



**NEXT DAY FORECAST**

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mostly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy

Thursday. Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s. North winds 10 to 15 mph.  
 Thursday Night. Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph Decreasing to around 5 mph after midnight.  
 Friday. Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph.  
 Friday Night. Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s.  
 Saturday. Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s.  
 Saturday Night. Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s.

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The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of White Deer	
Wheat	4.31
Milo	5.60
Corn	6.38
Soybeans	6.04
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa	
OXY	51.07 -0.05
BP PLC ADR	67.62 -0.13
Cabot Corp	45.99 -0.25
Celanese	35.09 -0.05
Cabot Oil Gas	37.30 -0.32
Coca Cola	53.01 -0.06
VLO	73.58 -0.08
HAL	32.51 +0.14
TRI	53.27 +0.02
KML	106.78 +0.06
XCEL	23.95 -0.16
Anadarko	45.67 +0.01
XOM	81.32 -0.06
Nat'l Oilwell	89.65 -0.64
Limited	27.69 -0.08
Williams	29.21 -0.01
MCD	49.27 -0.05
Atmos	32.22 -0.01
Pioneer Nat	49.18 -0.20
JCP	78.85 +0.41
COP	70.08 -0.17
SLB	74.50 -0.13
Tenneco	30.29 +0.02
CVX	79.64 -0.41
Wal-Mart	48.17 +0.07
OKE	49.95 +0.11
New York Gold	687.40
Silver	13.60
West Texas Crude	62.26

**Obituaries**

**Services tomorrow**

**CHAMBERLAIN, Pamela Boyd Doucette** — Vigil services, 6 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

**Pamela Boyd Doucette Chamberlain, 51**

Pamela Boyd Doucette Chamberlain, 51, of Pampa, Texas, died May 8, 2007, at Pampa.  
 Vigil will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 10, 2007, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, and funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Friday, May 11, 2007, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.  
 Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.  
 Mrs. Chamberlain was born July 27, 1955, in Pampa. She graduated top of her class from Amarillo College Nursing Program in

1995 and returned to Pampa in 2002. She married Harry "Rock" Chamberlain on Dec. 1, 1997. He preceded her in death on Jan. 2, 2002.  
 She was a member of the Texas Nurse's Association and St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.  
 Survivors include a daughter, Michelle Weatherly and husband Mike of Pampa; three sons, David Doucette and wife Carrie of Idalou, Jeremy Doucette and wife Amy, and



Chamberlain

Christopher Doucette and wife Sarah, all of Pampa; one stepdaughter, Chari Crowley and husband Justin of Ivanhoe; her parents, Patty and Deano Boyd of Pampa; two sisters, Belinda Martin and husband Darrel, and Samantha Aikin and husband Ricky, all of Pampa; one brother, Danny Boyd of Pampa; 14 grandchildren, Tanner, Heather, Jacqueline, Garrett, Emma, Haven, Pratt, Caitlynn, Mason, Payton, Avery,

Colby, Brinley and Austin; four nieces, Stormie Blain, Brittany Boyd, Kendall Aikin and Kinley Aikin; three nephews, Jacob Boyd, Phillip Watkins and Reece Aikin; one great-niece, Alexis Watkins; and special friend, Bob Doucette of Pampa.  
 She was preceded in death by two brothers, including her twin Perry Boyd, and Tim Boyd.  
**MEMORIALS:** Children's Miracle Network, 7201 I-40 West, Suite 200, Amarillo, TX 79106.  
 —Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).

**Dr. Theo Nichols, 90**

Dr. Theo Nichols, 90, formerly of Pampa, Texas, died Monday, May 7, 2007, in Denton, Texas.  
 Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Church of the Heavenly Rest, Episcopal officiated by The Rev. J. Scott Mayer. Interment will be in Elmwood Memorial Park in Abilene, Texas, directed by Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home, 542 Hickory.  
 Theo Nichols was born on Dec. 6, 1916, to R.A. Nichols, Sr. and Leona Jones Nichols. He grew up on a

farm in Shamrock, Texas, and studied music at Shamrock High School and while he attended College at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.  
 Theo directed high school band in Wellington, Texas, for two years. After completing college at Hardin-Simmons, he joined the U.S. Army Air Corps as a pilot, serving in the Air Corps during World War II.  
 Theo married Dorothy Hall of Shamrock while in the Air Corps. After leaving the military, Theo attended

Baylor Dental School and graduated in 1949. He practiced as a dentist in Abilene, Texas, for 40 years before his retirement in 1989.  
 His wife, Dorothy, preceded Theo in death in August 1987.  
 He was actively involved in the Church of the Heavenly Rest, Episcopal as a Sunday School teacher and a senior warden.  
 In September of 2000, Theo married Faye Byrd Nichols.  
 Theo is survived by his wife, Faye Nichols of

Pampa, Texas; his two children, Sandy Hall-Behrens of Portland, Ore., and James Hall Nichols of Abilene, Texas; two stepsons, Don Nichols and his wife, Patty, of Austin, Texas, and Bill Nichols and his wife, Virginia, of Denton, Texas; and six grandchildren, Anne Hall-Behrens, Eric Nichols, Jamie Nichols, Matthew Nichols, Dustin McConnell and Cory McConnell.  
 In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Freedom Museum of Pampa.

**Emergency Services**

**Pampa PD**

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.  
 Three traffic stops were made.  
 Traffic complaints were received in the police department lobby and from the 1000 block of Duncan.  
 Vehicle accidents were reported at the intersection of Kentucky and Hobart streets, the intersection of 25th and Christine streets and the police department lobby.  
 An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 400 block of Pitts.  
 Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 1100 block of Juniper, the 300 block of Jean, the vicinity of Sumner and Nelson streets, the 1800 block of North Faulkner, an unreported location, the 1800 block of North Christy, the 900 block of Duncan, the 300 block of North Christy, the 200 block of Miami, the 1000 block of North Sumner and the 600 block of North Dwight.  
 Warrant service was attempted on three occasions, resulting in at least two arrests.  
 Agency assistance was rendered in the 100 block of North Sumner and the 2600 block of Cherokee.  
 A welfare check was made in the 2100 block of Perryton Parkway.  
 An unattended death was reported in the 1000 block of Duncan.  
 Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of

Foster and Ballard streets, the intersection of Cuyler and Tuke streets, the intersection of Perry and Buckler streets, the intersection of Craven and Gray streets and the 800 block of North Hobart.  
 A suspicious vehicle call was received from the intersection of Craven and Russell streets.  
 Harassment was reported in the 1900 block of North Wells.  
 One burglar alarm was reported.  
 Theft was reported in the police department lobby. A tan terrier was taken from an unreported location.  
 Theft was reported at United Supermarket, 1420 N. Hobart. The incident involved checks valued at approximately \$67.25.  
**Sheriff**  
 Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today.  
**Tuesday, May 8**  
 Timothy Clemmons, 29, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for failure to stop at a stop sign, no liability insurance and two counts each of no driver's license and failure to appear.  
 William Esta Guyer, 47, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a probation violation for driving while intoxicated.  
 Rita Delynn Kramer, 44, of Pampa was arrested in the 800 block of North Nelson by Pampa Police Department on a Hutchinson County charge of theft by check.  
 Tammy Michelle Whisenhunt, 30,

of Pampa was arrested in the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway by PPD for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance.  
 Justin Slade Orr, 28, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a 223rd District Court sentence for driving while intoxicated with a child in the vehicle.  
**Wednesday, May 9**  
 Aaron Lamar Maddox, 25, of Detroit, Mich., was arrested by GCSO on a bond surrender for possession of more than five pounds but less than 50 pounds of marijuana.  
**Fire**  
 Pampa Fire Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.  
**Tuesday, May 8**  
 10:02 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2900 block of Perryton Parkway on a medical assist.  
 10:26 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1800 block of Grape on a medical assist.  
 11:53 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of Duncan and Kentucky on a motor vehicle accident.  
 5:25 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1000 block of Duncan on a medical assist.

**Box cutter found aboard plane**

DENVER (AP) — A box cutter found by a passenger onboard a United Airlines plane delayed a Denver to Dallas flight for nearly two hours Tuesday.  
 Flight 490 had left the gate and was taxiing toward a runway when the passenger found the cutting instrument and notified a flight attendant, United Airlines spokeswoman Megan McCarthy said.  
 The flight attendant notified authorities, and Transportation Security Administration officials met the plane on the tarmac. McCarthy said all the passengers were taken off the plane and re-screened while officials checked the plane for additional weapons.  
 None were found and the plane took off at 2:25 p.m., nearly two hours after its scheduled 12:30 p.m. take-off.  
 Box cutters were used by terrorist to hijack planes on Sept. 11.  
 TSA officials did not return a message left after business hours by The Associated Press.  
 Spokesman Darrin Kayser told Denver station KUSA-TV that situations similar to these sometimes happen.  
 "That's why we have armed pilots and federal air marshals so that if prohibited items do get on board, there are other layers of security," Kayser told the station.

