



Today's Weather

HIGH 83 LOW 55

1.800.374.5584 101-123 N. HOBART

Fenton logo with Jeep, Ford, and Mercury logos. Text: EVERY DAY FENTON MOTORS OF PAMPA CLOBBERS BIG CITY PRICES!

Monster invasion



Take a ride on the Raminator. SEE PAGE 6

THE PAMPA

\*\*\*\*\* ALL FOR ADC 780 \*01 BV04227 12/31/14 SOUTHWEST MICRO PUBLISHING 2627 E YANDELL DR EL PASO TX 79903-3743

Monday, May 9, 2005

Volume 101 • No. 1256

50¢ Daily • Sunday \$1

FLOOR STORE advertisement for Mohawk Floorcare Essentials.

CHILDERS BROTHERS INC. HOUSE LEVELING advertisement.

FRED BROWN TREE AND TURF advertisement.

THOMAS AUTOMOTIVE, INC advertisement.

ONE STOP FLOORING advertisement.

LENTZ CONOCO advertisement.

Allison's Quality Quick Lube advertisement.

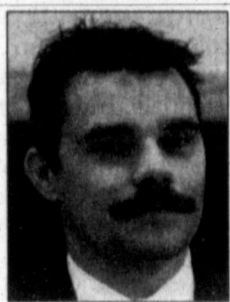
PAMPA GLASS & SUPPLY advertisement.

M&H LEASING CO., INC. advertisement.

DESTINY FLOOR IMPROVEMENTS advertisement.



Miller



Pingel



Robbins



DeFever



DeLoach



Terry

Election Day good for challengers

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Pampa Mayor Lonny Robbins was the only challenged incumbent re-elected in either city or county races after the polls closed at 7 p.m. Saturday.

and school levels, newcomers were voted into office. Robbins garnered 1,405 votes to win re-election. Paulette Hinkle placed second in the three-way race with 1,097 votes. Monty Danner received 99 votes in the mayoral race. Robbins' votes were 54 percent of those cast.

Hinkle's total was 42 percent, and Danner's represented four percent. "I'd like to thank the people for their vote of confidence in me again. I've always considered it an honor to have the privilege of serving the citizens of Pampa," Robbins said in a telephone interview today.

City Commission incumbents Robert Dixon and Jeff McCormick were both defeated. Challenger Lana Miller replaces Dixon as Ward 3 commissioner with 1,351 votes to Dixon's 1,300. Dixon's votes were 49 percent of those cast, and Miller's represented 51 per-

cent of the ballots. Incumbent Jeff McCormick, with 905 votes and 36 percent of the total, was defeated by Brad Pingel, who earned 1,637 votes, representing 64 percent, to become Ward 1 representative on the city commission. See ELECTION, Page 5

U.S. forces launch an offensive near Syria

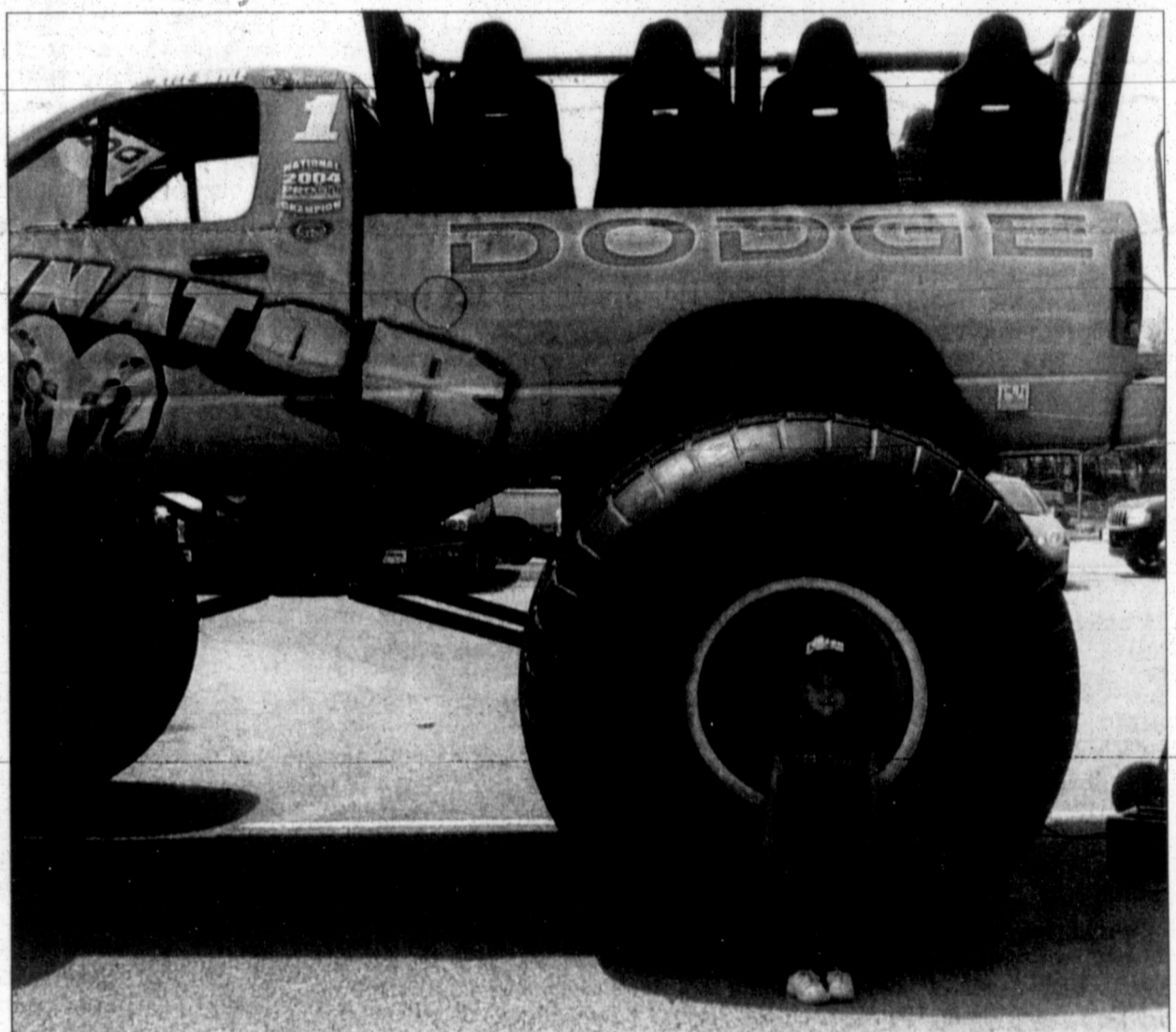
BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — American troops backed by helicopters and war planes have launched a major offensive against insurgents in a remote desert area near the Syrian border, and about 75 militants were killed in the first 24 hours, the U.S. military said Monday.

Marines, sailors and soldiers were conducting the offensive in an area north of the Euphrates River.

Marines, sailors and soldiers from Regimental Combat Team 2, 2nd Marine Division, were conducting the offensive in an area north of the Euphrates River, in the al-Jazirah

Desert, a known smuggling route and sanctuary for foreign insurgents, the military said. The brief statement did not specify when the operation began, how many troops were involved or whether there had been any American casualties. U.S. Lt. Col. Steven

See IRAQ, Page 5.



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Big tire, little tyke

Arian Duarte, 3, of Pampa, is dwarfed by the Dodge Raminator, Kyle Doyle's 2004 national professional monster truck champion. The truck was one of two monster trucks which were on display at a local auto dealership Friday and Saturday.

Local Briefs

Pampa ISD sets district decision and planning meeting on May 11

Pampa ISD is hosting a District Decision Making and Planning Team meeting on Wednesday, May 11, at 5 p.m. at the Carver Center Board Room.

All parents, community members, organizations, law enforcement and mental health agencies, and other interested individuals are encouraged to attend.

The Pampa ISD will discuss and plan the Federal Programs for the upcoming school year 2005-2006. For more information, please contact Tanya Larkin at 669-4700.

Mother's body found, toddler gone

RUIDOSO, N.M. (AP) — New Mexico state police issued an Amber Alert for a 16-month-old boy after his mother was found dead just hours after police had answered a domestic call at the apartment where they lived.

"We've received some calls and some tips, but unfortunately we haven't had a significant development," state police Lt. Jimmy Glascock said Monday.

The toddler, Justin Black, was at the apartment Sunday afternoon when Ruidoso police responded to a domestic dispute between Ivan Villa and Kristi Black, who state police said are married.

Several hours later, a friend went to the apartment and found Kristi Black's body, Glascock said. The woman had been killed, but Glascock would not release details of how she died.

Villa and the child, who is not Villa's son, were gone, Glascock said.

Villa, 22, has ties to the Houston area, and state police believe he may be headed there, Glascock said. Ruidoso police said he also has family in the El Paso, Texas, area, and in California.

The Amber Alert was broadcast through-

See ALERT, Page 5

HEAVENLY SLEEP & SCENTS advertisement.



Pampa Partnership Golf Tournament advertisement for May 14th & 15th.

