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**By MARILYN POWERS** Staff Writer

A Gray County grand jury handed up 31 indictments Thursday in 31st District Court, including two firstdegree felonies, eight second-degree felonies, six third-degree felonies and 15 state jail felonies.

Juan Manuel Gonzalez, 38, was indicted for possession of 400 grams or more of a controlled substance. Bond on the first-degree felony was set at \$40,000. On Oct. 29, 2006,

the intent to deliver 400 grams or more of cocaine.

Daniel Robles Morales, 42, was indicted for possession of 400 grams or more of a controlled substance. Bond on the first-degree felony was set at \$40,000. On Oct. 29, 2006, Morales allegedly possessed with intent to deliver 400 grams or more of cocaine.

Michael Wayne Allen, 47, was indicted for possession of four grams

Gonzalez allegedly possessed with or more but less than 200 grams of a controlled substance. Bond on the second-degree felony was set at \$30,000. On July 28, 2006, Allen allegedly possessed four grams or more but less than 200 grams of methamphetamine.

Richard Kirkpatrick Dobbs, 32, was indicted for possession of 2,000 pounds or less but more than 50 pounds of marijuana. Bond on the second-degree felony was set at \$10,000. Dobbs allegedly possessed

the marijuana on March 9

Dobbs was also indicted for money laundering. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$5,000. On March 9, Dobbs allegedly knowingly possessed U.S. currency valued at \$1,500 or more but less than \$20,000 which was the proceeds of criminal

Rafael Fiscal Jr., 25, was indicted for evading arrest/detention with a

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### **News wins** prestigious press award

The Pampa News took home the prestigious Community Service Award from the Panhandle Press Association at its awards brunch Saturday at the Ambassador Hotel in

The award was given for the effort put into the Wildfires special publication The News produced after last year's wildfires. Judges said the publication was a worthy effort, and the fact that The News contributed a portion of the proceeds to volunteer firefighters made it the best community service project. A \$250 check accompanied the

In the online contest this year, The News was awarded a third place plaque for its Web site. The judge said the site was easy to navigate and find stories, with the ability to search the archives from the home page.

Additionally, Editor Dennis Spies was awarded a second place plaque for humorous columns and an honorable mention for serious columns.

The Panhandle Press Association is comprised of newspapers in the Texas Panhandle, eastern New Mexico and the Oklahoma Panhandle.

### Storm clouds



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

A lone truck travels up the Lefors highway to begin another day of work as the brilliant red sunrise warns of severe weather ahead. According to the National Weather Service, a 50 percent chance of severe thunderstorms is in the forecast today with a high of 75. There is a 70 percent chance of thunderstorms likely tonight with a low of 51. Tuesday's forecast calls for a high of 71 and a 60 percent chance of thunderstorms. West Texas Mesonet reports the following precipitation amounts in inches this year: January .37, February .11, March 4.41, April 2.27 and May 1.16.

# City to discuss walkway easement

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

The Pampa City Commission will conduct a public hearing Tuesday afternoon concerning an easement for a garden walkway at the AmericInn.

The public hearing will start at 4 p.m. in the commission chambers of Pampa City Hall and will be followed by the commission's regular meeting.

During the meeting, the commission will consider granting the easement to Top O' Texas Hospitality Partners, operators of the AmericInn.

The easement will extend along the northern boundary line of the city-owned property on Red Deer Creek and will allow the motel to build a garden walkway with ornamental fencing and patio overlooking the creek and park.

The commission will also consider on

first reading an ordinance that will add \$380,000 to the street department's budget for renovation. The money will come from excess sale tax revenue that has not been

The city commission will also consider bids on delinquent tax properties.

Maria Acuna has bid \$201 for a lot on Denver Street, \$300 for 923 Murphy and \$201 for 937 Campbell. Alan Miles bid \$100 for a lot on Malone. Charles Franklin bid \$100 for a lot on Harlem Street. Stanley Gray bid \$160 for lots at 520 and 522 N. Russell Street. Marcia Bullick, acting on behalf of the Earl Edward Bullick Estate, bid \$200 on a lot on Malone Street.

The commission will have a work session to discuss future issues following their meeting. They are expected to discuss rates and housing at Hidden Hills Golf Course and police personnel issues.

# Circus animals to be monitored

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

City officials said today that they will monitor animal treatment when the circus

comes to town this week. The Carson and Barnes Circus will open Friday in Pampa.

In advance of the circus coming to Pampa, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, or PETA, an animal rights group based in Virginia, wrote Pampa Mayor Lonny Robbins accusing the circus' animal

trainer, Tim Frisco, of using metal bullhooks and electric prods to inflict pain or cause injury to elephants.

Pampa City Manager John Horst said the city has shared PETA's concerns with the circus.

"The last time Carson and Barnes Circus was here," Horst said, "they didn't mistreat any animals that I'm aware of. We had no complaints."

Horst said the city has had

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#### NEXT DAY FORECAST

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday







**Showers** 

Mostly cloudy Mostly cloudy

Tuesday: Showers and thunderstorms likely. Highs in the lower 70s. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation 60 percent.

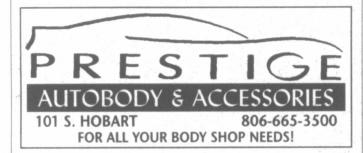
Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s. North winds 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s. Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.

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#### **Obituaries**

### Services tomorrow

WARD, Douglas Ray — 1 p.m. in the Carpenter's Church. JACOBS, Elmon Jake — Graveside services 2 p.m. in Hansford Cemetery. PONCE, Afex Daniel — Graveside services 3:30 p.m. at Fairview Cemetery.

#### Douglas Ray Ward, 51

Douglas Ray Ward, 51, E 1 m e r died Friday, May 4, 2007, in Oklahoma.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, 2007, in the Carpenter's Church with Rev. Fred Palmer, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel.

Mr. Ward was born July 25, 1955, in Oklahoma City and graduated Southside High School in death by a son, Christopher Pampa; a brother, Rusty

served in the U. S. Air Force immediately following Vietnam War. He came to Pampa in 1992 from Altus, Oklahoma. He loved his many friends, and he was a giving per-



from son. He was preceded in

Ward, his father, Bobby Gene Ward Sr., two sisters, Twila Jean Busby and LaDonna Kay Alderson, and by two nephews, Elwin Eugene Busby and Melvin Randolph Busby.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Beverly and Melvin Clark of

Survivors include his par-

Ward of Shreveport, La; two nieces, Lisa JoAnn Busby of Pampa and Brittany Dawn Ward of Shreveport; one nephew, Rusty Hunter Ward of Shreveport; and by a stepsister, Mary Canon-Brito of Pampa.

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Memorials may be to Dystrophy Muscular Association, 3505 Olsen Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79109 or American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, TX 79065.

#### Alex Daniel Ponce, 17 days

Alex Daniel Ponce, 17 days, died Saturday, May 5, 2007, in Amarillo, Texas.

Graveside services will be at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at Fairview Cemetery, with Rev. George Aleman,

pastor of the Iglesia Apostolica, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Alex was born April 19, 2007 in Amarillo.

ents, Roberdo & Cecilia Ponce of the home; one brother, Christian Ponce of the home; paternal grandparents, Willie & Maria Elena Ponce of Mexico; and maternal grandparents, Maniel Pepi of Pampa and Estela Cisneros of Dallas.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com

#### Elmon Jake Jacobs, 88

SPEARMAN — Elmon Jake Jacobs, 88, died Friday, Graveside services will be

at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, 2007, in Hansford Cemetery with Mike Nixon officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

May 4.

Mr. Jacobs was born in Post Office for 18 years, Elmwood, Okla., on Jan. 3, serving 11 years as postmas-1919. He married Alteen A. Harvey in 1955 in Woodward, Okla. She died in 1992. He married Helen Spalding in 1995 in Pampa.

He was a member of Jehovah's Witnesses Church in Perryton and was

ter. He retired in 1976.

He was a 1935 graduate of Spearman High School and an Army veteran of World War II. He was known as an avid gardener and a purple martin enthusiast.

Survivors include his employed by the Spearman wife, Helen Jacobs of Pampa

and Spearman; two brothers, Ledru Jacobs of Denver, Colo., and Jerry Jacobs of Gonzales, Texas; five grandchildren; and five greatgrandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

### Emergency Services

#### Pampa PD

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

Friday, May 4 Fifteen traffic stops were

Traffic complaints were received from the 700 block of Duncan, the 900 block of Duncan, the 800 block of South Hobart and the intersection of Terry and Primrose streets.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 200 block of West 28th and the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 900 block of Duncan, the intersection of Starkweather and Kingsmill streets, the 900 block of East Francis, the 2800 block of Charles, the 1200 block of Charles, the intersection of Magnolia and Browning streets, the 2200 block of Williston, the 2200 block of Dogwood, the 1800 block of Evergreen, the 1900 block of Fir and the 2200 block of Wells.

