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Carrie Johnson serves as moderator for the forum.

## Teachers test board hopefuls

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
Editor

Pampa teachers tested prospective school board members' opinions on a number of tough topics Monday night, but which candidates passed or failed won't be known until the May 7 election.

Five candidates vying for three places on the Pampa Independent School District Board of Education met for a candidates forum sponsored by the Pampa Classroom Teachers Association Monday evening in the Pampa Junior High School library. Approximately 50

teachers and members of the public attended the event.

Candidates were each given three minutes to answer seven previously decided questions presented by PCTA members. Then the forum was opened for an audience question and answer time.

Incumbent Lance DeFever is running unopposed for Place 2, his spot on the board. Local CPA Kenneth Cargill and Dana Terry, travel agency owner, have both filed for Place 3. Dr. Jay Johnson's board seat. Johnson chose not to run for another term. Incumbent John Curry faces Derrell DeLoach in the race for

Place 1 on the school board. All three positions are for four-year terms.

Here are the questions asked by PCTA members and a brief synopsis of the candidates' responses.

1. Why are you running for the school board? What do you hope to offer to the educational community by serving on the school board? Or as a returning board member, what do you hope to accomplish or do differently during another term?

DeFever wants to continue to see

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## Early voting steady in city, heavy in PISD

Officials report early voting is running at an even pace for city elections and heavier than normal for school board elections.

Since early voting started last Wednesday through Friday, Pampa City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers said 277 voters have cast their ballots. There was a steady stream of voters through the polls Monday. Early voting will continue through May 3.

"For mayoral races," she said, "voting is always heavier."

But for a race with the mayor's job at stake, she said early voting so far has been typical.

Kay Roberts of Pampa Independent School District said 326 have voted early

and seven mail-in ballots have been received in the election for three places on the Board of Education. She said voter turn-out has been "heavier than normal."

The poll for early voting in the city election is in Room 205, the city administration suite, in City Hall. They are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays.

Early voting in the school election is from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., weekdays, at Carver Administration Center, 321 W. Albert.

The city/school election is scheduled for Saturday, May 7. Voting for both city and school candidates will take place between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. that day at M.K. Brown

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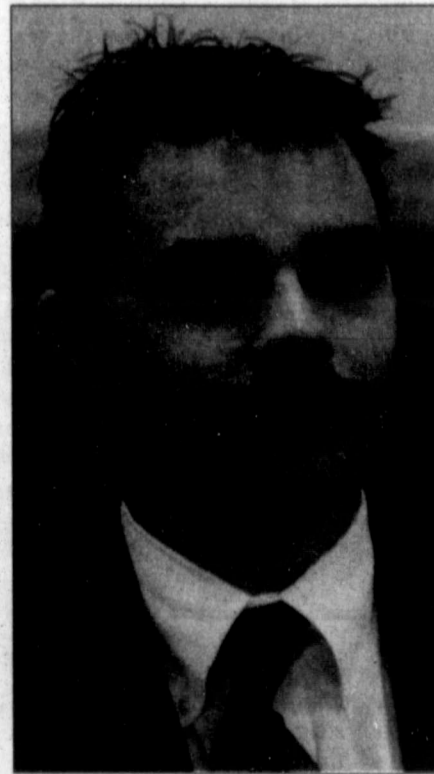
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### United Way allocation meetings

Representatives of Southside Senior Citizens Center were among members of 16 local agencies who met with Pampa United Way committees this morning at Pampa Community Building concerning allocation of United Way funds. Clockwise from front left are Gloria Captain and Eula Bradshaw of the center; and Dawn Clendening, Karen Lang, and Jack Reeve of United Way. Four United Way committees, chaired by Chuck White, Reeve, Bob Marx and Shannon Buck, after meeting with representatives of the member agencies, plan to make allocation decisions this afternoon.

## Pingel: It's all about growth for Pampa

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer



Brad Pingel

Brad Pingel is excited about the new construction and businesses coming to Pampa, but with the wisdom of an experienced businessman, he said he realizes there is still a way to go before Pampa reaches its potential.

A native of the Texas Panhandle, Pingel was born in 1974 in Amarillo and grew up in Perryton. He's been in Pampa for five years. He is a funeral director and a partner in another local business.

Pingel said he's been here long enough to recognize some of the problems Pampa faces and long enough to know how to address them.

"My pledge to Pampa," he said, "is to use my best efforts in conjunc-

tion with the city commission to bring new and exciting growth to our city."

There's new construction around town, he said, but there are also a lot of empty buildings. There is the Pampa Mall, the Coronado Shopping Center and downtown. They all need to be busy and viable for Pampa to

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truly prosper, he said.

"We've got a good start, but there's a lot of work still to be done," Pingel said.

A word that keeps cropping up in Pingel's vocabulary is future.

"We want city growth," Pingel said. "That's what it's all about."

Living here with his wife and two daughters, one, 7, and one, 5, Pingel said the future is very personal for his family.

"I'm concerned about the future, their future," Pingel said. "We've made Pampa our home."

Pingel said he would like to see industries coming to town that would bring in more families. Pampa, he said, is a good place to raise a family, and he would like to see more of them.

A member of the Briarwood Full Gospel Church, he serves on the board of directors and has been on the men's ministry board for three years. He's also in the Lions Club, where he's been on the board. He is now first vice president and will become president of the Pampa Lions Club in June.

Pingel has served on St.

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Obituaries

**Blanche Marie Chisum Powers, 87**

Blanche Marie Chisum Powers, 87, of Panhandle, died Monday, April 25, 2005, at Panhandle. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

**Gray County Weather**

Today: Patchy fog before 8 a.m. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high around 69. Northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 41. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 73. South southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 46. Southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 78. West northwest wind around 15 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around

48. West southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 76. West northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 48. South southwest wind around 10 mph becoming north northwest.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 66. Northeast wind around 15 mph.

Saturday Night: A slight chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low near 42.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Ambery Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	3.11
Milo	3.25
Corn	3.99
Soybeans	5.51

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

OXY	73.69	+0.21
BP PLC ADR	62.04	+0.44
Cabot Corp	31.57	NC
Cabot Oil Gas	33.30	-0.20
Coca Cola	42.92	+0.24
VLO	75.70	-0.17
HAL	44.60	+0.40
TRI	49.70	-1.72
KMI	77.51	-0.26
XCEL	17.65	-0.06

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Williams	18.24	-0.03
MCD	30.03	-0.25
Atmos	26.63	-0.22
Pioneer Nat	43.80	-0.32
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SLB	71.85	+0.15
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CVX	54.40	+0.03
Wal-Mart	47.05	+0.03
OKE	29.72	-0.30
NS Grp	31.50	-2.20
New York Gold	434.70	
Silver	7.25	
West Texas Crude	54.57	

Emergency Services

**Pampa PD**

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrest today.

**Monday, April 25**

Eighteen traffic stops were made. A vehicle accident was reported from the 1200 block of East Browning. A hit and run accident was reported from the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Traffic complaints were received from the intersections of Brown and Cuyler streets, Somerville and Dwight streets, Wilks and Hobart streets, and Varnon and Crawford streets.

One business alarm was reported.

Welfare checks were made in the 400 block of Pitts and the 100 block of East Harvester.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered in the 700 block of North Hobart.

Fire department assistance was rendered in the 1000 block of Varnon Drive.

Emergency medical services assistance was rendered in the 300 block of Lowry.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 1100 block of Varnon Drive and at the intersection of Market and Wells streets.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the police department lobby and the 900 block of South Gray.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1900 block of Charles. No injuries were reported.

Criminal mischief was reported at First Baptist Church, 203 N. West. Compact discs valued at \$20 were destroyed.

Criminal mischief was reported in the police department lobby. The incident involved damage to a license plate and was referred to the juvenile probation office. Estimated value of damage is unknown.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2200 block of North Wells. A back door window was broken.

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 140 S. Starkweather. Fuel valued at \$30 was taken.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 800 block of East Browning.

Violation of a protective order was reported in the 2200 block of Wells.

Telephone harassment was reported at One Medical Plaza.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 700 block of Magnolia.

Disorderly conduct/language and assault by threat were reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester. No injuries were reported.

Information on a lost cell phone was given in the police department lobby.

Theft was reported in the 1900 block of North Hobart.

Theft of services was reported in the 800 block of Scott.

A civil matter was reported

in the police department lobby.

Assault was reported in the 100 block of North Russell.

Stalking was reported in the 2200 block of North Wells. Charges have been filed.

**Tuesday, April 26**

Kyle Ray Roberts, 30, 2120 North Banks, was arrested in the 2100 block of North Banks for two counts of violating a protective order, two counts of stalking, and criminal mischief over \$500 and under \$1,500.

**Sheriff**

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

**Tuesday, April 26**

Mark Douglas Hinkle, 46, 8656 County Road 4, was arrested for driving while intoxicated and resisting arrest.

**Fire**

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

**Monday, April 25**

7:06 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision in the 1200 block of East Browning.

6:59 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a vehicle fire in the 1000

block of Varnon Drive.

**Ambulance**

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Monday, April 25**

7:07 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of East Browning. No transport.

10:35 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported a patient to a local nursing facility.

12:51 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to County Road H and transported a patient to PRMC.

1:49 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Baptist-St. Anthony's West, Amarillo.

9:38 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of East Browning and transported a patient to PRMC.

**Correction**

In an article about city mayoral candidate, Monty Danner, published on Page 1 Monday, several facts were incorrect. Danner was born in 1965 and graduated from Pampa High School in 1984. He has a son and daughter in Amarillo and his grandfather died in November.

**Forum**

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Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) scores rise and "maintain the course" toward exemplary status.

"Educating children is the best way for Pampa to grow," Cargill said. He believes his accounting background would be beneficial.

As a parent and former Pampa High School graduate, Terry wants to get "truly involved."

