





Rest in peace

# Families finding closure with Pentagon's identification of American MIA remains

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AP National Writer

When Army Sgt. Glenn E. Miller was listed as missing in action after a fierce gun battle in Vietnam in May 1968, his girlfriend figured he had been killed — even though there was never any proof.

Thirty-seven years later, the remains of Miller, a Green Beret, and the 11 Marines who died alongside him have been identified and returned to the United States. It's the largest single group of MIAs identified since the Vietnam War, the Defense Department said Tuesday.

All the men's families have met with representatives of the Marines and Army, said Larry Greer, a spokesman for the Pentagon's missing personnel office. Five of the soldiers will be buried by their families; the others will be buried as a group in Arlington National Cemetery in October.

For Carol Fordahl, Miller's old girlfriend, the news brought back a flood of memories. There was the evening Miller serenaded her with his guitar from on top of her roof, the fresh cherries he mailed across the country for her birthday, the pearl ring and charm bracelet she still keeps.

"I still miss him to this day," said Fordahl of Livermore, Calif. "He was an exceptional person and a really, really good friend. I think of him often."

The last time Margaret Coplen

heard from her brother, Marine Pfc. Robert Lopez of Albuquerque, N.M., was in a letter that arrived a few days after the military informed the family about what happened to him. In it, he described being able to squeeze in a bath in a river.

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"He said he at least felt he was halfway clean," Coplen said. "It was in a river, so he said when he came out, he was covered with leeches. I was just crying when I had read that."

Steven Fritsch of Cromwell, Conn., said the confirmation of the death of his older brother, Marine Lance Cpl. Thomas Fritsch, was "bittersweet" for his parents.

"Now we don't have to wonder anymore," Fritsch said, adding that his brother would be buried Sunday in Cromwell. "Obviously now they have to bury their son, and who ever wants to do that? But at least they know he's not just missing, he actually died in battle."

The soldiers were killed May 9, 1968, during a 10-hour battle on a football field-sized area along the Laotian border in South Vietnam, Greer said. They were part of an artillery platoon airlifted in to support a unit that was at risk of an attack from nearby North Vietnamese forces.

In recent years, the Vietnam Veterans of America and other advocates had urged officials to excavate the site to search for the soldiers' remains, said Tim Brown of Dallas, a member of the platoon.

Greer said villagers, former Vietnamese soldiers and American survivors helped investigators narrow their search to three excavations in the late 1990s before finally recovering the remains and other personal materials.

Since then, they have been working to identify the remains using DNA and other forensic tools, he said.

"After more than 30 years ... sometimes the only thing that you have is the remaining teeth or very few number of bone fragments," said Gary Flanagan, a spokesman for the U.S. MIA office in Hanoi. "It's always a good feeling to hear that some of our work results in identification, and that's what we are here for."

Brenda Scott, the sister of Lance Cpl. Donald W. Mitchell, of Princeton, Ky., who was among the recovered MIAs, said her family feels fortunate they have Mitchell's remains coming home.

# Explosions rock chemical plant in suburban Detroit

ROMULUS, Mich. (AP) — A series of explosions rocked a chemical plant, causing a fire that lit up the night sky and prompted hundreds of residents to evacuate their homes.

Authorities said no serious injuries were reported

airplane deicing fluid and industrial paint solvents.

By dawn today, the fire had subsided, but flames and smoke could still be seen coming from several tanks.

The fire didn't threaten any homes and there was no risk of it spreading, officials said.

Dan Gilbert, a plant spokesman, said one of the facility's two tank farms had been mostly destroyed.

Eight employees were working at the plant when an emergency horn sounded, and they were all evacuated and none requested medical treatment, he said.

"They really couldn't tell us anything real concrete that would tell us what caused this," Gilbert said. "As soon as the situation stabilizes, we're going to start an investigation."

The multiple explosions had prevented firefighters from getting close enough to determine the cause or learn exactly what was burning, said John Zech, city manager of neighboring Wayne.

Firefighters did not attack the fire because there were no lives in danger and no risk of the fire spreading, officials said.

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— Andrew Crawford  
Witness

from the fire which broke out late Tuesday at the E.Q. Resource Recovery Inc. plant.

Andrew Crawford, 18, who lives within a few blocks of the explosion site, was one of about 300 Wayne residents who went to a shelter at the local high school.

"My backyard lit up orange," he said. "It was like a bomb went off."

Witnesses described a series of loud explosions at the plant that shook the ground and shot flames and smoke into the air. The company specializes in treating, recycling and disposing of hazardous materials such as

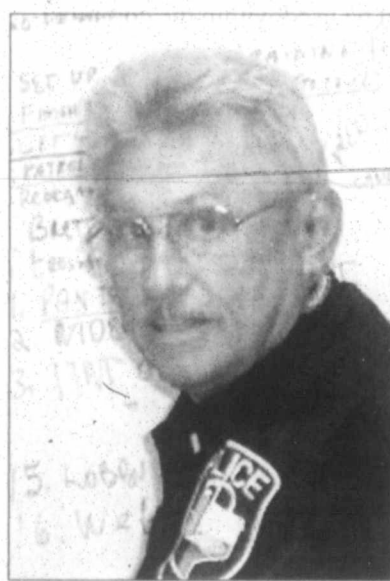
## Cop Corner

Vacation season is in full swing. I'm getting ready to spend a week in Virginia. I will be doing several things to help ensure the safety of my house while I'm gone. A friend will go by the house every day and pick up the mail.

They will have a key to the house just in case there are any problems. We will have the paper delivery stopped and have someone water the yard and flowers.

In addition to these things, I will have my house put on "Vacation Watch" at the police department. The officers will come by and check the security of my house while I am gone.

Of course there is a procedure you have to follow for this service. I will call the



Fred Courtney

police department and ask for the vacation check. They will ask me some pertinent questions about how long will I be gone, are there pets left in the yard, lights left on, and if there are any vehicles left there.

If your house has an alarm system installed, we are probably going to have to know who has the combination when it goes off during a lightning storm.

I also want to say this service is for when you are out of town for one or two weeks. We don't do vacation checks on houses for sale or rent or when you are going to be gone two or three months. We would like to be able to do this, but it is better left to a private security service or close friend.

Well, I hope you have a great vacation, I know! will.

Cop Corner provided by Pampa Police Department.

# Federal government decides to drop New York Times subpoenas in Cuban militant case

MIAMI (AP) — The federal government has dropped subpoenas that sought notes from The New York Times and the writer of a series of 1998 articles about a former CIA operative and Cuban militant.

The attorney for the newspaper and writer Ann Bardach said Tuesday that U.S. Attorney R. Alexander Acosta had notified him that Homeland Security "will not seek to enforce" the subpoenas.

"We're very pleased," said attorney Tom Julin. The decision in effect upheld First Amendment privileges, he said.