Found property was reported in the police department lobby.

Two attempts to serve papers were made.

Civil matters were reported in the 600 block of North West, the 100 block of North Sumner and the 700 block of North Frost.

An unattended death was reported in the 700 block of East Scott.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 200 block of North Naida.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 200 block of Miami, the intersection of Tignor and Frederic streets, the 900 block of North Frost

Charles.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 100 block of North Sumner.

Criminal trespass was reported in the police department lobby. Criminal mischief was

reported in the 900 block of North Christine. The passenger side of a vehicle was

Domestic violence was reported in the 2200 block of North Wells. No injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of North Hobart.

Assault was reported in the 1900 block of Coffee. No injuries were reported in connection with the incident. Two burglar alarms were

reported. Theft was reported in the

1800 block of Fir. Burglary was reported in the 700 block of North Frost and the 700 block of East Brunow.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 600 block of East Browning. Saturday, May 5

Seven traffic stops were

made, resulting in at least one arrest.

A traffic complaint was received from the 2200 block of North Christy.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 2800 block of Charles.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 1200 block of North Wells, Highway 60 East, the 1100 block of South Hobart, the 1900 block of Coffee, the 1800 block of North Faulkner, the 500 block of North Wells, the intersection of 19th and Banks streets, the 1200 and the 2800 block of block of Finley, the 400

block of East Harvester, the 900 block of Oklahoma, the 1000 block of North Sumner and the 200 block of Miami.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 300 block of North Ballard.

Welfare checks were made in the 1800 block of North Dwight and the 100 block of East Craven.

A suspicious person call was received from the intersection of Cuyler and Foster

A prowler was reported in the 800 block of Scott.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 200 block of West Craven, the intersection of Duncan and Harvester streets, the 1600 block of West Somerville, the 1100 block of Finley and the intersection of Seneca and Rosewood streets.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 300 block of East Browning.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 600 block of North Christy. the 1300 block of Garland and the 900 block of North Nelson.

Criminal mischief, assault and burglary of a motor vehicle were reported in the 1000 block of Varnon Drive. An estimated \$1,500 damage was done to a 1999 Chevrolet Malibu. injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

Criminal mischief and assault were reported in the 1000 block of Varnon Drive. An estimated \$1,000 damage was done when a garage door was broken off its hinges. No injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of Huff Road. An estimated \$1,000 damage was done when windows were broken.

Violation of a protective order, retaliation and evad-

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block of Hughes, the 100 ing arrest/detention were reported in the 1800 block of North Dwight.

> disturbances Domestic were reported on two occasions in the 1100 block of East Kingsmill. Assault was reported in

> the 300 block of Tignor. No injuries were reported in connection with the incident. One burglar alarm was

> reported. One open door was checked.

> Theft was reported in the 400 block of North Wells and the 700 block of North Hobart, where clothing valued at \$500 was taken.

Burglary was reported in the 1900 block of North Nelson.

Sunday, May 6 Four traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were received from the intersection of 23rd and Duncan streets and the 300 block of

North Davis. Vehicle accidents were reported in the 700 block of North Frost and on two occasions in the police department lobby.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 2200 block of Evergreen, the intersection of 23rd and Duncan streets, the 700 block of Sloan, the 1300 block of Terrace, the 1200 block of North Wells, the 2200 block of North Sumner, the 1500 block of North Christy, the 1500 block of North Hobart, the 100 block of East 27th and the 1000 block of Duncan.

Welfare checks were made in the 300 block of East Francis and the 1000 block of Huff Road.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 500 block of Doucette, the intersection of Thut and West streets and the intersection of Oklahoma and Gray streets.

Civil matters were report-

ed in the police department lobby and the 500 block of Doucette.

Warrant service was attempted on one occasion, resulting in at least one arrest.

A suspicious person call was received from the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 700 block of Deane Drive and the 1800 block of North Banks.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block of East Craven, the 100 block of West 30th and the 1600 block of West Somerville.

Public intoxication was reported in the 100 block of East Kingsmill. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of Lefors and at Nearly New, 2216 N. Hobart, where a glass window valued at \$500 was broken.

Domestic disturbances were reported at the intersection of Lefors and Browning streets and the 1200 block of East Francis.

Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon was reported in the 700 block of North Frost. An arrest was made in connection with the incident. One burglar alarm was

Theft was reported in the 800 block of East Scott.

reported.

Monday, May 7 Two traffic stops were made.

Agency assistance was rendered on Highway 60 West and at the intersection of Price Road and Milliron Road.

A suspicious person call was received from the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 200 block of East Francis. Feces was thrown on the driver's side window of a vehicle.

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#### Sheriff

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

Saturday, May 5 Stanley Branch, 32, of

Pampa was arrested in the 1000 block of Huff Road by Pampa Police Department for no seat belt, no insurance and failure to appear.

William C. Edelin, 54, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of West Kingsmill PPD for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Salvador Rodriguez, 29, of Pampa was arrested in the 1100 block of East Kingsmill by PPD for public intoxication.

Sunday, May 6 Jay Gene Kelly Jr., 20, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for no seat belt and driving

under the influence -- minor. Manuel Luis Campos, 21, of Pampa was arrested in the 1600 block of West Somerville by PPD for failure to identify/giving fictitious information.

Carlos L. Fisher, 39, of Edgemont, Ill. was arrested by GCSO on bond surrenders for possession of a controlled substance and aggravated assault on a public servant.

David Hartley, 24, of Pampa was arrested in the 200 block of West Kingsmill by PPD for expired motor vehicle inspection and failure to appear.

David Gee, 42, of Lefors was arrested by the Lefors marshal on probation violations for two counts of driving under the influence.

#### **Ambulance**

Guardian Ambulance reported the following calls for the weekend period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, May 4

7:38 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported a patient to BSA. 11:02 a.m. — A mobile

ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 800 block of West 25th. 3:50 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900

transported a patient to See RECORD, Page 3

block of Browning and

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vehicle. Bond on the second-degree felony, enhanced, was set at \$20,000. On Jan. 11, Fiscal allegedly used a vehicle to intentionally flee from a person he knew was a peace officer who was attempting to lawfully arrest or detain

On Feb. 1, 2005, Fiscal was convicted in 100th District Court in Childress County of the felony offense of evading arrest with a vehicle. On April 30, 2003, Fiscal was convicted in 40th District Court of Ellis County of the felony offense of escape.

Justin Harris, 20, was indicted for burglary of a habitation. Bond on the second-degree felony was set at \$15,000. On March 5, Harris allegedly entered a habitation with intent to commit theft and without the effective consent of the owner. Harris was also indicted on four counts of burglary of a building. Bond on each of the state jail felonies was set at \$5,000. Harris allegedly entered a building or portion of a building not then open to the public with intent to commit theft on March 10, March 4, March 3 and Feb.

William Robert Leven, 20, was indicted for burglary of a habitation. Bond on the second-degree felony was

set at \$20,000. On Nov. 24, 2006, Leven allegedly entered a habitation without the effective consent of the owner and attempted to commit or committed theft of a brown and white cowhide rug.

Ronnie Gene Long, 57, was indicted for two counts of injury to a child. Bond on each of the second-degree felonies was set at \$75,0000, for a total bond of \$150,000. On March 21, 2005, Long allegedly intentionally or knowingly caused bodily injury to a family member and child younger than 15 years of age by causing the child to kneel for an excessive length of time and by slapping the child with his

On Feb. 28, 1990, Long was convicted in District Court of Calhoun County, Mich., of the felony offense of armed robbery.

Billy Don Menefield, 41, was indicted for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance. Bond on the second-degree felony, enhanced, was set at \$7,500. On Aug. 3, 2006, Menefield allegedly possessed less than one gram of cocaine.

On Aug. 12, 1987, Menefield was convicted in Criminal District Court in Dallas County of the felony offense of burglary of a vehicle. On June 12, 1997, he was convicted in 31st District Court in Wheeler County of the felony offense of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

Rae Del Brashier, 47, was

indicted for possession of one gram or more but less than four grams of a controlled substance. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$10,000. On July 26, 2006, Brashier allegedly possessed one gram or more but less than four grams of methamphetamine.

