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## After the re-count, Miller still wins

City officials reject Dixon's letter of complaint about residency



Miller

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

It was Lana Miller by 17 votes as two teams recounted ballots today in the Ward 3 City Commission race.

"Lana's going to do a good job," Robert Dixon said following the recount today at city hall. "I know she will."

The city also rejected

Dixon's complaint that Miller didn't live in the Ward 3, Pampa Mayor Lonny Robbins said following the recount.

The initial count in the May 7 race for the Ward 3 position on the Pampa City Commission between incumbent Robert Dixon and challenger Lana Miller totaled 13,000 votes for Dixon and 1,351 votes for

Miller. "We made history," Robbins said.

He said it was his understanding that this was the first time there had been a recount in Pampa in a city election.

Earlier today, Dixon said he was less concerned about the way the election went than about the number of votes in the race.

The total votes cast in the Miller-Dixon race was 2,651. The total number of people reported voting in the election was 2,605.

The total number of votes recorded during the recount today was 2,511, 1,264 for Miller and 1,247 for Dixon. There were 91 ballots without a vote in the Ward 3 election.

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## Worth the Wait to close Pampa office

Ladd resigns as ED; Purkey to take over

Worth the Wait officials Thursday announced the consolidation of the Pampa and Amarillo operations into one location in Amarillo in mid-June and the resignation of founder and executive director, Stacey Ladd.

Most of the organization's program activities have been conducted out of the Amarillo office for the past year, Ladd said, because most of the students served by the organizations are in Amarillo.

It is important that we maximize our resources, spending as much of the budget as possible on direct services and programs delivered to our target audiences, teens and parents," Ladd said in a press release. "As with any business, it is prudent to minimize overhead and operation expenses when possible."

"This move will not affect programs delivered to Pampa ISD students," she said, "but will help to make the most efficient use of current funding. Our arrangement with Amarillo ISD regarding office space along with Amarillo's central loca-

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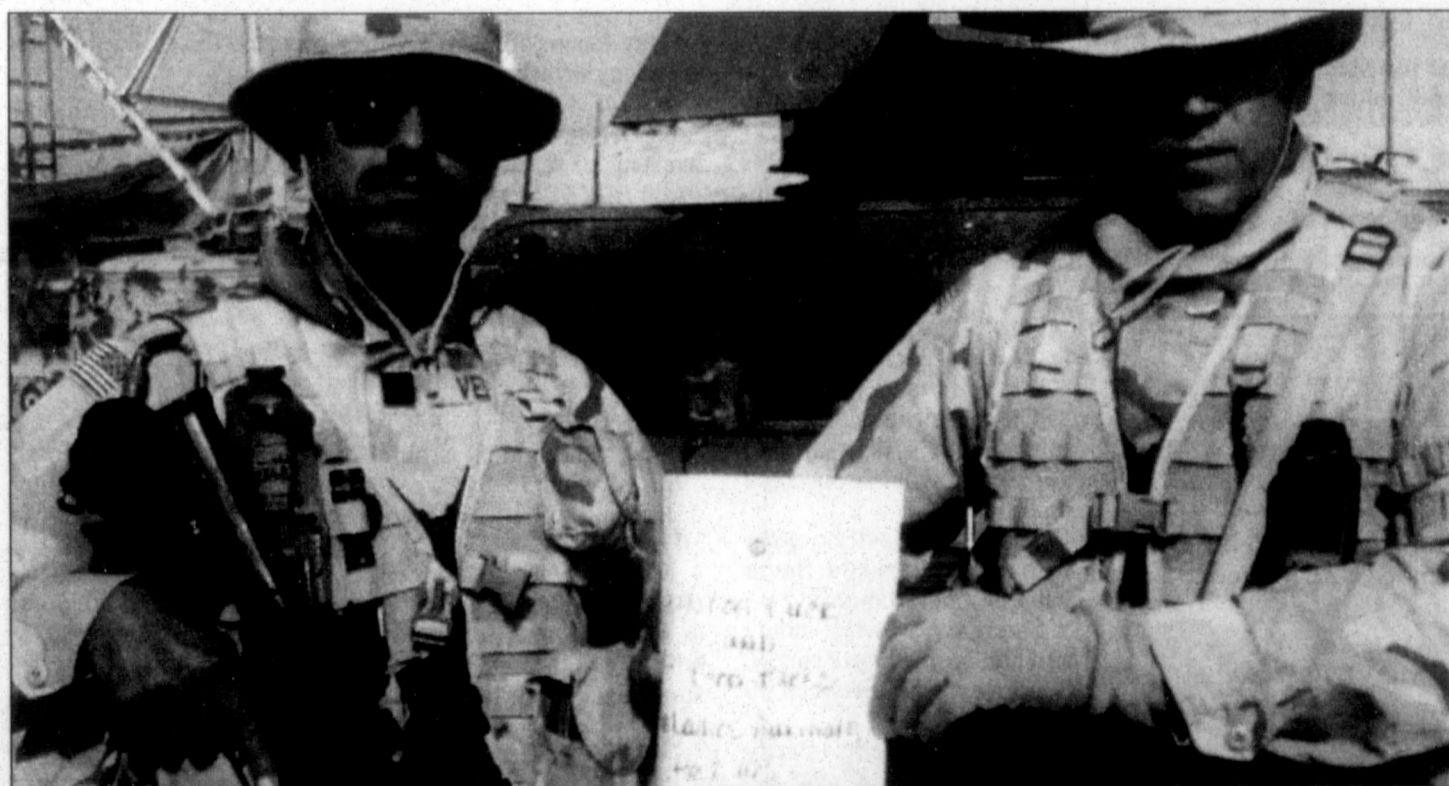


Pampa News photos by DEE DEE LARAMORE

## Grand entry

Pampa Fire Department Training Officer Claude Scifres presents the PFD's new structural fire-fighting pumper to Fire Chief Kim Powell whose sunglasses reflect the gleaming new vehicle, inset. The fire truck made its grand entry shortly after 5 p.m., Thursday, escorted into town by other fire units with sirens, horns and lights flashing. Deputy Chief Randy Dunham and Scifres flew to Holden, La., near New Orleans, earlier this week to pick up the new \$240,000 vehicle, then after inspecting it, took possession and drove it back to Pampa. Powell said Pampa firefighters will receive training in the use of the vehicle on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. "We'll have to load 1,000 feet of hose and air packs on it," she said. "There's still some work to be done on it before it's ready." Purchase of the fire truck was approved by Pampa City Commissioners as part of the 2004-2005 budget.

## Thanks from the soldiers



SSG Anselmo Vela, left, and SSG Mike Smith, right, members of the local National Guard Unit deployed to Iraq and "adopted" by the Pampa VFW Auxiliary sent this photo of themselves with a letter from the care package they received from the group recently. "Thank ya'll so much for the care package, Vela wrote in an e-mail to Nelda Martin, president. "God's blessing. See ya'll soon."

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# Feds investigating engine stalling in Dodge trucks, SUVs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is investigating complaints of engines stalling in Dodge trucks and sport utility vehicles, officials said Friday.

The National Highway Traffic Safety

Administration said it has received two dozen complaints about engines stalling in the 2004-2005 model years of the Dodge Ram 1500 trucks and Dodge Durango SUVs. Both vehicles are equipped with 5.7-

liter engines.

The government said the preliminary investigation involves an estimated 506,000 vehicles, but company officials said it probably involves a more limited number.

Max Gates, a DaimlerChrysler AG spokesman, said a review of calls from customers, warranty claims and other internal cases will "give us a better handle of what population of vehicles may be affected."

"It's a little too soon to know," he said.

Owners have complained that the engine will stall at various speeds and under different driving conditions, NHTSA said.

The government will begin an investigation to learn more about the alleged defect and potential safety consequences.

The vehicles are produced by DaimlerChrysler AG's Chrysler Group.

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## Obituaries

### Kenneth Hamon, 76

WHEELER — Kenneth Hamon, 76, died Thursday, May 19, 2005, at Pampa. Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Saturday in First United Methodist Church in Wheeler.

Burial will be in Zylbach Cemetery at Briscoe under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mr. Hamon was born March 6, 1929, at Reydon, Okla., to Earl and Mable Hamon. He married Bonita Parker on Aug. 23, 1947, at Allison. The couple moved to Wheeler in 1970 where Mr. Hamon worked as custodian for the school district for 25 years before retiring.

He was a member of Wheeler United Methodist Church and Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM.

Survivors include his wife, Bonita, of Wheeler; a son, Kenneth Ray Hamon II of Pampa; a daughter, Alana Daughtry of Wheeler; five sisters, Earlene Davis of Pampa, Wanda Parker of Shamrock, Bessie Ritcher and Juanita Ritcher, both of Bend, Ore., and Ina Mills of Sacramento, Calif.; and three brothers, Oscar Hamon and Glen Hamon, both of Reydon, and Claudie Hamon of Sacramento.

### Juanita Nicholas, 88

RUDY, Ark. — Juanita Nicholas, 88, of Rudy, died Thursday, May 19, at a hospital in Rudy. No services are scheduled. The body was cremated and arrangements are under the direction of Edwards Van-Alma Funeral Home in Van Buren, Ark.

Mrs. Nicholas at one time, owned and operated Rudy Bar-B-Que in Rudy as well as Juanita's Aquariums in Tulsa, Okla. A former NRA champion marksman, Mrs. Nicholas belonged to The Garden Club in Tulsa and Rudy Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Richard "Nick" Nicholas, of the home; a daughter, Nancy Looper of Pampa; a son, Rex Downer of Tulsa; and a grandchild.

Condolences may be made on-line at [www.edwardsfuneralhome.com](http://www.edwardsfuneralhome.com).

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### Randall Lynn Lamberson, 45

HEDLEY, Texas — A Memorial Service for Randall Lynn Lamberson, 45, of Hedley, Texas, will be at 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 21, 2005, at the United Methodist Church in Hedley, Texas, with the Rev. Darrell Burton officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Hughs Funeral Home in Memphis, Texas.

Mr. Lamberson passed away on Thursday, May 19, 2005, in Hedley, Texas.