The subpoenas, issued in May, requested copies of all tape recordings and documents relating to a 1998 interview Bardach conducted with Luis Posada Carriles.

After that interview,

**Posada, 77, has also been accused of involvement in the 1976 bombing of a Cuban airliner. His involvement in the Iran-Contra affair has been detailed in U.S. government documents, and his lifetime of militancy against Cuban President Fidel Castro and other leftist Latin American governments is well known.**

Bardach wrote that Posada had "admitted to masterminding" a 1997 bombing campaign in Cuba, something Posada later denied.

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President Fidel Castro and other leftist Latin American governments is well known.

He is currently in an immigration facility in Texas, facing deportation on charges of entering the United States illegally earlier this year.

Posada is claiming U.S. residency status and political asylum, in part because of his past work for the CIA. Venezuela wants to extradite

him for a prison escape while he awaited a third trial in the 1976 airliner bombing that killed 73 people off Barbados.

Bardach said the government wanted her notes, tape recordings and other documents to help prosecute Posada, who has said he fears persecution if he is not given U.S. protection.

Acosta's letter said Homeland Security "reserves the right to issue and serve new subpoenas upon your clients at a future point in time."

But Julin said Tuesday, "I really don't think it will happen."

Bardach, now a visiting professor at the University of California at Santa Barbara, said she was "thrilled" with the decision. "It's a slippery slope to start turning over material to the government," she said.

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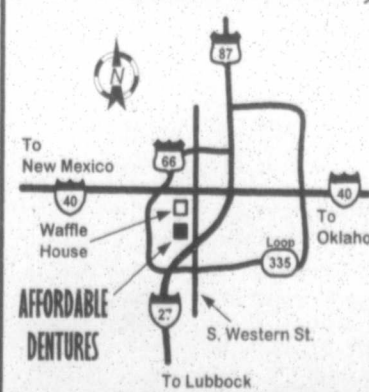
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# Viewpoints

## Successful family vacation perfect end to summer

As I pulled out of Pampa on Friday, it was only the beginning to a long weekend of family fun and entertainment. Friday was the start to my family vacation, so with my wife and two daughters in tow it was off to Arlington, Texas.

My oldest daughter is now 5 years old and is of the age where a long trip in the car is no problem. She watches a movie, colors dad some new artwork for his office or dresses up one of her baby dolls. However, my youngest

daughter is now 3, and for a variety of reasons she only enjoys riding in the car for about an hour.

This is the point where she transforms from precious baby girl into "when are we going be there?" and "how much farther?" Now these are very legitimate questions for a 3 year old who has been strapped into her car seat and driven away from the comforts of home. The difficulty started when she asked the same questions a dozen times and all efforts to explain how

long five hours is failed time and time again.

With a couple hours to go, my wife and I had finally convinced our kids that the fastest way to get to Arlington was a nap. So with some quiet time, we traveled on. The weather had become another distraction. After what felt like months without any rain, it poured

rain on us for the majority of our trip. With nothing but outdoor activities planned for the weekend, it was looking more disastrous with each dark cloud and bolt of lightning.

As we pulled into Arlington city limits the clouds parted, the kids awoke refreshed and the outlook for the weekend took a turn for

the better. The weather cooperated all weekend as we watched the Texas Rangers play the Baltimore Orioles at Ameriquet field on Friday night. The next day we visited Hurricane Harbor, a very large water park located just across from the ballpark. Despite the crowds and slight sunburn, it was a terrific time. The water park has rides for all ages and all sizes.

On the trip home, I asked each of my family which part of the weekend was their favorite. I am a sports fan, so

the baseball game was the best part for me. I quickly found out I was in the minority. The water park was everyone else's favorite.

I asked my oldest daughter what she thought about the baseball game, and she quickly explained that it was boring.

She immediately followed with how exciting it was to stay in a hotel with a swimming pool. With the start of school only a week away, it was a nice way to wrap up the summer.

**Sean Smith**  
Publisher



## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 10, the 222nd day of 2005. There are 143 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:  
On Aug. 10, 1846, Congress chartered the Smithsonian Institution, named after English scientist James Smithson, whose bequest of \$500,000 had made it possible.

On this date:  
In 1821, Missouri became the 24th state.  
In 1874, Herbert Clark Hoover, the 31st president of the United States, was born in West Branch, Iowa.

In 1921, Franklin D. Roosevelt was stricken with polio at his summer home on the Canadian island of Campobello.

*'There is no adequate defense, except stupidity, against the impact of a new idea.'*

— Percy Williams Bridgeman  
American scientist (1882-1961)

In 1944, during World War II, American forces overcame remaining Japanese resistance on Guam.

In 1945, during World War II, Japan announced its willingness to surrender provided that the status of Emperor Hirohito remained unchanged.

In 1949, the National Military Establishment was renamed the Department of Defense.

In 1969, Leno and Rosemary LaBianca were murdered in their Los Angeles home by members of Charles Manson's cult, one day after actress Sharon Tate and four other people were slain.

In 1977, postal employee David Berkowitz was arrested in Yonkers, N.Y., accused of being "Son of Sam," the gunman responsible for six slayings and seven wounding.

