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City lets bid for incubator project

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

The City of Pampa is one step closer to having a business incubator.

Pampa City Commission Tuesday approved a bid by B&G Electric, a Pampa company, for \$124,815 to remodel the old U.S. Bus Building at 822 E. Foster for a business incubator and a new home for CentraMedia.

Total cost of the project, according to Richard Morris, Pampa's director of public works, will be about \$140,000.

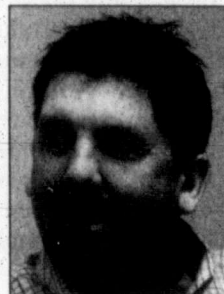
"It's quite a large project," Morris told the commission at their Tuesday afternoon meeting.

The remodeling includes partitions, space heaters, refurbishing two bathrooms and adding a third. The project covers 8,000 square feet.

Based on the size of the building, Morris said it would cost about \$15 a square foot.

"That's not too hefty a price," Morris said.

"This is a good thing," Mayor Lonny Robbins said.



Boring

The city has already received a \$25,000 grant toward the project and is expecting another \$25,000. The city will have to make up the difference.

Commissioner Ray Boring suggested using Pampa Economic Development Corporation money that will continue to come in through this summer. Although the PEDC has been dissolved, the sale tax money dedicated to it will continue to flow through the end

of the quarter.

City Attorney Don Lane said that the money would go into the general fund and could be used to refurbish the metal building the city plans to turn into a business incubator.

City Manager John Horst pointed out that the city had accumulated some \$53,000 in rent from McCarty-Hull, which had been leasing part of the building from the city for a warehouse.

Earlier in meeting, Jim Sealy with CentraMedia had talked with the commission about moving his busi-

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Guardian reports to be ready by May 1

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

The City of Pampa is still waiting for quarterly financial reports from Guardian EMS Ambulance Service's home office in Bryan, although Rick Powell, owner of the ambulance service, said in a telephone interview Tuesday that he expected to have the reports completed and received in Pampa before May 1.

"They'll have them before the first of next month," Powell said.

The quarterly financial report is included in the contract between the ambulance service and the city, said City Manager John

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Limo ride for top cookie sellers

During the recent Girl Scout cookie sale, Brownie Troop 221 set a goal for each girl. Any Brownie selling more than 200 boxes of cookies would receive a ride in a limousine. Five Brownies from the troop met their goal and were honored with a ride around Pampa in a Super Stretch Excursion from Sky Limousine Service and Gayla Ridgion of Pampa. Pictured from left are Carson, Alyssa, Brian from Sky Limo, Alexis, Kassie, and Katanna. Kassie Jerome sold 600 boxes of cookies. Troop Leader Linda Bodie and Assistant Leader Angie Jerome said they are proud of all of the girls.

Board hopefuls answer queries

Editor's Note: This is the second part of The Pampa News' report of a school board candidate forum conducted Monday night by the Pampa Classroom Teachers Association at Pampa Junior High School.

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Editor

Candidates for the Pampa Independent School District's Board of Education responded to questions prepared by the Pampa Classroom Teachers Association, that covered a variety of public education

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Miller: Time for a change in leadership

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Some people talk about doing something with old buildings and abandoned houses in Pampa. Lana Miller is working at it.

Six months ago, she and her husband bought a house, a fixer-upper, she said, on West Street.

"It's an older house that needs a lot of TLC," Miller said.

In addition to working on the house, she's been working in the yard there, as well as her own yard at home at 1220 E. Kingsmill.

They've spent six months working on it, she said, and probably have another two years of work to do. After that, she said, she doesn't know what they'll do with it.

"We may sell it," Miller said. It has come in handy, she admitted. Not long ago, the water and sewer line in her neighborhood col-

lapsed. "We didn't even have hot water," she said. "We didn't have any water."

Her family moved into the house they had been working on until the problems at their home could be fixed.

Miller said her interest in Pampa's

Born Lana Morrison in 1969 in Beaver, Okla., she grew up in Woodward, married her high school sweetheart, Kelly Miller, and moved to Pampa.

"We have very strong roots in Pampa," Miller said.

After graduating from Woodward High School in 1988, Lana went to work in banking and Kelly worked in the oil patch.

When her husband's grandfather, Gene Gates of Pampa, died, Kelly and Lana bought the family dry cleaning business from his grandmother, Scottie Gates, and moved to Pampa.

"Both his grandparents lived in Pampa," Lana Miller said of her husband.

His other grandparents are Homer

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aging infrastructure is based on first hand knowledge.

Miller is running for city commissioner for Ward 3, against incumbent Robert Dixon.

"It is time for a change," Miller said. "We need positive and exciting leadership."

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Lana Miller

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Obituaries

Gerald Talley 'Jerry' Kerbow

Gerald Talley "Jerry" Kerbow, died April 17, 2005 after a sudden illness. He was born in Dallas on January 19, 1926, the youngest of three children of Helen A. Talley Kerbow and H. Guy Kerbow. He spent his elementary school years in Clarendon and moved to Pampa, TX in 1938, where he attended junior and senior high schools, and played on the Pampa High Harvester football teams of '41-'43. Even though he played center, he called all the plays and was chosen All-District center. Jerry sang in the a cappella choir and won the Golden Glove in his weight class in intramural boxing. He was Student Council President his senior year and graduated early to enlist in the Army in December, 1943.

the Mechanical Contractor's Association of Texas. He was a member of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers, the Houston Engineering and Scientific Society, the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers and the American Sub-Contractors Association. He served on the Plumbing Review Boards of the City of Houston and the City of West University Place.

Jerry participated in the Army Specialized Training Program at Texas Tech. He went to Fort Bliss in El Paso for basic training and was accepted for Officer Candidate School for the Infantry at Fort Benning, GA and was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant, Infantry in February, 1945. At Camp Blanding, Fla., he trained infantry replacement troops. In May, 1945 he was involved in a training accident and was hospitalized for three months. Upon recuperating, he was sent to the West Coast to ship out to the Pacific but while en route, the war ended and his ship sailed directly to Japan where he spent a year in the occupational army. Jerry's military service ended with his honorable discharge as a 1st Lieutenant in December, 1946.

Jerry retired in 1988. His devotion to his beloved Ditty and family was total and complete. He was always generous with his time and talents. He enjoyed his retirement years playing golf and taking trips around the world with Ditty. His life was enriched by a multitude of wonderful friends. He was a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church and Braeburn Country Club.



Kerbow

Jerry graduated in 1950 from Texas Tech with a B.S. in Industrial Engineering. He was elected to membership in Tau Beta Pi, an engineering honor society. At Tech, he met his beautiful wife, Ditty, and they married in December, 1948. Jerry was initiated into the Wrangler fraternity while at Tech and the bonds formed from that association remain strong.

Jerry is preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Harry Kerbow. He is survived by his loving wife, Wanda Sue "Ditty" Humphrey Kerbow; son, David Humphrey Kerbow and his wife Nellie Cannon Kerbow; daughters, Lisa Kerbow Hood and her husband Michael Jay Hood; Sally Kerbow Broilier; Jill Kerbow Imhoff and her husband Royce Garfield Imhoff II; and Amy Kerbow Sedano and her husband Juan Antonio Sedano, all of Houston; his sister Jane Kerbow Benton, of Pampa; his sister-in-law Catherine Brown Kerbow of Houston; seven grandchildren, Jeffrey Craig Kerbow, Kevin Michael Kerbow, Kimberly Anne Kerbow, all of Colorado Springs; Clayton Gerald Broilier, Matthew Sydnor Broilier, Richard Rowan Hood and Christen Rachel Hood, all of Houston; a great-grandchild Emilia Brooke Kerbow Johnson, of Colorado Springs and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Friends were invited to visit with the family from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20, 2005, at The Settegast-Kopf Co. Funeral Directors in Houston. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 21, 2005 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Houston and were officiated by Reverend Bill Stell and Jerry's niece, Reverend Suzanne Benton Cate. Interment followed at Glenwood Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers were his grandsons and sons-in-law.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 3471 Westheimer, Houston, TX 77027, the Salvation Army, 1500 Austin St., Houston, TX 77002, or to the charity of your choice.

After graduation, Jerry and Ditty moved to Houston where Jerry was employed by The Trane Company. In 1959, Jerry was named manager of the Houston office and served in that capacity until the early 1960's, when he partnered with James M. Simmons to form Kerbow-Simmons, Inc., a mechanical contracting company. The company performed plumbing, heating, air conditioning and piping work for commercial and institutional clients.