He was born on Nov. 2, 1959, in Pampa, Texas, to Buddy Lamberson and Alma (Alvey) Lamberson. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1978 and went on to McMurry College, Texas Tech, where he obtained his Bachelors of Science degree, and graduated from Methodist School of Nursing in Lubbock, Texas, with his RN degree.

Randy worked in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in Lubbock, Texas, then as a nurse in Pampa, Borger, Uvalde and Houston.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Fred and Lola Mae Alvey.

He is survived by his parents of Hedley, Texas; one brother, Mike Lamberson of Stinnett, Texas; a sister-in-law, Donna Lamberson of Darrouzett, Texas; his grandparents, J.T. and Helen Lamberson of Hedley, Texas; his friend and caretaker, Robert Saucedo of Hedley, Texas; uncle and aunt, Jim and Beth Alvey of Wheeler, Texas; aunt, Freda Morris of Huntsville, Texas; uncle and aunt, J.T. and Jacki Lamberson of Pasadena, Texas; four nieces, Mikala, Ashley, Landa and Kalan Lamberson; one nephew, Justin Lamberson; one great-nephew, Kyler Lamberson; one great-niece, Mykah Lamberson; and several cousins.

The family wish to express their sincere thanks to Rev. Darrell Burton, Geneva Mays and Dr. Mark Drew for their help and care during this time. They ask that donations be made to Odyssey Hospice and Healthcare of Amarillo, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX 79101.



Lamberson

## Policy

### House moves to block sale of wild horses

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers voted Thursday to block a six-month-old law that allows the government to sell wild horses and burros, with opponents of the law protesting that the animals were ending up in processing plants and on the tables of foreign restaurants.

The 249-159 House vote would stop the Bureau of Land Management from using any money in a \$26.2 billion bill funding next year's natural resources and arts programs to sell horses that roam public lands in Western states.

The measure overturns a provision in a spending bill passed last December that ended a 33-year-old policy of protecting wild horses from sale or processing. The horses, said Rep. Nick Rahall, D-W.Va., shouldn't be sold so they "can end up on the menus of France, Belgium and Japan."

Other programs in the bill, which funds the Interior Department and Environmental Protection Agency, absorbed a 3 percent spending cut from \$27 billion this year. Lawmakers shrank grants for local water projects while boosting money for National

Park Service operations. It passed 329-89.

The House action on horses came as the Bureau of Land Management announced Thursday that it was resuming the sale of wild horses and burros but with tougher restrictions against sales for slaughter. The agency last month temporarily halted sales after 41 horses were killed.

The agency's revised contract requires that buyers agree they will not knowingly purchase horses intending to resell, trade or give the animals to a slaughterhouse.

Since lawmakers enacted the horse sales law in December, BLM sold and delivered 1,000 horses. Another 1,000 have been sold but remain undelivered, and those agreements will be reviewed.

"Our agency is committed to the well-being of wild horses and burros, both on and off the range," said BLM Director Kathleen Clarke.

The law let the agency sell wild horses and burros that are more than 10 years old, or younger if they've been passed over for adoption three times.

*'Our agency is committed to the well-being of wild horses and burros, both on and off the range.'*

— Kathleen Clarke  
BLM Director

## Services tomorrow

HAMON, Kenneth — 2 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Wheeler.  
LAMBERSON, Randall Lynn — 3 p.m., United Methodist Church, Hedley.

## Emergency Services

### Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests today.

**Thursday, May 19**

Twenty traffic stops were made. Motorist assistance was rendered at the intersection of Somerville and Hobart streets, and in the 400 block of South Houston.

Emergency medical service assistance was rendered in the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered in the 200 block of North Russell.

A civil matter was reported in the 2600 block of Rosewood.

A welfare check was requested in the 200 block of West Craven.

Warrant service was attempted at two locations.

One open door was checked.

A narcotic drug law violation was reported in the 300 block of North Dwight.

Public intoxication was reported in the 1300 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 300 block of Jean and the 600 block of North Gray.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported in the 1200 block of South Neison.

Disorderly conduct/fighting was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee.

Suspicious persons were reported in the

1600 block of West Somerville, the 300 block of North Sumner, and the intersection of Carter and Faulkner streets.

Domestic disturbances were reported on Highway 60 East, the 800 block of West Francis, and the 1300 block of Coffee.

Assault was reported on four occasions in the police department lobby.

Assault was reported in the 1500 block of Dogwood. The incident reportedly occurred on March 18. No injuries were reported.

Assault by threat was reported in the police department lobby.

A sexual offense was reported in the police department lobby.

Burglary was reported in the 1600 block of Hamilton. Furniture was being taken out of an apartment. An arrest was made.

Burglary was reported in the police department lobby.

Theft was reported in the 900 block of Llano. Metal building material was taken, for an estimated loss of \$2,477.20.

Harassment was reported in the 700 block of Bradley.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2200 block of Duncan. A window was broken.

Criminal mischief was reported at Cable One, 1423 N. Hobart. A window was damaged.

Forgery was reported in the 1000 block of East Kingsmill.

Sergio Adrian Silva, 19, 712 N. Gray, was arrested on capias pro fines for theft, no driver's license, and two counts of failure to appear.

**Friday, May 20**

Oscar Martin Franco, 25, 1031 E. Frederic, was arrested for no driver's license.

### Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accident today.

**Thursday, May 12**

11:15 a.m. — An unknown vehicle and driver collided with a legally parked 1998 Lincoln Navigator, owned by Bill Simon, 2001 N. Mary Ellen, in the 100 block of East 20th. No injuries were reported, and no citations were issued.

### Sheriff

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

**Thursday, May 19**

Kieth Shawn Helfer, 38, 312 N. Ward, was arrested for assault causing bodily injury.

**Friday, May 20**

Eddie Wayne Lawrence Jr., 23, 900 E. Frederic, was arrested for possession of marijuana, no driver's license, and speeding.

### Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls.

**Wednesday, May 18**

2:14 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 600 block of Frederic and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

5:44 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 500 block of Somerville and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

6:29 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of Albert and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

**Thursday, May 19**

5:24 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

At an unlisted time, a mobile ICU unit responded to the 1800 block of 25th and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

12:44 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of Pitts and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

2:33 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

6:53 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1900 block of Hobart. No transport.

## Gray County Weather

This Afternoon: Mostly sunny, with a high around 96. South wind around 10 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 64. South wind around 10 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 98. Southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 62. West southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 83. Windy, with a north northwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and

thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 59. East wind 15 to 20 mph decreasing to between 5 and 10 mph.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high around 87. East southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 60. South southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 90. South southeast wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 59.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 82.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 59.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 85.

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## Stocks

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| The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.                            |        |       |
| Wheat  | 2.89   |       |
| Milo   | 3.10   |       |
| Corn   | 3.87   |       |
| Soybeans   | 5.41   |       |
| The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa. |        |       |
| Oxy  | 68.10  | -0.02 |
| BP PLC ADR   | 59.69  | -0.29 |
| Cabot Corp   | 28.73  | +0.11 |
| Cabot Oil Gas  | 30.28  | -0.45 |
| Coca Cola  | 45.00  | -0.25 |
| VLO  | 65.16  | -0.98 |
| HAL  | 41.88  | +0.58 |
| TRI  | 49.72  | -0.24 |
| KMI  | 75.99  | -0.03 |
| XCEL   | 18.09  | NC    |
| Kerr McGee   | 70.91  | +0.66 |
| XOM  | 54.58  | -0.25 |
| Limited  | 20.78  | -0.12 |
| Williams   | 17.58  | +0.10 |
| MCD  | 30.76  | -0.21 |
| Atmos  | 27.85  | +0.01 |
| Pioneer Nat  | 39.62  | -0.31 |
| JCP  | 51.10  | NC    |
| COP  | 101.66 | +0.30 |
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| OKE  | 30.03  | -0.07 |
| NS Grp   | 26.09  | +0.01 |
| New York Gold  | 420.75 |       |
| Silver   | 7.10   |       |
| West Texas Crude   | 46.92  |       |

# Bin Laden on run with small band of fighters, Pakistan says

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Osama bin Laden is on the run with a small band of fighters, but his al-Qaida network has been paralyzed by Pakistani government forces, the country's foreign minister was quoted as saying Friday.

Foreign Minister Khurshed Kasuri declined to say whether Pakistan had specific information on the whereabouts of the world's most wanted fugitive, accused by the U.S. of orchestrating the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on New York and the Pentagon.

"Osama bin Laden is alive and moving around from place to place, but not with a large group of people," Kasuri was quoted as saying in the English-language newspaper The News.

Kasuri said Pakistan's army had "paralyzed al-Qaida's communication network" and vastly reduced its capability to strike, the newspaper reported.

Pakistan's intelligence service captured Abu Farraj al-Libbi, reputed to be al-Qaida's No. 3 leader, on May 2.

Al-Libbi was wanted for allegedly masterminding two December 2003 assassination attempts against President Gen. Pervez Musharraf, who escaped unharmed. Seventeen other people were killed.

Two other alleged al-Qaida leaders, Ramzi Binalshibh and Abu Zubaydah, were also arrested in Pakistan.

are controlled by Rupert Murdoch. Sun managing editor Graham Dudman told The Associated Press in London the newspaper paid "a small sum" for the photos. He would not elaborate except to say the paper paid more than 500 British pounds, which is equal to about \$900.



Kenja Purkey, left, and Stacey Ladd, right, met in the Pampa office with The Pampa News for an article earlier this year.

Pampa News photo by Skyla Bryant

## British, American tabloids publish photos of Saddam in his underwear; U.S. military launches investigation

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — British and American newspapers published photos Friday showing an imprisoned Saddam Hussein clad only in his underwear and washing his laundry, prompting an angry U.S. military to launch an investigation and the Red Cross to say the pictures may violate the Geneva Conventions.

Britain's The Sun and the New York Post said the photos were provided by a U.S. military official they did not identify. The photos angered the U.S. military, which issued a condemnation rare for its immediacy.

President Bush said Friday he did not believe the photos would incite further anti-American sentiment in Iraq, which is edging toward open sectarian conflict.

"I don't think a photo inspires murderers," Bush said at the White House. "These people are motivated by a vision of the world that is backward and barbaric."

He added, "I think the insurgency is inspired by their desire to stop the march of freedom."

Bush was briefed by senior aides Friday morning about the photos, and he "strongly supports the aggressive and thorough investigation that is already under way" that seeks to find who took them, White House press spokesman Trent Duffy said.

