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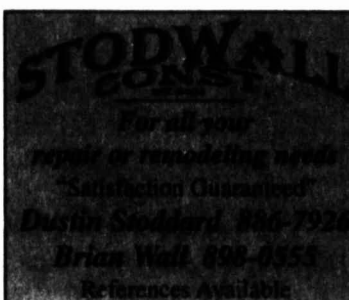
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NEWS

Veteran recalls epic WWII battle

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Lloyd Simpson isn't in the best of health these days, but if it had been up to a German rifleman in France six decades ago, he wouldn't be here at all.

Born June 27, 1918, in Wellington, Simpson grew up in McLean.

"I went into the Army in 1936,"

Simpson said. "I volunteered."

He got out in 1939, but stayed in the reserves. Simpson's reserve unit was called up in 1941, and he went back on active duty, first at Fort Sill, Okla., then at Fort Sam Houston with the 38th Infantry of the Second Division in San Antonio.

They called it the Indian Head Division because of the Indian's head on our shoulder patch," Simpson said.

While war raged around the globe, Simpson's outfit continued to train. It was in San Antonio that Simpson was introduced to a new, tummy-looking vehicle called a Jeep.

In 1943, the Second Infantry was moved to Camp McCoy, Wis., for winter training.

"There they put us on skis," Simpson said. "We trained for about six months on skis."

From there it was to New York, then onto boats to Belfast, Ireland. After six months of intensive training in Ireland, his unit was moved to Cardiff, Wales, where they were loaded on boats for the short voyage and long trip across the English Channel to German occupied France.

It was D-Day, the sixth of June, 1944.

The U.S. Army's First Division and 29th Division were to assault the beaches at Normandy, Simpson's Second Division was held in reserve.

On June 7, D-Day plus One, the Second Division waded ashore on Omaha Beach.

"We held the beachhead for about three miles," Simpson said.

The beachhead was secure, but the thick hedgerow country beyond the beach was not.

As Simpson and his compatriots battled for each inch of ground amid the heavy foliage, they fought their way off the beach.

"We made a push inland to make room for Gen. Patton's Third Army," Simpson said.

The Second Division was assigned to attack the French port of Brest, where the Germans had their submarine base. The Indian Head Division swung south and took Hill 192 on the left flank of St. Lo.

"I was wounded near St. Lo," Simpson said.

Simpson was on a sunken road with his walkie-talkie to his right ear when a German bullet drove through his right hand and buried itself in his left chest.

While the Second Division moved on to Paris, Simpson was evacuated to a hospital in England, where he spent six months recuperating. He rejoined his unit in Paris just in time to move up into Belgium in prepara-



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

World War II veteran Lloyd Simpson at his kitchen table in his Pampa home.

tion for the attack across the border into Germany.

The Second Division took up position along the Siegfried Line as they prepared to assault Germany.

"We were in a defensive position, and they pulled us out to capture a dam," Simpson said.

Allied planners worried that the Germans would blow up the dams and flood the river valley in an effort to stop the advancing Allied troops.

With Christmas 1944, just 11 days away, the Germans counterattacked as heavy snow grounded Allied planes.

"We held our position," Simpson said. "The Germans jumped right down on us at night with their tanks at Elenheim."

While the Second Division held, the units next to them gave ground, creating a bulge in the Allied line.

"It was a terrible battle," Simpson said.

In addition to the Germans, the Allied soldiers had to battle the bitter cold, snow and ice.

"The Germans hit a fresh division that had just arrived," Simpson said. "They're the ones that took the brunt of the Battle of the Bulge. We were to their left flank."

That was the worst part of the war for him, Simpson said.

"The worst part was defending our

positions during the Battle of the Bulge," Simpson said. "It was cold and wet. Germans were everywhere."

Outside Klinkelt, Belgium, during that battle, Simpson said the Germans would holler for help, hoping to lure U.S. infantrymen out into the open.

"They'd try to deceive us by hollering for help," Simpson said. "to kill us."

After the Battle of the Bulge, the Second Infantry went on to capture Bonn and Leipzig as the Allies drove into Germany.

"In the City of Leipzig, the people were real mad at us because of the bombing they took from the Allied air force," Simpson said.

He said they crossed the Rhine River in boats and on bridges erected by the Army's engineers.

As they battled through Germany, the Second Division liberated several concentration camps.

"There were lots of dead," Simpson said.

While the Second Division had been fighting to reach Berlin, the Potsdam Agreement among the Allied leaders left the Germany capital to the Russian forces. The Second Division moved south into Czechoslovakia. A few days later, the war ended and Staff Sgt. Simpson headed back to the Texas Panhandle.



(Courtesy photo)

Lloyd Simpson during training in Louisiana.

Library plans summer filled with reading fun

Lovett Memorial Library officials plan a full summer of activities for young readers, beginning with sign-ups for the Summer Reading Club on June 1.

Each child who signs up for the club at the library, 111 N. Houston, will receive a book-mark, book bag, and a time

sheet to keep track of the number of minutes they read. For every hour read, a puzzle piece will be added to complete the puzzles in the children's area.

After the child has read his or her first 180 minutes of for three hours, the children can select a free book, provided by The Friends of the Pampa

Library. Children too young to read may participate by having a parent or sibling read to them.

At the end of July, a party will be held and certificates awarded to all the children who participated in the Summer Reading Club. A drawing will be held of the

time sheets returned and 10 gift certificates to Hastings will be given to the winners.

Starting Monday, June 7, Story Times will be held at 10 a.m. on each Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in June. The Miss Rodeo Top Of Texas queens will make a special appearance on Tuesday,

June 8. Activities are planned for children 18-months to 6-years-old but everyone is welcome to attend. Special programs are also planned for Wednesdays in July.

All programs are free and no registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

County Commission meets June 1

Gray County Commissioners plan to hear a report from the Ambulance Task Force Committee when they meet Tuesday, June 1.

Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m., Tuesday, in the second floor courtroom at Gray County Courthouse.

According to the meeting agenda, commissioners may also take action after hearing the ambulance committee's report.

The area's current ambulance provider, R u r a l M e d i c o announced earlier this year that it will close

its offices on July 14. Task force members have set June 1 as the date for making a recommendation to Gray County and the City of Pampa regarding ambulance service here in the future.

Other items listed on the agenda for Tuesday

include payment of bills and salaries, intra budget transfer requests, road crossing request, contract with the Bureau of Vital Statistics for remote site access for birth certificates in the County Clerk's office, and a contract with Westlaw for the law library.

City Commission to discuss ambulance services Tuesday

The Pampa City Commission will meet Tuesday to consider emergency ambulance services under an interlocal government agreement with Gray County or through private entity.

The special meeting will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday in the city commission chamber of city hall.



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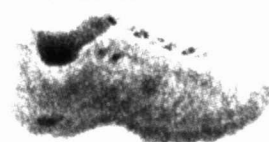
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ON RECORD

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's office reported the following arrests during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, May 29

Lucinda Tollison, 26, of Lubbock, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of possession of dangerous drugs.

Mark Anthony Villarreal, 30, 401 E. Albert, was arrested by Pampa police officers on parking violation charges.

Robin Michelle Camp, 35, Oklahoma City, Okla., was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

David Perez, 19, 1106 N. Duncan, was arrested by Pampa police officers on traffic warrants.

