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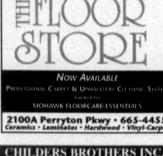
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Lana Miller takes the oath of office as she is sworn in by Pampa City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers, right.

## **Commission eyes** contract, easement

**By DAVID BOWSER** Staff Writer

The City of Pampa plans to renew its contract with Atmos Energy for natural gas and grant an easement across city land for a new motel. Both measures will be brought before the public in hearings before the commission takes action on them.

City Manager John Horst explained to the city com-

mission at their regular meeting Tuesday afternoon that their vote was not on the ordinance that would grant the franchise to Atmos Energy but simply an authorization to publish the proposed ordinance for public inspection. The ordinance has to be published once a week for three consecutive weeks before it can be voted

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## **School board approves** new boundaries, policy

#### By DEE DEE LARAMORE Editor

A reorganized Pampa Independent School District Board of Education featuring new officers and two new members Tuesday unanimously approved changes to elementary school boundaries and student transfer policy at the May meeting Tuesday in Carver Center.

Newly-elected board members, Dana

Terry and Derrell DeLoach, and incumbent member, Lance DeFever, received the oath of office administered by Lea Ann Cochran, a PISD business office employee and notary, at the start of last night's meeting.

Afterwards, the board elected the following new officers: President Lance DeFever, Vice President Charles Smith and Secretary Greg Brown.

"First, I want to thank Joe Martinez for representing the board as its president for the past two years," board member, nominated DeFever.

Haenisch reported that a telephone survey of families affected by the boundary changes showed that 90 percent or more surveyed wanted their student to remain in the school they have been attending.

The new student transfer policy allows students to apply to transfer to any of the elementary schools on the same basis as any other student transfer, Haenisch said, how-

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Pampa News photo by DEE DEE LARAMORE

Lea Ann Cochran, far left, administers the oath of Lee Porter, said when he office to newly-elected Pampa ISD board members, from left, Dana Terry, Derrell DeLoach, and re-elected Superintendent Barry member, Lance DeFever Tuesday.

Horseshoe begins

with the Top O' Texas Rodeo, June 2, 3, and 4.

A "Golden Horseshoe" has been hidden in the area and clues will be given each day, starting Thursday, May 26, to help locate the horse-

The lucky person who

finds the horseshoe will receive a box seat, valued at \$150, to all three perform-

ances of the 59th annual Top O' Texas Rodeo and will be

able to ride in the rodeo

parade on Saturday, June 4.

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News. Newspaper personnel

This year, the clues will

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Hunt for Golden

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Don Emmons of Pampa, a veteran of the Korean conflict, points to himself in a photograph of U.S. soldiers in a Jeep firing at enemy forces in Korea. Esaid. The photo is part of a large display of military memorabilia which opened at 1 p.m. Tuesday at White Deer Land Museum.

## the rodeo office, 669-0434.

## Two new faces in district attorney's office

#### **By MARILYN POWERS** Staff Writer

There are two new faces in the office of 31st District Attorney Lynn Switzer.

Xochitl (pronounced SOshe) Valenzuela replaced Melanie Carter about a month ago as victim's assistance coordinator. Valenzuela, 33, was a service coordinator for Texas Panhandle Mental Health - Mental Retardation Pampa Sheltered at Workshop for two years before being hired by the district attorney.

She is responsible for helping victims of crime deal with the results of the crime.

"I assist victims with

medical bills, keep them informed on progress of cases, refer them to other agencies as needed, and help with restitution," she said of some of her duties.

Valenzuela also acts as victim's assistance coordinator in county cases in the five counties which make up

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Valenzuela

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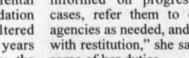
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have been asked not to give out any information over the telephone.

If you have any questions concerning the top O' Texas rodeo or the Golden Horseshoe Hunt, call Cindy Kemph at





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#### **Obituaries**

#### Nina McLish Underwood, 89

Nina McLish Underwood, 89, of Pampa, Texas, died Tuesday, May 24, 2005, at Pampa, Texas.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Underwood was born Aug. 9, 1915, in Tishomingo, Okla. She married William Guy in March of 1935. He preceded her in death in 1960.

She had been a resident of Pampa since 1985. She was a member of the First Christian Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Patricia Leach and

husband Jerry of Pampa; one son, Michael Guy and wife Margaret of Espanola, N.M.; two brothers, Cal McLish of Edmond, Okla., and Ed McLish of Harwood; four grandchildren; four greatgrandchildren; four greatgreat-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065. -Sign the on-line regis-

ter book at www.carmichaelwhatley.com.

#### Betty Ann Ward, 82

Betty Ann Ward, 82, of Fritch, passed away on May 18, 2005, in Amarillo. The family will have a memorial service at a later date.

Betty was born Feb. 7, 1923, in Great Divide, Colo., to Robert and Elizabeth Drake. She lived in Pampa for over 30 years before moving away.

She was a member of the Episcopal Church in Pampa. She loved to help others, animals, garden, the outdoors, and mostly her family and friends.

She will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Survivors include husband, H.E. "Gene" Ward of Fritch; daughter, Carol Ward of Fritch; son and daughterin-law, Mr. and Mrs. Donald D. Ward of Oak Point, Texas; grandson, Russell Heath Morris of Covington, Ga.; granddaughter and spouse, Mr. and Mrs. Brad Daggett of Portales, N.M.; and great-granddaughters, Jamie Ann Morris and Serenah Daggett.

The family would like memorials to be made to Pikes Peak Hospice, 825 E. Pike's Peak Ave., Suite 600, Colorado Springs, CO 80903-3624.

## Gray County Weather

Today: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 p.m., then a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, possibly severe, after 1 p.m.

Partly cloudy, with a high near 82. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Tonight: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, possibly severe,. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 54.

East northeast wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Thursday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high around 68. East wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Thursday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low near 55. South southeast wind around 5 mph.

Friday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high around 75. South

The lobby. occurred in the 1300 block of Coffee. No injuries were

reported. An animal complaint was received from the intersection of Harvester and Bradley streets.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1000 block of Prairie Drive. Suspicious person calls

were received from the 400 block of South Russell and the intersection of Montagu and Christy streets.

Burglary was reported in the 700 block of West Brown.

Check forgery was Supermarket, 1420 N.

Found property was

Unauthorized use of a

A narcotic drug law vio-

lation was reported in the

1300 block of Coffee. The

violation was possession of

Criminal mischief was

reported in the 2300 block

of Christine, where the back

window of a vehicle was

Daniel Allen Welch, 437,

733 N. Zimmers, was

arrested in the 700 block of

North Zimmers on a war-

rant for fraud. Bond on the

Coffee, was arrested in the

1200 block of Coffee for

possession of under two

ounces of marijuana and

possession of drug para-

phernalia. Bond on the mar-

ijuana charge was set at

Accidents

Matthew Beck, 17, 1329

charge was set at \$5,000.

motor vehicle was reported

in the 300 block of East

reported in the 500 block of

police department lobby.

Hobart.

North Frost.