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**ATTN: GRADUATES** Its time again this year for the Special Graduation Edition from the Pampa News. If you did not take your picture for the annual you can come by the Pampa News and have your picture taken or bring one in that you have had made. Deadline for pictures is May 15. Also, some photos have been misplaced in the past and even though you took a picture for the annual we might not have it. If you would like to check please call us at 669-2525 after the 9th to see if your on our list.  
**LADIES ONLY** Tournament, 7pm. Thurs., "Boneparts Retreat" "The Pool Hall", 120 W. Foster.  
**COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN** School Fajita Cookout & Bake Sale, Fri., May 18, 11-1. Tickets available at C.S.S. 220 N. Ballard, 665-3393.

**FOUND OLD** Military Picture and picture of Ann Shreidan in Frame at 23rd and Dogwood. Please call 669-2525 Pampa News  
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**GRADUATE PARENTS** if you would like to congratulate your child on his/her graduation please contact the Pampa News to place your ad in the Special Graduation edition. Pampa, White Deer and Lefors will be in this Keepsake Edition. 669-2525 Deadline is May 15th!  
**GYMNASTICS OF Pampa** registration for Summer Clinics and All Star Competition Cheerleading Wed. May 9th 5-6:30 for more info. 669-0510  
**BASIC LAWN Care.** Call 665-0310 leave message.

**Federal judge throws out Cuban militant's indictment**

By **JUAN A. LOZANO**  
 Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Days before the immigration fraud trial of a Cuban militant was set to begin in El Paso, a federal judge threw out the indictment accusing him of lying to immigration authorities.  
 U.S. District Judge Kathleen Cardone said in a ruling Tuesday that the government manipulated Luis Posada Carriles's naturalization interview. She said that the interpretation of the April 2006 interview "is so inaccurate as to render it unreliable as evidence of defendant's actual statement."  
 Jury selection was set to begin Friday for Posada's trial on immigration fraud charges.  
 Posada, a 79-year-old former CIA operative and fierce opponent of Fidel Castro, was accused of entering the U.S. illegally and was detained in May

2005. Authorities said he later lied about how he entered the country when he sought to become a naturalized U.S. citizen.  
 He was released on bond last month. An immigration judge has ruled that Posada be deported, but not to Cuba, where he was born, or Venezuela, where he is a naturalized citizen, because of fears that he could be tortured.  
 Cuba and Venezuela want Posada extradited for the 1976 bombing of a Cuban airliner, but the United States has refused to send him to either country. Posada has denied involvement in the bombing that killed 73 people.  
 In Caracas, Venezuela, President Hugo Chavez did not address the ruling during his nightly TV program. An official with the Foreign Ministry said they don't expect to issue a statement Tuesday night.  
 Defense attorneys argued in their

motion to dismiss the case that the interview was just a way for the government to get more information about the ongoing investigation against him.  
 Cardone agreed in her ruling, saying the naturalization interview was a pretext for the criminal investigation. She dismissed the indictment after granting a motion by Posada's attorneys to exclude all transcripts and tapes of statements he made during the interview.  
 Justice Department spokesman Dean Boyd said prosecutors were reviewing the ruling.  
 In her 38-page ruling, Cardone said the transcript was imprecise, omitted key elements of the interview and appears to have been transcribed by several different people of varying skill. Cardone also said the Spanish language interpreter the government provided for Posada during his naturalization interview was incompetent.

# Bush visits tornado-ravaged Kansas town

By JOHN HANNA  
Associated Press Writer  
GREENSBURG, Kan. (AP) — For five years, Omero Carrillo worked on his old home, studying period decor, painting and refinishing floors, only to see the tornado that leveled most of this town reduce it to rubble in a moment.

He's facing the same question nearly everyone here is: Will he rebuild? "Right now, we don't know," Carrillo said Tuesday as he searched the debris of the first home he ever bought for his belongings. "We're not sure of anything right now."

The Friday night storm left nine people dead in Greensburg and fatally injured two others nearby. More than 90 percent of the town was left a wasteland of stripped trees, downed utility poles and splintered homes and businesses. The Kiowa County Courthouse and the Southern Plains Co-op grain elevator were among the few buildings left standing.

Although he had to sleep in a friend's pickup, Mayor Lonnie McCollum was talking heartily about the future, envisioning a town that would look more like a new suburb outside a big city. Outsiders said Greensburg's status as the Kiowa County seat and a regional economic hub for area farmers make its

survival plausible. "I don't see this mess. I see what it's going to be," McCollum said, with a sea of severed trees, crumpled vehicles and wrecked buildings behind him. "Who wouldn't want to live in a brand new town? Who wouldn't want to have a business in a whole new town?"

Still, McCollum couldn't predict when basic services such as sewer, water or electricity would be restored, and officials were trying to find a place for mobile homes sent by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Today, President Bush visited the town, getting his first look from a helicopter that circled overhead. Bush planned to walk the streets and hear from families who lost everything. He was also to be briefed on recovery efforts at a makeshift command center.

School superintendent Darin Headrick also announced that graduation would be held on May 18 in Greensburg, although officials hadn't yet determined exactly where. Classes for the district's 300 students were canceled after the tornado hit, and Headrick has said school will resume in August in nearby communities.

Before the storm, Greensburg was facing the problem of an aging and declining population, mirroring

Midwestern trends. The 2000 census said more than a quarter of its residents were 65 or older; its population peaked at nearly 2,000 in 1960 and has declined to about 1,400.

How much Greensburg recovers depends on the energy its leaders show and the networks — church, social and business — residents have formed, said Bruce Weber, director of Oregon State University's rural studies program.

At The People's Bank, Vice President Steve Mills said his four employees will stay on the payroll, and the bank will also give them time to work on their own property.

"We will build back here in Greensburg; there is no doubt about that," Mills said.

Residents of other communities hit hard by past tornadoes wondered how quickly Greensburg would recover.

In Hoisington, a 2001 tornado damaged about a third of the town and destroyed its only grocery store. Not only did the store owners rebuild their business, they expanded.

But co-owner Randy Deutsch said business owners and investors have to be confident they'll have customers. He noted that most Hoisington residents still had places to live and work.

# New chemical for pests PEDC to meet

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

The City of Pampa is changing the chemical they're using to battle mosquitoes this summer.

Public Service Supt. Kimberly Lincycumb said today that the city will switch from Bio-Mist to Mosquito Mist 1.

Public Works Director Richard Morris said the reason for the change is to keep mosquitoes from building an immunity to one chemical.

"We change every year," Morris said, "to keep from creating mosquitoes that are immune to one of the chemicals. We want to kill the

little rascals instead of creating a super mosquito."

Lincycumb said that the city is now spot spraying, concentrating on areas where mosquitoes might breed after the recent rains.

As conditions allow, she said, the city will expand the spraying.

"We have two ultra low volume sprayers," Lincycumb said.

The city employees running them have applicator licenses issued by the State of Texas, Morris said.

"Not only does the city have a chemical license," Morris said, "the individuals doing the spraying are licensed as well."

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

Chuck White will make a presentation to the Pampa Economic Development Corp. concerning the Rotary Club's plan to erect welcoming signs at the entrances to the city when the EDC board of directors meets at 7 a.m. Thursday.

The board is also scheduled to hear reports on their logo and Web site and a fidelity bond and will discuss a veterans' job fair in El Paso that at least two members of the board will attend.

The board is expected to authorize a booth at the Chamber of Commerce Business Expo.

They will also go into closed session to discuss real estate and personnel issues.

The meeting will be in the Nona Payne Room of the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard.

# Sirens

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tion of a tornado," Hall said. "How dependable is that? They indicate only rotation in a storm cell. It may be high up, on the underneath side of a wall cloud, a funnel or a tornado. The National Weather Service is telling us that the threat of a potential tornado is imminent, and that's what we're concerned with."

The city has sirens throughout the city, Walnut Creek Estates and the Cole Addition. When the sirens are

sounded to warn of a tornado or possible tornado, they will continue to sound as long as the threatening storm is being reported. Cable television service will be interrupted with information on the warning, and the information will be repeated every five minutes as long as the storm is being reported as threatening the city. Updated reports will be given on cable when there is no longer a threat.

One drawback to the change in policy concerning the city's sirens may be the effects of having the sirens sound more often, Hall said. Some residents may be less inclined to respond to the sirens if they are activated more often and several episodes occur without

any tornadoes appearing.

"When we get a statement from the National Weather Service for a tornado warning for the city of Pampa, we're going to sound our sirens. There's going to be more false calls because every time we sound our sirens, a tornado is not going to hit," Hall said.

"The new reliability on NEXRAD is going to cause us to sound sirens. My concern is that we're going to have disgruntled citizens because the sirens are sounded several times and nothing happens. We don't want complacent citizens, but we'd rather be safe than sorry," he said.

# City

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approved bids on six of seven delinquent tax properties.

Maria Acuna bid \$201 for a lot on Denver Street, \$300 for a lot at 923 Murphy and \$201 for 937 Campbell.

