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Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH  
Sanitation Supervisor Doug Brown uses the city of Pampa's excavator to demolish this known drug house at 544 Oklahoma.

## Police tear down known drug house

**By KERRI SMITH**  
Staff Writer

A known drug/crack house in Pampa at 544 Oklahoma is no longer standing thanks to the Pampa Police Department and the city of Pampa.

The house, which had no running water or gas service, has been used for a place to manufacture and sell drugs. Many drug busts were conducted at this location on many occasions, so the city decided to do something about it.

"We contacted the owner that is listed on the tax roll and asked if we could tear the house down," Assistant Police Chief Dennis Burton said. "She gave us the OK and signed a release form giving us permission to get rid of this nuisance."

Narcotics agents and police officers cut the lock on the door and entered the house around 10 a.m. today. No one was in the house at that time, so the officers proceeded to empty out the personal belongings, which

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## Soldier visits Wilson students

**By KERRI SMITH**  
Staff Writer

Wilson Elementary students and parents were excited to see Army Spc. Matt Dyer at their awards assembly this morning. His mother, Lynda Dyer, is a teacher at Wilson and her students along with the entire school have sent letters and care packages to him while he's been stationed in Iraq.

Dyer is home on leave for two weeks and will return to Iraq when this rest period is over. He's been in the U.S. Army for three and a half years and was stationed at Fort Sill, Okla., before he re-enlisted and was sent to Iraq in October. His tour in Iraq was supposed to be over in August, but he's been extended until later this year.

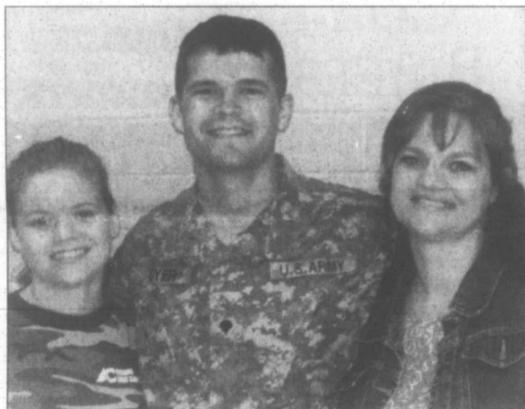
"I've really enjoyed getting the letters, pictures and posters from mom's first grade class and the entire school," Dyer said. "I've shared these with all the guys in my company because some guys get more stuff in the mail than others."

He said the hardest part of being in Iraq is being away from home and family. He said he gets tired of the really hot weather and when asked if he got tired of the sand, he said he is in an area surrounded by farms and vegetation so there's not a problem with sand.

"Before I got to Iraq, I didn't know any of the guys in my company," Dyer said. "I've made a lot of friends from all over. The guys are from N.J., Ga., Utah, Mass. and N.Y. We live in trailers in a compound and the military is trying to make the accommodations easier on the soldiers, so things have changed a lot just since I first got there."

"They try to give us time to relax and have fun sometimes. We have a gym, basketball

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Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH  
Army Spc. Matt Dyer enjoys visiting his family while home on leave for two weeks from Iraq. Pictured from left are his sister Miranda Jouett, Dyer and his mother Lynda Dyer, who is a first grade teacher at Wilson Elementary.

## Mayor, city commissioners to be sworn in Tuesday

**By DAVID BOWSER**  
Staff Writer

Pampa's mayor and two city commissioners will be sworn in Tuesday after the city commission canvasses the vote from this month's municipal election and declares the results.

Robert Dixon was elected to the commission this month to represent Ward 3. Incumbent Commissioner Lana Miller did not run for re-election.

Mayor Lonny Robbins and Commissioner Brad Pingel, Ward 1, ran unopposed.

The commission is expected to approve surplus property that will be taken to an auction house in Borger. The property includes a fire department pumper, a lawn mower, a Chevrolet Blazer, two dump trucks, two tractors, a motor grader, three pickups, two sideloaders, a back-loader and a mobile home.

The city commission will also hear the second reading of ordinances granting an easement across a city park next to AmericInn and the use of unbudgeted sales tax revenues for street maintenance.

The commission will consider an agreement between the city and the Texas Police Chiefs Association Foundation to address a best practices program established by the

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## Stylish prom arrival



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS  
Lilly Price and Stephen McCarley arrived at Pampa High School's Prom in a buggy that definitely was not horse-drawn. The prom was held Saturday evening at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium, and the theme of the event was "Diamonds Are Forever." Promgoers arrived on forklifts and in shopping carts, fire engines, moving vans and every decade of car and pickup.

## PEDC public hearing on Rotary road signs

**By DAVID BOWSER**  
Staff Writer

The Pampa Economic Development Corp. will hold a public hearing Tuesday for input concerning a contribution of \$9,000 toward the Pampa Rotary Club's welcome to Pampa sign project.

Chuck White with the Rotary Club said the organization would like to place signs welcoming motorists to Pampa at each of the five entrances to the city. Granite signs would be placed at the north and south ends of town on Texas Highway 70, east and west of town on U.S. Highway 60 and on the west side of town on Texas Highway 152.

White estimates that the total project will cost \$56,000. He said the city of Pampa was contributing \$25,000 to the project. Six thousand dollars would be from the leftover funds raised by the Rotary Club for the Super Playground, and \$5,000 would come from an insurance settlement when a runaway truck hit the existing welcoming sign at

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**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**



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**Tuesday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 3 p.m. Some of the storms could be severe. Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 81. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Tuesday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Some of the storms could be severe. Partly cloudy, with a low around 55. North northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Wednesday:** Partly cloudy, with a high near 70. North northeast wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Wednesday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 50. Northeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Thursday:** Mostly cloudy, with a high near 72. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southeast.

**Thursday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 54. South southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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**Court rules against consumers**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today sided with the nation's largest local phone companies in a lawsuit by consumers alleging anti-competitive business practices.

The court ruled 7-2 that the suit lacked any specifics in accusing the companies of secretly agreeing not to compete in each other's territories for local telephone and high-speed Internet service.