## Obituaries

### Floyd Austin, 88

Floyd Austin, 88, died Monday, May 9, 2005, in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Austin was born Dec. 27, 1916, in Shamrock. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1946. He attended the Church of God and the Pentecostal Holiness Church for many years. He was the #1 fan at the Optimist Club ballpark.

Survivors include one nephew, Mike Ruff

and wife Nancy of Pampa; one niece, Anne Zochowski and husband George of Bristol, Tenn., eight great-nieces and great-nephews. Memorials may be made to the Pampa Optimist Club, 601 E. Craven, or a favorite charity.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Thursday, May 12, 2005.

— Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).

### Fred Brook, 86

Fred Brook, 86, of Pampa, died Friday, May 6, 2005, at Amarillo. Services are to be at 4 p.m., Tuesday, May 10, 2005, at the First Baptist Church with Dr. Johnny Funderburg, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery with military rites courtesy of the U.S. Army Personnel, Fort Hood, Texas. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Brook was born April 9, 1919, at Brooklyn, N.Y. Prior to moving to Pampa in 1942 from Enid, Okla., he also lived in Cimarron, Okla., and Kelly Field.

He married Virginia Line on Aug. 21,

1943, at the Pampa Air Base; she died June 20, 1990. Mr. Brook later married Olga Talbert on Feb. 14, 1993.

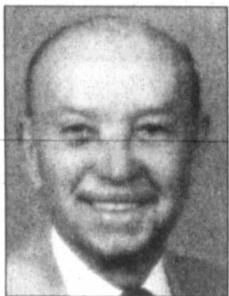
He was a member of First Baptist Church, Khiva Shrine Temple of Amarillo, Lubbock Scottish Rite Consistory and was a member and past master of Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM. He was a member and past president of Pampa Rotary Club and formerly served as Pampa City manager.

Mr. Brook was employed as an engineer at Cabot Corporation since 1956. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during World War II.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Helen Dimmler.

Survivors include his wife, Olga, of the home; and one sister, Catherine Griggs of New York City, N.Y.

— Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).



Brook

### James E. 'Jim' Davis, 70

James E. "Jim" Davis, 70, of Pampa, Texas, died Friday, May 6, 2005, at Pampa.

Services are to be at 2 p.m., Wednesday, May 11, 2005, at the Hobart Baptist Church with Rev. Jim Powell, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Davis was born June 22, 1934, in Wheeler County. He graduated from Levelland High School in 1952. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1957.

Mr. Davis married May Bachman on Aug. 8, 1954, in Clovis, N.M.

He worked for H.R. Jeter for nine years and was self-employed as a building contractor for the last 40 years.

He was a lifetime member of the Pampa

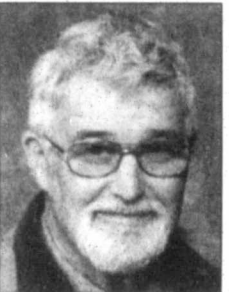
Optimist Youth Club, serving various offices. He was a member of the Southwest Regional Babe Ruth Baseball Association, and was inducted into the Southwest Regional Babe Ruth Hall of Fame in 2002.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include his wife, May Davis, of the home; three sons, James "Jimmy" Davis and wife Theresa, Joe Davis and wife Kim, and John Davis and wife Kim, all of Pampa; five sisters, Clea Trimble, Joy Haynes and husband Walden, and Sharon Brown, all of Pampa, Nellie Williams of Sudan, and Glenda Pecka of Tucson, Ariz.; one brother, Melvin Davis and wife Jeanne of Pampa; and four grandchildren, Adam Davis, Jacob Davis, Matricia Davis, and Caleb Jackson Davis, all of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to Olivia's Angels, c/o BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176.

— Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).



Davis

### Richard Scott Edminster, 51

AUSTIN — Richard Scott Edminster, 51, of Austin and formerly of Pampa, passed away Saturday, May 7, 2005. Memorial services will be held at 5 p.m., Monday, May 9, 2005, in the Davis Chapel of Cook-Walden Funeral Home, 6100 N. Lamar Blvd., in Austin.

He is survived by his daughter, Kristina Marie Whitney of Scottsboro, Neb.; step-daughter, Lillie Mae Hains; mother, J. Beth Edminster of Owasso, Okla.; sister, Diana Bost of Catoosa Okla.; brother, J. Michael Edminster of Montesano, Wash.; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

### Joe Bill Seuhs, 49

MIAMI, Texas — Joe Bill Seuhs, 49, of Miami, died Friday, May 6, 2005, at Miami.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 10, 2005, at the First United Methodist Church of Miami with the Rev. Brent Thornton, pastor of the First Christian Church of Miami, and the Rev. Tom Stribling, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Happy, officiating.

Burial will be in Miami Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Seuhs was born June 5, 1955, in Duncan, Okla. He had been a resident of Miami since 1957, and was a 1973 graduate of Miami High School.

He married Tresa Ann "Teda" Trimble in 1975 in Wheeler.

He worked for Natural Gas Pipeline — Oneok, as a plant operator for 24 years. He served as City Councilman for 24 years. He

was a member of the Miami Economic Development Corporation Board, the CDC Board, and the Emergency Service District Board.

He was a member and deacon of the First Christian Church.

Survivors include his wife, Tresa Ann "Teda" Seuhs, of the home; two daughters, Lacey Seuhs McClendon of Pampa and Lauren Leigh Seuhs of Miami; his mother, Ina Lee Seuhs of Miami; one nephew, Cameron Underwood of Miami; and one niece, Dana Lou Trimble of Amarillo.

He was preceded in death by his father, Billy Joe Seuhs; and his sister, Katie Seuhs Underwood.

The family requests memorials be to First Christian Church, 201 Tascosa, Miami, TX 79059.

— Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).

### Joe Dan Watson, 67

LEFORS — Joe Dan Watson, 67, of Lefors, died Tuesday, May 3, 2005, at Amarillo. Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, May

5, 2005, at United Methodist Church with Pastor John Westman officiating. Burial followed in Memorial Heights Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Born Oct. 10, 1937, at Pampa, Mr. Watson was a lifelong resident of Lefors, graduating from Lefors High School in 1956. He married Carole Nan Graves on Jan. 26, 1957, at Lefors. He was a field man for Coltex Cities Service in Lefors for 42 years, retiring in 1999.

He was a member of United Methodist Church of Lefors and Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM. He formerly sat on the board of Lefors Independent School District for 12 years.

Mr. Watson was preceded in death by a son, Joe Dan Watson, Jr., in 1960; a grandson, Josiah Watson, in 2004; and two brothers, Bill Watson and Jerry Watson.

Survivors include his wife, Carole Watson, of the home; two daughters, Lori Harkcom and Carrie Lott, both of Lefors; two sons, Michael Watson of Crowley and Jon Watson of Amarillo; one sister, Mary Evelyn Warner of Lefors; and 10 grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 363, Lefors, TX 79054; or to Lefors High School End-Student Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 463, Lefors, TX 79054.

### Ralph R. Hipkins, 81

Ralph R. Hipkins, 81, died Saturday, May 7, 2005, in Pampa. Services are to be at 10

a.m., Wednesday, May 11, 2005, at the First Baptist Church with Dr. Johnny Funderburg, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Hipkins was born on Oct. 15, 1923

in Hobart, Okla. He graduated from Retrop High School in Retrop, Okla., in 1942 and joined the U.S. Navy that same year. He served in the Aleutian Islands and the South Pacific on the U.S.S. Selfridge and the U.S.S. Wren. He was honorably discharged in 1946 as a chief petty officer. Mr. Hipkins married Kathleen Stowers on June 1, 1946, in Carter, Okla. In 1969, he came to Pampa where he established and owned Pro Data surveys. In 1984, he went into oil and gas production and became president of XET, Inc., and S & W Oil & Gas. He was a mem-

ber of First Baptist Church, VFW and American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Kathleen Hipkins, of the home; one daughter, Janice Porter and husband Lee of Pampa; one son, Dan W. Hipkins of Amarillo; one brother, Jim Hipkins of Everman; two grandsons, Christopher Porter and wife Angela of Guymon, Okla., and Gavin Porter and wife, Kelley, of Pampa; four granddaughters, Heidi Marshall of Wheeler, Danielle Hipkins of Amarillo; Jai Jai Porter of Plano, and Haley Hipkins of Lubbock; three great-grandchildren, Maria Marshall of Wheeler, and Bradley Porter and Emiley Porter, both of Guymon, Okla.; a brother-in-law, Vernon Stowers and wife Betty of Pampa, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, D.W. and Letha Duncan Hipkins, and by a brother, Damon Hipkins.

Memorials may be made to the U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation, 701 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Suite 123, Washington, D.C., 20004-2608 or American Heart Association, 6605 W. Interstate 40, Suite A-6, Amarillo, Texas, 79106.

— Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).



