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Peace Officers Memorial Day

The U.S. flag should be flown at half-staff tomorrow, May 15, in observance of Peace Officers Memorial Day, according to an advisory from The American Legion.

Citing U.S. Flag code, Sect 7(m), officials of The American Legion in Indianapolis, Ind., said the American flag should be flown at half-staff on Peace Officers Memorial Day, to honor peace officers who have given their lives to serve their fellow citizens.

Singles dance set

Area singles are invited to a dance featuring Mike Porter on Saturday, May 25, from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., at M.K. Brown Auditorium. No smoking or alcohol. Please bring snacks. Tickets are \$6 per person. For more information, call 665-7059.

Pampan serious after cycle wreck

AMARILLO — A Pampa man remains in serious condition in an Amarillo hospital from injuries he received in a motorcycle wreck early Sunday morning.

William Bynam was involved in an accident around 2:30 a.m. Sunday at 4018 Olson in Amarillo, according to the Amarillo Police Department.

Bynam was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital where he is a patient in the Intensive Care Unit.

DENTISTS

- Dorothy Earls, 79, homemaker.
- Tommy Hill, 61, services pending.
- Edwyna Kirk, 97, teacher.
- Brooke D'Lynn Nichols, 24, teacher.

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Carter opens debate with Castro

White House voices worry about Cuba

HAVANA (AP) — Former President Jimmy Carter found himself in a debate on human rights and democracy with Cuban leader Fidel Castro, after he sparked controversy at home by saying U.S. officials told him they had no evidence Cuba was involved in developing weapons of mass destruction.

The White House held Tuesday to its stand that Cuba has provided biotechnology to other nations that could be used by terrorists.

Without criticizing Carter directly, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said the subject of biological technology never came up in Carter's pre-trip conversation with national security adviser Condoleezza Rice. He said the White House is worried about Castro's biological program.

The debate over democracy came Monday night, when Carter visited schools.

Carter said he would discuss "the differences in our approach to the form of governments we have" during a

major speech Tuesday night, which Castro promised would be broadcast live throughout the communist island.

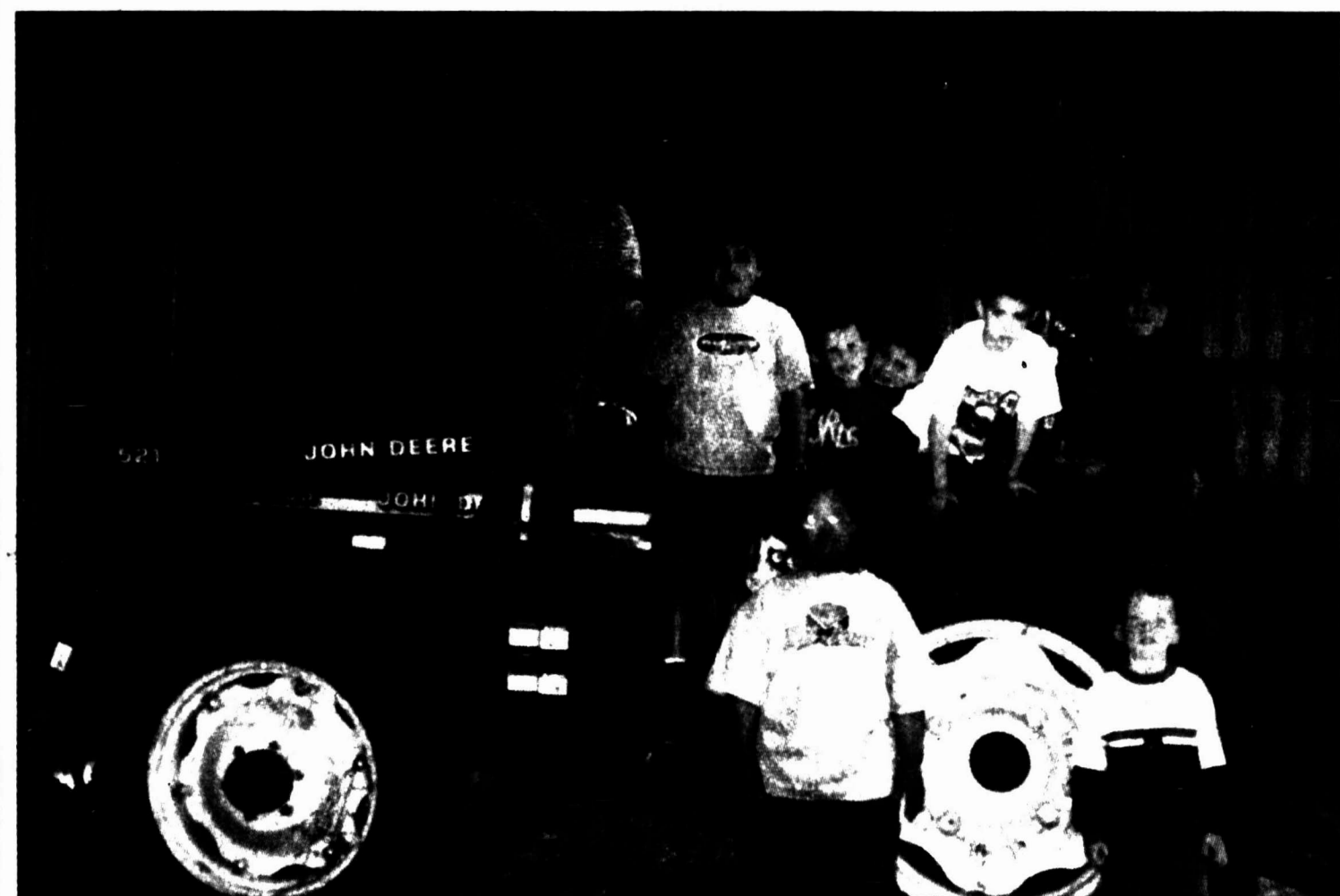
"In the United States, we believe that it is very important to have absolute freedom of expression and freedom of assembly," Carter told students at a school for social workers, citing two liberties that nearly all human rights groups find lacking in Cuba.

Castro played host to Carter at the Latin American School of Medicine, where the Cuban leader argued that the concept of democracy was born in ancient Athens, with fewer than 20,000 citizens ruling some 50,000 non-citizens and 80,000 slaves.

Noting the vast poverty of most of the world's people, Castro compared Western-style democracies to an Athens in which a minority unjustly dominates the majority and said Cuba was striving for "a society with justice" and equal opportunity. He said his country was seeking "that dream of justice, of true liberty, of true democracy, of true human rights."

Castro used the occasion at the school — where the impoverished country gives free six-year medical educations to 6,000 poor students, most from Latin America — to begin drawing the outlines of a longer response that is sure to come. (See CUBA, Page 3)

Down on the farm



Students from John Glenn Elementary Western Heights Schools of Oklahoma City found out what life on the farm is like during an overnight visit to the Larry and Dena Baker ranch near Pampa recently. The students' teacher Kimberly King is the Bakers' daughter. Here the boys, ages 5 to 12, try out a John Deere tractor: back row, from left — Robert Glander, Desman Robinson, Joel Garcia, David Stewart, Sebastian Plummer, Ryan Cruz, Frankie Ortiz, and Freddie Ortiz. Front row, from left: Cameron thrash and Zachery Huff. Not pictured is Laurie Dale, teacher's assistant.

Yeah! It's time for Splash Day

"Splash Day," Saturday, June 1, signals the opening of the summer season at M.K. Brown and Marcus Sanders swimming pools.

Gates at both pools open at 1 p.m., with free admission to all. Both pools open for regular hours on Sunday, June 2.

Hours for M.K. Brown Pool are 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., daily. Family nights are 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Monday and Thursday. The pool is available for rent on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. From noon until 1 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, the pool is set aside for Senior Swim, senior citizens only.

Marcus Sanders Pool is open from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., daily, and is available for rent from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., nightly. Fee to swim at Marcus Sanders Pool is 50 cents per person.

Fees for M.K. Brown Pool is \$1.50 per person, ages six (See POOLS, Page 3)

City to begin fogseal project on streets

Within the next few days the City of Pampa will begin a fogseal project, an application of liquid asphalt and water to residential streets.

Citizens are asked to remove any vehicles parked in the street in front of their homes while the fogseal project is in progress.

The fogseal project consists of placing a thin layer of emulsion (liquid asphalt and water) on the existing street. All vehicles must be removed

from the streets and remain off the fresh coating for a short period of time.

Streets scheduled for the project will be closed for a limited period of time and access will be restricted.

Streets scheduled for the fogseal are as follows:

- Ballard (Duncan to Foster)
- Browning (Purviance to Lefors)
- Cuyler (Georgia to Francis)
- Duncan (Ballard to 27th)

- Foster (Hobart to West)
- Foster (Ballard to Warren)
- Francis (Hobart to Frost)
- Francis (Cuyler to Lefors)
- Frost (Cook to Kingsmill)
- Harvester (Duncan to Grape)
- Kentucky (Price Road to Duncan)
- Kingsmill (Ballard to Warren)
- Kingsmill (Hobart to Frost)
- Russell (Cook to Browning)
- Starkweather (Short to Francis)

- Starkweather (Tyng to Barnes)
- Sumner (Gwendolyn to Somerville)

- Sumner (Randy Matson to 18th)
- 23rd (Price Road to Primrose)
- Buckler (Faulkner to Sumner)

For more information, contact the city's public service department at 669-5760, ext. 3.