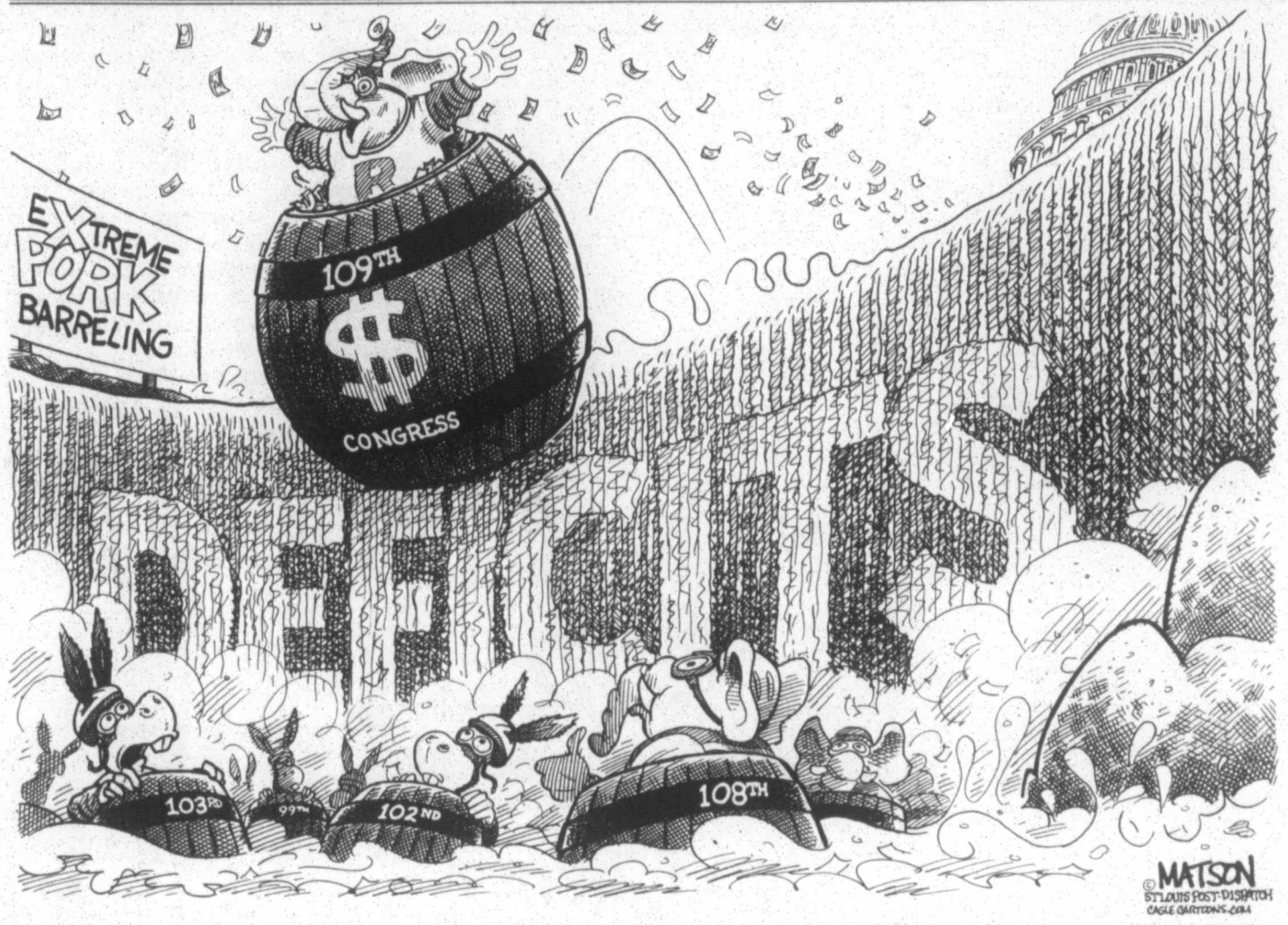
In 1988, President Reagan signed a measure providing \$20,000 payments to Japanese-Americans who had been interned during World War II.

Ten years ago: Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols were charged with 11 counts in the Oklahoma City bombing (McVeigh was convicted of murder and executed; Nichols was convicted of conspiracy and involuntary manslaughter). Norma McCorvey, "Jane Roe" of the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion, announced she had joined the anti-abortion group Operation Rescue.

Five years ago: Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez met with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, defying the United States by being the first head of state to visit Iraq since the Gulf War.

One year ago: President Bush chose Porter Goss, a Republican congressman and one-time spy, to lead the CIA. A boat carrying Dominican migrants seeking a better life in Puerto Rico drifted back to almost the same spot where the voyage began nearly two weeks earlier; at least 55 of the 86 people on board died.

The 20-year-old woman who accused Kobe Bryant of rape filed a federal lawsuit in Denver against the NBA star. (The lawsuit was later settled out of court; terms were not disclosed.) Barry Bonds became the first player in major league history to hit 30 home runs in 13 consecutive seasons, connecting in San Francisco's 8-7 loss to Pittsburgh.



## Have respect for all law enforcement

While the television talkies prattle on about a Brazilian who foolishly got himself shot in London, take note that according to the Iraqi government, the American military killed 33 innocent Iraqis and wounded 45 just in Baghdad during the period from May 1 to July 12.

The American military refuses to comment on civilian casualties, but there is no reason to doubt the Iraqi numbers. My point is to contrast the treatment of civilian casualties by police and by the military. The military can, in almost all cases, brush them off as "collateral damage." Civilian police have to endure investigations and lawsuits.

I have no idea what was going through the Brazilian fellow's mind, but he certainly in effect committed suicide. The police ordered him to stop outside a subway station. The man refused and bolted down the steps of the subway station, leaping over

the turnstile and darting onto a train with the police in hot pursuit, according to press reports.

London police are under orders to shoot to kill when dealing with suspected suicide bombers. They did, hitting the man eight times, mostly in the head. The obvious reason for the policy is that you can't afford to jabber with or try to wound a man carrying a bomb. Given the context of the recent bombings, I see no reason to blame the London police. The Brazilian is "collateral damage" in the war on terror. He dug his own grave with his behavior.

(I cannot resist noting that you should compare that with the police shooting in California some weeks ago when police fired 120 rounds at an unarmed man

and managed only to hit him once. His wound was not serious. Since most American police have abandoned the revolver for the 9 mm automatic with a high-capacity magazine, there seems to be a lot of incidents of "spray and pray" shooting.)

So, can anything be gleaned from this tragedy? The answer is yes. It's extremely important that parents teach their children how to deal with police, especially as they become teenagers and start driving. They must be taught never to run from or attempt to outrun a police officer. They must be taught to obey a police officer's instructions to the letter and to reply politely in every case, regardless of the behavior of the officer.

First of all, obeying the

orders of a police officer is the law. Secondly, it is a matter of survival. We know who we are, but the police officer doesn't. We know where we've been and where we are going, but the police officer doesn't. For all the officer knows, we might have just robbed a store, murdered someone or be a serial killer or a terrorist. We are, to the officer, a stranger who has done something to attract his attention. The officer necessarily must approach us with caution. If we suddenly run, he will logically conclude that we are guilty of some serious crime.

As for being polite, first of all, the police officer deserves to be treated courteously like everyone else. He is doing the job we, the taxpayers, pay him to do. Secondly, it can again be a matter of survival. Occasionally you will run into an officer who is rude. Officers, after all, are human

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Columnist



## Attack demonstrates spread of terrorism

President Bush was certainly correct, during a visit to the Egyptian embassy in Washington, to comment that those responsible for the attacks on the Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheik "have no heart. They have no conscience."

But the attack demonstrates that whatever the operational capabilities of al-Qaida as an organization, people with no heart and no conscience seem to be proliferating.

Last Saturday's bombings, which killed scores of people, may have been carried out by a "home-grown" Egyptian group, perhaps with links to a group that attacked hotels in Sinai,

about 100 miles north of Sharm el-Sheik, killing 34 people, last October.

But authorities are also searching for six Pakistani men who seem to have been in Sharm el-Sheik before the bombings but to have disappeared afterward.

If Pakistanis did pull off this bombing, it could indicate a direct link to al-Qaida leaders suspected of being holed up along the Afghan-Pakistani border.