Hipkins

### Anne McAnelly, 76

Anne McAnelly, 76, died Saturday, May 7, 2005, in Amarillo. Memorial services will

be at 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 11, 2005, at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Scott Penrod officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. McAnelly was born Feb. 3,

1929, in Anson, Texas. She received a B.S. degree from Texas Woman's University in Denton. She married Rex McAnelly on Aug. 26, 1950. She came to Pampa in 1959 from Harlingen. She taught algebra and biology at Pampa High School for 38 years and was department chairman of the Pampa High School Science Department. She also taught for three years at Pampa Learning Center. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church. She was a member of the

Pampa Classroom Teachers Association, Texas State Teachers Association, National Science Teachers Association, and the Pampa and Texas Retired Teachers Association. She was a lifetime member of the National Education Association, and a longtime member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority. She was a charter member of the Junior Service League. She and her husband Rex were members of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association and the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

Survivors include her husband, Rex McAnelly, of the home; one daughter, Laura Easter of Amarillo; three grandchildren, Brett Greenhouse of Houston, Ashley Easter and Dylan Easter, both of Amarillo; one great-granddaughter, Gia Greenhouse of Houston.

Memorials may be made to Anne McAnelly Scholarship, c/o Amarillo College Foundation, P.O. Box 447, Amarillo, Texas 79178.

— Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).



McAnelly

### Robert P. Vail, 58

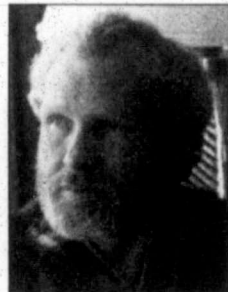
LUBBOCK — Robert P. Vail, 58, formerly of Pampa and a Lubbock businessman, passed away in his home early Saturday morning, May 7, 2005, of respiratory complications.

He graduated from University of Arizona in 1966 with a degree in mechanical engineering. He was the son of the late Bob and Claudine Vail of Pampa.

Robin is survived by his sister, Julia Vail Smith of Montana.

Friends are welcome to visit at his home, 3304 20th St., on Wednesday, May 11, 2005, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Cremation is under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home in Lubbock.



Vail

### Jackie Terry 'Jack' Ward, 74

Jackie Terry "Jack" Ward, 74, of Pampa, Texas, died Friday, May 6, 2005, at

Amarillo, Texas. Services are to be at 2 p.m., Tuesday, May 10, 2005, at

Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with the Revs. Ernie and Suzie Wilkinson, deacons of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, officiating. Private burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Ward was born Aug. 8, 1930, in Lefors. He graduated from Kemper Military Academy and North Texas State University. After college, he served with the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict.

Following his honorable discharge, he came back to Pampa and worked in the grocery business. He then founded his first Kentucky Fried Chicken franchise in Pampa,

and later opened five more in the surrounding area.

He married Patsy Halpain in 1960. Mr. Ward confirmed his faith in God when he joined St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Pampa.

He was a kind man with a gentle spirit and we know that he is graciously occupying his place in heaven.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Irene Ward; a brother, Kerry Ward; a sister, Mary Francis; and his stepson, Jimmy Crocker.

Survivors include one daughter, Stacy Sidwell and husband Reid of Amarillo; two sons, Ched Ward of Birmingham, Ala., and Thad Ward of Palm Springs, Calif.; four grandchildren; one brother, Jim Ward of Pampa; and two sisters, Betty Hoyler of Amarillo and Barbara Paschal of Bridgeport, Texas.

The family requests memorials be to The Village at Ware Memorial Care Center, 400 W. 14th, Amarillo, TX 79101.

— Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).



Ward

### Services tomorrow

SEUHS, Joe Bill — 10 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Miami.

BROOK, Fred — 4 p.m., First Baptist Church, Pampa.

WARD, Jackie Terry "Jack" — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

### Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 83. South-southwest wind around 10 mph.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 90. South-southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Tuesday night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 60. South-southwest wind around 20 mph,

with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Thursday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1pm. Partly cloudy, with a high near 80. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Thursday night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 54.

**CITY BRIEFS**

The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement

**ALLERGIES, ASTHMA?** Rotobrush air duct cleaning can help. Call Rug Rats at 665-1976 today. Free est.



### Senior Party supporter

**Class of 2005 Senior Cory Dallas (right) and Tyrel Bolin (left) accept a donation for the 2005 Senior All-Night Party from Ken Rheames of Rheames Diamond Shop. The parent and community-sponsored drug and alcohol free party is to be held May 28 following commencement exercises.**

# Bush, Putin put sniping aside

MOSCOW (AP) — It was awkward theater for President Bush, given a seat of honor Monday in a reviewing stand next to Lenin's tomb to watch goose-stepping soldiers and flags adorned with the Soviet hammer-and-sickle that recalled days of communist might.

Russia's 60th anniversary celebration of its World War II victory with other Allied forces over Nazi Germany offered only a one-sided, rosy picture of the U.S.S.R.'s war legacy, and has been accompanied by increased nostalgia for the Soviet Union's wartime tyrant, Josef Stalin.

That poses some difficulty for a U.S. president who has made democracy's spread the singular foreign-policy cause of his second term. Nonetheless, as Russian President Vladimir Putin's grand World War II victory party went forward, Bush allowed him his

day in the global spotlight. The two put aside their public sniping of recent days over postwar Soviet domination and present-day democratic backsliding in Russia.

White House counselor Dan Bartlett said Bush was totally comfortable amid the trappings of communist power. It demonstrates "how far we've come in the world," Bartlett said. Ten years ago, then-President Clinton came to Moscow on the 50th anniversary of V-E Day but boycotted the military parade to protest Moscow's brutal military campaign in Chechnya.

Continuing the chummy exchanges that marked their discussions and dinner the evening before, the two smiled broadly when Bush arrived for the parade. As Bush lowered his umbrella, despite the rain, for a snapshot, Putin laughingly did the same. Putin reserved the seat next to him

for Bush — whom he called his guest of "special importance" above all others. Later, Bush remained glued to the Russian leader's side as they strolled, red carnations in hand, to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The public niceties might not last long.

On Tuesday, Bush delivers an ode to democracy in an ex-Soviet republic on Putin's doorstep. Right after the Moscow ceremonies, Bush travels to Georgia, which is trying to turn away from the Kremlin and toward the West.

It's not often that Bush goes anywhere without being the top attraction. But in Moscow, Bush was merely seen alongside dozens of other world leaders who were treated to columns of soldiers in WWII-era uniforms, fighter jets screaming over Red Square, and troops belting out patriotic wartime songs.

## Emergency Services

### Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests today.

**Saturday, May 7**

Nine traffic stops were made. A traffic complaint was received from the 1600 block of North Hobart.

A hit and run accident was reported at the intersection of Thut and West streets. A vehicle accident was reported at the intersection of 23rd and Duncan streets.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 500 block of East Francis, the 400 block of North Faulkner, and the intersection of Rose and Francis streets.

Suspicious vehicles were reported in the 200 block of Tignor and the 1000 block of Varnon Drive.

Prowler reports were received from the 400 block of Carr, the 700 block of North Christy, and the 1500 block of North Zimmers.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered at the intersection of Alcock and Nelson streets, the intersection of Brown and Cuyler streets, the 600 block of East Frederic, and the intersection of Harvester and Mary Ellen streets.

One residential alarm was reported.

An animal complaint was received from the 1600 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct/fighting was reported in the 1000 block of Prairie.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported in the 400 block of Yeager and the 2200 block of North Hobart.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 300 block of Jean.

Harassment was reported in the 800 block of Lefors.

Theft was reported in the 700 block of North Christy. Cash totaling \$140 was taken.

Theft was reported in the 300 block of North Gray. A flag and flagpole valued at approximately \$55 was taken.

A gas drive-off was reported at Taylor Mart, 1340 N. Hobart. Unleaded gasoline valued at \$19.71 was taken.

A call concerning a runaway was received from the 1800 block of North Nelson.

Criminal mischief was reported at Rheames Diamond Shop, 111 N. Cuyler. A glass door was broken with a rock, causing approximately \$750 damage. No entry into the business was reported.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of East Kingsmill. A window was broken, resulting in an estimated \$25 damage.

Public intoxication was reported in the 100 block of North Cuyler and in the 300 block of North Frost, where an arrest was made.

Driving while intoxicated was reported in the 400 block of Lefors, where an arrest was made, and the intersection of Darby and

Lefors streets.

Assault causing bodily injury to a family member was reported in the 700 block of Deane Drive. Minor injuries were reported.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 900 block of South Wells.

Injury to a child was reported in the 100 block of Virginia.

One suicide attempt was reported.

Zachary Trevathan, 17, 1206 N. Russell, was arrested in the 100 block of Virginia for injury to a child causing bodily injury.

Michael Dunkeson, 20, 1948 N. Nelson, was arrested in the 300 block of North Frost for public intoxication.

Alisa Been Parker, 44, 416 Lefors, was arrested in the 100 block of Foster for driving while intoxicated.

Michael Kealer, 42, 721 E. Frederic #110, was arrested in the 100 block of North Cuyler for public intoxication.

**Sunday, May 8**

Eight traffic stops were made. A traffic complaint was received from the 1100 block of Sierra.