Evaristo Tito Espinoza, 23, was indicted for escaping while arrested/confined for a felony offense. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$10,000. On Jan. 19, Espinoza allegedly escaped from the custody of a Wheeler County deputy while under arrest for forgery, a felony offense.

Espinoza was also indicted for forgery of a financial instrument. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$5,000. On Jan. 19, Espinoza allegedly forged a check in the amount of \$50.

Jack Jeffrey Hildebrand, 46, was indicted for tampering with or fabricating physical evidence with intent to impair. Bond on the thirddegree felony was set at \$7,500. On May 11, 2006, Hildebrand allegedly concealed a large white rock of cocaine with intent to impair its legibility or availability as evidence in any subsequent investigation or offi-

cial proceeding. Hildebrand was also indicted for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$5,000. On May 11, 2006, Hildebrand allegedly possessed less than one gram of cocaine.

Michael Scott Pena, 19. was indicted for deadly conduct by discharging a firearm. Bond on the thirddegree felony was set at \$12,500. On June 11, 2006, Pena allegedly knowingly discharged a firearm at or in the direction of a vehicle.

Samuel Christopher Quamoh, 35, was indicted for possession of 50 pounds or less but more than five pounds of marijuana. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$7,500. Quamoh allegedly possessed the marijuana on Nov. 17, 2006.

Brandon Allen Stallings, 23, was indicted for possession of 50 pounds or less but more than five pounds of marijuana. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$7,500. Stallings allegedly possessed the marijuana on Aug. 11, 2006.

Jose Aizar Chalup, 52, was indicted for money laundering of \$,1500 or more but less than \$20,000. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$10,000. On June 9, 2006, Chalup allegedly knowingly transport U.S. currency which was the proceeds of criminal activity.

Curtis Edward Giboney, 33, was indicted for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$5,000. On May 9, 2005, Giboney allegedly possessed less than one gram of methamphetamine.

Javier G. Gonzalez, 35, was indicted for possession of less than one gram of a

controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$5,000. On July 8, 2006, Gonzalez allegedly possessed less than one gram of cocaine.

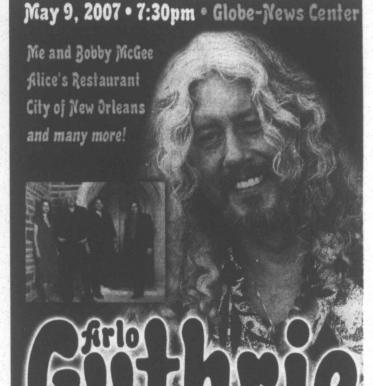
Juan Manuel Gonzalez, 38, was indicted for money laundering. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$7,500. On Oct. 29, 2006, Gonzalez allegedly possessed the proceeds of criminal activity in U.S. currency valued at \$1,500 or more but less than \$20,000.

Daniel Robles Morales, 42, was indicted for money laundering. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$7,500. On Oct. 29, 2006, Morales allegedly knowingly possessed the proceeds of criminal activity in U.S. currency valued at \$1,500 or more but less than \$20,000.

Maclobio

Morales, 31, was indicted for fraudulent use or possession of identifying information and money laundering. Bond on each of the state jail felonies was set at \$10,000. On June 9, 2006, Morales allegedly possessed a driver's license of a person without that person's consent and with intent to harm or defraud another. Morales also allegedly knowingly transported the proceeds of criminal activity in U.S. currency valued at \$1,500 or more but less than \$20,000.

Alan Michael Segura, 44, was indicted for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$5,000. On March 9, 2006, Segura allegedly possessed less than one gram of cocaine.



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# Circus

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a cordial relationship with the circus. "They're great people to

work with," Horst said. In a letter to the mayor,

PETA asked that the city enact legislation that would ban the use of bullhooks and electric prods.

The May 2 letter is apparently designed to draw publicity rather than initiate any city ordinance. An ordinance would

require two readings dur- Trevlyn Pitner said today ing city commission meetings. That would normally require a minimum of three weeks since the commission meets on the second and fourth Tuesday each month.

Pampa Police Chief animal treatment laws.

the circus while it was in town. He said he and his officers would monitor the treatment of the animals at the circus. He said they would be guided by state

that he planned to attend

# Record

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PRMC. Saturday, May 5 1:14 p.m. — A mobile

ICU responded to FM 1059. No transport. Sunday, May 6 10:47 a.m. — A mobile

ICU responded to the 1200 block of Williston. No transport. 11:26 a.m. — A mobile

ICU responded to the 1000 block of South Barnes and transported a patient to PRMC.

12:43 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to CHC and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:07 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC. Transport canceled.

Monday, May 7 A mobile ICU responded to the 2900 block of Rosewood and transported a patient to PRMC.

#### Fire

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

Saturday, May 5 11:03 p.m. — One unit

and three personnel responded to the 1300 block of North Hobart on a hazardous material incident.

Sunday, May 6

11:04 a.m. — One unit four personnel responded to the 500 block of Doyle on a lift assist.

1:22 p.m. — One unit four personnel responded to the 2200 block of West Browning on a downed power line.

9:24 p.m. — Two units and three personnel responded to the 2100 block of Perryton Parkway on a rubbish fire in the alley.

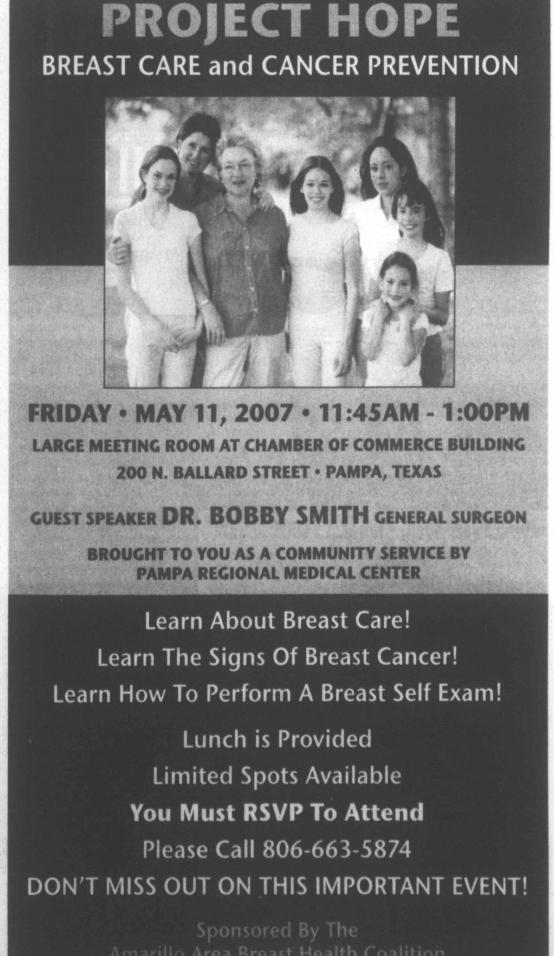




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# Viewpoints

# 1922 vacation turned into an adventure for Texas family

Every year when school's over ous detours due to recent many Texas families take to the highways for a summer vacation. The only thing that's changed over the decades is the quality of those roads.

A daily log kept by James A. Correll in the late spring and summer of 1922 shows it's a little easier to get across Texas than it used to be. The log was included in the 1986 privately published book, "Texas Cousins: Correll, Tisdale, and Related Families" by Marie C. and Albert A. Tisdale.

wife and their four daughters left their home in Austin at noon on June 14, 1922, in the family's Buick for California, Needing first to attend a family function in Kansas, they went west via

En route to Waco, where they would spend their first night, they encountered "fair roads but numer-

washouts." It took them eight hours to travel 119 miles.

They left Waco at 8:30 a.m. the following morning, making it to West in an hour. But a knocking engine sounded like trouble, so the family waited in West while Correll took the Inter-urban electric train back to Waco to buy the needed part, a differential pinion. Their car repaired, they got out of West at 5:15 p.m. and made it to Hillsboro, where they camped for the night. (They had a white canvas The Correll clan — Correll, his tent and four cots. The younger girls slept in the car seats.) In all, they only made 44 miles that day.

On the third day of the Texas leg of their trip they covered 144 miles, from Hillsboro to Alvord. Correll assessed the highways they Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado and traveled as fair to fine, with even a city at 5:15 p.m. and enjoyed 40 section of what he called "concrete

> June 17, the fourth day out of Austin, they proceeded via Bowie,

Ringgold, Henrietta, Wichita Falls their tent for the night at a pumping and Burkburnett through the oil fields into Oklahoma, where they camped on the roadside near an Indian reservation. Total mileage: 118. Again, Correll noted the road conditions in Texas as varying from fine to rough and sandy.