Both The Sun and the Post

The paper also said it was publishing more photos Saturday.

"These are iconic images of the world's most notorious war criminal," the paper said in a statement. "The Sun is proud to run the pictures and we will be running more tomorrow."

Saddam's chief lawyer, Ziad al-Khasawneh, said his legal team would sue The Sun because the photos represent "an insult to humanity, Arabs and the Iraqi people."

"It is clear that the pictures were taken inside the prison, which means that American soldiers have leaked the pictures," he said by telephone from Amman, Jordan.

## WoW

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tion to other schools we are serving make this the most financially sound decision for our organizations."

Worth the Wait programs in Pampa schools will continue as in the past, the release stated.

In addition to this change, Ladd has announced her upcoming resignation as executive director, which will also be effective this summer. As founding executive director, Ladd has led the organization to be recognized as a model program for abstinence education in the United States.

According to the release, Ladd plans to remain

involved in an advisory capacity, but looks forward to spending more time with her family.

Program Director Kenja Purkey, who has been with Worth the Wait for almost three years, will become the new executive director. She has a background in mass communication and government relations in Amarillo.

working toward this leadership transition for the past couple of months, continuity of operations and program activities will be particularly smooth," Ladd said. "Kenja effectively led Worth the Wait's expansion into Amarillo ISD and has the vision and commitment needed to lead the organization in upcoming opportunities and future growth."

## Re-count

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tion, bringing the total vote during the recount to 2602.

"It cleared up the discrepancy in the number of votes," Dixon said. "That's what I wanted to do."

Wanda Carter, election judge, said it is not uncommon for the count to be off slightly on election night.

"You've got to remember," Carter said, "the election officials have been working all day, and they're stressed and tired, especially with paper ballots."

The third floor of Pampa City Hall was closed off this morning for the recount.

Pampa Police Lt. Fred Courtney delivered two locked gray plastic ballot boxes to the city commission chambers a few minutes before 8:30 a.m. today.

A few minutes after the appointed 8:30 a.m. hour, Dick Stowers, Ray Hupp and Bob Marx began counting the ballots cast election day on a table set up in front of the city commission dais. Gary Sutherland, Gladys Vanderpool and Duane Harp began counting early voting ballots in the jury room at the back of the city commission chamber.

The two groups separated the ballots into two stacks, one for Miller and one for Dixon. They then began counting out ballots in stacks of 100. With each person checking their tally against the two others.

"They are verified three times," Carter said of the counting procedure.

Miller tallied 580 early votes. Dixon got

480. There were 42 ballots cast in which no one voted for anyone in Ward 3.

Miller received 744 votes on election day. Dixon got 767. There were 49 votes in which no vote was cast in the Ward 3 race.

Sutherland, Harp and Vanderpool, with fewer votes to count, finished the early voting tally first, then began counting election day votes for Dixon as Stowers, Hupp and Marx finished the election day of ballots for Miller.

After noting the count in the city commission chamber, Dixon walked into the jury room as Sutherland, Harp and Vanderpool completed their count.

After doing some quick math on a piece of paper, Dixon said, "I lost," and returned to the city commission hall to talk with observers.

Miller leaned with her back against the wall of the jury room, her arms folded across her body, puffed her cheeks and breathed a sign of relief.

When Carter announced the final official count, Dixon returned to the jury room and congratulated Miller.

The Pampa City Commission will canvass the recount vote at their regular meeting Tuesday afternoon, and Miller will be sworn into office, according to City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers.

Following the recount, Dixon said he had filed a complaint with the city concerning questions about whether or not Miller lived in Ward 3.

Robbins produced a letter to Dixon saying that the city had rejected his objection.

Paulette Hinkle, Jeff Andrews, Gary Willoughby, David Bowser, Tonya Larkin and Sandra Martin were observers during the recount.

*"It cleared up the discrepancy in the number of votes. that's what I wanted to do."*

— Robert Dixon

## Mrs. Bush: President's bike trip should have been interrupted during evacuation

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — First Lady Laura Bush says her husband should have been interrupted during a bicycle ride last week to be told that the White House and Capitol were under an emergency evacuation.

The White House has defended the decision to let Bush continue his afternoon ride unaware that tens of thousands of people were being evacuated as a small

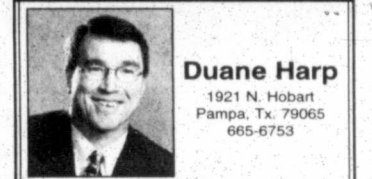
plane flew into restricted airspace over Washington. The president's aides continued to insist Friday that procedures were properly followed, even after Mrs. Bush said she wishes her husband had known.

"I think he should have been interrupted, but I'm not going to second-guess the Secret Service that were with him," she told reporters shortly after taking off

Thursday night on a trip to the Middle East.

Arriving here Friday, the first stop on a five-day tour of Jordan, Israel and Egypt, Mrs. Bush was greeted by the country's minister of tourism and antiquities, Alia Hatough-Bouran. She had no public events Friday as she prepared for a speech she was delivering Saturday before the World Economic Forum.

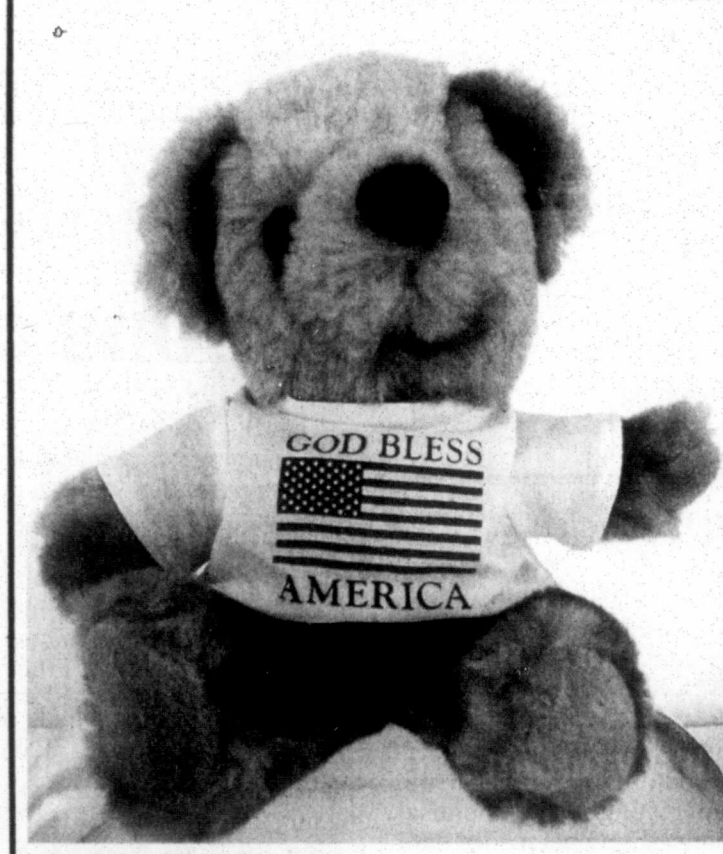
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# Viewpoints

## Cannon AFB closure may be case of politics

I've never forgotten when my maternal grandfather, Albert Fritz Johnston, would take me to watch a B-52 Stratofortress take off and land at Amarillo Air Force Base when the base was operational a long, long, long time ago.

It was the late 1950s and early 1960s, to be succinct with my being older than dirt, when "Gimpa" and I would sit and watch the behemoth jets do their thing from the confines of the old Amarillo airport, now called English Field.

Stratofortress. What a magnificent name. To this very day, I'm amazed that such a monster jet could get off the ground, and even more agog watching the B-

52's wings flap like those of a hawk. The big jets would play with my eyes and mind on their landing approach, seemingly not moving at all and ready to fall to earth, when they would drop landing gear and continue downward and safely land.

I possess such vivid memories of the B-52s when the Bay of Pigs occurred; the closest our country ever came to war with the USSR, for every B-52 stationed in Amarillo was in the air and gaining altitude over Pampa. What a sight. Another vivid memory is when Amarillo Air Force Base closed in 1964, courtesy of LBJ. Closing the air base was LBJ's way of saying, "Thanks, Amarillo and the

Panhandle of Texas, for not voting for me."

Now, Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, N.M., is facing the possibility of such an ending as Amarillo Air Force Base. The Pentagon Base Realignment and Closure Commission has recommended closing Cannon for budgetary and realignment purposes. Cannon is an F-16 base. The F-16 is one of the greatest military jets ever produced by our great country, a technological and tactical wonder. A few years back, Cannon was home to the swept-winged F-111. It was

the F-111 that said "hello" to Mr. Khadafi and his ilk sleeping in their tents upon President Reagan's orders back in the mid 1980s. Know your history. (Thanks, Mr. Graham for setting the record straight.)



**Dennis Palmitier**  
Columnist

I f you've seen F-16s swarming like hornets around Rick Husband International Airport, it's a good chance they were from Cannon. I remember what the closing of Amarillo Air Force Base meant to Amarillo's economy and the years it took for the city to

recover. Clovis will face the same dilemma if their state and community leaders cannot persuade the base closure commission to preserve Cannon Air Force Base.

I can't help thinking politics, not Pentagon budgeting, is the culprit behind Cannon being on the closure list. Hey, I didn't fall off the turnip truck onto my head. Pentagon Base Realignment and Closure Commission is another way to spell politics.

Why politics, pray tell? Bill Richardson, Governor of New Mexico, is a good answer. Gov. Richardson is a nasty ole Democrat who has paid many a Conservative's patootie for any number of years. I hope and pray politics is

not part of the reasoning to close such a vital asset to Clovis' economy, which, by the way, represents over 5,000 jobs that would be lost — the largest amount on the commission's closure list.

And, I hope and pray every reader writes his/her congressman/senator to express displeasure with the possible closing of Cannon Air Force Base, and maybe, the Panhandle can give Clovis a much-needed boost in preserving their economy and not having to face what Amarillo went through.

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## Today in History

By the Associated Press

Today is Friday, May 20, the 140th day of 2005. There are 225 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On May 20, 1861, the capital of the Confederacy was moved from Montgomery, Ala., to Richmond, Va.