A hit and run accident was reported in the 2800 block of Charles.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 500 block of North Frost, the 1100 block of Prairie Drive, the 1000 block of East Francis, the 2700 block of Navajo, the 1300 block of East Kingsmill, and the 900 block of Schneider.

Disorderly conduct/fighting was reported in the 1000 block of Duncan.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported in the police department lobby and in the 1500 block of North Faulkner.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville and the 500 block of Montague.

A prowler was reported in the 300 block of North Dwight.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1000 block of Charles.

Fire department assistance was rendered in the 300 block of North Wells and the 1400 block of Alcock.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1300 block of West Harvester.

Theft was reported in the 300 block of Henry. A bicycle was reported taken.

Harassment was reported in the 1500 block of North Banks.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 800 block of Scott and in the

police department lobby.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered in the 200 block of North Russell, the intersection of Atchison and Starkweather streets, and the 200 block of West Kingsmill.

Assault was reported in the 1100 block of Sirroco.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1200 block of Duncan.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1700 block of North Hobart. Damage estimated at \$300 was done at a store.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of North Hobart. A car window was shot out with a BB gun.

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

Driving while intoxicated was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells.

A welfare check was made in the 100 block of Warren.

A narcotic drug law violation was reported in the 1900 block of North Dwight concerning possession of marijuana.

A narcotic drug law violation was reported in the police department lobby.

One business alarm was reported.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 400 block of South Ballard.

Ashlee Renee Stout, 18, 1515 Hamilton, was arrested at the intersection of Duncan and Harvester streets for driving while intoxicated.

Sherry Barnett, 55, 1200 N. Wells, was arrested in the 600 block of Short for driving while intoxicated.

Cody McKay Ellis, 17, 1913 N. Dwight, was arrested in the 1900 block of North Dwight for possession of less than two ounces of marijuana.

Jerry Gale Ayoubi, 18, Houston, was arrested by police and a Burlington Northern Santa Fe agent at the Starkweather railroad crossing for interference with railroad property.

Timothy Robert Husband, 18, Houston, was arrested at the Starkweather railroad crossing by police and a Burlington Northern Santa Fe agent for interference with railroad property.

**Monday, May 9**

Jayson Dwight Williams, 31, 1040 Huff, was arrested in the 600 block of Frederic for driving while intoxicated.

**Wednesday, May 4**

3:49 p.m. — A 1993 Dodge Spirit, driven by Faye Marie Bennett, 21, 937 S. Faulkner, and a 1995 Ford F-150, driven by Robert Alex Chavarría, 46, 616 N. Frost, collided in the intersection of Kingsmill and Somerville streets. No injuries were reported. Bennett was cited for no Texas driver's license, no insurance, and failure to yield right of way at a stop sign.

**Thursday, May 5**

7:32 p.m. — A 2001 Nissan Sentra XE, driven by Viola Faye Lacher, 57, 700 N. Naida, and a 2003 Toyota 4 Runner, driven by Anna Schafer, 17, 2541 Beech, collided in the 100 block of East Randy Matson Avenue. The Nissan then collided with a properly parked 1993 GMC Suburban, owned by Gary Don Babcock of Groom. No injuries were reported. Lacher was cited for changing lane when unsafe.

**Sheriff**

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

**Saturday, May 7**

Heath Keeton, 22, 720 N. Zimmers, was arrested on a bond forfeiture for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance.

Allan Doyle Keeton, 51, 720 N. Zimmers, was arrested for eight capias pro fines and six warrants.

Phillip D. Littrell, 35, 709 14th Ave., was arrested for assault by threat.

Marcy Dawn Miller, 35, 709 14th Ave., was arrested for no valid driver's license.

**Sunday, May 8**

George Emory Cox, 42, 7750 County Road 9, was arrested for assault causing bodily injury to a family member.

Manuel Alvarez, 39, McLean, was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

**Fire**

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Sunday, May 8**

2:22 a.m. — Four units and eight firefighters responded to a fire in a small wood frame storage building in the 1400 block of Alcock. Fire officials are investigating the cause of the fire.

9:52 a.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to a false alarm at One Medical

Plaza. The call was canceled en route.

2:54 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 800 block of Barnes.

5:10 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a report of a gas odor in the 1300 block of North Starkweather. No problem was found.

**Ambulance**

Guardian EMS reported the following calls today.

**Saturday, May 7**

8:11 p.m. — A mobile intensive care unit responded to the 800 block of Nelson and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

11:04 p.m. — A MICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to BSA-West, Amarillo.

**FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS ONE-ON-ONE ADVICE**



**Duane Harp**  
1921 N. Hobart  
Pampa, Tx. 79065  
665-6753

**Edward Jones**  
Serving Individual Investors Since 1871  
Member SIPC

**Johnston-Hill Insurance Agency**  
graycoins@sbcglobal.net




**CJ Johnston**      **Margaret Hill**

**1712 N Hobart**  
2 doors north of Rent A Center  
**Pampa, Tx 79065**  
**806-665-4133 or toll free**  
**866-665-2788**

Is your auto or home insurance SKY HIGH?  
Come in, call, or email for a quote  
**Auto, Home, Commercial, Life**

**18 LADIES... 1 FREE ROUND OF GOLF AT HIDDEN HILLS**

Offer Expires 6-30-05  
Week Days Only - Must Ride  
...  
Come Enjoy A Round Of Golf...  
We Have Improved The Course For You!

**COME EXPERIENCE THE HILLS**

**You are invited to attend**

**Grief: What to Expect**


A one hour informational session designed to help bereaved individuals understand the grief process

**Tuesday, May 10, 2005**  
7:00 p.m.  
**Wednesday, May 11, 2005**  
10:00 a.m.

**BSA Hospice Facility**  
800 N. Sumner, Pampa Texas

*There is no charge to attend and advance registration is not required*

For more information call  
**(806) 665 - 6677**  
or toll free **(800) 315 - 6209**



### Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	2.91	Cabot Oil Gas	30.55 +0.11	Pioneer Nat	38.08 -0.08
Milo	3.08	VLO	44.14 -0.05	JCP	48.72 +0.50
Corn	3.84	HAL	68.15 +0.40	COP	106.04 +1.12
Soybeans	5.52	TRU	42.86 +0.37	SLB	69.95 +0.85
		KMI	49.12 -0.14	Tenneco	13.25 +0.15
		XCEL	76.23 +0.40	CVX	53.24 +0.50
		Kerr McGee	17.35 +0.50	Wal-Mart	49.11 +0.15
		XOM	58.24 +0.47	OKE	29.77 -0.15
		Limited	21.20 +0.24	NS Grp	29.91 -0.08
		Williams	17.89 +0.12		
		MCD	29.70 +0.32	New York Gold	426.00
		Atmos	26.81 +0.06	Silver	29.92
				West Texas Crude	50.96

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

Oxy	70.86 +0.41
BP PLC ADR	61.48 -0.34
Cabot Corp	29.29 -0.42

# Viewpoints

## Mother's Day observations from the pew

Maybe because it was Mother's Day.

The sanctuary was packed, particularly with what I took to be young mothers and fathers and pre-teen children.

It's been a while since I've been to a church. It was enjoyable even if I was there working.

The service was in Spanish, a language I have studied for years and still haven't mastered much to my chagrin.

Beyond "Hello," "What is your name?" and "Two more," I can't speak it, but I can pick out a word or phrase now and then when I'm listening to it.

I caught the priest's "Today is Mother's Day." I also caught something that

he has and something that we all have.

More importantly, I understood "life," "Jesus Christ," "God" and "All the world."

What more do you need in a sermon?

What fascinated me, though, were the children.

Next to me in the rear pew was a mother and three young daughters, all about 8-12 years old.

Across the aisle was a grandmother with her young grandson, probably about 6 or 7 years old. He had a small silver metal steam engine locomotive that he would drive up and down the arm of the pew.

Under the glare of the woman, whom I assumed was the boy's mother, the

older woman would purse her lips and take the boy's silvery steam engine and put it in his shirt pocket. The boy would climb on his grandmother's lap and sit still...for about a minute and a half.

Then the lad would stealthily take the small toy from his shirt pocket, slip from his grandmother's lap and begin once again to run the locomotive along the grooved tracks on the arm of the pew.

I can hear the conversation now at Sunday dinner that day.

"Mother, you just can't let

him run wild."

"Now, Louise, he's just a child."

Grandmothers are great that way.

Behind them, a proud father held his infant son, who was decked out in a Dallas Cowboy sweat suit. Mom sat next to them holding a red rose.

In front of the family with the locomotive was a very striking young mother holding up a little girl whom I would guess to be 18 months old. The little girl had a chubby round face and big round eyes that missed nothing. Her hair was pulled up

in two topknots on either side of her head, kind of like a prairie chicken at booming time. The hair was too short for pigtails, but was tied in little pink bows.

At the back of the church, there was a very large man holding a very small little girl.

He was a good head taller than I am. The collar of his sports shirt was open because there was no way he could button it around that thick neck. His tattooed arms were bigger around than my waist (although my waist is growing). He had a malevolent slope to his forehead and jowls like a bulldog. His daughter, not quite a toddler, was dressed in pink with a little pink hat on.