Mike Cox

Texas Tales



The vacationers returned to the Lone Star State on Sept. 14, arriving in El Paso via "concrete highway" from Las Cruces, N.M. After reprovisioning, they left the border miles of paved west-bound roadway before the route turned to gravel. About 9:30 p.m., having covered 150 miles, they put up

plant about 10 miles east or Sierra Blanca in Hudspeth County.

The next day, traveling on a good gravel road, they passed through Kent and on to Pecos. On that stretch, Correll wrote, their car hummed along a good road to a point about 12 miles from town, when the route turned bad and

"From Pecos to Ft. Stockton," he wrote, "just [a] trail across desert land, rocky stretches followed by sandy stretches through mesquite and greasewood." They stopped at 8 p.m. to make camp after covering 167 miles, their one-day mileage record in Texas. "Terrible alkali dust all afternoon," he noted.

Having gassed up and bought more grub, the Corrells left Fort Stockton at 8:30 a.m. on Sept. 16. After driving on a good gravel road, they had a blowout 35 miles from Sheffield. Their spare tire made it only another 33 miles.

Somehow they got into Sheffield, bought a new tire and continued to Ozona, where they purchased a second tire. Leaving the Crockett County seat at 6 p.m., they stopped for the night 10 miles west of Sonora. Total mileage: 144.

"We crossed ranches going through bump-gates and cattle guards, some ranches as much as a hundred miles across, fording creeks and streams," one of the Correll children later wrote. "Most of this route went through private property, as there were no state highways in that country, roughly where Interstate 10 goes now.'

At 8 a.m. on Sept. 17, they left via "poor stony road" on into Sonora. From there to Junction they enjoyed a better road. "Crossed Llano River and numerous creeks many times," Correll wrote in his log. After getting a new tire to replace one punctured

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# Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, May 7, the 127th day of 2007. There are 238 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 7, 1915, nearly 1,200 people died when a German torpedo sank the British liner Lusitania off the Irish coast. On this date:

In 1789, the first inaugural ball was held in New York in honor of President and Mrs. George Washington.

In 1825, composer Antonio Salieri died in Vienna, Austria. In 1833, composer Johannes Brahms was born in Hamburg, Germany.

In 1840, composer Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky was born in

the Ural region of

In 1941, Glenn Miller 'To delight in war and His Orchestra recorded "Chattanooga is a merit in the Choo Choo" for RCA soldier, a dangerous Victor.

In 1945, Germany *quality* in the signed an unconditional captain, and a surrender at Allied positive crime in headquarters in Rheims, France. the statesman.'

In 1954, the 55-day Battle of Dien Bien Phu in Vietnam ended with Vietnamese insurgents overrunning French forces.

In 1975, President Ford formally declared an end to the Vietnam era. In Ho Chi Minh

City — formerly Saigon — the Viet Cong celebrated its takeover.

George

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In 1977, Seattle Slew won the Kentucky Derby, the first of his Triple Crown victories.

In 1984, a \$180 million out-of-court settlement was announced in the Agent Orange class-action suit brought by Vietnam veterans who charged they'd suffered injury from exposure to the defoliant.

Ten years ago: The Army accused its top enlisted man, Sgt. Major of the Army Gene McKinney, of sexual misconduct. (At his court-martial, McKinney was acquitted of sexual misconduct, but found guilty of obstruction of justice.) Chrysler Corp. and United Auto Workers agreed to a new contract, ending a damaging 28-day engine-plant strike.

Five years ago: Authorities arrested 21-year-old college student Luke J. Helder in a series of rural mailbox bombings that left six people wounded in Illinois and Iowa. (Helder has since been found incompetent to stand trial.)

# BECAUSE THE U.S. HOUSING MARKET HAS DIPPED, ILLEGAL ALIENS HAVE FEWER JOBS AND CAN'T SEND AS MULH MONEY HOME TO THEIR FAMILIES. I DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD A DOG ... Me

# Self-government difficult proposition

while everyone is entitled to his own opinion, no one is entitled to his own facts. Today, we hear misstatements all the time. Some of them are deliberate lies. Some of them are just mis-

House committee recently exposed the terrible fact that Army officials fabricated a story about the death of Pat Tillman and lied through their teeth. The Army knew from day one that Tillman died from socalled friendly fire, but it was five weeks before Army officials got around to telling

the family. In the meantime, the Army falsified a citation to give him a Silver Star at his memorial service, which was turned into a media event - conveniently timed, his family now believes, to distract attention from the

It's been said often that scandal of Abu Ghraib oath 71 times that he could tions." Not true. The no-fly

prison. Tillman did not die fighting the enemy. He died of American bullets. The girl from West Virginia, Jessica Lynch, hailed as a female

Rambo, in fact was knocked Charley uncon-Reese scious in a vehicle Columnist wreck

before she ever had a chance to fire a shot. She woke up in an Iraqi hospital. To her credit, as soon as she recovered from her serious injuries, she always told the truth. The story had been spread by a "government source" that she had fought

Lies and faulty memories (Attorney Gen. Alberto Gonzales testified under

heroically until the last bul-

not recall or recollect) should not be tolerated even by this pathologically tolerant society. Mistakes can be forgiven, but deliberate lies are hostile acts. The liar is

trying to subvert your mind and manipulate you into a position favorable to him. Calling a

man a liar was once an act that would prompt a duel, but today people seem to shrug it off.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., recently misstated some information about Saddam Hussein in his attempt to defend the president's position. He said, for example, that Saddam fired "at our planes every day in defiance of U.N. resoluzones were never authorized or approved by the Security Council. They were imposed by George H.W. Bush.

After the end of Gulf War I, the CIA grossly miscalculated the damage done to Saddam's Consequently, the CIA urged the Shiites and the Kurds to rise up in rebellion and finish off Saddam's government. When Saddam's army began to slaughter both the Shiites and the Kurds, an embarrassed U.S. hurriedly

imposed the no-fly zones. Graham said Hussein sent checks to the families of suicide bombers in Palestine. This is a partial truth. Saddam had been sending checks to the families of all Palestinians killed in the struggle for independence before the suicide-bombing

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#### Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

n April 30 Fort Worth Star-Telegram on stem cell research:

The Texas House should weigh the full impact and potential collateral damage of a bill coming its way that would prohibit state funding for embryonic stem cell research. This legislation mortgages a portion of the state's scientific and economic future for a position opposed by a majority of Texas voters and nearly all medical experts. It also signals to the state's current and potential research institutions that their work can be halted at any time by moralizing politicians.

R-McKinney, was approved by the House State Affairs Committee and drew the ire of the bill's opponents, who say it was slipped through the panel with a minimum of debate and public scrutiny.

In 2001, President Bush essentially prohibited federal funding of any new stem cell research. Some states and private foundations have established separate research funds to get around the federal ban. But the Paxton bill would disallow future use of state funds for biomedical research outlawed by the federal policy - even if that policy is overturned by the next president or the current Congress.

Paxton seems to want it both ways. He said Texans should not fund ethical-

House Bill 225 by Rep. Ken Paxton, ly questionable research - but they can reap the benefits of discoveries made in other states, helpfully pointing out that "we'll let their taxpayers pay for it."

"Pay for" assumes no return on investment. Two University of North Texas economists quantified the potential losses of bills such as HB 225. Without interference, the state's biotechnology industry would be worth more than \$30 billion by 2014. With more state funding and nurturing, Texas could double that, supporting 230,000 jobs and \$1.3 billion annually in new tax revenue.

According to a recent Texas Medical Association survey, 57 percent of Texas voters support embryonic stem cell

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#### Volunteers' gaffes keep man out of record book

AURORA, III. (AP) — Errors in simple arithmetic got in the way of an attempt to get into the record books.

George Hood spent 85 hours riding a stationary bike in January, riding the equivalent of about 1,080 miles, and thought he had bested the existing record of 82.

However, Guinness World Records officials invalidated Hood's entry because of record-keeping errors.

About 40 volunteers took turns logging Hood's efforts, but they made addition and subtraction mistakes and had trouble reading a 24-hour clock, Guinness officials said.

The entry contained "fundamental flaws," said Guinness records manager Scott

"I'm more frustrated, not disappointed," said Hood, 49, a supervisor with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

Even without the record, his ride raised nearly \$30,000 for a group that helps families of police officers killed on duty.

And he's planning to try again this summer, hoping to hit 101 hours over four days.

