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Dixon contests opponent's eligibility

Miller says she does not live in Ward 4



Miller

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Ward 3 City Commissioner Robert Dixon has submitted a letter to Mayor Lonny Robbins in which Dixon contests the May 7 election concerning his seat on the commission by questioning the place of

residence of his opponent, Lana Miller.

The letter was given to Robbins on Monday, May 16, Dixon said. He said he had given the letter to Robbins "to hold" because he was "not ready to pursue that just yet."

Dixon petitioned May 12 for a re-count of the votes in

his race. Total votes cast in the city elections held May 7 was reported as 2,605. In the Ward 3 race, Dixon received 1,300 votes, and Miller got 1,351 votes, for a total of 2,651 votes, or 46 more than the total number of reported ballots cast in the city elec-



Dixon

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Roach indicted, investigation continues

By DEE DEE LARAMORE Editor

Pampa's former district attorney, who pled guilty to violating a federal firearm law, now faces two first degree felony charges on the state level.

A Gray County grand jury Tuesday handed up two separate indictments for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, one for possession of methamphetamine and the second for cocaine, said David Scott, a

Perryton attorney and special prosecutor assigned to the investigation. Specific amounts of the illegal substances were not listed in the indictments, but both charges set the amount as being more than four grams but less than 200 grams.

A warrant for Roach's arrest on the latest charges has not been issued, District Clerk Gaye Honderich said this morning, but will be when Texas Ranger Bart Bivins returns. Texas Department of Public Safety officials said late Tuesday that the Texas Ranger was

away from his office attending a school this week.

Calls to Roach's attorney, Bill Kelly in Canyon, had not been returned by press time today.

Each indictment charge is a separate first degree felony and could carry a sentence of



Roach

10 to 99 years or life in prison. The indictment alleges that Roach possessed the illegal drugs, with the intent to deliver, within 1,000 feet of a school.

Scott said that Community Christian School, 220 N. Ballard, is within that distance of the Gray County Courthouse where Roach's office was located.

"The State of Texas has created drug free zones around schools," Scott explained. "Therefore, any

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Vandal reports spread

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

The ongoing BB gun vandalism which has plagued Pampa for the past few months has spread outside city limits.

Gray County Sheriff's Office received two calls Monday, May 16, concerning broken glass windows.

One call was received at 1:35 p.m., Monday, from Hanover Company, 305 S. Price Road.

"Someone unknown had shot two holes in the front plate glass window with a BB gun," said Lt. Joe B. Hoard of the sheriff's office.

"We found one BB on the ground right below where the window was shot," he said.

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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

KGRO/KOMX Station Manager Darrell Sehorn was presented a certificate Tuesday by members of the National Weather Service's Amarillo staff. The certificate recognizes Sehorn's 35 years of service as a weather observer. From left are Glen Woodall, data acquisition program manager; Jason Jordan, forecaster; Jose Garcia, meteorologist in charge; Sehorn; and Scott Blischke, information technology.

Sehorn earns NWS honor

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Darrell Sehorn, station manager of Pampa's KGRO/KOMX radio stations, was recognized Tuesday by representatives of the

National Weather Service (NWS) in Amarillo for 35 years' service in reporting weather observations.

Sehorn provides daily and monthly Pampa

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Lefors names finalist

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

LEFORS - Garry Jameson of Little Elm Independent School District has been named the superintendent finalist by Lefors Independent School District's school board, according to Bill Mayfield, interim superintendent.

The decision was made at Tuesday evening's school board meeting in the high school library, following an executive session to interview Jameson.

Jameson is currently junior high school principal at Little Elm, which is near Denton.

A 21-day waiting period must be observed between the decision and the signing

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PISD board approves results of election

By DEE DEE LARAMORE Editor

In a special called meeting lasting about two minutes, Pampa Independent School District Board of Education canvassed the votes from the May 7 election.

Four members of the board met at

7:30 a.m. Tuesday at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert, to canvass the votes from the elections. Those attending were Lance DeFever, Greg Brown, Jay Johnson, and Lee Porter, enough to constitute a quorum, said Karen Linder, secretary to Superintendent Barry Haenisch.

Absent from the meeting were

board members Joe Martinez, Charles Smith and John Curry.

After calling out the vote numbers, the board accepted the results from the election as follows:

Lance DeFever, incumbent for Place 2 on the PISD school board, who was the only candidate running unopposed, received 2,097 votes.

Incumbent John Curry, Place 1 representative on the school board, received 568 votes to challenger Derrell DeLoach's 1,887.

Dana Terry, 1,728 votes, to Kenneth Cargill, 661 votes, for Place 3 on the board.

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents today.

Tuesday, May 17

Seventeen traffic stops were made. Traffic complaints were received from the 1700 block of Duncan, the 1100 block of Garland, and the 900 block of Varnon Drive.

A vehicle accident was reported at the intersection of Wilks and Faulkner streets.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered in the 700 block of Sloan.

A narcotic drug law violation was reported in the 800 block of Murphy.

Civil matters were reported in the 200 block of North Russell, twice in the 900 block of East Francis, and twice in the police department lobby.

Welfare checks were requested in the 900 block of East Francis and the 400 block of Doyle.

Warrant service was attempted on three occasions.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 1300 block of North Hobart, the 400 block of Lefors, and the 400 block of Maple.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported in the 400 block of Hill and the 500 block of North Starkweather.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported on two occasions in the 500 block of North Frost.

Disorderly conduct/fighting was reported in the 800 block of Bradley Drive.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Lincoln and Wells streets, in the police department lobby, the intersection of Kentucky and Duncan streets, the 400 block of Rider, and the intersection of Albert and Clark streets.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 1300 block of Coffee.

An animal complaint was received from the intersection of 21st and Sumner streets.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the police department lobby.

Harassment was reported at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles.

Forgery was reported in the police department lobby.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 600 block of North Banks and at the intersection of Alcock and Faulkner streets.

Criminal trespass was reported in the police department lobby and in the 1300 block of Terrace.

Assault was reported in the 1100 block of South Wells.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of Duncan.

Lost or stolen property was reported in the 2500 block of Fir. Items involved are a credit card, money, a checkbook, a billfold, and keys, for total estimated value of \$70.

A gas drive-off was

reported at Allsup's, 140 S. Starkweather. Taken was fuel valued at \$30.20.

Burglary was reported in the 700 block of North Dwight.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1300 block of West Somerville. A window was shot, causing an estimated \$300 damage.

Criminal mischief was reported at Recreation Lake, Highway 60 East, concerning the ducks and geese.

Criminal mischief was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred at Wal-Mart, 2801 Charles. A car was struck by a shopping cart, causing a dent and scratch on a door.

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Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of Gray. A pane of glass was shot with a BB gun, causing an estimated \$40 damage.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accident today.

Monday, May 16

2:14 p.m. — A 1999 Jeep Cherokee, driven by Darla Faye Sanders, 31, 1913 N. Zimmers, collided with a pedestrian, Ralph Gibson, 60, 2700 N. Hobart, in the 100 block of East Foster. Gibson was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center by Guardian EMS ambulance with possible injuries, including a possible hip injury. No citations were issued.

Sheriff

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

Tuesday, May 17

Rodney Eugene Scott, 29, 1028 Neel Road, was arrested to serve a sentence for possession of a controlled substance.

Fire

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

Tuesday, May 17

1:12 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a lift assist in the 2100 block of North Russell.

Ambulance

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

Tuesday, May 17

7:57 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of Barnes and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

11:54 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Highway 152 and Price Road and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

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3:59 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 300 block of Roberta and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.



Pampa's VFW Post 1657 and Ladies Auxiliary recently donated \$15,000 for a Pampa VFW Room for the proposed Medical Center League House in Amarillo. The contribution will fund an entire room including furnishings for the facility. VFW members participating in the check presentation are, front row, from left, Don Emmons, Danny Martin (VFW Post Commander) Jacque Burklow (committee member) and Rod Porter; and back row, from left, Nelda Porter (VFW Ladies Auxiliary president), Kathleen Chaney and John Chaney.