The case stems from changes to the telecommunications law in 1996. The local phone companies were to open their monopoly markets to competition. In return, they were given the opportunity to enter long-distance business. At the time, the four companies controlled more than 90 percent of the market for local phone service.

The defendants were Bell Atlantic Corp., BellSouth Corp., Qwest Communications International Inc., and SBC Communications Inc. Bell Atlantic is now Verizon Communications Inc. and SBC bought AT&T Inc. and the renamed company, AT&T, merged with BellSouth.

**Obituaries**

**Services tomorrow**

**PAIRSH, Welby Reid 'Papa'** — Graveside services 10 a.m. Memory Gardens Cemetery.  
**RICHARDSON, Anthony D.** — 2 p.m., First Assembly of God.

**Welby Reid 'Papa' Pairsh, 87**

Welby Reid "Papa" Pairsh, 87, died Saturday, May 19, 2007, in Pampa.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 22, 2007, at Memory Gardens Cemetery with Dr. Max Brown, chaplain of BSA Hospice, officiating. Military rites are courtesy of the U. S. Navy personnel. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Pairsh was born April 2, 1920, in Celeste, Texas. He moved to Pampa as a child where he attended Pampa schools and was an outstanding football player. He went on to college at

Cameron University in Lawton, Oklahoma, and was named All-Conference Guard two years in a row. He also attended Centenary University at Shreveport, Louisiana on a football scholarship.

He married Dorothy Gibson on July 18, 1941, in Lawton, Oklahoma. Mr. Pairsh enlisted in the U. S. Navy in Lubbock during World War II, serving in the South Pacific where he was awarded three Bronze Stars and two Silver Stars. He retired from Celanese on March 31, 1980, after 25 years of service. He then went to work for Pairsh Welding for 15 years. He was a horseman, craftsman, family man, and a hero to his grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy, on Sept. 10, 1999. Survivors include a son, Preston Pairsh and wife Dianne of Pampa; a daughter, Connie Allen of Pampa;

ed three Bronze Stars and two Silver Stars.

He retired from Celanese on March 31, 1980, after 25 years of service. He then went to work for Pairsh Welding for 15 years. He was a horseman, craftsman, family man, and a hero to his grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy, on Sept. 10, 1999. Survivors include a son, Preston Pairsh and wife Dianne of Pampa; a daughter, Connie Allen of Pampa;

a sister, Fern Roberts and husband Hilburn of Eastland; two grandsons, Dakota Pairsh and wife Sandra of Lefors and Monty Bennett and wife Amber of Amarillo; three granddaughters, Brandie Taylor and husband Jeff of Lubbock, Bobbie Nunn of Lefors, and Karry Cowan and husband Heath of Pampa; and 11 great grandchildren.

Memorials may be to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79105 or BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

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Pairsh

**Anthony D. Richardson, 44**

Anthony D. Richardson, 44, of Pampa, died Saturday, May 19, 2007, in Pampa.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 22, 2007, at the First Assembly of God with Rev. Leland Lewis, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Richardson was born on Oct. 11, 1962, in Chickasha, Oklahoma, and

had been a resident of Pampa since 1967. He was a 1981 graduate of Pampa High School. He worked as a machinist at Pampa Machine and Supply, for several years. He was a member of the First Assembly of God. He was an avid baseball and softball fan.



Richardson

Survivors include one son, Ryne Richardson of Pampa; one daughter, Marlee Richardson of Pampa; his parents, Tony D. and Pat Richardson of Pampa; two sisters, LaPrinia Richardson and Deborah Rohling, both of Chickasha, Okla.; one nephew, Tony Ledrick

of Ninneka, Okla.; two nieces, Lindsey Coutts and Lauren Coutts, both of Pampa; and best friend, Jimmy Chaney of Pampa.

Memorials may be to Victory Ministries, P. O. Box 5701, San Angelo, TX 76902.

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**Kathy Jean Gist, 53**

AMARILLO — Kathy Jean Gist, 53, of Pampa, died Friday, May 18, 2007, in Canyon.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 16, 2007, at First United Methodist Church in Pampa with John Curry and Robin Gantz officiating. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Ms. Gist was born May 23, 1953, in Canyon, Texas, to Bonnie and R. B. Gist Jr. She graduated from Canyon High School in 1971 and Abilene Christian in 1975. She received her MBA

degree from West Texas State University. After serving 17 years in El Paso, Amarillo, and Panhandle,

she retired from the extension service as a county extension agent. At the time of her death she was a professional artist. She was the 2003 Pampa Fine Arts Association artist of the year.

She was also a member of the Pampa Fine Arts Club; P.E.O.; Ko Jo Kai; the Panhandle Piecemakers

Quilt Guild and the Weatherly Sunday School Class at First United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her father, R. B. Gist, Jr. in 1991 and her husband, Richard Scott Harrelson in 2002.

She is survived by her mother, Bonnie Gist Grisham and husband Gordon of North Richland Hills; two brothers, Roger Gist III and wife Freida of Canyon and

Robert Gist and wife Beth of Colorado Springs; three nieces, Alaina Gist and Emily Gist, both of Colorado Springs; and Lara Leigh Beckwith of Tampa, Fla;

two nephews, Roger B. Gist IV of Dawn, Texas, and Jonathan Gist of Canyon; one great nephew, R. B. Gist V of Dawn; and one great niece, Abby Gist of Dawn.

The family suggests memorials to the Pampa Fine Arts Club, 200 N. Ballard, Pampa, TX 79065 or High Plains Children's Home, 11461 S. Western, Amarillo, TX 79118.



Gist

**LaVaughn E. Nichols, 84**

INDEPENDENCE, Kan. — LaVaughn E. Nichols, 84, of Independence, Kan., died Saturday, May 19, at Life Care Center Nursing Home in Andover.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 23, at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, Texas. Arrangements are under the direction of Penwell-Gabel Webb & Rodrick Chapel of

Independence. Friends may call to register at the cemetery.