"If I'm going to go through all this training and work, I want to be published," he said. "I won't be denied."

# Reese

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tactic was taken up. He was not subsidizing terror. He was subsidizing the Palestinian struggle against Israeli occupation.

The members of the House and Senate have great resources available to them. Not only do they have large staffs, but there are also the Congressional Service, the Research

Government Accountability Office, the great Library of Congress and Budget Congressional Office. It seems they should have no excuse for not get-

ting their facts straight. The problem is that most of them, most of the time, concentrate on getting reelected. In the 18th and 19th century, a contemptuous description of such people was "officeholders." Seems separate the statesmen from the politicians with no agen-

da but their own political welfare.

It's impossible to have a legitimate debate about anything if the participants lie, don't know the basic facts of the issue or deliberately distort their opponents' position. Self-government is the most difficult of all the forms of government, and it requires honesty on everyone's part to function.

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### Stem cells

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research and 55 percent support government funding of it. The TMA has warned lawmakers that Texas is losing top medical researchers to places where stem cell research is thriving.

The U.S. Senate voted. 63-34, to ease the Bush restrictions earlier this month, although a presidential veto is certain. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, who voted for the measure, said: "We must always respect the sanctity of life, even as science explores new frontiers. ... Cells from embryos that would otherwise be discarded hold

promise for unlocking cures to ... debilitating illnesses."

Passage of Paxton's bill would send the wrong messages about Texas' commitment to scientific and biomedical research. If state lawmakers cannot bring themselves to encourage this crucial work, they should at least not damage what is already here.

**Travel** 

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by a mesquite thorn, they drove to London and then Mason. From Mason to Fredericksburg, he continued, they traveled on a "fine gravel pike," making the 45-minute trip "in less than 2 hours."

Finding the road from Fredericksburg to Austin "too bad to travel at night," they camped in Gillespie County. The next morning, Sept. 18, they covered the final 84 miles to the capital

When they could see the dome of the capitol, Correll's daughter remembered, everyone in their car

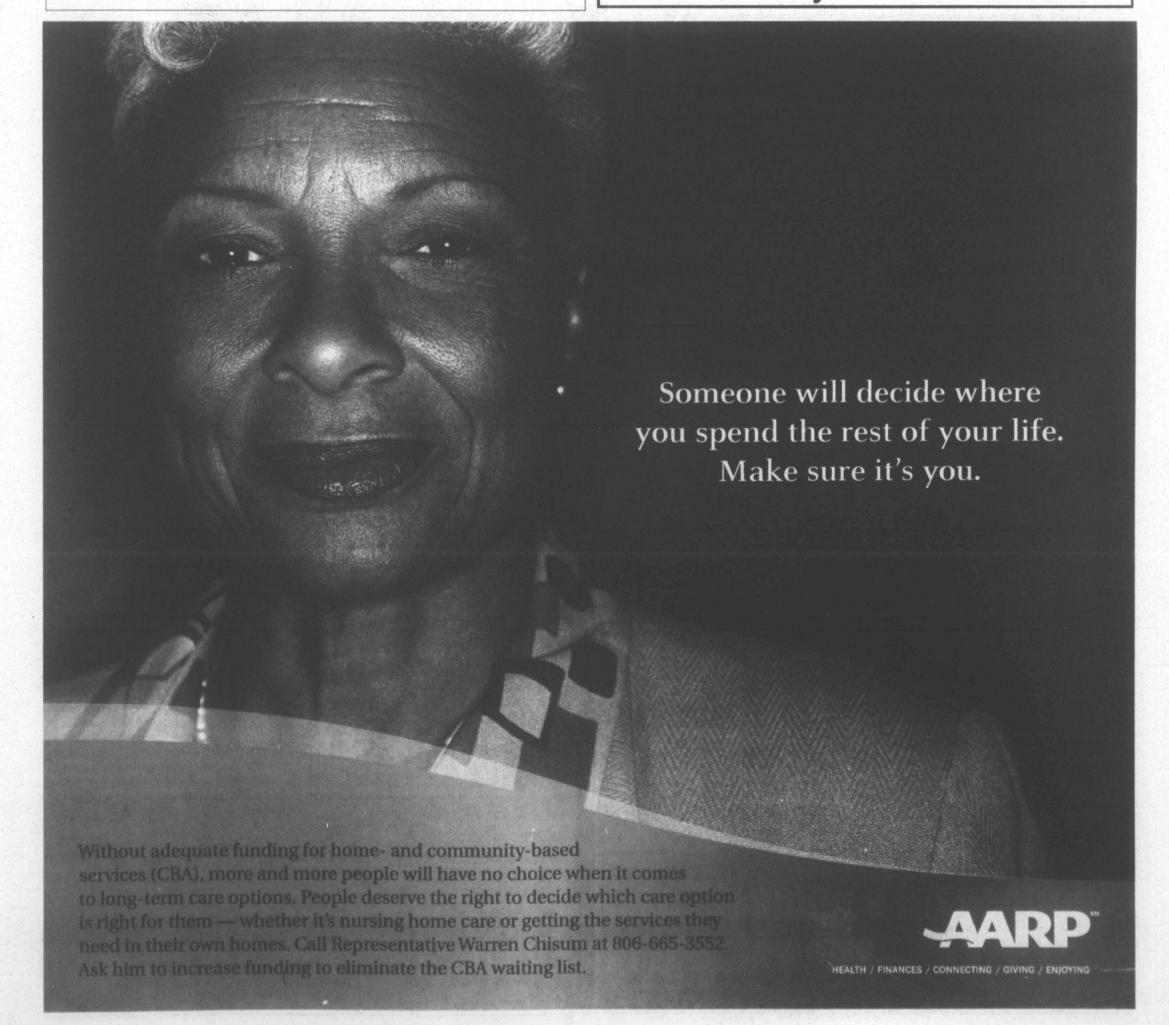
began yelling and cheering.

Texas highways are much better today, but some things about family vacations haven't changed. "Dad said that he couldn't have made another day," she wrote.

Mike Cox, a member of the Texas Institute of Letters, is the author of a dozen Texas-related books.

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Please help me to warn your readers about an alarming trend happening in the teenage community: prom babies. I first heard about it while driving my teenage daughter to a lacrosse meet with several of her girlfriends. One girl in the car, "Carrie," said she hoped this year she could have a prom baby. The girls were discussing two former classmates from last year's lacrosse team who had been unable to begin college because they had both become mothers at 17. Both had deliberately planned to get pregnant on prom night -- hence the term, "prom baby." Abby, both of the girls were studious and hard-working with bright futures ahead of them. One had been accepted to several Ivy League schools. Needless to say, their parents were devastated, and many adjustments had to be made for the new babies. My daughter later told me that several of her other friends were considering trying to get pregnant near prom time so they, too, wouldn't have to deal with the pressures of going to college. Apparently, parents are less strict about their children's whereabouts on prom night and let their teens spend the night in a hotel or at mixed-gender sleepovers. I thought this sad trend might be local to our area, but during a class reunion in California I learned the trend may be nationwide. One of my oldest friends, "Dana," confided during the reunion that she had become a grandmother at 43 due to her daughter having a prom baby. As prom night approaches, please warn parents to talk with their children about the responsibilities of premarital sex and the dangers of a prom baby. -- WOR-RIED DAD IN ALPHARETTA, GA.

**DEAR WORRIED DAD:** Your letter was news to me. That a girl headed for an Ivy League college -- or any college, for that matter -- could be so immature that she'd

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get pregnant so she wouldn't have to go, makes me wonder if she was college material in the first place. In addition to advising parents to talk to their kids about premarital sex, they should also be reminded how important it is that their daughters be able to communicate honestly and openly with them. The individuals who should be warned are the young men who will be escorting those young women on prom night. One foolish mistake could lead to a 20-year commitment to support a child before they are emotionally or financially ready for that responsibility. And all because their prom date was afraid to tell her parents she wasn't ready for college?

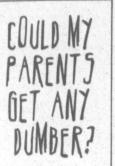
DEAR ABBY: I have a 4-year-old who tends to act up from time to time. I have tried "time-outs" and even soft spanking and have taken his privileges away. Nothing seems to work. However, I have found that smashing one of his small toys with a hammer works well. Do you see any danger in this form of punishment? --YOUNG MOM IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR YOUNG MOM: I certainly do. Smashing a child's toy with a hammer carries the same message that an abusive husband delivers when he smashes his fist through a wall. It implies, "You're next!" If you continue punishing your child in this way, he could begin modeling his behavior after yours and destroy other people's property -- including yours -- when he's angry. Take the toy away if that's the only way to get through to your son. Tell him that it will be given to a child who has no toys to play with. But do not destroy the toy in front of your child.