Richard Howard, 54, of Sacramento, Calif., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of possession of marijuana, over five pounds, under 50 pounds.

Donald Erwin Dunbar, 45, of Sacramento, Calif., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of possession of marijuana, over five pounds, under 50 pounds.

Manuel Rizo Alvarez, 37, of McLean, was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of aggravated assault against a family member, kidnapping and retaliation.

Cecil Stacey Ware, 37, Brenehan, was arrested by Gray County deputies on a warrant charging him with theft.

Sunday, May 30

Terrance Eugene Smith, 31, Borger, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of failure to identify himself, speeding and driving without a driver's license.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the following calls.

Friday, May 28

7:56 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient(s) to Veteran's Administration Medical Center, Amarillo.

2:02 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported a patient(s) to the 1400 block of North Somerville.

3:23 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to VAMC and transported a patient(s) to the 1200 block of North Wells.

7:11 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:52 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient to PRMC.

Saturday, May 29

3:15 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Baptist-St. Anthony's, Amarillo.

7:28 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of Locust and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

9:38 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

10:34 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Golden Plains Community Hospital, Borger.

11:54 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of West Somerville. No patient.

12:40 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to the 800 block of West 25th.

8:31 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th. No transport.

8:36 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:02 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Baten prison unit and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

10:13 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th. No patient.

Sunday, May 30

11:54 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Kentucky. No transport.

12:46 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Baptist-St. Anthony's, West, Amarillo.

8:16 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of 19th and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

3 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of North Nelson. No transport.

9:17 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells. No transport.

10:30 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Sierra and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls beginning at 7 a.m. Saturday and ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, May 29

10:40 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to the 1200 block of East Francis on a gas leak investigation. Nothing was found.

11:53 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky on a motor vehicle accident in which no injuries were reported.

5:22 p.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded 5-miles west on Highway 60 on a reported grass fire. No fire was found.

Sunday, May 30

8:37 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to the 100 block of East 19th on a call for medical assistance.

3 p.m. - One unit and four firefighters responded to the 800 block of North Nelson on a call for medical assistance. The unit was not needed when it arrived at the scene.

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Tuesday should see mostly sunny skies. Highs in the lower 90s. South winds 5 to 15 mph. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s. Northeast winds 5 to 15 mph.

Wednesday, partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 80s. East winds 15 to 20 mph. Wednesday night, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s.

OBITUARIES SERVICES TOMORROW

FLEMING, L. Glen — 10 a.m., Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors Ivy Chapel, Amarillo.

JONES, Albert Horace Jones, Jr. — Graveside services, 11 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

L. GLEN FLEMING

L. Glen Fleming, 67, of Amarillo, died Friday, May 28, 2004.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 1, 2004, at Boxwell Brothers Ivy Chapel, 2800 Paramount Blvd., with his friend, John McMath, pastor of Bell Avenue Church of Christ officiating. Committal service and burial will be in Pioneer, Texas. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors.

Mr. Fleming was born May 21, 1937, in Pioneer in the same house his dad was born in. He graduated from Cross Plains High School where he was class president and all-state in District A football. He attended Howard Payne College in Brownwood, Texas.

He moved to Pampa in 1956 and married Charlotte Riley of Pampa in 1958. During the 1970s, he owned and operated Fleming

Appliance in Pampa. He moved to Amarillo in 1989 where he owned and operated a ranch until his retirement in 2002. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Amarillo.

He is survived by his wife of the home; two daughters, Cheryl Wiley and husband Preston of Pampa and Alecia Atchley and husband Bret of Pinedale, Wyo.; a son, Brian Fleming of Amarillo; four grandchildren, Greg and Heather Wiley of Pampa and Alan and Danielle Atchley of Pinedale; two brothers, Jim Fleming and Jerry Fleming of Cross Plains; and a sister, Jo Veda Watson of Brownwood.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Pioneer Cemetery in care of Texas Heritage Bank, 101 N. Main St., Cross Plains, TX 76443.



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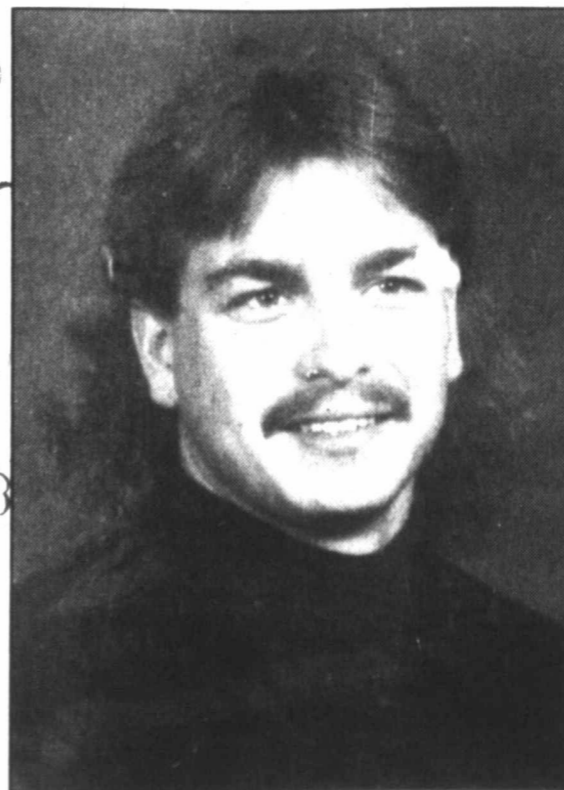
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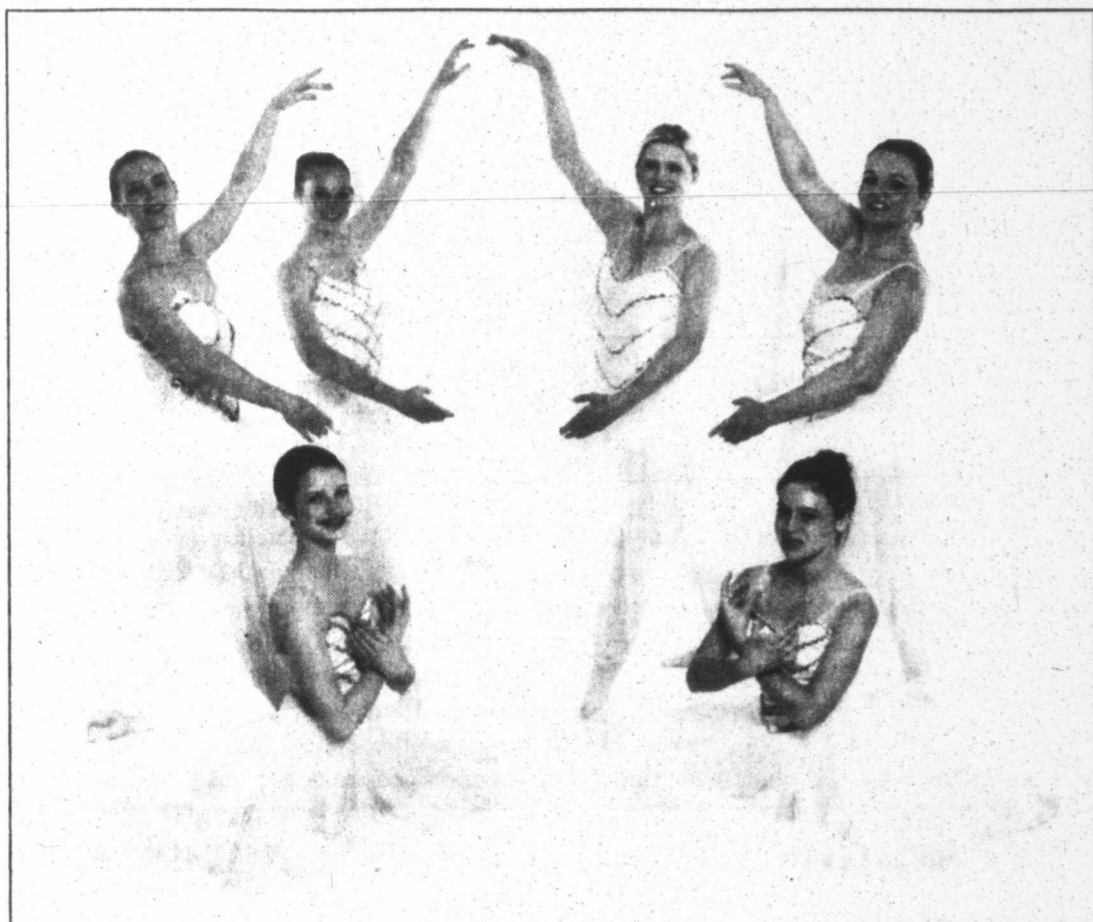
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Kentucky-based chain sues Texas bar for trademark infringement