Mrs. Nichols was born April 28, 1923, at Havana, Kan., the daughter of Willard E. Dixon and Bertha (Bretches) Dixon. She graduated with an associates degree from Patty Hean Vo-Tech in Morrelton, Ark. She worked as a licensed practical nurse for several years

and made her home in Arkansas and Texas before moving to Independence in 1978.

She married Jaral Nichols on July 23, 1941, in Fort Worth, Texas. He died on May 2, 1968. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Pampa.

Survivors include three sons, Jeral E. Nichols of Houston, Texas, Larry G.

Nichols of Augusta, Kan., and Rick P. Nichols of Lexington, Ky.; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; and four stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

To leave a message for the family online, visit [www.penwellgabel.com](http://www.penwellgabel.com).

**Tony Bob Bybee, 54**

Tony Bob Bybee, 54, died Monday, May 21, 2007, in Pampa, Texas.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Bybee was born Feb.

28, 1953, in Pampa where he had been a lifelong resident.

Survivors include one daughter, Michelle Slagle of Pampa; two sons, Tony Bybee, Jr., of Sulphur Springs, and James Bybee of

Arlington; one brother, Michael Bybee of Balch Springs; two sisters, Diane Brummett of Jacksonville, and Joy Bybee of Pampa; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a

brother, Tommy Bybee, and his parents, B. M. & Shirley Bybee.

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**Emergency Services**

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Friday, May 18**  
 Six traffic stops were made.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 600 block of North Zimmers, the 1800 block of North Sumner, the 700 block of North Christy, on two occasions in the 1700 block of Evergreen, the 1100 block of Crane Road, the 1500 block of North Faulkner, the 1700 block of Aspen, the 600 block of North Christy, the 1400 block of Williston, the 600 block of Deane Drive and the 2000 block of Lea.

Attempts to serve papers were made on two occasions.

Warrant service was attempted on one occasion.

A welfare check was

made in the 100 block of West Foster.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 100 block of West 30th and the 600 block of Lefors.

A runaway was reported in the 2400 block of Evergreen and the 1200 block of East Foster.

Found property was reported in the 100 block of South Hobart.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 800 block of South Municipal Drive and the intersection of Wilks and Llano streets.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the intersection of Scott and Tignor streets and the 600 block of North Starkweather.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 800 block of North Nelson and an unreported location.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of

Crane Road.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1600 block of Fir.

A terroristic threat was reported in the police department lobby.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of Doucette.

Assault was reported at the intersection of 19th and Sumner streets and the police department lobby.

Aggravated sexual assault was reported in the 300 block of North Dwight.

Two alarms were reported.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 700 block of North Dwight. A compact disc holder, music CD, Social Security card, bank card, steering wheel cover, knife, purse and California identification

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## Drugs

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consisted of a television, video games and a weight machine. Two vehicles and two motorcycles were also towed off.

"We are sending the message out to people that if they conduct criminal activity, manufacture or sell drugs at their residence, there is a high probability their house will be seized or abated for health and safety reasons," Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner said. "We

know this won't stop the drug activity in Pampa and the people that were using this house will move somewhere else, but we are putting forth an effort to clean up our town and send out the message that we are fighting the drug problem."

## Dyer

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and volleyball courts, a place to go watch movies and an Internet cafe so we can surf the Internet. In our trailers, we have TVs and X-Box so that helps pass the time."

Dyer is a fire support specialist, but he is currently part of an infantry company who conducts patrols looking for a cache of mortars, weapons or roadside bombs. He said if they find any bombs, they contact others who disarm them. Another purpose for going on patrols all of the time is to show a constant presence and keep order in the country.

"While I'm here for the next two weeks, I'm planning on playing golf with friends, eating mom's food and just hanging out with family and friends," Dyer said.

When asked if he enjoyed being hailed as a hero at the Wilson Elementary assembly, he replied, "I'm not a hero - I'm just doing my job."

## City

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foundation. The city commission is expected to raise fees at Hidden Hills Golf Course. They will also consider a memorandum of understanding with the Panhandle Regional Planning

Commission in connection with the city's new emergency communications tower.

The commission will also consider a plat of the property where Murphy Oil Gas Station is now located.

Murphy Oil is buying the property that it had been leasing from Wal-Mart.

The commission will also hear a sales tax report from Pampa Finance

Director Robin Bailey and discuss park improvements with David Hutto.

There will be a reception for outgoing Commissioner Lana Miller following Tuesday's meeting.

The Pampa City Commission will meet beginning at 4 p.m. Tuesday in the city commission chambers of City Hall.

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were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$5,095.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 400 block of East Frederic. A purse, two Texas driver's licenses, food stamps, a Lone Star card, a Social Security card, a green card, money and music CDs were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$575.

Saturday, May 19

Eleven traffic stops were made. A traffic stop in the 300 block of East Foster involved driving under the influence, expired motor vehicle registration, expired motor vehicle inspection and no insurance, and led to at least one arrest.

Motorist assistance was rendered in the 2800 block of Rosewood.

Traffic complaints were received from the 500 block of Yeager, the 1100 block of North Starkweather, the intersection of 19th and Grape streets and the 1900 block of North Hobart.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 1900 block of North Dwight, an unreported location, the intersection of Frederic and Tignor streets, the 1100 block of Sandlewood, the 1000 block of Twiford, the 400 block of Hill, the 500 block of Yeager, the 600 block of North Zimmers, the 500 block of North Roberta, the 1900 block of Hamilton, the 800 block of South Gray, the 500 block of Harlem, the 1700 block of Williston, the 700 block of Hazel and the 600 block of North Sumner.

Welfare checks were made in the 900 block of East Francis, the 700 block of Hazel, the 400 block of East 17th, the 100 block of East Craven and the 100 block of East Foster.

Lost property was reported in the police department lobby. A cell phone valued at \$350 was lost.

Agency assistance was rendered at the intersection of Hobart and Francis streets.