Charles Franklin bid \$100 for a lot

on Harlem Street.

Stanley Gray bid \$160 for two lots at 520 and 522 N. Russell.

Marcia Bullick bid \$200 for a lot on Malone Street.

One property, a lot on Malone, was withdrawn because of a property dispute. There is a house that has been occupied for some 75 years that sits on half the property. The owners of the house own neighboring property and

have apparently paid their taxes, but an apparent survey error puts half of their home on the lot in dispute.

The commission deferred action on that one lot until the land dispute could be worked out.

In a work session following the commissioner's meeting, the commissioners heard a report on golf course rates, a mobile home at the golf course and police personnel issues.

# Suspect

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Burton said in an earlier interview concerning the shooting.

The suspect left the scene, and Cantu got up and went out to the motel's parking lot, where he was found at the time police arrived on the scene at 4:43 a.m. He had been shot

once in the chest and once in the arm with a handgun which was recovered May 1 in the area of the motel, Burton said.

Information on the incident was given by the victim while he was at Northwest Texas Hospital between surgeries on the day of the shooting, Burton said. Cantu was expected to be released from the hospital sometime Tuesday.

The victim and suspect did not know each other, according to the vic-

tim. The handgun which was recovered near the motel has not been reported as stolen, Burton said.

"Witnesses were able to help police identify the suspect," he said.

"The Texas Rangers, Gray County Sheriff's Office and Pampa Police Department are all working in a cooperative manner on this case," Burton said.

Anyone with information on Faulk may call the police department at 669-5700 or Crime Stoppers at 669-2222.

# Pool

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near the front entrance and have recycled that lumber into tall chairs. It was interesting to see that some of the old lumber contained square nails."

Smith and Reed are hoping this will be a place where "old-timers" can teach the "youngsters" how to shoot pool or play dominoes. Even though they serve alcohol, Reed said the main focus is on the games.

They are planning to hold tournaments in the near future. A women's tournament is scheduled to begin on Thursday evenings. A youth tourna-

ment should begin on June 5, and continue every Tuesday, from noon to 5 p.m. and when the kids are playing during that time, no alcohol will be served. This will be open to kids ages 14 through 20.

"James Taylor from the Chamber of Commerce is trying to set up a city league," Reed said. "This would be a league that is its own entity that runs itself. We will just provide the place to play pool. Taylor is hoping to just get people together who enjoy playing pool. He is going to have a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Chamber of Commerce for anyone interested in participating."

Reed, who grew up in Pampa, has returned after being away for about 30 years. He was a superintendent of a

large construction company and has lived in 43 states and two foreign countries. Although he enjoyed those adventures, he said it is great to be back in Pampa. He hopes to provide a place for entertainment for Pampans of all ages.

The prices for the games are reasonable. The eight-foot pool tables are coin operated and cost 75 cents per game. You can use house cues or bring your own. The darts are free and the dominoes are \$1 per chair per hour. Reed also offers printed pictures of patrons playing pool for \$5.

Hours of operation are noon to midnight Monday through Saturday. Children under 16 must have a parent or guardian with them.

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# Viewpoints

## Making sense: Profiles in cowardice ...

If ever there was a revealing contrast between courage and wimpishness it is the behavior of the competing political parties in connection with the pre-primary debates now going on.

Most revealing was the way the Democratic presidential hopefuls arranged to hold their debates and the way the 2008 Republican candidates chose where to hold their debates.

As revealed in their willingness to see the United States defeated in Iraq, the Democrats also showed the white flag of surrender when faced with a terrifying debate hosted by the evil Fox News. They ran for cover.

The Democrats refused to participate if Fox is to be in

charge of the debate and the coverage of the session, with Fox reporters questioning the candidates and moderating the session. After all, the last thing the Democrats want is a fair and balanced presentation, which is what Fox offers. They demand a rigged game.

According to MSNBC, "The first debate, which was to be co-sponsored by Fox and the Nevada Democratic party, had been set for this August but was canceled. Fox then teamed with the Congressional Black Caucus Political Education and Leadership Institute for a Sept. 23 debate that is still scheduled, even though John Edwards, Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton all said they won't attend."

That more or less leaves Dennis Kucinich and a couple of other hopeless hopefuls to face the lions in the Fox's den next September.

As my pal Ann Coulter put it, "The not-visibly-insane Democrats all claim they'll get rough with the terrorists, but they can't even face Brit Hume."

"In case you missed this profile in Democrat machismo, the Democratic presidential candidates are refusing to participate in a debate hosted by Fox News Channel because the hosts are 'biased.' But they'll face down Mahmoud

Ahmadinejad!" And over at the Hot Air blog, it was noted that that this is a win-win situation for everyone, (except for both remaining Centrist Democrats): "the Dems get to show how tough they are against an enemy who's more their speed and Fox gets to tout itself as the network that frightens the left."

The idea of facing Fox on live TV scares them silly and the Democrats, as is their usual practice, ran for cover. If they can't dictate the rules of the game, they won't play. And Fox made it clear that

they would make the rules, which is their right.

On the other hand, you have the Republicans who debated at my father's library in a contest run by MSNBC and moderated by none other than Chris Matthews.

Think about it — the Democrats run away from a fair and balanced Fox-sponsored debate while the Republicans have no problem agreeing to a debate moderated by the Bush-hating, anti-GOP Matthews, whose idea of balance is to tilt everything towards the Democrats' side, and run by NBC, the most liberal network. The GOP attitude: "Bring 'em on," contrasted with the Democrats' cut-and-run strategy.

In this case, as in the case of the war in Iraq, the Republicans are standing up while the Democrats continue to display that large yellow streak that runs down their spines, even retreating in the face of what they regard as a deadly threat — an unbiased Fox network.

They always insist on having the umpires in their back pockets. If they are fair and unbiased, the Democrats won't play in their ballpark. As Dracula is said to cringe before a crucifix, the Democrats tremble in the face of facts.

The Republicans, however, are not only willing to fight an unpopular war in Iraq against the insurgents,

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**Michael Reagan**  
Columnist



## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, May 9, the 129th day of 2007. There are 236 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 9, 1961, Federal Communications Commission chairman Newton N. Minow condemned television programming as a "vast wasteland" in a speech to the National Association of Broadcasters.

On this date:

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

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

In 1936, Italy annexed Ethiopia.

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

In 1960, the Food and Drug Administration approved the pill Enovid as safe for birth control use.

In 1974, the House Judiciary Committee opened hearings on whether to recommend the impeachment of President Richard Nixon.

In 1978, the bullet-riddled body of former Italian prime minister Aldo Moro, who had been abducted by the Red Brigades, was found in an automobile in the center of Rome.

In 1980, 35 people were killed when a freighter rammaged the Sunshine Skyway Bridge over Tampa Bay in Florida, causing a 1,400-foot section to collapse.

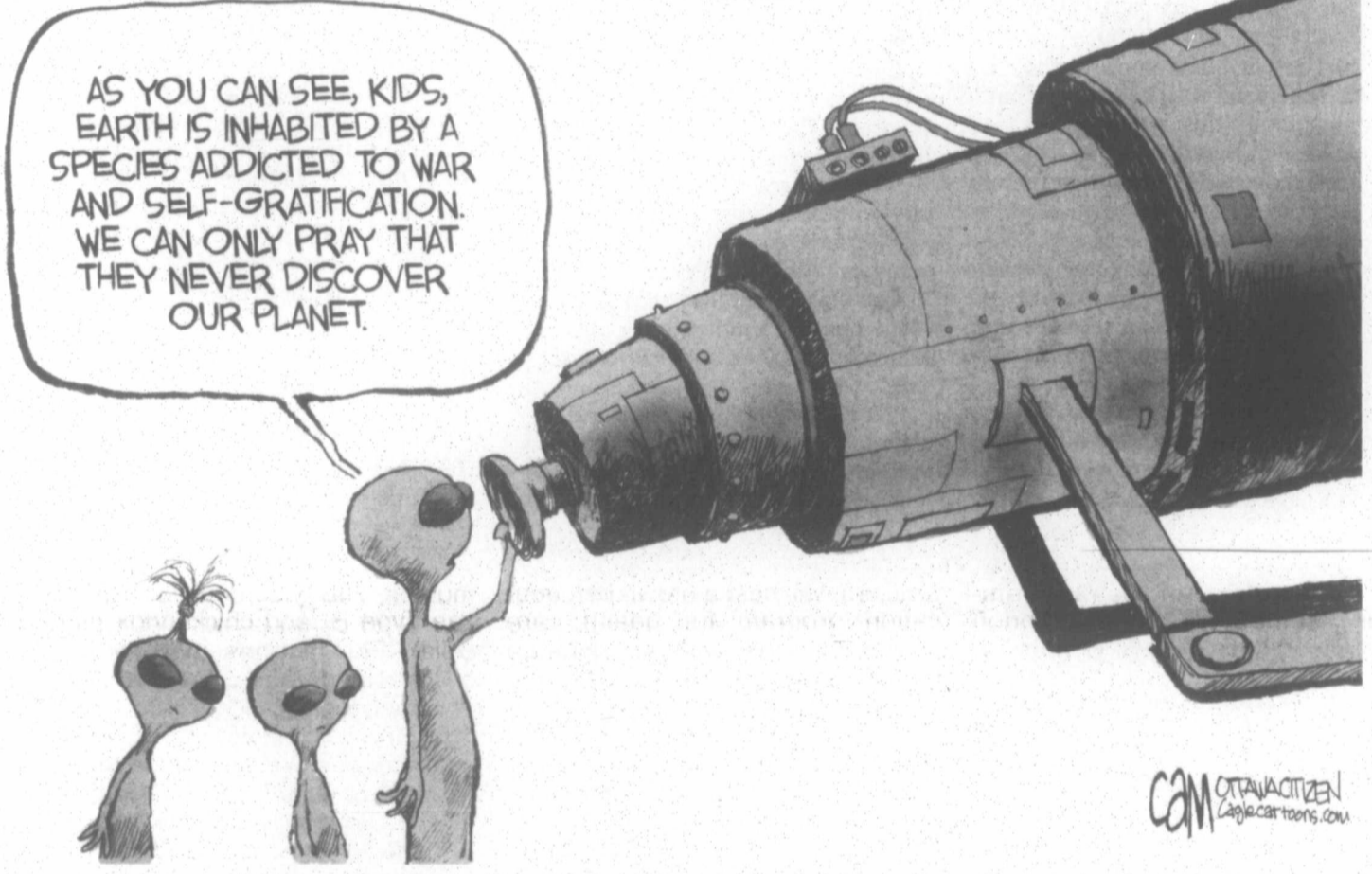
In 1982, the musical "Nine," inspired by Federico Fellini's film "Eight and a Half," opened on Broadway.