Local VFW gives \$15,000 gift for Medical Center League House

Commander Danny Martin, Pampa VFW Post 1657 members and Ladies Auxiliary recent donated \$15,000 for a Pampa VFW Room to be included in the proposed Medical Center League House in Amarillo. Medical Center League House is described as a haven for family members of adult patients who are in an Amarillo hospital. Its purpose is similar to Ronald McDonald Houses, which provide shelter for families of pediatric patients in a number of cities.

VFW Post members, as well as the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, voted unanimously to fund the room, including furnishings. The presentation was made to Jacque Burklow of the Pampa Rotary Club who is a mem-

ber of the local committee to raise funds for a Pampa Room in the facility.

"This is the most exciting thing to have happened on the project," said Kay Brizzolara, development director with Harrington Regional Medical Center. She said the Pampa VFW Room and the Pampa Room will be personalized with works from Pampa artists and photographers.

Names of all those who have donated to the Pampa Room will be etched on a plaque in the room. Pampa's Rotary and Altrusa clubs continue to collect donations to finance a "Pampa Room" in the facility. So far \$26,440 have been collected by the clubs, \$3,560 away from the \$30,000 goal. "I am excited to be involved with this project," said Burklow. "As a registered nurse in our community, I have seen circumstances where this type of facility could be utilized by many for various reasons." Medical Center League House will be a 16,000

square foot building containing 30 rooms, each with private bath. Two rooms will meet Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. Also planned are a kitchen, dining room, manager's suite to allow 24-hour access to the facility, a prayer garden, and laundry room. Other Panhandle communities are also raising money to fund a room that will be named for their city.

Anyone interested in making a tax-deductible contribution can mail checks payable to "League House" to Pampa Rotary Club, P.O. Box 1237, Pampa, TX 79066.

For more information, contact Cathy Cota, committee chair, at 665-0938 or Billie Dixon, Altrusa president, at 669-2595.

*'This is the most exciting thing to have happened on the project.'*

— Kay Brizzolara  
Development director

Five on helicopter injured in crash

HUFFMAN (AP) — A helicopter working for an energy exploration company crashed and broke apart Wednesday when a cable hanging from the craft snagged on the ground and yanked it down, Harris County Sheriff's Department officers said.

The four passengers and the pilot were injured, two critically, Sgt. Nat Gutierrez said. The identities of the five men were not available, Gutierrez said.

Some people at a construction site near the crash were also injured by flying debris, Lt. John Martin said.

The Bell Ranger helicopter was working for Quantum Geophysical, a Houston company that searches for oil and gas. It had just finished refueling and was taking off when

a 60-foot cable that hangs from the helicopter snagged and yanked the craft nose first into the ground, Gutierrez said. The propeller flew off when the helicopter hit.

The pilot told authorities that the helicopter was 10-20 feet off the ground when the cable snagged.

Sheriff's officials said two of the people on board were transported to a Houston hospital by helicopter with critical injuries.

Three others, including the pilot, were taken by ambulance with less serious injuries.

The area of the crash was about 16 miles east of Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston. Huffman is just northeast of Houston.

Woman convicted for prisoner abuse

FORT HOOD (AP) — A military jury went hard on Spc. Sabrina Harman by convicting her of almost every Abu Ghraib abuse charge she faced, but when it came to the soldier's punishment, the same jury went much easier.

Harman, a 27-year-old reservist who appeared in several of the most infamous abuse photos taken by guards at the Baghdad lock-up in late 2003, was sentenced Tuesday to six months in prison for her part in the scandal.

Gray County Weather

Today: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high near 87. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.  
Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 58. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east.  
Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 86. East southeast wind around 5 mph.  
Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 60. South southeast wind

between 5 and 10 mph.  
Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 83. Calm wind becoming south between 5 and 10 mph.  
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 56. South wind around 10 mph.  
Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 83. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.  
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 60. South southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.  
Sunday: A 30 percent chance of

showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 80. Southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.  
Sunday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low near 54.  
Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 79.  
Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 57.  
Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 84.

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Soybeans ..... 5.29

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.  
Oxy ..... 67.95 +0.90  
BP PLC ADR ..... 60.01 +0.89  
Cabot Corp ..... 28.48 +0.32  
Cabot Oil Gas ..... 30.79 +0.26

Coca Cola ..... 44.61 +0.20  
VLO ..... 64.25 +1.30  
HAL ..... 41.85 +0.34  
TR ..... 50.00 +0.55  
KMI ..... 75.96 +0.29  
XCEL ..... 18.22 +0.12  
Kerr McGee ..... 75.23 +0.26  
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Williams ..... 17.08 +0.28  
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OKE ..... 30.36 +0.25  
NS Grp ..... 26.02 +0.77

New York Gold ..... 418.90  
Silver ..... 7.02  
West Texas Crude ..... 48.97

# Letter

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tions. The re-count will be conducted in a closed session Friday morning, May 20, at City Hall, by two teams of three persons each, plus a supervisor. None of those who will count ballots Friday worked in the May 7 election.

Miller reacted to news of the residency question in a statement she gave Tuesday to local radio and newspa-

per representatives. "Dixon is stating that I do not live in the ward," she said in a telephone interview yesterday.

"The accusations he is making about me are false. I've lived at 1220 E. Kingsmill for seven years," Miller said.

"I personally, really, truly believe she lives at 310 N. West," Dixon said yesterday. "I felt she's not a legal candidate."

Miller's address at 1220 E. Kingsmill is within the boundaries of Ward 3. The house at 310 N. West is in

Ward 4, Dixon said in the letter to Robbins. The city secretary's office confirmed in a telephone call this morning that the address on West Street is in Ward 4.

Miller said in previous interviews that she and her husband had bought the house on West Street as a "fixer-upper" and were currently spending a lot of time working on it. She and her family do not live there, however, she said, and they sleep each night at 1220 E. Kingsmill.

"No, she's not sleeping there (on Kingsmill) every

night. I've gone by her house late at night and early in the morning, and her car's been there at 310 N. West," Dixon said yesterday.

One of the requirements for a person to run as a city commission candidate and/or serve as a city commissioner is to live in the ward they would be representing, according to Phyllis Jeffers, city secretary. The requirement is part of the Texas Election Code, she said in an interview earlier this month.

"The Residence Code

states that a person does not lose their residence by leaving the person's home to go to another residence temporarily," Miller said Tuesday.

"I get up early, and work late, at the house on West Street," she said.

"All I'm trying to do is establish her residency. I feel she's not a legal candidate (for the Ward 3 commission seat). It was brought up before," Dixon said, referring to an interview with Miller by Pampa News staff writer David Bowser which was pub-

lished before the May 7 election.

"I thought he was going to hold it (the letter), and evidently he didn't," Dixon said of Robbins.

"I feel this is another instance of Mr. Dixon wasting time with his petty accusations," Miller said yesterday.

Jeffers is not in the office today and was unavailable for comment. Robbins is also away from his office, until Friday, according to staff at Trinity Fellowship Church, where Robbins is pastor.

# Roach

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sentences imposed on Mr. Roach must be served consecutively or 'stacked.' No sentence imposed on Mr. Roach may run concurrently with another sentence."

According to the indictments, the alleged offenses occurred on Jan. 11, 2005, the day Roach was arrested by federal officers in the district courtroom here.

The indictments also allege that Roach was carrying a handgun at the time.

"If the jury makes a finding of the use of the gun, Mr. Roach must serve at least one half of his sentence before being eligible for parole," Scott said.

Texas Rangers are continuing an investigation of Roach in cooperation with the DEA

and FBI, Scott said.

He said an audit of the district attorney's office finances during the time Roach served as DA is ongoing, also. At acting DA Lynn Switzer's request, Scott hired the Pampa firm of Brown, Graham & Co., CPAs, to conduct the financial audit.