City officials apologize for any inconvenience to residents and thank them for their cooperation.

Effort to assist leads to arrests

BY NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

PANHANDLE — An area sheriff had the intent of being a Good Samaritan last week, but it turned into the arrest of three area men for possession/transportation of chemicals with intent to manufacture controlled substance last week.

Carson County Sheriff Gary Robertson was in the northwest area of this rural county on Thursday, May 9, when Robertson spotted a young man walking down the road.

The sheriff pulled to the side of the road to check if the man needed assistance. The (See ARRESTS, Page 3)

County Commission to meet Wednesday

Precinct 2 Constable Chris Lockridge's 2002 budget will be discussed in Gray County Commission meeting on Wednesday, May 15. Lockridge is expected to attend the meeting.

The meeting is at 9 a.m. in the temporary Gray County Courtroom at 315 N. Ballard.

Consideration will be given to a resolution authorizing grant application for indigent defense program, reappointing Gray County Judge Richard Peet to the Panhandle Regional Housing Finance Corporation, a hangar lease for Lots No. 30

and 31, and request from Shamrock Pipe Line for road crossings to reflect in minutes of past approved crossings.

Also to be considered is a request from Rio Petroleum's road crossing request in NW/SW, Sec. 68, Block 25, H&GN Survey in Precinct 4, Herman Leven's request for road crossing at Ollinger Road, line item budget transfers, budget amendments and the April 2002 County Treasurer's Report.

Bills and salaries as approved by the county auditor are scheduled to be approved to pay.

Registration set for Summer Rec

City of Pampa's Recreation Department will be offering its Summer Recreation Program for all school-age children beginning Monday, June 3.

Registration is set for 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday, May 23, and Thursday, May 30, at the southeast entrance of the Pampa Middle School.

Late registration will be the first day of class at the Pampa Middle School. Registration forms must be signed by a parent or legal guardian. Fees are payable at registration.

First session is weekdays, June 3 through June 14.

Second session begins June 17 and continues on the weekdays through June 28.

Classes include beginner Spanish (learn to speak Spanish), arts and crafts, computers, volleyball, basketball, cheerleading, and gymnastics.

Each class is scheduled for one hour per day, beginning at 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., and 11 a.m.

Registration fees are \$10 per student for one class and \$5 for each additional class.

All classes take place at Pampa Middle School.

For more information, contact the City Recreation office at 669-5770.

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OBITUARIES

EDWYNA KIRK 1905-2002

LUBBOCK — Nora Edwyna Kirk, 97, died Sunday, May 12, 2002. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m., Wednesday in St. Luke's United Methodist Church with the Rev. Johnny Williams officiating and the Rev. Robert Kirk assisting. The body will lie in state at Resthaven Funeral Home in Lubbock. Private graveside services will be held under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

Mrs. Kirk was born Feb. 6, 1905, at Princeton, Texas, to Edwin and Mary West. She finished Princeton High School and received her bachelor's of science degree from McMurry University in 1936. She taught school until her marriage to R. Luther Kirk on July 21, 1923, at Princeton; he died Feb. 4, 1999.

A homemaker and a pastor's wife, Mrs. Kirk endowed the building of churches in the Philippines and sponsored several group trips abroad. She was a charter member of St. John's Methodist Church in Lubbock — of which her husband was the organizing minister, organized women's groups in most every church they served, worked under the auspices of the chaplain's office of Methodist Hospital and was chairman of a group of four charged with establishing an Interdenominational Church at the Carillon.

She was currently a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church.

She is preceded in death by a son, R. L. Kirk, on Jan. 29, 2002.

Survivors include three daughters, Patsy Edens of Lubbock, Mary Tom Tooley of Plainview and June Kirk of Amarillo; a sister, Dr. Wilma Jo Bush of Dallas; 12 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Mission Society of the United Methodist Church, Box 922637 Norcross, GA 30010-2639; the Kirk Scholarship Fund, McMurry University, Abilene, TX 79605; or the Carillon Foundation 1717 Norfolk, Lubbock, TX 79416.



DOROTHY EARLS 1922-2002

Dorothy Earls, 79, of Pampa, died Sunday, May 12, 2002. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m., Wednesday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Don Hawkins, pastor of Oak Harbor Baptist Church in Oak Harbor, Ohio, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa. The body will not be available for viewing.

Mrs. Earls was born July 29, 1922, at Stamford, Texas. She married Walter William

Earls on Sept. 29, 1945, at Stamford; he died in 1975. A Pampa resident since 1949, she was a homemaker and a member of Highland Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Teresa "Terrie" Horst and Carolyn McCarty, both of Pampa; four grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX 79101.

TOMMY HILL 1940-2002

Tommy Hill, 61, of Pampa, died Monday, May 13, 2002, at Houston, Texas. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Hill was born Sept. 6, 1940, in Pampa. He had been a lifelong resident of Pampa, graduating from Pampa High School in 1959. He married Nita Hollars on April 4, 1959, in Amarillo. He owned and operated Lone Star Babbitt & Machine for 24 years, and also owned Travel Express since 1992.

He was a member of the First United

Methodist Church and the Pampa Rotary Club.

Survivors include his wife, Nita, of the home; a son and daughter-in-law, Rory and Margaret Hill of Pampa; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jana and Rick Patton of Spring and Beth and Clay Rice of Pampa; his mother, Clarine Hill of Pampa; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Tommy Hill Medical Fund, ATTN: Sonya Everson, c/o National Bank of Commerce, P.O. Box 2750, Pampa, TX 79066-2750.

BROOKE D'LYNN NICHOLS 1978-2002

GARLAND — Brooke D'Lynn Nichols, 24, died Sunday, May 12, 2002. Services are scheduled at 1 p.m., today in Garland First Baptist Church with Dr. Steve Davis officiating. Interment will be in Riverside Cemetery at Byers, Texas, under the direction of Williams Funeral Directors of Garland.

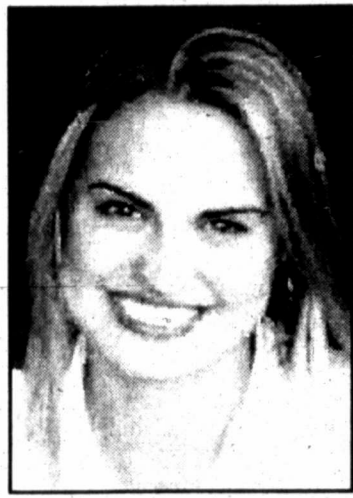
Ms. Nichols was born March 29, 1978. She graduated from South Garland High School and held a degree from Texas Tech University (2001), where she was a member of Delta Delta Delta Sorority. She later taught at South Garland High School and was an intern for the American Heart Association in Lubbock.

She was a member of First Baptist Church in Garland and volunteered as a counselor for Heart Camp Del Carazon in California.

She was preceded in death by her grandfathers, Luther Nichols and C.T. Duke.

Survivors include her parents, Garland and Sheryl Nichols; a brother, Coby Nichols; and her grandparents, Ruby Nichols, Peggy Nichols, and Bob Urban, and Rachel Merydith.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church of Garland.



SERVICES TOMORROW

EARLS, Dorothy — Memorial services, 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

FARMER, Percy L. — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Wheeler.

KIRK, Edwyna — Memorial services, 11 a.m., St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Lubbock.

ON RECORD

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance Service reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, May 13

9:13 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to 1700 block of North Chestnut. One was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

12:57 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC for a transport to an Amarillo medical facility.

5:55 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to 25th and Perryton Parkway on a motor vehicle accident. No patient was transported.

7:42 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Baten Unit. One patient was transported PRMC.

Tuesday, May 14

12:28 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Davis. One patient was transported to PRMC.

1:14 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Montague. One patient was transported to PRMC.

POLICE

Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests and reports during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, May 13

Paul Wayne Peterson, 18, 1032 Sirroco, was arrested for warrants for minor in possession and theft, both capias pro fine.

A theft of service under \$45 was reported to the Pampa Police Department. According to the police report, a locking device was pried off and water turned on for service to a house in the 100 block of South Wells.

A duffel bag containing miscellaneous personal items was reported taken in the 400 block of North Doyle. Estimated loss was \$100.

Phone harassment with verbal threats was reported to have taken place in the 1100 block of South Finley.

A forgery report was taken in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

A simple assault involving several juveniles was reported in the 1500 block of North Duncan. No injuries were reported.

A runaway was reported in the 800 block of North Nelson.

Criminal mischief was reported at Lions Club Park. A board was reported moved as well as part of a chain link fence taken down so a vehicle could drive onto a field. Estimated damage was \$50.

Theft of gasoline in the amount of \$17.61 was reported in the 1000 block of North Hobart.

A burglary of a habitation was reported in the 1000 block of Twiford. Entry was reportedly gained through a window. Reported as missing was \$50 cash, \$50 in gold dollar coins, \$30 in state quarters, and \$100 in rolled dimes. Damage to the window was estimated at \$50.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 300 block of North Doyle.

Tuesday, May 14

Police reported a domestic assault in the 800 block of North Lefors. No injuries were reported.

FIRE

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

Monday, May 13

3:31 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a hazardous material spill at Hobart and Foster streets. A vehicle struck a piece of concrete in the roadway. Damage from the collision caused transmission fluid to spill onto the road.

