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# Pampa ISD '05-'06 budget in limbo

By DEE DEE LARAMORE Editor

As state legislators exchange barbs on funding public education, school districts like Pampa's sit in limbo, unable to make budget plans

for the coming school year.

With no estimated revenue figures for the 2005-2006 term, Pampa ISD's business manager, Carol Fields, had little to tell school board members during a budget workshop Tuesday.

"We're waiting on the legislators," she told the board. "It's pretty difficult when you don't have any revenue amounts to work with."

As Pampa ISD officials wait, a school funding plan stands mired in

The 140-day session ends Monday. As of this morning, legislators in both the House and Senate were unable to agree on a new edu-

cation funding system. According to Associated Press reports, both sides have said today, Thursday, is the last day to reach a compromise before it becomes too

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## Teen rolls pickup on rural road

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Two young Pampans were taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center by Guardian EMS ambulance yesterday morning after the pickup they were riding in rolled over and came to rest upside-

Heather Spear, 17, was driving a 1998 GMC Sierra 1500 at 7:44 a.m. on County Road I south of Pampa when the pickup left the roadway at a point one-half mile west of Highway 70, according to Texas Department of Public Safety reports.

The pickup hit the northside bar ditch and rolled, making contact with a barbed-wire fence in the process. The vehicle came to rest, after one and one-half rolls, with wheels pointing up, according to the reports.

The driver and Dustin Spear, 11, the only other occupant in the vehicle, were both restrained by seat belts and suffered non-incapacitating injuries, according to



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

Lyn Ledbetter of Tralee Crisis Center shows a picture of a missing person to her daughter Brooklyn Ledbetter during Missing Children's Day ceremonies at the Gray County Court House.

# Group gathers to remember the nation's missing children

**By DAVID BOWSER** Staff Writer

About three-dozen people gathered on the north side of the Gray County Courthouse at 5 p.m., Wednesday, to remember missing children from across the country.

Donny Brown of the FindMonica Foundation told the group that about 2,100 children are reported missing every day in

the United States. President Ronald Reagan proclaimed May

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# **Jameson** ready to take reins

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Garry W. Jameson says he and his wife are both looking forward to being a part of the community in Lefors when he takes up the reins of Lefors Independent School District as its next superintendent.

"My wife and I both are very excited to be part of the community atmosphere in Lefors. The people are just fantastic," he said in a telephone interview this morn-

"I'm looking forward to individualized attention

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Jameson

# Bomb-threat boys face court hearing

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Three juvenile males who were allegedly involved in calling in a false report last Monday of a bomb at Pampa High School are still in detention at Post, according to County Attorney Josh Seabourn and Juvenile Probation Office Director Felipe Chavez.

All three are under the age of 17, Chavez said, thus their identities are not being disclosed.

The trio now face a hearing that might include formal charges related

to the incident, Seabourn said.

The current charge against them is for making a false alarm or report.

"The earliest they could be in court is June 8 in Judge (Richard) Peet's court, or June 30 in Judge (Lee) Waters' court," Chavez said Wednesday.

Peet, who is Gray County judge, and Waters, who is 223rd District judge, share the responsibility for hearing juvenile cases in Gray County, Seabourn said.

"We can only detain them for 10

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#### Rancher applauds checkoff decision By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

Buck Arrington was in the saddle when the news came Monday.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the beef industry's promotion and research pro- checkoff program, known as the beef checkoff, is constitutional.

Arrington, a Pampa rancher and board member of

"The people I'm that involved with that raise cattle are in favor of Arrington said of the gram. stand up and

"I'll Arrington fight for it." At issue is a

Texas and Southwest Cattle 1985 law requiring producers Council, helped increase beef Raisers Association, was to pay a \$1-per-head fee on gathering cattle when the cattle sold in the United high court released their States. That fee, which gen-



appointed by the Department to fund advertising and research programs. It may not agree. pays for the "Beef: Dinner" advertising program and, according to the Texas Beef

demand among consumers by 25 percent since 1998. "I'm happy they're contin-

erates more than \$80 uing the beef checkoff," million per year, goes Arrington said. "It's helped to an industry group us market our cattle." The 6-3 decision is a

A griculture defeat for those who oppose paying mandatory fees for advertising with which they

"The message set out in What's For the beef promotions is from beginning to end the message established by the federal government, Justice Antonin Scalia said in an opinion joined by Chief

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## Emergency Services

#### Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents today.

Wednesday, May 25

Seventeen traffic stops were made. A traffic complaint was received from the intersection of Crawford and Huff streets.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 100 block of West Foster.

Four business alarms and one residential alarm were reported.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 200 block of East McCullough, the intersection of Wilks and Faulkner streets, and the 900 block of Campbell.

Suspicious vehicles were reported in the 1100 block of Barrett and the 2200 block of Mary Ellen.

A prowler was reported in the 300 block of Anne.

One open door was checked.

Welfare checks were requested in the 300 block of Henry and the 2200 block of North

Emergency medical services assistance was rendered in the 2300 block of Aspen. Law enforcement assistance was rendered in the 1000 block of Charles.

Warrant service was attempted concerning two individuals.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 700 block of Powell, the 700 block of North Wells, and the 300 block of Anne.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received on two occasions from the 800 block of South

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

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

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of South Sumner. The vehicle is a 1999 Dodge Ram

pickup. Criminal trespass/public intoxication and a domestic disturbance were reported in the 1800 block of Coffee.

Found property was reported in the 1300 block of Garland.

Found property was reported in the 2100 block of Duncan. A license plate was found in the street.

Theft was reported in the 500 block of

Theft was reported in the police department lobby. A bicycle valued at \$89 was taken from the 500 block of Lowry,

Identity their was reported in the police department lobby.

Burglary was reported in the 400 block of Lowry. A door valued at \$350 was taken.

Thursday, May 26 Assault was reported in the 600 block of port.

Lowry. Minor injuries were reported.

#### Accidents

Texas Department of Public Safety reported the following accident today. Wednesday, May 25

7:44 a.m. - A 1998 GMC Sierra 1500 pickup, driven by Heather Spear, 17, Pampa, was involved in a one-vehicle rollover one-half mile west of Highway 70 on County Road I. Spear and her passenger, Dustin Spear, 11, were transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center by Guardian EMS ambulance with non-incapacitating injuries.

#### Fire

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

Wednesday, May 25 7:46 a.m. - Two units and five firefighters responded to a one-vehicle rollover a half-mile west on Gray County Road I, off Texas Highway 70, south of Pampa. Firefighters assisted ambulance personnel

#### **Ambulance**

in transporting two patients.

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

Wednesday, May 25

7:45 a.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to a motor vehicle accident on County Road I and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

1:46 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 600 block of Doucette on a call for ifting assistance.

6:33 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to Golden Plains Community Hospital in Borger and transferred a patient(s) to

7:52 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2300 block of Aspen. No transport.

10:25 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

10:57 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of North Nelson and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Thursday, May 26 1.22 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded

to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

2:14 a.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to the 200 block of North Russell. No trans-

#### **Obituaries**

#### Services tomorrow

CARTER, Ruth C. — Graveside services, 2 p.m., McKnight Cemetery, Hollis, Okla. SOTO, Enrriqueta — Rosary, 5 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

#### Ruth C. Carter, 81

Ruth C. Carter, 81, of Pampa, died Wednesday, May 25, 2005, at Pampa.