Steven Emmert, 31st District Judge, recused himself from any court proceedings regarding Roach. On May 10,

Administrative Judge Kelly Moore appointed Judge Will D. "Bill" Smith of the 84th Judicial District to preside in the proceedings concerning

Roach. Judge Smith's district court is based in Borger.

Judge Smith appointed Scott as "District Attorney Pro Tem," a designation required by the Texas Rules of Criminal Procedure. Smith also ruled that Scott's fees and the cost of prosecution were to be paid out of the forfeiture funds of Gray County District Attorney's Office.

On Feb. 8, Roach resigned as 31st District

Attorney and entered a guilty plea in U.S. District Court in Amarillo to a federal charge of addict or unlawful user in possession of firearms.

Maximum penalty on the charge is 10 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, supervised release for not less than two years or more than three years upon release from prison and a mandatory assessment of \$100, according to Christy Drake, assistant U.S. attorney of Amarillo.

Drake is out of town this week, according to a person in the U.S. Attorney's office today. She told The Pampa News last week that no order had been set for the sentencing hearing on the federal charge.

Scott said that the state has the power to investigate and prosecute violations of state law regardless of a federal plea by Roach.

As of Tuesday, Roach remained in the home of his parents in Canyon wearing an ankle bracelet for authorities to keep track of his movements.

*'If the jury makes a finding of the use of the gun, Mr. Roach must serve one half of his sentence before being eligible for parole.'*

— David Scott  
Special prosecutor

# Finalist

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of a contract, Mayfield said. "He will come on the job July 1," Mayfield said.

Jameson replaces Joel Henry, who

was placed on administrative leave March 9 by school board members after submitting his resignation, effective June 30.

"We just thought it was in the best interests of the school district," was all Ken Miller, school board president, would say when asked in a March 11 telephone interview why the action concerning Henry was taken.

Henry had been Lefors ISD superintendent since the end of July 2004. He replaced Alan Law, who had been superintendent for about five years. Law had resigned to accept a position as superintendent of Moody Independent School District.

At the time of his hiring by Lefors ISD, Henry was superintendent of schools at San Jon, N.M.

# Sehorn

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temperature and precipitation data to the NWS in Amarillo and to the National Climatic Data Center (NCDC) in North Carolina, according to Tabatha Tripp, leader of the NWS Cooperative Program, a national network of weather observers which includes Sehorn.

Tuesday's recognition is not the first Sehorn has received for his weather observation work. In 1995, then-Governor George Bush presented Sehorn with a public safety award during Pampa's annual Chautauqua celebration for his service in warning Pampa residents of the June 8, 1995, tornado which damaged parts of west Pampa.

"I was out there storm chasing and doing a live play-by-play of it," Sehorn said of the tornado.

"State Rep. Warren Chisum arranged that. It was an honor," he said of Bush's visit.

Sehorn's interest in weather dates back to when he was a child growing up in Childress. He does not have formal training or schooling

in meteorology.

"My knowledge of weather is self-acquired," he said.

The Texas Panhandle provides a "very interesting lab" for studying weather, which is a "pretty tricky business," Sehorn said.

Sehorn provides live coverage of adverse weather conditions through radio broadcasts, and heads out in his vehicle to do so.

*'I've been real lucky ... We try to stay behind the storm. We try to chase them instead of them chasing us.'*

— Darrel Sehorn  
meteorologist

"I've been real lucky. I've never had any serious damage to a vehicle.

"We try to stay behind the storm. We try to chase them instead of them chasing us," he said.

"The (Pampa) radio stations have always placed a lot of emphasis on weather coverage. We try to keep the

stations on a local effort. I think that's what separates a lot of radio stations," Sehorn said.

In addition to the daily and monthly temperature and precipitation data, Sehorn also records daily high and low temperatures, rain and snowfall amounts for Pampa. He calls the data in daily to the recording system known as IV-ROCS, an automated data collection program.

Sehorn also maintains a punch tape recording rain gauge, which records rainfall at 15-minute intervals by punching a tape. At the end of each month, the tape is removed and mailed to the NWS Amarillo office, where it is forwarded to NCDC.

The history of the cooperative weather observer program began when Thomas Jefferson envisioned a nationwide network of weather observers. He recruited observers in 1776 in Virginia, followed by Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, New York and North Carolina.

The Smithsonian Institute took over the network in 1890. The network became nationwide after the Weather Bureau assumed responsibility for it in 1953.

# Vandals

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CDI Energy Service, 627 S. Price Road, also reported criminal mischief Monday.

"An employee saw a small hole in the front entryway window of the business," Hoard said.

The window had been shot once with a BB gun, he said.

No estimate on the cost of repairing the windows was available as of press time today.

Both cases remain open and continue under investigation, Hoard said.

Sixteen incidents of broken windows and doors were reported to Pampa

Police Department between midnight Thursday, May 12, and midnight Monday, May 16, said Lt. Fred Courtney of the department.

Eleven businesses reported damages estimated at \$6,515, and five car owners reported damages estimated at \$1,250 as a result of criminal mischief done during that time period, Courtney said.

Many of the several dozen total vandalisms involving broken glass are attributed to BB guns. Churches as well as businesses and vehicles have been targets.

Pampa/Gray County Crime Stoppers is currently offering an \$800 reward for information concerning the

vandalisms. Calls will remain confidential, and the caller will remain anonymous, Courtney said.

Crime Stoppers callers may leave a four-digit number if they are interested in the reward. The number is 669-2222.

# Results

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A total of 2,455 voted in the school board election.

The newly elected school board members — DeFever, DeLoach and Terry — are to be sworn in at the next school board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 24, Linder said.

# Cop Corner

Believe it or not, warm weather will be here soon and school will be out. For many of us, that will mean seeing our kids out outside having a great time riding bikes, skateboards, scooters, or just plain playing. I hope that everyone that drives a car will take a little extra precaution watching for kids at play. The kids get really involved in what they are doing and sometimes forget to stop and look both ways when their soccer ball flies across the street into the neighbors yard. Just a note for the kids: Be sure to tell your Mother or Dad which friend you are going to play with and where you are going to play. Police officers get lots of new gray hairs and wrinkles every summer because we can't find you, when you weren't really lost.



Lt. Courtney

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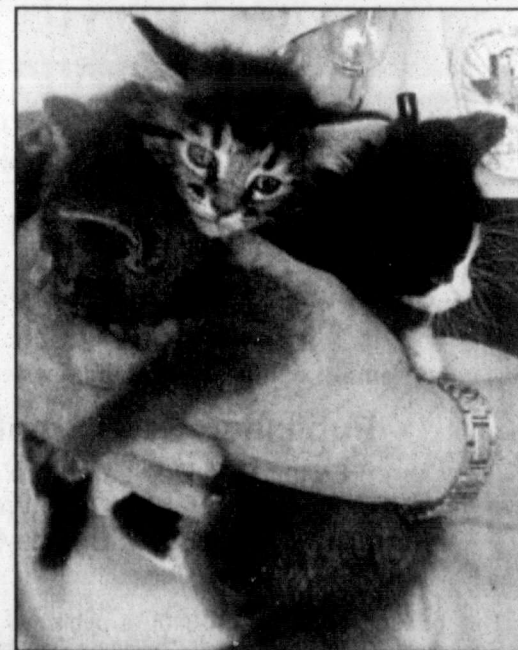
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# Viewpoints

## Answer can come in form of a wheelbarrow

When I speak to my high school friends from other towns, it becomes clear that there is one custom that unique to Pampa, the elaborate entrances at prom.

Because no other town that I have found offers this tradition, this event plays such an intensive role in my memories about prom.

After stressing out for what seemed like months about what to arrive in at the occasion, it was decided, thanks in large part to

one of my friends who helped locate the vehicle, that my date and I would take a blue 1956 Chevy.

On the day of the event, a large group of my friends, my date and I all went out to eat at one of the local restaurants.

It was while we were eating, just a few hours before we were supposed to arrive, that we received a call that we were not going to be able to take the car because its owners had to go out of

town on an emergency trip. It was then that panic struck us.