9:09 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a grass fire one mile south of Pampa, off Texas 152, on Gray 3. Approximately 100 feet of pasture land was burned beneath a power line.

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, May 13

Gary Schuyler Wyatt, 27, Borger, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, third or more.

James W. Murrill, 68, 1132 Neel Road, was arrested for record of fraudulent court.

Jason Paul Curry, 22, Clarendon, was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on speeding warrants.

Dillon Nathaniel Best, 20, Dayton, Texas, was arrested for consumption of alcohol, a minor.

John David Richards, 40, Pampa, was arrested for DWI, third; open container, and evading with vehicle.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast calls for partly sunny and breezy with highs around 80, and south winds 10 to 20 mph increasing to 15 to 25 mph with gusts to 35 mph this afternoon. Caution advised on area lakes through Wednesday. Tonight should be mostly cloudy and breezy with lows around 56, and south to southeast winds 15 to 25 mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy and becoming windy. A 20 percent chance of late afternoon thunderstorms. Highs around 90. South to southeast winds increasing to 20 to 30 mph in the afternoon. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows around 60. Thursday, mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs around 90. Thursday evening, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Friday, mostly cloudy and cooler. A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s. Highs around 80.

STATEWIDE

High clouds moved into North and West Texas early Tuesday, but rainfall chances remained slim under the influence of a high-pressure system in the east.

Skies were cloudy at midlevels across the Trans Pecos and Big Bend regions, with variable high cloudiness across the remainder of West Texas and the panhandle.

Early-morning temperatures were generally in the 50s and 60s, except for a pocket of mid- to upper 40s across the South Plains.

Extremes were 45 degrees at Olton, Abernathy, Antton and Amherst in the South

Plains and 69 at McAllen in the far south.

Other readings included 67 degrees at Wink in the Permian Basin.

Winds were light at 10 mph or less and variable from the north under the high-pressure ridge. In West Texas, winds were mostly southerly and southeasterly at 5 to 15 mph.

The National Weather Service forecast called for mostly sunny skies in North Texas with highs from the mid-70s to 85, except for mid-90s along the Rio Grande and mid-60s in the Guadalupe Mountains.

A slight chance of late afternoon thunderstorms

was predicted for far West Texas, with mostly cloudy skies in the panhandle.

Lows overnight should be in the mid-50s to mid-60s, except for the mid-40s in the Guadalupe Mountains.

A slight chance of evening thunderstorms continued in the far west.

Partly cloudy and warmer conditions were expected Wednesday with highs in the low to mid-80s in the north and 85 to 95 in the south, with about 103 along the Rio Grande and near 70 in the mountains.

Forecasters continued a slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms in the eastern panhandle.

City Briefs

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		KMI	46.74	+0.27
		XCEL	21.75	-0.42
		Kerr McGee	61.70	+0.62
		Limited	20.95	+0.34
		Williams	15.76	+0.21
		McDonalds	30.14	-0.27
		Exxon Mobil	40.42	+0.41
		Atmos	23.25	+0.04
		Pioneer Nat.	24.81	+0.98
		Penney's	24.81	+0.21
		Phillips	61.09	-0.13
		Schlumberger	55.99	-0.55
		Tenneco	5.67	-0.01
		CVX	90.02	-0.08
		Wal-Mart	57.95	+0.21
		OKE	22.05	+0.5
		NS Group	8.88	+0.08

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Fidelity Mageln	96.12	+1.70		
Puritan	17.64			
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The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa:

BP	52.56	+0.51	New York Gold	310.65
Celanese	23.54	-0.16	Silver	4.62
Cabot Corp.	27.80	+0.55	West Texas Crude	28.40
Cabot Oil Gas	24.58	-0.16		
Coca Cola	56.47	-0.42		

Fire at Shell's Deer Park chemical plant

DEER PARK, Texas (AP) — A blaze at a chemical plant where thick, black smoke closed a highway and prompted warnings for area school children remained under investigation Tuesday.

The blaze at a Shell Oil Co. chemical plant along the Houston Ship Channel in southeast Harris County did not affect the refinery portion of the facility, said company spokesman Dave McKinney.

The extent of the damage

had not been determined early Tuesday.

No injuries were reported in the fire that broke out shortly before 11 a.m. Monday.

The blaze sent large plumes of black smoke into the air, forcing nearby roads, including Texas Highway 225, to be temporarily closed.

The city of Deer Park and the Deer Park school district warned students and residents to stay indoors, turn off air conditioners and close windows and all outside ventilation.

Students at about 10 cam-

pus in the neighboring Pasadena school district were also warned to take those precautions.

Residents were advised to stay inside their homes, shut their windows and turn off their air conditioners as a precaution, said Ron Crabtree of the Deer Park Office of Emergency Management.

Officials lifted the order for Pasadena schools shortly before noon, and Deer Park schools and residents received the all-clear signal about 12:30 p.m.

The blaze was extinguished by company firefighters shortly after 2 p.m.

No hazardous substances were detected by Jim Indest, an emergency investigator for the Houston office of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, and other investigators in air quality tests.

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By NANCY MANAGING

MIAMI Independent School Board of Trust new board members organized during night's meeting.

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Miami school board swears in new members, reorganizes

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

MIAMI — Miami Independent School District Board of Trustees gained a new board member and reorganized during Monday night's meeting.

Mickey Manor, a newcomer to the board of trustees, and incumbent Ted Rankin were sworn in for three-year terms.

Previous officers were all elected by acclamation to continue in their offices during the upcoming year. Troy Manley will continue as president, Tom Grantham as vice-president, and Dianne Wheeler as secretary.

Preliminary TAAS results which were received last week were reviewed by the board.

Superintendent Allen Dinsmore said the initial results would give Miami an exemplary rating, but cautioned it is unofficial.

"Of the students in third through eighth grade and 10th grade who took the TAAS test, three students didn't make the minimum for writing; six students didn't make the minimum for math and four didn't achieve it in reading," he said. "Each subject area would meet the 90 percent required for exemplary."

School board members will be attending required training for board members during the upcoming months. Dinsmore said at least one board member will attend the May 15 WTA&M training session, and two board members along

with Dinsmore will go to a June 13-15 session in San Antonio. He said he didn't know how many would attend the annual Texas Association of School Boards in Dallas in September.

The local sick leave policy was modified. Any fulltime employee working 30 hours a week will receive five days a year. Those under the 30 hours will receive a percentage. Staff members may cash in five days of local leave to obtain \$100 at the end of the year. The policy will allow the teachers to accumulate two years of local sick leave.

Dinsmore said the local sick leave may be used before the state leave. He also said the local leave cannot be transferred to another school

district, but the accumulated state sick leave can be.

Ryan Manley was honored for winning first place in a poem writing contest. Miami High School was awarded a \$1,000 grant to be used for Project Graduation since he captured first place.

Several students were recognized for their accomplishments in regional participation in academics and athletics. Also recognized for achieving fourth at state competition in Corpus Christi were the FCCLA Junior High Parliamentary procedure members.

Board members approved a 3-2-1 discount for MISD taxpayers. Taxpayers will get a three percent tax break if taxes are paid during the month of

October, two percent break in November and one percent in December. Superintendent Allen Dinsmore said 99.4 of their current year taxes have been paid.

He said board members also approved an optional homestead exemption.

Teacher budgets were reviewed and tabled until the next meeting.

Outstanding teacher



(Photo courtesy of The Canadian Record)

Canadian ISD teacher Jeannie Belcher, right, accepts the honor of Wal-Mart's Teacher of the Year for the Panhandle area. Steven Blythe, assistant manager of the Pampa store, presented the first-time award to Belcher on National Teacher Day, May 7, in observance of the lasting contribution teachers make to students' lives. Belcher is the daughter of Cleo and Donna Goff of Pampa.

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ARRESTS

man said he'd had car trouble and was walking to Borger to get help, but he'd left three friends who were with him at the vehicle.

Sheriff Robertson said he would go check on the man's friends. When he arrived at the location he found David Viner, 38, Fritch; Tony Wall, 33, Stinnett; and Ronnie Garipey, 43, Borger, with the van which had broken down.

A check of the inside of the vehicle yielded salt, sulfuric acid, and ether among other chemicals.

"They had all the ingredients of a meth lab," said Robertson, "except anhydrous ammonia."

Robertson said the van had a tank and they were only two miles from an anhydrous storage facility.

"It was a multi-agency endeavor," he said. Two of his deputies as well as personnel from Panhandle Police Department and Texas Department of Public Safety also responded and participated in the arrests.

Viner, Wall and Garipey were arrested and taken to the Carson County Jail. The fourth man will probably be joining them soon, said Robertson.

"We just have to get a warrant for him," he said.

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CUBA

response is to be a statement of principles that may serve for his revolutionary movement's 50th anniversary next year.

Critics say Cuba's government harasses organized opposition groups, accusing them of being hirelings of foreign governments, and has allowed no opposition parties during Castro's 43 years in power. Cuban exile groups had urged Carter — who has campaigned for democracy in other nations — to raise the issue during his visit to Cuba.

"We take pride in our freedom to criticize our own government and to change our government when we don't like it by voting in elections that are contested," said Carter, who began Monday by meeting two human rights activists who have spent time in Cuban prisons.