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incident following accident today:

Monday, May 23 7:23 p.m. – A 1998 Pontiac, driven by Cathryn Fish Jameson, 47, 816 Malone, and a 1993 Mercury Cougar, driven by Amanda Nicole Tyrell, 26, 1309 N. Russell, collided in the 200 block of West Harvester. No injuries were reported. Jameson was cited for failure to control speed.

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

> Tuesday, May 24 arl Jason Schubart, 25,

four firefighters responded to an odor investigation in the 800 block of West 25th. No problem was found.

12:47 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a report of a bomb at Pampa High School. Firefighters stood by until it was determined there were no bombs and they were released by Pampa Police Department at 1:05 p.m.

7:27 p.m. - One unit and Sheriff of three firefighters responded to a hazardous material spill from a motor vehicle collision at Harvester and Russell streets.

Tuesday, May 24

11.52 a m - One unit and

Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

## Courthouse lawn

Magdaleno Blanco, an employee of West Texas Landscape, cuts rebar to the proper length in preparation for pouring part of the new sidewalks on the south side of Gray County Courthouse. The south lawn of the courthouse is being refurbished as part of the courthouse restoration project funded by the Texas Historical Commission. The finished south lawn will include several varieties of trees, two flagpoles, benches, and the memorial which already stood there at the time the current work began on the lawn.

## **Emergency Services**

#### Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests today.

Tuesday, May 24 One traffic stop was made. A traffic complaint was received from the 1500 block of West 23rd.

A vehicle accident was reported at the intersection of Kentucky and Charles streets, involving four vehicles and a gasoline spill.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered in the 1100 block of Varnon, the intersection of Price and Starkweather streets, the reported at United 800 block of East Frederic, the 400 block of Ballard, and the 500 block of East Crawford.

wind around 5 mph.

Friday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 57. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high around 79. Southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 60. Southeast wind around 15 mph.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Mostly cloudy, with a high near 82. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low near 61.

Memorial Day: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high around 82.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 58.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high around 84.

#### SALE North Fork Antiques During McLean's City Wide Garage Sale

## May 28

Newly arrived estate items include Quilt tops, crochet, embroidery work Vintage Peter Hurd print collection Etude magazines from 1919 World War I sheet music Collectible sewing items

Plus Unique hand-made purses by The Bag Ladies

## **Half-Price Sale**

1941 Red Wing Pottery collection 1920's art deco hand-made bed and nightstands One set of china Western Decor Also, see garage sale items at the Lions Building OPEN 10am to 6pm Tuesday through Saturday

Emergency medical services assistance was rendered in the 600 block of Carr and the 800 block of Barnes.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 1600 block of Evergreen and the 1200 block of South Sumner.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported in the police department lobby and in the 300 block of Canadian, where shots believed to have been fired from a BB gun were reported and an arrest was made.

One business alarm was reported.

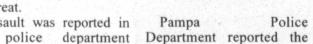
A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1800 block of North Wells.

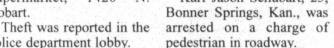
Civil matters were reported in the 500 block of South Russell and at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles. Warrant service was attempted three times at two locations.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee.

Assault was reported in the 500 block of North Frost, involving an assault by threat.

Assault was reported in the





Jennifer Reina Bentley, 19, 2112 Lea, was arrested for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance.

Kelly Earl Flier, 20, Westminster, Colo., was arrested on a fugitive warrant out of Adams County, Colo., for burglary.

John Lewis Miller, 24, Amarillo, was arrested for forgery of a financial instrument and possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance.

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Timothy Don Remington, 28, 2713 Seminole, was arrested for possession of marijuana and warrants for no insurance, failure to appear, and improper backing.

#### Fire

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls.

Monday, May 23

7:49 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a hazardous material spill from a motor vehicle collision at 18th and Duncan. 9:09 a.m. - One unit and

three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at Kentucky and Charles. Firefighters helped prepare three persons for ambulance transport to the hospital and cleaned up vehicle fluids spilled in the wreck.

#### Ambulance

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

#### Tuesday, May 24

9:17 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Northwest Texas Hospital and transferred a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:37 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 600 block of Carr and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

11:52 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Kentucky and Charles streets and transported a patient(s) to PRMC

1:45 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 300 block of Perry and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:30 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of Barnes and transported a patient to PRMC.

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the 31st Judicial District. They are Gray, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Roberts and Wheeler counties.

The Juarez, Mexico, native was raised in El Paso and attended. Clarendon College and West Texas A&M University, where she earned a bachelor of arts degree in general studies.

She is married and has two children.

"I do speak Spanish for Spanish-speaking clients," she said.

Switzer said Valenzuela has already made some improvements in the office, including translating into Spanish a letter sent to victims, which had not previ-

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ously been done.

'She did this on her own. She just saw what needed to be done and did it," Switzer said.

Franklin McDonough's first day as Assistant 31st District Attorney was Monday, May 23.

26-year-old The Plainview native earned a degree in political science in 2001 from West Texas A&M University, and a law degree in 2005 from Texas Tech University.

His duties will include trying cases, doing intake on new cases, and "probably a little bit of all of it" in the five counties of the 31st District, he said.

McDonough heard about the opening for an assistant 31st District attorney from a relative by marriage who works as a judge's assistant

in the Lipscomb County courthouse, he said.

June 20.

Freddie Joe Nunn will be

tried June 20 on the first-

degree felony charge of pos-

session of between 200 and

400 grams of a controlled

"I'm excited to work with the district attorney's office and the people of the 31st District," he said.

He previously worked four years as a corrections officer in Randall, Taylor and Hale counties.

"I have a lot of family in law enforcement. I actually have always wanted to be an attorney," he said.

McDonough is married and has two children.

"I'm excited about his energy and his fresh approach. He came in and saw the work waiting for him, and he's undaunted," Switzer said of McDonough.

The district attorney's staff has plenty of work to do, with the next grand jury scheduled for June 2 and the

next major trial set to begin with 'splash' By DAVID BOWSER

Staff Writer

Shane Stokes is planning to make a big splash in Pampa this summer, beginning Sunday.

"M.K. Brown Swimming Pool is scheduled to open Sunday," said Stokes, the recreation director for the City of Pampa. "That's Splash Day. It's free to the public that day."

Monday, the municipal pool will be open for regular hours, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. daily throughout the summer.

"Monday nights and Thursday nights are family nights," Stokes said. "It's open to the public for fami-ly swimming."

The pool is available for rent from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. the rest of the week.

"Pool rental is \$75 for the evening for up to 50 people," Stokes said, "and \$1.50 for people over that."

He said that the City of Pampa and the Red Cross will offer swimming lessons at the pool in the morning. The 30-minute

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substance. The incident for The incident allegedly which he is charged allegedly occurred on Dec. 6, 2001. On July 18, Dustin Dean Herrera will be tried on a

charge of injury to a child.

occurred on or about July 5, 2004.

"I'm trying to get some of the old major cases tried or pled," Switzer said.



## **Cop Corner**

This is Crime Prevention Officer Donny Brown with a great crime prevention tip for all the parents in 'Pampa that have kids with bicycles. I address this topic because on the weekend of May 7th, there were reports of six stolen bicycles.