**Ben  
Briscoe**  
News Intern

in a wheelbarrow. Being the easygoing, nice person that she is, she stated that we should take this suggestion seriously.

Within minutes, my mom was tracking down a wheelbarrow we could use.

After finding one, she quickly lined it with satin and arranged pillows inside

of the makeshift vehicle and flowers on the outside of it.

Our wheelbarrow was ready just minutes before we were supposed to arrive at prom. It was hectic, but it worked out.

Prom was a good lesson in just learning to relax about problems. A simple solution can be found if you do not take the situation as life and death.

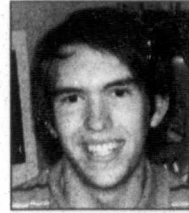
While it seemed like a nightmare while it was hap-

pening, thinking back now, I am glad this happened.

Years down the road I would not have remembered taking a '56 Chevy, but I am almost certain that I will never forget taking a wheelbarrow that started out as a mere joke about a problematic situation.

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## Today in History

By the Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, May 18, the 138th day of 2005. There are 227 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On May 18, 1920, Pope John Paul II was born Karol Wojtyla in Wadowice, Poland.

### On this date:

In 1642, the Canadian city of Montreal was founded.

In 1804, the French Senate proclaimed Napoleon Bonaparte emperor.

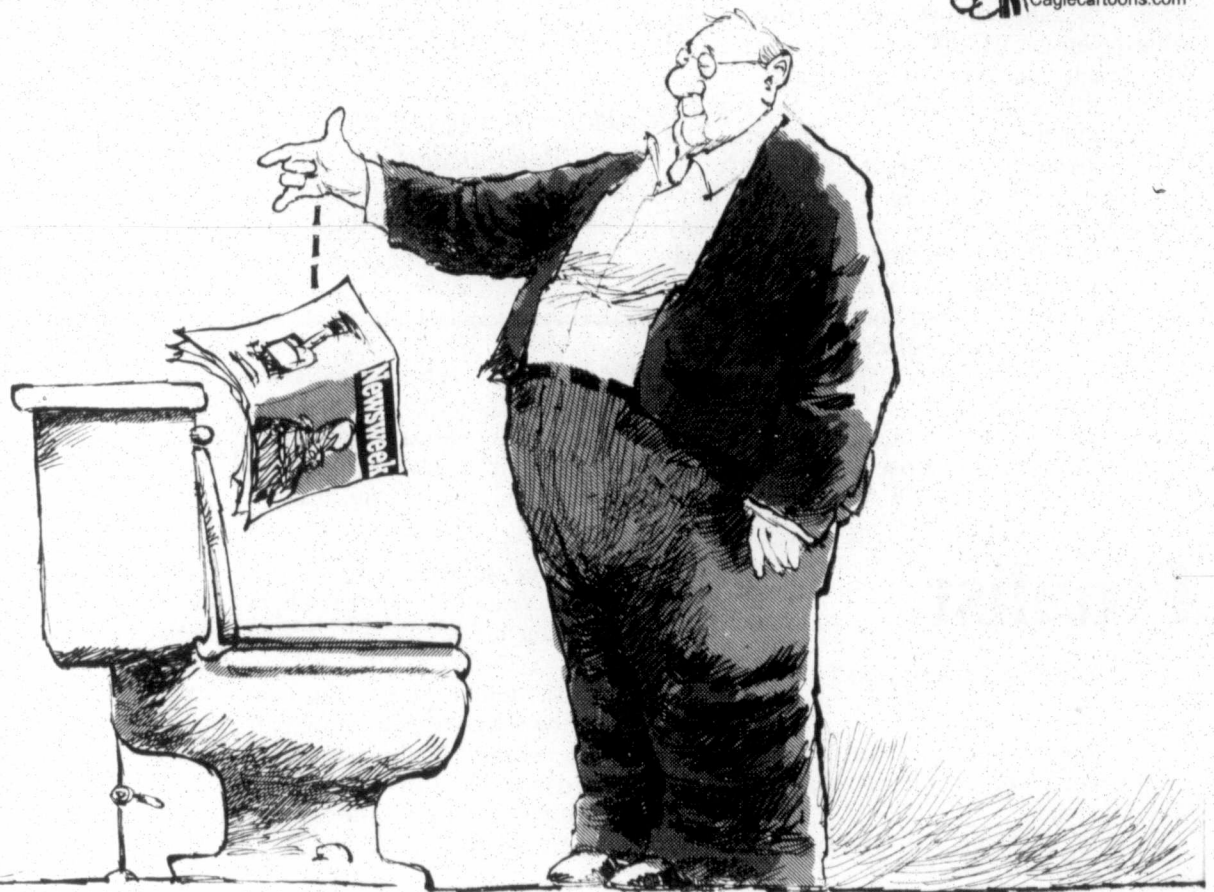
In 1896, the Supreme Court endorsed "separate but equal" racial segregation with its "Plessy v. Ferguson" decision, a ruling that was overturned 58 years later by "Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka."

In 1926, evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson vanished while visiting a beach in Venice, Calif.; she reappeared a month later, claiming to have been kidnapped.

In 1933, the Tennessee Valley Authority was created.

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## 'Bye, PJHS; hello to high school

As my 8th grade year at Pampa Junior High finally begins its descent, I can't help but think how incredibly fast my years here have flown by. I still remember how terribly anxious my classmates and I were about starting out as 6th graders, in a whole new school with new teachers and hallways ... and now that anxiety is returning with high school approaching ever so quickly. Yep, it's back to the bottom of the food chain.

But our years here at the junior high (or middle school, take your pick) have been, to say the least, a definite learning experience. So many things have changed since my class has been here, everything from the mascot (even though we don't really have one) to gum chewing being allowed on campus.

The school colors, the name, and even the principal have changed in the past three years. It can all get very confusing, what with half of our school being painted green and gold, and the other half red, white, and blue.

My class has seen some people change and some people stay exactly the way they were in 5th

grade. We know what it's like to be the "little kids in the 6th grade hallway" and what it's like to be one of the "Big Dogs on Campus." We've learned that even though you may not always agree with your teacher's perspective, it's normally a good idea not to tell them so. But one of the main things I

have learned is that junior high is only a stepping stone to high school, and it doesn't really matter if you like being here or not.

I speak for other 8th grade students as well as myself when I say this, but I can

thank the junior high for teaching me a lot of the lessons I'll need throughout

life. Not only by teaching me actual school work, but by teaching me how to coexist with others. It has taught me a great deal about how to treat others, even if I'm treated wrong.

I've learned that even if the authority figures in your life are wrong, you still need to respect and obey them.

And I will never forget the lessons my classmates and I have learned about things in the "real world" that everyone has to deal with, like bigotry, cruelty, and "social status" which all really begin in junior high.

Though most of the 8th grade students are ready to move on to high school, I know many things will be missed about the junior high, and we will never forget our experiences here. High school will be even more of a learning experience, but the junior high has really prepared us for what's coming ahead.

Goodbye, Pampa Junior High. Hello, Pampa High School.

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## Texas crime labs need oversight

Crime laboratories in Texas have been under intense scrutiny since an investigation of the Houston crime lab several years ago revealed it to be a shop of horrors.

That probe found missing boxes of evidence some of it involving death-row cases and testing practices so flawed that some defendants were wrongly convicted.

One of the wronged was Josiah Sutton, convicted of rape on evidence produced through faulty DNA testing by the Houston lab.

The error was discovered only after Sutton served more than four years behind bars for a crime he did not commit.

Although the Houston crime lab is undergoing a major overhaul, problems

have been found in other labs in other cities, and several are operated by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

State officials, including Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, began asking questions about the crime labs, and the result is Senate Bill 1263, authored by state Sens. J o h n Whitmire, D-Houston, and Juan Hinojosa, D-McAllen.