Warrant service was attempted on one occasion, leading to at least one arrest. The incident involved possession of drug paraphernalia.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 500 block of West Brown, the intersection of Tyng and Henry streets, the 800 block of Barnes, the 200 block of North Ballard and the intersection of Harvester and Lefors streets.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 800 block of South Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block of Linda and on two occasions in the 100 block of Warren, in which at least one arrest was made in connection with the incident.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 2200 block of North Christy. Aggravated assault causing bodily injury to a family member was reported in the 100 block of North Warren. The victim was struck in the head with a bottle.

Two alarms were reported. Theft was reported in the 1700 block of Aspen. A bicycle valued at \$150 was taken.

Theft was reported in the 1300 block of East Kingsmill and the 2100 block of North Faulkner, where a bicycle valued at \$150 was taken.

Burglary was reported in the 1300

block of West Kentucky and the 600 block of Hazel, where a window and gate were damaged and an air conditioner was taken.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of Terrace. Hand tools and a tool box were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$250.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported at Culberson-Stowers, Inc., 805 N. Hobart. The incident involved a 2003 Chevrolet HD 1500 crew cab pickup valued at \$18,500.

Sunday, May 20

Three traffic stops were made. Traffic complaints were received from the 500 block of North Christy and the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway.

A vehicle accident was reported at the intersection of Fisher and Lefors streets.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 1400 block of Williston, the 1700 block of Fir, the 2300 block of Beech, the 300 block of Linda, the 600 block of North Christy and an unreported location.

Found property was reported at Loop 273.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 1000 block of North Hobart, the 800 block of West Kingsmill, the 200 block of North Sumner and the intersection of Octavius and Elm streets.

Civil matters were reported in the police department lobby, the 1600 block of North Somerville and the 2600 block of Navajo.

A runaway was reported in the 2400 block of Evergreen and in the police department lobby.

An information report was made in the 100 block of North Faulkner.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 2200 block of North Hobart, the 2800 block of Charles, the 400 block of Perry, the 800 block of East 23rd and the 400 block of North Frost.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 700 block of East Murphy and the 1600 block of East Highway 60.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the intersection of Juniper and North Crest streets and the 200 block of Tignor.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2400 block of Dogwood and the 1900 block of North Faulkner.

Harassment was reported in the 1100 block of East Francis.

Evading arrest, resisting arrest and public intoxication by a minor were reported in the 300 block of North Cuyler. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.

A minor in possession of alcohol was reported in the 1100 block of Juniper.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 100 block of North Faulkner.

Assault was reported in the 700 block of North Russell. No injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

Assault causing bodily injury to a family member was reported in the 700 block of Roberta. No serious injuries were reported, and an arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Sexual assault was reported in the police department lobby.

Theft was reported in the 300 block of North Hobart and the 900 block of East Francis, where patio furniture valued at \$50 was taken.

Burglary was reported in the 90

## Bees disrupt fund-raiser

LIGONIER, Ind. (AP) — A swarm of honeybees temporarily disrupted a charity fundraising event, but no one reported being stung.

Authorities evacuated the area Saturday after the swarm of about 3,000 bees emerged from the woods around the West Noble High School football field, where 700 people were participating in a fundraising walk for the American Cancer Society.

The bees landed on a large umbrella shading the campsite of one of the more than 60 teams taking part in the 24-hour event in the town, 40 miles northwest of Fort Wayne.

A local beekeeper, Matt

Green, used a smoke machine to calm the bees and coax them into a beehive he brought to the field. The event was delayed about 45 minutes.

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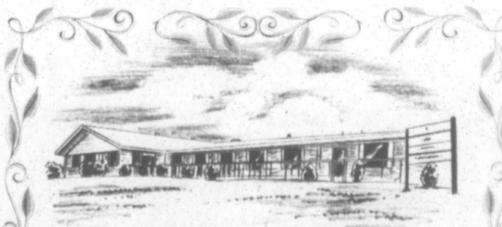
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# Viewpoints

## Old west outlaws had a soft spot for starting Sunday school

Kinch West's name does not rank high on the list of infamous Texas outlaws, but he must have been quite a rounder in his younger days.

Born in 1842 either in Tennessee or Missouri (where he grew up), he fought as a Confederate guerrilla during the Civil War. He claimed to have ridden with William C. Quantrill's raiders, which conferred the frontier equivalent of a doctor of philosophy in violence, but family researchers have not documented that. No matter who he rode with, West definitely lifted a gun in behalf of the South.

After the war, having fallen into the habit of riding when and where he wanted, doing whatever he wanted, and shooting whomever he wanted, he drifted into Texas. West quickly established a reputation as a bad man in Hill County, successfully dodging the Reconstruction-era Texas State Police in 1870.

When officers arrested two of his wife's brothers, West managed to waylay the lawmen and spring his in-laws. On another occasion in Hillsboro, West won a horse in a game of cards fair and square. But the fellow holding the losing hand had not come by the animal as honestly. Knowing West's reputation, when the horse's lawful owner came to recover his missing animal, he came armed. Rather than waste a lot of time talking things over West reportedly shot the man through a knothole in his door.

The Texas shooting may have been what inspired him to move to Kansas, where he spent some time in Greenwood City. In the early 1870s, until the railroad bypassed it, the place had a deserved notoriety. Writing about Greenwood for the Kansas State Historical Society in 1911, former resident Edwin Walters said the town had been "headquarters for cattlemen, cow-

boys and dozens of outlaws."

Among the rowdy set, he continued, were West, Jack Tedford, Bill Holliman, Vid Farr, "Leather Bill," "William the Innocent," and others. All of those men, apparently, had spent some time in the Lone Star State before finding it expedient to relocate without leaving forwarding addresses.

Mike Cox



Texas Tales

"While these gentlemen lingered on the classic banks of the Verdigris the Texas authorities were offering rewards for them," Walters continued. "At that time the reward for Kinch West was \$10,000." (That's a little steep.

Standard rewards of the day were usually less than a tenth of that, more often in the \$100 to \$200 range.)