DeLoach said as a parent he has a "vested interest" in the school system, a strong leadership background and a "desire to serve."

Curry said his 18 years of experience, 200 hours of training, and openness to new ideas is needed to guide the school district in the years ahead.

**2. What do you see as areas of "fat" in the budget that could be trimmed and**

**what criteria will you use in assessing priorities for areas to be axed?**

All five candidates agreed that the Pampa ISD's budget is quite lean and because of federal and state constraints, they have no ability to raise additional funding.

Cargill wanted to keep a strong focus on academics and raise salaries to "keep and attract quality teachers."

Terry said the effects of any program cuts, whether academic or extracurricular, should be carefully considered.

DeLoach said the focus should be on "maximizing every dollar we receive and make sure it goes toward the mission" of producing successful students.

"There's some hope," Curry said, of new local tax money with new businesses coming to Pampa. Budget decisions should be a team effort, he added.

"We need to take a long hard look at the expensive things we do" like the travel budget, DeFever said, and

consider the impact a cut may have on students.

**3. Would you be in favor of consolidating the campuses?**

"We'd have to take a real hard look at it," Terry said, with studies of costs, benefits and success of other programs. And the community must be involved.

DeLoach called it an "excellent idea" that may address future population shifts, socio-economic factors and improve TAKS scores. It could be costly, however.

Teachers must be involved in the decision, Curry said, and careful study made. He said it may create problems for "special populations" among the students.

DeFever said he would favor an in-depth study and contact with other districts that have done this. Declining population may make the consolidation necessary.

Cargill said the public and

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Pampa News photo by DEE DEE LARAMORE

**Pampa school board candidates Kenneth Cargill, left, and Dana Terry, right, listen as Carrie Johnson of the Pampa Classroom Teacher Association outlines the procedure for a political forum Monday night in the Pampa Junior High School library.**

**Pingel**

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Matthew's Day School board of directors for three years.

"I've enjoyed serving our community through these organizations," Pingel said. "It's our duty to serve in some of these capacities."

Pingel drew applause during this spring's candidate forum at the Knights of

Columbus Hall when he talked about his support for economic development.

"I'm certainly for it," Pingel said.

But he said given Pampa's past experience with an economic development corporation, it would probably need to be organized differently.

The State of Texas recognizes several different legal organizations concerning economic development groups.

"Economic development is very important," Pingel said. "We've got to have economic development."

He said he embraces the concept of economic development, but he said it needs to be organized in a way that reflects Pampa, its values, and remain in the hands of the citizens and do a good job for the city.

"It's got to be viable and responsive," Pingel said.

He said it is an issue that needs to be carefully researched, studied and explained, but he said that he thinks it is something that the city needs. The key issue is not so much creating an economic development council as getting people to come together to work with such a council. Pingel said it will have to take unity, unity of resources and unity of

purpose. He said the citizens of Pampa need to work together. With that teamwork, he said, great strides can be taken.

While he supports an economic development council, he takes a conservative business approach to the issue.

"I think that's important," Pingel said. "The new construction going on in the city is exciting. We see the motels coming in, but I think we also need to look around at some of our basic buildings that we have here. Our existing buildings — the Coronado Shopping Center, the Pampa

Mall, especially downtown Pampa because that's where the heart of Pampa is — I feel we need to find a way to fill these buildings with occupants."

He said he sees these empty buildings as an opportunity for Pampa to grow.

Pingel said that efforts have to be focused on bringing people and business into Pampa.

"I believe I can bring new ideas and energy to this city," Pingel said. "We can get some things accomplished."

But the emphasis is on the 'we,' he said. Pingel said he's a firm believer in teamwork and thinks the City Commission can only succeed if it works as a team. Pampa, he said, must be united to be successful.

Pingel said Pampa has a number of civic groups, interested residents and enthusiastic organizations. He said he would like to see them all united and work with the city government and county government toward a common goal.

The city can have many voices, Pingel said, but it cannot be divided. Any debate must be honest and open and a consensus must be achieved before the city can move forward.

He says he wants to be a voice for the citizens of Pampa on the commission.

*"Economic development is very important... It's got to be viable and responsive."*

— Brad Pingel  
Candidate

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**Voting**

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In the city election, commissioners from Wards 1 and 3 will be elected as well as mayor.

Jeffers said that while each candidate must live in the ward they intend to represent, the voting is at large.

"Anybody can vote for candidates in each race," Jeffers said.

The residence of the voter is not an issue so long as the person casting the ballot lives in Pampa and is registered.

Lonny Robbins, Paulette Hinkle and Monty Danner are running for mayor. Brad D. Pingel and Jeff McCormick are running for city commissioner for Ward 1. Lana Miller and Robert W. Dixon are running for

city commissioner for Ward 3.

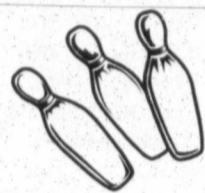
In the school board election, incumbent Lance DeFever is running unopposed for Place 2. Dana Terry and Kenneth Cargill have filed for Place 3 and John Curry is defending his Place 1 spot against challenger Darrell DeLoach.

— Staff Writer David Bowser and Editor Dee Dee Laramore contributed to this report.

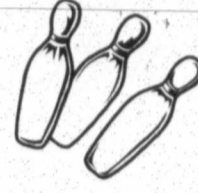


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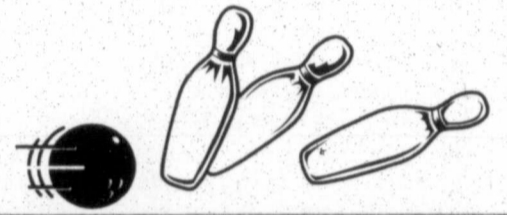
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Corrections can be printed as soon as the error is discovered and the correct information is verified. But that doesn't erase the original mistake.

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No self-respecting jour-

nalist wants to make mistakes. We want to do our work well. If we don't, our readers will become unhappy with us, and everything will go downhill from there.

**Marilyn Powers**

Staff Writer



There are two ways mistakes can worm their way into print. In one instance, the writer has the correct information but makes a mistake in writing it.

In the second case, the writer has been given the wrong information, but the information is written because the writer has faith that their source has provided accurate data and knows

what they're talking about.

This is why information in a news, feature, or sports story is attributed to someone, whether in a direct quote or followed by words such as "according to."

One of the most regular targets for claims that mistakes were made is information on arrests made by law enforcement.

Periodically, we get a call that so-and-so, who was listed as having been arrested, doesn't live at the address listed for that person.

One time, a person called me about just such an occa-

sion. He was very upset and asked if it was indeed true that we were supposed to print the truth.

I assured him that that was our goal. He then asked why we didn't verify all the information before putting it in the paper, specifically arrest records.

I explained that the information in the arrest records, as with other information throughout the paper, was attributed to its source, in this case the jail arrest records and arresting agency.

If an error was present in those arrest records, its source was not the paper but the agency which provided the information.

I also explained that it was reasonable to expect

that law enforcement and detention facilities would provide us with the best, most accurate information available.

If journalists tracked down every scrap of information to its source, such as seeking a birth certificate on each individual to verify their age, for example, or knocking on doors to see who lived at every address, nothing would ever get written because none of us would have the time or resources to check everything to that degree.

Even so, we still hate it when a mistake is printed in the paper.

We may be human, but it sure would be nice to be perfect.

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, April 26, the 116th day of 2005. There are 249 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On April 26, 1986, the world's worst nuclear accident occurred at the Chernobyl plant in the Soviet Union. An explosion and fire killed at least 31 people and sent radioactivity into the atmosphere.

### On this date:

In 1785, American naturalist and artist John James Audubon was born in Haiti.

In 1865, John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Lincoln, was surrounded by federal troops near Bowling Green, Va., and killed.

In 1937, planes from Nazi Germany raided the Basque town of Guernica in the Spanish Civil War.

*'Friends may come and go, but enemies accumulate.'*

— Dr. Thomas F. Jones Jr.  
American college official (1916-1981)

In 1945, Marshal Henri Philippe Petain, the head of France's Vichy government during World War II, was arrested.

In 1964, the African nations of Tanganyika and Zanzibar merged to form Tanzania.

In 1968, the United States exploded beneath the Nevada desert a one-megaton nuclear device called "Boxcar."

In 1970, the Broadway musical "Company" opened at the Alvin Theatre in New York.

In 1980, following an unsuccessful attempt by the United States to rescue the U.S. Embassy hostages in Iran, the Tehran government announced the captives were being scattered to thwart any future rescue effort.

In 1994, voting began in South Africa's first all-race elections.

In 1994, a Taiwanese jetliner crashed in Nagoya, Japan, killing 264 people.

**Ten years ago:** One week after the Oklahoma City bombing, Americans observed a minute of silence in honor of the victims.

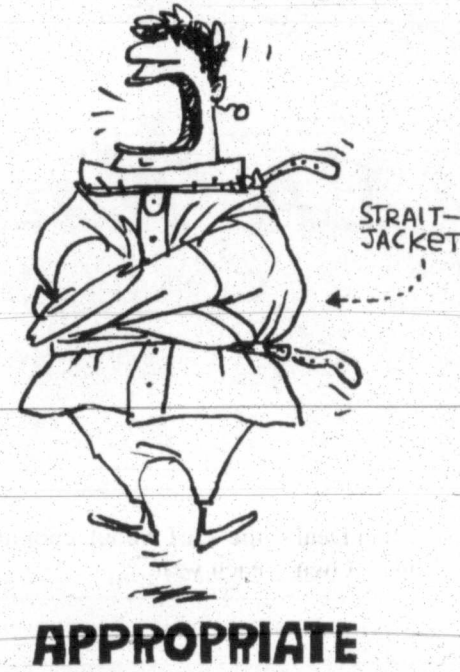
**Five years ago:** Vermont Gov. Howard Dean signed the nation's first bill allowing same-sex couples to form civil unions.