The bill, passed by the Senate and awaiting House action, establishes an 11-member commission of experts to develop and implement an accreditation process for crime laboratories in the state.

Members, including medical school faculty and other experts, would be appointed by the governor, lieutenant governor, House speaker, attorney general and the chancellors of Texas A&M, the University of Texas, the

Texas State System and the North Texas University system.

The president of Texas Southern University would appoint one member, and the executive directors of the Texas prosecutors association and defense lawyers association would each appoint one.

Forensic science DNA testing in particular has

become a fundamental and indispensable aspect of criminal prosecution.

It is paramount that those tests be complete and accurate. Lives depend on it.

The Houston crime lab is ample, and sad proof of the damage that can be done by shoddy work at a poorly run facility.

Judges and juries need complete assurance that the forensic evidence was professionally processed by a competent laboratory.

An oversight commission staffed by experts is an excellent way to assure the professionalism of crime labs and the integrity of the evidence they produce. SB 1263 should become the standard for sorely needed oversight of crime labs in Texas.

### Texas Thoughts

Austin American-Statesman

# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been making your pecan pie recipe for more than 10 years and have received many compliments along the way. Several years ago, a festival was held in our small town on the courthouse lawn. Among the activities was a contest for the best pie, which I entered using your recipe. To the delight of my wife and friends, and the chagrin of the other contestants -- all ladies of the town -- I took first prize! Of course, I had to bake one for each and every one of my close friends. I think it's time you reprinted the recipe.

Love your column, Abby. -- DAVID HARPER, FAYETTEVILLE, TENN.

**DEAR DAVID:** I'm taking your suggestion, and I'm delighted that the pie was such a hit for you. My mother, Pauline Phillips, a woman with a notorious sweet tooth, discovered it in the early '60s when it was served to her at the now-demolished Phoenix Hotel in Lexington, Ky. The recipe was created by the hotel's pastry chef, who kindly shared the recipe with her.

Readers, today I'm sharing the recipe with you:

**ABBY'S FAMOUS PECAN PIE**

- 9-inch unbaked pie crust
- 1 cup light corn syrup
- 1 cup firmly packed dark brown sugar
- 3 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1/3 cup butter, melted
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 heaping cup pecan halves

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees.
2. In a large bowl, combine corn syrup, sugar, eggs, butter, salt and vanilla; mix well. Pour into unbaked pie crust; sprinkle with pecan halves.
3. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 to 50 minutes or until center is set.

(Toothpick inserted in center will come out clean when pie is done.) Cool. If crust or pie appears to be getting too brown, cover with foil for the remaining baking time.

You can top it with a bit of whipped cream, but even plain, nothing tops this!

**TIP:** The original recipe stated that the pie should be baked 45 to 50 minutes in a preheated 350-degree gas oven. If an electric oven is used, it may be necessary to add 15 to 20 minutes to the baking time. (Begin testing the pie with a toothpick after 45 minutes.)

Readers, this recipe is included in my set of cookbooklets, which contain more than 100 mouthwatering recipes for soups, salads, appetizers, main courses and desserts. Some people have told me they have held "Dear Abby Dinner Parties" using the cookbooklets.

The set can be ordered by sending a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$10 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby Cookbooklet Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in the price.)

**DEAR ABBY:** Can you explain to me why everybody in the neighborhood can hear a barking dog except the dog's owner? -- PETER IN CANTON, OHIO

**DEAR PETER:** For the same reason that the parents of screaming children in restaurants ignore it. They've grown so used to it that they no longer hear the disruption.

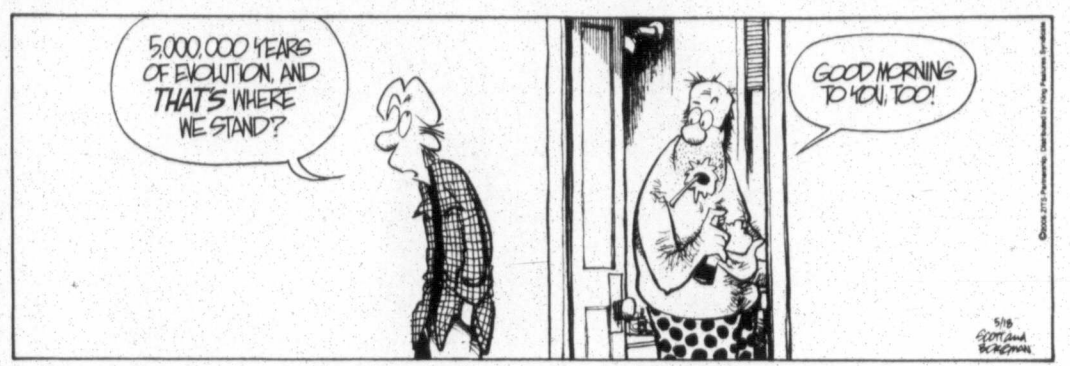
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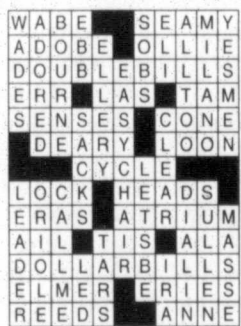
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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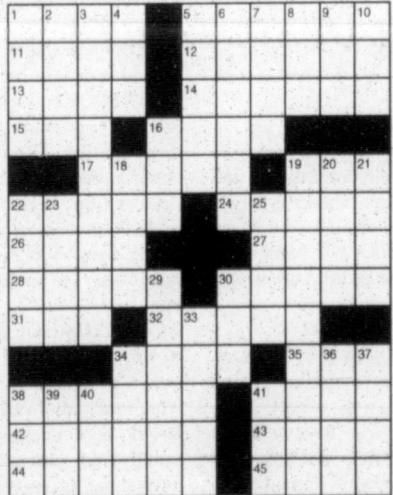
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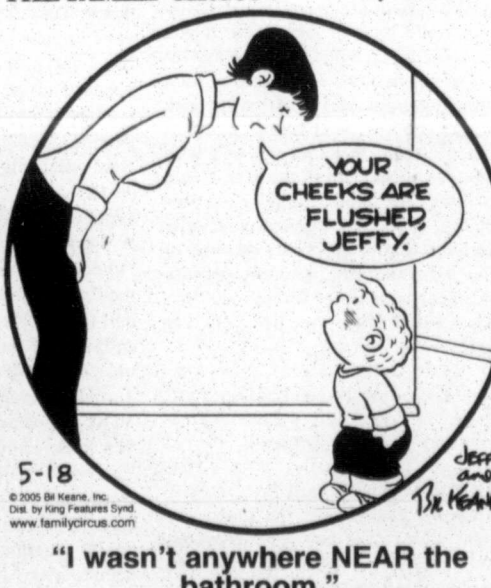


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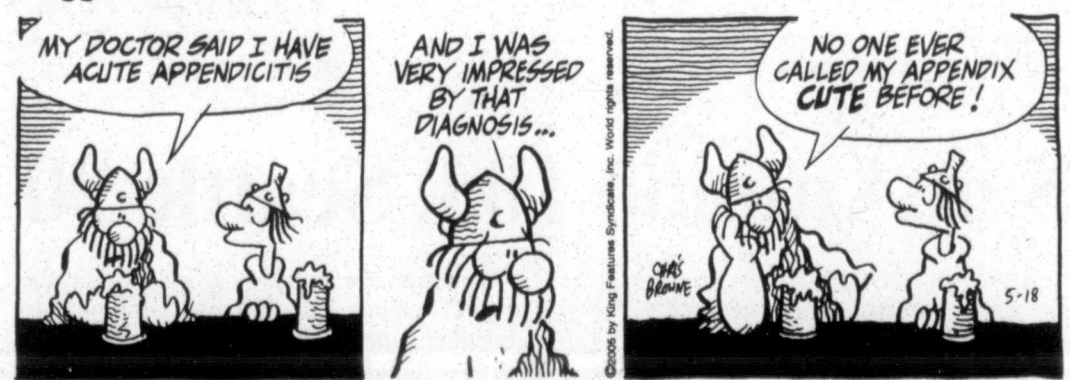
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# Sports Day

## Going to the dogs



Pampa senior Seth Foster recently signed a Letter of Intent to play for the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Bulldogs. Foster will kick for SWOSU. On hand for the signing were his parents, Ginger and Rick Foster (seated at table), along with Coach Dale Ammons (top left) and PHS Athletic Director Dick Dunham.