One day, Walters recalled, Holliman approached him and asked, "Don't you shorthorns have what you call a Sunday school?"

Walters replied that they did, though the faithful gathered only infrequently.

"Why don't you start one here?" Holliman asked.

"You boys would try to break it up," Walters remembered saying.

"Not much we wouldn't. I've talked it over with them," Holliman continued. "They think it's too damn bad that there ain't no place to go on Sunday. You start it and I'll come and Kinch West will come. We'll shoot the first man that misbehaves."

Well, Walters replied, if he started a Sunday school, they'd have to leave their six-shooters at home on

the Sabbath.

"Can't do that," Holliman replied, "some marshal or detective might get the drop on us."

Walters finally relented, telling Holliman to collect "the boys" and show up for a little singing, praying and preaching at 3 p.m. the next Sunday.

"No," Holliman said, "let's have it in the forenoon. The boys will want to git drunk in the afternoon."

True to Holliman's word, West and other members of the local rough set all showed up for Sunday school. Not only did they behave quite angelically, in singing from the hymnal they raised their surprisingly melodious voice to high heaven. The Sunday school continued to flourish long after its founding sinners had ridden on.

Walters said in his recollection that West's story came to a violent end five years after he left

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## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, May 21, the 141st day of 2007. There are 224 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 21, 1927, Charles A. Lindbergh landed his Spirit of St. Louis near Paris, completing the first solo airplane flight across the Atlantic Ocean.

On this date:

In 1542, Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto died while searching for gold along the Mississippi River.

In 1832, the first Democratic National Convention got under way in Baltimore.

In 1840, New Zealand was declared a British colony.

In 1861, the Confederate Congress, meeting in Montgomery, Ala., voted to move the capital of the Confederacy from Montgomery to Richmond, Va.

In 1881, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross.

In 1892, the opera "Pagliacci," by Ruggero Leoncavallo, was first performed, in Milan, Italy.

In 1924, 14-year-old Bobby Franks was murdered in a "thrill killing" committed by Nathan Leopold Jr. and Richard Loeb, two students at the

*'Originality does not consist in saying what no one has ever said before, but in saying exactly what you think yourself.'*

— James Stephens  
Irish poet and novelist (1882-1950)

University of Chicago.

In 1956, the U.S. exploded the first airborne hydrogen bomb over Bikini Atoll in the Pacific.

In 1979, former San Francisco City Supervisor Dan White was convicted of voluntary manslaughter in the slayings of Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk.

In 1982, during the Falklands War, British amphibious forces landed on the beach at San Carlos Bay.

Ten years ago: Prosecutors at the Oklahoma City bombing trial of Timothy McVeigh rested their case. The space shuttle Atlantis undocked from the Russian Mir space station.

Five years ago: President Bush warned that al-Qaida terrorists still "want to hurt us," while his Pentagon chief, Donald Rumsfeld, said terrorists inevitably will acquire weapons of mass destruction from countries like Iraq, Iran or North Korea.

One year ago: Iraq's new prime minister, Nouri al-Maliki, promised to use "maximum force" if necessary to end the brutal insurgent and sectarian violence racking his country. Anthony Bell of Baton Rouge, La., was arrested after allegedly shooting to death four in-laws at a church and his wife in another location.



## Gen. David Petraeus isn't a lucky man

Gen. David Petraeus, touted by the Bush administration as the potential savior of the Iraq debacle, is like a lot of officers these days, a four-star general with relatively little combat experience.

He led the 101st Airborne Division during the initial invasion of Iraq and later was posted with it in the Kurdish area — by far the most peaceful area in Iraq. Other than that, his experience has all been peacetime duty, with a lot of that as an aide to various officers.

No doubt about it, Petraeus is a bright man. Courtesy of the taxpayers, he holds a master's degree and also a doctorate from prestigious universities. He graduated from West Point. Lately, the press has credited him as the author of the Army's Field Manual on counterinsurgency. Actually, he co-authored it with

Marine Lt. Gen. James Mattis.

Furthermore, Petraeus is unlucky. During a live-fire exercise, one of his soldiers tripped and accidentally shot

Petraeus in the chest. Later, while sky diving, his parachute tangled, and he broke his

pelvis. His other Iraq assignment was to reorganize and train the Iraqi army. Obviously, he didn't do such a hot job, because three years later, it is still unable to defend the country.

Now as the top field commander, he's in charge of what the Bush administration calls a "new strategy." This consists of posting Americans with Iraqis in various little outposts around

Baghdad. The idea is to provide security for what the Army calls the "good guys."

Problem is, to qualify as a good guy, you have to rat out your neighbors.

Other Iraqis see these good guys as just traitors and collaborators.

Insurgents, as has been the case historically, will simply go to ground while American forces are around and will cause mischief in other places. So when you hear Petraeus or the Bush administration brag about the surge strategy working, just remember the one question they've never answered is, "What happens when the U.S. forces leave?" The other unanswered question is, "How long do you intend

to keep combat soldiers in Baghdad?"

In short, Petraeus' counterinsurgency strategy is the same one we used in Vietnam, where it failed miserably. The only counterinsurgency campaign that I can recall being successful was one carried out by the British in Malaysia. That took about 10 years, and the British were aided by the fact that most of the insurgents were Chinese, who were not especially liked by the other citizens.

The insurgents in Iraq are mainly Iraqis. We are viewed as a foreign occupational army. The Iraqis want us out. Every time our guys kick in a door, shoot somebody or arrest a "suspect," we simply create more enemies. Polls taken by the University of Maryland con-

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Charley Reese  
Columnist



## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ May 14

El Paso Times on selling lottery tickets in bars:

Chente Quintanilla, our Democratic state representative from District 75, has a logical idea, and it's being considered strongly in the Texas House. Since we have the Texas Lottery, and since its proceeds help fund education, why not sell lottery tickets in bars, too? It would be convenient for lottery players. No standing in a checkout line.