### On this date:

In 1506, Christopher Columbus died in poverty in Spain.

In 1861, North Carolina voted to secede from the Union.

In 1902, the United States ended a three-year military presence in Cuba as the Republic of Cuba was established under its first elected president, Tomas Estrada Palma.

In 1927, Charles Lindbergh took off from Roosevelt Field in Long Island, N.Y., aboard the "Spirit of St. Louis" on his historic solo flight to France.

In 1932, Amelia Earhart took off from Newfoundland for Ireland to become the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic.

In 1939, regular transatlantic air service began as a Pan American Airways plane, the Yankee Clipper, took off from Port Washington, N.Y., bound for Europe.

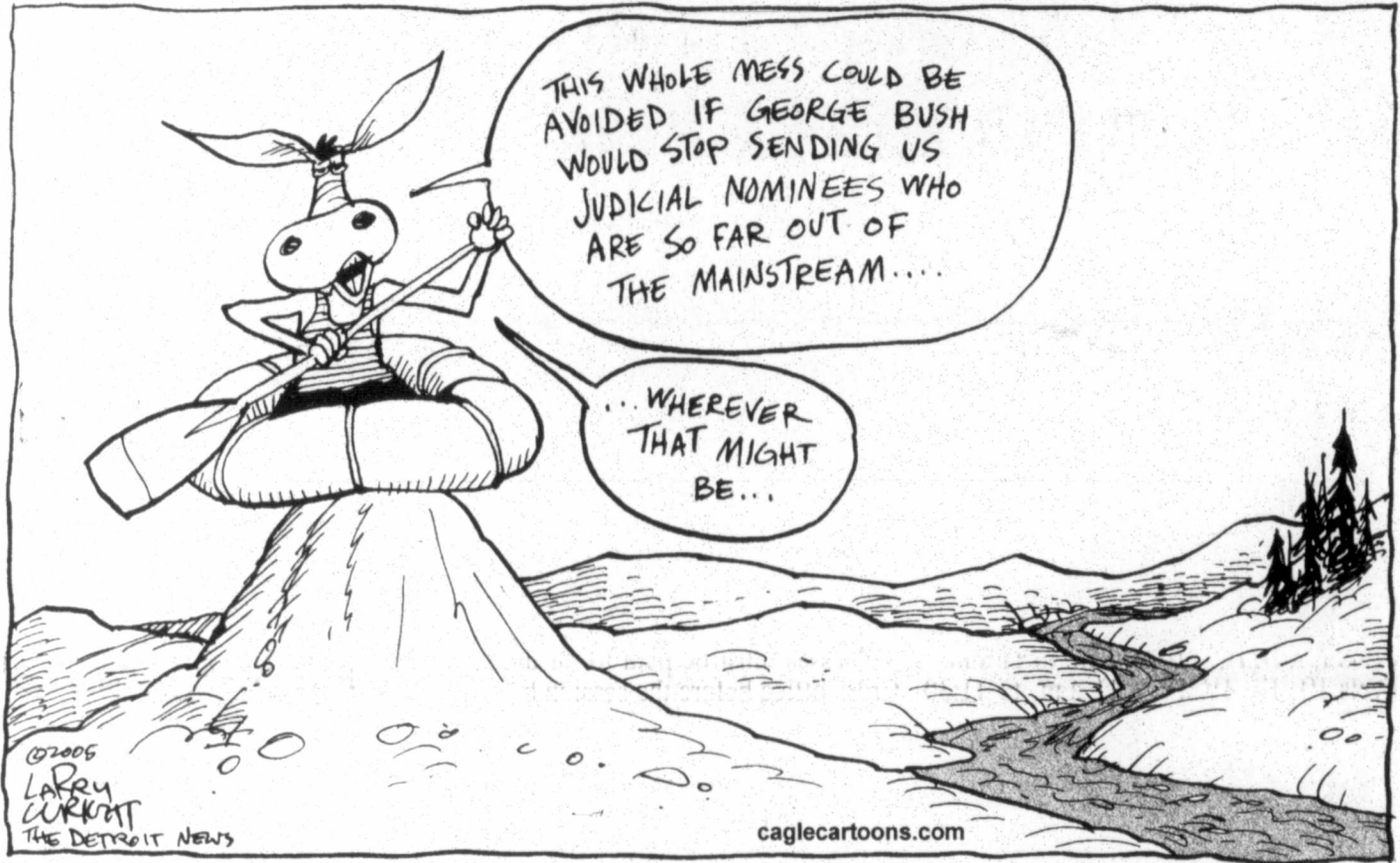
In 1961, a white mob attacked a busload of Freedom Riders in Montgomery, Ala., prompting the federal government to send in U.S. marshals to restore order.

In 1969, U.S. and South Vietnamese forces captured Apbia Mountain, referred to as "Hamburger Hill" by the Americans, following one of the bloodiest battles of the Vietnam War.

In 1985, the FBI arrested John A. Walker Jr., who was later convicted of spying for the Soviet Union.

In 1989, comedian Gilda Radner died in Los Angeles at age 42.

Ten years ago: President Clinton announced that the two-block stretch of Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House would be permanently closed to motor vehicles as a security measure. "Timber Country" won the Preakness at Pimlico.



## Unions or Hispanics: Dems decide

The Bush administration is planning to submit CAFTA — the Central America Free Trade Agreement — to the Congress for approval. Democrats and labor unions are indicating their usual opposition, and a fight reminiscent of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) battle over trade with Mexico in the early '90s seems about to begin.

But the battle comes at a critical time for the political parties, since the Hispanic vote has come dramatically into play in the recent presidential election. While Al Gore beat Bush by 65 to 35 percent among Hispanics, Kerry won by only 55 to 45.

Hispanics cast 10 million votes in 2004, so the gains Bush made over his 2000 vote share amount to a 2 million vote swing in his favor. Since Bush won by only 3.1 million

votes in 2004, the importance of the Latino vote is apparent.

CAFTA is an attempt to bring to the poverty-stricken countries of Central America the benefits of free trade with the colossus of the north. These nations are among the world's poorest, and free trade would be a tremendous

boon to their economies.

NAFTA has hurt them, since it has given Mexico a competitive advantage over its neighbors. Why build a factory in Guatemala and

pay tariffs to import your products to the United States when you can build it next door in Mexico and import without levies or duties?

Those who oppose illegal immigration cannot have it both ways. Either you alleviate poverty in Central America and encourage would-be immigrants to stay

home and share in the increasing wealth or you keep them in poverty and watch as they flock over our borders.

With 2 million people who were born in Central America now living in the United States, the Democrats oppose CAFTA at their peril. These voters will not take kindly to nativist sentiment in the party that says it offers them opportunity and compassion.

Hispanic voters are much less concerned about immigration issues than about free-trade questions. Once they are here and have become citizens and voters,

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## Our readers write

### Property tax appraisal up

Did anyone notice the tax increase? Call it what you will, but property taxes on my home just went up approximately 21 percent or \$40 per month due to increase in appraisal value.

Many things are taken

into consideration when appraising homes. One is the price of homes sold in area. However price per square foot can vary greatly due to other variables only understood by a lay person. Interestingly, appraisal notices were not mailed until after city elections.

Any suggestions?

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## Don't forget human cost of war

Congress has appropriated billions of dollars to the war effort an amount so huge that most Americans, struggling with their own daily budgets, cannot fathom it.

But the real cost of the battle is in the lives of the men and women who fight it the individuals who come home in flag-draped coffins, their deaths a reminder that the war, waged thousands of miles away, reaches our soil, too.

Americans should never forget the price of war, no matter how just they think that war may be. There is always a cost.

For too long, the adminis-

tration wanted to shield us from that cost, preventing the media from photographing the coffins as they arrived at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware.

The ban was a cynical response to what Gen. Hugh Shelton, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, called the "Dover test," a measure of the resolve Americans show in times of war.

"Is the American public prepared for the sight of our most precious resource com-

ing home in flag-draped caskets into Dover AFB?" he asked in 2000. "This is an issue, I think, that should be raised early on."

If a war were just and honorable, according to this theory, the people would steel themselves to the sight of those coffins. But their resolve would be tested with every casket they saw, every death that inflated the casualty list. And, as the toll mounted, they would have to measure the justness

of the war against the price of waging it.

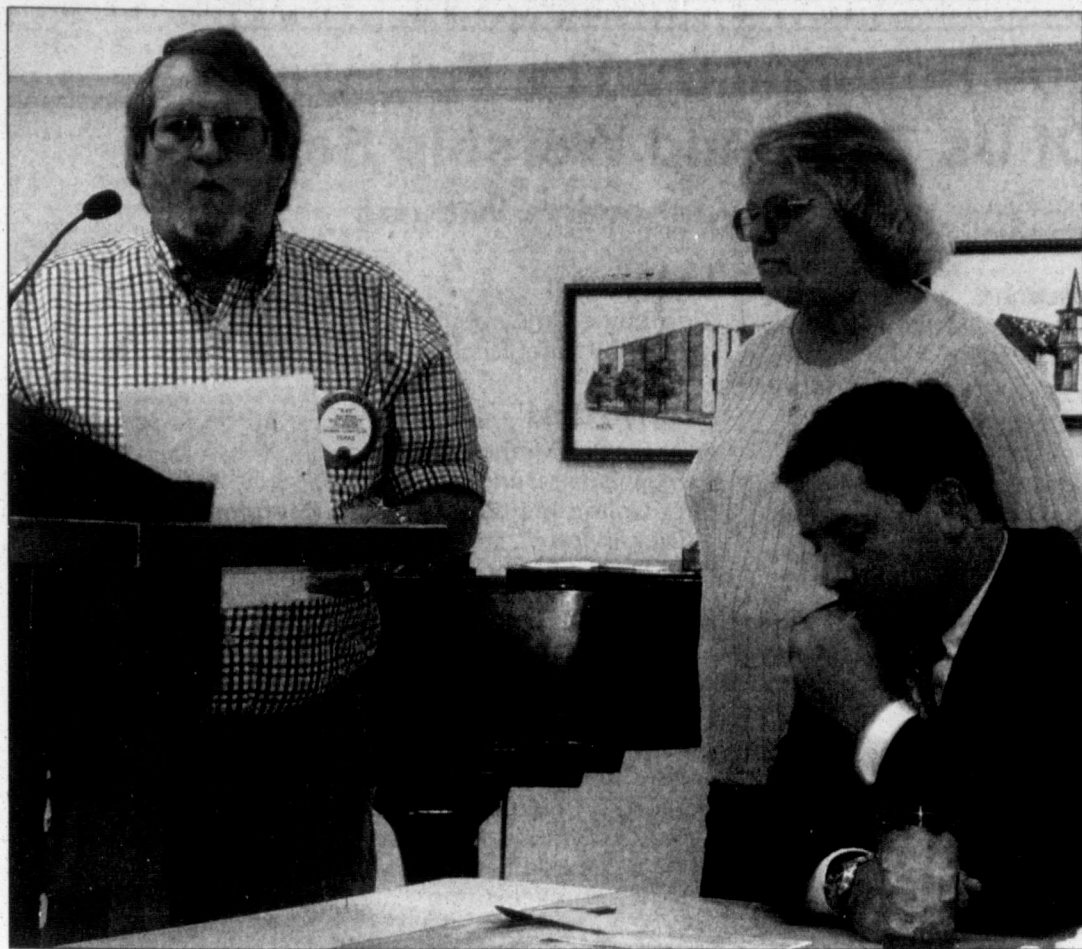
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This is what happened in Vietnam. As the body bags increased, so did the protests. After more than 50,000 Americans died, the war became a casualty of the casualty list.