AUSTIN (AP) — Regulars at the True Blue Texas Roadhouse are outraged that a Kentucky-based bar and restaurant chain is suing their bar for using "Texas" and "Roadhouse" in its name.

The Kentucky-based Texas Roadhouse restaurant chain earlier this month sued the La Vernia bar and owner Douglas Bode in U.S. District Court in Austin.

The chain, which has 165 restaurants in 30 states, contends the bar committed trademark infringement.

Bode said he came up with the name on a late night drive with friends. He researched the name with a clerk in Wilson County and determined the name was available. The bar opened a little more than two years ago.

"I am just trying to make a living. I don't want to offend anybody," said Bode, a 38-year-old former curtain company production manager. "For God's sake, I'm a Texas bar. Why can't I use that name?"

The chain's attorney, Tom Walsh, wrote in the lawsuit that by using the terms in his bar's name, Bode "calculated to deceive the relevant consuming public into accepting

and purchasing Bode's services in the mistaken belief that they are Texas Roadhouse's services."

Walsh, of the Dallas firm Fish & Richardson, said the corporation tried to reach an out-of-court settlement with Bode.

"We attempted to negotiate in good faith for many months," Walsh said. "We believe that my client has superior rights to the trademarks, and frankly, we believe we have a duty to protect our intellectual property."

The corporation has 24 franchises in Texas, including bar-restaurants off major highways in Waco, San Antonio and Killeen. The first restaurant opened in 1993 in Indiana.

The nearest Texas Roadhouse restaurant to the La Vernia bar is about 20 miles away in Live Oak.

Austin lawyer Louis Pirkey, a past president of the American Intellectual Property Law Association, said a geographical name such as Texas would be protected by trademark law if it has "significant secondary meaning."

Philadelphia Cream Cheese couldn't be changed to Bob's

Philadelphia Cream Cheese, he said.

"The question is: Would consumers be likely to be confused between the two names?" Pirkey said in Sunday's online edition of the Austin American-Statesman. "Frequently a name can be embedded in another name and still cause likely confusion."

Regulars at the True Blue Texas Roadhouse say "Texas" and "Roadhouse" are generic words that don't belong to anyone.

"Ever since there's been a good ol' boy who wants to have a beer at the end of a long day working, he'd go to the roadhouse," said Doug Hirsch, 40. "And Texas is where we live."

Bode and employees say the 40-by-100-foot corrugated metal building that boasts about two dozen customers on weeknights and two to three times that on weekends isn't a threat to Texas Roadhouse.

"We have a lot of fun here, and we're not trying to steal anyone's name," said bar manager Branden Castro, 23. "This is the perfect roadhouse. If they're from Kentucky, they shouldn't call themselves Texas Roadhouse."

Federal indictments expose marriage fraud

BRYAN, Texas (AP) — The federal indictments of 38 Texans suspected of involvement in a marriage fraud ring centered in Bryan shined a spotlight on a decades-old problem.

Sham weddings intended to fool immigration officers is a nationwide problem that immigration officials and legislators have yet to eliminate.

Emma Guyton Carr, 46, of Bryan and Aminata Smith, 43, of Houston have been charged with conspiracy, four counts of encouraging unlawful immigration and causing four fraudulent marriages.

Half of the 36 suspected fraudulent marriages targeted in last week's indictments were filed in Brazos Valley counties.

The immigrants involved in the Brazos Valley indictments most likely had expired visas and needed to get married to remain in the country, said Luisa Aquino, a spokeswoman for the Department of Homeland Security's Houston district.

Others are smuggled into the country or contacted by a person who arranges the illegal marriage. She said in Monday's online edition of the Bryan-College Station Eagle.

In 1986 the Immigration Marriage Fraud Amendment was created to curtail the fraud.

The law granted a temporary, two-year condi-

tional green card, which helped officials identify sham marriages. Couples would have to fill out paperwork that proved they were still married at the end of two years.

Prior to the law, a citizen could file for a permanent green card for a noncitizen spouse. The green card would establish permanent residency and allow the holder to legally work in the United States, for a noncitizen spouse.

"It's natural to be where you want to be and work where you want to work," said Daniel Kowalski, an Austin-based lawyer who has spent 19 years practicing immigration law. "Our structure's such that it's becoming even more difficult to get a green card. If you can't get here legally, you will pay money or risk your life to get here."

Brazos County isn't the only area where the fraud is a problem. Similar cases have emerged involving people Kansas, Connecticut and California recently.

Marriage fraud carries a penalty of five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

The citizens charged in the Brazos Valley indictments are accused of taking between \$150 and \$500 for each marriage from Smith and Guyton Carr, authorities said.

Prosecutors say Guyton Carr and Smith were paid between \$1,500 and \$5,000 for allegedly arranging marriages for the immigrants.

Inmate flees Dallas County detention facility

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas County authorities were searching Monday for a jail inmate who allegedly escaped from a county jail on the western edge of downtown.

Tony Lemmon, 29, was last seen yesterday fleeing the Suzanne Kays Detention facility in jail-issue pink boxer shorts, Sheriff's Sgt.

Don Peritz told The Dallas Morning News for a story in its Monday editions.

Lemmon apparently jumped or climbed down from the roof of the medium-detention facility on Industrial Boulevard at Woodall Rogers Expressway around 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Peritz said.

Lemmon and another

inmate apparently climbed into an air conditioning duct and made their way to the roof, he said. One inmate was found injured after he jumped from the roof, but Lemmon was seen running through the nearby Trinity River bottoms.

Lemmon was being held on burglary and forgery charges when he escaped.

Boy's symptoms point to Neisseria meningitidis

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Health officials treated 25 to 30 people over the weekend who came in contact with a Keller High School student who died this week of an infection in his blood.

Doctors are waiting for lab confirmation that 15-year-old Sean Nugent contracted the infection from an organism commonly associated with meningitis.