Graveside services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Friday at McKnight Cemetery near Hollis,

Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of

Mrs. Carter was born Aug. 6, 1923, at Gould, Okla. She held a bachelor's and a master's degree from Oklahoma Baptist University at Shawnee. She taught school for 33 years, mostly at Lazbuddie.

Mrs. Carter moved to Pampa in 1983 from Cee Vee and was a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Glenn Ray Carter, in 1983.

Survivors include a son, Kenny Carter of Pampa; a sister, Eloise Brister of Pampa; and

other extended family. The family requests memorials be to Alzheimer's Association, 1400 Wallace

Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106. -Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

#### Enrriqueta Soto, 71

Enrriqueta Soto, 71, of Pampa, died Catholic Church. Wednesday, May 25, 2005, at Pampa.

Rosary will be held at 5 p.m. Friday in Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel. Funeral mass is scheduled at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. Francisco Perez, pastor of the church, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Born July 15, 1933, at Durango, Mexico, Mrs. Soto came to Pampa in 1997.

She was a member of St. Vincent de Paul

Survivors include five sons, Andres Vasquez of Eddy, Lino Cabrales of Mexico, Jesus Cabrales, Gregorio Cabrales and Jose Guadalupe Cabrales, all of Pampa; two daughters, Lorenza Diaz of Pampa and Maria de Jesus Soto of Chicago, Ill.; three sisters, Felipa Soto, Lucinda Soto and Julia Soto, all of Durango; two brothers, Gabriel Soto and Genaro Soto, both of Durango; 33 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

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#### Nina McLish Underwood, 89

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

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 28, 2005, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Barry Loving, pastor of the First Christian Church, officiat-

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under direction of 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 great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. The family requests memorials be to

BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX

-Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

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received his master's degree

in education from Texas

Woman's University at

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He was a math teacher

and nighttime administrator

at Aubrey High School from

Jameson was assistant

principal of Little Elm High

School from 1997 through

2000, and since then he has

been principal of Lakeside

Junior High School in the

Little Elm Independent

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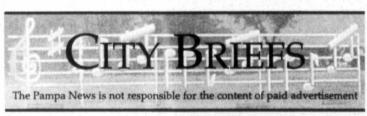
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# Lefors

Underwood

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with the students and knowing all the students," he said.

Jameson, 39, was named the lone finalist for the position of Lefors superintendent at the school board's May 17 meeting, following an executive session to interview him.

A 21-day waiting period must be observed between the decision to hire Jameson and the signing of a contract, according to Bill Mayfield, interim superintendent.

June 7 will be the earliest date that Jameson can sign a contract, Mayfield said, and the contract will begin July

Jameson earned his bachelor of business administration degree in finance in

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25, National Missing Children's Day in 1983, Brown said.

"It serves as a reminder

Congratulations You little Buckaroo Tommy Lindsey is really throo! He's hangin' up his hat for a golf club & maybe a grandkid or 2 Love, Bob & Laura

that children should be a number one priority," Brown said. "This day will help to remind families that their children will not be forgotten. It will aid families in understanding the importance of teaching their children safety and teach families the importance of being prepared in the event their child goes missing."

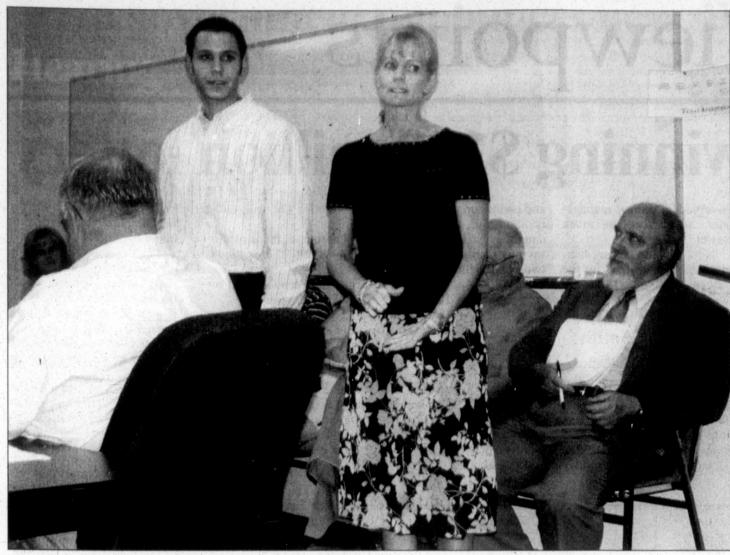
In 2004 there were 69,291 missing persons reported in Texas, Brown said. Some 59,911 were children.

"Most are listed as runaways," Brown said.

In that year 70,439 cases were cancelled from the National Crime Information Center, Brown said.

"Some of the cleared cases were from the previous year," he said. "In December of 2004, by years end, Texas had 4,306 missing children

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Pampa News photo by DEE DEE LARAMORE

## DECA National finalist honored

Pampa Independent School District's Board of Education recognized Mitchell Crow, center left, who achieved status as a DECA national finalist after earning first in his sales presentation in national competition. Donna Crow, center right, Pampa High School's DECA sponsor, said Crow was one of 16 national finalists. He competed against students from the United States, Canada, Mexico and Germany. Superintendent Barry Haenisch presented Crow with a certificate of recognition. Also pictured, from left, are Pampa High School Principal Evan Smith, board member Lee Porter, PHS Athletic Director Dick **Dunham and Travis Elementary Principal Doug Rapstine.** 

# **Budget**

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late to meet various deadlines and adopt a plan this session. Gov. Perry is reluctant to call a special session.

Fields said the Gray County Appraisal District's tax revenue figures were not ready yet, either. She said Chief Appraiser Pat Bagley hopes to have an estimate for the school district soon.

"I have received all the campus and department budgets," she said. "I will tell you there's more than bump up the first five steps,"

\$200,000 (total) in extra requests from all the depart-

She said the additional budget requests include resurfacing the tennis courts, increases in utility and fuel costs and hiring four new teachers.

Fields said she has been conducting salary schedule studies which show that Pampa ISD's beginning salaries are nine percent below other school districts in this area and about four percent below the state aver-

"I will recommend that we

responded and checked the

No bomb was found, and

Meanwhile, the callers'

location was traced and they

were found and detained by

police at Albertson's

Supermarket, 1223 N.

Hobart, after having first

called from a Taylor Food

admitted to being involved

in a hoax that they thought

would get them out of school

for the afternoon," said

"The three juveniles

students and staff returned to

campus.

Mart.

she said.

Pampa ISD's low pay scale for custodial, cafeteria workers and bus drivers is also unable to compete with higher-paying employers such as Wal-Mart, she added.

"I recommend that we do part of it this year and part next year," she said of raising pay scales.

"But until we know what kind of money we're getting," she added, "we really can't do anything.'

House of Representatives completed a school finance plan in mid-March. The Senate completed its plan about two weeks

ago. Now legislators from both sides must come to an agreement and final plan to fund the state's public education program.

