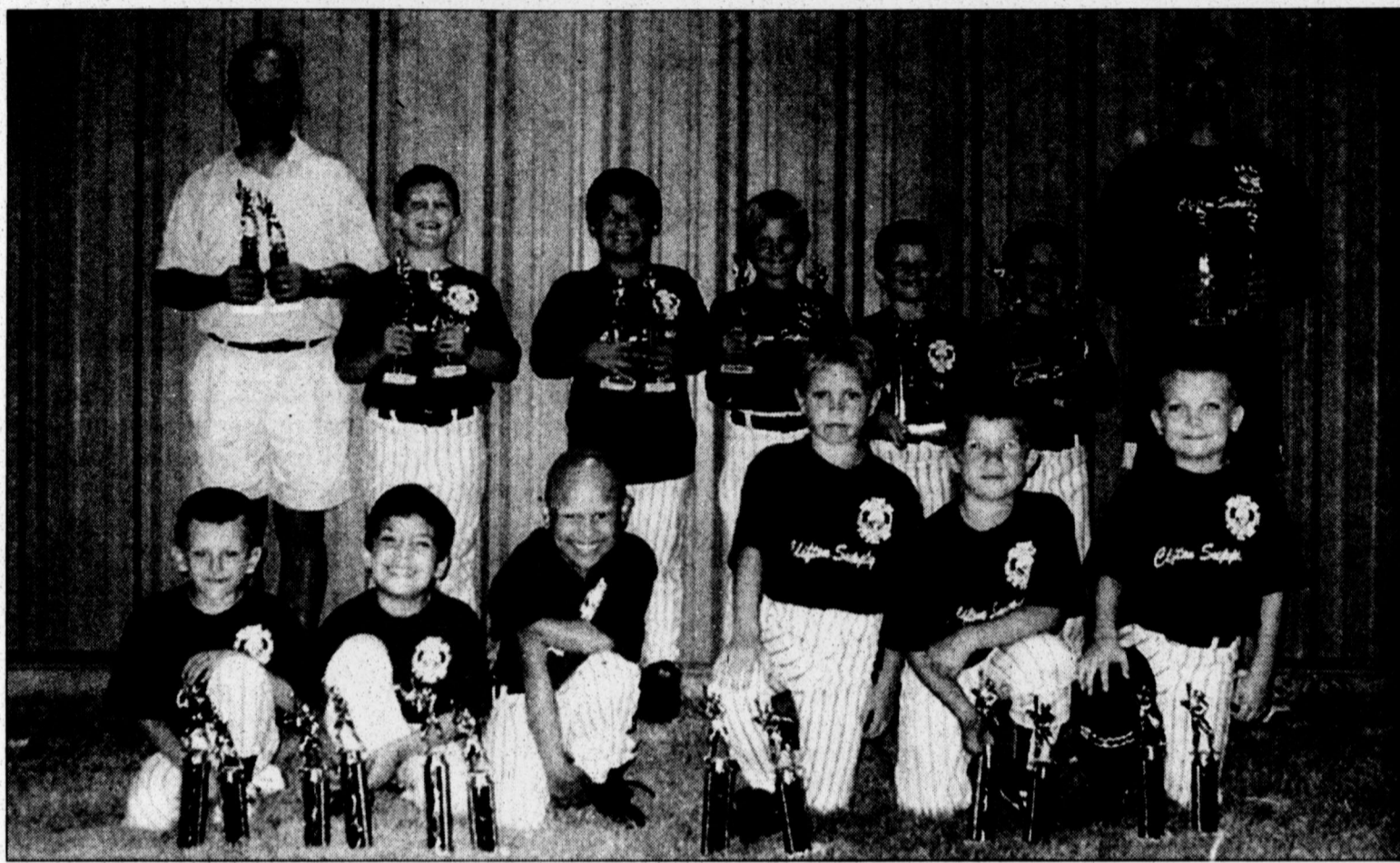
"It's upsetting, sad," Bennett said. "The trials are the most unpredictable meet you'll ever go to. It's 10 times harder than standing on the blocks at the Olympic Games."

Munz was lucky to even be in the final, having struggled to the ninth-fastest time in the semis. But Lindsay Benko dropped out to concentrate on the 200 free, opening up a spot.

"I have to put it behind me," she said. Moses, Bennett and Munz have other chances to qualify for their second Olympic team.

*"I'm definitely looking forward to the Olympics. This is a stage I've never been on before."*

— Brendan Hansen  
Olympic swimmer



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## Bonds, Blalock added to Home Run Derby

NEW YORK (AP) — Barry Bonds of the San Francisco Giants and Hank Blalock of the Texas Rangers were added to next week's All-Star Home Run Derby, filling out the field of eight competitors.

Bonds joins Philadelphia's Jim Thome, Cincinnati's Ken Griffey Jr. and the Chicago Cubs' Sammy Sosa in representing the National League on Monday night in Houston.