Early Tuesday, Carter — who arrived in Havana on Sunday as the first former or current American president to visit Castro's Cuba — toured Cuba's AIDS sanatorium before traveling to a farm cooperative, both on the outskirts of Havana. After his Tuesday night speech, Carter

was scheduled to attend a baseball game of all-star teams from eastern and western Cuba. Castro also was expected to attend.

During his steps, Carter was not taking questions from reporters, and staff members said he would save his comments to the media for Friday, when he has scheduled a news conference.

The White House spokesman's comments about biotechnology came a day after Carter said he had been told by administration officials that the United States had no evidence the communist country was transferring technology that could be used to make weapons of mass destruction.

Carter told Castro and leading Cuban scientists that he had asked White House, State Department and intelligence officials specifically if Cuba was transferring tech-

nology or other information that could be used in terrorist activities. He said he was told Cuba was not.

Explaining the U.S. view, Fleischer pointed to a widely covered speech by Undersecretary of State John Bolton shortly before Carter's trip.

In the speech, Bolton said Cuba has provided biotechnology to "other rogue states" and the United States is concerned the information could support biological warfare programs.

"The United States has plenty of reason to be concerned," Fleischer said.

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Don't leave without one

I'd say that the single, most significant, contraction in American life today is the cell phone.

To say cell phones are everywhere would be the understatement of the century.

A person can't walk or drive down the street, go into a store, a restaurant, a church, or sometimes even a funeral without encountering someone with a cell phone to their ear, earnestly conversing with an invisible person on the other end of the line.

I'd even go so far as to say cell phones will have a significant place in history. They certainly played a major role in the events of Sept. 11.

Without cell phones, we would only have our conjectures about what actually happened on the airline flight that crashed into the Pennsylvania pasture or what was in the minds of those people trapped in the World Trade Center moments before the towers collapsed.

But the painful truth is, cell phones enabled us to have contact with the participants in these tragedies as the events unfolded. Through these little electronic devices, the victims were able to leave a last-minute legacy of their love for their families, a first-hand report of what actually happened, and audible reminders of their heroism.

Awesome.
I believe that a cell phone may have saved my life several years ago. Before I returned to the newspaper business, I drove back and forth from Pampa to my job in Amarillo every day. I kept a cell phone in my car, mainly so I could communicate with my husband and as a way to call for help if my car broke down on the highway.



DEE DEE LARAMORE
EDITOR

Several times I had had problems with truckers "messing with me" when I crossed over onto Interstate 40. I don't know how else to describe it. They really didn't do anything wrong, they'd just drive their big rigs way too close to my little Mercury, then pull along side and just stay beside me, instead of going ahead and completing the pass.

If my ignoring them didn't seem to work, I discovered I could pick up my cell phone and start dialing. They'd immediately pull ahead or slow down and leave me alone.

Wonderful.
One afternoon I was headed home on U.S. 60 when a big new car filled with about four or five men started playing this game. I tried speeding up to get ahead of them. When that didn't work, I slowed way down — to 45 mph — to let them get ahead of me. They just stayed with me. I definitely felt harassed. They would not leave me alone.

When they got close enough to see, I picked up my cell phone and pretended to dial. No effect. They just laughed and waved. So I dialed my husband Vic's cell phone number. When he answered, I told him what was happening and described the car and the men in it.

With me still on the line, he used another phone to call the Carson County Sheriff's Office to ask for help. The dis-

patcher said the only deputy on duty was in White Deer and could come.

Now I was getting scared.
The dispatcher suggested that I drive to the Sheriff's Office in Panhandle. I did. The car followed me into town. Fortunately, I knew Panhandle better than this bunch with an Arizona license plate did. I drove around a bit and lost them, before turning into the parking lot where the Sheriff's Office is located. From where I was sitting, I could see them driving up and down the streets looking for me.

After I didn't see the car for awhile, I got back on the highway and headed for home.

I didn't know what else was happening...
Vic had gotten in his truck and started driving toward Panhandle when he saw the car I had described. He turned around and started following them. Realizing he was tailing them, the car doubled back and began following Vic.

He called Pampa police, told them what was happening, and proceeded to lead the suspicious vehicle into Pampa right by the police station. The car continued to follow his truck until they spotted a bunch of police cars around the First Bank Southwest building. Apparently the police were responding to a false alarm at the bank. Vic said the car and the strange men in it suddenly disappeared.

I'll probably never know the identities of those men or what their intentions were, but something was definitely not right.

Without my cell phone, I'm not sure I would be here to tell this story.

I know one thing. I don't drive anywhere without a working cell phone in the vehicle.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A great project for local churches, service clubs

Churches, clubs and organizations in Pampa are always looking for community service projects. There is one project that would greatly enhance the quality of life of hundreds of Pampa residents and only cost the participating organizations a little time and perhaps a few phone calls to a toll-free number.

Four pharmaceutical companies offer cards to help persons on Medicare with income of less than \$18,000 for an individual or \$24,000 for a couple, and have no insurance to cover prescriptions. While both Senior Citizens groups in Pampa have the numbers to call for enrollment, there are hundreds of people who are not members who will not be helped. Younger citizens who have Medicare because of disability qualify for the prescription cards.

Since the enrollment process for the cards takes several weeks and is not retroactive, we need to ensure that all qualified members of our community family are enrolled for the card as quickly as possible, and not wait until they have to have a prescription filled. There is no monthly fee or annual fee for the cards.

Each company manufactures a medication for each of the illnesses common to the elderly and disabled (diabetes, heart problems, respiratory problems, high blood pressure, and such). Each company pays only for drugs manufactured by their company.

Many people cannot afford to adequately heat or cool their homes, or eat a proper diet because their prescription bill is so high. With summer approaching, these people become at risk for strokes, heart attacks, respiratory distress, and number of heat related health problems.

The participating companies and their enrollment phone numbers are: (1) the Pfizer Company, 1-800-717-6055 — the patient pays \$15 for each 30-day supply of the prescription. (2) Eli Lilly, 1-877-795-4559 — the patient pays \$12 for a 30-day supply for each prescription. (3) Navartis, 1-866-974-2273 — save the patient 25 to 40 percent of the cost of the prescription. (4) Glaxo-Smith Kline, 1-888-672-6436 — saves the patient 15 to 30 percent of the cost of the prescription.

It is important that each person have each of the cards so the doctor has a greater range of medications from which to prescribe.

If each organization in Pampa would make it their project to contact people and help them with the enrollment for the prescription cards, we could make a great difference in the quality of many lives in our community family.

Enrolling all qualified persons in Pampa is a huge task, but if we all work together "The difficult we can accomplish immediately — the impossible just takes a little longer." (My personal motto.)

Shirley Nicholson
Pampa

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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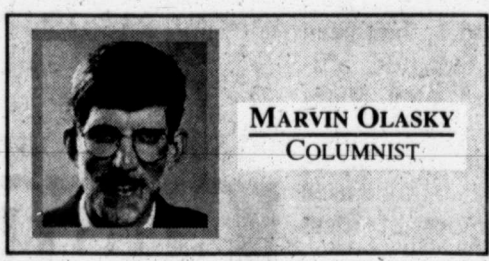
What's right? Who's left?

Pundits who classify political candidates as right-wingers or left-wingers are about to encounter a multicultural earthquake. Look what happened last week when Pim Fortuyn, an openly gay opponent of immigration running for president of The Netherlands, was shot to death just as he was poised to gain up to one-third of the vote.

The instant labeling of Fortuyn as "right-wing" seemed curious, because gay candidates are most often on the left. It turned out that Fortuyn was classified that way because he wanted to shut down immigration to Holland. But look a little closer: He was particularly attacking Muslim immigrants because they oppose homosexuality and feminism. Fortuyn should have been placed on the far-left, but with an asterisk attached.

Journalists will need lots of asterisks over the next decade, because the labeling problem will grow more severe as the assumption by Americans of the left that Third World voices are on their side no longer holds up. For example, U.S. liberals who generally sneer at abstinence-only programs in schools and support distribution of condoms were taken aback by a speech Janet K. Museveni, wife of Uganda's president, gave at the United Nations last week.

Museveni said, "The young person who has been trained to be disciplined will, in the final analysis, survive better than the one who has been instructed to wear a piece of rubber and continues with 'business as usual.' When we fail to teach our young that there are some moral absolutes and they must reckon with them or perish, then we do grievous



MARVIN OLASKY
COLUMNIST

harm to the future of human race."

Her plea that the U.N. should stop tossing condoms to kids is backed up by Uganda's experience: Since the AIDS-ravaged African nation left the rubber plantation and began aggressively advocating abstinence in 1995, the rate of new HIV infection has dropped by two-thirds. But how politically incorrect! Does "African right-winger" sound right in a headline?

And what do we call the "Third World" bishops who have repeatedly saved the Anglican Church worldwide (and its American Episcopal branch) from becoming a gay outpost, with a consequent exit of heterosexuals? For example, the 80 bishops from Africa and Southeast Asia who met at Kuala Lumpur five years ago opposed the ordination of homosexuals and the blessing of same-sex unions, noting that the frequent North American "setting aside of biblical teaching" on such questions is "totally unacceptable."

The worldwide Anglican conference in Lambeth, England, came up with the same conclusion at its last meeting in 1998. (There won't be another until 2008.)