In 1987, 183 people were killed when a New York-bound Polish jetliner crashed while attempting an emergency return to Warsaw.

Ten years ago: During a visit to a rainforest in Costa Rica, President Bill Clinton urged nations not to sacrifice their environment in pursuit of economic gain.

Five years ago: Following the example set by Illinois, Maryland Gov. Parris Glendening suspended all executions in his state while a study was done on whether the death penalty was being meted out in a racially discriminatory way. A remote-controlled mine exploded during a military parade in a Russian town near Chechnya, killing 43 people. Veteran Mexican musician Juan Gabriel won four awards, including top songwriter, at the Billboard Latin Music

MEANWHILE, SOMEWHERE ON NEWLY DISCOVERED PLANET GLIESE 581...



*'Television has changed the American child from an irresistible force into an immovable object.'*

— Laurence J. Peter  
Canadian-born educator (1919-1990)

## Current president occupies state of denial

President George Bush's claims about what will happen if we pull out of Iraq is almost word-for-word identical to Richard Nixon's speech explaining why we must not pull out of Vietnam.

A "precipitate withdrawal" would result in a bloodbath, destabilization of Southeast Asia, would embolden our enemies and result in more war not less, Nixon said. And that is what Bush is saying, if you substitute "Middle East" for "Southeast Asia."

Nixon succeeded not in winning the war in Vietnam, but in prolonging it until 21,000 more young Americans died in the jungles and rice paddies. Then we withdrew, and none of Nixon's predictions came true.

To draw further parallel, we got into the Vietnam War

because the people who put us there: (1) didn't know the history; (2) didn't speak the language; (3) didn't understand the culture; and (4) arrogantly assumed that American firepower and technology could overcome any and all obstacles.

The Vietnamese were able to defeat us, despite our superiority in firepower and technology, because it was their country and we were foreign invaders. The people were on their side, not ours. They knew they could wear us down. They were willing to lose millions of people, and we weren't.

The current president, who really does seem to occupy a state of denial, has

always refused to accept the fact that most of the opposition to our occupation of Iraq is simply Iraqis who don't want foreigners occupying their country. He has always tried to blame the

resistance on outsiders — al-Qaida or Iran or Syria. There are some outsiders in Iraq, but they wouldn't survive two days if it were not for the American occupation.

The question Congress hasn't asked about the president's so-called new strategy of spreading American troops all around Baghdad is, What's going to happen when they leave, as they inevitably will? The president's strategy is based on the assumption that if we can

dampen the violence, Sunnis, Shiites and Kurds will embrace and form one united, secular government.

That is a foolish assumption. Shiites were dumped on every day of every year since British and French politicians created Iraq out of the wreckage of the Ottoman Empire at the end of World War I. This is the first time ever they have held the reins of power. They are not going to give them up or even really share them with the Sunnis. The Kurds are interested in an independent Kurdistan and don't particularly like Arabs anyway. Iran will help the Shiites, and the Saudis will send money to the Sunnis.

Whether we leave or stay, the fighting will go on until one faction or another attains dominance. That means

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## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ **April 30**  
Austin American-Statesman on the military's exaggerated heroes:

Pat Tillman was a hero but surely would have had trouble recognizing himself in a fabricated account of the last minutes of his life.

Pat Tillman was a hero because he didn't have to leave a promising, lucrative career in professional football to enlist as a private in the U.S. Army. Tillman was a hero because, as a sports star, he might have sought safer and easier assignments than Ranger school and later combat duty in Afghanistan. In short, the truth about Tillman's mili-

tary time was more compelling and more heroic than the screenplay-style fiction that was used to justify a posthumous Silver Star the third-highest combat decoration a soldier can earn.

With due respect, Tillman didn't earn a Silver Star. In fact, his true acts of heroism will forever be cheapened by the lies the Pentagon used in awarding him the medal. Tillman was killed by fellow U.S. Army troops in Afghanistan in 2004 and not in a ferocious firefight with enemy forces, as the citation supporting the award states. The Army's account had Tillman charging an enemy machine gun John Wayne style.

In fact, he was trying to get his fellow Rangers to cease fire because they

had confused him with the enemy. In doing so, he drew fire from another Ranger who was pinned down by the same "friendly fire." That was heroic all right, but not heroic enough for Army brass always eager for a stirring tale of valor.

What's incredible about the Tillman incident is that the truth might have led the Army to step up training in recognizing the enemy and firing discipline the foundation for minimizing "friendly fire" incidents. At a minimum, the truth would have underscored the sad reality of a soldier's dangerous life.

Even more incredible is that all this has been known and yet the book is still open. Last week's congressional hear-

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## Honored students



**Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Biology Club and Beta Beta Beta recently held their annual honors banquet on the Weatherford campus. Eighteen scholarships and awards were presented to biology students. Among those receiving Otis King Memorial Scholarships were (from left): M'Kenzi Crabb, Hollis, Okla.; Kassandra Guthmueller, Purcell, Okla.; Grace Ann Jones, VanBuren, Ark.; and Kassandra Gurtner, Weatherford. Those receiving Jerry and Shawn Grizzle Scholarships were (continuing from the left): Chris Turna, Waukomis, Okla.; Danielle Gross, Mill Creek, Okla.; and Whitney Wichert, Pampa.**

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## Reese

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there will be no democracy in Iraq. And President Bush is wrong when he claims that all people desire freedom. They first desire survival and security.

So President Bush will accomplish the same thing Richard Nixon accomplished. He will get more Americans killed, and eventually we will pull out of Iraq. It's not just the casualties that will drive us out; it is the

enormous expense, the wear and tear on the Army, the necessary neglect of important domestic problems, and the political divisions at home, which will only grow more exacerbated.

Our present emperor has no clothes. If the American people want to survive with some prosperity and sense of security, they'd better find a new emperor who at least has the brains and intellectual curiosity to play the Great Game on the international chessboard. So far, the wannabe emperors don't show much promise.

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

## Reagan

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but are also willing to face the hostility of the home-grown insurgency that has captured the Democratic party, the mainstream media, and

liberal Chris Matthews and NBC.

—Mike Reagan, the eldest son of the late President Ronald Reagan, is heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally as part of the Radio America Network.

## WEST TEXAS A&M

### Alumni to host party

CANYON — The Alumni Association will host a post-commencement party for all West Texas A&M University spring 2007 graduates, families and friends at 2:30 p.m. Saturday on the lawn northwest of the First United Bank Center.

Dubbed "Graduation Day Gathering on the Lawn," the party will feature refreshments and a gift for all new graduates who join the Alumni Association that day.

The event is free and preempts any pre-ceremony receptions that were being considered.

"We thought about having more than one party because we have more than one commencement exercise Saturday," M. Keith Brown, executive director of the Alumni Association, said. "But this will give everyone an opportunity to have a final visit with all their classmates, faculty and staff."

"Graduation is an outstanding accomplishment that deserves appropriate recognition and hoopla."