**One year ago:** Following conservative criticism of his anti-war activities during the Vietnam era, Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry accused President Bush of failing to prove whether he'd fulfilled his commitment to the National Guard during the same period. The government unveiled its new, colorized \$50 bill. Author Hubert Selby Jr. died in Los Angeles at age 75.

**NEWS ITEM: POLICE ARREST, HANDCUFF 5-YEAR-OLD AFTER TANTRUM...**



**PARENTS WHO DUMP THEIR 5-YEAR-OLD BEHAVIORAL PROBLEM ON EDUCATORS:**



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## Let's start at the beginning, part II

Welcome back to 'This is Your Computer.' Following, you will find the second installment in a basic explanation of your computer's 'parts.' In the last column, I explained the basic function of the monitor, keyboard, mouse, floppy drive, and hard drive. This week, we will dive into CD drives, CPUs, and modems.

First, to the CD Drive. 'CD' is short for compact disk. You probably knew that. The 'drive' is the device you put the CD into. It is always located in the 'boxy' part of your system and can be accessed by pushing a button on the front panel. The five-inch tray that pops out looks very much like a cupholder (but DON'T use it as one!) and receives the CD shiny-side-down.

You see, the information is stored only on one side of a CD, the shiny side. This

process is done with a very powerful laser beam, that actually burns miniscule pits into the surface of the disk (If you ever hear of someone 'burning a CD,' now you know why).

A much lower power laser beam is then used to 'read' the information on the disk. Musical CDs and Computer CDs are exact in every way except for the type of information stored. That's why you can play a musical CD in your Computer. But don't try to 'play' a computer CD in your stereo. It will sound like twenty cats fighting. (Makes a great prank to play on a friend, though.)

CD Drives come in two flavors: CD-ROM drives and CD-RW drives. CD-

ROM drives can only READ the information on CDs. They cannot CREATE them. Hence, ROM stands for 'Read Only Media.' CD-RW drives, on the other hand, can READ and WRITE information to CDs. CD-ROM drives are standard on most computers.

Some newer computers come equipped with CD-RW drives. You don't need both, though. CD-RW drives can do everything a CD-ROM drive; they just have the added capability of CREATING CDs. And, yes, they can create music CDs.

The CPU is the most important part of your PC. It is the 'brains' of your system. It stands for 'central processing unit,' but you

only need to remember that if you want to impress people at parties. If you were to open up the boxy part of your computer, you could identify the CPU as the large, black, piece of plastic on the big circuit board. However, don't let its boring appearance fool you. It is the most expensive part of your computer. Roughly one fourth to one third of the total price for your computer goes for this chip!

Intel Corporation makes 80 percent of the world's CPUs. When they first started, the names for their CPUs were very boring. One of their first chips was called the 80286 (boy, that's marketing!) Most people just shortened the name to 286. Intel created a faster chip and called it the 80386 (or just 386). The next chip they made was named (can you

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## NRA Convention firing from the right

ON a well-run rifle range, the range master will shout, "Ready on the left? Ready on the right? Commence firing." At the National Rifle Association's annual convention in Houston recently, most of the firing was on the right.

The NRA prides itself on the patriotism of its members and its devotion to education, training and Americans' freedom to bear arms. It should show the same regard for civil discourse.

At the opening celebration, band leader and emcee Charlie Daniels said the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq were going well, "in spite of

the inane ravings of Ted Kennedy and despite the best efforts of the New York Times, the Washington Post and CNN." He offered no

supporting details and ignored the many news reporters killed while accompanying U.S. troops.

Rock musician Ted Nugent urged NRA members not to rely on the justice system, but to shoot criminals whenever they attacked. He said supporters of gun control were a joke and that the real enemy was

Americans who owned guns but had not joined the NRA.

The NRA's primary enemy is the vast majority of gun-owning Americans?

Even discounted to allow for irrational exuberance, these extremist sentiments are prejudicial nonsense that does nothing to promote the NRA's agenda. They also ignore the NRA's political ascendancy in an attempt to spread groundless fear.

At a session Sunday on media coverage, an NRA political operative claimed

credit for helping to return George W. Bush to the White House and preserve Republican majorities in Congress. One of the trickiest challenges, the operative said, was getting around Bush's support for extending the ban on making assault rifles.

Another panelist made the preposterous claim that any reporter for the elite liberal news media who was discovered to be a gun owner would be fired. An NRA commentator and talk show host complained that when he worked in television and radio news, he wasn't

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Denise Dodson



Pam Doughty

## Area Girl Scouts participate in Girl Scout Day at Amarillo Civic Center

Pampa Area Girl Scouts made the trip to Amarillo recently to celebrate Girl Scout Day at the Civic Center. Eighty seven Girl Scouts took part in the festivities and represented 12 troops from the Pampa area. Violinist Miss Jennifer Frautchi, herself a former Girl Scout, performed for the girls. Four Pampa area Girl Scout troops participated in the opening flag ceremony. Several troops also took part in the fund gifting which is used to assist girls in financial need with camp tuition, uniforms, books and dues.

The Five Star Girl Scout Council awarded the "Silver Award" to Rachelle Graue from Miami. This award is the highest award received by Girl Scouts ages 11-14. To earn this award Rachelle had to meet with an advisor and develop a timeline for completion of all the projects needed for completion of the award. She had to earn three interest projects awards related to the Girl Scout Promise and Law; the Uniquely Me! The Real Deal charm; and Your Own Business Interest Project award; and the Looking In, Reaching Out charm.

Rachelle also had to set goals for self-improvement, spend 15 hours in a leadership role; and identify an issue in her school or community that she felt strongly about and focus on coming up with a solution to address the problem. She had to do a community service project that she planned and mapped out, taking no less than 40 hours to complete and was required to keep records and a journal of all of her activities. When all of the projects

were completed, she submitted the Girl Scout Silver Award Final Report to the council for evaluation.

Four girls from the Pampa area were recognized as top sellers for the 2005 cookie sales. To be a top seller these girls had to sell 600 boxes or more during the cookie sales this year. Those recognized were from Kassie Jerone (600 boxes), Troop 221; Brittney Clark (674 boxes), Troop 346; MacKenzie Parks (675 boxes), Troop 514; and the top seller for the Pampa Area from Troop 10, Katelyn Peters (779 boxes).

The Pampa Service unit was awarded a certificate for the most improved cookie sales in the Five Star Council. The girls of the Pampa area sold almost 3,000 more boxes of cookies this year than last. Letha Anderson, product sales manager for the Pampa area, who accepted the certificate on behalf of the unit, said, "The girls worked very hard this year and special thanks go to the people who support the Girl Scout cookie sales each year."

Three troops from the Pampa area had booths at the Center. Troop 10 had a "make a friendship pen" booth. Troops 84 and 64 from Miami had a game booth and troops 221 and 222 had a booth to allow the girls to "dress up" and have a picture taken at a "fancy tea table."

Pampa area scouts leaders were awarded "The Appreciation Award." The Appreciation Pin recognizes an adult leader who has delivered outstanding service to at least one geographic area. The two area leaders

who were recognized were Denise Dodson and Pam Doughty.

Dodson has been a volunteer for four years. She is a Troop Leader and Building Committee chairperson. She takes care of the Girl Scout House, does the lawn, and cleans the house regularly. She also volunteers as the Day Camp business manager.

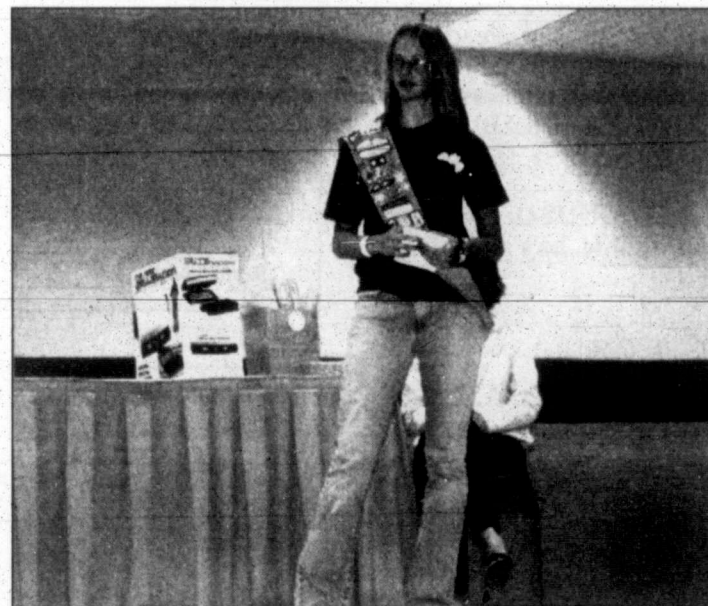
Dodson was instrumental initiating the search for a new Girl Scout house in Pampa and continues the search and preparation of a safe place for the girls to meet.

"She is very dedicated to her troop," a news release about Girl Scout Day said, "and volunteered much of her time and energy doing projects with the girls. Every chance they get to participate in a service project, her troop is ready to help. Denise is always available to the parents. One mom said that Denise is

one of the most caring and loving people she has ever met. She is devoted to teaching the girls in her troop the importance of giving of ourselves, being kind and practicing selflessness."

Dougherty has been a leader for five years, serving as Day Camp Director for Miami for two years.

"She is willing," the news release said, "to plan and be a motivating force to see that activities get done. She has helped many Daisy and Brownie leaders learn about the Girl Scout program and is active in recruiting volunteers. Other volunteers in her Service Unit look to her for ideas and help with their troop. Her Junior and Cadette Girl Scouts get together with girls from Pampa and White Deer to do projects. A volunteer wrote that Pam helped bring Girl Scouts back to Miami and that Pam not only burns her candle at both ends, but the middle as well."