Bishops from North America and Europe offered liberal viewpoints on issues such as homosexuality, but

Nigerian bishop Emmanuel Chukwuma confronted Richard Kirker of the Gay and Lesbian Christian Movement and prayed repeatedly that God would deliver him from his homosexuality. Anti-gay Africans at Lambeth, Bishop Orombi said, "spoke the truth. We are quoting what is in the Scriptures. Don't you forget that the church in America and the church in

England took us the Scriptures, and we are not reading anything different."

What will happen when those on the left have to choose between honoring their Third World brethren and pushing some of their pet causes? The likely response has been offered by recently retired liberal bishop John Spong, who noted the African opposition to homosexuality and complained that "They've moved out of animism into a very superstitious kind of Christianity." His remarks appeared under a headline, "African Christians ... a step up from witchcraft."

We'll see much more of that as the American left no longer can pride itself on siding with all "the oppressed," a term purportedly encompassing not only U.S. racial and ethnic minorities along with non-Western racial majorities, but also the gender majority and a variety of sexual preference minorities. That big tent has too many flaps to keep all of them closed in the high winds of cultural conflict. It's likely that leftists who have to choose will, like Bishop Spong, side with their own constituents against the Africans, Asians and South Americans who (according to the left) just don't get it.

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Business Review

PNC celebrates Nursing Home Week

Residents at Pampa Nursing Center are celebrating National Nursing Home Week through Friday, May 17.

A different theme highlights each day. Today was Rock Around the Clock Day. Residents at the center went bowling this morning and experienced an old fashioned soda shop this afternoon complete with coke floats, root beer floats, chips and rock and roll music.

Under the Big Top - Circus Day will be Wednesday. There will be a lot of 'clowning around' with balloons and clowns throughout the building in the morning. Circus music will also be enjoyed by the PNC residents.

During the afternoon, it will be Carnival Time. Pick a duck game, fishing pond, and cake walk will all be enjoyed by the residents.

western games relay will be at 6 p.m. Concluding the day's activities will be live country music and dancing.

On Friday the residents will enjoy Around the World in a Day. The day will begin at 7:30 a.m. by recognizing France with french toast. At 10 a.m. tribute will be paid to England as tea and crumpets are served. An Italian meal will highlight recognition of Italy at 12:30 p.m.

The Fiesta Dancers from Pampa High School will take Mexico to the residents at 2 p.m. Kite flying and fortune cookies will signify recognition of China at 3 p.m. in the backyard.

PNC residents will be glad to return to America as they enjoy hot dogs, apple pie and ice cream at 5:30 p.m. American songs will be led by Terri Adams, admissions coordinator at PNC.

On Monday the residents celebrate Mardi Gras Day with Bingo in the morning. In the afternoon they had a fun time with casino games, nonalcoholic mixed drinks, and pretzels.

Pampa Nursing Center has a new administrator, Vickie Hutton. She came to Pampa from Shamrock. With 22 years of experience in the nursing home field, Hutton is a welcome addition to PNC.

"The residents are the most important thing," said Vickie Hutton. "We have a great staff who can and do give great care here at Pampa Nursing Center."

Dawn Lee, R.N. has recently joined the staff as Director of Nursing.

"We have a great atmosphere with a winning team," said Terrie Adams, admissions coordinator. "All the departments are working together. Our residents are receiving great one-on-one care."

Activities for the patients are planned by Kristie Fuller who has been Activities Director at the local facility for four years.

Patients enjoy bowling, Bingo, dominoes and the penny game.

Barbara Patrick, assistant Director of Nursing, has been at PNC for 16 years. She has a total of 30 years experience in the nursing home setting.

LaGayla Wheat serves as a physical therapist aide with PNC. She has an excellent record in wound healing, said Adams.

The facility also houses an occupational therapist and an on-call speech therapist so the residents are able to have therapy without leav-

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ing the building.

Dietary department is headed by Sharon Brown. She said the food is excellent, and explains that Brown makes substitutions for those who prefer different foods.

An 82-bed capacity facility, PNC is home to many residents from Pampa and the surrounding area. A friendly and caring environment is at the local center.

Some of the patients are at the facility temporarily while others are on a longterm basis. Private rooms are available for the patients as are semi-private rooms.

Referrals are followed by on-site preadmission assessment. Trained professionals will counsel the family and patient through the entire admission process.

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Programs offered include pain management, respite care, hospice care, medically demanding, orthopedic recovery, pulmonary management, stroke recovery and vascular/wound recovery.

A rehabilitation department, semi-private rooms, sub-acute beds, long term beds, on-site beauty salon, transportation, cable and laundry are all available at PNC.

Adams has information regarding the admitting process, and will be pleased to discuss any aspects of admissions.

Nancy Meers assists families with the financial aspects of nursing home life while Melinda Hillman, LVN, Medicare Coordinator, can help with any Medicare questions.

Adams said the local facility has Medicare beds and has the distinction that any beds at the facility are certified as Medicare.

Information may be obtained by calling the staff at 669-2551 or going by the facility at 1321 W. Kentucky.



Dawn Lee, RN, sitting, and Vickie Hutton, standing, both recently joined the staff of Pampa Nursing Center. Lee is Director of Nurses while Hutton serves as Nursing Home Administrator. Both women invite public input.



Pampa Nursing Center staff members such as Diane Wells, COTA, LaGayle Wheat, LPTA, and Linda Sickler, RA, provide physical therapy assistance for many of the patients. Aulsie Scott, a patient, enjoys the therapy at the local facility.

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DEAR ABBY

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Disabled Relative Pleads For Attention From Family

DEAR ABBY: I am 48 and disabled. I have never had a birthday party, received a Christmas present, or attended a family wedding or funeral. Years ago, I overheard my brother tell someone he had only three brothers and sisters. I am the fourth. It hurts to this day.

Each year, "in the spirit of Christmas," my family picks me up to spend Christmas Day with them. However, no one talks to me — not even to wish me a "Merry Christmas." My nephews and nieces hold up their children from across the room to stare at me. I feel like I'm in a zoo. When I write to them, my letters are returned.

I was told that some babies die at birth. For some reason I lived — but this isn't living. How can I make my family realize that I exist?

THE INVISIBLE CHILD

DEAR INVISIBLE CHILD: I'm sorry you don't have the loving, supportive family that you deserve. Rather than trying to "make" your family realize that you are a human being with needs not unlike their own — look around you. You are probably already a member of a "family" — those people with whom you live, work and worship and who care about you. More of your needs can be met by concentrating on your relationships with them. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I work in a state health care facility for the disabled. Some are unable to do much for themselves. Others have excellent personal and social skills. Many of them have no family contact.

Years ago, parents were encouraged to put children with developmental disabilities into an institution and forget about them. I understand why some parents may feel guilty, wondering if they are to blame for the child's condition. What I can't understand is how parents and family can turn their backs on a child. We all need someone to love and care for us.

Abby, please urge your readers to reach out to a family member who is in an institution or group setting. Yes, they are being fed, housed and clothed, but they also need contact with family and friends. If it's not possible to visit, send a letter or card and include a dollar bill — especially on birthdays and holidays. Check on the visiting hours, talk with staff members to see what interests, activities or hobbies the resident may have. Ask if he or she would enjoy going out to lunch or to a shopping mall or G-rated movie. Please don't feel guilty if you haven't made contact. Now is the time to reach out before it's too late.

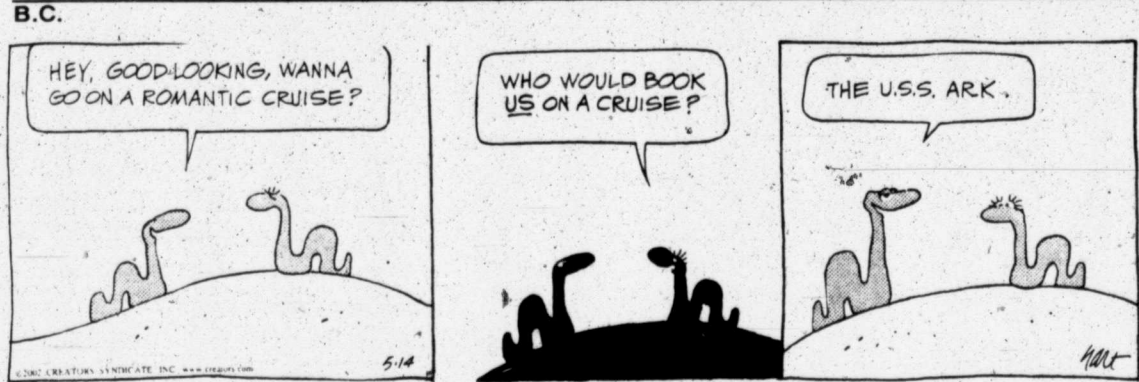
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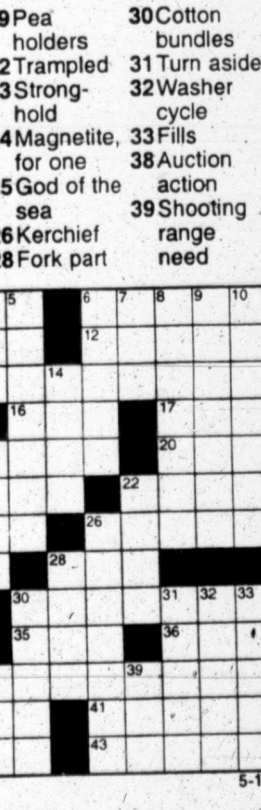
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SPORTS

Battered Shaq coming through against Spurs

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bruised and battered from hand to toe, Shaquille O'Neal is trying to do the little things for the Los Angeles Lakers.