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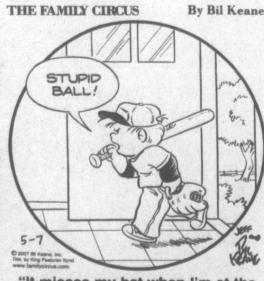
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# Sports Day

# Harvesters recover from second game slip in playoffs

By JORDAN REAGAN Sports Editor

LUBBOCK— The Pampa Harvesters came back from a 13-9 second game loss to the San Angelo Lakeview Chiefs to claim the Bi-District championship and continue through to the next round in the playoffs.

The Harvesters run-ruled the Chiefs 11-1 on Friday to take control of the three game series, but were defeated in the following game Saturday.

Pampa won the third and final game 21-14, ending the season for the Lakeview

Chiefs, and improved their record to 22-8-1.

The Harvesters only managed to bring in two runs in the first inning of the second game as the Chiefs responded with five runs over starting pitcher Blake Sieck.

Both teams were held to no runs in the second inning.

Sieck was replaced with Colden Fortenberry 1/3 of the way into the third inning, and the Chiefs managed to bring in four more runs to put them ahead 9-2 going into the fourth.

Lakeview held Pampa to no runs again in the fourth inning, and brought in three more runs in the bottom of

the inning.

The Harvesters finally bit back in the fifth inning to score four runs, and three runs in the sixth to bring the score to 12-9.

Pampa never did come back all the way in that game, as Lakeview brought in one last run in the sixth inning to make the final score 13-9, and tie the series.

In a game that followed almost immediately, Pampa regrouped to claim a 21-14 victory over the Chiefs to end the series and Lakeview's season.

Blake Sieck picked up the win as pitcher.

Lakeview took another early lead in the third game, scoring seven runs to Pampa's five in the first inning, and three runs in the second inning to set the score at 10-5.

Pampa fought back in the third inning to bring in four runs, as Lakeview scored another three, making the score 13-9.

Determined not to allow the final game of the series be their last of the season, Pampa kept brining in runs through the seventh inning, only allowing one last run by Lakeview in the fifth.





Pampa News photos by JORDAN REAGAN (above) Senior James Coffee hits a home run to help keep Pampa ahead during the third game against Lakeview on Saturday.

(left) Blake Sieck starts as pitcher in the second game on Saturday. Sieck picked up the win in the third game.

#### **Have IRA Questions?** Let's Talk

**Duane Harp** 



Edward Jones

### Woods at less than his best still good enough at Wachovia

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) - Tiger Woods walked with a slight limp toward the 18th green. He was sore and hadn't played his best, yet was minutes away from winning for the ninth time in his last 12 PGA Tour events.

Third-round leader Rory Sabbatini had bragged about wanting to be paired with Woods in the final group, but he, Steve Stricker and Vijay Singh couldn't catch him. It seems nobody can - sore knee or not.

Buoyed by an eagle on the seventh hole, Woods overcame a double bogey on 13, See WACHOVIA, Page 8

# Softball girls allow no hits at area playoffs CHIEF



Courtesy photo by NANCY FITTS

The Lady Harvesters celebrate on the field after winning their second game against the Lady Rangers Saturday in Andrews.

ANDREWS, Texas-The Lady Harvesters started out well with a 10-0 victory in Andrews against El Paso Riverside, but ended on a better note with a 12-0 win in game 2 on Saturday.

Nicole Clark threw the first no hitter on Friday night during the first game.

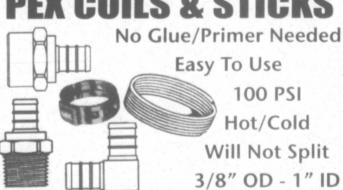
Cassy Tice took control of the mound during the second game, throwing six strikeouts and recording the win to improve her record to 15-3.

Along with Clark and Tice throwing two no-hitters in the series against the Lady Rangers, the Harvesters also committed no errors on the field.

Pampa improves to 27-6-2 after flawlessly winning the series.

In their next playoff match, the Lady Harvesters will meet in Plainview to take on the Big Spring Lady

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# Kim beats Inkster in playoff to win LPGA event

BROKEN ARROW, Okla. (AP) — Player after player noted that Cedar Ridge Country Club's 6,602-yard layout seemed a lot longer during the SemGroup Championship because of soggy conditions, the remnants of storms that hit Oklahoma during the past week.

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"You know, the course is too long for me, because it's so wet, and I'm not a long hitter," Mi Hyun Kim said Sunday. "So I just keep trying to do it my way."

That way - playing station-to-station, target golf proved effective enough for Kim, who beat Juli Inkster in a one-hole playoff.

Kim posted her eighth career win and denied Inkster — who shot a 2an LPGA Tour record in the process. Inkster, who will have been the oldest winner in tour history.

Kim shot an even-par 71, finishing regulation tied with Inkster at 3-under. Kim's only sub-par round of the tournament came Saturday, a 3-under 68 that followed a 71 on Friday.

"I didn't know even-par two days could get (me) a win today," Kim said. "I have a little bit of luck."

Ai Miyazoto and Angela Stanford finished tied for third at 2-under. Four others were at 1-under, including Lorena Ochoa, Reilley Rankin and Stephanie Louden. Rankin and Louden began the day in a four-way

under-par 69 on Sunday — tie for first with Karin Sjodin

and Nicole Castrale. As the round progressed, turn 47 next month, would that foursome fell back. Castrale, who led after the opening round, was still at 4under through five holes, but bogeyed four of the next eight. Louden had four bogeys in her first six holes. Sjodin, who played in college at nearby Oklahoma State, was tied with Inkster for the lead after six holes but recorded a triple bogey on the par-4 eighth.

> That opened the door for the steady play of Inkster

Inkster, who started at 1under, birdied the first two holes, chipped in for par at No. 4 and took the lead with a birdie on No. 6. She held at least a share of it until a

bogey at No. 17.

That hole "kind of hurt me," Inkster said. "I was right in the middle of the fairway and only had 8-iron and kind of hooked it a little bit and didn't get it up and down."

Moments after that bogey, Kim curled in a breaking 15foot birdie putt at No. 16 to take a two-shot edge. Inkster hit a 6-foot birdie putt on No. 18 to close the gap to one shot.

Kim hit her tee shot into the rough on the par-4 17th, but salvaged par, knocking a 5-foot putt into the center of the hole. On the 18th, her tee shot landed in the middle of the fairway but she hit into a greenside bunker and twoputted from five feet for bogey.



### Bi-District Champs



Courtesy photo by LYNN FERRELL

The Pampa Harvesters were presented with the Bi-District trophy after winning the three game series against San Angelo Lakeview in Lubbock Friday.

### Wachovia Continued from Page 7

finishing with a 3-under 69 on Sunday for a two-shot win over Stricker at the Wachovia Championship.

"I felt like overall this week I didn't really have my best stuff, but I putted great," said Woods, who finished at 13-under 275 in his first tournament since he tied for second at the Masters. "I made the majority of those par putts, and sprinkled in a couple of bombs from 20 or 30 feet."

And 60 feet. After narrowly missing the water with his tee shot at the seventh, Woods rolled in the long eagle attempt to get to 13under and take the lead. He then birdied the eighth and ninth for a 31 on the front nine, moving to 15-under and taking a three-shot lead at a windy Quail Hollow.

Normally, that would be it for the world's No. 1 player. But Woods, struggling off the tee, dropped into a tie for the lead when he hit a 4-iron into the rough and then three-putted the 13th green, while Stricker birdied 15 ahead of him.

"I figured I just let so many guys back in the tournament, gave them a shot of

momentum," Woods said Instead, his competition faded, even in a major-like field that started with 27 of the top 30 in the world rankings. Woods quickly got his three-shot lead back when Stricker hit into the woods and sand for a double bogey at 16, while Woods birdied

Singh, who was a shot back after Woods' troubles at 13, bogeyed 14 and 16 and hit into the creek twice on 18 for a triple bogey. He shot 74 and finished in a three-way tie for seventh at 7-under.

And Sabbatini, who said he couldn't wait to play with Woods in the final round, never made a charge. He started with nine straight pars and shot 38 on the back

"He got the job done today and I didn't," said Sabbatini, who shot 74 and finished tied for third with Phil Mickelson. "I don't have any regrets about that. I want him every week now."