Paying for public education in Texas has long been a problem. Lawmakers are now debating to either lower Texans' property taxes or giving teach-

ers raises. Last year it took a special session of the legislature to iron out school funding issues.

Budget analysts say if tickets could be sold in bars, nightclubs and other businesses that serve alcohol, the state could count on an additional \$64 million for education over the next five years.

Tickets, of course, would continue to be sold at their present locations, most often convenience stores.

Quintanilla's bill was tentatively approved by the House Thursday. It would strike from law a provision that prohibits lottery tickets from being sold at locations with alcoholic beverage permits. Next the bill needs final House approval. Then it would be sent to the Senate.

Texas must find ways to help ease tax burdens. In El Paso, the largest taxing entities are the school districts. We pay much more in property taxes to our school district than we do to the city.

Overall, property taxes in El Paso are much higher than in neighboring Dona Ana County in New Mexico.

We need tax relief.

Since we have the Texas Lottery to help fund those schools, let's raise more school money by making it easier to purchase a lottery ticket. It would be one way to ease, at least a little bit, the amount of property taxes required to fund public education.

"We'll have a pitcher, and bring us each a lottery ticket, please."

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** How do you say, "No, thank you" to a pest without hurting her feelings? A woman I'll call "Ethel" constantly invites me to have lunch with her. By "constantly," I mean she has asked me at least 50 times. I have explained to Ethel that my schedule is full and that I can't commit to any additional outings at this time. I do not want to have lunch with her because she hogs the conversation and it's not pleasant being with her. My husband suggests that I just tell Ethel bluntly that I do not care to be with her. Please tell me how to get the message across without being rude. — **STUCK IN THE "SHOW ME" STATE**

**DEAR STUCK:** Most people who understand social cues would have stopped asking after three invitations had been refused. Because you cannot bring yourself to follow your husband's suggestion, try this: "Ethel, you have asked me so many times that you are making me feel uncomfortable. Please understand that I do not have time to go to lunch with you, and please don't ask me anymore."

**DEAR ABBY:** My girlfriend and I have been living together for two years and are starting to talk about marriage. She is kind and considerate, and we love each other. The only problem is, I have a college degree and she has only a high school diploma. I always imagined that I'd marry a college-educated person, but she has no desire to attend college or to get any other type of schooling, either. I'm worried, Abby, because I'm afraid that we won't have a secure financial future because of her limited education. I want to provide a good life for our future children. Should I ignore my concerns? Or should I depart from this relationship? — **LOOKING TWICE IN IDAHO**

**DEAR LOOKING TWICE:** Your concerns should certainly not be ignored. However, your last question is one only you can answer. And since we're on the subject of "questions," I have a few more for you: Although a college degree is not the end-all and be-all in determining success, is this young woman at all ambitious? Is she willing to expand her career options, or does she plan to be a housewife and stay-at-home mother? You and your girlfriend could benefit from premarital counseling. After that, you will both have a clearer picture of what your future together will hold.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am 28 and have a wonderful 3-year-old daughter. When I was 12, my older cousin, who was 16 at the time, fondled me, thinking I was asleep. I said nothing about it and neither did he. That was 16 years ago. A couple of weeks ago we had sex, and now I am pregnant. Should I lie to my family about who the father is? — **WORRIED IN LOUISIANA**

**DEAR WORRIED:** You should not keep it a secret from your family. Because your cousin is the father of the baby, he will have a financial obligation to support it. Your obstetrician will need the information to determine whether your baby has a risk for a genetic disorder. You didn't mention whether you plan to continue this affair or marry your cousin. If the answer is yes, then I urge you to make absolutely sure that he does not do to your daughter or the baby what he did to you when you were so young, because his behavior was predatory.

## For Better Or For Worse



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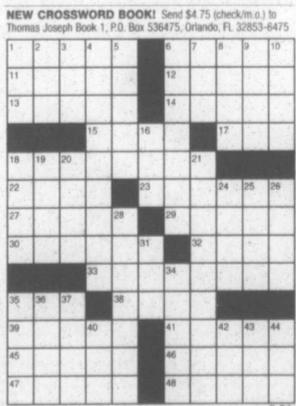
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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  - 6 Sounds of surprise
  - 11 Appear unexpectedly
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  - 14 Pilgrim's goal
  - 15 Alan of "Shane"
  - 17 Lock opener
  - 18 Winter weather phenomenon
  - 22 Brussels-based org.
  - 23 Fencer's cry
  - 27 Somber
  - 29 Worked, as a trade
  - 30 Agreement
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  - 33 Freeform composition
  - 35 That woman
  - 38 Singer Guthrie
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- DOWN**
- 1 Mud bath setting
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  - 4 Stops for speeding
  - 5 Paint-spilling sound
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  - 7 Tad's dad
  - 8 Punch
  - 9 Walk nervously
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  - 16 Period
  - 18 Swedish girl's name
  - 19 Train units
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Saturday's answer



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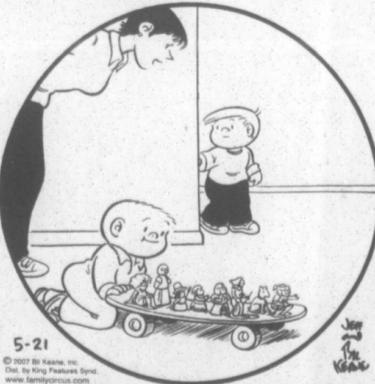


## Marmaduke



## The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



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## Blondie



# Sports Day



The Lady Harvesters keep their chins up as they walk off the field together for the last time after losing Game 2 against Denton-Ryan Saturday.

Pampa News photos by JORDAN REAGAN

## Lady Harvesters fail to make comeback, out in 4th round

By JORDAN REAGAN  
Sports Editor

After a 4-0 loss in Game 1 against the Lady Raiders, the Lady Harvesters suffered a tough loss in Game 2 to end their season.

Pampa was defeated 1-0 by Denton-Ryan Saturday in the regional semi-finals held in Oklahoma City.