The big man is coming through in a big way.

"What I'm really happy about is Shaquille has recognized what he can do for this team," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "A lot of it has to do with pick and rolls, setting picks, playing defense, rebounding."

The Lakers can end their best-of-seven series against San Antonio in Game 5 at Staples Center on Tuesday night. If the Spurs win, Game 6 of the Western Conference semifinals is Thursday night in San Antonio.

Kobe Bryant made the obvious difference Sunday as the

Lakers outscored San Antonio 13-1 in the last five minutes to win 87-85 for a 3-1 lead. But O'Neal quietly did his part.

He assisted on Bryant's two late 3-pointers that tied the game at 85. And he rebounded Robert Horry's missed 3-pointer with 30 seconds left, enabling the Lakers to maintain possession.

Ultimately, Bryant rebounded Derek Fisher's missed shot and scored with five seconds remaining for the game's final points.

Bryant said O'Neal told him of his plans before Sunday's game.

"He told me: 'I'm going to need you to carry the load because my injuries won't allow me to do that. I'm going to do the little things,'" Bryant said. "Shaq just wants to win the game, that's what's most

important to him.

"He's just so dominant. People say he's not playing as well as he should. He gets 25 (points) and 15 (rebounds), I can live with that."

Actually, O'Neal had 22 points, 11 rebounds and five assists Sunday after getting 22 points, 15 rebounds and three assists two days earlier in a 99-89 win by the Lakers.

"The reality is, he's doing enough for us to win," Jackson said. "Not enough for us to blow people out, that's for sure."

That's understandable considering O'Neal's ailments: an arthritic right big toe that's bothered him for months; a stitched right index finger he sliced May 5 in Game 1 of this series; a left ankle he sprained two days later in Game 2.

The injuries haven't kept

O'Neal on the bench, and he'll probably play his 40 minutes or so Tuesday night.

O'Neal usually doesn't talk about his injuries in detail, but he did so Monday after sitting out practice. He admits his 10th NBA season has been his most difficult in terms of playing through pain.

"It's kind of hard to get my shot up with my finger all banged up," he said. "I don't have to score 40 points to win. I'm not going to try to do too much, pass to Kobe and the other guys."

"My guys are sticking up for me. I look for us to take care of business tomorrow. We have to play our game, we have to put them away."

If that happens, the Lakers will have at least three full days off before the conference finals begin.

The Spurs realize if they're going to extend the series, they must do a better job offensively in the fourth quarter.

"I don't think we need to change a lot," Spurs center David Robinson said. "We're right there; maybe execute a little better down the stretch. Some of it is making good decisions. We've just got to put the ball in the basket."

"We're playing against the two-time defending world champions. That's a great challenge."

The Lakers have outscored the Spurs 94-62 in the fourth quarters this series, including 20-10 in Game 4, after being outscored 280-263 in the first three periods.

San Antonio has made 29.5 percent of its shots in the fourth quarters, including 3-of-18 (16.7 percent) in Game 4.

NOTEBOOK

TRACK

AUSTIN — Groom's Krisanne Davis finished fifth in the long jump Friday at the Class 1A state track meet.

Davis had a leap of 16-9 1/2. She went into the state meet as district and regional champion.

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TENNIS

HAMBURG, Germany (AP) — Andre Agassi withdrew, and Pete Sampras was defeated as the German Open lost two of its biggest stars within hours.

In a letter to organizers, Agassi said his victory at the Italian Open made him reconsider playing in Germany. His late pullout will cost him a \$40,000 fine.

Sampras' drought stretched to 27 tournaments without a title, dating to Wimbledon in 2000, and he doesn't look like he's about to shake off the slump.

He offered little resistance in a 6-3, 6-4 loss to Max Mirnyi. It was Sampras' second straight first-round loss on clay.

HOCKEY

VOORHEES, N.J. (AP) — Ken Hitchcock, who led Dallas to a Stanley Cup championship in 1999, was hired to coach the Philadelphia Flyers on Tuesday, a team source told The Associated Press.

The Flyers will announce the hiring at a news conference, according to the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Hitchcock, who served as an assistant coach in Philadelphia from 1990-93, was fired by the Stars in January. He met with Flyers general manager Bob Clarke and team chairman Ed Snider on Monday, and continued his interview Tuesday.

Hitchcock, 50, replaces Bill Barber, fired two weeks ago after the Flyers were eliminated in the first round of the playoffs for the fourth time in five years.

He is the fifth coach hired by Clarke since 1997, when Terry Murray was fired despite leading Philadelphia to the Stanley Cup finals.

A demanding coach whose philosophy centers on defense, Hitchcock said Monday there are many similarities between the Flyers and the Stars.

"I see a desperation here to want to win," he said. "I see that in the veteran players by the comments and by the few conversations that I've had with the players I've come across. When I went in Dallas in '97, that was what I saw. They were willing to do anything to win and that was a good feeling."

Flashback

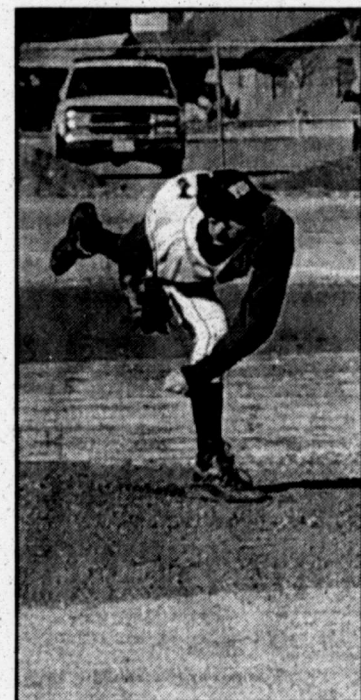
1970: Quarterback David White ran for three touchdowns and threw for another one as Lefors shut out Texline 55-0.

End Jim Crutcher caught a 30-yard touchdown pass from White.

Halfback Richard Harcom ran for two touchdowns. Fullback Mike Robbins and halfback Ken Prestidge each had a touchdown run.

Harvesters to play at the Dilla Villa

PAMPA — When upset-minded Pampa takes on top-ranked Randall this weekend, there will be some big-league atmosphere at the high school level surrounding the Class 4A regional opener. That's because the opener in the best of three series will be played at the spacious Amarillo National Dilla Villa.



Adam Jones

home of the Amarillo Dillas professional baseball team. The Dillas open their season out of town Friday night, giving the Pampa and Randall players the opportunity to open their series in a pro-type park.

The first game is set for 7 p.m. Friday at the Dilla Villa. The second game will be played at 12 noon Saturday at Amarillo High School. A third game, if necessary, will be played 30 minutes later.

The Harvesters go into the series with a 17-17 record. The Raiders, ranked atop Class 4A, have a 24-5 mark.

Both teams are going off sweeps in their best two-of-three Class 4A Area playoff series.

Senior lefty Adam Jones whiffed 10 batters and allowed only three hits as Pampa defeated El Paso Yselta 7-2 last weekend to advance to regionals.

Randall went on a 15-hit rampage to down El Paso Riverside 16-7 in the other Area final. Catcher Josh Payne paced the Raiders at the plate with two home runs and a double.

Twins edge Royals, 5-2

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — No one would say the Minnesota Twins are lucky to be in first place. No team with this many injuries by the middle of May could be lucky.

Cleanup hitter David Ortiz, the sixth Twin to spend time on the disabled list, came back Monday and drove in the tiebreaking run with an eighth-inning double in a 3-2 victory over Kansas City in the only game in the AL.

But starting pitcher Brad Radke pulled a groin muscle throwing a pitch to Mark Quinn in the second inning and figures he'll miss at least one start.

"You wonder if someone's trying to slap the new manager around," first-year manager Ron Gardenhire said.

Radke, who had given up just one hit in his two innings, said he missed one start with a similar injury four years ago.

"Our team's cursed with injuries," Radke said. "We can just try to overcome it. There's nothing you can say about injuries."

Radke did not come out for the third inning, throwing just 19 pitches.

"I hurt it on the second pitch to (Mark) Quinn," he said. "It hurt like hell. And the two or three pitches after that, it felt like hell. Hopefully, it won't take too long to get back. Just have to go day-by-day."

"For once this year, I'm starting to feel like I'm where I want to be. Then something like this happens. Hopefully, this won't set me back too long. It's not a fun thing."

Ortiz, who had missed 18 games following surgery to

remove a bone chip in his left knee, was 1-for-4. After Jason Grimsley (1-2) walked Doug Mientkiewicz in the eighth, Ortiz doubled off the wall in right-center for what proved to be the winning run.

"The knee didn't bother me at all," he said. "It feels fine. When I went on the DL and had to stay home and just watch the games on TV, it was really frustrating. But it just made me work harder to get back."

J.C. Romero (3-0) pitched 2-2-3 innings of one-hit relief for the victory that put the Twins ahead of the Royals 241-240 in the all-time series.

Eddie Guardado worked a perfect ninth for his league-leading 13th save in 13 opportunities.

The loss dropped the Royals to 0-7 in one-run games.