The primary stumbling block, the AP reports, is how businesses will pay their taxes. Right now, most Texas businesses use loopholes in the law to avoid paying state franchise taxes, according to the AP.

On education spending, both sides claim they are close to agreeing. However, differences remain on how to implement a teacher pay raise and technology spend-

# Rodeo pageant luncheon,

The ninth annual Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Luncheon and Style Show will take place on Thursday, June 2, at 11:30 p.m. at the Pampa Community Building, 200 N.

Tickets are available from pageant contestants and at the rodeo office, 200 N. Ballard. Tickets will not be

For more information, call the rodeo office at 669-

# Checkoff

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Justice William H. Rehnquist as well as Justices Sandra Day O'Connor, Clarence Thomas and Stephen G. Breyer, according to the Associated Press.

Justice David H. Souter, joined by Justices John Paul Stevens and Anthony

Kennedy said the campaign was not government speech. In a dissenting opinion, Souter said if the government seeks to compel specific groups to fund speech with targeted taxes, it must make itself politically accountable for indicating that the content actually is a government message.

The Livestock Marketing Association sued the federal government to halt the program and won an appeals court ruling that found the 20-year-old program violated the First Amendment. The federal government and Nebraska cattlemen appealed to the high court, which has dealt before with questions about government are still studying the court's into joint programs. In 1997, the court upheld advertising programs for California fruit. In 2001, justices struck

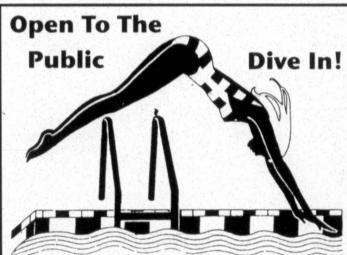
down a mandatory campaign for the mushroom industry.

"I think from our perspective and the National Cattlemen's Association's perspective," said Burt Rutherford, a spokesman for the Amarillobased Texas Cattle Feeders Association, "we need to move forward. We spent a lot of time and a lot of money and invested a lot of industry equity in this issue. This has to some extent or another been a divisive thing, and none of those things have benefited anybody.'

TCFA was instrumental in getting the checkoff program passed in the 1980s.

"I think it's fantastic," said Jay O'Brien, an Amarillo cattleman and vice chairman of the Cattlemen's Beef Board. "I think we're all better off. It'll be our goal now to work with all parts of the industry to keep building demand."

John McBride, executive director of the Livestock Marketing Association in Kansas City, said late Monday that LMA attorneys authority to force farmers decision and have not decided whether they will pursue another lawsuit calling for a referendum on the checkoff program.



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# Hearing

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working days. Depending on their behavior, they can get out in less than 10 days," Chavez said.

Counting the Memorial Day holiday next Monday as a non-working day, the three could be in detention until June 7 or 8.

Evidence such as police reports is being collected during this time to prepare for, and present at, the hearing, Chavez said.

"The next move is the news release Tuesday. county attorney's. We have to see how the police wrote their report" and gather other information on the incident, he said.

The charges could be either a felony or a Class A offense, misdemeanor Seabourn said.

"Texas statutes say that county courts have jurisdiction over juveniles. But at the time Judge Peet took office, Judge Waters agreed to take some juvenile cases in district court.

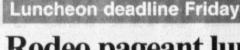
"Basically, the county attorney will prosecute juvenile cases," Seabourn said.

Calls to 911 were received during the noon hour Monday, May 23, alleging that a bomb was at Pampa High School. The school was evacuated while emergency personnel, including police, fire, and ambulance services,

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and 2,621 missing adults listed in NCIC."

Christina Hart read a proclamation from Pampa Mayor Lonny Robbins proclaiming Wednesday Missing Children's Day in Pampa.



# style show set for June 2

Seating is limited and advanced reservations are required.

available at the door. Reservation deadline is Friday, May 27.

Police Lt. Fred Courtney in a "The three boys did get

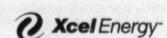


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# Viewpoints

# Thoughts on winning \$180 million lottery

about the lottery and what he would do with the \$180 million if he were to have the winning ticket.

The idea behind this particular person's conversation was to pool together as much money as possible from as many people as possible to buy the lottery tickets. Then when they won they would buy a sports franchise and split the shares up based on the amount of money that you put in.

My dad used to tell me that sitting around planning

I heard someone talking on what you were going to do with your lottery winnings was poison for the brain. I can't help but think about it, if only for a little

If I am holding the winning lottery ticket, here are a few of the things I would mark off of my life's to-do list. I would have to pay taxes on the \$180 million so I would probably start with around \$100 million.

The very first thing I would do is pay off all of my debts. Once this weight has been lifted the decisions involved in money management would become much easier.

Next I would get my family business in order for the future.

would set aside a certain amount in savings there would be of plenty

security for future generations. The savings account would also keep me from going to Las Vegas to double my money

ly nothing. I have two daughters, so included in this savings plan there would be two college funds.

I would like to say that I would Sean continue Smith working, even if on a Publisher reduced scale, but

> I'm not sure if I would. My wife says that we would both go crazy if I didn't work because that's all I talk about. I will have to

and ending up with absolute- put this in the wait-and-see category.

Of course, there would be a long list of donations to organizations, various churches, schools, and medical groups.

The one thing that I have always wanted to do was own a restaurant. I know it doesn't have the flair of a sports franchise but a place where people would come for a night of wonderful food and entertainment. There would also be a few more vacations to the beach each year or maybe I could just

build the restaurant on the beach. Now it's starting to come together.

I can now see how sitting around thinking about all of these lottery dreams could become poison for the brain if you let it interfere with your daily life.

However, this exercise has taught me another lesson as

Even though I do not have any of the items on my lottery list, I am extremely fortunate and grateful for the life that I do have.

# Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, May 26, the 146th day of 2005. There are 219 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:** 

On May 26, 1940, the evacuation of Allied troops from Dunkirk, France, began during World War II. On this date:

In 1521, Martin Luther was banned by the Edict of Worms because of his religious beliefs and writings. In 1805, 200 years ago, Napoleon Bonaparte was

crowned King of Italy in Milan. In 1865, arrangements were made in New Orleans for the

surrender of Confederate forces west of the Mississippi. In 1868, the impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson ended with his acquittal on all remaining charges.

In 1913, Actors' Equity Association was organized. In 1960, U.N. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge accused the Soviets of hiding a microphone inside a wood carving of the Great Seal of the United States that had been presented to the U.S. embassy in Moscow.

In 1969, the Apollo 10 astronauts returned to Earth after a successful eight-day dress rehearsal for the first manned moon landing.