Rachelle Graue received the Silver Award during Girl Scout Day.

## Parts

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guess?) 486. Well, by this time, other companies were copying Intel's designs. They even called their competing CPUs, 486's!

Intel was busy developing the 586, but did not want other companies to call their CPUs by that name, so ... They went to the US Government, and attempted to trademark the term '586.' Uncle Sam just laughed, though. 'You cannot own a number!' the government said. So, Intel decided to call their 586 the 'Pentium,' which they could trademark. And for you word scholars: 'Pent' means five.

When shopping for computers, one of the key descriptors you'll see on the box will be the CPU model. For instance, you might see a computer described as a 'Pentium IV 2.4ghz.' The 'IV' is simply a better, faster version of the Pentium. Think of it as 'version 4 of the Pentium.' The 2.4ghz is more perplexing, though. 'Ghz' is short for gigahertz. Think of a gigahertz as the ability for a computer to process one billion instructions per second. Therefore, a 2.4ghz CPU could process 2.4 billion instructions per second. In other words, more gigahertz equals a faster computer.

Now, onto the modem. Most computers have modems built into them. The word modem is actually an abbreviation. It stands

for 'modulator-demodulator' (another one of those definitions useful only to impress friends). The modem's function is very simple. It takes computer information and changes it into sound, which can then be sent over a normal phone line. Modems can also receive these sounds and then turn them back into computer information. Modems can be used to send faxes and connect to other computers. However, the number-one use for modems today is to connect to the Internet.

Wow, where does my column space go? Be sure and read next week's installment. I'll cover RAM, software, data, network cards, and operating systems. You won't want to miss it. It will include tips on how to speed

up that old computer.

Free E-mail Newsletter  
On another note, every day I receive e-mail messages from readers asking for copies of previous columns. While I'm happy to oblige, I remind them of my free e-mail newsletter. Twice a month, I send out the previous weeks' columns and some step-by-step how-to articles. Included are links to my "sites of the night," and some computer shortcuts that will shave hours off of your next project. To see a sample and sign up (all I need is your e-mail address), go to <http://www.EricSpellmann.com>

(Don't forget the two n's on the end of Spellmann.) I'll see you in Cyberspace!

## NRA

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allowed to give his pro-Second Amendment opinion. Isn't the absence of opinion what NRA members claim to want in their news media?

Speaking to the convention, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison joked that the

French government has raised the terrorist alert level from "run" to "hide." Had she stopped there it would have been funny, but she went on to suggest that the French were capable of surrendering to or collaborating with the terrorists. The French have suffered mightily at the hands of Islamic terrorists, and few French citizens would accuse Americans of cowardice on 9/11 or collaboration with

the enemy.

It fell to Rep. Tom DeLay to inject an element of reason. DeLay counseled a banquet audience not to regard its political opponents as bad people or to impugn their motives.

The moderator of the panel on the media was former Dallas actress Susan Howard. She confirmed members' suspicions that the Hollywood elite and other liberals find them

"disgusting." Yet one would be hard put to discover such invective in the supposedly biased mainstream press, even on the opinion pages.

Just as negative press coverage of America's gun culture rallied gun enthusiasts to their cause, unrelieved, extremist hostility is more likely to erode the NRA's hard-won political victories than to secure them.

## Community happenings

**The Red Hat Dollies.** The Red Hat Dollies (Red Hat Society) meets at 11:30 a.m. the third Thursday of each month. For more information or to find out the meeting place, call 665-9297.

**St. Mark CME Church.** St. Mark will host a monthly breakfast the first Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Donations will be accepted.

**Story Hour.** Lovett Memorial Library will offer a story hour at 10 a.m., every Tuesday. The free program is open to children 18 months to 6 years of age and will include stories, crafts and other activities. No registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

**Texas Department of Human Services.** Texas Department of Human Services is seeking volunteers for its Texas Works Services Program. Tasks are varied and placement is based upon the volunteer's interest, capability and availability of openings. Hours are flexible. For more information, contact Beth Miller at 665-1863.

**VFW & Ladies Auxiliary.** Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1567 meets at 7 p.m., the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at the VFW Hall, 105 S. Cuyler. The VFW Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m., the second Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall.

**VFW Bingo.** Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657, 105 S. Cuyler, Charity Bingo every Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open one hour early. No one under 18 allowed. Public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9. For more information contact Danny Martin, (806) 835-2906.

**WDLM Advisory Board.** White Deer Land Museum Advisory Board meets at 4:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the museum, 116 S. Cuyler St., Pampa.

**Downtown Business Association.** Pampa Downtown Business Association meets at 8:30 a.m., the first Thursday of the month at The Coffee Shop on Cuyler. All members are urged to attend.

**Gray Co. Ass'n for Retarded Citizens.** Gray County Association for Retarded Citizens meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of every month at Pampa Sheltered Workshop.

**Gray Co. Extension Education.** Gray County Extension Education meets at 1:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Gray County Courthouse Annex.

**Gray Co. Genealogical Society.** Gray County Genealogical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month in the Gray County Sheriff's Department classroom. (Enter through the north door of the jail building.) For membership inquiries, contact Harley Madison at 669-6294.

**Las Pampas Water Garden and Koi Society.** Las Pampas Water Garden and Koi Society meets the second Saturday of each month. Anyone interested in the hobby of water gardening and fish keeping is welcome. For more information, contact Gary Stevens at 669-7956, Jack Chisum at 665-2878 or Debbie Davis at 665-0123.

**Magic Plains ABWA.** Magic Plains Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will meet at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Clint and Sons Smokehouse, 1421 N. Hobart. Working business women are invited to attend. For more information, call Pat Winkleblack at 669-7828 or Estelle Malone at 669-9614.

**Pampa Citizens on Patrol Ass'n.** Pampa Citizens on Patrol Association meets at 8 p.m. the second Saturday of each month at 824 S. Cuyler.

**Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club.** The Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club plays at 1 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at The Senior Citizens. For a partner, or more information, please call Carol Carpenter at 669-7940.

**Pampa Fine Arts Ass'n.** Pampa Fine Arts Association Board of Directors meets at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Pampa Community Building (Chamber building).

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I was more than a little put off by your response to "Happy Face in South Dakota," who asked wedding guests to be sure that widowed friends and relatives are asked to dance. Your response was that people should "pay attention to the wallflowers."

My dictionary defines "wallflower" as a girl who watches at a dance because of shyness or lack of a partner. The person who wrote you was not a shy, unescorted girl. She was a woman who had lost her partner through death, to whom the most basic social graces were not extended. Your use of the word "wallflower" was not only inappropriate, it was unkind. -- OFFENDED IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR OFFENDED: Your sentiments were echoed by others, and I'd like to set the record straight. I have several dictionaries in my offices. My Webster's New World Dictionary defines a wallflower as, "a person, esp. a girl, who merely looks on at a dance, etc. as from shyness or lack of a partner." My Webster's Dictionary of the English Language (1979) defines a wallflower as, "a person, esp. a girl or woman, who sits by the wall, or looks on, at a dance, sometimes from shyness but ordinarily from not having been sought as a partner (colloq.)."

"Happy Face's" letter brought a lot of responses. A sample:

DEAR ABBY: Hello? Earth to "Happy Face"! Get up and take the initiative by asking them yourself. You will be unhappy and lonely only if you want to be. Take off the psychological sackcloth and ashes and start living again. Time's a-wasting! -- JOEL IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR JOEL: Although many mature women have been socialized to wait to be asked, you have a point. The squeaky wheel gets the grease.

DEAR ABBY: I'd like you to know that at least one 20-something male does what he can whenever possible to dance with older women who are without escorts. It feels

good not to worry about rejection because I might not have enough "bling" or dress expensively. I appreciate the lack of narcissism I find in pre-boomers. Unfortunately, it's a trait that's literally dying out. -- TREVOR IN OREGON

DEAR TREVOR: That you are not only a considerate guest, but also a man who knows his way around the dance floor are valuable social assets that will stand you in good stead forever. Good for you!

DEAR ABBY: Before "Happy Face" runs to the restroom for a good cry, she should look carefully around the room. If she does, she may notice people who never had, or will have, a dance partner. She may observe a mentally handicapped young man whose day she'd make by inviting him to dance. Or an elderly man who's reluctant to ask, but who might be thrilled to be asked. There might even be an awkward teen who lacks the confidence to ask because he's self-conscious about his looks or his height, and would gladly accept an invitation from a mature lady who's willing to teach him some new (or old) steps. Just taking the initiative would take her mind off herself. -- DESMOND IN OTTAWA

DEAR DESMOND: I like the way you think.

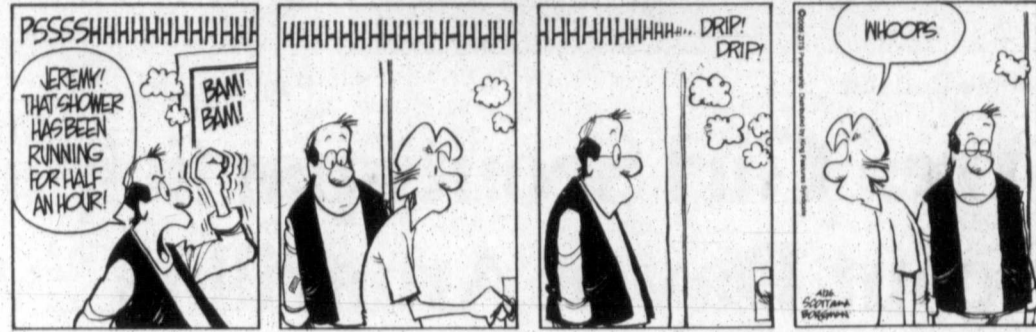
DEAR ABBY: Our Mardi Gras Krewe held its 10th anniversary presentation, and the past nine queens -ñ of which I was one ñ were on the stage. One of us, a recent widow, is now a double amputee in a wheelchair. When it was time for our presentation dance, my husband danced briefly with me, then went to the other queen's wheelchair and waltzed her around the stage. He left us all in tears. She later told me she had dreaded the time of the dance as she'd be all alone. It made her night. -- MARRIED TO A REMARKABLE MAN IN LOUISIANA

DEAR MARRIED: He's not only remarkable, he's a gem!