It could be more dangerous, as Rand Corp. terrorism expert Brian Jenkins said, that people are still being

trained in terrorist training camps, but sent back to their home countries not as part of some tightly organized cell,

but with orders to recruit and seek targets of opportunity. Such highly decentralized networks can be virtually invisible to authorities until they strike.

Equally upsetting is what seems like a larger supply of suicide bombers. "In the old days suicide bombing was a rare event," terrorism researcher M.J. Gohel of the Asia Pacific Foundation in London told the Christian Science Monitor. There were

30 suicide bombings in Iraq this June, for example, compared to 18 in June 2004.

Whether the jihadists are working through coordination or emulation, as Cato Institute defense and foreign policy vice president Ted Carpenter said, they seem to be "going after countries considered an ally of the U.S. in the fight against al-Qaida and Islamic radicalism, especially those that have been helpful in Iraq."

Whether this means countries like Australia, Japan, Pakistan or even South Korea should expect attacks is difficult to tell. The focus for now might be on moderate Muslim countries.

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## Conservative group withdraws support of court nominee

WASHINGTON (AP) — A conservative group in Virginia said Tuesday it was withdrawing its support for Supreme Court nominee John Roberts' confirmation because of his work helping overturn a Colorado referendum on gays.

The group, Public Advocate of the United States, is one of the first conservative organizations to announce anything but support for the judge.

Eugene Delgaudio, the president of the group, said in an interview that he hopes his stance will prod others.

"I know that others feel the same way. I know they believe as I do. They're just not going to act," the 50-year-old Northern Virginia man said. "But once I've done it, then they can't claim that no one's opposing Roberts."

"We can't take our limited resources and put it toward a candidate who is not a strict constructionist when we were told he is," Delgaudio said.

The stance by his group, which describes itself as a pro-family organization, puts it in opposition to conservative groups that have endorsed Roberts. A number of liberal groups already oppose President Bush's high court nominee.

Roberts met Tuesday with one senator who is undecided on his nomination, Oregon Democrat Ron Wyden, who said the nominee "would not look favorably" on Congress acting to intervene in an end-of-life case like Terri Schiavo.

Wyden said Roberts told him during their hour-long meeting that Congress can prescribe standards, "but when Congress starts to act like a court and prescribe particular remedies in particular cases, Congress has overstepped its bounds," Wyden said.

Congress pushed through unprecedented emergency legislation aimed at prolonging Schiavo's life by allowing

the case to be reviewed by federal courts. The courts rejected that effort.

Delgaudio said his group had planned to send out more than 1 million pieces of direct mail for Roberts, as well as work telephones, poll and conduct petition drives.

But now, "canceling our mail campaign is the least we can do," he said. He said he would poll his group to see if members want him to be neutral, spend money to oppose Roberts or reinstate support.

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— Eugene Delgaudio  
Group president

This is not the first time Delgaudio has gone up against the Bush administration. He criticized Vice President Dick Cheney last year after the vice president, when asked about gay marriage, said, "Freedom means freedom for everyone."

Delgaudio said then: "Freedom is not embracing perversion."

The Colorado gay rights case involved Amendment 2, a constitutional amendment approved by voters in 1992 that would have barred laws, ordinances or regulations protecting gays from discrimination by landlords, employers or public agencies such as school districts.

Gay rights groups sued, and the U.S. Supreme Court declared the measure unconstitutional in a 6-3 ruling in 1996.

Roberts' role in the case included helping develop a strategy and firing tough questions during a mock court session at Jean Dubofsky, a former Colorado Supreme Court justice who argued the case on behalf of the gay rights plaintiffs.

## Fire training



Twelve members of Hoover Volunteer Fire Department recently participated in the 76th Annual Municipal Texas Fire Training School at College Station. Each year the week-long training school enrolls more than 2,500 fire personnel from around the country and the world. Hoover VFD had the most firefighters from a single department within the state to attend this year's training. Above: (front row, left-right) Brandy Rose, Trent Price, Mike Mendoza, Charley Thomas; (back row, l-r) Bud Rose, David Smith, Joe Millican, Brian Snapp, Scott Hahn, Jeffery Sweeney and Bill Campbell. Not pictured: Dean Linder.

## Police

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beings. He may have had a bad day and be in a foul mood. You, too, might have had a bad day. But getting into an angry exchange with a police officer on the street is a losing proposition.

Teach your children to be unfailingly polite and obedient, regardless of what they might see as provocation.

Your day will come in court, when you have a lawyer and witnesses. On the street at night, you're at the mercy of the police officer. Give him some guff and a traffic charge can turn into resisting arrest without violence. Even gently lay a hand on him and you can be charged with resisting arrest with violence, a serious felony. Most states authorize police to use whatever force is necessary to make a felony arrest. You can even get killed if you make a sudden move the officer interprets as going for a gun.

I speak from experience as a reserve deputy for several years and as someone who has paid his share of traffic fines. Teach your children this important lesson, lest they become "collateral damage" in the war on crime.

## Ex-Merck CEO says Vioxx important

ANGLETON, Texas (AP) — Vioxx was important to Merck & Co.'s future growth when the multibillion-dollar seller went on the market a year before patents began running out on several other lucrative drugs, former Merck CEO Raymond Gilmartin told jurors in the nation's first Vioxx-related civil trial via videotaped deposition Tuesday.

But Gilmartin insisted Merck did not put profits over safety to rush Vioxx to sale in 1999, as alleged by plaintiffs in the case on trial south of Houston. Gilmartin also said a study that last year prompted the New Jersey pharmaceutical giant to pull the drug from the market because of increased heart attack risk was "totally unexpected."

"Our reputation, our credibility is very important to our success and we're not going to do anything and have not done anything to compromise that credibility," Gilmartin, 64, said in the deposition given several weeks after he retired in May. Gilmartin remains as a special adviser to a committee of Merck directors.

His deposition was played as part of Merck's defense in the fourth week of testi-

mony in the first of more than 4,200 state and federal lawsuits across the country to go before a jury. The trial is in a semi-rural town 40 miles south of Houston.

The case centers on the May 2001 death of Texan Robert Ernst, a Wal-Mart produce manager and marathon runner who died in his sleep after taking the drug for eight months to alleviate pain in his hands.

Merck pulled Vioxx from the market in September when a study showed it could double risk of heart attack or stroke if taken for 18 months or longer. But whether Ernst had a heart attack is in dispute because his autopsy says he died of an irregular heart-beat secondary to clogged arteries.

Plaintiff Carol Ernst, Ernst's widow, and the coroner who performed the autopsy say a heart attack led to the fatal arrhythmia, but Ernst died too fast for his heart to show damage.

Merck says no evidence exists of a heart attack, and because no studies link Vioxx to arrhythmia, the drug can't be responsible for Ernst's death.

## Man may face charges for impersonating a general

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — William Lawson looked every bit the retired Marine general this summer as he stood before a crowd of 200 people, demanding that a cemetery properly dispose of the American flags placed at the graves of veterans.