Jerry was twice elected president of the Mechanical Contractor's Association of Houston and served one term as president of

Blanche Marie Chisum Powers, 87

WHITE DEER — Blanche Marie Chisum Powers, 87, of White Deer, Texas, died Monday, April 25, 2005, at Panhandle, Texas.

Survivors include one son, Lewis Powers and wife Tommie Kay of Panhandle; one daughter, Glenda Ruthardt McCullough and husband Steve of Amarillo; two brothers, Adrian Chisum and wife Pat of Mount Pleasant and Calvin Chisum and wife Donna of Battle Mountain, Nev.; five grandchildren, Trena Ruthardt Beckman, and Darren and Buffy Ruthardt, all of Amarillo, Lewetta and Robert Hefley of Texline, Kevin and Jowannah Powers of Panhandle, and Kelly and Tad Smith of Pampa; 10 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.



Powers

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 28, 2005, at Carmichael-Whitely Colonial Chapel in Pampa with the Rev. Darrell Burton, Odyssey Hospice Chaplain of Amarillo, and the Rev. Jeff Metzler, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Panhandle, officiating.

The family requests memorials be to Odyssey Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX 79101; or St. Ann's Nursing Home, P.O. Box 1179, Panhandle, TX 79068.

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

Mrs. Powers was born Oct. 13, 1917, in Miami, to Archie Walter and Alta Mae Chisum, and was reared near Miami. She married Robert Paul Powers on June 28, 1936, in Canadian. He preceded her in death in January of 2001.

She had been a resident of White Deer since 1940. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of White Deer and the White Deer Senior Citizens Center.

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

Services tomorrow

POWERS, Blanche Marie Chisum — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whitely Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents today.

Tuesday, April 26

Fourteen traffic stops were made. A vehicle accident was reported in the 2100 block of North Hobart.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2200 block of North Wells.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1100 block of Crane Road. A back window was broken.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2100 block of North Christy. A window valued at \$200 was shot out.

Criminal mischief was reported at the intersection of Kingsmill and Marie streets concerning graffiti.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported in the 2200 block of North Wells and the 1600 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct/fighting was reported in the 1600 block of North Nelson.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 800 block of Barnes.

An animal complaint was received from the 900 block of Christine concerning two dogs.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 300 block of Perry.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 800 block of Craven. No injuries were reported.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 400 block of South Houston and the 1300 block of North Russell.

Harassment was reported in the 300 block of South Cuyler.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart and the intersection of Kentucky and Duncan streets.

A suspicious vehicle was reported from the 400 block of North Christy.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1200 block of East Francis.

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

Theft from a vehicle was reported in the 1600 block of Frederic. Alcohol valued at \$90 was taken.

Warrant service was attempted at one location.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered at the intersection of Highway 60 and

Ash, and the 300 block of West McCullough.

Welfare checks were conducted in the 100 block of West 30th and the intersection of Rham and Wells streets.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 2100 block of Dogwood.

Domestic assault was reported by a second party in the 700 block of North Wells. Minor injuries were reported.

Sheriff

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

Tuesday, April 26

Alicia Caviness, 26, 716 N. Christy, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana.

Josie Granados, 28, 329 N. Wells, was arrested for no driver's license, no insurance, no vehicle inspection, and no license tag.

Fire

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

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12:47 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a LifeStar medical helicopter standby at One Medical Plaza.

Ambulance

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

Tuesday, April 26

8:49 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

9:39 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1500 block of Coffee and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:44 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 700 block of North Wells. No transport.

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2:42 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Baten prison unit and transported a patient to PRMC.

Gray County Weather

Today: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before noon.

Partly cloudy, with a high near 78. East wind 10 to 20 mph becoming south.

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 46. Southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 70. West northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low near 48. West southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north.

Friday: Partly cloudy,

with a high near 70. West northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 46. South southwest wind around 10 mph becoming north northwest.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 66. Northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: A slight chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 42. East wind 10 to 15 mph becoming south. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Sunday: Partly cloudy,

with a high around 66. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high around 72.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 50.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 72.

Durable goods orders down in March

WASHINGTON (AP) — Orders to U.S. factories for big-ticket manufactured goods plunged 2.8 percent in March, the biggest setback in 2 1/2 years and the third straight decline, the Commerce Department said Wednesday.

The March drop, showing much more weakness than had been expected, followed declines of 0.2 percent in February and 1.2 percent in January. It left new orders for durable goods, everything from bicycles to battleships, at a seasonally adjusted \$194.03 billion in February.

The weakness in durable goods orders was just the latest evidence that the economy may be entering another "soft patch" as consumers and businesses, jolted by a sharp increase in energy prices, cut back on their purchases.

The 2.8 percent drop in overall orders was the biggest decline since a 6 percent plunge in September 2002. It was a far worse performance than analysts had expected. They had been forecasting that orders would rise by a modest 0.3 percent after an originally reported increase of 0.5 percent in February.

Stocks

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

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Corn	3.98	MCD	29.92 -0.08
Soybeans	5.56	Atmos	25.94 -0.35
		Pioneer Nat	42.94 -0.58
		JCP	47.12 -0.44
		COP	106.83 +0.08
		SLB	69.74 -0.28
		Tenneco	13.26 -0.40
		CVX	53.19 -0.43
		Wal-Mart	46.88 -0.12
		OKE	29.42 -0.13
		NS GRP	29.67 -0.49

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

OXY	70.50 -1.42	New York Gold	437.20
BP PLC ADR	.6153 +0.09	Silver	7.23
Cabot Corp	.3067 -0.33	West Texas Crude	54.20
Cabot Oil Gas	31.93 -0.72		
Coca Cola	42.65 -0.31		
VLO	71.45 -1.80		
HAL	43.65 -0.53		
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KMI	75.42 -0.88		
XCEL	17.14 -0.28		

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Police to teach bicycle safety class

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

A free bicycle safety class sponsored by Pampa Police Department and Modern Woodmen of America will be held from 10 a.m. to about 3 p.m., Saturday, April 30, in the Pampa Mall parking lot on North Perryton Parkway. Police department officers will instruct the course. The day's events will include a quiz, an obstacle course, bicycle inspection, and registration of bicycles, including serial numbers and owner information, said Officer Donny Brown of the depart-

ment's community services division.

"Modern Woodmen's Bicycle Safety Program is divided into two parts. The classroom version teaches participants to properly care for their bikes and reviews rules of the road and safety tips.

"Afterward, students take a quiz on traffic safety and receive a helmet decal to take home," Brown said.

The rodeo/obstacle course

portion of the program tests participants on their riding skills after their bicycles are inspected for safety. Those who complete this part of the course receive a spoke reflector to take home.

"The program helps lessen the chance of accidents by helping children of all ages learn the rules of the road..."

— Donnie Brown
Pampa Police Dept.

No age limits have been set on those wishing to attend the safety course.

Hamburgers and hot dogs will be available during the event, Brown said.

Modern Woodmen of America was founded in 1883 as a fraternal benefit society. Today, the organization offers financial services and fraternal member benefits to individuals and families throughout the United States.

Volunteers are needed to help with the riding courses, Brown said. Materials are available for up to 400 participants, he said.

For more information on Saturday's bicycle safety course, Brown at 669-5700.

Parks board to meet Thursday

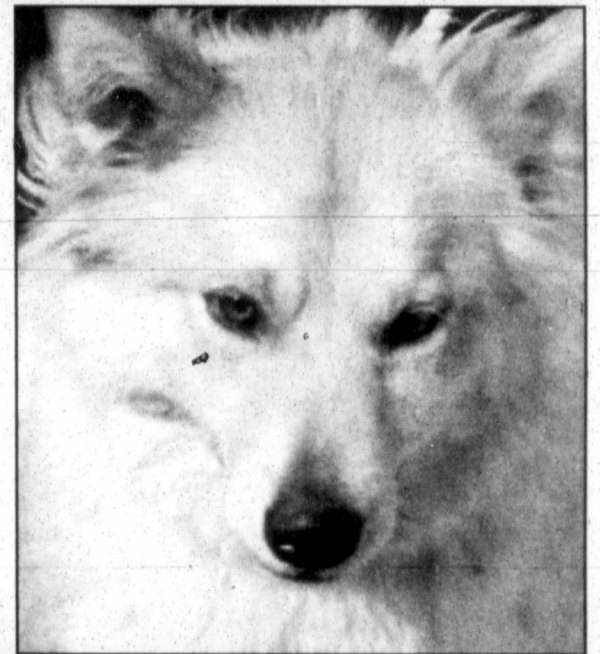
Pampa Parks, Recreation and Auditorium Advisory Board will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday, April 28 in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium.