## For Better Or Worse



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## Marvin



## Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

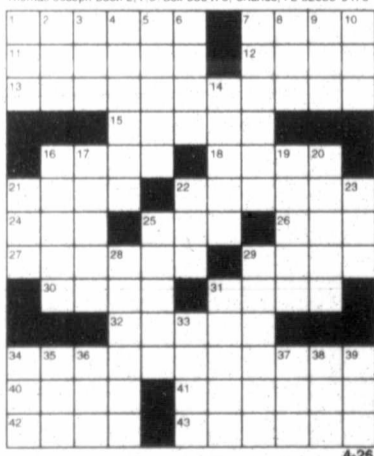
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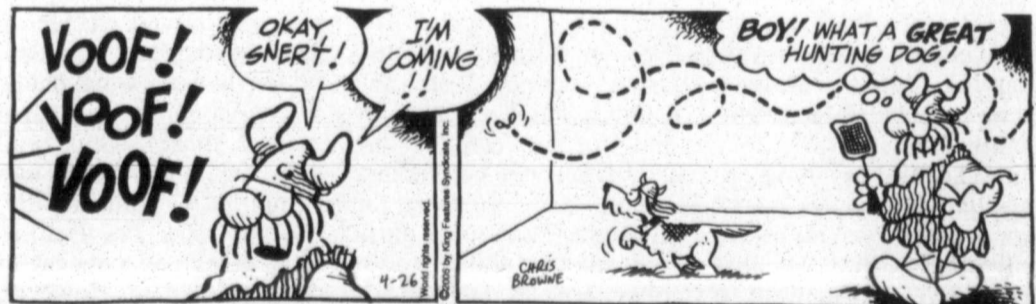
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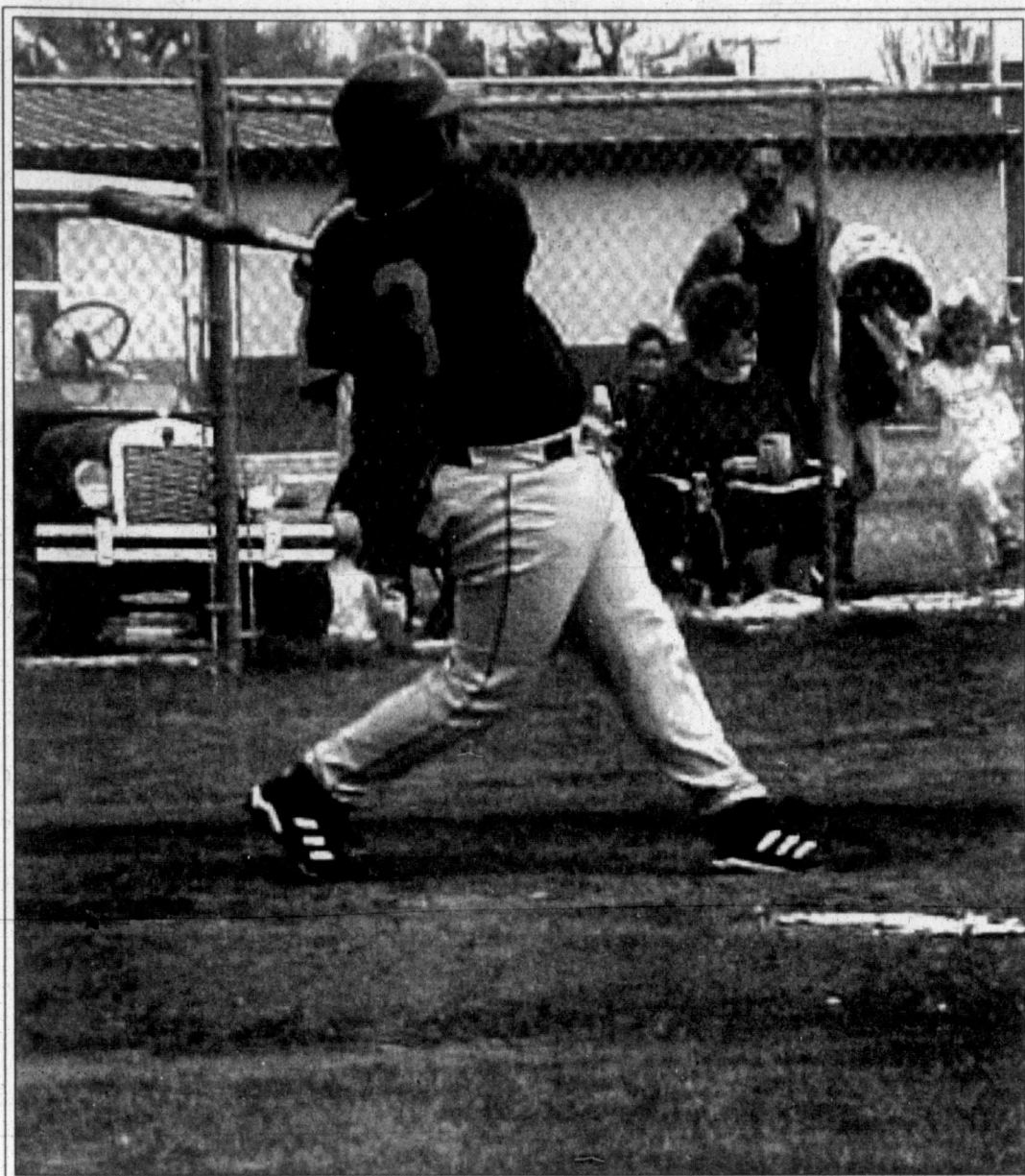


## Flo & Friends





# Sports Day



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Senior Seth Foster has quietly put together an outstanding year for the Harvesters. The versatile third baseman is toting a district batting average of .434, and leads the team with 28 RBIs.

## Pampa senior Seth Foster's stats speak loud and clear

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

Harvester Field will be rocking this afternoon for a myriad reasons. Not the least of which being that a Pampa win over Dumas today secures the District 3-4A championship.

Pair that with the fact today is Senior Day, and you have something special.

Those playing in their last home game today are Shea Brown, Tyler Doughty, Dusty Lenderman, Seth Foster and Eric Willingham. Those players will be honored prior to the 4:30 p.m. first pitch.

Foster has put together a solid journey-

man-type season void of a lot of fanfare. All he has done is knock in a team leading 28 RBIs. He is tied with Tyson Hickman with three home runs. None bigger than the one he took yard last week to give Pampa a 2-1 win over a scrappy Hereford club. Foster also boasts a season .324 batting average. Better yet, his district average is an eye-popping .434. His play on defense has been just as good, if not better. Foster recently signed a letter of intent to attend Southwestern Oklahoma State in Weatherford next fall where he will ply his trade as a kicker for the Bulldogs and first year head coach Ryan Held. SWOSU will be in Canyon Sept. 17 to face the Buffs.

## Pampa can clinch title

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

Pampa will host Dumas this afternoon at 4:30 p.m. in its final home game of the season. It is Senior Day. Seniors will be honored during a pre-game ceremony.

A Harvester win will sew-up the District 3-4A championship.

"Dumas will surely be excited when they

come to town, having clinched their first playoff spot in several years," said Pampa coach, Dennis Doughty. "They still have a shot at the No. 2 seed if they can beat Randall Saturday."

Tyler Doughty (6-1, 3-0), among those five seniors taking Harvester Field for the final time, will start on the hill for Pampa.

The game can be heard locally on AM 1230 KGRO.

## Glo-Valve 2-0 after sneaking by Cabot

A three-run rally in the bottom of the fourth inning propelled Glo-Valve Service to a 9-7 victory over stubborn Cabot Corporation Monday at Optimist Park in the 11-12 Cal Ripken League.

Glo-Valve is alone in first place with a 2-0 record. Celanese, an 11-7 victor over Rotary Club in Monday's late game, moved into second place, a half game behind, sporting a 2-1 record. Rotary slipped to a game behind at 1-1-1.

Tyler Malone (2-0), who relieved Cody Davis in the fourth inning, was the winning pitcher. He permitted two unearned runs and two hits. He walked two, hit a batter and struck out six while working the last three innings. Reid Miller started for Glo-Valve. He was touched for a hit and a run. He struck out five and walked two in three innings.

Chase Ferguson pitched the complete game for Cabot. He surrendered only five hits and four earned runs. He struck out 11 while walking 10.

Malone got things started for Glo-Valve by leading off with a double in the bottom of the first inning. He scored the first run of the game after a passed ball and a wild pitch. Miller and Evan Meschke walked and scored on a combination of passed balls, wild pitches and a stolen base by Meschke.

In the third inning Colton Sweat lined a single to left field for Cabot's first baserunner. Two walks and a fielder's choice hit by Ferguson plated Sweat making the score 3-1 in Glo-Valve's favor. Glo-Valve came back in the bottom of the inning to extend its lead. Micheal Fisher and Brennan Dickinson walked and came around to score on passed balls and wild pitches.

Cabot took the lead in the fourth inning. Mitch Simon was safe on an error. Three walks and a hit batter forced in two runs. With two out, Ferguson cleared the bases with a solid double. He later scored when Simon was again safe on an error. Cabot lead 7-5.

In the bottom of the fourth, a single by Malone and walks to Nick Glover and Miller set the table for Glo-Valve. An error, a

stolen base by Glover and more wild pitches and passed balls allowed all three to score as Glo-Valve took the lead 8-7.