For the war in Iraq, the administration barred the media from photographing the coffins as they arrived at the Air Force base. It was as if the officials had made a simple connection: No photographs, no opposition to the war.

Recently, however, the

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### Certificate of recognition

Ray White, left, presents a certificate of special recognition to the Pampa Lions Club for their support in his campaign for MultiDistrict 2 at a the club's meeting Thursday. Accepting the award was Shirley Jernigan, Lions Club secretary, as Lions Club member, Rusty Tapp, listens. Kathy Cota of the Texas Workforce Commission was guest speaker.

## Red Cross, City of Pampa offer summer swim classes

Gray County American Red Cross and the City of Pampa will offer swim lessons this summer at M.K. Brown Pool.

Class dates and times are as follows:

**JUNE 6-17 (all classes):**

Level 1 for 3 yrs to 5 yrs - 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Levels I, I, II, II, - 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Levels III, III, IV, IV - 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Levels III, IV, IV, V - 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon

**JULY 11-22 (all classes):**

Level 1 for 3 yrs to 5 yrs - 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

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Each two-week session with a 30-minute class each day will be \$35.

To register and pre-pay, come to the local Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. For more information, call 669-7121.

Classes must be paid for at the local Red Cross office before the session begins.

## Texas gas price levels fall for third week

IRVING (AP) — Texas gasoline prices have fallen for a third week in a row, according to a new AAA Texas Weekend Gas Watch survey released Friday.

The survey showed that regular unleaded self-serve averaged about \$2.05 a gallon in Texas, down 3 cents from last week but still about 17 cents higher than last year's average.

Gas prices fell in all eight Texas markets in the weekly

survey, said AAA Texas spokeswoman Rose Rougeau.

"Rising inventories of crude in the United States helped push oil prices to a three-month low this week, to slightly above \$47 a barrel," she said in a statement. "The downward trend is welcome news for motorists because lower crude prices mean lower pump prices in time for the Memorial Day weekend."

The cheapest prices were in the Corpus Christi area, where they averaged \$1.95 a gallon, down 4 cents from last week.

The costliest pump prices remained in the Dallas area, where they averaged \$2.09 a gallon, down 3 cents from a week ago.

The national prices are also at record levels, averaging about \$2.14 a gallon, down about 3 cents from last week.

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the opening of borders is a far-away issue at best. But likely each of these voters has family still living in Central America. The more than \$10 billion sent home by Mexicans and Central Americans living here attests to their concern for the folks back home. If the Democratic Party wants to have an all-out battle with the Republicans over compassion for Central America, it would be a serious mistake.

Bill Clinton's stalwart advocacy of NAFTA likely loomed large in the more than 3-1 margin he racked up among Hispanic voters in 1996. Bush has an opportunity to realize similar gains if the Democrats hand him the issue on a silver platter. It will be interesting to see

how Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-N.Y.) votes. Will she cater to the wishes of the 207,000 Central Americans (excluding Mexicans) who live in New York or to the AFL-CIO?

*With an unemployment rate in the United States of 5 percent, there is no case against free trade, particularly not with a poor and small area like Central America*

On the merits, CAFTA is a no-brainer. With an unemployment rate in the United States of 5 percent, there is no case against free trade, particularly not with a poor and small area like Central America.

The Democratic Party would have little basis for opposing CAFTA, having already extended free trade in textiles to the nations of Africa. The program to let their fabrics in without quotas or tariffs is one of the most effective forms of foreign aid in African history. Factories are springing up all over the continent to take advantage of the new program, and tens of thousands of people are finding work and getting income as a result.

So why won't the Democrats do for Central America what they did for Africa? Or, put another way, why won't they do for their Hispanic constituents what they did for their African-American voters? Watching them try will make an interesting spectacle for us all.

*Dick Morris is a political analyst and was an adviser to Bill Clinton for 20 years.*

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administration altered that policy, although it was not a complete reversal. The Pentagon released 360 photographs of the coffins of American soldiers killed in

Iraq. The switch came in response to a lawsuit filed by Ralph Begleiter, a professor at the University of Delaware, who challenged the policy of not releasing the photos for privacy reasons.

The switch comes two years and more than 1,600 deaths after the start of the

war, and the photos represent less than one-fourth of the men and women who have died in battle. But it is a start.

Americans should see the cost of this conflict and, just as important, they deserve the opportunity to see the photographs and honor our fallen soldiers.

## Legalizing slot machines may be put to voters

AUSTIN (AP) — In a late-session effort to legalize video slot machines, a state senator has proposed putting

the question before voters. Sen. Mario Gallegos, D-Houston, proposed Thursday that the issue be put on the

November ballot.

The proposal may revive the bill, which has been stalled in committee.

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# Religion

## 'Ride for the Refugee' to travel far to help supply South Texas ministry

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- Coordinates mission trips for congregations;
- Coordinates Disciples outreach to the poor in the lower Rio Grande Valley;
- Coordinates Disciples outreach to an orphanage in Mexico
- Coordinates Disciples outreach to colonias in Mexico.

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(From the Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries website: [www.sgsm.org](http://www.sgsm.org))

"Ride For the Refugee," a motorcycle ride from Liberal, Kan., to Los Fresnos, Texas to benefit Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries Aug. 19-22, will pass through Pampa.

"Ride for the Refugee" participants will ride motorcycles from Liberal to Los Fresnos with four stops planned to pick up supplies donated from area churches. A semi-truck and trailer will be traveling with the group to carry the supplies.

"Our goal is to fill this trailer completely full with supplies for SGSM," said Barry Loving, pastor of First Christian Church and one of the local organizers of the event. "We have a list from SGSM from which we will work. We intend to break the list down according to areas so that we can accomplish this.

Riders plan to arrive in Liberal, Kan., around supper time on Friday, Aug. 19, to gather supplies, eat supper, and then travel to Pampa for the night. On Saturday, the group will meet at First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson, in Pampa for the official kick-off of the ride and to have breakfast with the Men's Breakfast Ministry at 8:20 a.m.

After breakfast, riders will pull out and head for Brownwood, with stops at Childress, Paducah, and Abilene.

"The plan is to spend the night at Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat Center," Loving said. "We will have worship at the Lake on Sunday morning and then head for Kingsville."

Along the way, the riders will stop in Kerrville and San Antonio to pick up more supplies and refuel their motorcycles before stopping for the night in Kingsville.

"Then it will be 'Day of Delivery,'" Loving said. "Monday morning (Aug. 22) we will get up and ride to Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries in Los Fresnos



"Ride for the Refugee" organizers from Pampa's First Christian Church, from left, Johnny Harper, Jim Pepper and Barry Loving, rev up their motorcycles in anticipation of the upcoming ride to gather supplies for Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries on the Texas border with Mexico.

and deliver, hopefully, a complete 48-foot semi-trailer load of supplies."

The group plans to return to Kingsville after delivering the supplies to spend the night and begin the journey home the next day.

"We are inviting people who love to ride motorcycles to come and ride any or all of this ride with us," Loving said.

"We would love to roll into Los

Fresnos with over a hundred riders," he said.

"We are asking all churches of the region to begin praying for this event and to begin raising supplies for this event," he added.

Supplies will be picked up the stops mentioned. Individual churches are responsible for getting the supplies to those points, Loving said.

"All churches in the region will be receiving a letter and registration

forms for this event," he said. "We would humbly seek the support of all the region staff in prayer and in participation for this event."

Donation to ride with the "Ride for Refugees" is a minimum of \$25. All leftover proceeds will go to SGSM.

For more information, call Loving at (806) 669-3225 or check the website: [www.fecpampa.org/RideForTheRefugee/RFTRMain.html](http://www.fecpampa.org/RideForTheRefugee/RFTRMain.html)

## Bingo Run will benefit Briarwood youth group

Briarwood Full Gospel Church plans a Bingo Run as a fundraiser for the youth department with sign-up beginning at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, May 21, at the church, 1800 W. Harvester.

Cost to sign up is \$10 with each participant receiving a bingo card when they sign up. Two awards will be given to the first two who get a bingo. First prize is \$100

cash and second prize is \$50 cash. The first bingo piece is received at Briarwood Church, then on to Miami for the second piece. For the third piece, Highways 382 and 70. Little Red School House is the stop for the fourth piece.