**Officer Brown** 

There are three things parents can do to help ensure the safety of their kid's bikes. The first thing to do is write down the serial number of the bike. The number is usually found on the bottom of the pedal gearbox. The second is to make sure your kids have a place to put their bikes up for the night. The third thing is to go to the bicycle impound, across the street from the Recycling Center at Hobart Street Park, to look for their bicycle in the event it is stolen or misplaced. We find a bunch of bikes that are never claimed. I hope these tips will make for a better summer for everyone.

> Provided by the Pampa Police Department.

## **City pool** to open up

lessons from 10 a.m. to noon start June 6.

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on.

Horst said the 20-year contract with Atmos would be the same as it has been in the past. The city would get five percent of the gross proceeds for the natural gas that Atmos sells.

"It's the same thing we're operating under right now," Horst said.

He said that Don Lane, city attorney, drew up the contract, and Atmos had accepted it with no changes.

The commission set 6 p.m., Tuesday, June 28, in Commission the City Chambers, for a public hearing on an access easement from Hobart Street to a tract of land owned by Pampans for Progress, L.L.C., where the old Coronado Inn once stood.

The easement would give direct access to the motel planned for the site in the 1100 block of North Hobart.

Horst said that he understands dirt work on the project will begin in June.

A notice for the hearing must be published each week for three consecutive weeks prior to the hearing, Horst said.

The commission also decided to meet following their regularly scheduled meeting June 14 for a budget workshop.

"Mid-June is a good time for the first meeting," said Robin Bailey, the city's financial director.

They will meet for about four hours on Monday, June 13, for an elected officials training session.

The session will cover the city charter, qualifications,

replace this unit," Horst told government language. the commission.

chair.

"We speak a whole differlanguage," City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers told them with a smile.

There will also be a tour of city facilities.

Jeffers said the session is designed to give commissioners a better perspective before they begin dealing with the budget and capital expenditures.

The commission also declared a 1998 three-quarter-ton truck that had been used by animal control as surplus.

"This truck is in worse condition that the reports show," Horst said.

"We have no use for this truck at this time," Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner said.

"We're not going to

mistake in the tally, giving Miller a 117 vote margin of victory rather than 17. Mayor Lonny Robbins was absent for vacation. Mayor Pro Tem Brad Pingel conducted the commission

meeting. The next city commission meeting is scheduled for June 14, in the commission chambers of City Hall.

Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

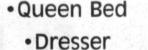
Pampa City Commissioners Faustina Curry, left;

Ray Boring, standing, and Brad Pingel, right,

review the tally from Friday's election recount dur-

ing Tuesday's commission meeting.





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## Viewpoints

## Texas' image chained to TV program history

I recently tuned into The Learning Channel's newest reality show, Sheer Dallas, and was appalled by what I saw

According to the network's website, the series, which is narrated by famed Texas actor Larry Hagman, is intended to show that "everything really is bigger in Texas, including personalities which would otherwise would only be seen on soap operas.

As someone who will be to this problem by featuring moving to the metroplex area next fall, I am mortified by the negative stereotypes that the show puts on the city on of Dallas and the state

of Texas itself.

Years have passed since the original Dallas premiered, but the stigma still remains. It seems no matter how far we may go, our entertainment history serves as our chains.

The new show only adds

some very unattractive qualities. One episode focused extensively

an Ben unlucky guy who could Briscoe not succeed News Intern in any task

he tried. That was until he entered into

the competitive world of speed food eating. While this narration was going on, the

hair salon with a quote from one person in the show who

said that, "women in Dallas care more about getting their hair done then they do about

having open heart surgery. People don't see your heart." these With negative

episode also focused on a stereotypes going out into the world of broadcast once again, Texas will never be able to escape them. It is this thought that worries me.

If anything can be done it has to start with a protest of these negative, false portrayals. I ask those of you who care about the image of our state that is presented to the world to stay away from this show, which airs on Fridays at 10 p.m. on TLC.

But perhaps more impor-

tantly, I ask you to please remind people from other areas about how false these images are by exemplifying the characteristics of a true Texan as a caring, intelligent person. These are the only ways we can ever leave behind the entertainment industry's false stereotypes. \*\*\*

Ben Briscoe is a senior at Pampa High School and a journalism intern for The Pampa News.

## Today in History

#### **By The Associated Press**

Today is Wednesday, May 25, the 145th day of 2005. There are 220 days left in the year.

#### **Today's Highlight in History:**

On May 25, 1787, the Constitutional Convention was convened in Philadelphia after enough delegates had shown up for a quorum.

#### On this date:

In 1810, Argentina began its revolt against Spain.

In 1844, the first telegraphed news dispatch, sent from Washington, D.C., to Baltimore, appeared in the Baltimore Patriot.

In 1895, playwright Oscar Wilde was convicted of a morals charge in London; he was sentenced to prison.

In 1935, Babe Ruth hit the 714th and final home run of his career for the Boston Braves, in a game against the Pittsburgh Pirates.

In 1946, Transjordan (now Jordan) became a kingdom as it proclaimed its new monarch, King Abdullah Ibn Ul-Hussein.

In 1961, President Kennedy asked the nation to work toward putting a man on the moon by the end of the decade.

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"We have sent President George Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney and the radical right of the Republican party an undeniable message ... the abuse of power will not be tolerated."

That was Democrat Minority Leader Harry Reid chortling over his party having once again put one over on the stupid party.

so-called Seven Republicans signed an idiot's compromise over the matter of judicial nominations, agreeing to defy the White House and their own leadership and for all intents and purposes give the Democrats a license to continue obstructing the approval of the president's judicial nominees.

Make no mistake about it - this deal is nothing less than an abject surrender made more humiliating by its impudent demand that the President consult with the Senate before submitting his judicial nominations to the Senate.

According to the surrender document, "We encourage the Executive branch of government to consult with members of

the Senate, Michael both Reagan Democratic n d Columnist Republican, prior to submitting a

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In other words, in addition to shamefully legitimizing the Democrats' unprecedented use of the filibuster to prevent nominees from being given their constitutional right to be given an

up-or-down vote, the deal attempts to rewrite the Constitution by seeking to meddle with the president's right to be the sole judge of whom he will nominate for judicial appointments.

If you listen to the seven deserters indulging in selfcongratulation over their

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was a victory for all Americans. But if you want to know who really won in this disgusting episode, listen to Nancy Keenan, president of NARAL Pro-Choice America, who boasted that her group was "heartened that the crisis has been avert-

ed and the right to filibuster preserved for upcoming Supreme Court nominations. We are confident that a Supreme Court nominee who won't even state a position on Roe v. Wade is the kind of 'extraordinary circumstance' this deal envisions."

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Time and again the Senate's Democrat minority have demonstrated their willingness to employ the worst kind of skullduggery and outright lying and deception to obtain what they could not win from the voters, yet this gang of seven displayed a child's naiveté in accepting as valid the minority's trustworthiness and their promises to abide "upon mutual trust and confidence, related to pending

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## **Reality behind Fox's words troubling**

Mexican President Vicente Fox prompted an uproar with his ill-chosen comment. The realities behind his words are just as troubling.