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# Summer soccer camp dates announced

Pampa High Soccer Camp (June 18-21) 8:00 am - 11:00 am, for entering 1st grade – 9th grade

**Top of Texas Premier Camp** (June 18 - 21) evening, time TBD for entering 7th grade – 12th grade

#### **American Red Cross results**

American Red Cross Hidden Hills Golf Course Four Person Scramble May 5, 2007

Woods Flight

1st Pace (58) Clint Miller Oscar Sargent Carlos Cortez Darby Schulz

2nd Place (60) Kelly Hickman Marvy Wills Jon Clark Jeff Henderson

**3rd Place** (60) Joe Banks Kyle Hanes Vance Dunlap Jason Brown

Mickelson Flight

1st Place (64) Terry Cox Dan Schneider John Bailey Don Saenz

**2nd Place** (66) James Evans Mike Smith Ronnie King Mike Callahan

**3rd Place** (67) Ronnie Hill Wallace Hill Jerry Prater Frank Krehbiel

Closest to Hole Mike Smith (#6) Carlos Cortez (#8) Elmer Wilson (#12) Bill Allison (#15)

**Longest Drive** Kelly Hickman (#4)

# Hidden Hills, Country Club to host 17th annual Pampa Partnership Tournament

Hidden Hills Golf Course and the Pampa Country Club will host their 17th annual Pampa Partnership Golf Tournament Saturday and Sunday, May 12-13.

In 1991, Mickey Piersall, Golf Pro at the Pampa Country Club, and David Teichmann, Golf Pro at Hidden Hills, sat down to plan an unusual golfing

They wanted the tournament to create an atmosphere of cooperation between Pampa's golf courses and give contestants the rare opportunity to play two different courses during a tournament while using a two-man format that guarantees a lot of fun for the players.

The Pampa Partnership Tournament was an immediate hit and has now become a Pampa tradition that everyone looks forward to each spring, drawing contestants from all around the Panhandle.

Saturday's round will be played at Hidden Hills Municipal Golf Course.

Tee times are scheduled from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Tee #1.

Sunday's round will be played at the Pampa Country club, and tee times are scheduled to begin at 8

For the tournament's first round, there will be 4 to 5 zones, each zone consisting of 16 to 24 teams named A, B, C, D, etc.

ners will be placed in the appropriate zone based on their combined handicaps, the spread between their handicaps and their peformance in past tournaments.

After Saturday's round, each zone will be split into two flights, but all teams will remain in their original zones no matter what their score is in Saturday's round.

The entry fee is \$95 per player with carts included. Teams will be competing for gift certificates donated by each course's pro shop.

For the first three places in each flight, one team member will receive a gift certificate from Hidden Hills and his partner will

Each team of two part- receive a gift certificate from the Pampa Country Club.

Prizes will be awarded after competition of the tournament Sunday evening.

Tee prizes are also given. Because entries are limited to the first 72 teams to pay their entry fees, all entrants are encouraged to sign up as early as possible.

Teams may enter the tournament by paying their entry fee at either pro shop location.

For more information, call the Hidden Hills pro shop at 669-5866 or the Pampa Country Club at 665-8431.

# Rocket to ride: Clemens rejoins Yankees

NEW YORK (AP) — The seventh-inning stretch was ending when the low, familiar voice of public-address announcer Bob Sheppard told fans at Yankee Stadium to direct their attention to the owner's box behind home plate.

Standing there, microphone in hand, was Roger Clemens to personally announce his return to New

"Well, they came and got me out of Texas and I can tell you it's a privilegé to be back," he said. "I'll be talking to y'all soon."

With his brief address, shown on the right-center field videoboard to 52,553

fans and many more watching on television, the Rocket rejoined the Yankees in most dramatic fashion.

He agreed to a \$28 million, one-year contract that will start when he is added to the major league roster for his first start, most likely in three to four weeks. Clemens will earn about \$18.5 million under the deal, which will cost the Yankees approximately \$7.4 million in additional luxury tax, meaning they are investing about \$26 million in a seven-time Cy Young Award winner who will turn 45 in August.

"Roger Clemens is a winner and a champion, and he is someone who can be

counted on to help make this season one that all Yankees fans can be proud of," owner George Steinbrenner said in a statement. "The sole mission of this organization is to win a world championship."

helped the Clemens Yankees win World Series titles in 1999 and 2000, then left after the 2003 season intending to retire. But when Andy Pettitte signed with the Houston Astros, Clemens also joined their hometown

The Rocket retired again after the 2004 and 2005 seasons, only to re-sign the Astros both times. Pettitte changed the dynamic when he rejoined New York this season.

Clemens had limited his field to the Yankees, Astros and Boston Red Sox, his original team. But when Clemens' agent, Randy Hendricks, spoke to the Astros and Red Sox in recent days, they said they'd prefer he join up with them in late June or early July. The Yankees, according to Hendricks, said: "We'd like you yesterday."

"Make no mistake about it, I've come back to do what they only know how to do here with the Yankees, and that's win a championship," Clemens said. "Anything else is a failure, and I know

#### **Country Club Ladies Guest Day**

Pampa Country Club Ladies Guest Day Four Person Scramble May 5, 2007

1st Pace (120) Jean Buccola Debbie Hargus Joyce Rasco Peggy McGuire

2nd Place (124) Johnnie Marx Connie Crossland Randa Shade Cathy Gowdy

3rd Place (126) Christi Smith Judy Rice Sandy Bynum Elaine Langley

4th Place (129) Lynette Keel Jane Jones Mary Pat Williams Jackie Harper

5th Place (129) Janice Thomas Sheila McFatridge Edna May Susan Baltz

6th Place (129) Jo Ann Dement Carol Buchanan **Dusty Lovell** Elnora Haynes

7th Place (130) Sue Seismore Lana Brown Joy Rice Robbie Pepper

8th Place (130) Linda Autry Connie Lynch Ida Goad Gayle Melban

9th Place (132) Cindy Spanel Mary Morganflash Linda Olsen Yolanda Bell

10th Place (138) Jan Rollins Joyce Swope Nelda Stacy Brenda Kelly

# Mayweather wins split decision over De La Hoya

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Floyd tive enough to keep everyone's atten-Mayweather Jr. couldn't win over the crowd, or even his own father. All he could win was the only thing that really counted Saturday night, his fight against Oscar De La Hoya.

Boxing's bad boy beat the Golden Boy in one of the richest fights ever, using his superb defensive skills and superior speed to take a 12-round split decision and win the WBC 154-pound title in his first fight at that weight.

He didn't impress the pro-De La Hoya crowd that roared with every punch thrown by their hero, and even Floyd Mayweather Sr. thought his son had lost. But Mayweather landed the harder punches and landed them more often, and that was enough to eke out yet another win.

"It was easy work for me. He was rough and tough, but he couldn't beat the best," Mayweather said. "I was having fun in there. It was a hell of a fight."

The fight that was supposed to save the sport may not have done that, but it was entertaining enough and competi-

tion even though neither fighter seemed to hurt the other and neither went down.

Both proud champions fought from the opening bell to the end of the final round, which finished with the brawl De La Hoya wanted all along. But it came too late to help De La Hoya, who lost four of the last five rounds on two scorecards, sealing his fate.

"I could see I was hurting him," De La Hoya said. "I was pressing the fight, and if I hadn't pressed the fight there would be no fight. I'm a champion, and you have to do more than that to beat a champion."

De La Hoya threw far more punches than Mayweather in an almost desperate bid to overcome Mayweather's slippery defense. He trapped Mayweather on the ropes and in the corner almost every round, throwing flurries to his

But many more missed than landed, allowing Mayweather to dance away, often after countering with a punch or two of his own.

"I just fought the best fighter in our era and I beat him," Mayweather said.

The sellout crowd of 16,200 that paid a record \$19 million gate didn't think so, booing the decision just as it had booed Mayweather when he came into the ring wearing a sombrero on Cinco de Mayo.

And neither did Floyd Mayweather Sr., the estranged father of the undefeated champion and the former trainer of De La Hoya.

"I thought Oscar won the fight on points, threw more punches and was more aggressive," said the senior Mayweather, who munched popcorn as he watched the fight from a \$2,000 ringside seat given to him by De La Hoya. "My son had good defense and caught a lot of his punches, but I still thought Oscar pressed enough to win the fight."

Two of the three ringside judges, though, gave the fight to Mayweather, who has never lost in his pro career and won a title for the fifth time in as many weight classes.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, May

How you approach various situations

might be of unusual interest to others.