Officers will be elected. Items on the agenda include a water bill donation fund review, a skate park event, auditorium policies on smoking, insurance and security, and a tour of the auditorium.

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ness out to the old U.S. Bus Building and sharing the space with the business incubator in exchange for internet services and support for the incubator.

Sealy said that CentraMedia had grown rapidly and needed to expand its operation. He said they would retain their offices downtown but would move their services center to the old U.S. Bus Building.

Robbins said he hoped it would be the beginning of a good partnership between

Sealy's company and the city.

CentraMedia would pay for their remodeling, including electricity and wiring.

"It sounds like a good thing," Commissioner Robert Dixon said.

In other business, the commission approved an agreement with Gray County concerning the 2005 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant program.

Pampa Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner told the com-

mission that the police department had been particularly fortunate this year in gaining several law enforcement grants. The Byrne Justice Assistance Grant is a shared jurisdiction grant, Pitner said, with the county.

"I'm going to give our portion of the grant to the county," Pitner said.

The \$11,450 grant would normally be split between the county and the city with each getting \$5,725, but Pitner said that keeping the

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Pitner

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issues. Incumbent Lance DeFever is running unopposed for Place 2, his spot on the board. Local CPA Kenneth Cargill and Dana Terry, travel agency owner, have both filed for Place 3, Dr. Jay Johnson's board seat. Johnson chose not to run for another term. Incumbent John Curry faces Derrell DeLoach in the race for Place 1 on the school board.

All three positions are for four-year terms.

Following are more questions asked by PCTA members, as well as questions posed by the audience, and a brief synopsis of the candidates' responses.

5. How would you as a school board member address a particular concern that a teacher shared with you?

All candidates agreed that they would encourage the teacher to follow the "chain of command" in reporting a concern.

Curry pointed out that the

school board works with one person, the superintendent. He said a board member should "file concerns together" in case there's a trend that should be addressed by the board.

DeFever said that he is a "firm believer" in the chain of command, because "ultimately," the board may have to make an objective decision about the matter.

Cargill said he would listen and if the problem warrants it, he might discuss the matter with the board presi-

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Reports

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Horst Tuesday. "The agreement with the city says they're supposed to turn in a report every quarter," he said.

Horst said that as of yesterday afternoon, no reports had been received by the city from Guardian EMS.

"To be honest with you, we should have had this resolved a long time ago. We forgot to do it," Powell said.

Pampa is the only customer asking for the quarterly financial reports in a contract with Guardian EMS,

which also provides ambulance service to Bryan, Madisonville, Huntsville and Hearne, Powell said.

"We haven't had a contract that requires quarterly financial reports to anyone before. So we've had to set up a new program through a third-party software vendor to separate out Pampa's information in order to generate a report," Powell said. The ambulance service

uses Ambulance Information Management software by RAM Software, who is creating the new program to generate the Pampa reports, Powell said.

"We've actually gotten the (Pampa) information back from the software company. There are no problems there. We're going to comply with the contract completely," he said.

Horst had reported to city

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"We're going to comply with the contract completely."

— Rick Powell
Guardian EMS owner

Miller

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and Joyce Miller. "Homer was really involved in the Optimist Club," Miller said, "and Joyce worked out at Cabot forever."

Even with the family ties, Kelly and Lana Miller's move to Pampa wasn't a snap decision.

Miller said they came over from Woodward and looked around well before

they decided to move.

What sold them, she said, was that Pampa had the idyllic small town atmosphere in which they wanted to raise their family.

Since arriving in Pampa six years ago, Miller has been active in the community.

Miller is a member of the Junior Service League, Lion's Club, the Pampa Independent School District Decision and Planning Team, and the Pampa Regional Medical Center's Women's Advisory Council.

Miller has made several television and radio commercials and appeared in print advertisements for the hospital.

She's also involved in her kids' activities at Wilson School and in the Optimist's Club sports program. Miller has three daughters and a step daughter. Three of them go to Wilson. The fourth, 18-months old, will probably be going to Wilson soon enough, Miller laughed.

"I want to make Pampa a

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Viewpoints

Proactive approach vs. a reactive approach

Since last month's deadly school shooting in Red Lake, Minn., there has been a lot of debate about school programs that offer rewards to students for information about drugs, vandalism, or guns in school. The first student Crime Stoppers program began in Boulder, Colo., in 1983 and there are now more than 2,000 programs that exist in high schools and colleges across the country.

Most schools offer a phone number to report stu-

dents who carry drugs, guns, or violate other school rules. Officials know that it is difficult for kids of this age to turn in their peers. In response to this, some programs are offering cash rewards and gift certificates as a way to reward students for becoming proactive in their school safety program.

Critics say that this will create an environment of distrust and could turn students against each other. I believe these programs are

worth having in place for a couple of reasons. I like the idea of taking a proactive approach instead of a reactive approach. Yes, I think that if a student is carrying drugs or a gun in school, then a student should inform the appropriate people without counting on a reward. However, not all people think that way and

Sean Smith
Publisher

having a confidential way or a pay for information system is better than being the most recent school tragedy news.

The existence of a Crime Stoppers program at a school does not mean there is a drug, gun, or vandalism problem. I believe that it means the administration, teachers, parents, and stu-

dents care enough about their school and their community to take a proactive approach towards their school environment. Used correctly these programs can be a way to teach responsibility and reduce the incidents on campus. In addition to fewer incidents, hopefully there are fewer legal problems for schools and school boards and even lower insurance costs.

The hope is that these programs teach civic responsibility, character

development, and promote school spirit and pride in their campus community.

As parents and citizens, we should want to give these students all of the tools possible not only to succeed, but also to do so in an environment conducive towards learning.

School safety has become an emotional issue and I believe we owe it to the children, the future, to continue efforts providing the safest learning environment possible.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, April 27, the 117th day of 2005. There are 248 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Two hundred years ago, on April 27, 1805, during the First Barbary War, an American-led force of Marines and mercenaries captured the city of Derna, on the shores of Tripoli.

On this date:

In 1509, Pope Julius II excommunicated the Italian state of Venice. (The pope lifted the excommunication in February 1510.)

In 1521, Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan was killed by natives in the Philippines.

In 1822, the 18th president of the United States, Ulysses S. Grant, was born in Point Pleasant, Ohio.

In 1865, the steamer "Sultana" exploded on the Mississippi River near Memphis, Tenn., killing more than 1,400 Union prisoners of war.

In 1937, the nation's first Social Security checks were distributed.

'Everyone is a prisoner of his own experiences. No one can eliminate prejudices — just recognize them.'

— Edward R. Murrow
American broadcast journalist (1908-1965)

In 1965, broadcast journalist Edward R. Murrow died in Pawling, N.Y., at age 57.

In 1967, Expo '67 was officially opened in Montreal by Canadian Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson.

In 1973, during the Watergate scandal, Acting FBI Director L. Patrick Gray resigned.

In 1978, convicted Watergate defendant John D. Ehrlichman was released from an Arizona prison after serving 18 months.

In 1994, former President Richard M. Nixon was remembered at an outdoor funeral service attended by all five of his successors at the Nixon presidential library in Yorba Linda, Calif.

Ten years ago: Former Orange County, Calif., Treasurer Robert Citron pleaded guilty to six counts of defrauding investors in the Orange County investment pool.

Five years ago: New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani disclosed that he had prostate cancer (he later bowed out of the U.S. Senate race against Hillary Rodham Clinton).

One year ago: Iraqi police moved into the streets of the besieged city of Fallujah following hours of pounding by U.S. warplanes and artillery on Sunni insurgents. Republican Sen. Arlen Specter, of Pennsylvania, beat back a tough primary threat, barely defeating conservative congressman Pat Toomey.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Jack Klugman is 83. Civil rights activist Coretta Scott King is 78. Actress Anouk Aimee is 73. Announcer Casey Kasem is 73. Broadcast journalist Phil Jones is 68. Actress Judy Carne is 66. Opera singer Judith Blegen is 64. R&B singer Cuba Gooding is 61. Singer Ann Peebles is 58. Rock singer Kate Pierson (The B-52's) is 57. R&B singer Herbie Murrell (The Stylistics) is 56. Actor Douglas Sheehan is 56. Rock musician Ace Frehley is 54.