His symptoms point to Neisseria meningitidis.

Nugent developed the rare rash — tiny red and purple blotches — that is almost solely associated with the disease, doctors said.

He also exhibited the quick deterioration in health associated with the disease.

On Friday, the Tarrant County Public Health Department contacted 25 to 30 people, including classmates and relatives, who came in contact with Nugent.

Dr. Bobby Jones, an epidemiologist with the health department said the people were given medication over the

weekend to prevent illness.

The disease is contagious to people who come into close contact for six hours with someone who has is carrying the organism, he said.

He said it cannot be transmitted by passers-by or using the same toilet. Still, health officials urged people to pay attention to any symptoms.

"Everyone is at risk. But only a handful of people — a very, very small percentage — will become this ill," said Dr. Alex Hathaway, Tarrant County's public health authority.

Health officials said they didn't know of any other health problems with Nugent.

District officials were unable to send letters home to parents because Thursday was the last day of school, and the district didn't learn of Nugent's death until Friday, district spokesman Jason Meyer said in Monday's editions of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

School officials submitted a list of Nugent's classmates to the health department, Meyer said.

There are about 20 cases each year of people becoming ill from Neisseria meningitidis in Tarrant County, Jones said.

The county reports one or two meningitis deaths each year, he said. Last year, there were none.

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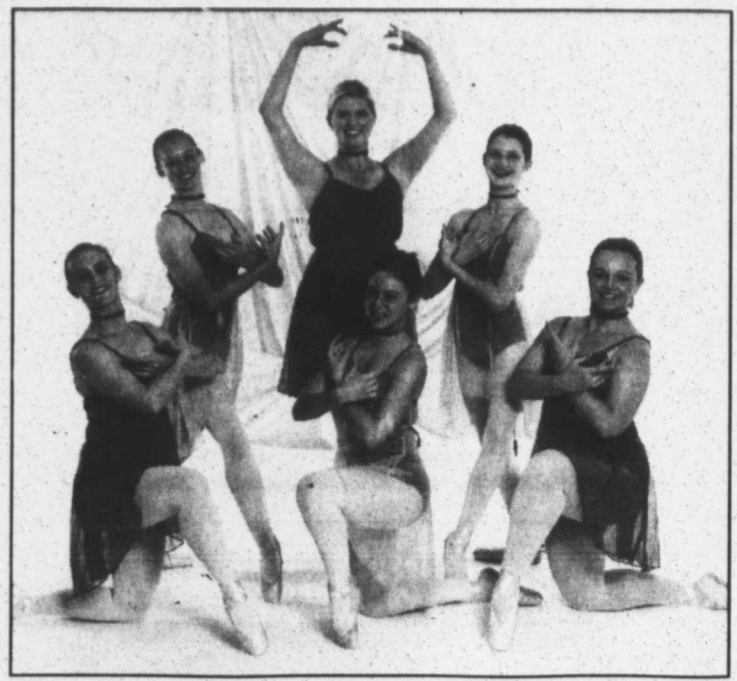
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Beaux Art Dance Studio will hold its spring recital at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 4, at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium. Above: (front row) Danielle Wall, Kelsey Watson, (second row) Kayla Ware, Kayla Cox, Erin Buck and Kaitlin Winegeart.



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Beaux Art Dance Studio will hold its spring recital at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 4, at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium. Above: (front row) Chelsea Whinery, Jada Hathaway, (second row) Madison Fatheree, Susie Joiner, (third row) Bailey Read, Jaycee Hamlin, Chloe Zedlitz and (back) Matricia Davis.



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Memorial Day holiday takes on new meaning for families of soldiers

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Deb Granahan never gave much thought to Memorial Day. It was a day off from work, an excuse to find some great buys at the mall and a chance to crack open the grill for a family barbecue.

That was before her son died in Iraq.

Pfc. Anthony D'Agostino, of Waterbury, was one of 16 U.S. soldiers killed when his Chinook helicopter was shot down near Baghdad on Nov. 2. He would have turned 21 on the day his remains were flown back to Connecticut.

This year, Granahan plans to spend the Memorial Day weekend visiting her son's grave and attending a parade in nearby Middlebury that is dedicated to D'Agostino.

"I have such a different respect and understanding of Memorial Day," Granahan, 43, said last week. "I will remember not only my son, but others who have passed on and who have given us our freedom."

With the country still fighting battles in Iraq and Afghanistan, veterans groups and families expect a somber weekend, with polls showing support for the Iraq war eroding and many people concerned that it has increased the threat of terrorism against Americans.

Events across the nation ranged from a Civil War reenactment in Los Angeles to a concert by the United States Air Force Band of Liberty in Concord, Mass. President Bush was to lay a

wreath at Arlington Cemetery's Tomb of the Unknowns.

For Clifford Jones, 56, of East Hartford, Memorial Day isn't a special day to think about the sacrifices of U.S. soldiers abroad. He already does that every day.

The retired Navy diver recently sent care packages full of homemade chocolate chip cookies and bug spray to his two sons who are both on active duty. Army National Guard Spc. Aaron Jones has been in Iraq since April, and Air Force 1st Lt. Clifford Jones Jr. is stationed in California.

"The emotions run the gamut. When things are calm, everything

runs smoothly. But when the insurgents are coming in, you have moments of just terror," said the elder Jones.

In Redondo Beach, Calif., the family of Army Sgt. Brian Wood plan to lead the annual Memorial Day parade. The honor, offered after the death of their son, is not something they ever sought.

Wood was killed April 16 when his military vehicle pulled off the road and hit a mine in Tikrit, Saddam Hussein's hometown, just weeks after Wood's 21st birthday.

Still, the Woods remain committed to U.S. efforts in Iraq.

Gay Catholics not granted communion at Chicago mass

CHICAGO (AP) — Parishioners who wore rainbow-colored sashes to Mass in support of gays and lesbians were denied communion in Chicago, while laymen in Minnesota tried to prevent gay Roman Catholics from getting the sacrament.

Priests at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago refused to give the Eucharist to about 10 people wearing the sashes at Sunday Mass. One priest shook each person's hand; another made the sign of the cross on their foreheads.

"The priest told me you cannot receive communion if you're wearing a sash, as per the Cardinal's direction," said James Luxton, a Chicago member of the Rainbow Sash Movement, an organization of Catholic gay-rights supporters with chapters around the country.

An internal memo from Chicago Cardinal Francis George that became public last week instructed priests not

to give communion to people wearing the sashes, which the group's members wear every year for Pentecost. The memo says the sashes are a symbol of opposition to the church's doctrine on homosexuality and exploit the communion ritual.

"The Rainbow Sash movement wants its members to be fully accepted by the Church not on the same conditions as any Catholic but precisely as gay," George wrote. "With this comes the requirement that the Church change her moral teaching."

Rainbow Sash Movement spokesman Joe Murray was among those denied communion in Chicago. He said members wearing the sashes should be seen no differently than a uniformed police officer or Boy Scout seeking communion.

"What we saw today in the cathedral is discrimination at the Eucharistic table, and that shouldn't be happen-

ing," Murray said. Those denied communion returned to their pews, but stood while the rest of the congregation knelt.

The movement, which started about five years ago in England, also has members in Dallas, New Orleans, New York and Rochester, N.Y.