"I greatly admire this group of young women," coach Bobbi Gill said, "They

have set a really high level of expectation for the future and as a program we have to make sure those left understand that."

Two doubles by Ryan ended the game in the extra

inning after a scoreless battle between the two teams.

Unlike during Friday's 4-0 loss, Pampa made contact with the ball with three hits on Ryan's Brysten Luster's pitches, and only suffered seven strikeouts, as opposed to 14 in Game 1.

Nicole Clark pitched for the Lady Harvesters, had four strikeouts, gave up seven hits and allowed two walks.

Pampa started the first inning with Logan Winkelman and Stephanie McVay both striking out.

Cassy Tice was walked, and Clark was tagged out at first.

Clark threw a strikeout for Ryan's first out, and gave up two hits that were followed by a pop fly and a tag on first to wrap up the inning.

Pampa didn't make it to base in the second inning, and Clark allowed one single, threw two strikeouts and a pop fly.

A walk for Kelby Doughty and three tags on first ended

the third inning for the Lady Harvesters.

Tice walked again to start the fourth inning, and was taken to third base on sacrifices by Clark and Callie Preston, but an out on Kambra Jimenez ended Pampa's opportunity for a run.

Ryan managed a walk and a single in the fourth inning, but hit three pop flies caught by Tice, Preston and Doughty.

Pampa got another big chance for a run in the fifth inning as Libby Dyson led off with a single.

Jasmaine Moore followed with a big hit as two Ryan errors allowed her to make second base, putting Dyson on third.

A strikeout, fly ball and tag on first ended the inning and allowed no Pampa runs.

Two more fly balls by Ryan and a strikeout ended the inning for the Lady Raiders.

Tice was given a chance to make contact with the ball in

the sixth inning, but a short pop fly sent her back to the dugout.

Neither team had another base hit until the game went into the extra inning.

Second-baseman Stephanie McVay hit a single with two outs, but Tice followed with the third out on a pop fly.

McVay caught a fly ball for the first out in the eighth inning, but two doubles by Ryan brought in a run to end the game.

"There are multiple situations you can go back and look at and say if this or if that had gone a little different," Gill said, "but in the end it didn't and we just couldn't get the momentum to swing our way."

"They met all but one of their five preseason goals and I know that there are not many teams that can say that," Gill continued. "I am so proud of what they have done."



Senior Stephanie McVay carefully watches a low ball go by in the eighth inning of Game 2 Saturday. McVay got a single, and the last Pampa hit of the game.

## Tennis players recognized at banquet

The Harvester Tennis team held their end-of-year banquet on May 14th.

Several highlights of both the fall and spring season were given by head coach Emily Laurence followed by awards for both the JV and the varsity.

Amongst the awards given were the Play Hard Award, Most Improved Player, and Most Valuable Player.

The Play Hard Award goes to the player who gives 110% especially in matches and shows the most desire and heart to be a winner.

The Most Improved Player goes to the player who has shown the most improvement since the beginning of the year.

The Most Valuable Player is the most prestigious award given and goes to the player who is the leader of the team, plays hard, and is considered the biggest asset to the team as a whole.

Coach Laurence said, "Sometimes it can be hard to pick who deserves these awards, but this year the most deserving players were evident in the work ethics of the players."

"All of the kids on the team did a good job

this year and due to having only one senior, this team has a bright future ahead of them. I really enjoyed being able to coach these kids and wish them all the best of luck in the future."

**JV Most Valuable Players:**  
Sammi Finney  
Kadin Barton

**JV Most Improved Players:**  
Kallie Marak  
James Vaid

**Play Hard Award:**  
Haley Acker  
Jack Ware

**Most Improved Player:**  
Rachel Lee  
Garrett Coutts

**Most Valuable Player:**  
Haley Acker  
Kevin Freis

## Baseball banquet



Courtesy photo

The Harvester baseball team held its annual banquet on Wednesday at Cottonwood Springs to celebrate their Bi-District Championship season. Award winners pictured here are: (L-R) Alex Torres, Fighting Heart Award; Brett Ferrell, Most Valuable Player; and Brady Eakin, Silver Slugger Award.

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Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

Doug Brown, framed by coworkers Homer Crouch, left, and Tommy Swindle, chows down on a hamburger at a luncheon Friday to mark Public Works Week.

## Doug Brown receives award

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

Doug Brown is standing a little taller this week after winning the "Get 'R' Done" award from the city of Pampa.

Brown, who works in the city's public works department, was given the award at a hamburger luncheon Friday to honor city employees during National Public Works Week.

"It's just about become an annual award," said Richard Morris, Pampa's public works director.

Morris said the award is given to public works employees who come up with cost saving ideas for the city.

"If somebody comes up with a good idea, an idea that will save manpower or money for the city, we give them an award," Morris said.

He said this is the third time such an award has been given in the past four years.

Brown's idea concerned the city's Loan-a-Truck program.

"We had several really old trucks," Morris said.

They were made available to pick up trash and other items that would not fit in local

Dumpsters. The problem was that because the trucks were old, they were high in maintenance. Being commercial vehicles and being covered by city insurance, city public works employees had to drive them.

Manning the trucks tied up four people, Morris said.

Brown came up with the idea of getting roll-off Dumpsters that could be left and picked up by other city trucks.

"It takes one man to set them out and he does not have to have a commercial driver's license," Morris said.

Consequently, the city is able to retire the old pickups from the Loan-a-Truck program and reduce labor costs. The trucks are expected to be auctioned off as surplus equipment.

Morris said that the city was able to get a \$20,200 grant to pay for most of the roll-off trash containers.

"The total cost was \$24,760," Morris said. The new containers are expected to last eight to 10 years, he said.

Morris said the cost savings on labor alone would be \$14,500 a year.

"I thought Doug deserved an award," Morris said.

## Troopers seize 485 pounds of marijuana over weekend

Texas Department of Public Safety troopers arrested three subjects and seized 485 pounds of marijuana over the weekend on Interstate 40 in two separate traffic stops.