When he saw me looking

at him, he broke into a wide grin and turned his daughter so I could see her. She was a doll.

About half way through the service, a little girl several rows in front of me began to cry. About four or five, she buried her face in her mother's shoulder and muffled her sobs.

A little girl about two or three, standing in the pew ahead of her, watched with sympathy and concern from between her parents who were listening to the sermon.

Eventually, the toddler standing, looking over the back of the pew reached out and patted the little girl that was sobbing. The sobbing stopped.

It was a good church service.

**David Bowser**  
Staff Writer



## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, May 9, the 129th day of 2005. There are 236 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

Twenty-five years ago, on May 9, 1980, 35 motorists were killed when a Liberian freighter rammied the Sunshine Skyway Bridge over Tampa Bay in Florida, causing a 1,400-foot section to collapse.

### On this date:

In 1502, Christopher Columbus left Cadiz, Spain, on his fourth and final trip to the Western Hemisphere.

In 1754, a cartoon in Benjamin Franklin's Pennsylvania Gazette showed a snake cut into sections, each part representing an American colony; the caption read, "Join or die."

In 1913, the 17th amendment to the Constitution, providing for the election of U.S. senators by popular vote rather than selection by state legislatures, was ratified.

In 1926, Americans Richard Byrd and Floyd Bennett became the first men to fly over the North Pole.

In 1936, Italy annexed Ethiopia.

In 1945, U.S. officials announced that a midnight entertainment curfew was being lifted immediately.

In 1960, the Food and Drug Administration approved a pill as safe for birth control use. (The pill, Enovid, was made by G.D. Searle and Co. of Chicago.)

## Our readers write

### Are liberals speaking for us?

Republicans in Washington are letting liberals waste time approving the President's judicial and other nominations. The liberals' agenda of unfounded accusations and filibusters are smoke screens delaying the system believing, with liberal media support, (that) this obstruction will not harm them in 2006 elections.

Liberals' dislike for Bush/Republicans has reached the point of paranoia. Republicans must move these nominations and other legislation or lose their second term potential.

If it takes the anti-filibuster "nuclear option," use it.

Social Security — Introduce legislation in both houses and move to final vote quickly. Private accounts are important to voters between 20 and 40. Talk to them, they are not in a nursing home or college dorms, they are working. I have advocated private accounts since retirement. My contribution listing for social security showed — no interest paid. Social Security Trust Fund, I.O.U.'s in "File Cabinets" and "Liberals' Lock Boxes" are jokes.

Revenue going to Washington goes to the General Revenue Fund and

Continued on Page 5



## Social Security won't pass as mandate

House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Thomas, R-Calif., said it best when he commented on President Bush's proposal for progressive indexing of Social Security benefits: "I know some rich people, and if you ask them whether they would rather have a tax increase or their (Social Security) benefits cut, they'll immediately say, 'Cut the benefits.'"

Well, Congressman, let's ask them, shall we, instead of making the decision for them, as Bush has proposed in his Social Security reform program. If we offered people a choice — lower benefits or high taxes — Thomas is correct that most of those

whose benefits will be cut under the Bush program would ratify the choice the president has made for them. But by taking it out of their hands and making the reduction in benefits mandatory, Bush hands the Democrats an argument that can slay his proposal.

For those who are on the lower end of the earnings spectrum, it is true that a choice between a cut in benefits or a rise in taxes is a choice of poisons. They cannot afford to live on what they now make and cannot

save for retirement either. So the choice boils down to poverty now or poverty later.

But Bush could and should offer them the choice of postponing retirement to keep benefits at their current level. The added savings to the system that would come from a logical postponement of retirement would be very important as a supplement to the amount saved by a cut in benefits to the well-off.

By casting the issue as he has through his program of mandatory progressive

indexation, Bush has ignored the history — and the mythology — of Social Security. When FDR first proposed the system, it was clearly a welfare program because there were not yet sufficient reserves in the system to pay for retirement benefits to anybody. It was a simple transfer of money from one generation to the next — or, in this case, from borrowed money to the elderly. But Roosevelt embedded deeply in our culture and national psyche the concept that, in subsequent years, Social Security would be a universal savings plan, required by the government,

See MANDATE, Page 5

**Dick Morris**  
Columnist



## THE PAMPA NEWS

403 W. Atchison • Pampa, TX 79065

806-669-2525 • 800-687-3348

Fax: 806-669-2520

email: editor@thepampanews.com

Publisher: Sean Smith

Editor: Dee Dee Laramore

Advertising Director: ReDonn Woods

Composing Supervisor: Brenda Cook

This newspaper (UPS 781-540) is published daily, except Saturdays, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day, by The Pampa News. Periodicals postage paid at Pampa, Texas. Postmaster: Send address changes to The Pampa News, P.O. Drawer 2198, Pampa, TX 79066-2198.

All carriers are independent contractors and The Pampa News is not responsible for advance payments of two or more months made to the carrier. Please pay directly to the Pampa News any payment that exceeds the current collection period. There are no mail subscriptions available within the city limits of Pampa. Mail subscriptions must be paid three months in advance.

© 2005 The Pampa News

## DeLay shouldn't throw stones at Cuba

U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, despises Cuban dictator Fidel Castro. But the Sugar Land exterminator sure loves Cuban-made cigars, the international sales of which help keep the ruthless Fidelistas in power.

During last year's House debate over President Bush's proposed tightening of sanctions against Cuba, DeLay argued that "every dime that finds its way into Cuba first finds its way into Fidel Castro's bloodthirsty hands. ... American consumers will get their fine cigars and their cheap sugar, but at the cost of our national honor." That point may well be

open to debate. But if DeLay truly believes his own words, he at least should live by them.

According to Time, however, DeLay is a hypocrite when it comes to Cuban cigars.

The weekly news-magazine recently published a photo of the majority leader smoking a Cuban-made Hoyo de Monterrey double corona during a meeting with the Republican Jewish Coalition at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem.

This cigar "generally costs about \$25 when purchased overseas and is not available in this country," Time reported. "The cigar's label clearly states that it was made in 'Habana.'"

"Love at first sight," the www.topcubans.com Web site says in its review of the Cuban-made cigar.

DeLay was smoking, according to Time. "The beauty of the stick is matched by its paradisiacal even roundness in the smoke. The Hoyo sweet tastes (crushed cacao/coffee,

### Texas Thoughts

Victoria Advocate

Moroccan leather) give this cigar a childish naughtiness character. This is a smoke full of prestige and smooth class."

Well, now, then. DeLay could argue that since the photo was taken July 28, 2003, it predated his 2004 tirade against Castro. However, the Cuban dictator has ruthlessly held power since 1959.

Or the majority leader could claim that a third party provided the cigar to him and he did not check the label to see where it was produced. That would be the same kind of claim he is making about overseas trav-

See DELAY, Page 5

### Commission reports

## RRC posts monthly oil, gas stats

AUSTIN — The Texas Railroad Commission issued a total of 1,413 original drilling permits in March 2005 compared to 1,259 in March 2004.

The March total included 1,151 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 30 to re-enter existing well bores, and 232 for re-completions. Permits issued in March 2005 included 296 oil, 434 gas, 650 oil and gas, 27

injection, zero service and six other permits.

Texas preliminary February 2005 crude oil production averaged 891,252 barrels daily, down from the 944,138 barrels daily average of February 2004.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for February 2005 is 24,986,516 barrels, a decrease from 27,412,338

barrels reported during February 2004.

In March 2005, operators reported 276 oil, 883 gas, 29 injection and one other completions compared to 278 oil, 705 gas, 45 injection and five other permits during March 2004.

Total well completions for 2005 year to date are 2,489, down from 2,787 recorded during the same period in 2004.

Operators reported 611 holes plugged and 143 dry holes in March 2005 com-

pared to 816 holes plugged and 95 dry holes in March 2004.

Texas oil and gas wells produced 385,067,739 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for February 2005, down from the February 2004 preliminary gas production total of 434,156,033 Mcf.

Texas production in February 2005 came from 132,981 oil and 64,057 gas wells.

Table 1 — March Texas Oil and Gas Drilling Permits and Completions by District

RAILROAD COMMISSION DISTRICT	PERMITS TO DRILL OIL/GAS HOLES	OIL COMPLETIONS	GAS COMPLETIONS
(1) SAN ANTONIO AREA	51	5	30
(2) REFUGIO AREA	100	11	84
(3) SOUTHEAST TEXAS	96	19	49
(4) DEEP SOUTH TEXAS	139	2	80
(5) EAST CENTRAL TX	52	2	117
(6) EAST TEXAS	143	6	173
(7) WEST CENTRAL TX	76	24	27
(7C) SAN ANGELO AREA	125	46	109
(8) MIDLAND	219	55	6
(8A) LUBBOCK AREA	78	55	2
(9) NORTH TEXAS	206	41	118
(10) PANHANDLE	127	10	86

Table 2 — February Texas Top 10 Oil and Gas Producing Counties Ranked by Preliminary Production

COUNTY	CRUDE OIL (BBL)	COUNTY	TOTAL GAS (MCF)
1. GAINES	2,206,886	1. ZAPATA	20,187,171
2. YOAKUM	1,923,390	2. PANOLA	17,528,206
3. ANDREWS	1,808,341	3. FREESTONE	15,375,163
4. ECTOR	1,484,288	4. WEBB	15,301,818
5. HOCKLEY	1,409,153	5. HIDALGO	14,461,734
6. SCURRY	1,246,698	6. PECOS	13,568,290
7. PECOS	842,534	7. WISE	12,964,797
8. CRANE	714,967	8. DENTON	10,176,860
9. UPTON	707,421	9. STARR	9,065,098
10. MIDLAND	635,242	10. CROCKETT	8,167,347

## Iraq

Continued from Page 1

Boylan later said the offensive started on Saturday, and the U.S. military reported that two Marines were killed in the area on Sunday.