For a leader who aspires to bring his country into the world, Mexican first President Vicente Fox miscalculated badly earlier this month when he told a group of Texan businessmen, "There is no doubt that Mexicans, full of pride, willpower and desire to work, are doing jobs over there that not even blacks want to do." An offhand comment in a speech decrying strict new immigration laws, Fox's remark hit North America like a minor light-

ning strike. In the weeks that inflected by exquisite awarefollowed, commentators in ness of skin tone. Dark-Mexico and the United States have parsed Fox's the amazing

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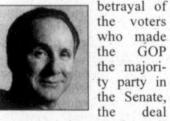
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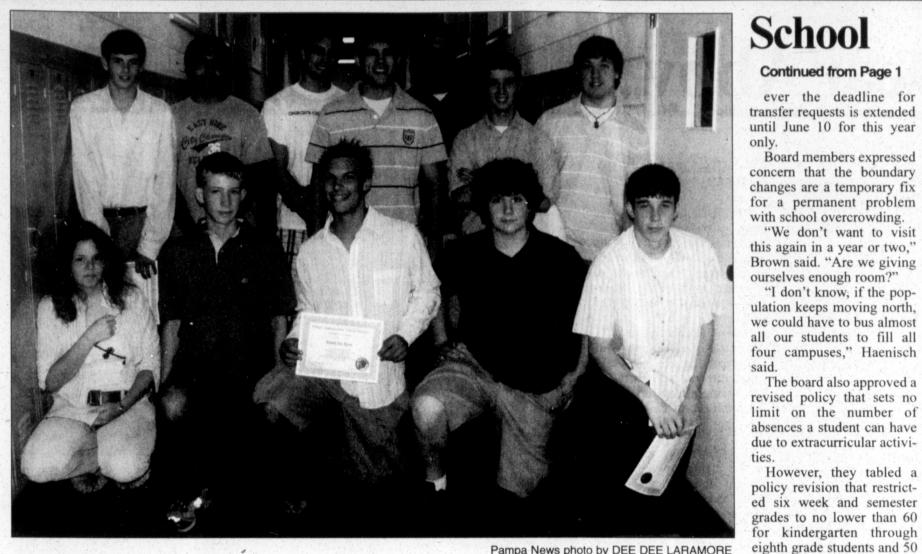
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If Fox's words caused self-reflection in Mexico, in sess a blend of Spanish and the United States the indigenous blood, but every- response was mostly indignation. The State

Department condemned the gaffe as "insensitive and inappropriate." The Rev. Al Sharpton and the Rev. Jesse Jackson called on Fox to apologize and organized meetings with him (Fox appeared on Jackson's radio show Sunday, offering regrets for harm caused by his blunder). Other observers, though, noted that while Fox's phrase was insultingly dismissive, he was describing reality: Many Mexican immigrants are so desperate to support their families they will do jobs, and accept wages, shunned by Americans on the lowest rungs of this country's socio-

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Pampa News photo by DEE DEE LARAMORE

## State technology champions

Members of the Pampa Technology Students Association gather for a group photo at Carver Center Tuesday evening after being recognized by the Pampa Independent School District's Board of Education for achieving state championships in numerous technology competitions in Austin recently. The students, taught by Rod Wichert, received state titles in such fields as photography, architectural and engineering drawing, 3-D animation. Kneeling, from left, Kristen Cargal, TSAVice President Brody Russell, TSA President Keith McKean, Jack Mackie and Nathan Jones. Standing, from left, are Tyler Morris, JR Navarrete, Jacob Stillwagon, Jerrod Busse, David Resendiz, Austin Morgan, and Jacob Potter.

## After four years, Owen gets confirmation vote

WASHINGTON (AP) -The filibuster fight over for now, the Senate was ready Wednesday to confirm Priscilla Owen as a federal appellate judge, ending a four-year effort by Democrats to derail one of President Bush's prime judicial nominees.

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Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., hours before the vote, characterized the Texas Supreme Court justice as "a gentle woman, an accomplished lawyer, and a brilliant jurist" who was "unconscionably denied an

up-or-down vote" for four vears.

Frist also expressed regret that a deal brokered by a bipartisan group of 14 senators had sidetracked his attempt to permanently bar the minority from using the filibuster to block judicial nominations.

He said Democratic use of procedural delaying tactics to stop Owen and nine other Bush judicial nominees was "a new and dangerous course" and "a power grab of unprecedented proportions." Democratic leader Harry

the Senate, in line with a farreaching compromise on judicircumstances," which you

The liberals' real target is the probability of Supreme

Court vacancies and the

administration's demonstrat-

ed tendency to nominate

conservatives. By retaining

the ability to filibuster, they

plan to block any nominee to

the high court who does not

fit comfortably into the left-

wing mold. Fortunately, the

gang of seven was unable to

surrender the ability of

Senator Frist to employ the

nuclear option should the

Democrats attempt to deny

the president's Supreme

Court nominees their right to

Finally, the GOP's conser-

vative majority needs to let

the gang of seven know they

will pay a very high price if

they continue to play the

Mike Reagan, the eldest

son of the late President

Ronald Reagan, is heard on

more than 200 talk radio

stations nationally as part of

the Radio America Network.

up-or-down votes.

Democrats' game.

Senate should put the fili-

on," he said. "It's over with."

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was subjected to nine hours of

hearings, answered more than

500 questions and endured 22

firm her to the New Orleans-

based 5th U.S. Circuit Court

of Appeals comes a day after

Wednesday's vote to con-

days of floor debate.

It wasn't easy for Owen,

Reid of Nevada said the cial filibusters, agreed to break the filibuster that had buster dispute behind it and kept her off the federal bench. get back to work on other The vote Tuesday to end issues. "We should just move debate and move to confirmation was 81-18.

> With that logjam broken, Frist also planned to begin debate Wednesday on the nomination of John R. Bolton to be U.N. ambassador. Bolton, the outspoken conservative who has been accused of bullying subordinates and discounting intelligence data that contradicted his ideology, seemed likely to be confirmed by week's end.

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"We don't want to visit

However, they tabled a

for high school students.

Haenisch would research how other districts are handling similar policies.

A weather day for the 2005-2006 school calendar was changed from May 8, 2006 to May 1, 2006 to make a four-day weekend and to not conflict with the school board election scheduled on May 6, 2006. A state waiver for the calendar so classes could begin on Aug. 15, 2005, was also approved by the board.

The board also approved a state waiver allowing high school students who were not taking TAKS tests on test days to not have to attend school.

Federal funding for numerous district programs was discussed by the board. Tanya Larkin, coordinator, said that estimates indicate most programs will receive fewer funds next year, close to \$25,000 in cuts. Using a PowerPoint presentation, Larkin also explained the programs for the new school board members.

**THURSDAY:** More action from the school board meeting.



Pampa News photo by DEE DEE LARAMORE 19769 7010 New Pampa ISD school board president, Lance DeFever, left, accepts the gavel from outgoing president, Joe Martinez.

Great Gifts Ideas

## Gang

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and future judicial nominations in the 109th Congress."