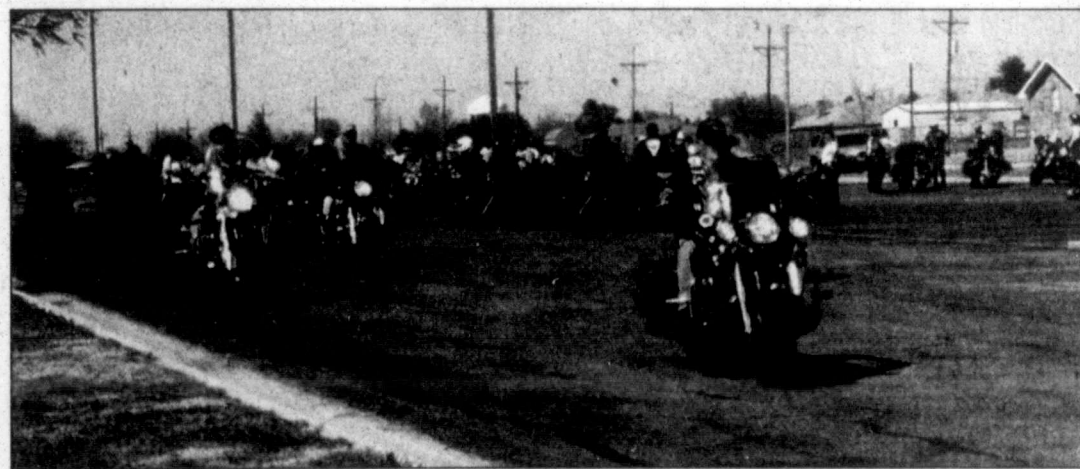
The public is invited to participate in the Bingo Run.

Cars and motorcycles are welcome. The first 100 peo-

ple to sign up receive a T-shirt. After the bingo is finished, everyone present will be eligible for other prizes to be given away to ticket holders. Food vendors will be available.

All proceeds will benefit the Briarwood Youth Group's mission trip to Mexico.

For more information, call Jackie Martindale at 669-7533.



A street full of motorcycle riders take off during the 2004 Bingo Run to benefit Briarwood Church's youth group.



### Super Science Camp - What a blast!

Amy German, camp leader, fires a water blaster gun at last year's Super Science Camp conducted by St. Matthew's Episcopal Day School. St. Matthew's is currently gearing up for its 2005 Super Science Camp on June 20-24. Children ages 3-5 can enroll in "Big Ocean Adventure" or "Picasso Camp" while kindergarten through second graders can choose between "Space Camp" or "Safari Adventure." For youth in grades third through sixth, there is "Crime Scene Investigators" and for ages five and up "American Idol." For more information or to make a reservation — which is on a first-come, first-serve basis only, call St. Matthew's at 665-0703.

### MINISTER'S MUSING

## Take heart, for Christ is Lord of all churches — big or small

Many people attend small churches. A good definition of a small church is one whose average Sunday worship is under 100 parishioners. For those of you pastors and people who serve and attend such a church this article is meant to encourage you.

Why would anyone go to a small church? Many times there is no other choice. If you want to go to a Lutheran church in Pampa, there is only one option. If you want to attend an Episcopal or Presbyterian church in town, you

only have one choice. If you desire to attend a large congregation in certain denominations then you have to drive to Amarillo. Although, there are others in a few denominations who actually have a choice of congregations and yet they remain (and are even happy) in their small congregation. How can this be? Let me give you a few things to consider.

1. Your pastor will much more likely be able to minister to your needs. If you go to the hospital your pastor will come visit you. If

you need your pastor for another concern time can be arranged.

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Now, to be fair, it is not that pastors of large churches don't want to make calls or visits. They do. But with so many members these cler-

gy are run ragged. There are so many demands and so much to do. So take heart you in a small church your pastoral care is quite adequate.

2. You can be involved. Yes, I know that some people like a big church so they don't get asked to do things or serve on a board, but you in a small church want to serve. You are needed (and how). God's Word says in 1 Peter, "As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace (4:10 RSV).

Those of you in a small church know it takes everybody to take care of the property, get the lawn mowed, and serve in the various groups and boards of the church. You are needed and your service is vital to the church for which you are keenly aware.

3. You are more likely to know everybody. 1 Corinthians talks about if one part of the body hurts the whole body hurts with it; if one part is honored, the whole body

# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband, "Don," and I have been married for five years. We have two beautiful children, and Don is a terrific father. For the most part, we have a good life together and get along well.

The problem is his sister, "Marsha." Marsha has major boundary issues, and she tries to undermine my role as both mother and wife. Their mother died young, and Marsha took on the role of mother. She still hasn't let go.

When Don and I first began dating, Marsha said some extremely nasty things in an effort to break us up. For example, she said I wasn't his type (right!), that he had been promiscuous in his past (not true), and that I would never know Don as well as she knows him. (She still says it on a regular basis.)

When Don and I have the rare quarrel, he goes running off to Marsha for advice. He also spends time with her on his days off, and they discuss very personal issues in our marriage. Marsha uses this personal information as fodder for gossip and pretends to be our "counselor." Because Don knows it upsets me, he now lies about visiting her or her coming over. I am on the brink of telling him I don't want to see his sister anymore.

Other than our issues with her, our life is wonderful. Any advice regarding a worse-than-mother-in-law sister-in-law? -- SEEING RED IN MINNESOTA

**DEAR SEEING RED:** An effective counselor is someone who is unbiased. A worse-than-mother-in-law should not be assuming the role of "counselor." Because of her dual role in your husband's life, she should (ethically) disqualify herself.

On some level, your husband must realize that when he runs to his sister, she'll

automatically take his side. That's neither a fair nor healthy solution to your problems. Some sessions with a professional marriage counselor could help you resolve your differences. It could also lengthen -- if not sever -- his sibling umbilical cord, and I strongly recommend it.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have an ethics question for you.

The other night, my husband and I went to a movie -- something we seldom do. When we got into the theater and looked at our ticket stubs, we realized we'd been charged the senior rate rather than the one for adult admission.

I'm only 51, but I started turning gray in college and don't color my hair. My husband is a couple of years younger (I call him my "boy toy"), but I'm sure we looked "old" to the pink-cheeked high school student selling the tickets.

This has happened to me on a couple of other occasions, and I have said nothing. On the one hand, I feel like we are receiving a benefit under false pretenses. On the other hand, I still recall being 11 and tall for my age, and being required to buy adult tickets from people who didn't believe I wasn't 12.

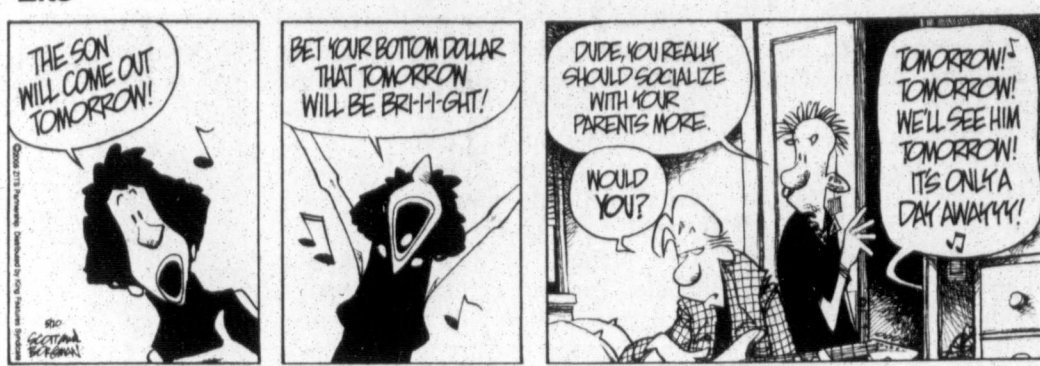
I would never claim to be a senior to get a discount, because I'm not -- and we did buy popcorn that we might otherwise not have purchased. I think to have said something, especially after the fact, would have embarrassed us all. In your opinion, what's the right thing to do? -- JANET IN PALM SPRINGS

**DEAR JANET:** The right thing to do is to inquire when you reach the ticket booth how old a person must be to get a senior discount. The age can vary among different establishments -- including restaurants -- and if you don't qualify for the discount, be honest enough to say so.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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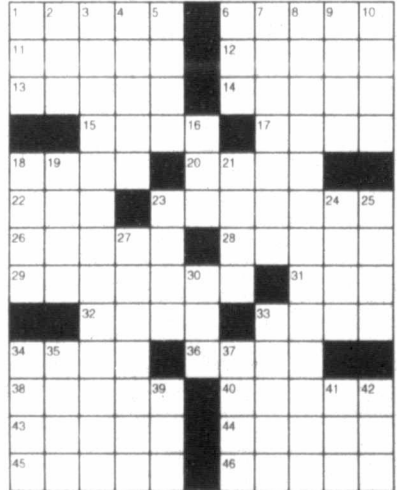
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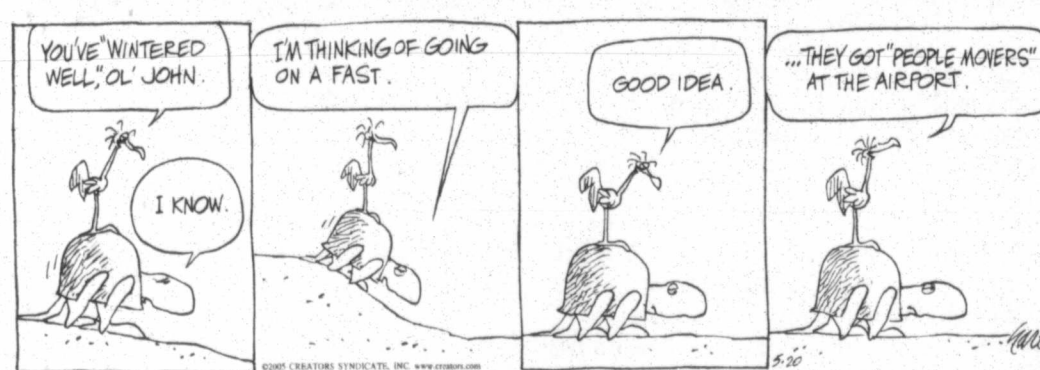
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"This time we can't both hide. One of us has to seek!"