## Tice named 3-4A Player of the Year

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

Congratulations to Pampa sophomore Cassy Tice who has been named the District 3-4A girls' softball Player of the Year. Tice was also named to the All District first team. Joining her are senior catcher Wendi Miller and senior outfielder Teryn Garner.

Five Lady Harvesters were named to the second team, including sophomore Nicole Clark, senior Whitney Roden, sophomore Stephanie McVay, senior Brittany Adams and sophomore Logan Winkleman.

### 3-4A All District roster

3-4A All District Softball  
Player of the Year:  
Cassy Tice, Pampa

1st Team	Name	Class	School
Position			
Catcher	Wendi Miller	Sr	Pampa
Pitcher	Cassy Tice	So	Pampa
Outfielder	Teryn Garner	Sr	Pampa
2nd Team			
Pitcher	Nicole Clark	So	Pampa
1st Base	Whitney Roden	Sr	Pampa
Infielder	Stephanie McVay	So	Pampa
Outfielder	Brittany Adams	Sr	Pampa
DH	Logan Winkleman	So	Pampa

## Brack to replace Rice

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Former Indy winner Kenny Brack is coming back to the Brickyard, summoned to replace the injured driver who once filled in for him: defending champion Buddy Rice.

Brack, the 1999 Indy 500 winner, will return to Indy more than a year after a horrible crash at Texas knocked him out of the IRL, a source close to Rahal Letterman Racing said Tuesday night. The team scheduled a news conference Wednesday to announce its new driver.

Rice — who began last season as team Rahal's little-known replacement for Brack before taking the pole and checkered flag at Indy — was declared out of the 500 on Tuesday when doctors said a back injury sustained in a crash was worse than first diagnosed.

He also suffered a concussion when his car spun and smashed backward into a wall at the 2 1/2-mile Indianapolis Motor Speedway oval during prac-

tice last Wednesday. Brack was expected to practice Wednesday in the No. 15 Honda-powered Panoz racer and will try to qualify for the May 29 race. He has tested an IndyCar, but has not raced in the IRL since breaking both ankles, a thigh, his back and ribs in a terrifying wreck during the season-ending race at Texas in October 2003.

One of those ankles was crushed in the crash, and the 39-year-old Swede spent the next three months in hospitals.

The 1998 IRL champion returned to racing last September in Sweden. Driving a Porsche in the Carrera Cup series, he finished fifth in two races.

Rice's condition will be reassessed in about three weeks, said Dr. Henry Bock, medical director for the IndyCar Series and the track. Bock said he told Rahal Letterman on Tuesday that Rice will not get clearance in time to qualify.

### AMARILLO SIGNS TWO LOCAL GRIDIRON STARS

## Pampa product Devin Lemons, Dewayne Miles newest Dusters

The Amarillo Dusters announced on Tuesday that two local stars have been assigned to the roster from the af2 league office. FB/LB Dewayne "D-Train" Miles and FB/LB Devin Lemons joined the Dusters for practice on Tuesday and are expected to suit up on Saturday night against Central Valley.

"We just got a whole lot better," said Dusters General Manager Warren McCarty. "Everybody saw how the D-Train dominated our league last year. He's a powerful back, and he got a taste of the NFL coming out of college and played great for Austin in the AFL earlier this year. It's still fuzzy as to why the Wranglers let him go, but we are lucky to have him back here in Amarillo. Devin is just a stud. He was a stud when we played against each other in high school, and his experience in the Big 12 and in the NFL has definitely prepared him to dominate in af2. This is great for our organization and for our fans. These guys are local heroes."

"I'm just excited that we've added two players who can dominate on the field, and provide professional leadership off the field for our team," said Dusters Head Coach Steve Perdue. "We know what these guys bring to the table every day. I'm convinced it will pay off on game nights."

Lemons, a 1997 Pampa High graduate, was on the active roster of the Washington Redskins at the conclusion of the 2004 season. He attended training camp with the Miami Dolphins in 2003, and was in camp with the Chicago Bears in 2002. He spent the entire season on the Chicago Bears practice squad in 2001. He was a 4-year starter at Defensive End for Texas Tech, racking up 229 tackles, 14 tackles for loss, 11 sacks, 5 pass break-ups, and 1 blocked kick. He earned All-Conference Honors as a senior in 2000. Lemons served as Team Captain, and was the Red Raiders' Defensive Lineman of the Year in 2000. Lemons played football and basketball at Pampa High School,

leading the Harvesters to the 4A State Championship in Basketball in 1996.

Dewayne Miles shattered indoor rushing records in 2004, rushing for 627 yards and 22 touchdowns in 15 regular season games for the Dusters. Miles earned 1st-Team All-IFL honors in 2004, and also had 6 catches for 47 yards and 2 touchdowns. Defensively, he had 8 solo tackles, 1 sack, and 3 quarterback pressures. The D-Train attended training camp with the Detroit Lions and Minnesota Vikings in the NFL during 2001.

He is West Texas A&M's all-time leading rusher with 4,359 yards and 55 touchdowns during his illustrious 4-year career (1997-2000). He earned All-America, All-Region, and All-Conference Honors as a senior in 2000.

He earned All-Region and All-Conference Honors as a freshman in 1997, as a sophomore in 1998, and as a junior in 1999. He starred at running back at 6-man Amherst High School in Amherst, Texas.

## San Antonio 103, Seattle 90

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Being back in the starting lineup hardly mattered to Manu Ginobili.

Making two early 3-pointers? That meant everything.

By forcing the defense to cover him outside, Ginobili then drove past them for many of his career playoff-best 39 points, leading the San Antonio Spurs to a 103-90 victory over the Seattle SuperSonics on Tuesday night for a pivotal 3-2 lead in their second-round series.

Ginobili's performance — and a career playoff-best 19 points from Nazr Mohammed — made up for off nights by Tim Duncan and Tony Parker. More importantly, the Spurs are one win from returning to the Western Conference finals as they seek their second title in three years. Their first try will come Thursday night in Seattle. "Our goal is to go there and finish because we didn't play well there in (Games) 3 and 4," Ginobili said.

A starter the entire season and for the playoff opener, Ginobili had become San Antonio's instant offense from the bench the last eight games. Saying only "I thought it was time," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich reunited Ginobili with the first unit and got even more production.

Ginobili was 10-of-15 from the field, including 4-of-6 on 3-pointers, and 15-of-17 from the line. He also had six assists and four rebounds, and withstood a flagrant foul from Damien Wilkins in the closing minutes.

"I was very concerned about bringing a lot of juice, energy," Ginobili said. "It didn't matter if it was after six minutes or from the start. I wanted to drive to the basket and make things happen."

Popovich said San Antonio feeds off Ginobili "the same way they feed off Ray Allen in Seattle or Kevin Garnett in Minnesota."

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, May 19, 2005:

You have the ability to get a lot done quickly. Your efficiency could easily earn you a raise or promotion. If you are retired, you will enjoy your day-to-day life even more. Do watch out for a sweet tooth, as you could easily gain weight. Follow good health habits. If you are single, you'll meet people with ease the second half of the year. Could you meet Mr. or Ms. Right? It is a possibility. If you are attached, your relationship warms up. First, because of your extra nurturing; secondly, because of a general sense of warmth and loving. LIBRA helps you live your life well.