Even more incomprehensible is the gang of seven's reliance on the Democrats' definition of the term "extraordinary circumstances," not spelled out in the surrender document, which states: "Signatories will exercise their responsibilities under the Advice and Consent Clause of the United States Constitution in good faith. Nominees should only be filibustered under extraordinary circumstances, and each signatory must use his or her own discretion and judgment in determining whether such circumstances exist."

In other words, they will rely on the duplicitous Democrats to decide what constitutes "extraordinary

can be certain they will define as relating to a nominee's stand on abortion and the legitimacy of liberal judicial activism supplanting the legislative process and the will of the voters as expressed at the polls.

> 'he liberals' real target is the probability of Supreme Court vacancies and the administration's demonstrated tendency to nominate conservatives.

You might just as well post a sign on the door of the Senate chamber stating "No conservatives need apply."

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## Words

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economic ladder. Examined in any light, Fox's comment was a blunt admission of Mexico's failure to provide its citizens employment.

Fox's words also reflect authentic tensions between

Latino immigrants in neighborhoods, in badly-funded school systems and in the job market, where low wages can become exploitative when undocumented immigrants accept them.

In truth, the United States' economic landscape can be inhospitable to poor people of all races and ethnicities.

There was no reason for Fox to single out black Americans.

As president of Mexico, it is Fox's job to defend the most vulnerable of his citizens

But because so many of those citizens now work in a globalized economy, their leader needs to be precise and politic because the world is always listening.

#### Mint unveils Marine Corps commemorative coin

WASHINGTON (AP) -The U.S. Mint is unveiling a new coin to honor the 230th anniversary of the founding of the Marine Corps — the first time the government has struck a commemorative coin to salute a branch of the military

The new silver dollar Fidelis" - always faithful.

will feature on one side the famous photograph of the flag-raising at Iwo Jima taken by Associated Press Photographer Joe Rosenthal, and on the other side the official Marine Corps emblem of an eagle, globe and anchor and the Marine motto, "Semper

"The coin design is simple and heroic," said Mint **Director Henrietta Holsman** Fore. "The Iwo Jima image is the storied symbol of the Marine Corps' heroism, courage, strength and versatility. It exemplifies 'Semper Fidelis' to an appreciative nation every day around the world."

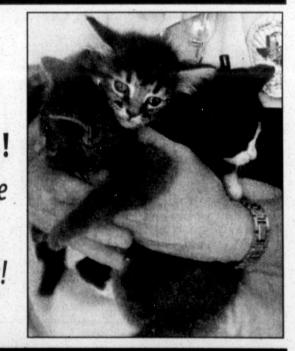


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months ago, I was out shopping when I got the urge to use the washroom. When I got there, the line was out the door. There was about a 10-minute wait.

As I finally neared the stall, the woman ahead of me in line began to bounce. I could empathize. But right before a stall became available, a woman in a wheelchair rolled in and parked next to us. (Of course, the handicap stall was the next one available.)

The person ahead of me began to walk forward, but the woman in the wheelchair became loud and belligerent about being handicapped, and claimed the stall. The woman in front of me and I just looked at each other -- and then she deferred to the individual in the wheelchair.

Please set me straight, Abby. Should a handicapped individual take precedence over a stall when the washroom line is long? -- MORALLY CON-FUSED IN JOLIET, ILL.

DEAR CONFUSED: I'm overjoyed to set you straight. Handicapped stalls are set aside for people with disabilities to use because their wheelchairs will not fit into a regular stall. Without question, the person with the physical disability should have access to it first. Absolutely!

DEAR ABBY: Back in 1975, I was given a fabulous gift -- a bottle of Elvis Presley wine. His picture is on the bottle, and it says, "Always, Elvis -- Gold Record Edition

#### DEAR ABBY: A few tle? -- DELORES IN HUD-SON, FLA.

**DEAR DELORES: I took** your question to a cellar master/sommelier, who informs me that, because it's evaporating, your bottle of wine may no longer be drinkable -- even if it was stored properly.

However, you might offer the bottle of collector's wine on an auction site because it could interest a collector of Elvis memorabilia. (For example: eBay.) Good luck! \*\*\*\* \*\*

DEAR ABBY: I am 12 and in the eighth grade. I have thought about suicide many times, and earlier pulled out a knife and almost slit my wrists. If I tell my parents, they won't believe me. They'll think I'm making it up to get attention. If I talk to the school counselor, she'll tell my parents for sure.

I'm afraid of myself when I'm home alone sometimes. Can you please help me? --AFRAID OF MYSELF, PENNSYLVANIA

**DEAR AFRAID: You need** more help than anyone can give you in a letter. Preoccupation with suicide is serious and calls for help from a mental health professional.

Because you feel your parents may minimize the seriousness of your suicidal thoughts if you tell them, ask a trusted teacher or school counselor to help you. Perhaps if they hear it from another adult, your parents

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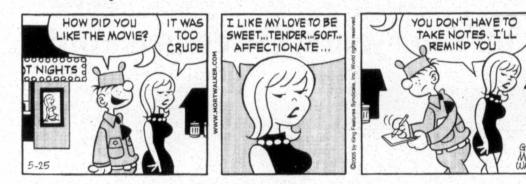
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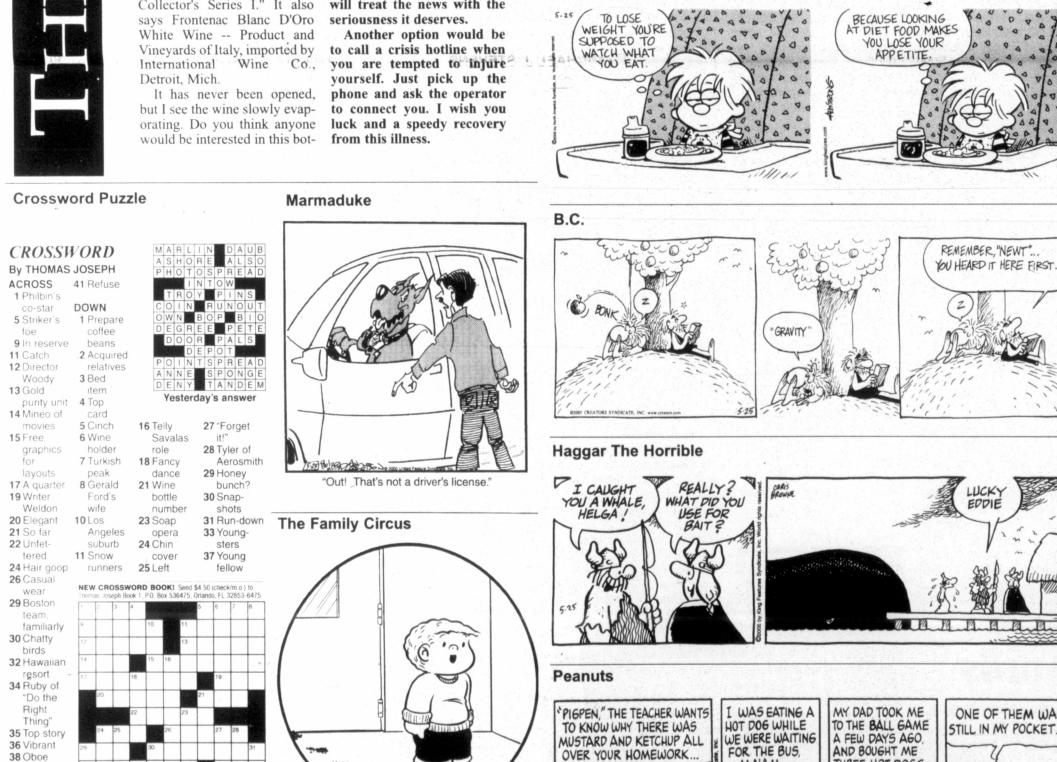
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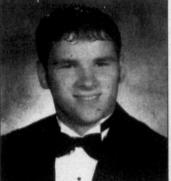
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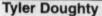
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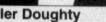
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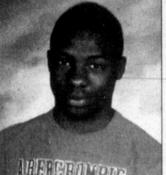
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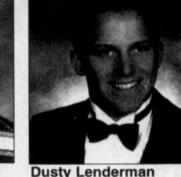