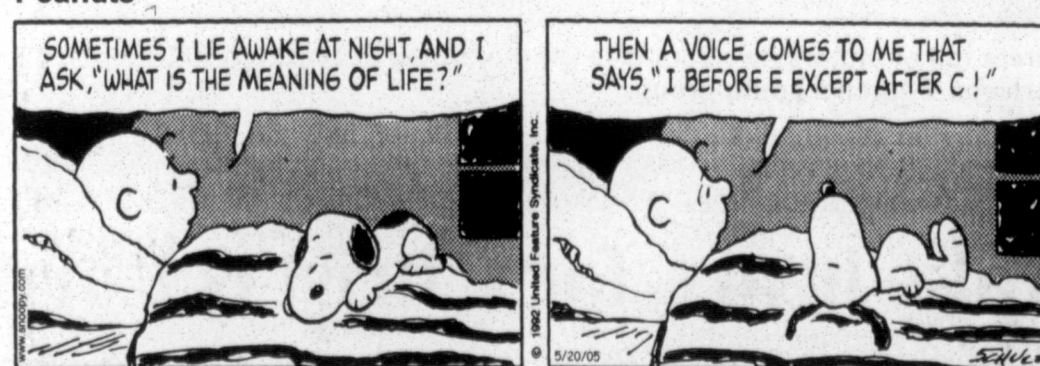
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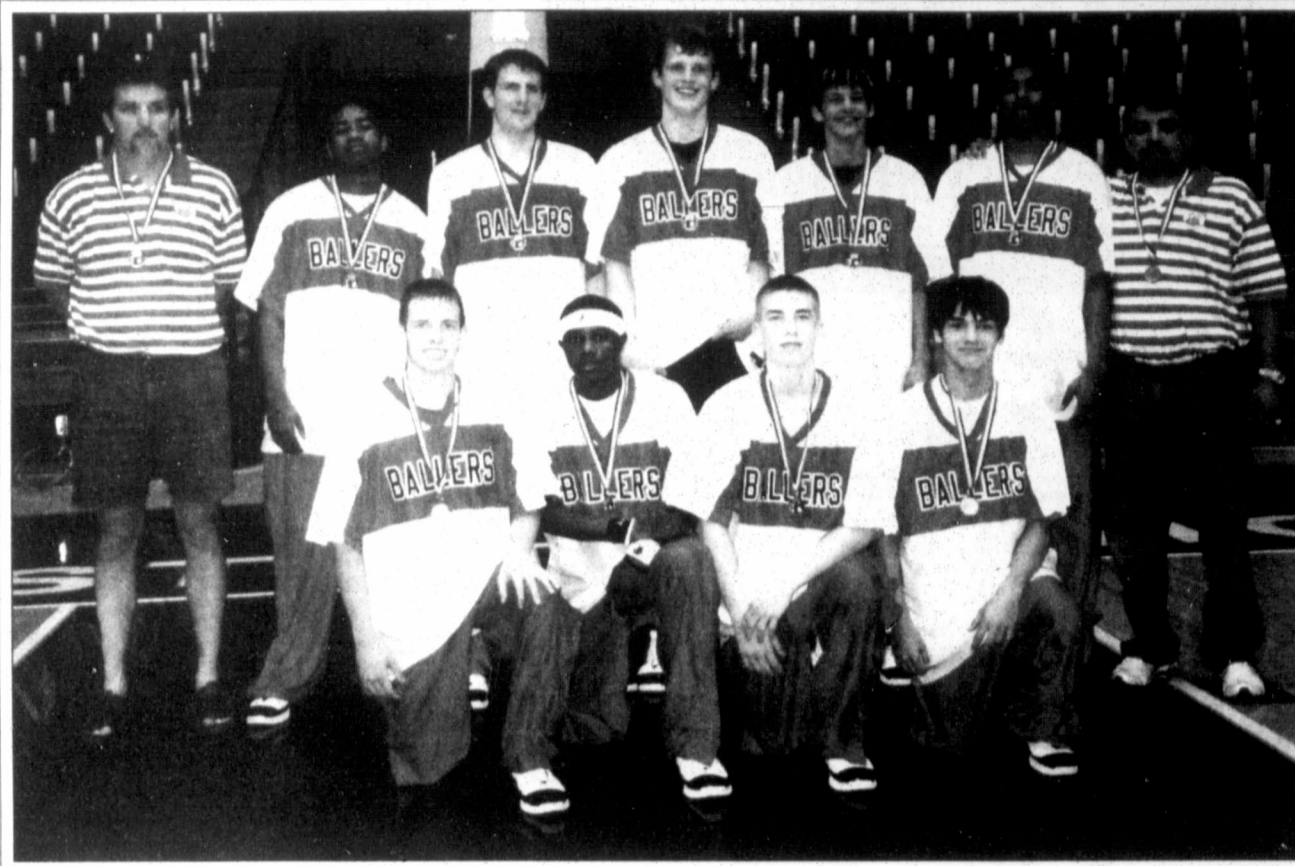
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# Sports Day



## Pampa Ballers win inaugural Hoop Mountain tournament

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

The Pampa Ballers basketball team recently traveled to Wichita, Kan. to compete in the first ever Hoop Mountain Central Tournament, held on the campus of Wichita State University.

The Ballers defeated the Kansas Diaper Dans, 52-50, claiming the inaugural tournament championship in the process. The Kansas team fea-

tured graduating seniors from both Wichita and Kansas City, two of them already committed to play for Division I colleges.

In only four tournaments thus far, the Ballers have one championship and two second place finishes. They will next compete in Elk City June 3-5, and Hutchinson, Kan. June 10-12.

The Ballers are coached by Jimmy Barker and Frank Fernandez.

4 With championship medals proudly on display, the Pampa Ballers basketball team is, from left to right, front row- Braydon Barker, Sharod Young, Shade Haddox and Anthony Fernandez. Back row- Coach Jimmy Barker, D.J. Dixon, Nathan Purswell, Jarett Kotara, Tyler Fernandez, Andrew Horton and Coach Frank Fernandez.

## Doughty, Lyons square off in pitcher's duel

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

Little more than 24 hours after senior Shea Brown was honored as the District 4-5A Player of the Month, the Pampa Harvester varsity baseball team will take the diamond in a best-of-three 4A Regional quarterfinal series against the Frenship Tigers.

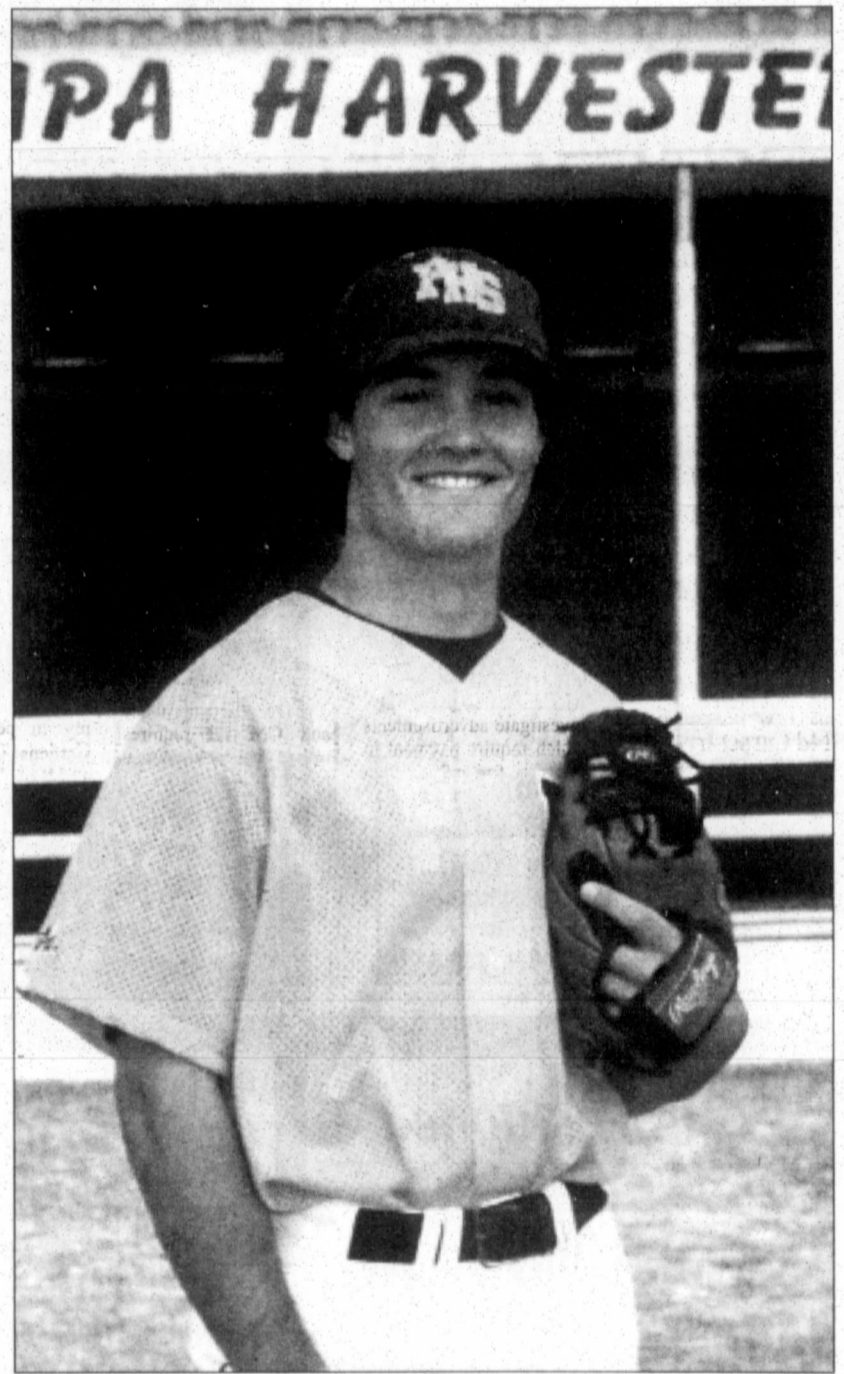
And though Brown has been a quiet giant with the bat, stolen bases and smooth defense all season long, the real match-up may be at the pitcher's mound. Senior Tyler Doughty (9-1) will start for Pampa (24-6). Frenship (24-11) will start southpaw Tyler Lyons (12-1). Lyons sports a 1.83 ERA and has fanned 175 to this point.

Still, the 3-4A champs have been nothing if not steadfast in their approach to every game this season. This is not a team easily rattled. Interestingly, it is a team that appears to stay lose all game long. It is also a team with plenty of go-to guys. Should Doughty struggle, the coaching staff has Tyson Hickman and Dusty Lenderman ready to spell him. Not bad at all.