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)  
★★★★ Others hold the cards. The good news is that their good intentions come through. A friend who might be holding back reveals what has been bothering him or her. Seize the moment for a discussion. Understand rather than criticize. Tonight: Go along with another's wishes.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
★★★ You pace yourself and get a lot done. You have a way of encouraging others to pitch in. A boss who has been vague becomes a lot clearer. You can help a concept become a reality. You'll gain financially if you are careful. Tonight: Do something relaxing.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
★★★★ Your humor comes out, even when dealing with a problem. You have answers when others are stumped. Allow your imagination to play out. Others come to you for suggestions.

Visualize and seek answers. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
★★★★ Your family needs to become your highest priority. An investment involving property or a family member will come back in multiples. A partner might have a different suggestion. Listen. He or she might be right-on. Tonight: Your home is your castle.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
★★★★ Ask and don't assume. Others delight on your interest and feedback. Your Leo charm emerges and touches those around you. Make calls. Make inquiries and don't stand on ceremony. Schedule meetings. Tonight: Out and about.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
★★★★ Be careful with your finances. You could easily go overboard. Don't worry about pleasing others. Take care of yourself first. Re-evaluate a health program. Know that you don't need to make a decision immediately. Tonight: Pay bills.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
★★★★ Your positive attitude quickly melts barriers. You find that someone who has been holding back opens up to you. Understanding grows. Refuse to make judgments; revise your thinking where you have been wrong. Tonight: Others are happy with whatever you choose.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
★★ Know when to assume a low profile. Your instincts are on the mark. You don't need to make assumptions — just listen more carefully. Follow through on a money hunch. You could be right-on. New facts come up involving family or

real estate. Tonight: Take a personal night.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
★★★★ You know what you're doing. Gatherings, networking and meetings all play significant roles. You might be surprised or touched by how willing others are. You finally clear out a problem. Tonight: Go to a ballgame or join friends.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
★★★★ Take charge and be willing to lead others. You might not be sure about a money decision, but a lot of information comes forward. You must follow your instincts but still get as many facts as possible. Others need your leadership. Tonight: Out late.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
★★★★ You need to get the whole story. You might not be sure about what you are hearing from others. Break past present thinking, and you'll find unusual answers. Not everything is as it seems. Get the facts. Tonight: Talk to an expert.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
★★★ A partner or associate only means well. If you listen and follow through, you will build a better relationship. Trust this person. Be more in touch with your public image. You might want to buy a new item or two. Tonight: Togetherness.

**BORN TODAY**  
Musician Peter Townshend (1945), basketball player Bill Laimbeer (1957), writer Nora Ephron (1941) Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at <http://www.jacquelinebigar.com>.  
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### Correction

In the May 12 issue of The Pampa News, Sports Day mistakenly reported Seth Foster received a scholarship from Oklahoma State University to play baseball. The scholarship Foster received was actu-

ally from Southwestern Oklahoma State University where he will kick for the Bulldogs.

We apologize for the error.

# Two hurt in motorcycle crash during Poker Run

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

Two Pampa residents were taken to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo by Guardian EMS ambulance as a result of injuries they suffered in a motorcycle accident during last

Saturday's "Ride to Freedom" benefit poker run.

Gary McIntyre, 39, and Tammy McIntyre, 33, both of 2621 Comanche, were riding a 1995 Harley-Davidson motorcycle on Farm to Market Road 282 in Roberts County when the motorcycle went off the road 3.7 miles

west of Miami at 1:20 p.m. Saturday, according to a spokesperson for the Texas Department of Public Safety in Pampa.

Gary McIntyre was the driver of the motorcycle as they traveled east on the rural road.

"The driver was unable to con-

trol the motorcycle as they approached a sharp right turn. The passenger said her weight shifted toward the right, and the driver overcorrected as he leaned to the left," the DPS spokesperson said.

The motorcycle's front tire traveled off the pavement on the north side of the road and began

skidding from side to side, finally falling on its left side. Both riders were thrown from the vehicle and landed in a nearby ditch.

No further information on the condition of the two crash victims was available as of press time today.

## Evidence to be retested for possible link to Railroad Killer

HOUSTON (AP) — Prosecutors plan to ask to retest the DNA in a triple murder case in Austin to see if the crimes for which a death row inmate was convicted were actually the work of the so-called Railroad Killer.

The test may show whether serial killer Angel Maturino Resendiz could be the true culprit instead of the Austin man condemned for the crime, Louis Perez.

Prompted by information from Perez's family, Travis County Assistant District Attorney Claire Dawson-Brown said Tuesday she will request the test this week.

Family members told prosecutors that Resendiz admitted to being involved in the crime, although he said he had killed two Austin women.

Perez says he is innocent. The Texas Innocence Network investigated the case and joined the family in asking for new DNA tests.

"It's been seven long years for our family. We have always known that my brother did not commit this crime," said Delia Perez Meyer. "He loved those girls, and they loved him. He keeps pictures of them in his Bible. (We) need to know who truly murdered them."

Perez was convicted of killing Michelle Fulwiler, her roommate, Cinda Barz, and Barz's 10-year-old daughter, Staci Mitchell. They were found dead in their Austin home on Sept. 10, 1998.

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— Delia Perez Meyer  
Family member

Resendiz is on Texas' death row for the Dec. 17, 1998, murder of Dr. Claudia Benton, 39, who was raped, stabbed and beaten in her West University Place home. Resendiz was dubbed the Railroad Killer because he was linked to a string of slayings near railroad tracks nationwide.

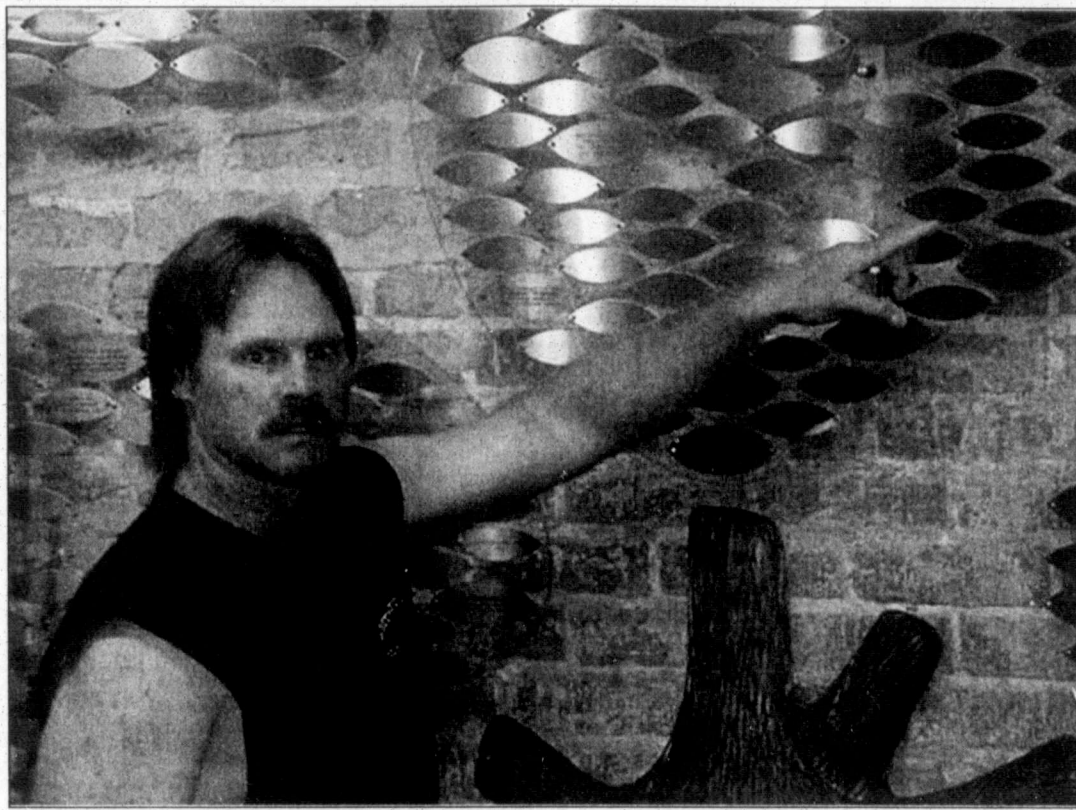
Resendiz's appellate attorney said that Resendiz two years ago denied involvement in the Austin murders.