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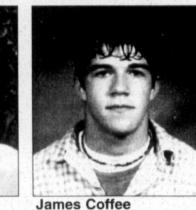
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**Bret Ferrell** 



Doughtys: Player, Coach of the Year; others honored

Baseball

**All District** 

#### By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

The Doughty family is certainly no stranger to recognition. Still, emotions should be running deep as the father-andson duo of Pampa head baseball coach, Dennis Doughty and pitcher/outfielder Tyler Doughty have been named 3-4A Coach and Player of the Year, respectively.

A fitting end to an exciting season that saw the Harvesters go unbeaten in District 3-4A en route to the championship. Pampa went on to win the Area championship as well.

A handful of Harvesters were named to the 3-4A All District team, including freshman Shavious Kelley, who was named to the first team as an outfielder.

The speedy Kelley ended the season with a .413 batting average.

Senior Tyler Doughty (9-2) and junior Tyson Hickman (8-0) were named to the team as pitchers.

5A-4A batting average king-of-the-hill, Shea Brown (.508), was named to the team

as a utility player.

Senior Dusty Lenderman was named to the second team as 2nd baseman. He is joined by fellow senior Seth Foster who was named 3rd baseman.

Honorable mentions go to junior Jake Craig (1st baseman), sophomore Brett Ferrell (DH), junior Weston Teichmann (outfield), and sophomore James Coffee (catcher).

These players - as well as their teammates and coaches - are to be commended not only for the season they put together, but

for upholding the Pampa Pride in the process. Congratulations one and all. Banquet

The Pampa High School Baseball Booster Club will hold the 2005 baseball banquet tomorrow night at Cottonwood Springs. Festivities will get underway at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the PHS Athletic Office.

You may RSVP by contacting Marie Hickman by 9 p.m. at 662-9714.

Please call the Athletic Office at 669-4830 for more information.

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#### LADY HARVESTERS

## All District special coming soon

#### By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

In fairness to the 2005 Lady Harvester softball team and their families, Sports Day is currently working on producing a page we hope will honor the girls and the coaching staff for the remarkable season that recently concluded.

We are in the process of securing photos and expect to

## Sooner Energy claims API evening flight outright; Sidwell, N.E.T. share top spot

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

Pampa Country Club hosted the American Petroleum Institute's fund raising golf tournament Friday, May 20. The one-day event featured a morning and afternoon flight.

Turner Energy Services 69 Wildcat Cement #2 71 JW Power #1 75 78 National Oilwell #1

#### **Evening Flight**

Weston Teichmann

have this page ready very soon.

As Sports Editor, I am aware these girls are worthy of more than the mention that was made previously.

This was a special season for both the boys' and girls' And with so many graduating, we want to make sure all have memories of what they were able to accomplish this year.

## Simon pitches Cabot to third win in a row

Cabot behind the pitching of Mitch Simon, won its second game in a row and third of the season with a 9-4 victory over Rotary Club Tuesday in Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken League action.

In the nightcap, Celanese Corporation and D. E. Chase, Inc. fought to a 7-7 tie to remain deadlocked in second place. Zach Ruth for Celanese and Joseph Mechelay for Chase pitched scoreless sixth innings to preserve the tie. Jesse Jiminez threw to Brent

Corporation, Green at the plate to tag out a Chase runner for the last out of the game.

Simon pitched four innings and received relief help from Chase Ferguson the last two innings in Cabot's win.

Glo-Valve Service and Rotary will make up a game at 5:45 p.m. today while Cabot plays its third game in a row in a make-up game with D. E. Chase at 7:45. The Pampa Optimist

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## Milwaukee wins NBA lottery and right to No. 1 pick in June

Curtis Well Service

SECAUCUS, N.J. (AP) - The Milwaukee Bucks not only beat the odds in winning the NBA draft lottery, they also improved their chances of keeping unrestricted free agent guard Michael Redd.

"I don't know if I'll sleep tonight," general manager Larry Harris said Tuesday after the Bucks jumped over five teams to earn the right to pick first in the June 28 draft.

"Being a math major, with a 6.3 percent chance to win, I didn't think we had much of a chance at it," he said.

Winning the pingpong ball lottery also offers the Bucks other options.

"I don't want to come out and say that the Milwaukee Bucks are trading the pick, but it certainly creates a lot of buzz for the Milwaukee Bucks," Harris said. "We are in position now where we control the draft."

Milwaukee simply could use the pick to take a talented player such as center Andrew Bogut, forward Marvin Williams or point guard Chris Paul.

Having one of them could convince Redd to return. He has told Harris he wants to play for the Bucks again, but only if the team is able to contend

"I told him we would do whatever we can," Harris said. "Phase one is done. So now we have to make sure we make the right decision."

The last time Milwaukee had the No. 1 pick was 1994, the year they took Glenn Robinson.

Unlike the American Indian rock that Phil Jackson gave girlfriend Jeanie Buss to help the Lakers executive vice president in the lottery, Harris got plenty of luck from a fishing lure and a bracelet provided by Bucks' fans.

"My kids being born is the most important thing ever," Harris said. "But professionally this is probably the best day for me, the organization and certainly for our fans."

Atlanta, which won a league-low 13 games and had the best chance of securing the No. 1 pick, will instead have the second choice.

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"Now we have a clear picture of where we're

going and what we're going to do," Hawks general manager Billy Knight said. "We're comfortable with it. There is only one guess. They are only picking one name ahead of ours. They're going to do whatever they're going to do."

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Portland made the other big move in the lottery, jumping from No. 5 to third.

"I was just coming in hoping we could hold our place because I liked what I felt would be available at No. 5," Portland general manager John Nash said.

"Now that we are at three, we have improved our chance of getting a good player."

The big losers were New Orleans, Charlotte and Utah, which all dropped two spots in the order. The Hornets had the second-best chance to win the lottery, but slipped to No. 4. The Bobcats, who also had the rights to Cleveland's pick in the lottery, went from No. 3 to No. 5. Utah, which had the fourth-worst record, fell to No. 6.