In 1978, the first legal casino in the eastern United States

Life is a tragedy full of

Bernard Malamud American author (1914-1986)

opened in Atlantic City, N.J. In 1991, a Lauda Air Boeing 767 crashed in Thailand, killing all 223 peo-

ple aboard. In 1994, Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley were married in the Dominican Republic. (The marriage,

however, ended in 1996.) Ten years ago: In the tobacco industry's largest = recall ever, Philip Morris

U.S.A. halted sales of several cigarette brands, including some versions of top-selling Marlboro, because some filters were contaminated Five years ago: Barry Grunow, 35, an English teacher at

Lake Worth Community Middle School in Florida, was shot to death by Nathaniel Brazill, a seventh grader, after the teacher refused to let him talk with two girls in his classroom. (Brazill was convicted of second-degree murder and is serving a 28-year sentence.) One year ago: Nearly a decade after the Oklahoma City

bombing, Terry Nichols was found guilty of 161 state murder charges for helping carry out the attack. (Nichols later received 161 consecutive life sentences.) Fantasia Barrino was crowned the latest American Idol in the Fox network's talent contest.

Today's Birthdays: Actor James Arness is 82. Actor Alec McCowen is 80. Sportscaster Brent Musberger is 66. Rock singer-musician Levon Helm (The Band) is 65. Country musician Gates Nichols (Confederate Railroad) is 61. Rock musician Garry Peterson (Guess Who) is 60. Singer Stevie Nicks is 57. Actress Pam Grier is 56. Actor Philip Michael Thomas is 56. Country singer Hank Williams Jr. is 56. Former astronaut Sally K. Ride is 54. Actress Margaret Colin is 48.





# The truth about trade deficits

I buy more from my grocer than he buys from me, and I bet it's the same with you and your grocer. That means we have a trade deficit with our grocers. Does our perpetual grocer trade deficit portend doom? If we heeded some pundits and politicians who are talking about our national trade deficit, we might think so. But do we have a trade deficit in the first place? Let's look at it.

Insofar as the grocer example, there are two accounts that I hold. One is my "goods" account, which consists of groceries. The other is my "capital" account, which consists of money. Let's look at what happens when I purchase groceries. Say I purchase

\$100 worth of groceries. The There'd still be a trade balvalue of my goods account rises by \$100. That rise is matched by an equal \$100 decline in my capital account. Adding a plus \$100 to a minus \$100 yields a perfect trade balance. That transaction, from my grocer's point

Walter

Williams

Columnist

of view, results in his goods account falling by \$100, but when

accepts my cash, his capital account rises by \$100, again a trade

The principle here differs not one iota if my grocer was located in another country as opposed to down the street.

ance when both the goods account and the capital account are considered. Imbalances in goods accounts are all over the place. For example, my grocer buys more from his wholesaler than his wholesaler buys

from him. The wholesaler buys more from the manufacturer than manufactur-

er buys from him, but when we put capital accounts into the mix, in each case, trade is balanced.

International trade operates under the identical principle. When we as consumers purchase goods from China, and the Chinese don't purchase a like amount of goods from us, it is said that there's a trade deficit. But instead of purchasing goods, the Chinese might purchase corporate stocks, bonds or U.S. Treasury debt instruments. Just as in my grocer example, there is a balance of trade. The deficit in our nation's goods and services account, sometimes called current account, is matched by a surplus of equal magnitude in our capital account. A large portion of surpluses in our capital account consists of U.S. Treasury debt instruments held by foreigners. As of June 2004, China

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held nearly \$200 billion,

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# It's a good time to work on TRS

State Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, Rep. Craig Eiland, D-Galveston, and Rep. Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham, have taken on a thankless job this session: Trying to put the \$91 billion Teacher Retirement System on sounder financial footing. Their legislation deserves passage.

The job is thankless because all eyes glaze over at any discussion that begins with worries about "sound actuarial principles," and because there's no way to be the hero to anyone except, maybe, an actuary.

What Duncan got through the Senate on a 20-10 vote last week was a major reform bill that would, in the long run, require more from health insurance. Some of Texas teachers before they can retire. In general, teachers just starting their careers would have to wait until they are 60 rather than 55 to retire. Though older, experitem is healthy in the short enced teach-

ers would be excluded, the proposal also would base a sion on the

average of his or her best five years of pay, not three. School districts could no longer offer teachers incentives to retire early (except in cases of staff

these changes are also in legislation by Kolkhorst.

The goal is to reduce demand on the Teachers Retirement System. The systerm, but

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teacher's pen- Austin American-Statesman

promised benefits in the long run to 1 million active and retired employees. Otherwise, Duncan warned, "our retirement system will reductions), and teachers have to be drastically would have to pay more changed in the future, and . . about \$7 a month for their . the (health) insurance pro-

gram will be so expensive we cannot afford it."

Teachers' groups strongly oppose the measure, while retired teachers favor it; they have no hope of getting an increase in their pension checks unless the system's financial health improves. Democratic senators rightly pointed out that the Legislature ought to put much more money into the retirement system itself than the \$57 million proposed in Duncan's plan.

But the fact is, the Legislature won't do that now, and Duncan is right to face that reality and not let the problem compound, year

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# Iraqi government announces new security for Baghdad

You will witness

unprecedented security measures

Interior Minister Bayan Jabr

and none familiar to you."

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The government announced Thursday that a security cordon of 40,000 Iraqi soldiers and police will ring Baghdad starting next week to try to halt a spree of insurgent violence that has killed more than 620 people this month.

The interior minister said his office believes militant leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi was wounded, while an Internet statement claimed that Iraq's most feared terrorist group had appointed a deputy to fill in for the Jordanian.

At least 15 Iraqis died in violence nationwide, including a child, during clashes between U.S. forces and insurgents in the northern city of Tal Afar. Among those killed were a university professor, slain in a drive-

by shooting in Baghdad, and three policemen who died in a car bombing in the capi-

The military also said a U.S. Marine died

of wounds sustained a day earlier during the launch of an antiinsurgent offensive involving about 1,000 U.S. troops in the western city of Haditha.

The security cordon next week would

be followed by similar anti-terrorism moves across the country, part of an effort to shift

gency from a defensive to an offensive position, said Interior Minister Bayan Jabr and Defense Minister Saadoun al-Duleimi.

"Next week, we will have a strong and

safe cordon around Baghdad like a bracelet that surrounds the hand. We will not allow anyone to cross this, cordon," al-Duleimi said.

Jabr said there would be 675

checkpoints plus mobile checkpoints to try to deter assailants in areas where attacks are the government stance toward the insur- frequent and cars are often booby-trapped.

"You will witness unprecedented security measures and none familiar to you," he said. "We have to work together, government and people, because security is for all the citi-

zens, not just the government." The ministers said Baghdad would be divided into two sectors and 15 districts where police and emergency personnel

would operate 24 hours a day. "We will stand against anyone who tries to kill Iraqis and we will impose the law by adopting all tough measures," Jabr said.

"We do believe that we are going to give Iraqis what they have lacked," al-Duleimi said, an apparent reference to the poor security available throughout Iraq since the collapse of Saddam Hussein's regime.



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

#### Sharing weed war stories

Keith Pitner, left, from Austin, father of Pampa Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner, describes his battles with weeds to Pampa City Manager John Horst during lunch Tuesday at the Southside Senior Citizens Center. Keith and K.O. Pitner, Chief Pitner's 92-year-old grandfather from Snyder, were in town visiting this

## **Deficits**

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Japan over \$1 trillion, and Europe combined held over \$2 trillion.

Some politicians gripe about all the U.S. debt held by foreigners. Only a politician can have that kind of audacity.