McLean golfers



(Courtesy photo)

The McLean girls golf team competed in the Class 1A regional golf tournament recently at Sundown and finished eighth with a two-round score of 935. Team members are (from left) Randi Riley, Shaley Steel, Sandy Anderson and Nikki Hefley. Also pictured is coach Blaze Herring.

Rodeo champion calls it quits

DALLAS (AP) — Rodeo legend Ty Murray has announced he's ending his 15-year professional rodeo and bull riding career.

"I've accomplished everything that I've set out to do," he told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram for its Tuesday editions. "I've always said that I wanted to go out when I'm competing on a world-class level."

The 32-year-old, who made the announcement Monday, said he just doesn't have the focus, drive and intensity he has had in the past.

"I've been thinking about it for a while. I just felt like this is a good time, because I've done everything I wanted to do in the sport," Murray told The Dallas Morning News for its Tuesday editions. "All through my career I knew that you can only do it so long, especially the events. I do (bareback, saddle bronc

and bull riding)."

Recently, he has been idled by injuries to his neck and riding hand, but he says the aches and pains weren't factors in his decision.

"You have to have a fire in you for this sport, because it's way too dangerous to do it as an afterthought," the Stephenville resident said.

Randy Bernard, CEO of Professional Bull Riders, said, "With Ty's track record, he has become one of the most recognized and well-respected individuals in the industry. His efforts have paid off in the form of championship titles on every level of competition."

Murray burst on the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association tour when he was

the overall and bareback riding rookie of the year in 1988.

He went on to win seven world all-around championships, the first time that feat had ever been accomplished in the PRCA.

In addition to being the PBR reserve world champion the last three years, he also won the PBR Bud Light Cup world event in 1999, the PRCA world bull riding titles in 1993 and 1998 and the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo average championships in 1993 (bareback riding) and 1998 (bull riding).

Murray, who has earned over \$3 million during his career, was the youngest cowboy to reach the million-dollar mark in rodeo history. He was 23.

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Earthquake shakes Pacific Bell Park, but the game goes on

By The Associated Press

When an earthquake shook San Francisco in 1989, the World Series was postponed for 10 days. This one didn't even delay the game.

While the stands at Pacific Bell Park rumbled Monday night, Chipper Jones and most of the players never even noticed.

"All I felt was the chill in my bones," Jones said.

The Atlanta slugger was batting in the ninth inning when the earthquake hit, rattling glass panes in the front of the press box. But play continued and moments later the Braves rallied from two runs down against Robb Nen to tie it.

The Giants won 7-6 in the 11th when Chris Hammond (1-2) walked Jeff Kent with the bases loaded.

San Francisco manager Dusty Baker, a hitting coach for the Giants in 1989 when that earthquake rattled Candlestick Park, wasn't surprised there was little reaction from players or the 36,331 fans.

"They were either too excited or too cold to feel it," Baker said.

In other NL games, it was: Arizona 11, Pittsburgh 0; Los Angeles 3, New York 2 in 13 innings; St. Louis 3, Chicago 0; Houston 17, Philadelphia 3; Cincinnati 5, Milwaukee 0; Colorado 7, Florida 3; and San Diego 7, Montreal 3.

Barry Bonds hit his 580th home run to move within three of Mark McGwire for fifth place on the career list, and the Giants won for the ninth time in 11 games. Tim Worrell (3-0) got the victory.

On Oct. 17, 1989, about a half-hour before the scheduled start of Game 3 of the World Series between the Giants and Oakland Athletics, an earthquake rocked Candlestick Park and left cracks in the concrete. The stadium was evacuated and the World Series did not resume until Oct. 27.

However, most of the players didn't find out about this earthquake until after the game.

"Really? No kidding?" Giants infielder Damon Minor said when he heard the news. "I missed my chance. That would have been my first one, too."

After the bottom of the ninth ended with the score tied, the stadium sound system played Jerry Lee Lewis' song "Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On."

"I was sitting upstairs and it was a good jolt," fan Jenny Hsin said. "At first I thought it was the guy behind me kicking my chair, then I looked and saw the whole row shaking with me. I can't say I was scared because I didn't know what was happening. By the time it ended I knew what it was and I thought, 'That was kind of fun.'"

Diamondbacks 11, Pirates 0

Curt Schilling (8-1) struck out 11 in seven shutout innings to become the first eight-game winner in the majors, and Luis Gonzalez drove in four runs as Arizona ruined Kris Benson's return to

the mound at PNC Park.

The Diamondbacks hit just about everything Benson (0-1) threw in his long-awaited start since missing last season for reconstructive elbow surgery. Benson was on a 95-pitch limit, but fell 20 pitches short after yielding nine runs, seven earned, on 10 hits in 3 2-3 innings.

The start was delayed by rain for 2 hours, 7 minutes.

Dodgers 3, Mets 2, 13 innings

Pinch-hitter Jeff Reboulet singled in the winning run with two outs in the bottom of the 13th.

The Mets, who played their second straight 13-inning game, have lost eight of nine to slip back to .500.

Cardinals 3, Cubs 0

Matt Morris (6-2) pitched a four-hitter to beat Kerry Wood (4-3) as St. Louis sent visiting Chicago to its fifth consecutive loss in their first meeting since accusations of sign-stealing last week at Wrigley Field.

In Morris' previous start, he gave up a home run to Sammy Sosa, prompting the Cardinals to claim the Cubs slugger got help on pitch location from his coaches.

This time, Sosa was held to a single in four at-bats and there were no apparent signs of animosity between the teams.

Astros 17, Phillies 3

Geoff Blum had three doubles and a career-high five RBIs as host Houston set season highs for runs and hits (20) without hitting any home runs.

The Astros scored eight times in the eighth inning, prompting Philadelphia manager Larry Bowa to bring in third baseman Tomas Perez to pitch.

Reds 5, Brewers 0

Jose Rijo (3-1), pitching on his 37th birthday, threw five scoreless innings and rookie Austin Kearns homered and drove in three runs at Miller Park as Cincinnati ended Milwaukee's three-game winning streak.

Rockies 7, Marlins 3

Denny Stark (1-0) came up from the minors to pitch six shutout innings in his Colorado debut, and pinch-hitter Greg Norton had a grand slam as the Rockies won their seventh straight at Coors Field.

Florida lost slugger Cliff Floyd with a bruised right knee.

Padres 7, Expos 3

Mark Kotsay had four hits, including a home run, and Ray Lankford drove in three runs to double his season total for host San Diego.

The Padres won their second straight game without slugger Phil Nevin, who has a sprained left elbow. They chased Expos starter Carl Pavano (2-5) in a four-run second inning, handing him his third straight loss.

Brett Tomko (3-2) overcame a two-run homer by Lee Stevens and a solo shot by Orlando Cabrera.

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Pitching by committee leads to Glo-Valve victory in 11-12 Cal Ripken Optimist League

PAMPA — Glo-Valve Service pitched by committee as four pitchers combined to outduel Tory Coombs and Bill Allison Auto Sales in a 3-1 win Monday at Optimist Park.

Coombs permitted only four hits and none after the second inning. He gave up three unearned runs while striking out 11 and walking four in pitching a complete game.

Lane Douglass started on the mound for Glo-Valve and allowed a single to Brandon McBee to lead off the bottom of the first inning. McBee stole second and continued toward third as the ball went into center field. However, center fielder Heath Skinner was backing up and threw a strike to Jacob Davis at third to nab McBee for the defensive play of the game.

Hayden Skinner pitched the second inning. Coombs led off

with an infield single and took second on a wild pitch. He went to third when Ethan Towe was safe on an error and scored Allison's only run on a single by Chad Kent.

Heath Skinner came on in the third inning and threw out a batter on a spectacular stop of a hot grounder hit back to the mound. He struck out the next two batters. In the fourth inning, he allowed a single to Coombs, who was the leading hitter in the game with two singles, but struck out the next three, leaving Coombs on third.

Aaron Carr picked up his second save of the season by pitching perfect baseball the last two innings. He struck out five. Glo-Valve pitchers allowed only four baserunners and did not walk a batter.

Glo-Valve scored two unearned runs in the first inning. With two outs, Nick

Riley hustled to first when an infielder was unable to find the handle on a slow hit ground ball. Riley beat a throw to second when another slow hit ball by Hayden Skinner handcuffed the infielder. A single to center by Shane Davis plated Riley easily, and Hayden Skinner came all the way around from first to score on the hit.

Glo-Valve wasted singled by Jonathan Smith and Heath Skinner in the second, and a walk to Jacob Davis in the fourth. Jacob Davis walked to lead off the top of the sixth. He took second on a passed ball and scored after two wild pitches for the final run of the game.

Glo-Valve improved its record to 4-0 to remain in first place in the 11-12 Cal Ripken League standings.

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Mavs bow out of NBA playoffs

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — The high-flying Sacramento Kings have spent nearly four years honing their mercurial game into a reliable method for postseason success.

They weren't about to let the Dallas Mavericks speed past them in an amazing race of a playoff series.

Chris Webber and Mike Bibby each scored 23 points to lead six Kings in double figures Monday night as the franchise advanced to its first Western Conference finals since 1981, beating the Mavericks 114-101 to win the best-of-seven series in five games.

Afterward, Webber shook more hands than a popular politician as he made his way through a corridor in Arco Arena. His arrival in a trade started the Kings' transformation, and his decision to stay in Sacramento as a free agent last summer led to the brightest moment since the franchise moved to Northern California in 1985.