WHY WASN'T I TOLD HE WAS ABUSIVE TO HIS SUBORDINATES?!



Take interest in government, go vote

I have always been an avid patriot who prided myself on taking an active interest in our government. That is why I am so embarrassed about the upcoming city and school board election.

Even though I am finally the proper voting age, 18, I will not be able to cast my ballot in the May 7 election. The reason for this is because I missed the deadline to register to vote for this election.

When I found out this disturbing news, it came as such a shock to me that I had to retrace my democratic steps back to my 18th birthday in February to see how I could have let this happen.

For the past few years, I had been under the impression that when you turn 18

and renew your driver's license you just check the box right next to selective service and you are automatically a voter. It was never explained to me that this was only to send the paperwork to your home address so that you could fill it out in order to become a voter.

It was not until about two weeks ago when I was telling one of my friend's parents about how happy I was to be voting for the first time on May 7 that I realized that registering to vote was not just checking the box. The parent asked me face-

tiously if I had been showing my voter's registration card off to other high schoolers in order to taunt my other friends who will not be old enough to vote. That is when I shamefully asked, "What card?"

The day after my revelation I went to the courthouse

as soon as possible to register. I had just missed the deadline by a few days. I was crushed. After 18 years of anticipation, my ignorance about the election process, something I always have felt I have had a good grasp of, is keeping me from realizing what it feels like to

be an active member of a representative democracy.

While it may be too late for my first ballot to be cast in Pampa, I am speaking out in order to keep this from happening to others my age.

Perhaps if the election process would have been something focused on more in school this would not have happened; however, I know that as a member of a democracy, I have no one to blame but myself.

One thing is for certain though, I am going to make sure that I vote in the next possible election.

At least I have a legitimate reason for not voting, unlike the ever growing number of people my age who are registered and just do not show up to the polls.

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State must value brains over brawn

Dallas Democratic Sen. Royce West makes a good point: The state's practice of automatically admitting the top 10 percent of a high school's graduates to a public university has worked. The 10 percent rule, which began under Gov. George W. Bush, has helped a larger number of minority students enroll in Texas colleges. It also has opened up the state's universities to a broader geographic mix, including students from rural communities.

But University of Texas at Austin president Larry Faulkner presents another inescapable fact: Students who finish in the top 10 per-

cent of their high school class could soon make up UT's entire freshman class. Sixty-two percent of UT's current freshman class is made up of 10 percenters. It might not take long to reach the 100 percent mark, which Mr. Faulkner says would strip UT of all flexibility in enrolling its freshman classes.

There's a way to combine these two valid points: Keep the 10 percent rule, but limit the number of 10 percent

students who make up a freshman class. Democratic Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos proposes capping the figure at 65 percent, which would ratify current realities at UT.

That's fair enough, particularly since UT will launch an affirmative action program for its fall 2005 freshman class. The school will consider race as one of many factors in selecting applicants beyond the top 10 percent students. And Texas A&M University is working to

attract more African-Americans, Hispanics and Asian-Americans.

These efforts, plus a limited 10 percent rule, could help the state meet the important goal of enrolling a wide range of students. And if the UT and A&M efforts work, then perhaps the Legislature could further lower the cap on 10 percent enrollees in its next session.

The goal here is to prepare Texas for its modern realities. Now virtually a majority-minority state, where no one ethnic group dominates, it's imperative to prepare the entire state for an economy that rewards brains over brawn.

Texas Thoughts

Dallas Morning News

City

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entire amount intact could result in more benefits.

"You can do a lot more with \$11,750 than with \$5,725," Pitner said.

The police chief said that in talking with Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland and Chief Deputy Kelly Rushing, he decided that if

the county had the entire grant they could make the money go further in buying emergency equipment that would benefit both the county and the city.

Commissioner Boring commended Chief Pitner for working with the county on the grant.

"It's a good relationship," Pitner said.

In other business, Horst told the commission that city staff was exploring differing

possibilities concerning the hours the landfill would remain open.

He said this is a problem that the city faces every spring. The landfill is normally open until 5 p.m., but they stop taking loads after 4:30 p.m. so a final cover of dirt can be spread over the cell in use.

To stay open later, Horst said, would increase costs.

"We do not have the manpower at this time," Horst

said, "to keep it open without overtime."

One of the options, he said, would be to set up several dumpsters at the main gate that could take evening deliveries.

At the request of Commissioner Dixon, Horst said he would also look at opening the landfill one Saturday or Sunday each month, but he noted that in the past when they had the landfill open on the week-

end, they had very little activity.

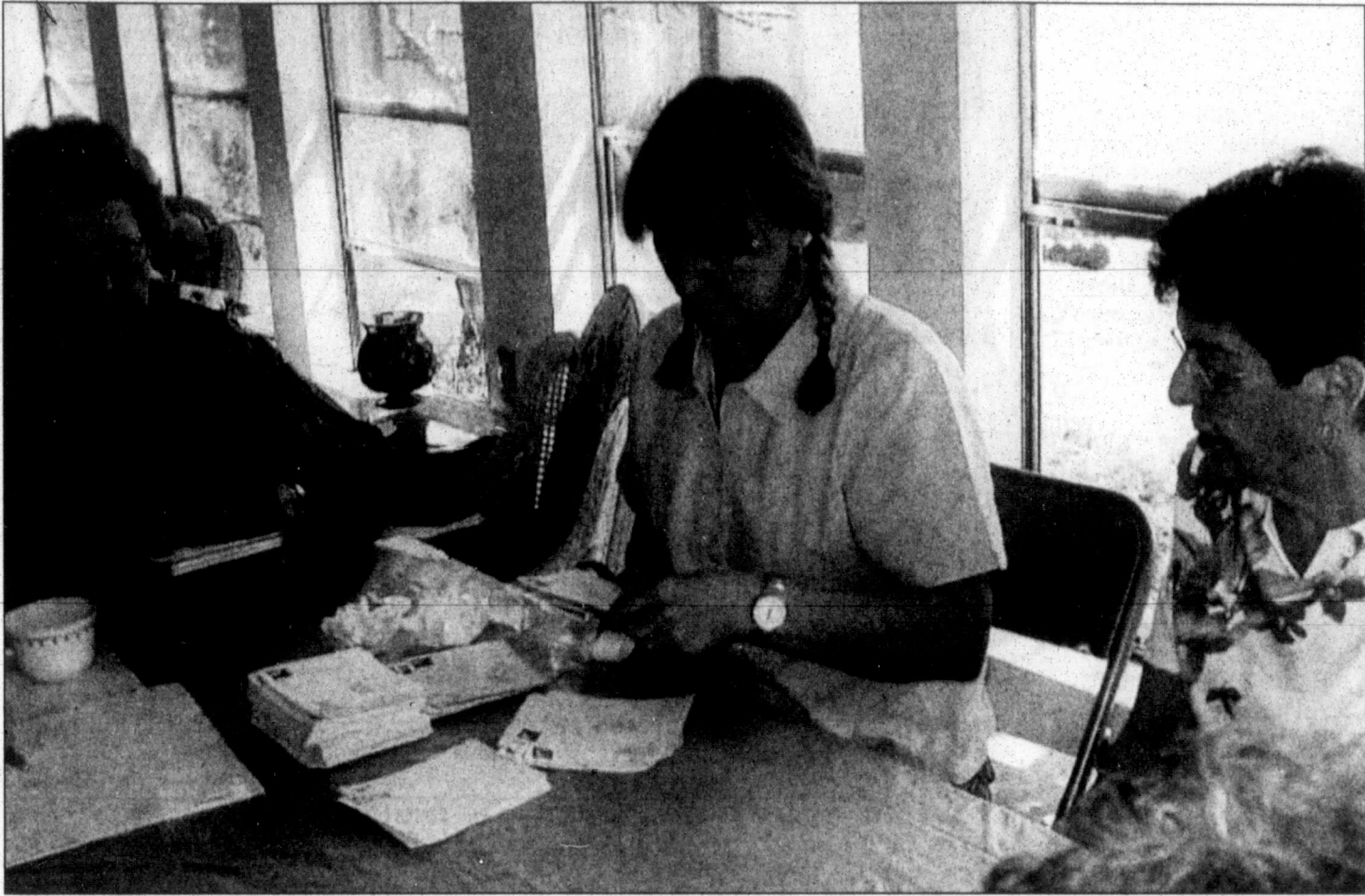
The commission also heard a report from Shane Stokes with the city staff on repairs to M.K. Brown. Stokes said he expected repairs to be complete by the end of the city's fiscal year in September.