Guess who's creating the debt instruments that foreigners hold? If you said it's our profligate Congress, go to the head of the class. If foreigners didn't purchase so much of our debt, we'd be worse off in terms of higher inflation and interest rates.

What about the possibility of foreigners dumping our debt? Foreigners aren't stupid. Dumping large amounts of Treasury bonds would drive down their value. Foreigners as well as we would take a hit.

The fact that foreigners are willing to exchange massive amounts of goods in exchange for slips of paper in the forms of currency, stocks and bonds should be a source of pride.

It means America, with its wealth, rule of law and the sanctity of contracts, inspires foreigners to hold large amounts of their wealth in U.S. obligations.

Their willingness to do so means something else: Trade increases competition.

Ultimately it's competition, many producers competing for his dollar, that truly protects the consumer.

What protects producers, at the expense of consumers, are restrictions on competi-

The quest to restrict competition is what lies at the heart of the trade deficit demagoguery.

> If foreigners didn't purchase so much of our debt, we'd be worse off in terms of higher inflation and interest rates.

When's the last time you heard a consumer complaining about his buying more from a Chinese or Japanese producer than that producer buys from him?

Walter Williams, Ph.D., is a John M. Olin Professor of Economics at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.

# Top O' Texas Rodeo featuring clown, coloring contests for kids

Fenton Dodge and Top O' Texas Rodeo Association have teamed up to bring fun contests to the children of Pampa and the surrounding area.

The annual Clown Contest will be held at 3 p.m., Saturday, June 4, at Fenton Motors, 123 N. Hobart, for children 6 and under. Prizes of Pampa Bucks and Wrangler jeans certificates will be awarded by the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association for first, second and third places. Barrelman Jim Bob Feller and bullfighters Dustin Brewer and Lance

Brittan will be on hand as well.

Something new out of the chutes for this year's rodeo is the coloring contest open to kids in fifth grade and under.

Fenton Dodge will be awarding prizes of Pampa Bucks to the winners. Winners will be announced at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 4. Participants must be present to win.

Coloring pages are available at Fenton Dodge or the rodeo office, 200 N. Ballard. Entries must be returned to Fenton Dodge by

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after year, into disaster for state taxpayers and retirees. Duncan's Senate Bill

1691 now is in the House, where the same changes, in a bill by Eiland, were killed recently on a technical ruling during floor debate.

Even if the Duncan meas-

ure doesn't survive, the retirement system's problem will. A rising stock market might help or the problem could get much worse much faster if the market falls.

It's a gamble.

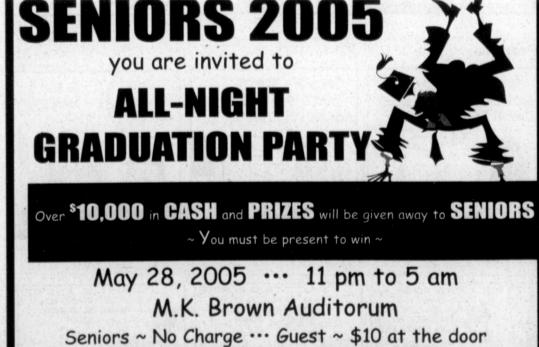
If this sounds familiar, it is. The Social Security system is sound for now, but has long-term problems. Many major American companies have shed their oldstyle private pension pro-

grams in favor of plans funded mostly by employees. The Bush administration is attempting to require private employers to put more into their underfunded plans and has run into fierce resistance.

Compared to other states, Texas' retirement system for teachers is in relatively good shape. But Duncan, Eiland and Kolkhorst are right to confront the problem now.

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# Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for the letter about hotel workers and how we're not baby sitters. You stated that we members of the hospitality industry make guests feel so "at home" that they "forget" they truly aren't. This is so true!

I am shocked how often parents leave young children in rooms unattended. They assume if the door locks behind them, the child is contained and safe. Not true! Many times, toddlers with limited speaking ability open the door and end up roaming the floor or the lobby. Once they're discovered, they can't tell us what room they came from or who their parents are. It's frustrating trying to locate the absent parents in the gym, spa, restaurant, shop or bar.

I want to make sure your message that hotel staff cannot be baby sitters and conduct business is repeated even more sternly. This includes parents who have left a child napping ("just for a minute!") and now the child awakens, frightened that Mommy and Daddy aren't there, and leaves the room to find them. Thank you, Abby! -- HOTELIER IN ORLAN-DO, FLA.

DEAR HOTELIER: When I printed that letter, I had no idea it would touch so many nerves. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I travel 10 to 12 times a year, and I can see what the writer is talking about at almost every hotel I stay in. I was in a hotel restaurant in Washington, D.C., recently. A couple had their 2-year-old with them. The child was running wild all over the restaurant, which had a large 2foot-deep fountain next to it. The staff repeatedly requested that the parents keep their child near them and received no support.

Needless to say, the child wandered over the bridge by the fountain, crawled through the railings and fell in face first. (It was about 10 feet from where I was sitting.) I jumped in and pulled the kid out while the parents and staff just watched. Do you know those parents never even thanked me? They **problem.** 

just took the child and finished eating! -- DAVID IN LAKE JACK-SON, TEXAS

DEAR DAVID: Just when I think I've heard everything, I receive a letter like yours. That child may have been drenched, but the parents were all wet.

DEAR ABBY: I have worked at a hotel in northern Minnesota for three years. We often host kids' sports teams and their parents. The parents regard these tournament weekends as a private getaway and often leave their children alone in the hotel while they're out drinking and carousing. With no supervision, the children run up and down the halls, make noise and disturb other guests.

Thank you, Abby, for urging parents to pay more attention to how their children behave at hotels. It's not only for the benefit of other guests, but also for the safety of their young ones. --DESK CLERK

#### **DEAR DESK CLERK: You're** welcome.

DEAR ABBY: Here's how the Atlantic City casinos dealt with the problem, which had become monumental. We had children crawling on the floors, running races, sleeping under shrubs -- you name it, we had it.

After some horrendous acts against children a few years back, rules were set up to deal with unattended juveniles. Signs were prominently posted that read, "We care. Unattended children will be turned over to the Atlantic City Police Department."

If, in a reasonable amount of time, the parent or guardian of the unattended child can't be located, the police are called and the child turned over to Youth and Family Services. The result? There are very few unattended juveniles roaming the casino lobbies or hallways. -- READER IN BRIGAN-TINE, N.J.

DEAR READER: An effective solution to a serious

#### For Better Or Worse



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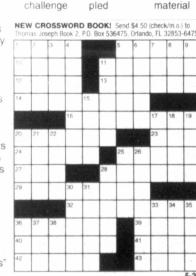
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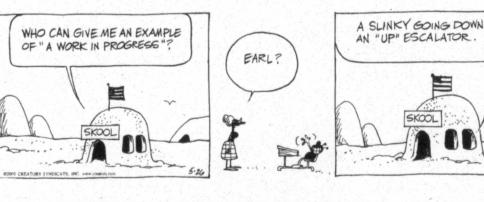
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The Family Circus

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#### **Haggar The Horrible**



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#### Flo & Friends





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"Daddy, when you're buying office supplies, we need more paper clips.