In St. Paul, Minn., people wearing the rainbow-colored sashes were given communion Sunday despite protests from some parishioners who knelt in front of the altar blocking their way.

The Rev. Michael Skluzacek said in a written statement that both sides were "mistakenly using the Mass and the Eucharist to make their own personal statements."

On the Net:
Rainbow Sash Movement:
<http://www.rainbowsashallianceusa.org>
U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops: <http://www.usccb.org>

New Mexico governor vows to redouble efforts against DWI, drugs

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — The weekend arrests of a prominent judge and a state education leader on drug charges prompted Gov. Bill Richardson to promise redoubled efforts to stamp out the "scourges" of drugs and alcohol.

Judge John Brennan, chief judge of state district court in Albuquerque, and Patricia Mattioli, head of the state Commission on Higher Education's Gear-Up program, were arrested on drug possession charges early Saturday after Brennan allegedly tried to elude officers conducting a DWI checkpoint.

"This incident shows the pervasiveness of the DWI and drug problem that exists today," Richardson said in a statement released by his office Sunday. "We

must deal with these problems aggressively, regardless of the status of any individual."

Police said Brennan, 57, appeared to be "extremely intoxicated" when he was pulled over just after midnight. Officers found what they believed to be cocaine in his vehicle.

The arrests were the latest DWI cases involving public officials in New Mexico. State Rep. Joe Thompson and Espanola Associate Superintendent of Schools Arthur Salazar have both pleaded guilty to

drunken driving charges in the past year.

Richardson said he was "deeply disappointed and disturbed" by the latest case.

"This incident will only redouble my efforts to deal with the DWI and drug scourges in our state in the next legislative session," he said.

"On a personal level, I am deeply saddened by this tragedy because I consider Judge Brennan and Patricia Mattioli not just colleagues but friends as well," he said.

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Tornadoes rip through Midwest; three deaths reported

MARENGO, Ind. (AP) — Powerful storms again swept across the Midwest, downing trees and power lines and spawning twisters that leveled houses and barns and sent mobile homes hurtling through the air.

In Marengo, a town of 800 about 35 miles northwest of Louisville, Ky., about 100 people took shelter at a high school Sunday when a storm destroyed at least 50 homes

and left an elderly man dead. A second man was killed in Missouri when part of a tree slammed onto his car.

A third death was reported early Monday. A 7-year-old Tennessee girl was killed in Giles when a wall collapsed in her home, said supervisor Dan Creasy of the Giles County Ambulance Service.

At least 16 other people, also in the south-central part of the state, were injured,

according to Trey Brannom of the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency. Almost two dozen tornado warnings were issued overnight.

Several people were injured by the weekend's tornadoes, which also ripped through parts of Nebraska and Kansas. High wind was blamed for two deaths in

Kansas and three in Missouri on Saturday.

Indiana Gov. Joe Kernan planned Monday to fly over areas hit by the storm — only three days after his last such trip.

In Indianapolis, a powerful storm raked across the city's south side, ripping the roof off a nursing home while 50 resi-

dents were inside. They were evacuated, many wrapped in sheets and blankets.

"Everything was going up in the air," said Brenda Edwards, 26, who works at a restaurant about seven miles southeast of downtown Indianapolis. "We went inside and got in the cooler."

The worst of the storm

passed south of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, but rain delayed the start of the Indianapolis 500 and forced a nearly two-hour interruption. Nearby, the National Weather Service said it saw evidence of a tornado touchdown close to its office on the southwest side of the city.

In Marengo, the damage was powerful. Patricia Parker found three mobile homes on top of each other when she arrived home. She did not think the residents were home at the time.

"My stomach's in knots," the 21-year-old said.

The man killed in Marengo, whose name was not immediately released, died in his mobile home, Indiana State Police Sgt. Todd Ringle said. Several people were hurt, none seriously.

Howard Lincoln, 49, who rode out the storm under his Bronco, found his home still standing but knocked four feet off its foundation. In his front yard, a large piece of metal was wrapped around a tree.

"It's the worst thing I've ever been through. It was loud and noisy, windy. It was unreal," he said. "I feel lucky, totally lucky. When you look

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Study says driving longer means larger waistlines

ATLANTA (AP) — The amount of time people spend in their cars affects their weight more than their income, education, gender and ethnicity, researchers have found.

The more people drive, the more their waistlines expand and the more likely they are to contribute to the nation's obesity epidemic, according to a new study.

The survey of 10,500 metro Atlanta residents found that for every extra 30 minutes commuters drove each day, they had a 3 percent greater chance of being obese than their peers who drove less.

The survey also found that people who lived less than a half mile from shops were 7 percent less likely to be obese than their counterparts who had to drive.

"The more driving you do means you're going to weigh more — the more walking means you're going to weigh less," said Lawrence Frank, associate professor at the University of British Columbia who oversaw the study when he worked at Georgia Tech.

About 91 percent of the people surveyed said they didn't walk to destinations. Many spent more than an hour each day in their cars.

The study is one of the first to look at the link between the environment and obesity, said Kelly Brownell, chairman of Yale University's psychology department and director of its Center for Eating and Weight Disorders.

"Studies of this type are very important because they show factors in our environment that can either help or hurt our waistline," said Brownell, who was not involved in the study. "These results show that the environment, affecting our physical activity, is quite influential."

In the study, which is expected to appear in the June issue of the American Journal of Preventive Medicine, researchers tracked participants' travel behavior and measured their height and weight from 2000 to 2002.

The study focused on Atlanta, but Frank said the city is not alone.

"Most regions look very similar to Atlanta — anything that's built after World War II is pretty much auto-oriented," he said. "We need to start to look at the way we're designing our communities ... the collective impact of having to drive everywhere is becoming really large."

Suburban, white men typi-

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Let's talk rodeo



(Community Camera photo)

Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Courtney Stephens explores the subject of rodeo with children at St. Matthews Episcopal Day School recently.

Thieves plaguing farmers, becoming newest form of pest

VOLCANO, Hawaii (AP)

— Lance Yamashiro's exotic crops of wasabi and Japanese radishes used to attract the attention only of chefs and grocers. Lately his produce has caught the eye of a new breed of food enthusiasts — thieves.

Hawaii farmers are finding their wares endangered not only by what nature dishes out, but also by criminals capitalizing on weaknesses in rural security and making off with everything from bananas to bees, pesticides to plows,

"Mother Nature's been hitting us hard," said Yamashiro, who has lost both crops and equipment on his 100-acre farm to theft. "If the human factor sets in and hits us harder, I'm going to have to lay off employees."

It is not just Hawaii; stolen farm and construction equipment amounts to an estimated loss of \$1 billion annually across the country. Add to that tens of millions of dollars in

thefts of actual produce from farms, and farmers say they have an epidemic on their hands.

"To them, it's 'what's a banana?' or 'what's a papaya?'" said Yamashiro, who said he's hit by thieves an average of twice a month. "But when the market is really short and we're getting premium dollar, it hurts."

Hawaii's agricultural capital is here on the Big Island,

which is also the state's center of farm theft. Varied crops, from the well-known Kona coffee and macadamia nuts to the more exotic lychee, mango and rambutan, cover nearly a million acres. Theft there amounts to around \$1 million in losses each year, Alan Takemoto of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation estimates.