He had on khakis, the Marines' summer service uniform, complete with a general's stars and row after row of medals, including the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart and Good Conduct Medal. He even

wore an eyepatch.

It turns out, however, that Lawson wasn't a general at all — or even a World War II combat veteran. His 19 months in the Marines were all spent stateside — he ended boot camp after Iwo Jima — and he never rose above the rank of private first class.

Lawson, 78, admitted the charade after being confronted with his records in interviews with The Marine Corps Times and The (Shreveport, La.) Times. The media checks came about

after Lawson appeared on the flag rally in late June.

"It's something that snowballed," he said in stories that appeared in both newspapers this week.

Lawson did not answer his home telephone Monday when called by The Associated Press.

The Marine Corps Times said Lawson could face federal charges for wearing unearned medals and false rank insignia, and the Marine Corps inspector general is investigating.

## Community happenings

• **KVII-TV Pnews7 and ABC will host an open casting call for ABC's hit series "The Bachelor" from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday at Amarillo Civic Center.** Applicants simply need to show up to the casting call, fill out an application and be ready to go in front of the camera. Each person will get 60 seconds on film to explain why they should be on "The Bachelor." Applications will be available on-site or can be printed ahead of time from KVII-TV's Web site at [www.kvii.com](http://www.kvii.com). Full details, including eligibility requirements, are also available at [www.kvii.com](http://www.kvii.com).

• **The next Cowboy Poetry Breakfast at the Big Texan** in Amarillo will be Saturday with Bill Crenshaw, a former Matador cowboy, as the headliner. For more information, contact the Big Texan.

• **Hollis, Okla., will be the stage for the 17th Annual Harmon, Okla., Black-eyed Pea Festival** celebrating "Harmon County Western Heritage" beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday. The event will include a parade at 9 a.m., Jackrabbit Junction at 10 a.m., Black-eyed Peas & Ham Meal from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Free Ice Cold Watermelon, Harmon County Opry, arts and crafts show, 2005 Candlewick Quilt Drawing, Hollis Rodeo, Tractor Pull and Show, Bingo, Moonwalk, train rides, buggy rides, silent auction and much, much

more. The opry will begin at 3 p.m. in the Hollis High School Auditorium. The rodeo will begin at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the rodeo arena in Hollis. For more information, contact the Harmon County Historical Museum at [harcomuseum@pldi.net](mailto:harcomuseum@pldi.net).

• **Carson County Historical Commission** will meet at approximately 8 p.m. Monday at Hazlewood Building located in Carson County Square House Museum. The meeting is scheduled immediately following a gathering of the board of trustees. Updates on ongoing programs and plans for future projects will be discussed during the gathering. The meeting is open to the public.

• **Coffee Memorial Blood Center** will conduct a blood drive between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday at Clarendon College-Pampa Center, 1601 W. Kentucky. Each donor will receive a free T-shirt and hot dog. To schedule an appointment, call toll-free 1-877-574-8800.

• **The next Pampa Area Singles Dance**, featuring Travis Williams, is scheduled from 8-11 p.m. Aug. 20 at the Sportsmans Club on South Barnes. Admission will be \$6 per person. No smoking or drinking is allowed. Please bring snacks. For more information, call 665-7059.

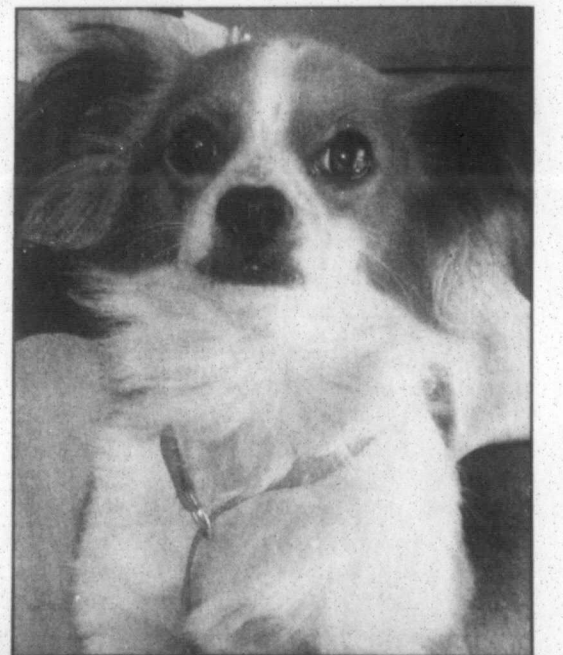
## Pet of the Week

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** My ex-husband, "Roy," learned he was HIV-positive last year. The only people who know are his doctors, his preacher, me and my current husband. Roy doesn't want our two grown daughters to find out because he doesn't want to be confronted with "questions." There are things about my ex and his lifestyle that I certainly don't want our girls to know about. However, I know that they love their daddy and would not dwell on how he got the virus but would act as his No. 1 support group.

If and when Roy's condition should progress into AIDS, I feel his daughters need to be there supporting him, not left out of the loop. I can't even begin to imagine how I could keep something like that a secret. What can I do? -- **CAN'T DECIDE IN TEXAS**

**DEAR CAN'T DECIDE:** For the time being, keep your husband's condition confidential. If and when his condition progresses into AIDS, revisit the question with him. At that time, I agree with you that your daughters should be told -- and he should be the one to do it. However, it is your husband's life and your husband's death, and his wishes should prevail.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have a friend I love dearly, but she does something that's driving a wedge between us. She copies everything about me -- from my perfume to my hairstyle to my jewelry. I have always tried to have my own style, something that sets me apart from others, and to have my best friend copy me makes me furious. When we go to trade shows we look like Tweedledee and Tweedledum, and it's embarrassing.

I don't want to hurt her feelings, but I don't like it. People are starting to make fun of her behind her back. How can I communicate to her that she needs to find her own sense of self? -- **CARBON-COPIED IN SANTA MARIA**

**DEAR CARBON-COPIED:** I have received questions on the subject before. What your friend is doing can be very annoying, and friendships have ended over it. So speak up before it escalates.

Schedule a get-together with her someplace where you can talk privately and frankly. Tell her you realize that imitation is a form of flattery, but that she's making you uncomfortable, and people are beginning to notice and comment. Then cross your fingers and hope she complies -- because there is no guarantee she will.

**DEAR ABBY:** My brother "Ralph" recently became engaged. He relied on my mother to tell the rest of us (his siblings) his good news.

Ralph was wondering why nobody called to congratulate him the minute we heard. I say he should have been the one making the phone calls and telling us himself instead of Mother. It isn't like we have a lot of siblings. There are only four of us, including Ralph. Because we disagree on the proper etiquette, I told him I'd write you to find out what that is. -- **UPSET SISTER, BRIDGEWATER, MASS.**

**DEAR UPSET SISTER:** Let me guess what has been going on in your family for years -- your mother has been the family message center. If I'm right, then when Ralph told Mama, he expected her to spread the news.