#### **Blondie**



# Sports Day

#### Xtreme wins inaugural Rec Park Shoot-Out

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

The first ever Rec Park Shoot-Out Fastpitch Softball Tournament was held at Pampa's Recreation Park Saturday, May 14.

The tournament was for girls 14-years-old and younger.

Six teams from as far away as Clovis, N.M. competed in what organizers hope will become an

annual event. "We've already heard from others who have said they would like to have played if only they had known about it," said Bino Facio. Facio serves

as manager for the Pampa Xtreme. The Xtreme defeated Elite, 8-5, to claim the inaugural tournament championship, going undefeated along the way (4-0).

Rec Park Shoot-Out May 14, 2005 Pampa, Texas

1st Place Pampa Xtreme 4-0 (Pampa) 2nd Place 2-3 (Levelland) Elite 3rd Place Black Heat 2-3 (Dumas) Lady Warriors 2-2 (Amarillo) 4th Place 5th Place **Xplosions** 2-2 (Clovis) 6th Place Lady Horns 1-3 (Amarillo)

Offensive MVP Kelby Doughty (Xtreme) **Defensive MVP** Katrina Johnson (Black Heat)



Xtreme Assistant Manager Drew Facio (lower left) holds the championship plaque the Pampa Xtreme won in the first ever Rec Park Shoot-Out Tournament. To his left, making up the rest of the front row are Katelin Wall, Kelby Doughty, Shelbie Watson, Brooklyn Barker and Sammie Pearson. The middle row, left to right, is-manager Bino Facio, Libby Dyson, Ashley Facio, Callie Preston, Emilie Troxell, Carlyn Teichmann and Kamie Doughty. Coaches Jimmy Barker and Drew Watson are pictured in back.

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#### Coaches final vote will be public

(AP) — Members of the American Football Coaches Association will make their votes in the final coaches' poll public starting this season, executive director Grant Teaff said Thursday.

Teaff said the group believes it was the best decision for the game.

"Our coaches were under no obligation to do this," said Teaff, a former coach at Baylor. "The good news is that somebody out there thinks that transparency is good for the system and our coaches said 'OK we hear you and we're going to join in and do our part.

Teaff said most coaches did not want to release the votes because of the scrutiny it would bring, but decided to vote for the change to quell any "uncalled-for controversy." He said there are no circumstances where the group would allow their inseason voting to be made public.

"The in-season polls are just a barometer," Teaff said. "The final poll that determines the two teams that play in the national championship seems to be the one every wants to

## Xplorers seize No.1 spot; Dusters improve

Memphis Xplorers have the No.2 spot with 191 taken over the top ranking of weekly Coaches Poll receiving 199 of a possible 228 points, the arenafootball2 (af2) league

office announced today. The Xplorers are just the third team of the 2005 season to obtain the No.1 spot.

The Xplorers' included eight first-place un one from last

victory, Manchester Wolves slipped to the No.3 spot receiving 184

The week. Green Bay secures

points including seven first-place tallies.

place

Other teams obtaining firstplace votes were the No.4 Florida Firecats (1), No.5 Amarillo Dusters (1), and No.10 ranked Central Valley Coyotes (1).

The arenafootball2 Week 9 schedule features three matchups of Top 12 teams. On Friday night at 7:30 p.m. No.3 Manchester looks to regain ground as they head

Barre/Scranton Pioneers. At 7:30 p.m. on Saturday night the No.5 ranked Amarillo Dusters travel to Florida to face the 2004 ArenaCup Champion and No.4 ranked Firecats. Finally, the No.12 Quad City Steamwheelers host the No.11 Oklahoma City Yard Dawgz on Saturday night at 8:30 p.m.

#### AND SO ENDS A SUPER SEASON

# PHS softball, baseball players: Be proud of what you achieved

Michael J.

Stevens

Sports

**Baseball Banquet** 

The Pampa High School baseball banquet is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. tonight at Cottonwood Springs. Due to previous commitments, I will not be able to attend. I hope you can.

I want the coaches and players to know what a pleasure it has been to cover them this season.

Lady Harvester Coach Bobbi Gill and head Dennis Harvester, Doughty in particular. They provided the information that allowed me to keep up with our teams as best I could. They allowed

Editor me to roam the dugout and never asked me to move. Although last Friday, I wish Doughty would have pointed out how nutty I was to be standing where my head was nearly blown apart by a howitzer-type foul ball. "We were almost picking you up in pieces," he said to me later. Both are very team driven. Always careful to let me know that, though two or three players may have stood out in a game, it is

the sum off all the parts that make the team. To the players, you are all to be com-mended on your efforts this season. Both the boys and the girls benefited from outstanding senior leadership. During the down times, it was not uncommon to hear a senior or two barking out something uplifting. They've been there before and knew

what to expect. To Brett Ferrell, I'm sorry I forgot the extra 'T' under your picture yesterday. As you are a sophomore, there will be plenty of time for me to learn how to spell it right (I cannot tell you how many time I looked that page over before sending it to the press).

To Shavious Kell...well, I need to know.

Is it 'Y', or is it 'EY?

To Wendi Miller, I hope you are feeling better. I thought about you for a moment last Friday. See Coach Doughty for details. To the graduating seniors, my best to you

no matter where your endeavors lead you from here.

To those returning players, keep this season in mind. Lock it away and call upon it later. Thanks to you, all eyes will be on Pampa for many seasons to come.

**Bronco Bonus** 

Jerry Rice has agreed to a one-year deal with my beloved Denver Broncos. This is

actually very good news, but not because of Rice's field experience. Point-offact - Rice is not the man he once was. Okay, the man is my age and in far better shape than I am, New Pampa head football coach, Bryan Wood, might

like to have the guy on his team. However, I believe the reason Bronco coach Mike Shanahan brought Rice in is to help in the locker room and on the sideline.

He will play. But it is what the man has in

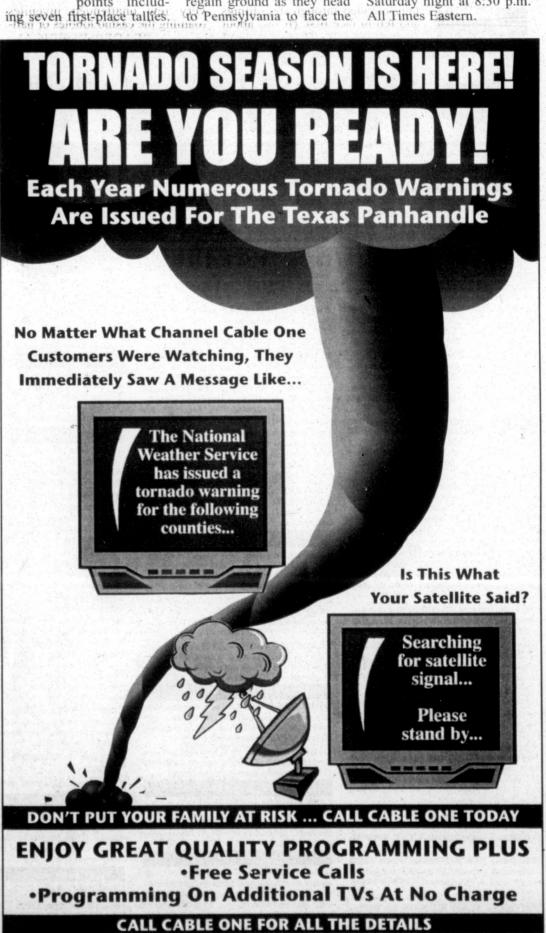
his head that may be more valuable than what he can do suited-up.