The AL players participating are Blalock, New York's Jason Giambi, Boston's David Ortiz and Baltimore's Rafael Palmeiro.

All four active players with 500 homers will compete: Bonds (681), Sosa (553), Palmeiro (540) and Griffey (501). Thome, who hit his 400th home run last month, connected for his major league-leading 28th of the season Thursday night.

## Coceres has early lead at John Deere

SILVIS, Ill. (AP) — Jose Coceres birdied eight of his first 11 holes and shot a 9-under 62 to take a one-stroke lead in the opening round of the John Deere Classic.

Vaughn Taylor three-putted the final hole for a bogey and finished with a 63.

LUSS, Scotland (AP) — Jose Manuel Lara, Phillip Price and Eduardo Romero shot 6-under 65s and were tied for the first-round lead of the Scottish Open at Loch Lomond. Emanuele Canonica had a 66.

Former British Open champion Tom Lehman, one of a handful of Americans in the field the week before the British Open, birdied the final hole and was among those at 67.

In Dearborn, Mich. Gil Morgan fell one shot short of his own first-round record at the Senior Players Championship, taking a three-stroke lead with a 7-under 65.

Dana Quigley, 2001 champion Allen Doyle, Bruce Fleisher, Isao Aoki, Jose Maria Canizares and Mark James were all at 68.

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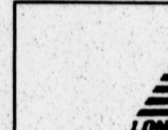
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## Girl Scouts giving MOW helping hand

Girl Scout Troop 514 has volunteered to help deliver meals each Friday during the month of July.

"The girls had such fun this week delivering food and the people we delivered to seemed to really enjoy getting to see the girls," Denise Dodson, Girl Scout leader, said.

Each of the girls picked at least one Friday in July to deliver meals to elderly and homebound residents of Pampa.

"I thought it was really fun to do," said third-year Brownie, Ashley Keith, and it helped the people out."

To find out more about volunteering with Meals on Wheels, call 669-1007.



Local Girl Scouts are helping out with Meals on Wheels this month. Above: (bottom) Chrissi Dubose, Caci Freeman, Mackenzie Parks, Susie Joiner, LaTeasa Wheat, Nikki Dabbs, Zoë Yearicks, (second row) Ashley Keith, Lacey Dodson, Sage Dorn, Brook Woelfle, (back) Tammy DuBose, Mayce Wheat and Erin Parr.

## Fighting in Gaza town leaves at least seven dead

BEIT HANOUN, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli troops backed by helicopters and armored bulldozers battled Palestinian gunmen in this northern Gaza Strip town Thursday. At least seven Palestinians were killed, including the local commander of the Hamas militant group, Palestinians and the army said.

In the southern Gaza Strip, Islamic militants fired a missile at an Israeli jeep, wounding five soldiers, including two senior officers.

The militant Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility, saying it was avenging the "ugly Zionist massacre" in Beit Hanoun. It distributed a videotape showing an explosion near the jeep and the jeep on fire.

The army responded by opening fire in the nearby Rafah refugee camp. Palestinian hospital officials said five people were injured, including a 4-year-old girl with a critical head wound. The army had no comment.

In Beit Hanoun, Palestinian gunmen took to the streets under fire from Israeli snipers and helicopter machine-guns. Armored Israeli bulldozers also

destroyed olive and orange groves and razed land along the eastern side of Beit Hanoun.

The fighting left about half the town without water and power for a third day, officials said.

*'We are in a real battlefield. Shooting is coming from all directions and I saw two people fall wounded in front of my house'*

— Ramadan Zaneen  
Palestinian farmer

The army invaded the area early last week to stop militants from firing homemade rockets into Israel. The troops had remained on the outskirts of town before Thursday.

Col. Avi Levy, commander of the operation, said militants were using the orchards as cover.

"We are taking over the same areas that they use to fire from," Levy said.

Five militants, including Hamas commander Nahed

Abu Ouda, were killed, Palestinian officials said. A middle-aged man and a 35-year-old woman also died.

One Israeli soldier was seriously wounded, the army said. The army said it had killed or hit at least eight Palestinians.

Palestinian witnesses reported that there were dead and wounded lying in the streets of Beit Hanoun, but they could not be evacuated because of the fierce fighting.

"We are in a real battlefield. Shooting is coming from all directions and I saw two people fall wounded in front of my house," said Ramadan Zaneen, 42, a farmer.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat appealed to the United Nations to halt Israel's operation. "I say to the world, there has been enough silence," Arafat said from his West Bank headquarters.

The army raided Beit Hanoun last week after militants fired a barrage of homemade rockets at the Israeli border town of Sderot, killing two people, including a 3-year-old boy. The deaths were the first in a Palestinian rocket attack from Gaza since fighting

erupted nearly four years ago.

Palestinian militants and the army said the homemade rockets had been upgraded to make them deadlier.

The new weapon could threaten Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's plan to withdraw from Gaza. Hard-line critics say an evacuation of the coastal area would put more Israeli population centers in range of the inaccurate, but deadly rockets.