Militants claimed in a Web posting that they took a Japanese man hostage after ambushing a group of foreigners and Iraqi troops in western Iraq.

The Ansar al-Sunnah Army identified the Japanese hostage as Akihito Saito, 44, and posted a photocopy of his passport, including his picture, on the group's Web site.

The group said Saito was seized after Ansar al-Sunnah fighters ambushed a convoy of five foreign contractors,

protected by 12 members of the Iraqi security forces. It claimed all were killed in the fight except for Saito, who was "severely injured."

One of the posted ID cards belonging to Saito identified him as a security manager of Hart GMSSCO, a British-based security firm. Hart CEO Simon Falkner said in London that there was an ambush with casualties Sunday night involving Hart personnel, but would not confirm whether Saito was an employee and if he had been seized.

The group claimed it ambushed the convoy near Hit, west of Baghdad, and said a fierce battle erupted between the fighters and those in the convoy. Hit is located about 80 miles from where U.S. forces have

launched a major offensive against militants near the Syrian border. It was not known if the offensive had any connection to the ambush.

Six bodies also were found Monday in a deserted area in Markab al-Tair village, near the Syrian frontier, police Col. Wathiq Mohammed said. He identified them as a senior Iraqi border policeman and five of his relatives.

The offensive is one of the largest involving U.S. troops since American and Iraqi forces took over the insurgent bastion of Fallujah in November.

Two weeks ago, about 1,000 U.S. soldiers completed a four-day operation against insurgents north of Baghdad where a civilian helicopter was shot down.

## Alert

Continued from Page 1

out New Mexico and into Texas, but Glascock said the information went

nationwide through police channels and groups that put out alerts on missing children.

Villa is described as 5-foot-11 and 190 pounds with black hair, brown eyes and a goatee. He was

believed to be driving a silver or gray 2000 Ford Mustang with New Mexico license plate GBN805, Glascock said.

Justin Black was described only as having brown hair and brown eyes.

## Mandate

Continued from Page 4

in which each person saved for his or her retirement.

Of course, inflation has made a mockery of this idea. In reality, Social Security is not much more than an intergenerational transfer of income. The coming threat to the solvency of the system underscores this fact. When the earnings of the young drop, because of their decreased population, the elderly will suffer without a further subsidy.

Yet just because it isn't true that Social Security is a savings program where people save for their own retirement doesn't make it sacrosanct. The reason FDR conceived of the political justification for the program as he did was precisely so that the likes of George W. Bush would have a hard time dismantling it. By giving everyone the impression that it was their own money coming back to them in benefits, he made it politically impractical to cast Social Security as the welfare program it really is and cut it back.

Bush must be more respectful of the place

of this myth in the minds of the voters. They will accept voluntary options in how to spend "their" money in the trust fund, but they will not let the president cast the program as one for the poor based on national largesse as opposed to a universal program whose foundation lies in the simple logic of giving people back their own money.

Bush cannot challenge the Rooseveltian legacy so overtly. It is only by giving people the choice of how to spend the money they think they have saved in the system that he can escape the attacks that would doom his program and would torpedo its more important contribution — that of a partial privatization of the system.

Bush needs to depart from the dogma of social engineering, where his academic panel decides what is good for people, and embrace his party's historic commitment to individual choice, where people decide for themselves what they want their own future to be.

George W. Bush: Take it from a former Democrat — you have to become a better Republican!

\*\*\*

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

## DeLay

Continued from Page 4

el paid for by lobbyists and foreign interests, in violation of the ethics rules of the U.S. House of Representatives. In these cases, he is blaming his staff for not checking the details

carefully enough.

The Sugar Land exterminator calls Castro's regime a "thugocracy." No argument here. That is actually a restrained term for the Cuban dictatorship.

But DeLay's hypocrisy and his own mounting ethics problems remind us of the axiom about living in a glass house. No, the Texas Republican is not as bad as

Castro. But DeLay these days has more than enough issues of his own to resolve that he might better spend his time doing so than throwing stones — while puffing on an expensive premium cigar that helps prop up the Cuban dictator.

Or perhaps DeLay is too arrogant to understand just how thuggish his hypocrisy is.

maintain citizens are too stupid to manage private accounts. (Are they speaking for their constituency?)

James Braxton Pampa

## Letter

Continued from Page 4

(is) promptly spent. Removing this money from

Washington will force re-evaluation of Congressional spending, either increasing taxes or cutting programs.

Washington politicians' retirement is invested in private accounts. Liberals

## Election

Continued from Page 1

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

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

Dana Terry defeated Kenneth Cargill by 1,728 votes to 661 votes to become the next Place 3 representative on the board.

Voters in the city election totaled 2,605. School board ballots numbered 2,455.

### LEFORS

Lefors Independent School District and the City of Lefors have released the results of their respective elections, held Saturday, May 7.

Elected as trustees for Lefors ISD school board were Kevin Burrows, with 73 votes, and Michael Ray, with 41 votes.

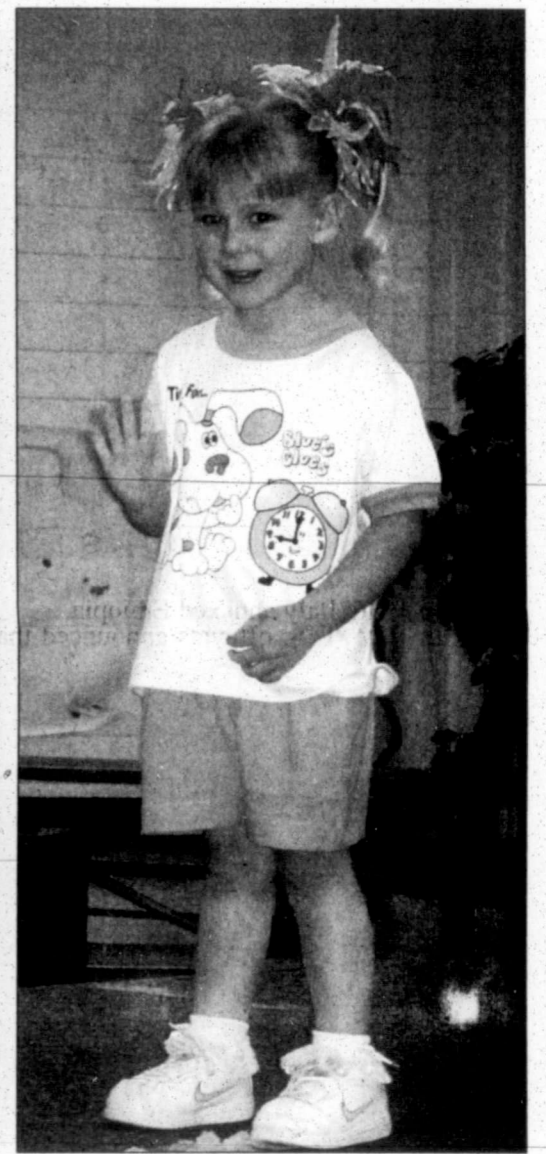
Other candidates in the school board election were Kathy Tinney, who received 37 votes; Buddy Murray, 33 votes; Eddie Joe Roberts, 22 votes; Pam Franks, 18 votes; and Angie Denton and Buddy Reeves, 13 votes each.

Results of the City-of-Lefors general election were Mike Young, 65 votes; Taylor Brooks, 63 votes; Shane Johnson, 61 votes; Karen Noble, 56 votes; Gene Gee, 39 votes; Ike Hill, 18 votes; and Ruth Anne Withers, 16 votes.

## Benefit dance set May 14

MIAMI — A cancer benefit dance for the late Joe Bill Seuchs, Lee Graziano and Bob Herman, featuring the old "Fencewalker" band has been set for 9 p.m. to 1

a.m., Saturday, May 14, at the Roberts County Barn. Tickets are \$5 per person. Hamburgers will be served beginning at 7 p.m. until they're gone.