Malone wrapped up the scoring in the bottom of the fifth with an inside-the-park home run.

The outstanding defensive play for Cabot came when catcher George Patterson threw to Ferguson covering to nab a Glo-Valve runner trying to score from third on a pitch which had gotten by Patterson.

Fisher, Glo-Valve's catcher who had no passed balls in the game, threw to Miller to catch a runner trying to steal home for an outstanding defensive play by Glo-Valve. Miller also started a double play at second base by tagging a runner and throwing to Davis at first to end the game.

Ferguson, with a double, four RBI and a run scored, was the leading hitter for

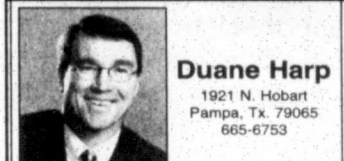
Cabot. Malone went four for four including a double and a home run to lead Glo-Valve. He scored three times.

League games will continue this week at 5:45 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. today, Thursday and Friday.

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

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### BI-DISTRICT SERIES SCHEDULE

## Pampa, Maidens to meet in weekend best-of-three

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

The Lady Harvesters and their fans will travel to Lubbock this Friday and Saturday for a best-of-three Bi-District playoff series with San Angelo Lakeview.

Pampa and the Maidens will face-off in game one at 5 p.m. Friday.

Game two will start at 12 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

Game three, if necessary, will follow thirty minutes after the end of the second game Saturday.

The games will be played at the Lubbock Monterey girl's softball field located at 66th and Avenue P in Lubbock.

With the other district events taking place this weekend in and around the Lubbock area, motel rooms may be at a premium so you will want to call and book what you can as soon as you can.

No word as yet regarding escorting or caravanning.

For additional information, please contact the PHS Athletic Office at 669-4830.

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Something to cheer about



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Wendi Miller leads her Lady Harvester teammates in a dugout cheer during Saturdays extra-inning affair at Caprock. Pampa outlasted the Lady Horns, 5-4, to sew-up second place in District 3-4A.

# Coach gunned down in field house released from hospital

TYLER, Texas (AP) — A Canton High School football coach who authorities say was gunned down by a player's father has been released from a hospital, a spokesman said Tuesday.

Coach Gary Joe Kinne, the school's athletic director, was released late Monday, said John Moore, a spokesman at Trinity Mother Frances Hospital.

"We're very excited for him; we're very excited for the family," Moore said.

Kinne was critically injured April 7 at the school's athletic field house when, police say, Jeffrey Robertson shot him in the abdomen. Kinne had improved to fair condition after several surgeries, including pro-

cedures on his severely damaged liver, where the bullet left a fist-sized hole, Moore said.

Robertson could face life in prison if convicted of a first-degree felony assault charge, prosecutor Leslie Poynter Dixon has said. Robertson, whose son played freshman football, had several confrontations with students and coaches. He had been banned from school property at the time Kinne was shot.

A message left for Kinne's doctor and a number listed for the Kinne family was not immediately returned Tuesday to The Associated Press.

# Houston Texans cut veteran Glenn

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Texans have released veteran cornerback Aaron Glenn to make room for recent trade acquisition Phillip Buchanon, general manager Charley Casserly said Tuesday.

Casserly declined to give more details, saying a news release would come out later in the day.

The Texans gave Glenn permission to seek a deal with another team following last week's trade with Oakland for Buchanon.

Houston coach Dom Capers met with the 12-year veteran shortly after the trade and offered him the option of reduced playing time or the chance to play with another team.

The addition of Buchanon made Glenn expendable. The Texans will team Buchanon with 2004 first-round draft pick Dunta Robinson, giving them a pair of speedy and talented 24-year-old cornerbacks.

Glenn, who turns 33 in September, becomes the fourth defensive starter for the Texans to leave in the offseason. Inside linebackers Jamie Sharper and Jay Foreman

and strong safety Eric Brown were released in March, part of the Texans' offseason makeover of a defense that finished in the bottom third of the NFL for a second straight season.

It was an unceremonious end, though, for one of the expansion franchise's most popular players, a fan favorite and locker room leader.

Glenn played with the New York Jets for eight seasons before joining his hometown Texans in the 2002 expansion draft. He was selected to his third Pro Bowl in the team's first year but was limited to only 11 games in 2003 because of various injuries.

He rebounded with a solid season in 2004, intercepting five passes and making 63 tackles while serving as a mentor for Robinson.

"It was a good stint with Houston. I got a lot out of it," Glenn told Houston television station KRIV. "If there is going to be a done deal, it will probably be with Dallas. There are still some other teams involved where I can be a starter. I still have some decisions to make."

# Nomar to have surgery

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago Cubs shortstop Nomar Garciaparra plans to have surgery on his injured groin Wednesday in Philadelphia and hopes to play again this season.

The procedure does not involve reattaching a ruptured tendon. It will involve cleaning up other tissue around the groin.

The operation will be performed in Philadelphia by Dr. William C. Meyers.

Garciaparra said there's no timetable for his return.

Garciaparra is on the 15-day disabled list. He was injured last Wednesday in St. Louis when he slipped running out of the batter's box.

MIAMI (AP) — A jury awarded more than \$700,000 to two men who

said they were beaten up by former baseball star Jose Canseco and his twin brother, Ozzie, at a Miami Beach nightclub in 2001.

Christian Presley was awarded \$232,308 and Alan Cheeks got \$506,600 in compensatory damages. A hearing on possible punitive damages was set for Tuesday.

The Halloween brawl started after Presley accosted Jose Canseco's date. Presley suffered a broken nose and sinus injuries; Cheeks' lip was split and required 17 stitches.

TORONTO (AP) — The slumping Toronto Blue Jays fired hitting coach Mike Barnett and replaced him with first-base coach Mickey Brantley.

# Monday's Major League Baseball Linescores

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		JVazquez, JrLopez (9), Lyon (9) and Hill; DLowe, Wunsch (8), Schmolli (9) and JPhillips. W—JVazquez 2-2. L—DLowe 1-2. Sv—Lyon (9). HRs—Los Angeles, JDrew (3), JKent (6).	San Diego 120 002 000 — 5 9 0 San Francisco 100 020 000 — 3 10 1
		WWilliams, Linebrink (8), Hoffman (9) and RaHernandez; Lowry, Levine (6), TyWalker (7), Eyre (8), Brower (9) and Matheny. W—WWilliams 2-1. L—Lowry 1-2. Sv—Hoffman (3). HR—San Diego, Blum (3).	

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, April 27, 2005:**  
Others stand up for you. You could be quite touched by a partner's or associate's support. You have the ability to create much more of what you want this birthday year. Use the period through October to your advantage professionally. Your daily life will be on an upswing during this time. Address health and dietary concerns rather than go overboard. A sweet tooth could add many pounds this year. Do you want that? If you are single, you'll have many relationship possibilities starting in late fall. You appear to be destined to meet someone important. Don't prevent this opportunity from happening. If you are attached, your relationship will become more nurturing and close. Sharing more of the financial decisions will be instrumental. SAGITTARIUS is important in your life.

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

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
★★★★ What appears to be a great idea in your dreams or this morning will work. Others find you to be inspiring, and happily pitch in to make what you want happen. Be willing to revamp your thinking, as a situation demands new insight. Tonight: Get others' feedback.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
★★★★ Work with someone you respect, and you'll get answers. He or she might be an incredible source of creativity and solutions. Tap into the natural assets that surround you, like this person. A partnership might need updating. Tonight: Focus on someone else.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
★★★★ Your imagination proves to be a wealth of ideas, solutions and fun thoughts. Why not share this reservoir with others? Someone close revamps his or her ideas because of what you say and do. Tonight: Jump into the whirlwind of fun and people. Adjust plans as you go.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
★★★★ Not everyone sees situations like you do. In fact, getting some input could make a big difference in your ideas and decisions. Know that you don't have all the answers. Be willing to listen to others. Schedule a checkup. Tonight: Choose something relaxing.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
★★★★ Others might confuse you, but at the same time, they also inspire you. Learn to be creative in your relationships by walking in another's shoes. Sometimes you don't see the whole picture. Add that touch of lightness. Tonight: No. 1 priority: Have fun.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
★★★★ Experiment with different ideas rather than commit to one particular course of action. You discover that others might have an agenda that you don't understand. Get into spring-cleaning or another project. Tonight: Stay close to home.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
★★★★ You say the words, and others tumble toward you. A celebration seems to be in order right now. A new relationship appears on the horizon for single Libras. Just don't make assumptions. Make sure you are being realistic, and you could avoid a problem. Tonight: Adapt plans to the moment.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
★★★★ Take your time with an investment, especially if it looks too good to be true. Reevaluate what you believe is possible. Could a family member be feeding you his or her pipe dream? Your realism might be just what the doctor ordered. Tonight: Check out how much extra income you have.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
★★★★ You might change directions or follow your sixth sense, but you'll get the results you want. Your ingenuity comes into play, even in basic conversations. You have the answers. Others simply need to listen. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
★★★★ Double-check facts and figures, especially when your well-being is involved. You might have a mindset that doesn't serve you. You could be blocking yourself when you least need to. Loosen up and evaluate your thinking. Tonight: Seek the opinions of others.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
★★★★ Sometimes others find you elusive — like right now. Often you have something on your mind and have difficulty finding the right words to express your concept. Your opinion of someone else could change during a discussion. Tonight: Where your friends are.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
★★★★ Be willing to revamp your opinion or how you communicate on a personal matter. Others might see you quite differently than you think. Consider your options more carefully. Don't allow yourself to be pigeonholed. Tonight: A must appearance.