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Marvin, Carolyn Allison members of winning team at Hidden Hills

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Here are the results from Monday night's Mixed Scramble at Hidden Hills golf course.

1st Place (29)

Josh Blackmon Chris Cox Marvin Allison Carolyn Allison

2nd Place (30)

Mike Handley **Benny Silva** Mike Good Melody Good Tom Grantham

## Lottery

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The lottery didn't change picks seven through 14 with Toronto, New York, Golden State, the Los Angeles Lakers, Orlando, the Los Angeles Clippers, Charlotte and Minnesota keeping those spots.

While there doesn't seem to be a Patrick Ewing, Shaquille O'Neal, Tim Duncan or LeBron James available in the draft, Bogut, Williams and Paul have been mentioned as the best players available. All three were among the list of 108 who filed as early entry candidates.

The lottery had its lighter moments. Buss broke up the nationally televised show when asked about the good-luck rock that Jackson gave her.

"It wasn't the rock I was looking for," she quipped before the results were announced. NBA deputy commissioner Russ Granik also had a quip for Pat Williams, the Magic's senior vice president who is the king of the lottery. The Magic had won it three times since 1992 with Williams representing the team.

Orlando had less than a one percent chance of winning Tuesday with only seven of the potential 1,000 winning combinations

When the Magic failed to move up, Granik was ready.

#### **Congressmen introduce steroid-testing legislation**

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John McCain

Senator (R-Arizona)

WASHINGTON (AP) — To many, Mark McGwire's repeated refusals to answer questions about whether he used steroids were the most riveting part of a congressional hearing two months ago on drug use in baseball.

proceedings that day on TV, the most significant segment was testimony from parents of two young players who committed suicide after using steroids.

On Tuesday, the Arizona Republican joined four mem-House bers of the Government Reform Committee --- which held that 11-hour hearing in March — to introduce the Clean Sports Act of 2005.

Athletes in the four major U.S. professional leagues would be subject to two-year bans for a first positive drug test and lifetime bans for a second under the legislation, which would put the sports'

steroid policies under the White House drug czar

"All of us are very reluctant to do this. I'll tell you what tipped me - and I think it did millions of people all over America — was the families that you had before the committee," McCain said.

"The parents, the grief-stricken parents, whose children had committed suicide. ... These parents talked about how their children believed that was the only way they

could make it into the major leagues. I don't think there was a dry eye in the house."

Joining McCain on Tuesday were Republicans Tom Davis of Virginia (the committee chairman) and Mark Souder of Indiana, and Democrats Henry Waxman of To Sen. John McCain, who followed the California and Elijah Cummings of

Maryland. Davis is the House sponsor of the legislation, with 17 co-sponsors, eight Republicans and nine Democrats.

"Steroids are illegal. Steroids are dangerous. They can be deadly," Davis said. "And there is no place for them in our sports leagues or our school grounds."

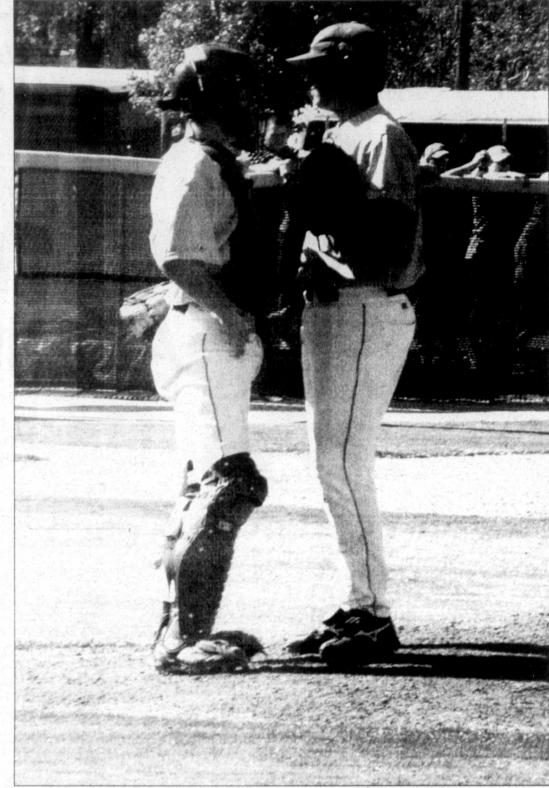
It's the second recent bill that would establish minimum steroids policies across the spectrum of American sports in a bid to align them with Olympic standards for testing and punishment.

Rep. Cliff Stearns, a Florida Republican who

chairs a House Commerce and Energy subcommittee, proposed the Drug Free Sports Act of 2005 last month, and his panel made changes to the legislation Wednesday

The proposed bill now calls for two tests instead of one — per athlete per year, allows the Commerce Secretary to tailor the list of banned performance-enhancing substances to each sport, and allows a player to face reduced penalties if he proves he didn't know he was taking an illegal substance.

Meeting on the mound



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Catcher James Coffee and pitcher Tyler Doughty meet at the mound during game one of Pampa's recent district quarterfinal series with Frenship. Coffee, who was nothing short of superb behind the plate for the Harvesters this year, received honorable mention for his performance. Doughty (9-2) was named District 3-4A Player of the Year. He also made first team All District as pitcher.

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With Roger Clemens forced from the game by a groin injury, the Houston Astros' bullpen blew the lead.

Jeromy Burnitz hit a two-run, bases-loaded single with two outs in the eighth inning off Brad Lidge, and the Chicago Cubs beat Houston 4-2 on Tuesday night to send the last-place Astros to their seventh straight loss.

Clemens shut out Chicago for five innings on two hits before leaving with tightness in his groin. He struck out six and walked one at Wrigley Field, lowering his major leaguebest ERA to 1.19.

"It's more than a mild strain, but I know my body and I didn't tear it," Clemens said. "I'm OK. It's iced

#### down and numb and we'll start treating it tomorrow."

Houston, 2-21 on the road this year, has scored two runs or fewer in seven of 10 starts this season by the seven-time Cy Young Award winner, who has pitched 26 consecutive scoreless innings on the road. The Astros dropped 14 games back of NL Central-leading St. Louis.

"Right now, as starters, we have to approach every situation like it's the bottom of the ninth," Clemens said.

In other NL games, it was: Cincinnati 4, Washington 3 in 14 innings; St. Louis 2, Pittsburgh 1 in 12 innings; Florida 4, Philadelphia 3 in 10 innings; Atlanta 4, New York 0; San Francisco 5, Los Angeles 3; San Diego 9, Arizona 5; and Milwaukee 6, Colorado 1.

## Sosa back, Orioles win

#### THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Baltimore Orioles lost a key offensive player for a while and held on to first place in the AL East. They are going to see if they can do it again.

Sammy Sosa returned Tuesday night after missing 16 games with a staph infection on his foot and the Orioles beat the Seattle Mariners 3-2 to extend their division lead over Boston to three games.

There wasn't much celebrating, however, as catcher Javy Lopez broke a bone in his right hand when he was hit by a foul tip. He will miss about six weeks.