More than 750 have applied for spring graduation, prompting two ceremonies rather than one. A 10 a.m. ceremony will be conducted for graduates in the College of Agriculture, Science and Engineering; the Sybil B. Harrington College of Fine Arts and Humanities; and the College of Nursing and Health Sciences. That will be followed by a 1 p.m. ceremony for graduates in the College of Education and Social Sciences and the College of Business.

Traffic around the First United Bank Center is expected to be heavy throughout the day, Brown said, and those attending the early ceremony are asked to leave the area as quickly as possible so the later attendees will be able to arrive on time.

"But please," Brown urged those attending the 10 a.m. ceremony, "do come back for the party."

Stanley T. Sigman, a WTAMU graduate and president and chief executive officer of wireless at AT&T, the nation's largest wireless provider, will speak at both ceremonies.

For more information about the post-commencement party, contact the WTAMU Alumni Association at 806-651-2311.

## Events calendar

- **Registration for the first summer semester** at Clarendon College-Pampa Center is ongoing through June 4. Classes offered include English, composition, technical writing, Web site design, non-western world literature, federal and state government, U.S. history, psychology and more. For more information, call 665-8801.

- **Carson County Square House Museum** in Panhandle is hosting "Community Collections" and a Scott Free Model Railroaders display throughout the month of May. Community Collections includes Hummel figurines, teapots, dolls, teacups and more. The railroad exhibit not only features trains but other modes of transportation as well. For more information, call the museum at (806) 537-3524.

- **The Amarillo field office of the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers** (compensation

division), will host a brown bag education program for health care providers, employers, human resource managers, claims adjusters, case managers and employee organizations from 12-12:45 p.m. Thursday at 7112 IH-40 West, Building D, Amarillo. The topic will be disability management. For more information, call (806) 351-1222 or e-mail Linda.Marlow@tdi.state.tx.us.

- **Amarillo College Lamplight Youth Theatre Co.**, will present "Alice in Wonderland" Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Ordway Hall on campus. For more information, call (806) 371-5353.

- **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will offer immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella,

mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinic(s) will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m., May 16, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

- **The Pilot Club of Dumas** will host a "Panhandle Playday" on May 19 at Ceta Canyon for adult survivors of traumatic brain injuries. The day will include fishing, outdoor games, indoor board games, hiking, bingo and crafts. Lunch and other refreshments will be provided. Cost of the retreat will be \$15 per person. Scholarships are available through requests. To register or for more information, call (806) 935-3080 or (806) 570-4274.



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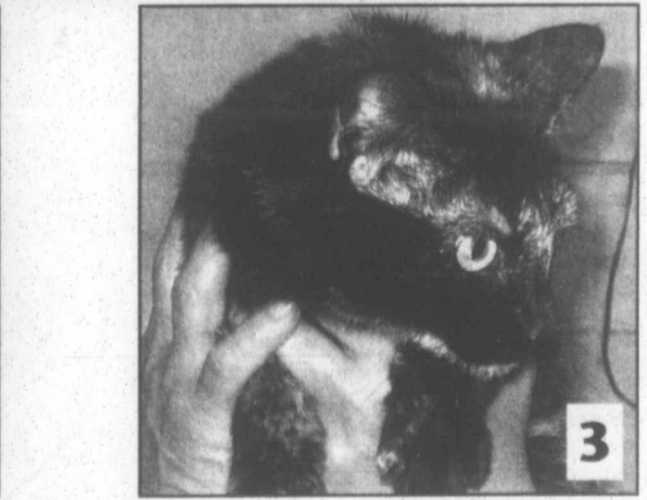
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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** This may seem like a dumb question, but I really need to know the answer. Can you get pregnant when your breasts are still underdeveloped? My boyfriend says you can't, but I need to know for sure. I'm afraid to keep birth control in my room because my little sister, who I have to share a room with, constantly snoops through my stuff when I'm not there. She would be sure to show it to our parents if she found it because she loves to get me in trouble, so I really need to know the answer to this. — **QUESTIONING IN OKLAHOMA**

**DEAR QUESTIONING:** There is no such thing as a "dumb" question. Your boyfriend is mistaken. Breast development has nothing to do with whether a girl can become pregnant. The onset of a young woman's menstrual cycle has everything to do with it. Under no circumstances should you have unprotected sex. Not only will it place you at risk for pregnancy, but also for sexually transmitted infections.

**DEAR ABBY:** After six months of marriage, my son and daughter-in-law have decided that it is not what they wanted. They are being divorced. They would like to return the gifts of money they received from family and friends, along with the other gifts they received. How should they go about returning the money, and what do you say to well-wishing people? — **EMBARRASSED AND DISAPPOINTED IN NEW YORK**

**DEAR EMBARRASSED AND DISAPPOINTED:** Rather than feeling "embarrassed and disappointed," be glad that your son and daughter-in-law realized they had made a mistake before any grandchildren

came along. Let's hope they made a list of how much money each of the donors gave them. If that's the case, they should have no trouble writing checks to them for that amount. The checks should be enclosed with a brief note, thanking them again for their generosity, and telling them that "regretfully, the marriage did not work out." The same is true for any UNUSED wedding gifts.

**DEAR ABBY:** What do you do about an ex-fiance who just won't let go? I ended the engagement 10 months ago and have moved on. However, my ex has sent me letters, and there is evidence that he has sat on my front porch waiting for me to come home. Recently he found out through a mutual friend that I have been seeing someone. He keeps trying to pry details about my new relationship out of this friend. I'm sure he's trying to find out if I was dating while I was still engaged. Now he plans to attend a community theater production I am appearing in. How do I handle this situation? — **NEEDS AN "EX"ORCIST IN ST. CHARLES, MO.**

**DEAR NEEDS AN "EX"ORCIST:** Your former fiance appears to be obsessed with you, to the point that you are being stalked. Whether you dated someone while you were engaged to him is irrelevant because the relationship is over. Because his behavior is obsessive, I recommend you discuss this problem with your local police department. They can tell you what precautions you may need to take -- and also if the man has a prior history of stalking behavior.

## For Better Or For Worse



## Zits



## Garfield



## Beetle Bailey



## Marvin



## Crossword Puzzle

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 42 Tiny

1 Police matter

6 Spill the beans

10 Brother of Romulus

11 Concert venue

12 Adult

13 Cloth-dyeing art

14 Wrinkle-faced dogs

15 Tiny

16 Purpose

17 Opponent

18 Steno need

19 Releasing, with conditions

22 Harp's kin

23 Valued wood

26 December activity

29 Bleachers part

32 Ball club?

33 Early auto

34 Ark's resting site

36 Secluded place

37 Label with a name

38 Tea party crasher

39 Appears

40 Kind of eclipse

41 Flubs

**DOWN**  
1 Appear unexpectedly  
2 Thumbs-down  
3 Mental visions  
4 Coffee holders  
5 Language suffix  
6 Fiber source  
7 Abate  
8 Writer  
9 Made cookies  
11 "So long!" in Paris  
15 Miss  
17 Cheap hotels  
20 "The Lord of the Rings" beast  
21 Hair goop  
24 Pilot's employer  
25 Patella  
27 Nogoodnik  
28 Dead ducks  
29 Job reward  
30 Command  
31 Oasis find  
35 Flock fathers  
36 Sticky stuff  
38 Swiss peak

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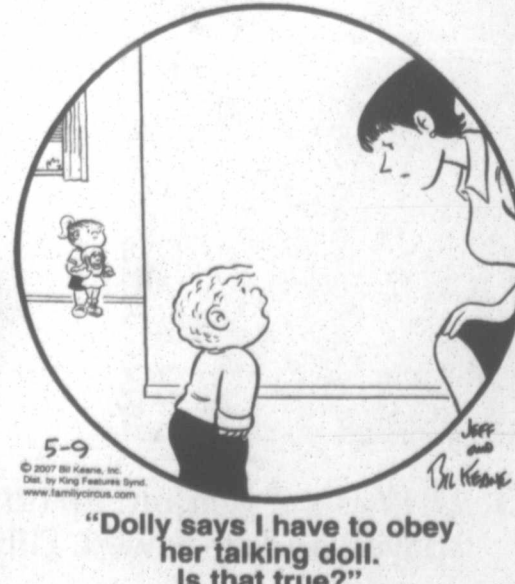


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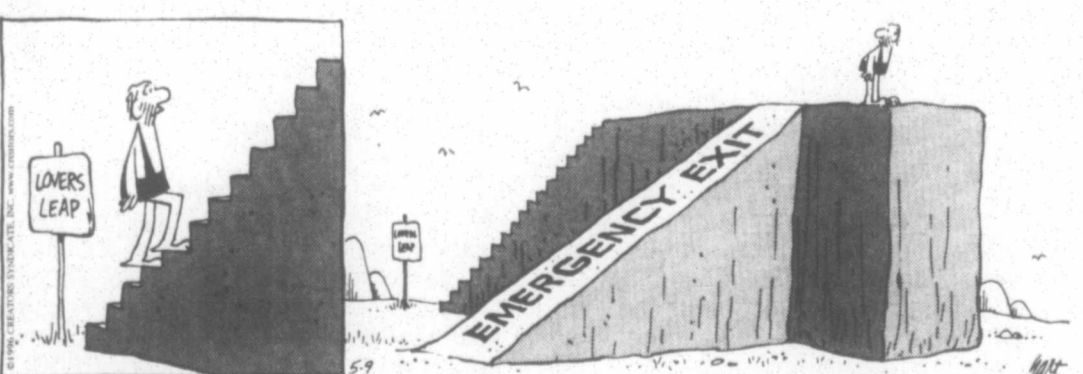