Brazen thieves have pulled

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BIOL-2401L.031	5:30pm-9:55pm	TBA	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	Wiginton	4
CHEM-1111.031	5:30pm-9:55pm	TBA	Gen Chemistry Lab I	Wiginton	1
CHEM-1311.031	5:30pm-9:55pm	MW	General Chemistry I	Wiginton	3
Language Arts					
ENGL-1301.021	8:00am-11:55am	MW	English Composition and Rhetoric	Wilson	3
ENGL-1302.021	1:00pm-4:55pm	TR	English Composition and Rhetoric	Wilson	3
ENGL-2332.021	1:00pm-4:55pm	MW	World Literature I	Wilson	3
ENGL-2333.021	8:00am-11:55am	TR	World Literature II	Wilson	3
History/Government					
GOVT-2305.031	6:00pm-9:55pm	MW	US Federal Government	Adams	3
HIST-1301.031	6:00pm-9:55pm	MW	Hist Of The United States To 1877	Rapstine	3
HIST-1302.031	6:00pm-9:55pm	TR	United States History From 1877	Rapstine	3
Computer Networking					
ITNW-1425.021	8:00am-11:50am	MTWR	Fundamentals Of Networking	Stephens	4
ITSC-1405.031	6:00pm-9:50pm	MTWR	Intro To PC Operating Systems	Stephens	4
Mathematics					
MATH-1314.031	6:00pm-9:55pm	MW	College Algebra	Miranda	3
PHYSICAL EDUCATION					
PHED-1113.021	1:00pm-4:55pm	TR	Lifetime Physical-Golf	Teichmann	1
PSYC-2301.031	6:00pm-9:55pm	TR	General Psychology	Vinson	3
Foreign Languages					
SPAN-1411.021	8:00am-11:55am	MW	Elementary Spanish I	Hernandez	4
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HIST-1302.031	6:00pm-9:55pm	MW	United States History From 1877	Dinsmore	3
Social Sciences					
PSYC-2314.031	6:00pm-9:55pm	TR	Human Growth & Development	Vinson	3
SOCI-1301	1:00pm-4:55pm	TR	Introduction To Sociology	Wilson	3
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Connecticut governor under scrutiny

LITCHFIELD, Conn. (AP)— By the time Van Winkle Road nudges its bumpy way to Gov. John G. Rowland's summer hideaway, grass has begun to reclaim parts of the road and a canopy of leaves and ferns obscures the view.

Rowland came to Litchfield for the same reason Hollywood stars, Washington insiders and Wall Street movers have retreated to the wooded hills of northwest Connecticut for a century: To escape photographers, politics and stress.

That works for fellow Litchfield County residents Michael J. Fox, Mia Farrow and Henry Kissinger. But Rowland's cottage on the shore of Bantam Lake offers him little shelter from the federal corruption probe and impeachment inquiry that have besieged him for the past year.

In fact, the cottage — an unassuming ranch house with dark brown siding that faces Bantam Lake — is at the center of many of Rowland's problems.

Impeachment investigators want to know whether the cathe-

dral ceiling, hot tub, electrical work and landscaping at the house are evidence of contract steering and favoritism.

FBI agents have subpoenaed Rowland's personal records regarding the cottage. His friends have been subpoenaed to testify before a federal grand jury about whether his poker games were designed for state contractors to funnel him money; whether his business and real estate ventures were above board; whether vacations and gifts were really bribes.

It all comes back so often to Litchfield and Bantam Lake, famous for their privacy and seclusion.

"People up here are used to him being here," said George Sigiel, a Bantam Lake resident who occasionally runs into Rowland and sometimes has him over for a cigar. "They don't point at him. They just let him relax and have his privacy. No matter what happens, I hope he continues to get that."

Out-of-towners pay millions for that luxury.

"There's no social pressure like

in the Hamptons to have dinner reservations eight weeks in advance," said Seymour Sumow, a real estate broker in the Litchfield office of Sotheby's International Realty. "It allows a luxury and privacy you don't get anywhere else."

It's also a place for legitimate relaxation. Cellular phone coverage is spotty at best. There are no outlet stores or strips of boutiques, no society pages or gossip columns.

"In the grocery line, I could have (musician) Peter Duchin on one side of me and Nancy Kissinger on the other and everybody's wearing jeans," Sumow said.

Rowland bought his summer home in 1997 for \$110,000, saying he needed somewhere to escape Hartford's partisan politics. The purchase ignited a political flap over whether Rowland used his political influence to secure a sweetheart deal on hard-to-get property.

His top economic development adviser, Arthur Diedrick, was president of the land trust that owned most of the lakeside property. Democrats screamed foul but the controversy quickly subsided.

Rowland fit in well among the blue jeans of Litchfield and the bass fishermen on Bantam Lake. Soon after arriving, he began to improve his cottage, installing a heating system, a cathedral ceiling, a deck and sliding glass doors. He winterized the cottage, complete with a propane heating system.

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STUDY

cally weighed about 10 pounds more than men who lived in dense urban areas with shops and services, according to the study, which will be presented Thursday at a national obesity conference in Virginia.

On The Net:
Georgia Institute of Technology: <http://www.gatech.edu>

Pageant prizes



(Community Camera photo)

Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Courtney Stephens and Ken Rheams of Rheams Diamond Shop with a display of prizes for the Top O' Texas Rodeo Pageant. The display is on view at Rheams Diamond Shop in downtown Pampa.

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up and see that thing on top of you, you don't know what to think."

In the St. Louis suburb of Berkeley, strong winds snapped off part of a tree and dropped it onto a sport utility vehicle, killing the driver, Darren Clark, 39, of Ferguson, the Missouri State Highway Patrol said.

On Saturday night, a tornado hit northwest Missouri near the town of Weatherby, leveling a house and ripping a mobile home from its base.

Two women in the house and a man in the mobile home were killed, but two children a patrolman found tucked underneath the man survived, Daviess County Sheriff Kevin Heldenbrand said.

The children and two others from the women's home were taken to a hospital in Kansas City, where three were listed in critical condition and one was in serious condition, spokeswoman Jennifer Benz said.

One of the man's neighbors, Jodi Frazier, left her mobile home with her family and took shelter in a friend's basement.

"It didn't sound that bad until the tornadoes started dropping out of the sky, and then that's when we got out," she said. "Because a mobile home, everybody knows you can't ride a tornado out in." Her home was destroyed.

In Kansas, high wind was blamed for two

deaths in separate accidents Saturday on Interstate 70 in northwest Kansas, including that of state Republican Sen. Stan Clark. Clark was killed when his car was rear-ended by a tractor-trailer after the wind blew dust that cut visibility, the Kansas Highway Patrol said.

Sunday's storms knocked out power to more than 130,000 customers in Illinois and the St. Louis area. Flight delays were up to three hours Sunday evening at O'Hare International Airport and two hours at Midway Airport, and roughly 100 O'Hare flights were canceled, the Chicago Department of Aviation said.

Severe weather swept through Nebraska, including at least two tornadoes in the southern part of the state. Two people jogging in Omaha on Saturday were seriously injured by a lightning strike, authorities said.

The storms knocked out electricity to thousands of customers in Nebraska and Oklahoma, but much of the power was restored by Sunday. Tornadoes also were reported in Arkansas on Sunday, but there were no reports of injuries or major damage.

Associated Press writers Heather Hollingsworth in Weatherby, Mo., and Rick Callahan in Indianapolis contributed to this report.