Israeli armored vehicles and bulldozers raided the Khan Younis refugee camp in southern Gaza early Thursday, partially or completely destroying 30 houses and wounding at least four Palestinians.

The army said the operation was aimed at destroying abandoned buildings used by militants to fire mortars and other weapons at Israeli targets.

Violence has surged in the Gaza Strip since Sharon announced plans to evacuate all Gaza Strip and four West Bank settlements next year. Israel and Palestinian militants are vying to make the pullout look like a victory.

Also Sharon decided to fire a Cabinet minister who was heard planning to frame a fellow minister.

## Ohio utility agrees to spend \$1.1 billion on pollution controls

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — FirstEnergy Corp. has agreed to spend \$1.1 billion to drastically cut pollution from a coal-burning power plant found to be in violation of pollution law.

Environmentalists said the agreement, which delays the opening of the penalty phase of a lawsuit by federal agencies and three states, likely will be scrutinized by other companies being sued over pollution abatement.

U.S. District Judge Edmund A. Sargus Jr. in Columbus ruled last August that FirstEnergy had violated the law and would have to clean up the plant's emissions.

It is the first trial over government accusations that utilities rebuilt power plants without installing smog controls required under the Clean Air Act. The government says pollution from the plants drifts to the Northeast, where it causes acid rain and health problems.

The agreement between the utility and the plaintiffs, involving a power plant on the Ohio River near Steubenville, was reached last week, a source told The Associated Press. The source declined to be identified because the judge instructed people involved in the case not to talk about it.

Under the agreement first reported Thursday by The Columbus Dispatch, FirstEnergy will reduce

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— Unidentified AP Source

emissions by at least 90 percent by 2010 for acid rain-causing sulfur dioxide and nitrous oxide, a component of smog, the source said.

The pollutants have been linked to asthma, heart disease or other health problems.

The sides also agreed on the amount of penalties FirstEnergy must pay for violating the Clean Air Act, the source said, but would not discuss the specific amount. FirstEnergy also agreed to invest a certain amount of money in pollution-free energy production.

The lawsuit against the Akron-based FirstEnergy's W.H. Sammis Plant was the first put on trial out of a group of lawsuits targeting 51 power plants that were filed by the Environmental Protection Agency and Justice Department. Connecticut and New Jersey and New York joined the lawsuits.

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## Accused U.S. army deserter rejoins Japanese family members in Jakarta

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — An American who allegedly deserted his Army unit 40 years ago to defect to North Korea was reunited in Indonesia with his Japanese wife Friday.

Charles Jenkins and the couple's two daughters arrived from Pyongyang on a plane chartered by the Japanese government, said Yugi Hamada, a Japanese diplomat.

His wife, Hitomi Soga, was on the tarmac to meet him and their two teenage daughters, Hamada said. She greeted them as they disembarked.

The family was expected to get a police escort to a Jakarta hotel.

Soga was abducted by spies and taken to the North in 1978 and then repatriated

to Japan nearly two years ago.

Earlier, North Korean TV broadcast in Japan showed Jenkins and his daughters before the flight wearing North Korean flag pins. He smoked a Marlboro cigarette — a luxury item in the impoverished state.

Soga said of those images that her teenage daughters "appeared more fashionable now because they are wearing earrings," according to a statement released by the Japanese Embassy in Jakarta.

Jenkins was serving in a U.S.-army unit based on the Demilitarized Zone between the two Koreas when he disappeared during a routine patrol in 1965.

He met and married Soga in 1980 in Pyongyang. Soga

spent nearly a quarter-century in North Korea, before leader Kim Jong Il agreed with Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi two years ago to allow her and four other kidnap victims to return home.

The U.S. government wants Jenkins to face charges that he deserted. The 64-year-old had refused to be reunited with his wife in Japan because of the possibility he could be extradited to stand trial in the United States.

Indonesia, which has no extradition treaty with the United States, was picked as the venue for the reunion after Washington rebuffed Tokyo's requests that it refrain from prosecuting Jenkins.

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## Marine to meet with family

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — A U.S. Marine who vanished last month following his apparent kidnapping in Iraq left Lebanon for a U.S. base in Germany Friday, Lebanese officials said.

Cpl. Wassef Ali Hassoun was to be flown to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany and would stay for several days, hospital spokeswoman Marie Shaw said. "He's going to undergo debriefing and evaluation," she said.

The Navy was investigating whether the abduction of Cpl. Wassef Ali Hassoun could have been a hoax.

The 24-year-old Lebanese-American disappeared June 20 from his base

near the restive Iraqi city of Fallujah. On Thursday, he arranged for American officials to pick him up in Beirut and take him to the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said in Washington.

Sami Hassoun, Wassef's older brother, told The Associated Press that the family met the Marine at the U.S. Embassy in northern Beirut late Thursday.

"We went there last night and saw him. We said goodbye to him and came back home. They (embassy officials) told us he will leave Lebanon today," Sami Hassoun said Friday, without elaborating.

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