## The Family Circus

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bill Keane



## B.C.



## Haggar The Horrible



## Peanuts



## Blondie



## Flo & Friends



# Sports Day

## PHS seniors compete in Soccer All-Star game

By JORDAN REAGAN  
Sports Editor

Several Pampa High School seniors traveled to Canyon on Monday to compete in the Panhandle Soccer Coaches Association All-Star Game held at Kimbrough Stadium. The boys and girls were each split into two teams -

the North and South teams. There were many college scouts in attendance of these exhibition matches, which gave unsigned players a great opportunity to showcase their skills and talents. "This type of event is helpful because the players don't have to worry about

going out and contacting college coaches, which can be a difficult task," coach Trent Davis said. "Instead, they just have to worry about playing soccer because coaches have come to them." While the popular event is useful in allowing seniors to get themselves noticed, it is

also an event to help soccer gain more popularity throughout the Panhandle. The girls South team was coached by Davis and included PHS seniors Jenee Norris, Eli Strandkliev and Krista McClelland. Along with Pampa, the South team was made up of

students from Canyon and Randall. The North team included senior players from Amarillo High, Tascosa, Palo Duro, Caprock and Borger, and was coached by Amarillo High's Stacey McPherson. In the girls game, which started at 6 p.m., the North

and South tied at 3. The Pampa senior boys, Austin Pritchett, Andrew Van Houten and Urvish Trivedi, competed on the North team, which was coached by Borger's Joel Baker. The North boys defeated the South 3-1.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Each team of two partners will be placed in the appropriate zone based on their combined handicaps, the spread between their handicaps and their performance in past tournaments.

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

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

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

from the Pampa Country Club.

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

Tee prizes are also given.

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

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

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

## Boston's Beckett first pitcher to reach 7 wins

By The Associated Press

Josh Beckett didn't get off to a good start in trying to become the first major league pitcher to reach seven wins.

It didn't matter.

The Boston right-hander gave up a home run to Alex Rios on his first pitch, then allowed a double to Adam Lind. That was it for Toronto as the Red Sox handed the Blue Jays their seventh straight loss, 9-2 on Tuesday night.

"To his credit, he reeled it back in in a hurry," Boston manager Terry Francona said. "He got down in the zone and made adjustments real quick, which was really good to see."

Beckett is the first Red Sox pitcher to win his first seven starts of a season since Roger Moret won eight

straight in 1973. Babe Ruth (1917), Dave Ferriss (1945) and Moret share the Red Sox record with wins in their first eight games.

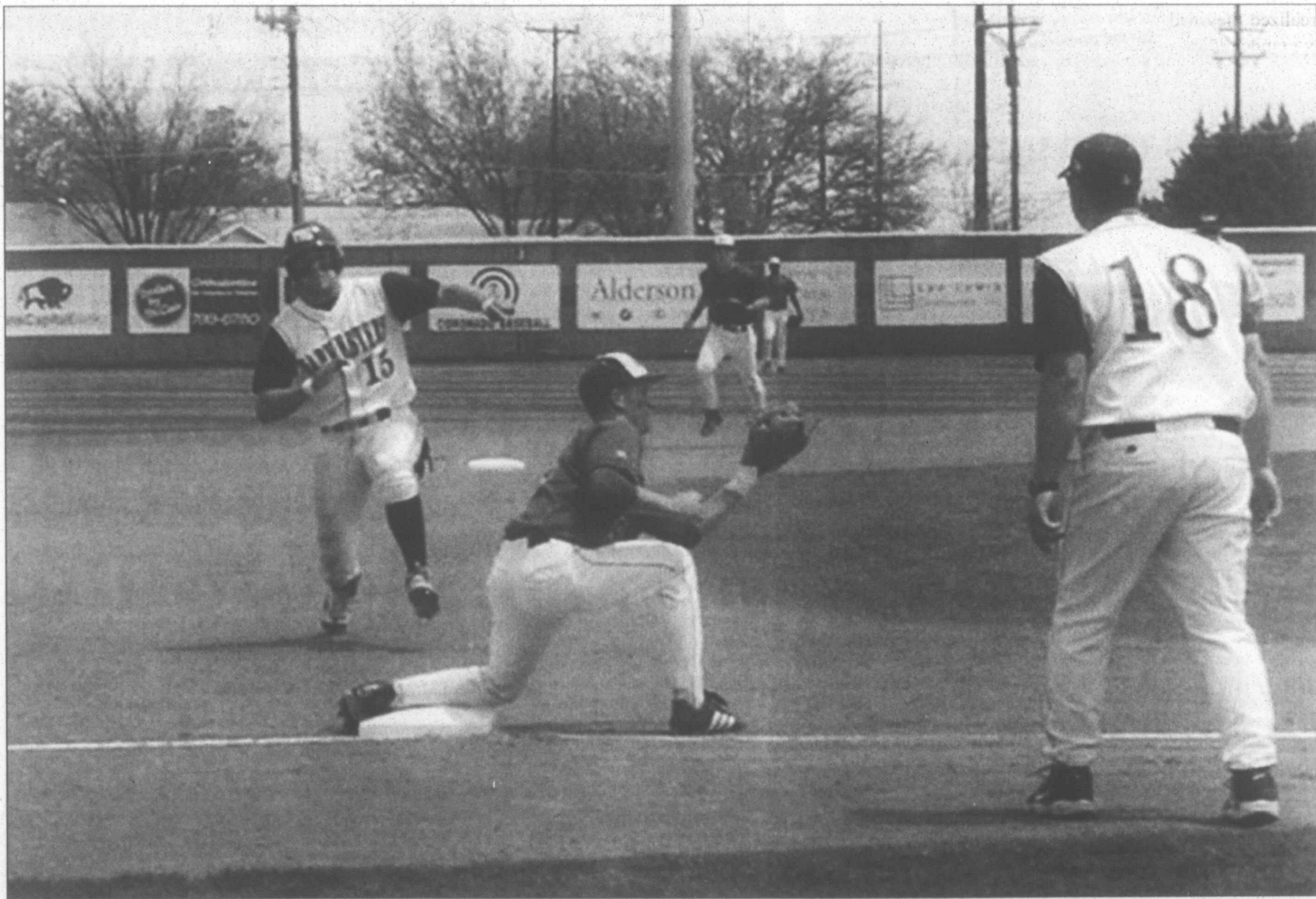
Beckett (7-0) worked seven innings, setting down 14 straight during one stretch. He allowed one run and five hits, walked one, struck out five and lowered his ERA to 2.51.

"To give up one run to that lineup, that's a feat in itself," Beckett said.

Mike Lowell and Dustin Pedroia each hit three-run homers for Boston, while Jason Varitek and Kevin Youkilis added solo shots. Youkilis later was hit by a pitch above the left knee and left with a bruise.

"There's going to be some tightness," said Youkilis, who was hit on the same leg Sunday.

### Going for it



Pampa News photo by JORDAN REAGAN  
Pampa senior James Coffee makes a run for third base during Game 2 against the Lakeview Chiefs in Lubbock on Saturday. The Harvesters will continue in the playoffs and take on El Paso Riverside in Andrews this weekend. Game 1 will be Friday at 4:30 p.m., and Game 2 will be Saturday at 11 a.m.

## Brewers roll to 5th straight win

By The Associated Press

The last time the Milwaukee Brewers played in the postseason, shortstop J.J. Hardy was a month old, second baseman Rickie Weeks had been alive only a few weeks and first baseman Prince Fielder was still a glimmer in father Cecil's eye.

If the trio keeps playing this way, the Brewers could find their way back to the playoffs for the first time in 25 years.

Fielder homered for the fourth time in five games, Hardy also homered and extended his hitting streak to 19 games and the red-hot Brewers won their fifth straight, 6-4 over the Washington Nationals on Tuesday night.

"It never gets old," Fielder said. "We're just trying to keep it going as long as we can."

The Brewers, with the best record in baseball at 23-10, are firing on all cylinders.

"It's been unbelievable, especially this homestand where we're 8-1," said Francisco Cordero, who saved his 14th game in as many chances despite giving up his first run in 15 2-3 innings. "We're pitching great, we're hitting great, we've got a great defense and we're in first place."

It's been a long time since the Brewers experienced this level of success. Only their opposition has a longer playoff drought; the Nationals-Montreal Expos haven't been to the postseason since 1981, a year longer than Milwaukee.

Washington has the worst record in baseball at 9-24.