Joe James Sawyer, the attorney who handled Perez's original defense, said he introduced evidence about the Railroad Killer in Perez's trial, but was unable to obtain a DNA sample from Resendiz, who had not been convicted. Sawyer said DNA from Perez and from an unknown Hispanic male were found at the scene.

Perez, an admitted drug user, became the prime suspect in the Austin killings because his bloody handprint was found at the scene and his story was inconsistent.

A friend of the victims, Perez testified he found them and was scratched by one of them when he attempted to pick them up. He said he panicked and ran instead of calling police.

Attorneys for a California man convicted of beating his wife to death are waiting for DNA test results they believe will clear their client and link Resendiz to that crime.



*Honor veterans with bronze leaf*

Kelly Baker selects a leaf from the Heritage Tree at the White Deer Land Museum. The leaf is a memorial to his dad, Bob Baker, who was a veteran of World War II, in the U.S. Navy. If anyone else would like to honor a vet or any family member, contact us at our new website, [www.museuminpampa.com](http://www.museuminpampa.com), or come by the museum at 112 S. Cuyler, said Anne Davidson, curator.

## Senate debates Bush's judicial nominee Owen

WASHINGTON (AP) — Concluding it was time to act, the Republican-controlled Senate began debating one of President Bush's most contested judicial nominations Wednesday in a showdown over whether the White House can place like-minded judges on the federal bench over the objection of minority Democrats.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., called the Democratic blockade of seven Bush U.S. Appeals Court nominees "radical," and said one of those judges, Texas judge Priscilla Owen, should be confirmed despite Democratic accusations that she is a "judicial activist" who pursues an ideological agenda.

"Vote for the nominee. Vote against the nominee," Frist said. "Confirm the nominee. Reject the nominee. But, in the end, vote."

But Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid said Democrats would fight to retain what power they still have in a Washington where the GOP controls the White House and both houses of Congress.

"Right now, the only check on President Bush is

the Democrats' ability to voice their concern in the Senate," said Reid, D-Nev. "If Republicans roll back our rights in this chamber, there will be no check on their power. The radical, right wing will be free to pursue any agenda they want."

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— Harry Reid  
Senate Democratic leader

Frist rebuffed last-minute offers from Reid to skip over Owen's nomination to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans, and instead confirm consensus nominees to two other courts.

"I'm trying to move to a qualified nominee, Priscilla Owen and we hear these attempts to delay even right now, to sidetrack, to even consider somebody else and

that's the challenge," Frist said. "That's why we're on the floor of the United States Senate, with the light of day, with the American people watching."

Reid also suggested that Frist call a senator-only meeting in the Capitol's Old Senate chamber — no aides, no press, just all 100 senators — where they could hash out the controversy on their own, just as they did to work out how senators would handle President Clinton's impeachment.

"Have all of us retire to the chamber, sit down and talk though this issue to see if there's a way we can resolve this short of this nuclear option," Reid said.

But Frist said he was ready to move forward. Reid then told Frist that Democrats would block all committee hearings from going on while the Senate debated Owen.

Committees may meet while the Senate is in session only with the unanimous consent of all of the 100 senators, so a single senator can block committee meetings that last longer than two hours after the Senate begins.

## Agency alleges Pantex safety violations, proposes fine

AMARILLO (AP) — A federal nuclear safety watchdog agency has proposed \$123,750 in fines against operators of the Pantex nuclear weapons plant.

The National Nuclear Security Administration proposed the fine Tuesday against BWXT Pantex, alleging safety violations linked to work on a nuclear warhead.

The agency said the contractor did not follow safety regulations when workers taped and moved a cracked high-explosive charge last year.

If levied, the fine could be the largest against a Pantex contractor.

The agency is expected to release a formal statement Wednesday. But in a letter to BWXT Pantex, the agency said the contractor violated nuclear safety regulations, quality assurance and other safety requirements for nuclear weapons work.

"In this event, NNSA concluded that the potential for an unintended consequence was significant since both high explosives and nuclear materials were involved," Linton Brooks, an agency official, wrote in the letter.

According to government reports, workers at the Texas Panhandle plant found a crack in a high-explosive charge Jan. 8, 2004, while dismantling a W-56 warhead. That is the nuclear weapon normally carried on a Minuteman intercontinental ballistic missile.

The workers taped the crack and placed the charge in a safe and stable position.

On Jan. 13, 2004, workers began another operation to remove the charge, but the cracks expanded and technicians had to stop work.

Investigators for the U.S. Department of Energy, which owns the plant, said the contractor failed to conduct a proper safety review before removing the cracked high-explosive charge, failed to correct a two-year-old tooling problem and failed to give workers proper instructions to safely remove the cracked high explosive.

"Any potential for the failure of the tooling to safely contain cracked high explosive could have increased the probability of an inadvertent detonation," the DOE said in a violation notice.

BWXT Pantex General Manager Michael Mallory issued a statement Tuesday, saying the incident caused no harm.

"The final investigation confirmed that the workers followed their procedures and correctly stopped the operation when they observed conditions that were not as expected. The safe control of all components and materials was maintained at all times," Mallory said.

"While an abnormality associated with the handling of high explosives is taken seriously, there were never any potential safety concerns to the workers, the public or the environment," he said.

### TEXAS EXECUTION

# Louisiana convict set to die for robbery-slaying

By MICHAEL GRACZYK  
Associated Press Writer

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A twice-convicted robber from Louisiana was headed to the Texas death chamber Wednesday evening for the fatal stabbing of his children's 84-year-old babysitter during a robbery.

Bryan Wolfe, 44, was on parole from Louisiana and had fled a work-release program when he was arrested for the 1992 slaying of Bertha Lemell at the woman's home in Beaumont. She had been stabbed 26 times. Around \$40 was believed taken from the woman's change purse, which also had contained some black-eyed peas she carried for good luck.

Wolfe's lethal injection would be the 100th this year in Texas, the nation's most active death penalty state. Another execution was set for Thursday.

The U.S. Supreme Court this week refused to review Wolfe's case, and no late legal efforts to block the punishment were attempted.

"There's really nothing we can do," said his appeals lawyer, Michael Jamail.

Earlier appeals contended Wolfe's court-appointed trial lawyer was incompetent and ill-prepared to address the then relatively new DNA technology authorities used to link Wolfe to the killing.

Wolfe, from Houma, La., was seen in Lemell's neighborhood shortly before and after the slaying, according to court documents. When he was picked up by police two days later, he had deep cuts on his right hand. He said they were from a broken beer bottle. Authorities believed he cut himself

with the knife while he was stabbing the woman.

DNA from blood samples on a door knob, the floor and towels at Lemell's house, plus on the black coin purse and a knife found at the scene, matched Wolfe's DNA.

Wolfe had been to prison after confessing to an armed robbery in Louisiana while serving in the Army in 1983, then another robbery in Houma in 1989. He blamed marijuana and cocaine for his crimes.

He was released from a Louisiana prison in 1991 after one year of a three-year sentence. Court records showed he absconded from a work-release center. Less than three months later, Lemell was killed. She had been watching his two children while his wife worked.

"He didn't have a very good past, and it was just a truly despicable crime," said Ed

Shettle, the Jefferson County assistant district attorney who prosecuted Wolfe. "If you are going to steal something, money from

somebody who knows you and you don't want to get caught, what are you going to do? You are going to murder them. And that's what he did."

Leo Lemell, the slain woman's 80-year-old cousin, said the years since Wolfe was given the death penalty have been difficult.

"It always frustrates you when something runs you and on and on," he said. "They need to get it over with one way or another."

On Thursday, condemned prisoner Richard Cartwright, 31, was set to go to the death chamber for the 1996 robbery and fatal shooting of a man in Corpus Christi.

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