The city commission also discussed expanding a city ordinance excusing water bill late fees for people over

65 to include disabled persons. The initial reason for the ordinance, Dixon said, was that the bills were due before the end of the month and Social Security checks didn't arrive until about the third day of the following month.

Horst said the city staff would draft an amended ordinance to include anyone on Social Security for future discussion.

PAC Tea



Pampa Art Club is readying once again for its annual tea and art show Tuesday, May 3 at Lovett Memorial Library. Hours will be from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Entry will be through the north door. Above, left-right: Betty Fletcher, Linda Nowell and Kay Crouch addressing and stamping invitations to the upcoming event which will be open to the public.

Forum

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dent. Most problems can be solved by following the chain of command, Terry said, adding that "most principals are willing to listen."

Micromanaging is the least effective form of leadership, DeLoach said. Good leaders hire qualified people that can be trusted, he said, adding that going outside the chain of command can lead to "bad things."

6. What weaknesses/strengths do you perceive in the Pampa school system?

All five candidates believed that the uncertainty of the district's funding was a major problem.

Communication is a problem also, DeFever said. However, dedicated employees are the foundation of the district, he said.

Cargill listed not having exemplary or recognized status as a major problem.

The district's strengths are its "great academic success" and extracurricular programs, he said.

Terry said that funding was not an insurmountable problem. She said the administration is a strong point, especially Haenisch's direct involvement, and she admired the teachers' dedication.

"I feel like the legislature is doing a great disservice to the teachers and the students with a plan like that."

— Lance DeFever
School board candidate

DeLoach said the increasing numbers of economically disadvantaged students are draining the district's resources, but the teachers and staff are a

"huge strength."

Changing demographics present a "big challenge" to the teachers, Curry said. On the strength side, however, he said, "We've always seen ourselves as a great district."

7. If the state provides additional money for teachers, should the funds be used as across-the-board pay raises or as a performance pay system for those who teach core or TAKS-tested subjects?

"I don't know how it could only be strictly performance based," Cargill commented.

"I don't think (the legislature will) actually give that to the school board to make that decision," Terry said.

"I want to go on the record as saying I am not in favor of merit pay. It's inequitable, not taking every factor into consideration," DeLoach said.

Curry said campus teams could come up with a way of basing pay increases for staff on each campus according to performance of the whole campus.

"I feel like the legislature is doing a great disservice to the teachers and the students with a plan like that," DeFever said.

THURSDAY: Audience members ask candidates to address issues.

Reports

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commissioners at their March 21 meeting that no financial reports had yet been received from Guardian EMS.

The ambulance service will celebrate its first anniversary in Pampa this July.

"We have a five-year agreement with them (Pampa), with an annual (renewal) option," Powell

said Tuesday.

Rural/Metro Ambulance Service, Guardian EMS' immediate predecessor in Pampa, has in recent months come under fire in Fort Worth for slow response times. Powell was asked if Guardian might encounter the same type of problem in Pampa and Gray County.

"There are times where that could be a legitimate concern. We're contracted for one 24-hour ambulance (on duty). Once a call goes out, we have to call in the

on-call crew.

"We have a total of three ambulances and crews (in Pampa). There's been plenty of times when we've had all three ambulances out on calls at the same time," Powell said.

If more than one call is received at the same time, calls are prioritized according to degree of severity, he said.

"We've been extremely happy at how things have been going with the City of Pampa and Gray County," Powell said.

space for new business in Pampa and she would like to see that economic growth.

Most of all, Miller said, she would like to listen. She said she wants to listen to her neighbors, the people in her ward, the people in Pampa, to see what they want.

"Then I want to make it happen," Miller said.

The key, she said, is going to be getting everyone working together.

"With everyone's help," Miller said, "we can resolve some of our problems that we have in Pampa."

It's a matter of teamwork, she said.

"The reason I'm running for the city commission," Miller said, "because there are possibilities and opportunities for Pampa to move in a positive direction in the future through hard work and dedicated service to the community."

Miller said she'd like to be part of a group effort in helping Pampa grow and become a better place to live and raise our families."

The only way to provide that leadership is to get involved in the community, she said.

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have been divorced for 10 years. I raised my three children alone while working a 40-hour week. It hasn't been easy.

Now that my youngest is 15 and the older two are out on their own, I decided to go out with "Harold," a gentleman I have known for five years. He would come every day to visit me and chat with me at work, so I finally accepted one of his invitations to go out for coffee.

Our relationship proceeded from there. Harold accepted me, the kids, my relatives and friends. We get along beautifully. We never disagree or argue. It's like I have been swept off my feet by Prince Charming. I have never been so happy. We do things as a family and are always together -- except every night he goes home at 11 p.m. to his house, which is one hour from mine.

So what's the problem? Harold never mentioned that he has been married for 27 years and has a large family with many grandchildren. I got a phone call from a lady named "Ellen" who told me that Harold is her husband. She said she loves him, and begged me to end the relationship and tell him to go home to his family.

When Harold showed up for supper last night I told him about the phone call. He didn't deny any of it. He asked me if he had said he was married, would I have had coffee with him? Would he be in my life now? He says their marriage has been over since 2000, but because they are wealthy, a divorce would be very expensive, so it's better they live together and go their separate ways. He swears that he loves only me and my family, and he wants our relationship to continue!

Abby, I'm 45 years old and scared. I can't believe this has happened to me. I'm sick, brokenhearted and confused. Please tell me what to do. -- MISER-

ABLE IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR MISERABLE: Harold may have financial wealth, but it appears he's morally bankrupt. He may "love you," but he loves two things more -- the status quo and his money. As much as you may care for him, please understand that you wouldn't be sick, brokenhearted and confused if he hadn't put you in this situation. Forty-five years old is the prime of life. Please don't be afraid. Tell this self-centered jerk the romance is over and send him back to his wife. The longer you allow this relationship to continue, the harder it'll be to make a new start -- and frankly, you deserve better.

DEAR ABBY: My 30-year-old daughter lives in Denver. She grew up with her mother, although I was an active -- albeit distant -- father.

My problem is that we very rarely communicate, and when we do, I always do the calling. I never receive a birthday or Father's Day card, or even a Christmas card from her, for that matter. Although I send her these little remembrances, she never acknowledges any gift or card from me or any of my family.

I now have a terminal illness, Abby. My daughter is aware of this. Should I press her for more contact, or has she given her answer to my condition? -- STUMPED DAD IN LOUISIANA

DEAR STUMPED DAD: Sometimes no communication sends a powerful message. Do not press your daughter for more contact. Do, however, write her a letter expressing what you need to say to her. That way, after you are gone, you will have left nothing unsaid.

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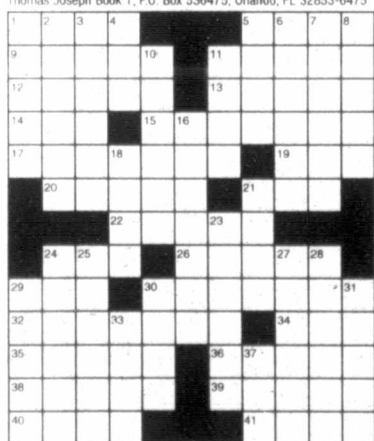
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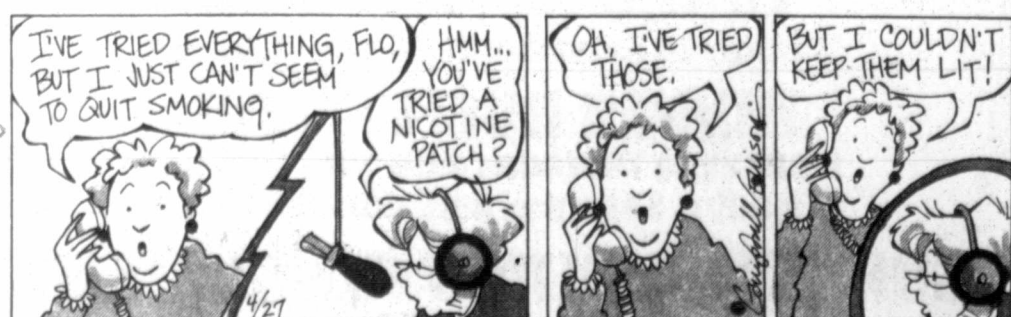
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Sports Day

Pampa Harvesters District 3-4A Champions



Pampa News photos by BEN BRISCOE

Dressed in home colors, five Pampa seniors took the home field for the last time yesterday. From left to right, they are Shea Brown (Renee' and Greg Brown), Tyler Doughty (Renee' and Dennis Doughty), Seth Foster (Ginger and Rick Foster), Dusty Lenderman (Janet and Larry Lenderman) and Eric Willingham (Nita Brown). Also pictured are statisticians Lindsey Ammons (Dale Ammons and Lee Ann Ammons) and Payton Baird (Angie Martin).