A message to all of you: Mama isn't going to be here forever. So open the lines of communication and start speaking up for yourselves NOW. Not only will it bring you closer, it will prevent misunderstandings in the future.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

## For Better Or Worse



## Zits



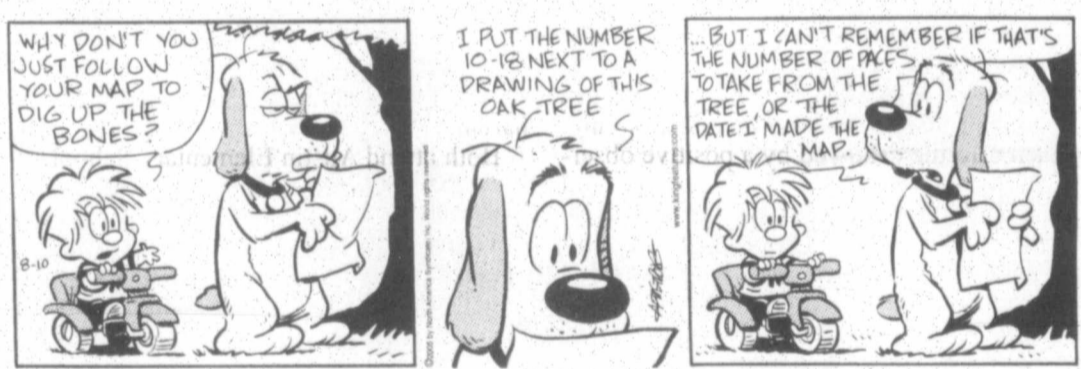
## Garfield



## Beetle Bailey



## Marvin



## Crossword Puzzle

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 5 Gravy morsel
- 11 Sharpen film
- 12 Reading blogs, e.g.
- 13 Smidgen
- 14 Prepared the hook
- 15 Extreme
- 16 Producer Joseph
- 17 Practice piece
- 19 Mischief maker
- 22 Quarrel
- 24 Domingo, for one
- 26 Language test
- 27 Concerning
- 28 Sea sight
- 30 Stable worker
- 31 Cunning
- 32 "Bye Bye Bye" band
- 34 Jeans feature
- 35 "— your loss!"
- 38 Pad
- 41 Sub's cousin
- 42 Burning
- 43 Singer Redding
- 44 Brought in
- 45 Clerical error

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UNION	TAUNT
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#### Yesterday's answer

- 20 Lorre role
- 21 School event
- 22 Theater units
- 23 River to the Caspian
- 25 Pull in
- 29 Allergy symptom
- 30 Workout site
- 33 Full
- 34 Chair piece
- 36 Journey
- 37 Fair
- 38 Basker's acquisition
- 39 Presidential nickname
- 40 Diner order
- 41 All the rage

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## Marmaduke



## The Family Circus

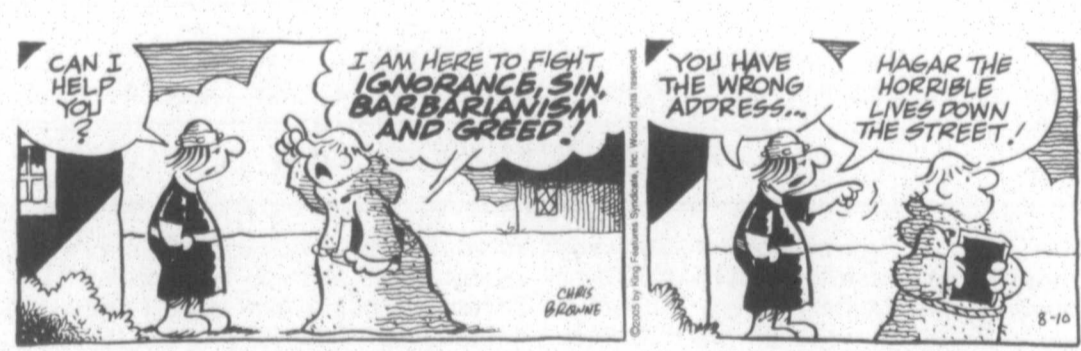
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## Haggar The Horrible