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off heists on farms throughout Hawaii and around the country. Orange trees — 2,000 of them in a single night — were uprooted in Tulare County, Calif. Chemical fertilizer thefts throughout the country have been attributed to illegal methamphetamine labs.

"Anything that can be converted to cash is a target," said Vern Inouye, the owner of Floral Resources/Hawaii, whose Pahoia farm was robbed of as many as 2,000 anthuriums in a single recent heist.

"Thieves are creative, so we have to stay creative," said Diane Ley, a deputy on the state Board of Agriculture. "It keeps shifting, just like the weather."

Many farmers say they've increased security, from dogs to high-tech. Yamashiro added about \$5,000 in security cameras and other equipment — but it, too, was stolen.

"Their property is so huge

it's very hard to maintain any kind of control over it," said Lt. Steven Guillermo, of the Big Island police.

Even on small farms, though, it can be tough to keep thieves out. Prowlers used to target Bob Peters' one-acre macadamia nut farm in Naalehu when he went out for the day.

"The whole field would get cleared," he said.

Aside from the hurdles of securing a large piece of property, farm theft is tough to prove and even tougher to prosecute.

"There's no proof of title that goes along with a basketful of apples," said Robert Thompson, a Kansas City, Mo., attorney specializing in agricultural law who also has a grain and cattle farm.

Ley said the state Department of Agriculture plans to launch a pilot program this summer, pairing members of her staff with police, prosecutors and farm-

ers. Participants will educate vendors on stolen food and visit stores and farmers' markets and may request receipts to prove the legitimate purchase of produce.

It's a step in the right direction, says Ulf Wiel-Berggren, who is frustrated that vendors at the Hilo Farmer's Market keep buying from those who show up with duffels or garbage bags full of cheap produce.

"When somebody comes here with stolen fruit, you see it or you feel it," said Wiel-Berggren, who has lost everything from avocados to hand tools to thieves.

Wiel-Berggren said it is disheartening to see the fruits — literally — of one's labor disappear. "You look at these avocados," he said. "Almost ready, almost ready — and then they're gone."

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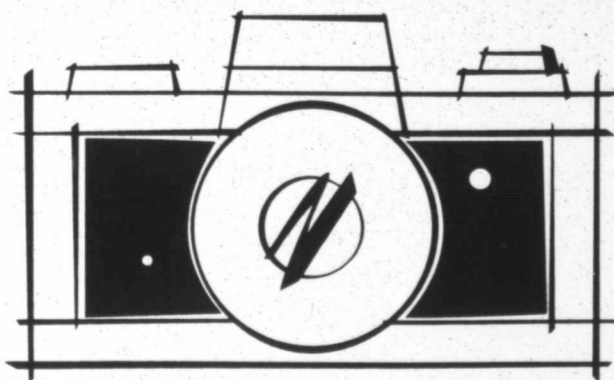
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Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Courtney Stephens and Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Teen Karli Douglas pass out snowcones at the Snack Shack recently.

Haitian president Aristide goes into exile but vows will return

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — Haiti's former president, ousted in a coup three months ago, left Jamaica for asylum in South Africa but insisted he was still the impoverished country's leader and promised to return someday.

Still, Jean-Bertrand Aristide urged supporters to refrain from violent protests on his behalf in Haiti, where the interim government has opened a corruption investigation of his administration.

Aristide, Haiti's first democratically elected leader, fled the country Feb. 29 as rebels approached the capital, Port-au-Prince. He was flown aboard a U.S.-supplied jet to the Central African Republic, went from there to Jamaica, and later accused the United States of overthrowing him — a charge Washington denies.

"There is one elected president of Haiti, ... and it's me," Aristide told reporters in Jamaica on Sunday, shortly before departing aboard a South African jet with his family and bodyguards. He was flanked by his wife, Mildred, and his security detail.

Aristide never mentioned the United States on Sunday,

but claimed he was the victim of Haiti's "33rd coup" and said he was nearing completion on a book that would detail his final days in office.

"We've had 33 coups. That is enough," said Aristide, who was also joined by U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters, a California Democrat and a staunch supporter, Miami lawyer Ira Kurzban and several South African diplomats.

Aristide said South Africa would be his "temporary home" until he can go back. He was due to arrive in the country Monday afternoon.

Aristide's move to Jamaica in March angered Haiti's interim government, which worried his presence in the region would further destabilize Haiti, just 100 miles east. The 15-member Caribbean Community refuses to recognize Haiti's new government and has called on the Washington-based Organization of American States to investigate Aristide's departure.

Interim Prime Minister Gerard Latortue's government has said it may seek Aristide's extradition for stealing state funds.

Pentagon reports China reassessing its military strategy in light of Iraqi war

WASHINGTON (AP) — China is reassessing how it would counteract the U.S. military in a potential conflict over Taiwan, based on what it saw in the U.S. invasion of Iraq, the Pentagon says.

Chinese leaders have taken note of the speed with which American ground forces captured Baghdad in April 2003 and the prominent role that was played in Iraq by U.S. special operations commandos.

In its annual report to Congress on developments in the Chinese military, the Defense Department said China is rethinking the concept that American airpower alone is sufficient to prevail in a conflict — a concept it inferred from the 1999 air war over Kosovo, which involved no U.S. ground forces.

"The speed of coalition ground force advances and the role of special forces in (Iraq) have caused the People's Liberation Army theorists to rethink their assumptions about the value of long-range precision strikes, independent of ground forces, in any Taiwan conflict scenario," the report said.

The report is an annual assessment to Congress of Chinese military power and strategy and was posted on the Pentagon's main news Web site late Saturday night.

Other aspects of the Iraq war have reinforced the Chinese belief that the United States' long-range strategy is to dominate Asia by containing the growth of Chinese power, the report said. These

include recent Pentagon decisions to base long-range bombers, cruise missiles and nuclear attack submarines to the Pacific island of Guam — moves related in part to the Iraq conflict.

"China's leaders appear to have concluded that the net effect of the U.S.-led campaign (against terrorism) has been further encirclement of China," specifically by placing U.S. military forces in Uzbekistan and other Central Asian nations, and strengthening relations with Pakistan and India, the report said.

The Chinese also believe, partly from its assessment of the Bush administration's declared war on terrorism, that the United States is increasingly likely to intervene in a conflict over Taiwan or other Chinese interests, according to the Pentagon analysis.

"Authoritative commentary and speeches by senior officials suggest that U.S. actions over the past decade ... have reinforced fears within the Chinese leadership that the United States would appeal to human rights and humanitarian concerns to intervene, either overtly or covertly," it said.

Because China's leaders believe their military forces are not yet strong enough to compete directly with the American military, they are putting more emphasis on preventing U.S. intervention first. This includes development of what the Chinese call "assassin's mace" weapons, the Pentagon said.

The report said U.S. officials are not

sure what "assassin's mace" is.

"However," it said, "the concept appears to include a range of weapon systems and technologies related to information warfare, ballistic and anti-ship cruise missiles, advanced fighters and submarines, counter-space system and air defense."

While the concept of "assassin's mace" is not new in China, it has appeared more frequently in Chinese professional journals since 1999, particularly in the context of Taiwan, the U.S.-supported island that split from China after its communist takeover in 1949.

Beijing considers Taiwan to be Chinese territory and has threatened to take it by force.