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

March 29, 2005. For most of us, probably just another day. Shortly after 4:30 p.m. that afternoon, it was clear that for the Pampa High School varsity baseball team and its coaching staff, it was the start of what would be an incredible journey.

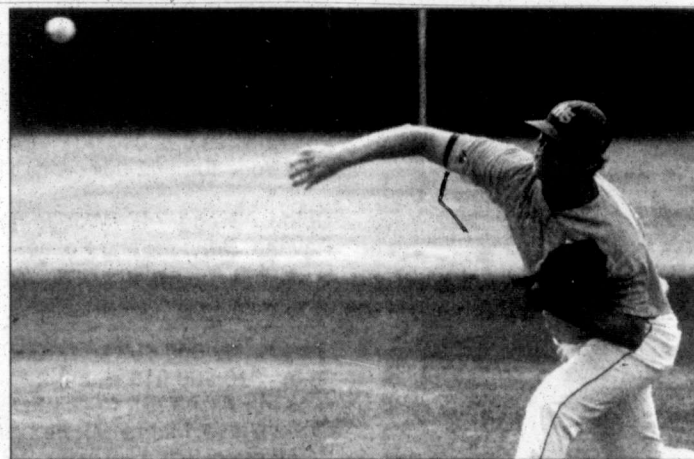
'Championships are always exciting to win. But to win the outright championship at home on the senior's last day made it all the more special.'

— Dennis Doughty
Head Coach, Pampa Harvester Baseball

The Harvesters took to the home turf that afternoon sporting a pre-district record of 12-5. Save for a scrimmage or two, every game the Green and Gold played to that point had been on the road. At times, that road was long. Snyder, Burk Burnett, Woodward (Okla.), to name a few. So to come home and start the district schedule with only a handful of losses was fine. The experience and the dividends it would pay were far more valuable.

Pampa took to the home turf on the afternoon of March 29, with conviction. This team had a plan. Not just for the game, but for the season. With just one game left, these Harvesters have carried out that game plan with style and

resolve. On the afternoon of March 29, 2005, Pampa defeated Randall, long time rulers of the District 3-4A, 4-1 on the strength of a Tyson Hickman home run, his first of the season. Little did most suspect Pampa would be undefeated in district heading into its final regular season game at Caprock this Saturday.



Senior Tyler Doughty tossed one-hitter Tuesday as Pampa claimed District 3-4A championship.

Better yet, though some spoke about it quietly, most could not know the team that defeated Randall that afternoon would be the team that would knock the Raiders off their vaunted district perch. And they did it with conviction.

The Harvesters entered yesterday's meeting with Dumas knowing a win would sew up the District 3-4A title. The Demons still held hope taking second place. Both teams

had something to play for.

It was a close game in the third inning, with Pampa holding a slim 1-0 advantage. That is until senior Tyler Doughty stepped to the plate. Doughty crushed a Demon offering and sent it yard for his fourth home run of the season. From there, the Harvesters flexed their muscle, serving notice to others that not only are they deserving of the district title, they are good. Very good.

The Harvesters destroyed Dumas, 11-1 in just five innings (run rule). Doughty notched his seventh win of the season (7-1), allowing just the one hit and striking out four in the shortened affair.

"I was glad to see the Harvesters put the knockout blow to them in the fifth," said Coach Dennis Doughty.

With regard to the district title, Doughty said, "Championships are always exciting to win. But to win the outright championship at home on the senior's last day made it all the more special."

Dumas simply had no answer for the bats of Pampa. Three Demon pitchers would take the mound before game's end. Tyson Hickman and Shavious Kelly both doubled.

Pampa wraps up the regular season this Saturday with a road trip to Caprock. Said Coach Doughty, "Our kids are very intent on running the district table. It is their sole focus right now. Caprock is always tough at home and they must feel they have a chance after playing us so close the last time we met."

That game will start at 1 p.m.

So far as the post-season, Pampa earns a first round bye. The Harvesters will play the bi-district champion from the El Paso area.

Carthel expected to be named new Buffs coach

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

All indications are Amarillo Dusters head coach Don Carthel will be named the new West Texas A&M University head football coach later today.

Carthel, who also coached at ENMU, led the Dusters to the now-defunct IFL champi-

onship last year, and has the team playing strong in the AF2 league so far this season.

Amarillo Dusters director of operations Warren McCarty was quoted as saying Carthel notified the team he was accepting the Buffs job, then cleared out his office.

No word yet as to who will take over the Dusters top job.

WT nursing student's association to host memorial golf tournament

CANYON — West Texas A&M University's chapter of the Texas Nursing Students' Association (TNSA) will sponsor a golf tournament in May to benefit the Julie Barrett Weise Memorial Scholarship in Nursing fund.

The four-person scramble begins with a shotgun start at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 21 at Palo Duro Creek Golf Club in Canyon. Cost is \$50 per person or \$200 per team, and the deadline to enter is May 15.

The tournament kicks off with registration at 9:30 a.m. and a putting contest at 10 a.m.

Weise, a 2003 graduate of West Texas A&M died in a traffic accident Dec. 23, 2003. The scholarship in her memory was established in July 2004.


"Julie was an excellent student and officer in our organization," Jeremy Roark, president of WTAMU's chapter of TNSA,

said. "The nursing communities of Amarillo and Canyon will forever feel her loss. This tournament is our way of paying tribute to Julie in a way that will provide scholarships for students like her who want to be nurses, too."

Contributions to the scholarship fund can be made directly to the Development Office at WTAMU, Roark said, or through the golf tournament. The cost is \$200 to sponsor a hole at the event, and donated merchandise will be used for door prizes.

Golfers will have a chance to win a car for a hole-in-one on one of the holes, and prizes will be awarded for longest drive and closest to the pin.

To contact the Development Office, call 806-651-2070. To make donations to the tournament or register to play, contact Roark at 806-570-6110 or jmroark@yahoo.com.



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MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Knights of Columbus youth basketball tournament to be held this weekend; Celanese four person scramble planned