The first stop occurred around 7:30 a.m. Saturday when troopers stopped a 2007 Toyota RAV4 traveling eastbound on I-40 near Conway. A DPS K-9 alerted to the rear luggage area of the vehicle where 133 pounds of marijuana was found in three large duffle bags. The estimated value of the drugs is \$63,175.

Robert Samuel Taylor, 36, of Detroit, Mont., was arrested and booked into the Carson County Jail in Panhandle on drug related charges. Investigators believe this load originated in Phoenix, Ariz. and was

headed to Tuba, Okla.

The second seizure occurred at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday when troopers stopped a 2006 Ford RV traveling eastbound on I-40 near Groom for a traffic violation. Again, a DPS K-9 alerted on the RV and troopers found 33 bundles of marijuana weighing 353 pounds in natural voids throughout the vehicle. The marijuana has an estimated value of \$167,200.

Nandananda Das Joseph, 33, of Los Angeles, Calif., and Jessica M. Brown, 32, of Lexington, Ky., were arrested and booked into the Carson County Jail in Panhandle. Investigators believe this load originated in Los Angeles, Calif. and was headed to Roslyn, N.Y.

## EDC

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Sunset Park on the west side of Pampa on U.S. 60. White said the Rotary Club was trying to raise

\$10,000 and asked the EDC to contribute what they could, up to \$10,000, at the EDC's May 10 meeting.

Any excess funds, White said, would go for scholarships.

The economic development corporation board will

also hear reports on their Web site and fidelity bond.

The Pampa Economic Development Corp. will meet at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Nona Payne Room of the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard.

## Reese

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sistently show that regardless of what sectarian or ethnic group is polled, a majority wants us out.

Interestingly enough, 144 members of the Iraqi parliament signed a petition demanding that the U.S. set

a timetable for withdrawal. For some reason, American news organizations paid little attention to it. The man who made the announcement said that it will be presented to the speaker and then will be put up for a vote.

It also appears that conflict, at least within the parliament, is not between Shiites and Sunnis but between separatists, backed

by the U.S., and nationalists, who want a strong central government in charge of Iraq's plentiful oil supply. The separatists want us to stay, of course, while the nationalists want us out.

We should back the nationalists and get out.

—Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.

## Cox

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Greenwood when a Fort Worth police officer shot him to death as he resisted arrest. Might have been one of the outlaws Walters had met, but not Kinch West. Research by a descendant of West shows the outlaw died

in bed of "consumption" (tuberculosis) on June 9, 1896, in Catoosa, Indian Territory.

An obituary published two days later in the Muskogee Phoenix said the 54-year-old West was "well known throughout this country and Texas as a daring man when in his younger years. His deadly aim had brought down sev-

eral men, but he was never punished for it."

In time, the newspaper continued, West "had settled down on a farm in this nation, and spent the latter part of his life in a quiet, peaceable manner."

Maybe a little of his Kansas Sunday School learning had rubbed off on him after all.

## Study: Diabetes drug Avandia raises risk of heart attacks

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE  
AP Medical Writer

A new analysis today reported the widely prescribed diabetes drug Avandia is linked to a greater risk of heart attack and possibly death.

More than 6 million people worldwide have taken the drug sold by London-based GlaxoSmithKline PLC since it came on the market eight years ago. Pooled results of dozens of studies revealed a 45 percent higher risk of heart attack, according to the analysis published online by the New England Journal of Medicine.

In a conference call today, Glaxo's chief of diabetes drug development, Dr. Lawson McCartney, said the analysis is not definitive scientific proof. The company is not seeing "anything like" the risks reported in the medical journal, he said.

"We remain very confident in the safety and of course in the efficacy of Avandia as an important diabetic medicine," McCartney said.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration had no immediate comment on today's New England Journal report on Avandia.

The company's stock was down 7 percent in morning trading after the medical journal's report appeared.

The report on the risks of the diabetes

drug follow Glaxo's \$2.5 million settlement of a lawsuit filed by former New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer over the release of data on the safety and effectiveness of its drugs. Spitzer, now New York governor, accused Glaxo of fraudulently withholding some results of studies that had examined the safety of prescribing the anti-depressant Paxil to children.

GlaxoSmithKline disputed that it attempted to mislead anyone, and said it has always been in favor of widespread disclosure of clinical trial results.

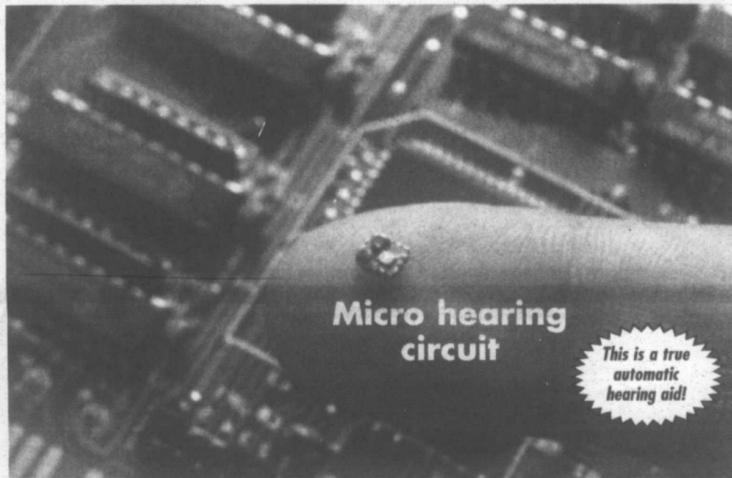
Avandia is used to treat Type 2 diabetes, the most common form of the disease, which is linked to obesity. This form of diabetes occurs when the body does not make enough insulin or cannot effectively use what it manages to produce.

Avandia helps sensitize the body to insulin and was considered a breakthrough medication for blood-sugar control.

Several experts said Avandia was another Vioxx-like example of the U.S. government failing to detect a safety problem until after millions of people had taken a drug. Vioxx was a blockbuster arthritis medicine until it was withdrawn in 2004 when heart problems came to light.

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