Game one is set for a 5 p.m. start this afternoon at Tascosa High School in Amarillo. The series then moves to Wilder Field in Plainview tomorrow. That game will begin at 4 p.m. If needed, game three will follow thirty minutes later.

The winner will face either Aledo or Wichita Falls Rider next week.

Today's game can be heard on AM 1230 KGRO.



## Player of the Month

Pampa senior Shea Brown was honored yesterday by the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Sports Committee as the 4A/5A baseball Player of the Month for April 2005. During April, Brown had a batting average of .586, a .690 slugging percentage, and an on-base percentage of .744. He was 10 for 10 in stolen bases, and led the Harvesters to an 8-0 record for the month.

### MEETINGS AND EVENTS

## Booster club meetings; PAMCEL scrambles to begin next Tuesday

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

#### Football

The Pampa High School football booster club will hold a meeting Monday, May 23, at Val Halla. That meeting will begin at 7 p.m. All incoming freshman and 10th-12th grade parents are invited to meet the new coaches and make plans for the 2005-2006 Harvester football season.

#### Basketball

The Pampa High School basketball booster club will hold a meeting Tuesday, May 24, in the PHS library. That meeting is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

For additional information, please contact a booster club member, or the PHS Athletic Office, 669-4830.

#### GOLF

The PAMCEL Golf Course will begin scramble play next Tuesday, May 24. Scrambles have been moved to Tuesdays this year, and are open to the public. Registrations must be completed by 5:45 p.m. in the pro shop. Scrambles will begin at 6 p.m. Scrambles will feature a Blind Draw format and handicaps are required. Entry fees are \$10 for members, \$5 for non members. For additional information, please contact the PAMCEL Golf Course.

## Silva, Harper and Cortez take Monday Scramble

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

Here are the results from the Monday Night Scramble and the Senior Scramble at Hidden Hills golf course.

#### Monday Night Scramble May 16, 2005

**1st Place (32)**  
Benny Silva  
Jackie Harper  
Carlos Cortez

**2nd (32)**  
Clint Miller  
Carolyn Allison  
Tom Grantham

#### Senior Scramble May 18, 2005

**1st Place (61)**  
Ron Parnell  
Travis Johnston  
Jess Mathis  
Gene Winegeart

**2nd Place (61)**  
Jim Brashears  
Oscar Sargent  
Norman Willingham  
Paul Hinton

**3rd Place (62)**  
Bill Hammer  
Jim Ashford  
Dwayne Stiles  
Dale Butler

**4th Place (63)**  
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Duane Cash

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Site: Toyota Field @ the Amarillo Civic Center  
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**THE STAKES:** Although Saturday night's contest is not a divisional game, it is an important game for the Coyotes and the Dusters. Both teams are looking to bounce back from losses last weekend, and both teams are looking for answers from new players as the injury bug makes its way around af2.

#### YES, HE'S THE SON OF THE HALL OF FAMER:

Central Valley Coyotes Head Coach Fred Biletnikoff Jr. is indeed the son of Oakland Raiders Hall of Fame Receiver Fred Biletnikoff. Fred Jr. took over the reigns as the Head Coach of the Coyotes last season, and worked hard at rebuilding the roster in the off-season following last year's disappointing 3-13 campaign.

**COACH PERDUE'S**

#### THOUGHTS ON CENTRAL VALLEY:

"Central Valley's skill players can roll. Their receivers stretch the field and run double-move routes probably better than any other group that we've faced. It's ridiculous how much speed they have.



Their secondary isn't necessarily the best in terms of technique, but they are very athletic and they will hit you in the mouth. Up front, they have some tanks. They are powerful and aggressive."

"They've got a little nasty streak, so we have to be ready to battle for four quarters. I don't think our big guys were ready to battle all night long against Memphis, so we've amped up

our conditioning this week. We can't take plays off and expect to have a chance against the Coyotes. They have too much athleticism, and they can exploit you in a hurry if you don't bring it on every snap. We are both 4-2 and coming off of tough losses. Something's got to give."

#### MILES AND LEMONS PROVIDE UPGRADE:

The Dusters were thrilled to announce the assignments of Devin Lemons and Dewayne Miles on Tuesday. Devin Lemons was on the active roster of the Washington Redskins last season, and spent time with the Chicago Bears and Miami Dolphins as well.

He was an outstanding Defensive End at Texas Tech, and starred locally at Pampa High School. Dewayne Miles shattered indoor rushing records for the Dusters last season, prompting the Austin Wranglers to sign him earlier this year.

Miles appeared in one game for the Wranglers. Miles holds all the major rushing records at nearby West Texas A&M, and went to camp with the Detroit Lions and Minnesota Vikings.

## Ferguson's complete game helps Cabot Corporation stick Glo-Valve with 4-4 tie

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

Thursday night's game between Cabot Corporation and Glo-Valve Service proves why you have to play the game in the Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken League.

Cabot was 1-6 and in last place.

Glo-Valve was 7-0 alone in first place.

By the time the dust had settled, Cabot would play Glo-Valve to a 4-4 tie.

Chase Ferguson gave up no earned runs, scattered five hits, struck out 12 and walked only two in the complete game for Cabot.

Glo-Valve used a two run rally in the sixth to escape with the tie.

Zach Graves started on the hill for Glo-Valve. He

allowed two runs on three hits in two plus innings. He walked two and struck out three. Reid Miller and Tyler Malone also pitched.

Glo-Valve did play errorless ball throughout the game.

Cabot catcher Mitch Simon made the defensive play of the game when he scooped up a bunt in front of the plate and nipped the batter at first to save a run.

Celanese Corporation will play Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency at 5:45 p.m. today.

Glo-Valve takes on Rotary Club at 7:45 p.m.

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



*Vigil for the troops*



Dolores Czesnowski at Pampa Regional Medical Center's Candlelight Vigil honoring American troops. She and husband Joe are the parents of PFC Joseph Czesnowski deployed in Iraq and PFC Jesse Czesnowski stationed in Fort Benning, Ga. The vigil was held in conjunction with the celebration of National Hospital Week. Throughout hospital week, employees of Pampa Regional Medical Center also donated items to be sent to the troops in Iraq.

## Iraq, Iran issue joint statement blaming Saddam for 1980-88 war, 1990 invasion of Kuwait

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — For the first time Iraq has joined with Iran in labeling Saddam Hussein and his henchmen as the military aggressors of the 1980-88 war between the two countries and of Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

The joint statement, issued Thursday during Iranian Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi's historic trip to Iraq, comes as the Shiite Muslim-dominated governments of both countries try to forge better ties following Saddam's ouster two years ago.

The former Iraqi dictator, who was captured in December 2003, is facing charges including killing rival politicians during his 30-year rule, gassing Kurds, invading Kuwait in 1990 and suppressing Kurdish and Shiite uprisings in 1991. He is in U.S. military custody with several of his former top aides await-

ing trial. No trial dates have been set.

Iraqis in the new government and Iran's Shiite-led theocracy have previously blamed the former Iraqi dictator for starting the bloody eight-year war against Iran, in which 1 million people died.

But the latest statement, issued by the Iraqi Foreign Ministry, marks the first time Iraq has sided with Iran to accuse the former Iraqi president of being the aggressor in the war.

"The two sides confirm the necessity of trying the leaders of the former regime in Iraq in a fair trial because they committed war crimes and crimes against humanity and their military aggression against the Iraqi people, Iran and Kuwait," the statement said.

Shiite lawmaker Jaleddine al-Saghir said Friday that Iranian officials have made it clear previously that "they are not after finan-

cial compensation, but seeking rehabilitation."

He described the statement as a "positive step to solve all problems between the two countries."

Asked if such a statement would anger this country's Sunni Arab community, to which Saddam belonged, al-Saghir said it was not only Iraqi Shiites who accuse the former dictator of being the aggressor in the war with Iran, "but all Iraqis as a state, and the proof is that the foreign minister is a Sunni," referring to Hoshiyar Zebari, an Iraqi Kurd.

Iraqi and Iranian officials were not immediately available for comment Friday, a weekly religious holiday in both countries.

Iran has said previously it is considering filing a suit against Saddam for invading Iraq, which says it is owed billions in war damages.

## Small

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rejoices (1 Cor. 12:26). This is, of course, true for both large and small congregations, but again you in small churches experience this more personally. You form relationships with your brothers and sisters and you can't help but know what kinds of struggles and joys they experience in life. They also support you when you go through these hills and valleys yourself. There is much comfort to receive from a body that cares about each other.

4. Along with this, small churches compel you to work out differences you have with others (see Matt. 5:22-24; Col. 3:12-14). Face it, you are going to see these folks again and again. There is no alternative service to attend. It is godly to bear with one another and learn how to forgive as the Lord forgives us. In a small

church it is harder to avoid our call to forgive our brothers and sisters in Christ. Our sinful nature wants to hold grudges and simply walk away, but Christ puts us in situations that we can't get out of so easily, for our own good. Take heart this is good Spiritual discipline that builds maturity.

*People in small churches more likely are there because they believe the doctrine taught to them.*

5. And finally I would add loyalty to the doctrine taught in the church. You in a small parish know families that have come once and didn't see the right number of children the age of their children. So they go to a big church to take in the large

youth groups they have to offer. I say, let these folks go. They have a misguided reason for going to church. The main reason is to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ (His death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins) and receive His gifts. People in small churches more likely are there because they believe the doctrine taught to them. They are present in God's house because they are committed to what is taught and confessed from Scripture, not a youth group, sewing group, singles ministry, or aerobics class that is offered. You in a small parish should know things are not always greener somewhere else.

Take heart, small churches and you who attend them. Yes, we will struggle financially, lose people to larger churches, and face daunting challenges to not wear out our people. Take heart, for Christ is Lord of the Church, no matter how large or small.

### Cooperative Extension to host wheat turn-row event

KINGSMILL — Texas Cooperative Extension in Gray, Roberts, Armstrong and Carson counties will host a Wheat Turn-Row Informational event beginning at 9 a.m. May 26 at Britten Feed and Seed in Kingsmill.

Dr. Brent Bean will be on hand to discuss

variety characteristics and diseases. Dr. Carl Patrick will explore damage and pressure.

Bean and Patrick will be taking questions from participants. For more information on the upcoming turn-row event, call the local Extension office at 669-8033.

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