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Youth Basketball Tournament

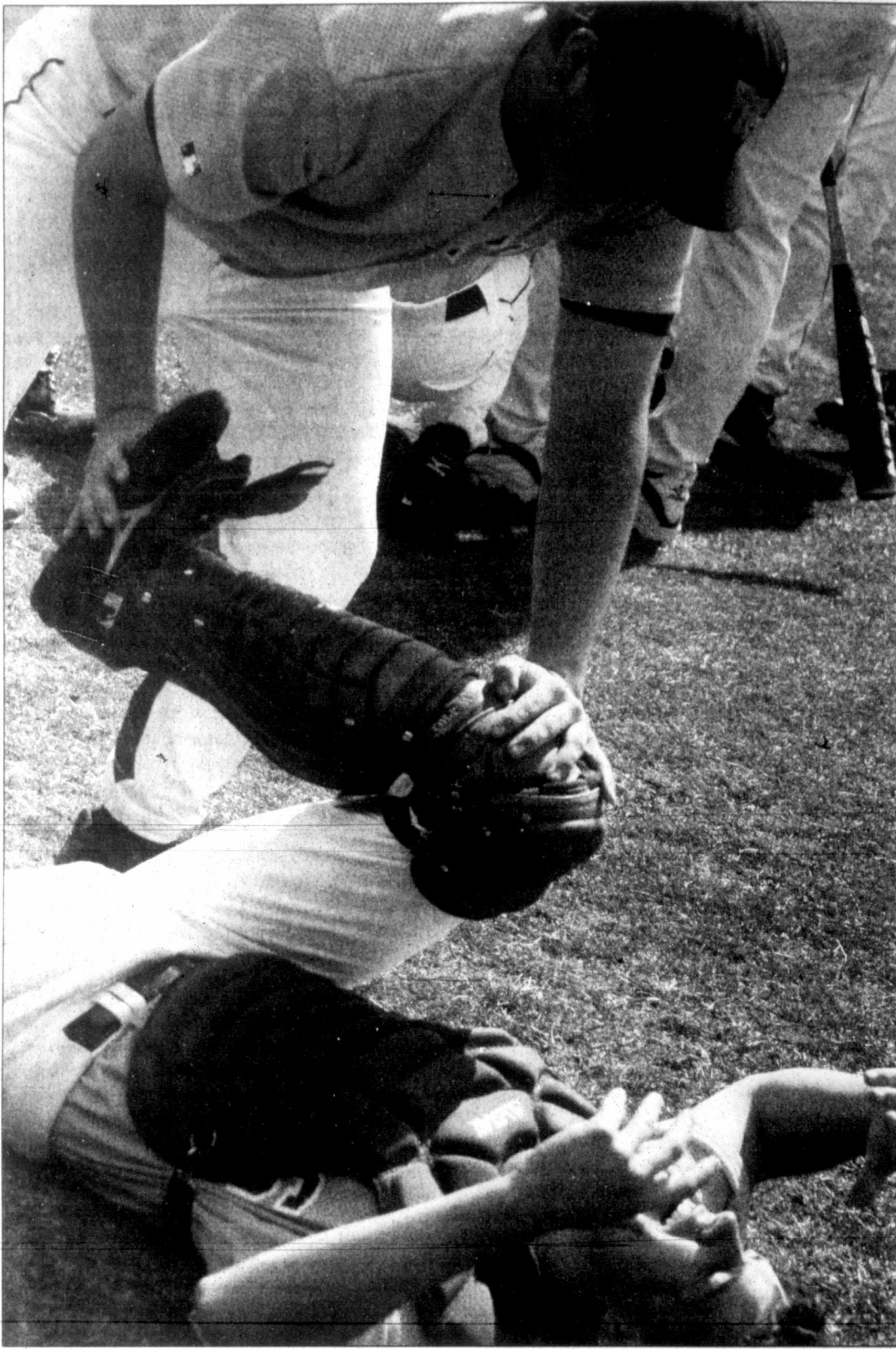
This Saturday, April 30, and Sunday, May 1, the Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Youth Basketball Tournament to be held at both Pampa Middle School and Pampa High School. All proceeds will help support the Pampa High School Summer Basketball Program. For more information, please contact Terry Hall at 669-1154.

Celanese Scramble

The Celanese Community Care Four

Person Scramble will be held Saturday, May 21, starting at 9 a.m. at the Pamcel Golf Course. Entry for this year's scramble will be \$140 per team, which includes lunch. Each team must have a minimum handicap of 40. No more than two players per team can card a handicap of 10 or less. Ladies will play from the ladies tee boxes. Entry deadline is May 20. Prizes will be available for all flights. Rental carts will also be available. For additional information, please contact Don Alexander, 663-4942; Cory Stone, 669-9859; Gard Gershmel, 663-4479 or Julie Breuer, 665-3823.

Loosening up



Jake Craig helps catcher James Coffee loosen up prior to the start of Tuesday's home game against Dumas.

Crow, Foreman take fourth at Regionals tennis tourney

Senior Mitchell Crow and Sophomore Michael Foreman ended up in fourth place at the Regional Tennis Tournament in San Angelo on Monday and Tuesday.

"We were very excited because Crow and Foreman received the third seed," said Coach Josh Freeman.

Freeman added, "The boys got off to a great start in their first match against Mountain View. Then they took on a team from Birdville and won fairly easily with a final score of 6-3, 6-3, which put them in the semi-finals."

Freeman continued, "The semi-final match put them up against No.1 seed, Cotton/Stegner from Wichita Falls High.

Pampa seemed to get a slow start and just could never recover. They lost in two sets. We were very proud of they way our guys conducted themselves on the court. We felt that they did very well with a 4th place win out of 16 teams."

Individual results:

Mitchell Crow/Michael Foreman: 1st round bye; (2nd round): def. Arroyo/Lozano (Mountain View) 7-5, 6-1; (3rd round): def. Coppel/Luna (Birdville) 6-3, 6-3; 4th round: lost to cotton/Stegner (WFHS) 6-0, 6-1; lost to Armour/Macha (Frenship) 6-4, 6-2.

Tuesday's MLB Linescores

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Tampa Bay 001 010 300 — 5 11 2
Toronto 000 006 01x — 7 10 1

Brazelton, Fossum (6), RBell (6) and THall; Lilly, Chulk (7), Schoeneweis (8), Frasor (8), MBatista (9) and Zaub. W—Lilly 1-2. L—Brazelton 1-4. Sv—MBatista (5). HRs—Tampa Bay, Crawford (3), Gomes (1).

Los Angeles 002 010 001 — 4 8 3
New York 302 502 00x — 12 12 0

Colon, Gregg (4), Woods (8) and JMolina; Pavano, Bean (8) and Posada. W—Pavano 2-2. L—Colon 3-2. HRs—New York, ARodriguez 3 (7).

Seattle 302 000 002 — 7 15 0
Texas 010 200 010 — 4 8 2

Pineiro, Villone (8), Putz (8), Guardado (9) and Olivo; Drese, Mahay (7), Brocail (9) and Barajas. W—Pineiro 2-1. L—Drese 2-2. Sv—Guardado (6). HRs—Seattle, Beltre (2), Texas, ASoriano (4), Teixeira (6), Dellucci (4), Mench (3).

Minnesota 100 000 001 — 2 7 2
Kansas City 000 010 000 — 1 5 1

Santana, Nathan (9) and Maurer; Lima, Sisco (8), Burgos (9) and ACastillo. W—Santana 4-0. L—Burgos 0-1. Sv—Nathan (6).

Baltimore 101 140 040 — 11 20 1
Boston 050 300 000 — 8 12 2

RLopez, SReed (4), Kline (5), Julio (7), BRyan (9) and JvLopez, GGil (9); Clement, Embree (5), Timlin (6), Foulke (8), DiNardo (9) and Varitek. W—Julio 1-0. L—Foulke 1-3. Sv—BRyan (3). HRs—Baltimore, Tejada (6), JvLopez (3), Boston, MRamirez (7).

Chicago 100 204 000 — 7 14 3
Oakland 000 040 32x — 9 13 2

Buehrle, Marte (7), LVizcaino (8) and Widger; Harden, RRincon (6), Yabu (6), Duchscherer (8), Dotel (9) and Kendall. W—Duchscherer 1-0. L—Marte 2-1. Sv—Dotel (5).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Philadelphia 100 000 000 — 1 8 0
Washington 100 020 00x — 3 6 1

Lieber, Fultz (7), Adams (8) and Lieberthal; JoPatterson, Majewski (7), Ayala (8), CCordero

(9) and Schneider. W—JoPatterson 2-1. L—Lieber 4-1. Sv—CCordero (4). HRs—Washington, Wilkerson (3), NJohnson (1).

Atlanta 301 000 000 — 4 7 0
New York 010 000 002 — 3 12 1

Smoltz, Reitsma (7), Kolb (9), Foster (9) and JEstrada; PMartinez, HBell (8), DeJean (9) and RCastro. W—Smoltz 1-3. L—PMartinez 2-1. Sv—Foster (1).

Cincinnati 140 011 301 — 11 15 2
Chicago 100 250 001 — 9 13 2

Milton, Weathers (6), RWagner (7), Graves (9) and Valentini; Zambrano, Rusch (5), Wuertz (7), Remlinger (7), Ohman (8), Leicester (8), Bartosh (9) and Barrett, HBlanco (8). W—Weathers 1-0. L—Wuertz 1-1. Sv—Graves (8). HRs—Cincinnati, Dunn (6), Chicago, DeLee (5), ARamirez (4), Burnitz (4), Dubois (2).

Florida 000 211 500 — 9 15 1
Colorado 210 000 000 — 3 9 0

Beckett, Bump (7), Mecir (8), TSmith (9) and Lo Duca; Wright, Dohmann (7), Fuentes (7), Carvajal (7), Speier (9) and Closser. W—Beckett 4-1. L—Wright 1-2. HRs—Florida, Pierre (1), AGonzalez (2).