## Peanuts



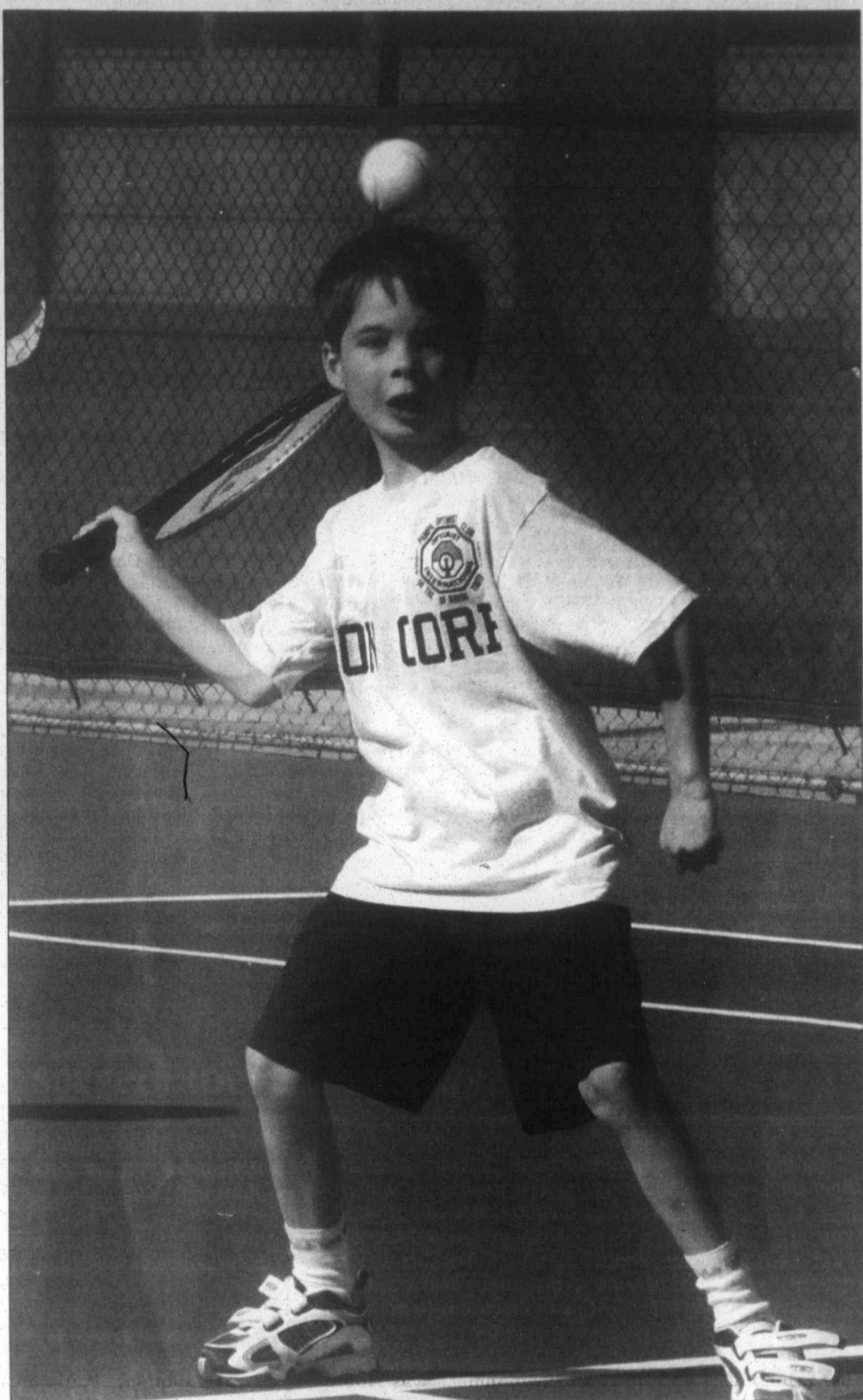
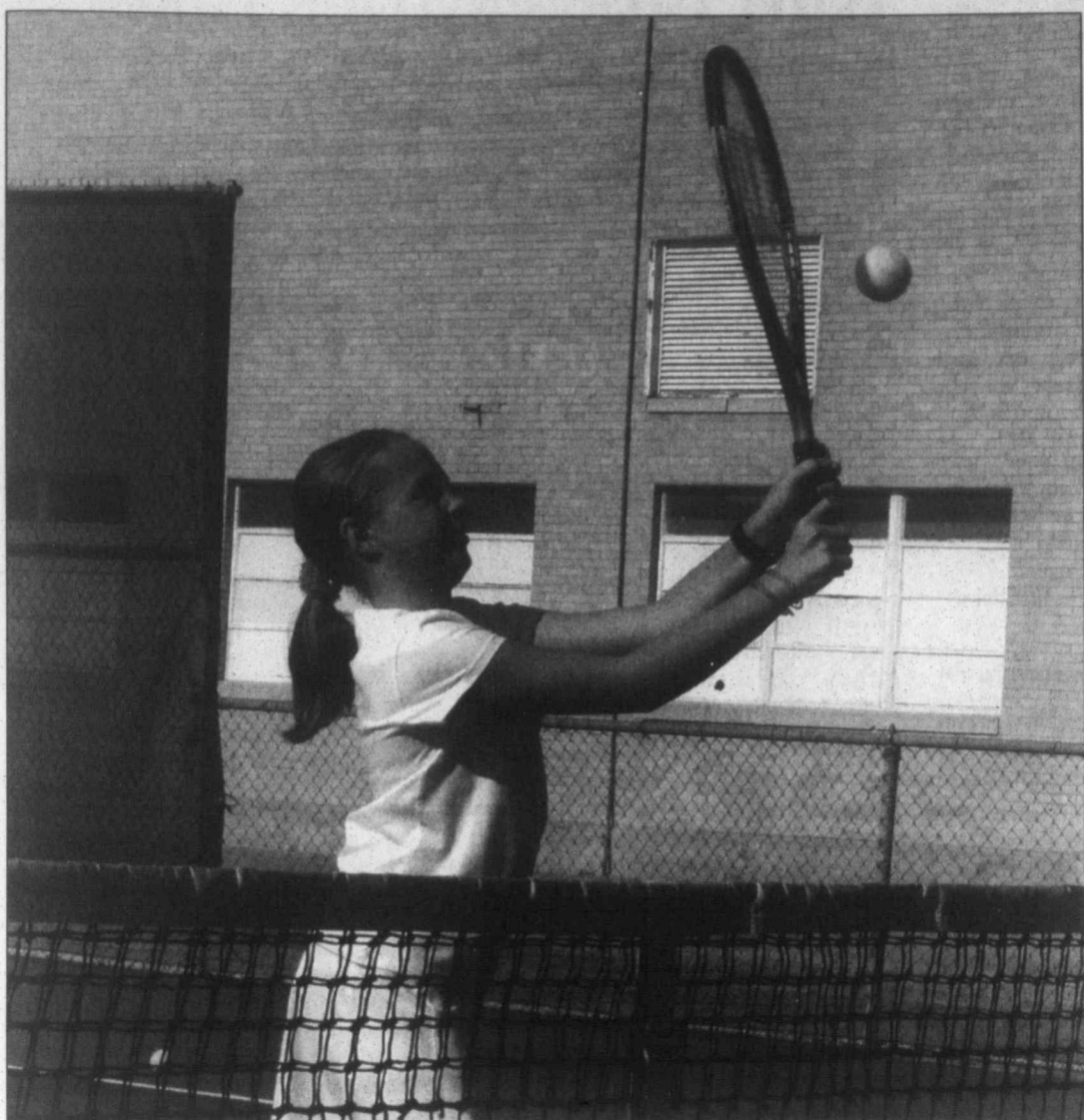
## Blondie



## Flo & Friends



# Sports Day



Pampa News photos by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Kate Ellis (above) works on her forehand while brother Matthew (right) prepares to fire a return to instructor McKinley Quisenberry this morning.

## Tennis is an Ellis family affair

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

She's 10 years old. He is 8. And both are as bright as they are athletic.

Kate and Matthew Ellis spent some time this morning on the Pampa High School tennis courts with instructor McKinley Quisenberry.

"You must have grown some over the summer," remarked Quisenberry as she served some soft shots to the elder sibling. Each offering followed by a positive obser-

vation like, "That was a great hit Kate."

While his sister worked on forehand and backhand returns, Matthew Ellis cruised the court for stray tennis balls.

Asked what he liked about tennis, the younger Ellis said, "I dunno. It's athletic." His most interesting response came when asked what he wanted to be when he grew up. "A paleontologist."

Sister Kate, who also appreciates tennis for its athletic qualities, wants to be a veterinarian.

Both attend Austin Elementary School.

## Lewis back with Baltimore

WESTMINSTER, Md. (AP) — Jamal Lewis is back at Baltimore Ravens' training camp after four months in a federal prison and two months in a halfway house following his guilty plea to charges he used a cell phone in 2000 to arrange a drug deal for a friend.

Except for a tender right ankle, Lewis is in excellent condition. He weighs around 240 pounds, about five pounds less than his listed weight in the media guide, and appears fit enough to plow through a couple linebackers.