The Brewers ruined the return to the majors of Jason Simontacchi (0-1), who had not appeared in the big leagues since 2004. He spent the entire 2005 season recovering from shoulder surgery and 2006 in the minors.

## With perks like this, Clemens might pitch until 50

By JIM LITKE  
AP Sports Columnist

If Roger Clemens takes the mound for the Yankees on June 1 at Fenway, nobody on either team is going to care much whether he flew in on a private jet from Texas that morning or was beamed down just minutes before gametime from a UFO hovering above the ballpark.

Because for all the belly-aching about the deal Clemens just signed, the only thing that will matter by then is whether the man can

still pitch. "I don't think I would ever do it because of the fact I personally think it would disrespect the team and your teammates," current San Diego pitcher and former New York teammate David Wells said recently. A moment later, he added, "That's not the Yankee way."

The "Yankee way" doesn't mean pitching "half drunk," either, which is how Wells described himself — in a short-lived autobiography — when he threw a per-

fect game in 1998 for the Yankees. So the portly left-hander probably should disqualify himself as an expert on club decorum. But even someone as sober and steady as Greg Maddux questioned whether a deal that requires Clemens to show up only when he's scheduled to pitch would benefit either side in the long run.

"I can't imagine doing that," Maddux said. "I like the game. I like the atmosphere. I appreciate what it has to offer. I want to play

the whole year."

From the sound of things, it's easy to get the impression that the "star system" just came into being, that every ballplayer was treated the same from the beginning of time until just before Clemens popped up in Yankee Stadium during the seventh-inning on Sunday.

Please. Yet he's been roasted as disloyal by a band of fellow mercenaries who now wish they'd had the chutzpah to ask for more perks them-

selves. And Clemens has come in for even worse scorn from the pundits. Some gripe that he's escaped the abuse heaped on Barry Bonds for bending club rules, and that his commitment to the team hasn't been questioned, the way NBA star Allen Iverson was after his infamous "We talkin' about practice!" rant.

A few have even trotted out comparisons to Michael Jordan, saying the six-time NBA champion never took

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# Clemens

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advantage of the special treatment his status accorded him. That's just wrong.

The Bulls didn't make the trades Jordan was always throwing out, but then-coach Phil Jackson was smart enough to tailor just about everything else, from practice sessions to seats on the bus heading over to games, to accommodate his one-man team.

Soon after returning from the Barcelona Games in 1992, worn out by the rigors of Olympic duty with the Dream Team and playing

late June the two previous summers in the NBA Finals, Jordan sat in a golf cart one afternoon and detailed a plan to skip training camp and sit out the season until sometime in January. It never happened, mostly because the Bulls scheduled a charity contest midway through the exhibition season that Jordan decided he couldn't skip.

But when he retired from basketball the first time, in the fall of 1993, Jordan did it in part because a sabbatical was out of the question. All Clemens' deal now proves is that times have changed, that one man can be a market unto himself.

What he does share with Jordan, and Tiger Woods for that matter, is an outsized

desire to win and enough clout to write his own ticket. It's not that big a departure from established tradition, since Clemens had much the same arrangement with the Astros the last three years and the returns left both sides feeling they got their money's worth. Besides, even that arrangement grew out of a deal the Texas Rangers made with Nolan Ryan late in his career, allowing him to show up when his turn in the rotation came around and tending to his business as he saw fit the rest of the time.

It didn't hurt Clemens' cause that the Yankees pitching has been disastrous thus far, or that he's lasted long enough so that the price of a

quality starter, even one who turns 35 in a few months, has climbed into the stratosphere. Plenty of guys who won't eat up nearly as many innings are making similar money — including a few members of New York's current staff — and the arrangement already has the blessing of Yankees captain Derek Jeter, manager Joe Torre and everybody in the front office on up to owner George Steinbrenner.

There are a number of reasons why Clemens would sign, though he said after a workout Tuesday in Lexington, Ky., "when it's all said and done at the end of the year, I'll tell you the exact reasons why I did what I did."

We'll save you the suspense of waiting. There's the money, the chance to come and go when Clemens pleases, money, the chance to perform on the biggest stage the game offers, money, and the irresistible urge to show everybody else he can still pitch. And money.

Or, as Clemens' agent,

Randy Hendricks put it: "He thinks he wants to retire. He thinks he wants to play. Well, which is it? It's a little of both."

Good for him.

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# James leads Cavaliers to 2-0 lead

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Cleveland Cavaliers took New Jersey's best shot — and grabbed the rebound.

By outlasting and outworking the Nets at both ends, and with LeBron James making big plays whenever they needed one, the Cavaliers won Game 2 of their Eastern Conference semifinal 102-92 on Tuesday night to take a 2-0 lead in the series.

James, who demanded the ball during a fourth-quarter timeout and got it, scored 25 of his 36 points in the second half and added a playoff-high 12 assists as the Cavs improved to 6-0 in the post-season and 10-0 dating to April 8.

Up 2-0 in the semis for the first time, the Cavaliers will head to New Jersey for Saturday's Game 3 with a commanding lead in the best-of-seven series.

"We took care of home," James said. "Now it's a challenge to go into the Meadowlands. We don't just want to win one."

Just as they did in Game 1, when they got 20 offensive rebounds, the Cavaliers destroyed the Nets on the

boards. They outrebounded them 49-32 overall, including 19-3 on the offensive glass. It all added up to Cleveland taking 20 more shots than New Jersey — an alarming disparity New Jersey has to fix quickly.

"They are just kicking our tails on the boards," Nets coach Lawrence Frank said. "We're going to have to look within and find a better way."

Vince Carter scored 26 points to lead the Nets, but for the second straight game his shot was off while being guarded by Sasha Pavlovic. Carter was just 10-for-26 and missed two key shots in the final two minutes when New Jersey was still close.

Richard Jefferson scored 22 and Jason Kidd had 17 points, 10 rebounds, eight assists and eight turnovers for New Jersey, which shot well enough (53 percent) to get a split in Cleveland. The problem, though, was that when the Nets missed a shot, the Cavs swallowed it up.

"That's what they do," Jefferson said. "They are No. 1 in the league in second-chance points and we have to stop it. It's not like they're

going to go from first to 29th. We have to adjust."

This is unfamiliar territory for Cleveland, which has only been to the conference finals once and never made it to the NBA finals. But with James around, anything could be possible for these Cavs.

"He made the plays to get us over the hump," coach Mike Brown said. "He was the man."

Midway through the fourth, James scored on a drive and punctuated the play with a nasty sneer. Moments later, he made it clear to Brown about what strategy he felt the Cavs should use down the stretch.

"He turned to me and said he wanted the ball," Brown said. "I said, 'What if they play zone?' He said he didn't care. He said he wanted the ball because he was going to win it for us. I went into the huddle, I called one play."

"That one play was going to LeBron every single time."

James' basket with 5:41 left put the Cavs ahead 89-85, and on Cleveland's next trip, he whipped a pass in the lane to a cutting Drew

Gooden, whose two-handed slam put the Cavaliers up by six. Gooden finished with 10 points and 14 rebounds.

Carter, begging for the ball every time the Nets had it, was able to get New Jersey within 93-89 on a bucket with 2:40 left. The Nets had a chance to cut it further, but Carter missed a tough fadeaway on the baseline and fell to the floor with a bad cramp as the Cavs raced to the other end.

"I'm going to keep shooting and keep playing," Carter said. "I'm not going to hold my head because I'm not making shots. It can turn around in a matter of seconds."

Carter missed again with 1:43 left, and this time James made the Nets pay with a 15-footer to make it 96-89 with 1:19 left. New Jersey then made two turnovers in the final minute, sealing its fate.

"We had opportunities down the stretch in both games and now its on our home court," Jefferson said. "We have to figure out a way ... have to."

Pavlovic finished with a playoff-high 17 points.

# Suns outplay 'less energetic' Spurs in Game 2

PHOENIX (AP) — Now the San Antonio Spurs are complaining about a lack of energy, and the Phoenix Suns are confident again.

Funny how quickly attitudes can change in the NBA playoffs.

With Kurt Thomas moving into the starting lineup to take on Tim Duncan, Amare Stoudemire scored 27 points — 21 in the second half — to lead the Suns to a 101-81 victory over the Spurs on Tuesday night.

The blowout evened the best-of-seven Western Conference semifinal series 1-1. Game 3 is Saturday night in San Antonio.

"I thought we played a lot harder," the Suns' Steve Nash said. "I said in the Laker series that we should judge ourselves on our energy and our concentration, and I thought in Game 1 we didn't do that. I thought tonight was a lot closer to what we need, and in San Antonio it's going to have to be even more."

Nash, with a bandage over his nose after cutting it late in Game 1, added 20 points and 16 assists as the Suns beat the Spurs in a playoff game in Phoenix for the first time in five games dating to 2005.

Raja Bell added 18 points for the winners.

The Suns, though, praised their defense, specifically that of Thomas and Shawn Marion.