**BORN TODAY**  
Singer Sheena Easton (1959), actor Jack Klugman (1922), actress Sandy Dennis (1937)

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# NBA playoff pairings and results

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All Times EDT	Miami at New Jersey, 3:30 p.m.
<b>FIRST ROUND</b>	Phoenix at Memphis, 8 p.m.
(Best-of-7)	Seattle at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.
<b>Saturday, April 23</b>	<b>Monday, May 2</b>
Detroit 106, Philadelphia 85, Detroit leads series 1-0	Chicago at Washington, TBA
Houston 98, Dallas 86	Houston at Dallas, TBA, if necessary
Boston 102, Indiana 82	San Antonio at Denver, TBA
Seattle 87, Sacramento 82, Seattle leads series 1-0	<b>Tuesday, May 3</b>
<b>Sunday, April 24</b>	Indiana at Boston, TBA
Miami 116, New Jersey 98, Miami leads series 1-0	Philadelphia at Detroit, TBA, if necessary
Chicago 103, Washington 94, Chicago leads series 1-0	Memphis at Phoenix, TBA, if necessary
Denver 93, San Antonio 87, Denver leads series 1-0	Sacramento at Seattle, TBA, if necessary
Phoenix 114, Memphis 103, Phoenix leads series 1-0	<b>Wednesday, May 4</b>
<b>Monday, April 25</b>	New Jersey at Miami, TBA, if necessary
Indiana 82, Boston 79, series tied 1-1	Washington at Chicago, TBA, if necessary
Houston 113, Dallas 111, Houston leads series 2-0	Denver at San Antonio, TBA, if necessary
<b>Tuesday, April 26</b>	<b>Thursday, May 5</b>
Philadelphia at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.	Detroit at Philadelphia, TBA, if necessary
New Jersey at Miami, 8 p.m.	Boston at Indiana, TBA, if necessary
Sacramento at Seattle, 10:30 p.m.	Phoenix at Memphis, TBA, if necessary
<b>Wednesday, April 27</b>	Dallas at Houston, TBA, if necessary
Denver at San Antonio, 8 p.m.	<b>Friday, May 6</b>
Washington at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.	Miami at New Jersey, TBA, if necessary
Memphis at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.	Chicago at Washington, TBA, if necessary
<b>Thursday, April 28</b>	San Antonio at Denver, TBA, if necessary
Miami at New Jersey, 7 p.m.	Seattle at Sacramento, TBA, if necessary
Boston at Indiana, 8:30 p.m.	<b>Saturday, May 7</b>
Dallas at Houston, 9:30 p.m.	Philadelphia at Detroit, TBA, if necessary
<b>Friday, April 29</b>	Indiana at Boston, TBA, if necessary
Detroit at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.	Houston at Dallas, TBA, if necessary
Phoenix at Memphis, 9 p.m.	Memphis at Phoenix, TBA, if necessary
Seattle at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.	<b>Sunday, May 8</b>
<b>Saturday, April 30</b>	New Jersey at Miami, TBA, if necessary
Chicago at Washington, 3 p.m.	Washington at Chicago, TBA, if necessary
Dallas at Houston, 5:30 p.m.	Denver at San Antonio, TBA, if necessary
Boston at Indiana, 8 p.m.	Sacramento at Seattle, TBA, if necessary
San Antonio at Denver, 10:30 p.m.	
<b>Sunday, May 1</b>	
Detroit at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.	



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## This Week: Bananas

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# Let's Go Bananas!

Nutritious and delicious, bananas are one of the best-loved foods on earth by people of all ages. Let's learn more about this tasty treat!



### Proof It!

Are you an eagle-eyed reader? There is one big error in the banana facts below. Can you find it? Hint: Think locations.

### Bananas

Bananas are packed with power! Low in fat and high in potassium, bananas are a great energy food.

Bananas that are still green can be ripened more quickly by placing them in a brown paper sack overnight.

Bananas are not grown commercially in the continental United States. They are grown in Latin and North American countries like Costa Rica, Ecuador, Colombia, Honduras, Panama and Guatemala.

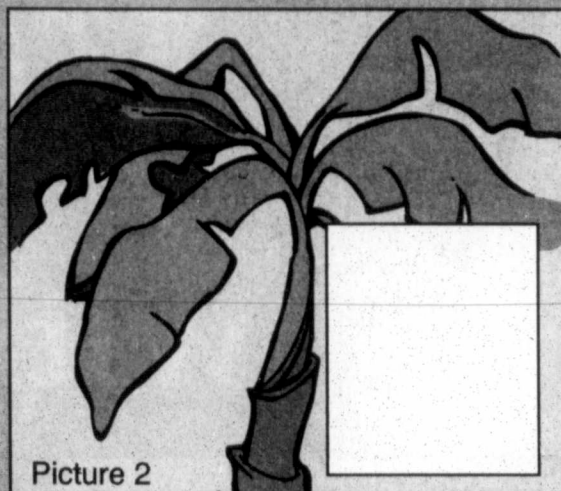
### Bananas do not grow on trees!

There is no such thing as a banana tree. Banana plants are actually very tall herbs. There is no woody trunk. The stem is formed from tightly wrapped leaves. New leaves grow out of old leaves. Some banana plants grow amazingly fast. One plant spurts up 20.5 centimeters or about 8 inches every day. If you watch very carefully, you can see this plant grow!

**Standards Link:** Life Science: Plants have structures that serve different functions in growth, survival and reproduction.



Picture 1



Picture 2

### Which way will the bananas grow?

When a banana plant is ready to fruit, it shoots out a long stalk from which the fruit will grow. Which way do you think the bananas will grow? Draw what you think on Picture 1. Then use the code to find out how bananas grow. Draw this on Picture 2.



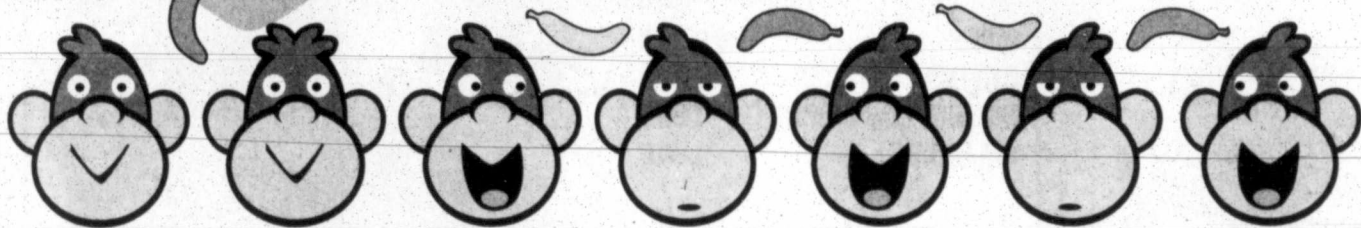
**Standards Link:** Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

### Did you know?

Bananas are the only fruit that contain all the major vitamins: A, B1, B2, B6 and C.

### You've Got to Hand It to Bananas

Bananas grow in clusters called hands. There can be 15 - 30 bananas on each hand. Each banana is called a finger. The word *banan* is Arabic for finger.



### Monkey Match Game

All but one of these banana-loving monkeys has a match. Which one?

**Standards Link:** Investigation: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

**A**  $38 - 17 + 6 =$

**B**  $156 + 27 + 144 =$

**C**  $18 + 18 + 14 =$

**D**  $75 + 42 + 33 =$

Complete the math problems at left. Then match the answer with each of these banana facts.

It is said that Alexander the Great discovered bananas in his conquest of India in the year **B** B.C.

The average American eats about **A** pounds of bananas every year.

A banana plant produces from **C** to **D** bananas at a time.

How many bananas can you find on this page?

**Standards Link:** Math/Number Sense: Compute sums and differences.

### Extra! Extra! Banana Scavenger Hunt

Peel back the pages of this newspaper to find:

- 4 adjectives that describe a banana
- 5 verbs that tell what you can do with a banana
- a number with as many digits as there are letters in the word "banana"

**Standards Link:** Grammar: Identify adjectives and verbs in writing; Math/Number Sense: Identify numbers to 100,000.

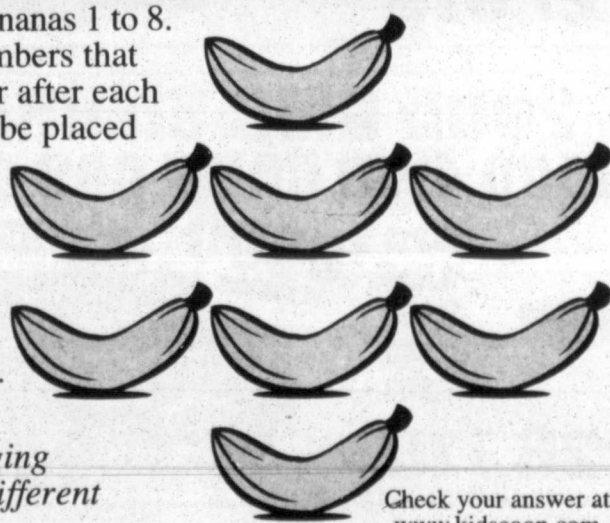
### What a Character! Kindness is ...



... letting younger kids hang around with you and your friends.

### Baffling Bananas

Number the bananas 1 to 8. But wait! Numbers that come before or after each other may not be placed next to one another in any direction.



**Hint:** Cut out eight slips of paper, number them 1 to 8, and try arranging the numbers different ways.

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**Standards Link:** Math Reasoning: Solve problems using a variety of strategies.



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### Double Double Word Search

- BANANAS
- CLUSTERS
- TREAT
- MONKEY
- WAIT
- HERB
- VITAMINS
- ALEXANDER
- TRUNK
- FINGER
- PEEL
- ARABIC
- HUNT
- FRUIT
- ROW

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

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

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

### BEYOND Kid Scoop

#### Top Bananas

Find five words in the newspaper that describe how a banana tastes. Write a banana poem or a paragraph using these words.