If Rice still had what it takes to be competitive, he would still be in San Francisco, Oakland or Seattle. Truth is, he is a wellconditioned, middle-aged man, trying to survive in a young man's game.

Shanahan is a brilliant coach. As such, he will not offer Rice this chance just because the two are 'buds'. He (Shanahan) is a long-term thinker. Therefore, I offer this prediction:

- Jerry Rice will end his season as a Denver Bronco. He will do so with respectable numbers. If San Francisco has a modicum of respect for the man who helped bring the 49ers back into contention, it will immediately retire his jersey. Then, as I believe Rice will not be one of those who are able to simply ride off into the sunset to take a gratuitous announcing gig, he and Shanahan will remain together in Denver. I can see Rice coaching receivers and educating the team on condi-

Stay tuned.



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# Glo-Valve rolls on; 11-12 off tonight

Glo-Valve Service, like Old Man River, just keeps rolling along with a 10-0 win over Rotary Club at Optimist Park Wednesday to remain at the top of the 11-12 Cal Ripken League with a 10-0-1 record.

Micheal Fisher won his second game of the season as three Glo-Valve pitchers combined for a one-hit shutout. Fisher allowed no hits, struck out five and walked one in pitching the first two innings. Cody Davis followed suit by striking out five, walking none and permitting no hits in two innings of work. Reid Miller struck out two, walked none and surrendered a hit in pitching the fifth inning.

Cole Engle pitched a complete game for Rotary. He struck out six and was the victim of 13 Glo-Valve hits. He walked three and hit a batter. After Fisher struck out the side in the top of the first inning, Glo-Valve sent 12 batters to the plate in the bottom of the inning. Two singles by Miller and singles by Fisher, Davis, Schrade Thompson and Malone combined with two walks and a hit batter produced six runs.

Zach Graves singled in Glo-Valve's half of the second inning, went to second on a ground out and scored on a single by Conner Wilson. A single by Davis, a walk to Nick Glover, a wild pitch and a two-RBI single by Thompson put Glo-Valve on top 9-0 after four innings. Malone led off the bottom of the fifth for Glo-Valve with a triple. Miller beat out a bunt with Malone scoring the game-ending run on the play.

The defensive plays of the game came from Rotary's Trent Carter, who snagged a line drive hit to center field,

and by Glo-Valve's centerfielder, Glover, who made a running catch of a fly ball.

The leading RBI man for Glo-Valve was Thompson, who went two for three, scored once and had three RBI. Davis was two for three, with two runs scored and two RBI. Miller was three for four with two RBI and a run scored. Malone was three for four, with two triples, a run scored and one RBI. Cody Parker got the only hit for Rotary.

In the late game Joseph Mechelay outdueled Garrett Erickson as D. E. Chase, Inc. edged Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency in a 2-1thriller. Mechelay, who pitched four innings, had help in the middle innings from Collin Killgo. Erickson also threw four innings receiving middle-inning help from Hudson Bentley.

Mechelay scored the winning run in the top of the sixth. He singled, stole second, went to third on an error and scored on a ground out. Mechelay got out of a basesloaded threat by DFB in the bottom of the fifth inning when Colin Sutherland made a diving, sliding catch of a fly ball in short right field to save at least two runs from scoring. Mechelay saw DFB load the bases in the bottom of the sixth inning but struck out the last batter for the win.

Glo-Valve will be back in action Friday at 5:45 p.m. against Cabot Corporation. and Celanese Rotary Corporation will do battle at 7:45 p.m. There are no games scheduled in the Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken League Thursday.

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Pampa Soccer Association GM Mike Sells (right) presents a plaque to Ed Copeland Wednesday morning in appreciation for Copeland's dedication to the PSA.

# Pampa Soccer Association honors Copeland

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

At 10 a.m. Wednesday morning, Ed Copeland thought he was making just another of his many visits to the Pampa Soccer Association fields. Shortly after 10 a.m., he learned his being called there was just a ruse. But the trip would be well worth it.

PSA General Manager Mike Sells called Copeland to the field so he could bestow upon him a plaque in appreciation for all that he (Copeland) does - and has done - for the association.

"The man goes out of his way to help us," said Sells. "We couldn't do this without him."

When not donating his time to the Pampa Soccer Association, Copeland is the Adult probation Community Service Coordinator for Gray County.

The PSA holds leagues from August to October, and again March to May. The association also hosts 3v3 and other off-season tournaments.

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Broncos coach Mike Shanahan worked with Rice as San Francisco's offensive coordinator from 1992-94.

WASHINGTON (AP) - NFL owners unanimously approved the \$600 million sale of the Minnesota Vikings to a group led by New Jersey shopping mall magnate Zygmunt

Wilf was given to go-ahead to purchase the team from Red McCombs, with the closing date expected to take place in June.

Wilf immediately pledged to work to build a new stadium to replace the

Metrodome, but he vowed that the team will stay in Minnesota.

He recently assumed the role of general partner of the ownership group after concerns were raised over whether Arizona businessman Reggie Fowler had the finances to be the lead owner. Fowler, who would have been the NFL's first black majority owner, remains an active part of the group.

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The Super Bowl is headed back to Tampa in

The city was selected to host the NFL title game for the fourth time, beating out three other finalists -Atlanta, Houston and Miami.

Next season's Super Bowl will be Feb. 5, 2006, in Detroit, with the 2007 game in Miami, and the 2008 edition in a new stadium being built in Glendale, Ariz.

# Astros drop Cubs, 5-1

CHICAGO (AP) — Brandon Backe outpitched Greg Maddux, and Morgan Ensberg hit a go-ahead homer Wednesday night as the Houston Astros broke a seven-game losing streak by beating the Chicago Cubs 5-1. In a rapidly paced game that took

just 2 hours, 21 minutes, the Astros improved to 3-21 away from Minute Maid Park. Ensberg's ninth homer and sixth in

his last 16 games broke a 1-1 tie in the fifth, and the Astros sealed the long-awaited victory by scoring three runs in the eighth inning.

Backe (4-3) got his first win in six road starts, giving up seven hits and a run in seven-plus innings. He also played a big offensive role in the third when he singled off Maddux with two outs before stealing the first base of his major league career. Orlando Palmeiro then delivered an RBI single.

Maddux (2-3) allowed five runs and eight hits in 7 2-3 innings, including a leadoff single to Brad Ausmus in the eighth. Backe sacrificed him to second and a wild pitch by Maddux got him to third before

Todd Self came through with a twoout RBI single to make it 3-1.

Craig Biggio then beat out an infield hit before Lance Berkman batting .179 entering the game — hit a two-out single off Michael Wuertz to make it 4-1. Reliever Will Ohman's wild pitch allowed Houston's third run of the inning to

The Cubs got their run in the third when Michael Barrett singled, Maddux sacrificed, Jerry Hairston walked and Neifi Perez hit an RBI single.