"That's the way we've got to play," Bell said. "We all need to go back and look at the tape and see we were playing at a feverish pace defensively. We like to play like that offensively, but defensively we were all over the place."

Suns coach Mike

D'Antoni agreed.

"Defensively, we were really good," he said. "It started with Shawn and Kurt. Their work on those two guys was really good. Finally, we started clicking a little bit offensively. It was really a good effort. We just need to repeat it three more times."

Duncan scored 29 points despite foul trouble for San Antonio. But the Suns didn't double-team him, and unlike Game 1, he got little help from his teammates.

"They decided to stay out of there and let Kurt deal with me," Duncan said. "So that's how it went."

Meanwhile, Marion stayed on Tony Parker the whole game.

"Coach told me, 'Just go

out there and play defense, don't even worry about scoring,'" Marion said. "So that's what I did."

After scoring 32 points in the Spurs' 111-106 victory in Game 1, Parker managed only 13 points on 5-of-14 shooting.

He was reluctant to credit Phoenix's defense, though.

"I had some good looks," Parker said. "They just didn't go in."

Nash and D'Antoni had criticized the Suns' effort in Game 1. Tuesday night, coach Gregg Popovich did the same for his Spurs.

"The game was all about maintaining a pursuit and aggressiveness," he said. "They did that in a variety of ways. It's disappointing. You have to have five guys com-

mitted to doing the same thing. It seemed like we had three, maybe four at times, but not five."

D'Antoni's decision to start Thomas and have him defend Duncan freed up Stoudemire to concentrate on offense.

"I think that helped Amare a little bit," Duncan said. "Physically it may have given him a little more energy toward the end of the game there."

Thomas added 12 points on 6-of-7 shooting in 28 minutes. The Suns are 8-0 with the lineup they started Tuesday. Normally, though, Thomas has played a limited role off the bench.

"It's been tough on him not to play as much as he likes," Nash said.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, May 10, 2007:

You often swing between what you must do and what you want to do. This juggling could exhaust you and confuse others this year. Pull back and communicate your limits in a manner in which others can hear and respond. Often a partner is trying to respond, but one of you becomes frustrated. Learn to eye the long term more carefully, and you'll gain the needed results. Network and broaden your horizons. If you are single, your life could take an unexpected turn. Be open to others who sometimes can be challenging. If you are attached, share more with your significant other. PISCES proves his or her friendship.

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) \*\*\*\*\* Zero in on key issues quickly and effectively. Visualize more and share this process. You easily mobilize others with this mind infusion. Be careful how much you spend making a project happen. Everyone has his or her limits! Tonight: Find your pals.  
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\*\* If you want something done a certain way, then you need to do it yourself. Others could be contentious, or perhaps they simply don't get your message. Work on improved communication. Allow a partner time to adjust. Tonight: A must appearance.  
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\*\* Reach out for someone you care about. Though you think you're sure about what is going on, if you clear your mind you might discover otherwise.

Consider opportunities that come from an associate in a backhanded manner. Tonight: Say "yes."  
CANCER (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\*\* Allow someone else to run with the ball. You might not understand exactly what is happening, but you want to get to the bottom of an issue. Let this person do the digging. Consider yourself in it for the adventure. Tonight: Lighten up the moment.  
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\*\* If you keep hitting a brick wall, try to find another route. Pull away in order to find solutions. Sometimes you work on certain givens. Try not to right now. The more open you are and the more you break away from established thinking, the greater your success will be. Tonight: Make time for a favorite person!  
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Others like your very different style and attitude. You might need to rethink a decision that revolves around a child or loved one. Think positively, and you can bypass a disagreeable or uncomfortable situation. Tonight: Go home before you decide.  
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Let your hair down. If you feel uncomfortable with a key person, then reverse gears or add your charming sense of humor. You might need to realize how easily you can defuse a hot situation. Think before you leap. Tonight: Wind down early.  
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\*\* If you can work from home, by all means, do so. If you want to approach someone differently, allow yourself that luxury. Hold back as long as you can. You'll do much better dealing with people later on. Your creativity will surge as

well. Tonight: Use your imagination once more.  
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\*\* Say what you are feeling, though be careful to soften the edges of what others might consider a harsh statement. There is no purpose in hurting others' feelings. Fight an urge to sequester yourself. Tonight: Head on home.  
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# Gymnastics of Pampa planning spring recital

Gymnastics of Pampa will be presenting its annual spring recital in separate performances at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 11 at the gym. More than 150 students between ages 3 and 16 will be participating in the upcoming recital.

Gymnastics of Pampa students appearing in this year's recital are as follows:

Madison Fatheree, Megan Pirtle, MaKayla Hampton, McKinlee Stokes, Amber Preston, Brooke Woelfle, Taylor Giles, Kelsey Henry, Khorri Lott, Jaycee Devoll, Marlee Youree, Macie Loggins, Cheyenne Williams, Misti Bowers, Mattie Eldridge, Jacie Studebaker, Ally Roberson, Shiann Regalado, Emily Deloach.

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Paige Richards, Karina Hernandez, Madison Mendoza, Tiegan Lewis, Alexis Salazar, Sunbri Hulett, Shelbi Burrows, Lilly Porterfield, Deja Roe, Olivia Flores, Macye Ogle, Myra Villanueva, Nicole Juarez, Sarah Sutherland, Jacey Montgomery, Naomi Nanez, Calista Bolin, Kambrye Smith, Alex Rodriguez, Nichole Robinson, Monique Rosalez, Alyson Chisum, Carlee Parks, Chase Hall, Zoe Woodruff, Victoria Valenzuela, Alexis Valenzuela, Zach Robinson, Avery Sprinkle, Vanessa Ontiveros, Mariah Doyle, Allison Noble, Jimmy Townson, Kaycee Sellers, Whitney Browning, Dayana Frogge, Quila Martinez, Alyssa Lowrey, Brynna McKinney, Brianna Hennig, Yvette Villanueva, Kaitlyn Jones.

Savanna Ray, Kristen Duree, Alexis Munguia, Jaclyn Solis, Madison Bolch, AunJelle Irlbeck, Kinley Beyer, Kaylea Giles, Michelle Watson, Avery Smith, Halle Smith, Brandee Mabry, Brooke Mabry, McKenna Ethridge, Allison Pooley, Emily Sutherland,

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Britney Clark, Taylin Neff, Jessica Hooker, Chelsea Whinery, Danielle Savior, Cali Gibson, Bree Howard, Kelsey Freelan, Lyndi Whitson, Danielle Wall, Kelley Malone, Courtney Ward, Nakayla Hardman, Taylor Morgan, Ellen Cambren, J'Cee Holmes, Karami Rice, Laura Kirkland, Bailey Wichert, Sierra Parker, Cindy Meza, Kira Soto, Leslie LaRue, Leann Hinton, Itavia Ballard, Maleesa Martinez, Janae Williams, Madison Yates and Chayslyn Bolton.



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Above: (back row, left-right) Madison Bolch, Alexis Munguia, AunJelle Irlbeck, Brianna Harris, Emily Sutherland, Kaylea Giles; (middle, l-r) Brandee Mabry, Emily Burks, Madison Roby, Avery Smith, Brooklyn Mabry, Michelle Watson; (front, l-r) Kinley Beyer, Bethany Jo Roden, McKenna Ethridge, Allison Pooley, Halle Smith and Jaclyn Solis.



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Above: Mattie Eldridge, from left, Cheyenne Williams, Macie Loggins, Marlee Youree, Jacie Studebaker and Misti Bowers.



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Above: (back, left-right) Sierra Parker, Laura Kirkland, Danielle Wall, Courtney Ward, Nakayla Hardman, Kelley Malone; (middle, l-r) Danielle Savior, Bree Howard, Karami Rice, Megan Pirtle, Bailey Wichert; (front, l-r) Ellen Cambren, Taylor Morgan, Lyndi Whitson, Taylor Giles and Kelsey Freelan.

## Heroes

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ing on the fabrications about Tillman's actions in Afghanistan and Jessica Lynch's in Iraq was only the latest chapter.

Lynch, you may recall, was captured in 2003 after her military convoy came under enemy fire. Lynch suffered a mangled spinal column, broken arm, crushed foot and suffered a sexual assault. She was rescued from an Iraqi hospital to great public relations fanfare.

Lynch was surprised to learn that during her time as a prisoner, the Army had concocted a story about how she was taken prisoner after a fierce firefight. In truth, she never fired a round because her

rifle had jammed.

As with Tillman's actual situation, the circumstances of Lynch's capture and rescue were dramatic enough without the embellishment.

Their stories, however, bolstered public morale momentarily. When wars go badly, the uniformed services are especially eager for good stories about GI heroics. Lies are always exposed, though. Too many people knew the truth.

Lynch herself said it far better and far more eloquently than any politician or pundit has or will.

"The truth of war is not always easy. The truth is always more heroic than the hype," she said. Lynch, a former private first class, has a better understanding of that fundamental fact than all the brass hats in the Pentagon.

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