**Standards Link:** Grammar: Identify and use adjectives. Writing Applications: Write brief descriptions of objects.

### What is yellow on the outside and gray on the inside?

**ANSWER:** An elephant trying to disguise himself as a banana.

### Write On!

#### Favorite Way to Eat a Banana

Do you like bananas on a sandwich, in a salad or some other special way? Write about your favorite way to eat a banana.



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C/S DISC	-\$3,305		
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GM BONUS	-\$1,500		
REBATE	-\$2,500		
<b>\$27,045</b>			


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MSRP	\$24,780	<b>\$7290</b> IN SAVINGS	
C/S DISC	-\$2,290		
HOT BUTTON BONUS	-\$1,000		
GM BONUS	-\$1,500		
REBATE	-\$2,500		
<b>\$17,490</b>			

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**2005 GMC SIERRA 1500 SWB**

MSRP	\$23,087	<b>\$6500</b> IN SAVINGS	
C/S DISC	-\$1,500		
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<b>\$16,587</b>			


Stk# G04095

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MSRP	\$29,840	<b>\$7800</b> IN SAVINGS	
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HOT BUTTON BONUS	-\$1,000		
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MSRP	\$36,433	<b>\$8454</b> IN SAVINGS	
C/S DISC	-\$3,454		
HOT BUTTON BONUS	-\$1,000		
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<b>\$27,979</b>			


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**2005 GMC SIERRA 2WD CREW CAB SLE**

MSRP	\$31,175	<b>\$8000</b> IN SAVINGS	
C/S DISC	-\$3,000		
HOT BUTTON BONUS	-\$1,000		
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REBATE	-\$2,500		
<b>\$23,175</b>			

Stk# G05026

**2005 GMC SIERRA 1500 4WD CREW CAB SLE**

MSRP	\$35,210	<b>\$8500</b> IN SAVINGS	
C/S DISC	-\$3,500		
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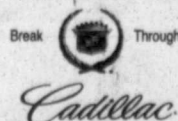
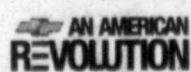
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The Gray County Commissioners Court will hold a public meeting on Monday, May 2, 2005, at 1:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom, at which time a citizen has the right to protest the county's claim of a public interest in a road included on the map. A person may also file a written protest to the County Judge at any time prior to the public meeting.

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Dist / Div: Amarillo Contract 0904-00-093 for THERMOPLASTIC STRIPING IN POTTER COUNTY, etc will be opened on May 10, 2005 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TXDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist / Div

**1 Public Notice**

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5715 Canyon Dr.  
Amarillo, Texas 79105-2708  
Phone: 806-356-3283

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# Amendment banning gay marriages passes House

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — House members who approved a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage got a cool reception from one constituent — 10-year-old Kimberly Norman.

"I don't think that they're opening their eyes to look at the world to see everything," the fifth-grader, who is being raised by two women she calls mom, said Monday at the Capitol.

The measure aims to stem possible court challenges to an existing Texas law making same-sex marriages illegal. It passed with a vote of 101-29, more than the 100 needed for approval of a constitutional amendment in the House.

"I think marriage is important enough to the people of this state that it deserves the highest level of protection," said Republican Rep. Warren Chisum, who sponsored the bill.

The measure still must win approval in the Senate and from Texas voters to become part of the state constitution. Chisum said no senator has agreed to sponsor the bill in the upper chamber.

The few Democrats who opposed the measure said it would constitutionalize discrimination. "This amendment is blowing smoke to fuel the hell fire flames of

bigotry," said Rep. Senfronia Thompson.

The debate comes less than a week after House members approved a measure that would ban same-sex couples from becoming foster parents.

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Sponsor of the bill

Gay and lesbian rights advocates criticized both measures, saying the Legislature needs to prioritize building up Texas families with public education and social services, rather than discriminating against the state's 43,000 gay couples.

"What they're doing really flies in face of family values," said Heath Riddles, Lesbian Gay Rights Lobby of Texas spokesman.

The marriage ban, Riddles said, would also hurt unmarried heterosexual couples, making it difficult for them to enter into end-of-life con-

tractual agreements or give a partner power of attorney.

Chisum added a measure he said is meant to give gay and straight Texans the same contractual rights they currently have. It allows private contracts for guardianship, hospital visitation rights, insurance benefits and property ownership.

But Karen Langsley and her partner Jill Wilcox, who are raising Kimberly and her 12-year-old brother Zach Norman, said they were disgusted with legislators who approved the ban.

"They put down who we are as individuals, as humans, who ought to be protected by the constitution that applies to every citizen," Langsley said.

To become law, the ban must next be approved by 21 of 31 senators. If approved by the Legislature, a majority of Texas voters must then approve it on Nov. 8.

If the amendment is approved by voters, Texas would join 14 states, including Oklahoma, Montana and Louisiana, that statutorily and constitutionally ban same-sex marriage.

Nationally, President Bush supports conservative advocacy groups pushing for congressional approval of a federal constitutional amendment banning gay marriage.



Pampa News photo by DEE DEE LARAMORE

Political rivals Derrell DeLoach, left, and John Curry, right, exchange a laugh at a break during a candidate forum sponsored by the Pampa Classroom Teachers Association Monday night. DeLoach is challenging incumbent Curry for Place 1 on the Pampa Independent School District Board of Education.

## Forum

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PISD staff must support the plan for it to work. ISDs which tried it and returned to neighborhood schools should be contacted.

**4. Do you think teacher morale is important and how would you increase it?**

All five candidates agreed that teacher morale is important.

DeLoach said "better pay always improves morale." He said he supports Superintendent Barry Haenisch who is "doing everything to improve morale."

"What's most important is if teachers feel successful about what they're doing," Curry said. He would encourage teachers to "do what they're called to do."

DeFever said a survey showed teachers like to be told they're doing a good

job. With Haenisch's leadership, he said, PISD is "heading in the right direction."

"I never met a teacher that went into it for the pay," Cargill said. Teachers should be given the tools they need to be successful, he said.

"Morale is everything," Terry said. She would foster a positive attitude that would help everyone in the district achieve "what they want."

**Wednesday: More questions and answers for school board candidates.**



## Community Christian science fair winners

Students from Community Christian School of Pampa recently visited San Jacinto Christian Academy of Amarillo, where they participated in Association of Christian Schools International Regional Science Fair. Fourth grader Scott Kelly, fifth grader Ian Smith and sixth grader Jordan Mayhew brought home gold medals. Above: (left-right) Aaron Langford, Kelly, Cecily Pereira, Cyler Clifton, (back row) Smith, Jonathan Taylor, Mayhew and Kelly.

## Bush adds embattled DeLay to Social Security road tour

GALVESTON (AP) — President Bush on Tuesday added a helper to his Social Security road tour: House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, who is facing allegations of ethical improprieties but is seen by the White House as crucial to pushing Bush's plans through Congress.

Bush was traveling here to discuss his proposal to add private investment accounts to Social Security and included DeLay in the event being held near his district to show that "the president appreciates his leadership in the House," White House press secretary Scott McClellan said. DeLay was also scheduled to fly back to Washington with Bush on Air Force One along with a few other Republican members of Congress from Texas.

As Bush nears the end of a 60-day nationwide blitz aimed at building support for his proposal, the Senate Finance Committee back in Washington was holding a hearing on Social Security.

But a new poll showed that despite all of Bush's efforts, there has been a decline in public support for his private-accounts idea — and that his overall job approval rating is at a level that matches his all-time low.

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DeLay is facing questions about the source of funding for some of his foreign trips, political fund-raising for Texas elections and his ties to a lobbyist under federal criminal investigation. He has repeatedly denied wrongdoing.

From January through March, DeLay raised

\$47,750 for his legal defense fund, far less than the \$254,250 the fund collected in the last quarter of last year, a report he filed Monday showed. DeLay spent at least \$34,000 from the fund so far this year, mostly for attorneys.

He also has drawn criticism for his comments on the judiciary after the death of Terri Schiavo in Florida last month. DeLay has urged investigations and even possible impeachment of "activist" judges, a label conservatives apply to those they believe are failing to strictly interpret the Constitution.

Far from trying to distance Bush from DeLay's troubles, the White House has responded to criticism from Democrats with steadfast support for the majority leader, as it did anew Tuesday.

Asked by reporters how strongly Bush was supporting the embattled Republican, McClellan said, "Strongly as he ever has, which is strongly."

## Investigators seek clues into Japan's train crash

AMAGASAKI, Japan (AP) — Rescuers pulled two survivors — but also more bodies — from the gnarled wreckage of Japan's worst train crash in decades Tuesday, and investigators raided the rail operator's offices for clues about why the train skidded off the tracks, killing at least 78 people.

Power shovels picked at the piles of twisted railway cars, peeling away crushed metal to get into the two train cars that struck an apartment building in Monday's accident. Workers found more bodies Tuesday in the wreckage of the 580-passenger train, and an unknown number were still there, a police spokesman said.

At least 456 people were injured.

Agents swarmed eight offices of West Japan Railway Co., carting away cardboard boxes of documents. The inquiry into possible professional negligence has focused on the actions of the 23-year-old driver — who has not yet been accounted for — and the speed of the train.

National broadcaster

NHK reported that police suspected the train was going 65 mph when it hit the curve where it derailed — well above the 43 mph speed limit.

Workers freed two survivors from the wreckage early Tuesday, and police said they did not expect to find anyone else alive. Hiroki Hayashi, 19, was pulled from a damaged car

after surviving the night with the help of an intravenous drip and drinking water.

"I'm in pain, I can't take it anymore," he told his mother by cell phone after the crash, according to his 18-year-old brother Takamichi Hayashi.

Hiroki Hayashi had a leg injury and was hospitalized in stable condition.

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