"We all stuck with it," Webber said. "That's what I'll remember. It's a collective effort, from the Maloofs to (vice president) Geoff Pietrie to our coaching staff on down. What this says is we make a goal, and we stick with it."

Fill-in starter Hedo Turkoglu had 20 points for the Kings, who averaged more than 114 points in an incredibly entertaining series. At the final buzzer, the Kings had a jubilant group hug, while team owner Gavin Maloof jumped and danced with the team's cheer-

leaders on the court.

The Kings will play the winner of the semifinal between Los Angeles and San Antonio. The two-time defending NBA champion Lakers lead 3-1 with Game 5 Tuesday in Los Angeles, and Sacramento expects nothing less than a showdown with Shaq and Kobe.

"What we have to do is get rested and maybe get healthy for the next round," Kings coach Rick Adelman said. "We've accomplished a whole lot this season, but nobody in our locker room thinks we're done yet. We've got more goals."

Unless the Lakers-Spurs series is extended to the limit, Game 1 of an all-California conference final will take place at Arco Arena this weekend.

While closing out a playoff series at home for the first time since 1964, the Kings backed up their run to the NBA's best regular-season record with a historic and convincing victory over the Mavs, whose offensive firepower made them a favorite of many observers.

But in front of a crowd that seemed louder than the Mavericks' customized team plane, the Kings got the last of three straight victories despite the absence of second-leading scorer Peja Stojakovic, who hasn't played since the third quarter of Game 3 because of a sprained ankle.

What's more, Webber limped to the locker room in the third quarter after spraining his left ankle, missing several minutes. But no distraction in this

series seemed to bother the Kings — not the health of their All-Stars, not the cowbell chorus behind their bench in Dallas, not even the Mavs' high-octane offense.

After all, the Kings have been playing this style for four seasons now during the most exciting time in franchise history — and the payoff finally has arrived. The fans' chants of "Beat L.A.!" began in the third quarter, when the game's outcome was still in doubt, and picked up again afterward.

"We didn't let anything distract us, and that's hard in a series like this," Bibby said. "We got a lot of motivation from stuff that some people thought we couldn't do."

All-Star Dirk Nowitzki recovered from his series-long struggles with 32 points and 12 rebounds, and Michael Finley had 26 points for the Mavs. But the team is still a year or two behind Sacramento on the development curve, and the looks on the Mavs' faces afterward suggested they were learning from the painful experience.

"It's good to go through this process so they'll learn from it," Mavericks coach Don Nelson said. "I'm really rooting for them, because I love the style of basketball they play. Can they beat the Lakers or San Antonio? I don't know, but I sure hope so, because if they can do it, maybe we can too, someday."

Sacramento ran away from the Mavericks as soon as Webber returned late in the third quarter.

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Canseco announces his retirement

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Canseco's decision leaves him with 462 home runs, 22nd on the career list, three behind Dave Winfield.

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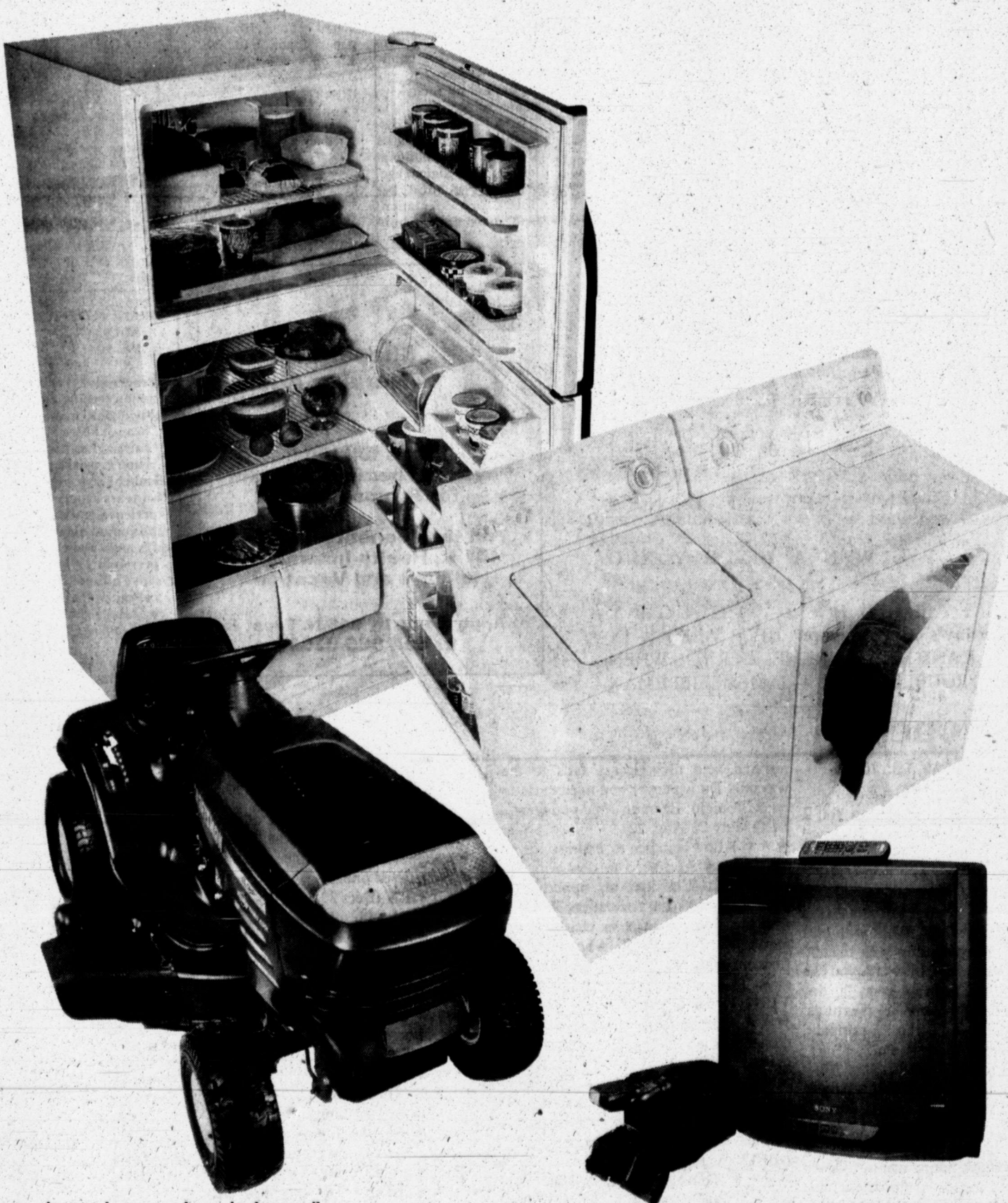
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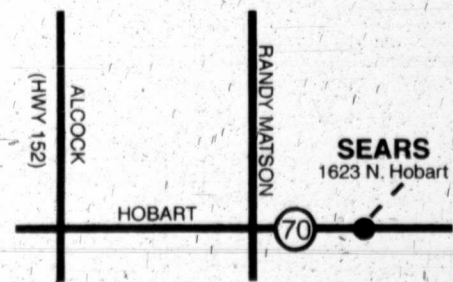
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10% FINANCING DETAILS (when offered): Available for qualified purchases when you use your Sears Card®, Sears Premier Card™, SearsCharge PLUS®, Sears Home Improvement Account™ or Sears MasterCard® (Preferred MasterCard® by Sears and Sears Commercial One accounts excluded) as advertised. No finance charges, no interest and no payments due during 0% period. Regular credit terms apply after 0% period. Finance charge will continue on any existing balance from previous purchases. Failure to keep your account balance current terminates the 0% offer and penalties may apply. **SEARS CARD/SEARS PREMIER CARD, SEARSCHARGE PLUS: ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE (APR)** is up to 24.9% but may vary. **SEARS HOME IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT: APR** is up to 18.9%. **SEARS MASTERCARD: APR** is up to 24% but may vary. **MINIMUM MONTHLY FINANCE CHARGES:** Minimum monthly finance charge of up to \$1 payable if any finance charge is due. **SEE YOUR SPECIFIC ACCOUNT TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR YOUR APPLICABLE RATES.** Sears Card accounts are issued by Sears National Bank, Co.

***WIN A \$100 SHOPPING SPREE**

Choose from anything in the store. Just go to the Dealer Store and fill out the official entry form and drop it in the entry box by May 18. Drawing will be held at 5:00 PM on May 18.

SWEETSTAKES RULES: No purchase necessary to enter or claim prize. Open to U.S. residents 18 and over. Employees of Sears, Roebuck and Co., its subsidiaries, affiliates and members of the immediate households of such employees are not eligible. Void where prohibited. On an official entry form, hand print your name, complete address and telephone number. Place your completed entry in the entry box. Limit one entry per person per day. No mechanical reproduction permitted. A random drawing will be conducted by the local Dealer Store and winners will be notified by mail. Taxes on prizes are sole responsibility of winners. By participating, entrants agree to these rules and decisions of judges which are final in all respects. Each winner agrees to the use of his/her name and/or photograph for advertising and publicity purposes without additional compensation. All entries become the property of the sponsor. Sears is not responsible for late, lost or misdirected mail. No prize transfers or substitution except by Sears due to unavailability. Prizes may not be redeemed for cash or other consideration. Limit one prize per household. Odds of winning will depend on number of entries received.

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