## Runway queens

McKenzie O'Neal, left, took to the "runway" recently during St. Mathew's Episcopal Day School's annual Style Show held at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Students from the school modeled clothing from Wayne's Western Wear, T-Shirt's and More, The Leprechaun, and Dunlap's. Aubrie Ingram, left, modeled an outfit from The Leprechaun.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, May 10, 2005:

You have a gift or talent that, if used properly, could help secure your financial situation. Use your imagination to create much more of what you want. You have a way of making what you want real. Don't stop the process. Bosses and authority figures can be vague sometimes. Help these people make their visions practical. If you are single, your desirability remains high all year long. You will meet someone of significance in the second part of the year. In fact, you will have many choices. If you are attached, your charm melts any barriers that might rise between you and your sweetie. Do what's necessary to keep smiling and sharing. CANCEER helps you express your opinions.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

\*\*\*\*\* You zero in on what is important. You have a way of saying things that makes others listen and want to pitch in. Your grace and charm mark your life and decisions. You find inspiration where your friends are. Tonight: Out and about. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \*\*\* Your possessive streak emerges. Stop. Lose this attitude. The more you learn and grow, the more you have to offer. Refuse to let a bout of insecurity plague the happy Bull. Know that you've got what it takes — no matter what. Tonight: Your treat. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\*\* You are a sure-fire winner. You get what you want and find new solutions to old problems. Investigate

what you want in a class or a trip. Clearly, you want affirmation, but you also want your mind to open up. Tonight: As you like it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) \*\* Slow down and make the right decisions for yourself. Sometimes you undermine yourself more than you realize. Loosen up and understand how you might be sabotaging yourself. Go for what is important to you. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Certainly, there are days when the sun smiles on the happy Lion. Say "yes," as good will and friendship bless your actions and activities. You smile, and the world smiles with you. Someone puts you on a pedestal. Careful — you don't want to trip do you? Tonight: Where and what you want.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Others assume that you know what you are doing. They are right-on. You combine inspiration with practicality, making an unbeatable combination. Lighten up and allow more fun and joy into what you do. Tonight: Pace yourself. You can only do so much.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Think before you leap. Your perspective helps others. Express your natural caring. Others appreciate your willingness to see them clearly. Reach out for a loved one at a distance. You find answers that others seek. Tonight: Reach out to a new person.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\*\* Work as a team. One particular person demonstrates his or her caring. Let this person make a difference in your life. Add imagination and thoughtfulness. You find that an investment made now, though expensive, could be rewarding. Tonight: Dinner

for two.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\*\* Realize what your limits are. Others are personality-plus. Your best bet is to defer and not push too hard to have things tumble the way you want. In fact, if you lie back, you will learn a lot about the people in your life. Tonight: Just go along with others' plans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\*\* Investigate and understand what makes others tick. You might not agree with others. Let more fun into your life. Don't always be staid and routine. Knowing when to let go could make a big difference in your life. Tonight: Get some exercise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\*\* You might be taken aback by someone's feelings. Be gentle with this person, even if you don't want more of a relationship than you have. Allow your creativity to help you say "no." Tonight: Let go of routine.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\*\* Deal with family and those close to you. You need to add to your security and well-being. Reveal more of your essential personality. You will be greeted well. Others reveal in the real you. Be open and authentic. Tonight: Happily head home.

BORN TODAY

Singer Donovan (1946), singer Bono (1960), model Linda Evangelista (1965)

\*\*\*

Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at <http://www.jacquelinebigar.com>.

(c) 2005 by King Features Syndicate Inc.

# Sports Day

## Monster fun



Pampa News photos by MICHAEL J. STEVENS



4-year-old Nathan Bosley (above) is all smiles as he takes a few laps around the Fenton Dodge parking lot in the bed of a specially equipped monster truck Friday afternoon. Bosley and his grandfather stopped in to see the Raminaotor and Rammunition trucks, part of the Hall Brothers race team, based in Champaign, Ill. Ramunition spent time crushing cars Saturday.

## Area Champs: Pampa 7, Ysleta 6

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

What a trip it was for the Lady Harvester softball team to the Region 1, Class 4A, best-of-three area series against the Ysleta Lady Indians this past Friday and Saturday. Pampa won Friday's game one, 4-3. Then, in an awesome display of confidence, took the field Saturday afternoon at the Ratliff Complex in Odessa, and showed why you should never count this team out.

Down 6-2 going into the bottom of the sixth-inning, Brittany Adams and Cassy Tice promptly slapped back-to-back singles. And then the flood gates opened.

Pampa kept putting runners on base. Ysleta's Jennifer Lopez had been giving up hits throughout the game, but Pampa had not been able to plate them. But the sixth was different. Five Lady Harvesters would cross home plate, and Pampa would take a 7-6 lead.

Pampa then held Ysleta scoreless in the top of the seventh, sealing the win and avenging last year's loss to the Lady Indians while claiming the area title.

The Lady Harvesters will next face Big Spring in a one-game Regional quarterfinal this Friday night in Plainview. That game will be played at Lady Bulldog Field with the first pitch scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

## Pampa Mean Green goes 4-0, claims 8th-grade MAYB title

Pampa Mean Green won the eighth grade division of the MAYB Basketball Tournament over the April 30 weekend. The team went undefeated (4-0) on its way to the championship.

In game one, Pampa - despite some cold shooting from the outside - defeated Amarillo Greater Gold, 51-43. Matt Smith led all scorers with 31 points. Thomas Fraser had 11 and Casey Trimble tossed in seven.

Game two had the Mean Green pitted against Spearman, with Pampa coming out on top, 53-44. Smith added another 22 points to his total. Hayden Skinner finished with a dozen, while Blake Sieck ended with

10. Pampa faced a hometown opponent in game three, taking that one 52-30. Smith, Fraser, Trimble and Sieck all added to their growing point totals. John Luke Covalt contributed four points as well.

In the championship game, Mean Green met up with the Amarillo Knights, taking them 49-34. Pampa held Amarillo to just five points in the second half en route to the win.

Sieck posted 19 points in the championship game. Fraser added 10, while Smith offered nine.

The Pampa Mean Green ins coached by Jeff Skinner and Monte Covalt.

## On the right track



Pampa Junior High 8th-graders Kamie Doughty (clockwise from top left) Kylee Wariner, Kerby Doughty, Diana Mechelay, Keisha Crowell and Destiny Fitzer had great track and field season, including a seventh place finish at the Amarillo Relays.

### KEEPING THE FACTS STRAIGHT

## When it comes to local sports, I prefer direct communication

### Thanks, but...

To whoever brought me the 5/4A boys' baseball stats and left them on my chair a week or so ago, thanks, but let me share with you something I learned very early on.

I prefer to get stats and other pertinent information straight from the horse's mouth. 'Round here, them ponies are called coaches.

It use to drive me crazy when people brought me - or called me about - something they found in that other publication, as if to say, "Look what they did. Why don't you do this?"

I considered it a blow to my already fragile ego. But as time has gone by, I have come to realize my way may not always please everyone, but my goal is always accuracy.

Though the stats 'they' provide are usually right, there are times they are not. By drawing my information direct from the well, I have given myself the greatest excuse for inaccuracy there is. I can say, "I got it from the coach."

With that, the monkey of embarrassment leaps from my back onto theirs. I cannot tell you how many times I have called a coach to confirm what I may have seen in that other daily, only to have the voice on the other end of

the line say, "I saw that too, but it's wrong." Thankfully, my diligence tends to payoff in fact and correctly spelled names. And in the process, keeps me from looking any more the fool than I already do.

My goal is very simple, to stay as local and as accurate as I can. Will I still make mistakes? Yep. But they will be mine, not someone else's.

Michael J. Stevens

Sports Editor



### Speaking of Local:

I stopped into a local store recently to purchase a soda and some batteries for my camera on my way to shoot a couple of Pampa games. Before gathering my goods, I had to make a...well...I had to...umm...let's just say I had consumed lots of soda prior to stopping there.

I noticed this store places a copy of that other daily's sports page above the...umm...well...the uh...yep, you got it, that thing. I thought with the

Harvester varsity baseball team just clinching the district title, the Lady Harvesters well on their way to the post season, six other PHS girls competing at district Regionals (five in track and field, one in golf), it would have been more community minded to have a copy of Sports Day there instead of that other sports page. Just seemed to make sense to me.

### Playing Hooky:

I will be on vacation for the next week or so. My son, Michael, is graduating from the NASCAR Technical Institute in Mooresville, NC this Friday. His mother and I are very proud of him and want to be on hand for the festivities. He may be working on an ARCA team for this Saturday's RE/MAX Series opener at Kentucky Speedway. We will be driving a lot over the next few days. I will bring back plenty of pictures, but I can't promise everyone a T-shirt (you know - the whole Sports Editor, vacation, all I got - thing).

I am not sure who will keep my chair warm and my cubicle organized while I am away.

I trust you will keep whoever it may be in line for me.

## 50-1 Giacomo shocks Kentucky Derby field

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Giacomo, a 50-1 shot, defied the odds and won the \$2.4 million Kentucky Derby in a gigantic upset Saturday, running down a game Afleet Alex in the final strides and generating a huge payoff.

Even though trainer Nick Zito had five horses in the field of 20, including the favorite, George Steinbrenner's Bellamy Road, this Derby belonged to a 3-year-old gray colt who won just once in seven

aces. The winner, named for the rock star Sting's 9-year-old son, was ridden by Mike Smith, who, at long last, grabbed his first Derby victory in his 12th attempt.