This year, you set a precedent with your

perspective and novel approach. Friends

prove to be unpredictable, and surprises

seem to be woven into events. For a sign

that likes the tried-and-true, you will

learn to flex. Your public image and pro-

fessional and personal statuses skyrock-

et. Professionally you are building

toward a zenith. If you are single, you

will meet people with ease. Opt for the

different, more exciting person than your

normal type, which hasn't worked. If you

are attached, learning not to trigger will

make a big difference. Remember how

much you care! AQUARIUS turns the

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

★★★★ Take charge and handle a matter

directly. Use your innate abilities and

skills. Zero in and listen to your sixth

sense. Understand what you are asking

from someone else, as well as yourself.

Tonight: Don't push too hard, but enjoy

★★★ Take a stand rather than have a sit-

uation tumble even more out of control.

Someone close could be difficult. Rethink a relationship with this person.

For your own good, don't have the

expectation that others will change.

★★★★ Togetherness earmarks a

Tonight: Make it OK to work late.

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Sometimes you are so much in the whirl-

wind of living that you can barely stop

and take time for the many people in

your life. Unexpected developments

might trip you up. Tonight: Talk to a

\*\*\* Others want to run the show.

Look at it this way: You have one less

responsibility to shoulder. Unexpected

developments might encourage you to

veer in a totally different direction.

Realize when you must stop. Tonight:

\*\*\* Easy does it. Know when you

have had enough or need to go in anoth-

er direction. Emphasize your responsibil-

ities, but don't allow yourself to be over-

whelmed. Understanding encourages

new choices and possibly a revised atti-

tude. Tonight: Visit with those you see

\*\*\* You are lively and full of fun.

Realize when you need to say "enough."

Sometimes pressure forces people to be

reactive. Could that be what you are see-

ing right now? Head in a new direction.

Make positive choices. Tonight: Let the

\*\*\* You might want to rethink a

decision. Your security and well-being

might be more involved than you are

aware of. You might want to try another

approach with a volatile associate. How

you feel might change. Tonight: Say

\*\*\* Your creativity soars, and you

wonder what to do and when. Laugh and

relax in the company of someone who is

every day but might take for granted.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

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never meet. Listen to what someone

shares. Think positively. Tonight: Beam

\*\*\* Investigate possibilities rather

than make events occur - you know the

difference. You know what needs to hap-

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"Gray County Heroes" is on display at White Deer Land Museum in Pampa from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. The exhibit is dedicated to Gray County firefighters. Above: This bronze statue depicts a firefighter. It is called "We Will Never Forget" and harks back to 9/11.

# Harmless quarter led to spy warning

By TED BRIDIS Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - An odd-looking Canadian coin with a bright red flower was the culprit behind a U.S. Defense Department false espionage warning earlier this year about mysterious coin-like objects with radio frequency transmitters, The Associated Press has learned.

The harmless "poppy coin" was so unfamiliar to suspicious U.S. Army contractors traveling in Canada that they filed confidential espionage accounts about them. The worried contractors described the coins as "anomalous" and "filled with something man-made that looked like nano-technology," according to once-classified U.S. government reports and e-mails obtained by the

The silver-colored 25-cent piece features the red image of a poppy — Canada's flower of remembrance — inlaid over a maple leaf. The unorthodox quarter is identical to the coins pictured and described as suspicious in the contractors' accounts.

The supposed nano-technology actually was a conventional protective coating the Royal Canadian Mint applied to prevent the poppy's red color from rubbing off. The mint produced nearly 30 million such quarters in 2004 commemorating Canada's 117,000 war

"It did not appear to be electronic (analog) in nature or have a power source," wrote one U.S. contractor, who discovered the coin in the cup holder of a rental car. "Under high power microscope, it appeared to be complex consisting of several layers of clear, but different material, with a wire like mesh suspended on top.'

The confidential accounts led to a sensational warning from the Defense Security Service, an agency of the Defense Department, that mysterious coins with radio frequency transmitters were found planted

on U.S. contractors with classified security clearances on at least three separate occasions between October 2005 and January 2006 as the contractors traveled through

One contractor believed someone had placed two of the quarters in an outer coat pocket after the contractor had emptied the pocket hours earlier. "Coat pockets were empty that morning and I was keeping all of my coins in a plastic bag in my inner coat pocket," the contractor wrote.

But the Defense Department subsequently acknowledged that it could never substantiate the espionage alarm that it had put out and launched the internal review that turned up the true nature of the mysterious coin.

Meanwhile, in Canada, senior intelligence officials expressed annoyance with the American spy-coin warnings as they tried to learn more about the oddball claims.

"That story about Canadians planting coins in the pockets of defense contractors will not go away," Luc Portelance, now deputy director for the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, wrote in a January email to a subordinate. "Could someone tell me more? Where do we stand and what's the story on this?"

Others in Canada's spy service also were searching for answers. "We would be very interested in any more detail you may have on the validity of the comment related to the use of Canadian coins in this manner," another intelligence official wrote in an email. "If it is accurate, are they talking industrial or state espionage? If the latter, who?" The identity of the e-mail's recipient was censored.

Intelligence and technology experts were flabbergasted over the warning when it was first publicized earlier this year. The warning suggested that such transmitters could be used surreptitiously to track the movements of people carrying the coins.

# State dinner planned for queen

By DESMOND BUTLER **Associated Press Writer** 

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush, a leader known for his informality, is welcoming Queen Elizabeth II to the White House with an uncharacteristic display of high pomp.

We did sort of have to convince him a little bit" to opt for the white-tie dinner, first Lady Laura Bush said today of her and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice's efforts to talk Bush into hosting the most formal dinner the White House can offer.

The British monarch and her husband, Prince Philip, are being greeted later Monday morning with a 21-gun salute and a parade by the U.S. Army's Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps attended by 7,000 guests on the White House's South Lawn.

An exclusive few will return in white tie and tails for the state dinner among 13 damask-clothed tables set with gold-trimmed ivory china and gilded silver candelabras.

'We're very excited to host Her Majesty," Mrs. Bush said Monday morning on ABC's "Good Morning America."

"We had the opportunity to be here the last time she was here for a state dinner (hosted by the first President Bush in 1991) ... and we're so thrilled to have the chance to host her and to show her the strong affection the American people have for the British," she

It will be the Bushes' fifth state dinner in six years, but the first in white tie. The event may come as a welcome distraction at a time when Bush's approval rate has dropped near all-time lows and he battles Congress over funding for an unpopular Iraq war.

The White House said the president was happy to return hospitality to the queen, who hosted the Bushes at a white-tie state banquet in November 2003 during an official visit to Britain.

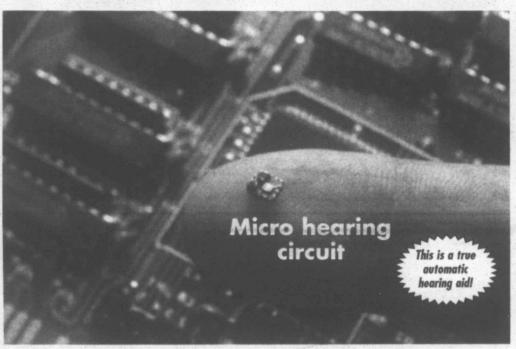
The visit to Washington comes at the tail end of a six-day trip, the Queen's fifth to the United States in 50 years but her first since 1991. The royal couple arrived Sunday night at Andrews Air Force Base before spending the night at Blair House, the president's

In between the White House events today, the royal couple plan to attend a garden party at the British ambassador's residence.

On Tuesday, the queen will join Laura Bush in a tour of Children's National Medical Center. She also plans to plant a tree at the British ambassador's residence and visit NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center and the National World War II Memorial. On Tuesday night she's to have dinner with the Bushes at the British embassy before returning to London.

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# Ford to close Ohio plant

DETROIT (AP) — Ford Motor Co. said today it will close its casting plant in Brook Park, Ohio, outside of Cleveland, in 2009. The plant employs 1,218 hourly and salaried workers.

The company also will shutter Cleveland Engine Plant 1 in Brook Park for at least a year starting in two weeks. It employs 577 work-

A second engine plant at the complex just west of Cleveland will remain open.

The moves are part of Ford's "Way Forward" restructuring plan in which the company said it would close 16 facilities by 2012. The company already has announced nine of the clo-

Ford, which lost \$12.7 billion last year and \$282 million in the first quarter, is in the midst of slashing thousands of jobs and rolling out new products in an effort to shrink itself to match lower demand for its products.

The casting plant makes crankshafts for Ford's fourcylinder engines, bearing caps, engine blocks and other items.