Milwaukee 020 000 100 — 3 8 1
St. Louis 200 200 10x — 5 8 1

DDavis, Obermueller (5), Wise (7), Botalico (8) and DMiller; Suppan, AReyes (6), King (7), Tavaraz (7), Isringhausen (9), Flores (9) and YMolina. W—Suppan 2-2. L—DDavis 2-3. Sv—Flores (1).

Arizona 030 000 000 — 3 5 0
Los Angeles 011 000 000 — 2 10 0

RuOrtiz, Cormier (7), JLopez (7), Koplove (8), Lyon (9) and CSnyder; Erickson, Houlton (6), Wunsch (7), Sanchez (8) and JPhillips. W—RuOrtiz 2-1. L—Erickson 1-2. Sv—Lyon (10). HRs—Arizona, ShGreen (3), Terrero (1). Los Angeles, Choi (2).

San Diego 010 001 120 — 5 10 3
San Francisco 001 010 31x — 6 8 1

Eaton, DReyes (7), Linebrink (7), Otsuka (8) and RaHernandez; Schmidt, Eyre (7), Benitez (8) and Matheny. W—Benitez 1-1. L—Otsuka 0-2. HRs—San Diego, RaHernandez (3), MaSweeney (1), Nevin (4).

East-West Shrine game moving to San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The nation's oldest college all-star football game is relocating to San Antonio.

The East-West Shrine Game, played since 1923, will be played in the Alamodome beginning next year, game officials said in a news release Wednesday. The 2006 game is scheduled for Jan. 21.

Jack Hart, the game's executive director, said the directors and trustees of the Shriners Hospitals approved the move last week. The game raises money for the 22

Shriners medical facilities around the country.

Board chairman Raoul Frevel said the Shriners faced rising costs if they wanted to keep playing in San Francisco, where the game had been played since its inception.

He said attendance had been dropping and the Shriners wanted a more centralized location for the contest, which pits standout players from eastern U.S. colleges against those in the West.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, April 28, 2005:

You might often be surprised at how things work out. There is always a twist along the way. The more you pull back and detach, the easier your year will be. Understanding others helps you make appropriate decisions. Travel and education could play significant roles this year. Your mind breaks past restrictive thinking, allowing many more possibilities to enter your life. Your daily life will be far more rewarding, though you will tend to go to excess, whether it is eating, exercising or whatever interests you. If you are single, after early fall, meeting someone becomes far easier. In fact, the person who enters your life this year could be very significant. If you are attached, indulge your sweetie, and you'll find a new closeness. Make a long-desired purchase together that will improve the quality of your life. Together you enter a very special period this fall. CAPRICORN opens doors. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Take the lead, knowing that the end results, for better or for worse, will fall on you. You might be surprised at how you see a changeable situation. Laugh and relax with someone pivotal to your image or well-being. Tonight: Could be late.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Spontaneity surrounds friends and associates. Go with it, and have a very special day. Responsibilities might be important, but so is having a good time. Seek out the facts and only the facts, my dear Bull. Tonight: Use some of your high-powered energy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Someone clearly has his or her own agenda. Hopefully, you will agree with him or her. Don't buck the status quo publicly, but on an individual level. A difference of opinion might be best kept quiet. Tonight: Nice and easy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Recognize what must be done, though convincing others of that fact could be close to impossible. Honor unusual information by saying "thank you" to the giver. Still, check out the facts. Your perspective could radically change. Tonight: Go along with another's plans.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Get down to the facts. Finances, especially involving loans or other people's funds, could be subject to change. Listen to the other side of an issue, but don't feel you must go along. Focus on your errands and projects. Tonight: Exercise.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Allow your imagination to take off. Creativity and interpersonal dealings come together. You can use charm and wit to get others to go along with your ideas. Curb a tendency to spend way too much or to overdo it. Tonight: Think "fun."

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You might go way overboard without intending to. Try to keep your long-term priorities in mind. Be willing to adapt your plans and procedures in order to make your day work. Give up rigidity, but know what is good for you. Tonight: Entertain from home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You have a way of letting others know what you are thinking without confusing them or hurting their feelings. Work with an unusual solution or idea. Your instincts guide you no matter what you do. Listen to your

inner voice. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Your financial interests need to come to the forefront. Something that seems unexpected actually has been brewing in the background. Don't worry about a domestic matter or real estate investment. Do what you must. Tonight: Pay bills first.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ The Moon in your sign gives you unusual drive and energy. Know more of what you want and expect from others. A surprise might reflect how off-base you have been in a judgment. Incorporate new information. Tonight: What first might seem like a burden turns out to be fun.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Know when to pull back and say little. Your ability to understand others might be necessary. Information and news could easily overwhelm you. Retreat if you need to. You pull the wild card financially. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You might come off much wilder than you realize. Although you think of yourself as dependable, others view you as unpredictable. Understand what a partner expects from you. Do your best. Everyone appreciates your efforts. Tonight: A good time is had by all.

BORN TODAY

Actress Penelope Cruz (1974), TV host Jay Leno (1950), actress Ann-Margret (1941)

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Congressman: NFL's steroids policy 'not perfect,' bill on way

WASHINGTON (AP) — The NFL's steroids policy is tough, "but it's not perfect," the head of a congressional committee said Wednesday, adding that he plans to introduce a bill governing drug testing across the spectrum of U.S. sports.

Rep. Tom Davis opened the House Government Reform Committee's second hearing on steroids by saying the NFL had been more cooperative than Major League Baseball was when its drug program was examined publicly by the panel last month.

But saying that all sports leagues must "acknowledge that their testing programs need improvement," the Virginia Republican added that he and ranking Democrat Henry Waxman of California, along with Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., are working on legislation to create uniform policies for major sports.

Such an effort would face obstacles in Congress, which has been reluctant to legislate professional sports policy over the years.

In prepared testimony submitted to the committee, NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue and NFL Players Association chief executive Gene Upshaw said the league is tripling from two to six the number of random offseason tests that players can face.

They also said the league and union recently agreed to add new substances to the list of banned per-

formance enhancers; to put in writing previously agreed-to policies to test for designer steroids; and to lower the testosterone ratio threshold.

"There are numerous issues on which management and labor disagree. ... But there is complete agreement on this: Steroids and other performance-enhancing substances have no place in our game, or anywhere in sports," Upshaw said.

He and Tagliabue sat next to each other and each occasionally jotted notes while some lawmakers criticized the NFL's penalties as too lenient and raised questions about whether amphetamines should be banned.

"Some people might think that this is a fairly weak policy," said Rep. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt.

While boosting strength, steroids can lead to heart attacks, strokes, cancer, sterility and mood swings; using most steroids without a doctor's prescription for medical purposes has been illegal since 1991.

The NFL began testing in 1987, added suspensions in 1989, and instituted year-round random testing in 1990. Fifty-four players have been suspended.

"The percentage of NFL players who test positive for steroids is very low," Waxman said. "Is this because the policy is working or is this because players have figured out how to avoid detection?"

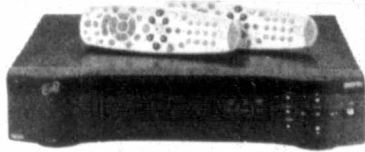
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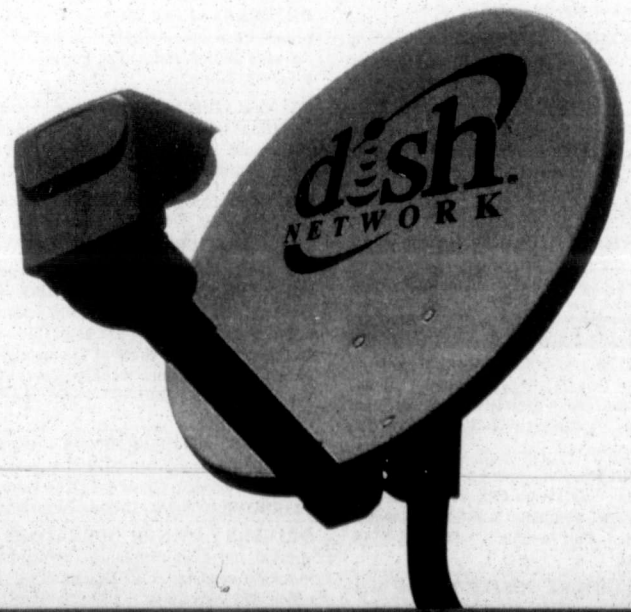
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