Chicago had first and third and one out in the sixth on Perez's double and an infield hit by Derrek Lee, but Backe got Jeromy Burnitz on a popup and Aramis Ramirez on a liner to cen-

Notes: Houston turned three double plays. ... The Cubs activated Todd Walker off the disabled list and he went 0-for-3. He was on the DL since mid-April with a left knee sprain. LHP Mike Remlinger, who fractured his finger when it got pinched between two chairs in the clubhouse, was put on the DL.

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ping back from your stuff and seeing

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) \*\*\* You swing from one interest to another. Judge yourself less and just flow with what is happening. A meeting will make a substantial difference in the outcome of your plans. Network and take your time with others. Tonight: Friends provide lots of

\*\*\* What appears to be only an

idea actually develops into a substan-

tial plan, especially if you encourage

others' feedback. Laughter happens if

you are willing to be less controlling. Others express their respect and interest. Tonight: You could choose to be

out late.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Move from working with

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Get as much done as possible

\*\*\* Find new ways to come up

the morning. They will take off in the afternoon. You will want some quiet time for yourself as well. Focus on family and prioritize your personal life. Tonight: Play it easy. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

your errands. Tonight: Let off steam with a friend or loved one. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Toss yourself into whatever project you need to do in the morning. You'll accomplish much more during this time. By the afternoon, a more self-indulgent attitude evolves. Why not? You, too, need some time off. Tonight: Time to indulge yourself and

those around you.

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\* Move slowly into your day, because by the afternoon, you will be in the limelight. You also have the energy and sparkle to make a difference. Others clearly demand your attention. Indulge a loved one. Tonight: Christen the weekend.

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#### Market Day at Lefors Elementary

Tycee Overstreet, Brian McBee, and Dillon Helfer try to entice Seth Scully to purchase their merchandise at a recent "market day" at Lefors Elementary School. Members of the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade classes at Lefors have been participating in a unique activity intended to teach students the skills needed to be a productive member of society. Each grade has formed its own "mini-society." They have named their society, elected officials, started businesses, and created their own currency. Each Friday there is a market day where students have the opportunity to test their ideas in the "real world." It is hoped that students will learn that hard work, using their minds, and following the rules are crucial to success in our

# Coors Ranch Rodeo to be stage for Rancher of the Year award

and one of them will be recognized at the Cowboy Roundup USA as Rancher in the Amarillo National of the Year next week.

Much of the Texas Panhandle is still ranch country, Quien Cowboy Stapleton, Roundup USA president. Ranching is the heritage of the Texas Panhandle.

Stapleton said his organi- New Mexico." zation figures the Coors Amarillo is the perfect time the Year. The Rancher of the

There are seven nominees Year will be named at the manages the Bell Ranch in Saturday night performance of the Coors Ranch Rodeo Center, Stapleton said.

"The recipient does not have to be a participant in the rodeo or any of its activities," Stapleton said, "but candidates must ranch in the Oklahoma or Panhandles or in Eastern

Ranch Rodeo next week in the Year, Stapleton said, are north of Amarillo. John M. "Jack" Shelton III, to recognize a Rancher of who ranches in Oldham County; Rusty Tinnin, who

New Mexico; the late Billy Cogdell of Silverton; Jiggs Mann of Clarendon; Levi and Odessa Dunham, who ranch at Afton and Dalhart; Stanley Marsh IV, who runs part of the Frying Pan Ranch, and Walton Poling, who ranches north of

Last year's Rancher of the Year was Miles Bivins Nominees for Rancher of Childers of the LX Ranch

- Staff Writer David

# Census Bureau says Hispanic voting rate stays steady in 2004

WASHINGTON (AP) - Whites and blacks voted in the 2004 presidential elections at higher rates than they did four years earlier, the Census Bureau reported Wednesday. That was not the case with Hispanics, one of the most

heavily courted groups of voters by the political parties. The turnout for non-Hispanic white voters increased by 5 percentage points in 2004 to 67 percent, while the gain

for black voters was 3 percentage points, to 60 percent. The voting rates did not change for Hispanics (47 per-

cent) or Asian-Americans (44 percent). The census report was based on the annual Current Population Survey of 60,000 households. It reflected the increase in voter turnout in 2004 that has been mentioned in other voting reports, such as the Committee for the

The agency estimated that 64 percent of U.S. citizens over age 18 voted. The January report from the committee placed the 2004 turnout at 60.7 percent of those eligible to vote, the highest rate since 1968. Turnout was reportedly more than 6 percent higher than in 2000.

Study of the American Electorate's report in January.

Voter turnout totals from a survey, even a thorough one such as the Census Bureau's, tend to be slightly higher than the actual turnout because of people over-reporting. That is the tendency by some people to say they voted when they did not.

President Bush won re-election in 2004 by claiming 50.8 percent of ballots cast. His Democratic opponents, Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts senator, took 48.3 per-

The census report indicated people 65 and older had the highest voter registration rate of any age group at 79 per-

People age 18 to 24 had the lowest voter registration rate, 58 percent.

The voter turnout for people with at least a college degree was 80 percent. By comparison, the rate for those with a high school education or less was 56 percent.

On the Net: Census Bureau: http://www.census.gov



# Convicted killer charged in twodecade-old case

FORT WORTH (AP) — Police say they have linked a convicted murderer to DNA evidence found on the body of a 29-year-old who was among more than a dozen young women killed in Fort Worth over a 21month period two decades

Curtis Don Brown, 46, has been charged with capital murder in the death of Terece Gregory.

found A fisherman Gregory's body in the Trinity River in 1985, a day after she was last seen leaving a popular downtown Fort Worth nightclub just before daybreak. She was shot in the face.

Investigators say they linked Brown to Gregory through a DNA database in February while working on cold-case killings. Police say that Brown's DNA matches semen taken from Gregory's body and stored in a crime lab freezer.

Since then, investigators have re-examined 25 unsolved slayings women in Tarrant County and say 18 of those deserve a closer look, the Fort Star-Telegram Worth reported in its Thursday editions.

Over a period of 21 months in the mid-1980s, more than a dozen young women were slain, including a popular radio station employee who disappeared after buying gas at a convenience store in southwest Fort Worth and a middle school teacher strangled in her apartment. Most of the deaths remain unsolved.

"The DNA hit caused us to look at several other cases to determine whether Brown may be possibly involved in those," police Sgt. J.D. Thornton, head of the homicide unit, told the newspaper. "Whether he is or not, the evidence available in those cases will be processed to determine whether we can make a link to any suspect."

Brown was brought back to Fort Worth on Tuesday from a prison in Angleton, where he is serving a life sentence for the 1986 murder of Jewel Woods.

Woods was a 51-year-old nurse attacked in her apartment. Her body was found nearby the following day. She was beaten to death with a rock.

At the time of his arrest in Woods' death, Brown was free on bond after police say he crawled into one woman's apartment and tried to break into another.

Defense attorney Tim Moore, appointed to represent Brown on the capital murder charge, declined to comment.