"Hopefully, we'll be resilient," Orioles manager Lee Mazzilli said. "You lose a guy and it's a tough blow, but what are you going to do? You've got to go out and play, and that's what we're going to do.'

There could be more bad news for Baltimore. Leadoff hitter Brian Roberts hobbled off the field with a bruised knee after being hit with a pitch.

"Everybody has to deal with injuries," said Jay Gibbons, whose home run in the eighth inning broke

a 2-2 tie. "Fortunately, I think Brian is OK, but Javy is hurt. We're going to have to fill the void at the catching position and offensively."

Lopez is hitting .273 with seven homers and 22 RBIs.

"Knowing that I'm going to miss at least six weeks is pretty frustrating, especially when I'm starting to feel good with the bat and right when Sammy came back to the lineup," Lopez said. "I've been hit by foul tips before, but this is the first time I broke a bone."

Roberts, who leads the league with a .387 average and has 11 homers and 33 RBIs, was hit in the left knee by a pitch from reliever Ron Villone in the seventh. Roberts remained on the ground for several minutes before taking his base, but left after reaching second on a grounder.

He was to be evaluated Wednesday.

In other American League games Tuesday, it was: New York 12, Detroit 3; Minnesota 6, Cleveland 3 in 11 innings; Toronto 9, Boston 6; Tampa Bay 5, Oakland 4; Texas 4, Kansas City 3; and Chicago 2, Los Angeles 1 in 11 innings.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

\*\*\*\* You start quickly, which is good news, because you will need every bit of energy you have to accomplish what you want. You might feel like a veritable freight train, unstoppable by the end of the day. Take some deep breaths. Tonight: In the limelight.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Take a mental stretch and see life from a different perspective. You find that others are distinctly different in their thought processes. Rather than get locked into right and wrong, listen. Others have many suggestions. Work with ideas. Tonight: Try a different approach.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

 $\star \star \star \star \star$  You work well with others. Once more, you have an opportunity to prove just that. Even if others don't agree with you, somehow a successful

middle ground can be reached. You'll understand much more if you walk in others' shoes. Tonight: Be easygoing. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ You might be well-advised to go along for the ride right now. You aren't going to make a difference until later in the day, when you chill out and others are receptive. An argument turns into a beneficial conversation. Tonight: Get out and get some fresh air.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

 $\star \star \star$  Plug in to work or a project. You clear out much more than you thought possible. Your ability to zero in on bottom lines separates you from many. Enlist a partner in a project. You'll bond on a much deeper level. Tonight: If you must, bring work home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Your playfulness comes forward with others. Check out what is happening with others. You might gain another perspective from a child or a loved one. Remember, everyone has a lot to share, though you might not always see matters the same way. Tonight: Take a midweek romp. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ For now, accept the fact that not everyone is going to agree with you. Use your energy and enthusiasm where they will count. Others will make a difference if you allow yourself to be more open and less rigid. Schedule a walk or some exercise. Tonight: Happy at home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\*\* Take a second look at a developing situation. If you allow your creative juices to flow, you will find many responses and solutions.

Tame your words, as you come off a lot stronger than you realize. Tonight: Chat and catch up on another's news. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  $\star \star \star$  Handle your finances with decorum and care. You could make an error when you least expect it. You get distracted by a loved one or a domestic matter. Be wise and make no major decisions for now. Tonight: Use your innate talent at price-comparison with a new purchase. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

 $\star \star \star \star \star$  It might be hard to believe, but you can do no wrong right now. You are full of energy and ideas. You tend to be forceful, and others could feel pushed by your natural style. Encourage others to express themselves and not hold back. Tonight: Choose what makes you happy. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

 $\star$  Know when to back out of a problem and not get involved. Also, refuse to spend money, as you could go way overboard. You laugh, and others respond. Sometimes you don't want to reveal all you know. Tonight: Do something just for yourself. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\*\* You are much stronger than you realize. Sometimes people react negatively. Compensate by giving others opportunity to express their ideas. Success comes through teamwork. Tonight: Be with someone who makes you smile.

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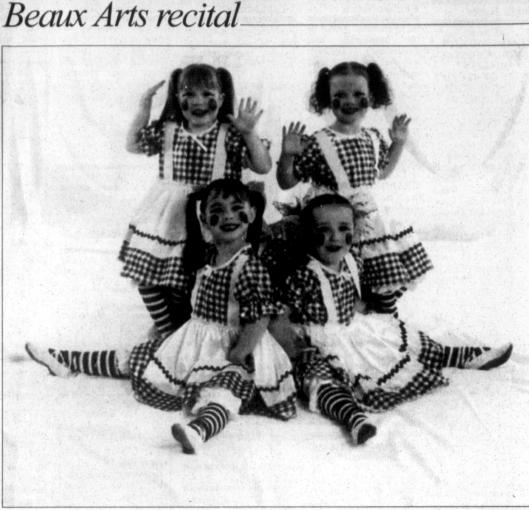
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The last day to make additions to the Meals On Wheels "Celebration Quilt" by Donna Reynolds, above, right, will be May 31, Meals on Wheels officials say. The quilt will be placed in White Deer Land Museum for public display. The cost of adding to the quilt is \$2 per name. Meals on Wheels invites contributors to stop by its office at 302 E. Foster between 8 a.m. and 12 noon weekdays prior to the 31st to double check any name or names purchased for inaccuracies or to purchase a name. Meals on Wheels' current executive director is Jeane Autry, seen here with Reynolds and the center portion of the quilt.



Beaux Arts Dance Studio will stage its 57th annual recital at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, May 26, at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Above: (back row) Emily Hendricks, Molly Nelson; (front) Peyton Riddle and Makenna Henderson.

### Driver in Smart case gets sentence reduction

imprisoned for providing the gun used to kill Pamela Smart's husband and then driving the getaway car was granted a sentence reduction, making him eligible for parole.

Judge Kenneth McHugh-cited Vance Lattime Jr.'s record of good behavior, calling his progress "nothing short of remarkable."

Lattime was 17 when he supplied the weapon from his father's gun collection and drove his grandmother's car in the getaway.

His 16-year-old friend William Flynn shot Gregory Smart in the head while another friend, Patrick Randall, held him down.

The case was tabloid fodder and led to books and movies, including "To Die For," starring Nicole Kidman as a television personality who enlists three teens to kill her husband.

The three-year sentence reduction made

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — The man Lattime eligible for parole because he has served 15 years of an 18-year-to-life term for being an accomplice to second-degree murder.

> After Tuesday's order, Lattime's attorney Mark Stevens said his client's family was "very pleased."

Prosecutor Will Delker said the state was disappointed because the sentence had earlier been cut from a 30-year-to-life deal but felt the judge had considered both sides carefully.

Gregory Smart's father, Bill Smart, said he was also bothered and thought 18 years behind bars was reasonable.

Lattime, now 32, could get a parole hearing as early as June, a state Corrections spokesman said.

Flynn and Randall remain in prison and are eligible for parole in 2018. Raymond Fowler, who waited in the getaway car, is out on parole.



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