Lewis is expected to put on pads, and practice with the Ravens for the first time on Wednesday. After running on his own, he spoke for 12 minutes in front of a half-dozen TV cameras and more than a dozen microphones.

### WATSON DEBUT

## Nationals 6, Astros 5

HOUSTON (AP) — Brandon Watson homered and doubled in his major league debut and the slumping Washington Nationals started a pivotal road trip with a 6-5 win over the Houston Astros on Tuesday night.

Brad Wilkerson, Brian Schneider and Vinny Castilla also homered for the Nationals, who snapped a 13-game losing streak in one-run games.

Washington began its 13-game road trip with the least explosive offense in baseball — a major league worst .252 batting average and 77 home runs. But the Nationals went deep four times Tuesday for the first time this season to win their first one-run decision since July 8.

Morgan Ensberg homered twice for the Astros, who lead the Nationals by one game in the NL wild-card race.

John Patterson earned the win despite allowing five runs in 5 2-3 innings, and Chad Cordero got the final three outs in the ninth for his major league-leading 37th save.

The win snapped a three-game slide for the Nationals, who have lost 17 of their 24 games since July 14.

Watson, who started in left field, was brought up from Triple-A New Orleans on Monday in an effort to spark the Nationals' offense. The rookie's first hit was a ground-rule double in the third that dropped inside the right-field line and bounced into the stands. He later scored on a Castilla groundout.

Watson hit a two-out, solo homer his next at-bat in the fourth for a 5-1 Washington lead. The opposite-field blast barely cleared the left-field wall.

Watson's homer came two batters after Brian Schneider hit his eighth of the season. Schneider, who also singled, showed no signs of the ailing right shoulder that kept him out of the lineup the previous four games.

## Kenny Rogers reinstated by arbitrator

NEW YORK (AP) — The Texas Rangers wasted no time getting Kenny Rogers back into the rotation.

Rogers was penciled in to start against the Boston Red Sox on Wednesday, one day after his suspension for shoving two cameramen was trimmed from 20 games to 13 by an arbitrator who ruled that commissioner Bud Selig went too far.

"He's our ace. For him to be back is a huge boost for us," first baseman Mark Teixeira said after the Rangers lost to Boston 8-7 in 10 innings Tuesday night. "Unfortunately, he can only pitch one out of every five days."

Arbitrator Shyam Das also ruled Tuesday that Rogers' \$50,000 fine will be converted to a charitable contribution. The ruling followed a hearing Monday in Chicago.

"We always thought it was out of line," players' union head Donald Fehr said. "Were we surprised? No."

Said Selig: "I strongly disagree with arbitrator Das' decision today. It sends the wrong message to every one of our constituents: the fans, the media, and our players."

"There is a standard of behavior that is expected of our players, which was breached in this case."

"The arbitrator's decision diminishes that standard and is contrary to the terms of the collective bargaining agreement. In my opinion, the decision is seriously ill-conceived," he said in a statement.

Das' decision closes the case. "In a lot of our minds, hopefully this is the last piece of putting it behind us," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said.

Rogers was not at Fenway Park for Tuesday night's game. But Showalter said he wasn't concerned that the long layoff would hamper Rogers on Wednesday.

"I think he's dealt with it real well, all things considered," Showalter said. "And it's time to move on and get the focus back on getting people out."

Rogers was penalized for a videotaped tirade June 29 when he came onto the field in Texas for pregame stretching and threw a camera to the ground, kicked it and threatened to do more damage.

*'Whatever time that Kenny served, I hope that he's been able to address whatever issues he had with whomever he had, and use the time productively.'*

— Larry Rodriguez  
Cameraman, KDFW-TV

One of the cameramen he shoved, Larry Rodriguez of KDFW-TV, was treated at a hospital.

"Whatever time that Kenny served, I hope that he's been able to address whatever issues he had with whomever he had, and use the time productively," Rodriguez said.

"I am surprised that the arbitrator overruled the commissioner's decision."

KDFW news director Maria Barrs said Rodriguez was still going through medical treatment and had yet to resume his duties with the station.

Rogers turned himself in to police in Arlington, Texas, on misdemeanor assault charges and posted a \$1,500 bond.

He also apologized to the cameramen and fans for his behavior.

As part of the ruling, Das said the games Rogers missed could be taken into account if the pitcher falls short of any incentive clauses in his contract.

Union general counsel Michael Weiner said Das made an "expedited ruling" because Rogers' suspension was in effect.

The union originally appealed the penalty to Selig, then filed a grievance and argued that the commissioner broke precedent.

In recent times, baseball disciplinarian Bob Watson imposed penalties and another official in the commissioner's office heard the appeals. In Rogers' case, Selig both issued the penalty and heard the appeal.

Rogers' suspension was among the harshest penalties imposed by the commissioner's office for on-field conduct.

Only the 30-day penalty given Cincinnati manager Pete Rose in 1988 for pushing umpire Dave Pallone was longer.

Rogers is 11-4 with a 2.77 ERA for the Rangers, who are in the AL wild-card race. He relieved in the All-Star game on July 12 at Comerica Park and was booed by fans in Detroit.

Fox Sports Net Southwest cameraman David Mammeli also was shoved by Rogers, but was not injured. "We choose not to comment at this time," station spokeswoman Kristi Roberts said.

"He did what he did. There are consequences, he paid his price. Now he's ready to get back," Cincinnati first baseman Sean Casey said after the Reds' 8-3 win over Chicago on Tuesday.

"A suspension like that when you have 20 games, it's good to have somebody come in and say if that's fair or not," he said.

## Ex-Baylor assistant coach sues attorney over secret tapes

WACO, Texas (AP) — A former Baylor University assistant basketball coach is suing an attorney, claiming she did not have his permission to release his secret tape recordings of Dave Bliss that revealed the former head coach's scheme to cover up NCAA violations.

Abar Rouse, now an assistant coach at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, alleges that Waco attorney LaNelle McNamara violated their attorney-client relationship by giving copies of Rouse's tapes to the Fort Worth

Star-Telegram in 2003.

The malpractice lawsuit filed Friday in district court in McLennan County seeks at least \$1.5 million in damages. Rouse alleges that McNamara engaged in deceptive trade practices and acted negligently.

McNamara declined to comment on the lawsuit but said that just because "allegations are made doesn't mean that they are true."

## Correction

In yesterday's Sports Day, Pampa Junior High School football equipment check-out times were incorrectly given.

The correct times for check-out Friday at the boy's gym are eighth grade at 8:30 a.m. and seventh grade at 10 a.m. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.







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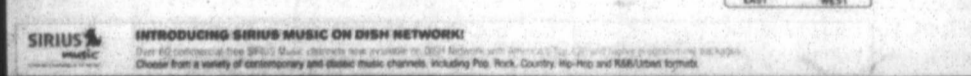


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