Bellamy Road, the New York Yankee owner's first real Derby contender, never mounted a serious threat and finished seventh.

Closing Argument, a 70-1 shot, finished second with Afleet Alex third in the largest Derby field since 20 started in 1984.

## Nash edges Shaq in MVP balloting

PHOENIX (AP) — Steve Nash edged Shaquille O'Neal by 34 points to win the NBA's most valuable player award, the fourth-closest margin since the media began determining the winner in 1980-81.

The official announcement Sunday detailed the balloting by a panel of 127 sports writers and broad-

casters in the United States and Canada.

Nash, who led Phoenix to an NBA-best 62 victories in his first season with the Suns, received 1,066 points. O'Neal, who left the Los Angeles Lakers for Miami and helped the Heat to the best record in the Eastern Conference, received 1,032.



THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm in love with the perfect guy, but I have a gnawing worry. "Clayton" and I have been dating for three months. We're so convinced we are meant to be together forever that we have already announced our plans to marry in a few months.

So why the worry? Clayton has been married twice. Both marriages ended because he was unfaithful. Clayton swears he's a changed man. I believe him. He looks me in the eye and says I'm the one he has searched for and needed his entire life.

I am 30 and have never been married. I can hardly wait to have children with Clayton so we can raise them together. He's excited, too, which surprises me because he's in his mid-40s and has two teenagers. He's very active in their lives. (He and his wife parted amicably.)

I sometimes sense odd vibes from his co-workers and acquaintances, but I'm new in town and no one has come out and said anything about him. I did overhear one person comment as we passed by. "There goes the Casanova of Cleveland."

As I write this, I have even more doubts. Does it mean anything that I'm afraid to tell my father about Clayton's marital and sexual history for fear he won't understand? Please hurry your advice. -- CAN'T WAIT IN OHIO

**DEAR CAN'T WAIT:** You have been swept off your feet. When someone falls as hard and as fast as you have, emotions rule and it's difficult to think rationally. The "little questions" in the back of your mind are your common sense trying to break through the fog.

Although you say you're afraid to tell your father about your boyfriend's history for fear "he won't understand," I suspect the opposite is true. You're afraid he WILL understand. And while no one has said anything directly to you about Clayton, the comment "There goes the Casanova of

Cleveland" carries a pretty direct message.

My advice is to slow down, become engaged for a year, and get to know Clayton much better before rushing to the altar. And please don't try to keep secrets from your father. When someone is as famous -- or infamous -- as Clayton has made himself, the truth has a way of coming out.

\*\*\*\*\*

DEAR ABBY: I'm in the 10th grade. Academics are important to me, but so are my friends and hobbies. I'm a member of the rowing team, which practices every morning at 5 a.m., and two days after school. That means I have to wake up at 4 a.m. to get to practice on time.

I love my crew, but it has taken over my life completely. I fall asleep in class and am too tired to do anything with my girlfriends, plus when I'm not rowing I'm too busy catching up with schoolwork to do anything fun. I feel like I'm missing out on my own life.

I can't miss practice because that would let the girls on my team down and disappoint my coach, plus it would make my teammates' goals unattainable. I feel trapped, Abby. Quitting is unthinkable; rowing is my life right now. But I also want to have more of a "teenage" experience while I still can. -- TRAPPED IN MY SPORT IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

**DEAR TRAPPED:** You ARE having a teenage experience. Because you have not learned to budget your time, you have overextended yourself. Please discuss this with your teachers and your parents, because you have some important decisions to make. Your studies must take precedence over your sport, because if they don't, you'll find yourself paddling upstream alone when it's time for college.

\*\*\*\*\*

## For Better Or Worse



## Zits



## Garfield



## Beetle Bailey



## Marvin

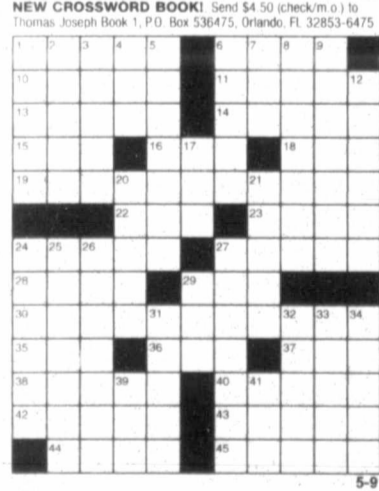


## Crossword Puzzle

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

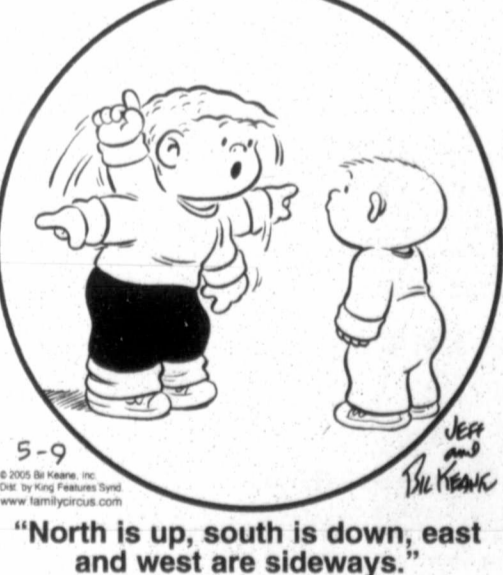
- ACROSS  
 43 That is, in Latin  
 6 Postal delivery team  
 10 Airport aid  
 11 Malfunction  
 13 Wise saying  
 14 Freedom from fighting  
 15 Use a straw  
 16 Ripken of baseball  
 18 Avoid the truth  
 19 Jumps with a chute, in slang  
 22 Orange pekoe, for one  
 23 Blanched  
 24 Speedy  
 27 Longed  
 28 Assert  
 29 Mine output/  
 30 Is quite satisfying  
 35 Sprinted  
 36 Little rascal  
 37 Commotion  
 38 "— of Two Cities"  
 40 Cookout spot  
 42 Marge's hubby
- DOWN  
 1 Market worry  
 2 Circle spokes  
 3 Make fit  
 4 Veer to the side  
 5 Built  
 6 Common street name  
 7 High card  
 8 Lombardy language  
 9 Ball on TV  
 12 Glanced  
 17 Caught you!  
 20 Mixes  
 21 Secret agents  
 24 Enthusias- tic  
 25 Howard Hughes, e.g.  
 26 Sweet-ums, e.g.  
 27 Polo shirt wearer  
 29 Resistance unit  
 31 Layers  
 32 — noster  
 33 Keats, for one  
 34 Comb part  
 39 Went ahead  
 41 Dentist's org.



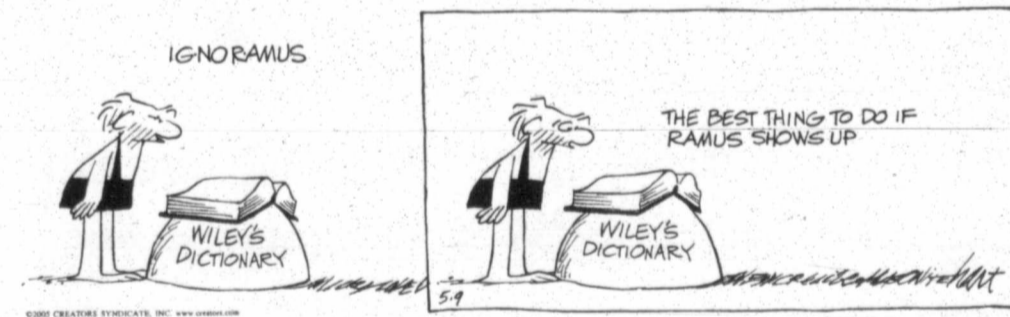
## Marmaduke



## The Family Circus



## B.C.



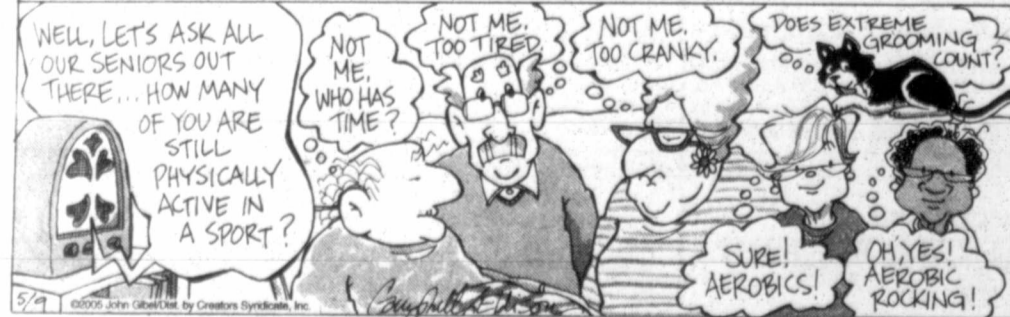
## Haggar The Horrible



## Peanuts



## Flo & Friends



## Blondie