In Beijing on Sunday, officials said President Bush had reassured Chinese officials that Washington will stick to its "one-China policy" toward Taiwan. That long-standing policy says the American government recognizes Beijing as the only legitimate Chinese government, although the United States also has pledged to provide enough defensive equipment to Taiwan to assure its security.

Bush's comments to Chinese President Hu Jintao, released by China's Foreign Ministry, appeared to be an attempt to soothe Beijing's anger over Washington's decision to permit Taiwanese Vice President Annette Lu to stop in two U.S. cities before and after a Latin America tour.

Mexico's underworld has taste for odd nicknames

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The Mexican underworld's taste for bizarre nicknames was on full display in February, when police in Mexico City filed kidnap and murder charges against a gang whose aliases sounded something out of Snow White.

There was "El Salivotas" (the Drooler); "El Guero" (Blondie); "El Enano" (the Dwarf); "El Duende" (the Elf); "El Cejas" (Eyebrows); and "El Tamalon" (the Big Tamale).

The lone female member was legally named Dulce Maria, or Sweet Maria.

Ordinary Mexicans use nicknames a lot. "Gordo," for instance, means "Fatty" and is considered a term of endearment. But criminal aliases that turn up in charge sheets can be so bizarre that even Mexicans are lost for explanations.

"Winnie the Pooh" was Oscar Guerrero Silva, a triggerman for Mexico's drug cartels. Hardly a lovable bear, he belonged to a gang of Mexican army deserters who worked for the drug lords. His specialty — before dying of a gunshot wound to the head in February in an apparent suicide — was busting drug suspects out of jail at gunpoint.

How about "El Cachorro" (The Puppy)? That Mexico City mechanic allegedly specialized in kidnapping and abusing young women.

One mainly male gang of northern Mexican hoodlums named themselves "Las Carmelitas" — roughly the Carmelite Sisters — after their female leader, Carmela.

Many suspect that cops and crime reporters encourage, embellish and even invent

some of the stranger nicknames.

Presented with police reports that often list up to a half-dozen aliases for one suspect, the media and the public usually focus on the most outrageous one.

"If you want to get a crime story on the front page, you've got to have an impressive nickname, and if the suspect doesn't have one, you've got to look for one," says Paco Ignacio Taibo II, who writes detective novels.

Some gangs were almost certainly "dubbed" that way by the public, press and police, like the two most famous kidnapping gangs of the 1990s: "The Ear Loppers" and "The Finger Cutters," who did exactly that to their victims.

Journalists deny inventing nicknames, saying those bubble up spontaneously out of

Mexico's violent, socially frayed neighborhoods.

"People in some of these neighborhoods are known more by their nicknames than their real names," says Celeste Saenz, the general secretary of Mexico's Press Club. "The nicknames give them some status, some sense of belonging to a group."

Federal prosecutors acknowledge they collect as many nicknames as possible on crime reports, but only so they can fully identify and locate suspects who might use several tags.

But lawyer Americo Delgado, who has defended some of Mexico's highest-profile drug suspects, claims police sometimes try to slap labels on his clients — "The Lord of Methamphetamines," for instance — to make them appear guilty.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE HONORS THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES

DEAR ABBY: Today is Memorial Day, and I am again asking for your help in encouraging your readers to join in the National Moment of Remembrance.

All Americans, wherever they are at 3 p.m. local time, are asked to pause for a moment of reflection on Memorial Day to honor those who have died for our country.

The National Moment of Remembrance is not a ceremony. It does not replace traditional Memorial Day events. It's an act of conscience and heart, respect and appreciation. It can be a simple gesture -- such as placing your hand over your heart or ringing a bell.

This year, the White House Commission on Remembrance, with the support of the National Association for Music Education, Bugles Across America and the Getzen Instrument Co., are inviting trumpet players across the country to play "Taps" at 3 p.m. on Memorial Day for the Moment's "Echoes of Remembrance" throughout America. (Visit www.remember.gov for more information.)

The goal is to put "memorial" back into Memorial Day, because a Gallup poll indicated that only 28 percent of American citizens realize the true meaning of this holiday. -- CARMELLA LA SPADA, DIRECTOR, WHITE HOUSE COMMISSION ON REMEMBRANCE

DEAR CARMELLA: I'm pleased to pass along your message.

Readers, since our nation was founded, almost 2 million men and women have given their lives to defend the principles for which our country stands. On this day, of all days, their noble sacrifices should be remembered and acknowledged. Please join me at 3 p.m. in giving them the heartfelt tribute they deserve.

DEAR ABBY: I am happily married; my husband, "Jim," would do anything for me.

There is only one problem. I think I am insane. I have no valid reason to

think he's cheating on me and he assures me he's not, but I make up scenarios in my head. They escalate to the point where I accuse him, and he looks at me like I'm nuts. He asks why I would think he cheats and swears that he'd never do that to me.

An example: Today we went out to eat with his family. His sister brought a friend along. She introduced her to all of us. I was introduced as Jim's wife, of course.

Jim and I met his sister's friend at the same time. They didn't talk to each other or even look at each other all day. Jim held my hand, hugged me, and was as loving as always.

All the while, I was cooking up ideas in my head like: Maybe he goes over to his sister's house and sees her, and they're not talking to each other because they don't want me to get suspicious.

I have never been cheated on in my life by any man, yet I have been this way in all my serious relationships.

I am in my early 20s. I have a 5-year-old son, a husband I love, and yet I can't help accusing him of cheating. Even when he shaves, I think he's doing it for someone else.

Can you advise me what to do? -- POSSIBLY INSANE IN MISSOURI

DEAR POSSIBLY INSANE: My goodness. You certainly have an active fantasy life -- and all of it negative. Could you be watching too many soap operas? Did your father cheat on your mother? Whatever is going on, your thinking is self-defeating.

Since you know rationally that your problem is all in your head, the quickest way to figure out what's going on in there would be to ask your physician for a referral to a qualified psychotherapist. Please don't put it off, or your worst fears could become a self-fulfilling prophecy.

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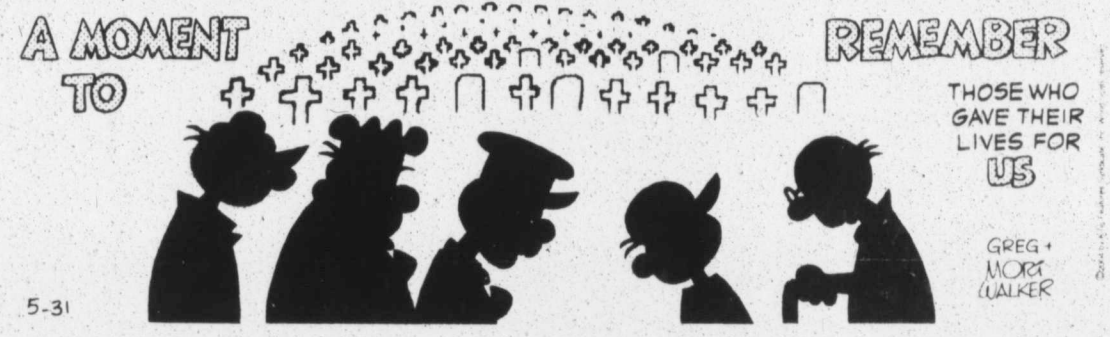
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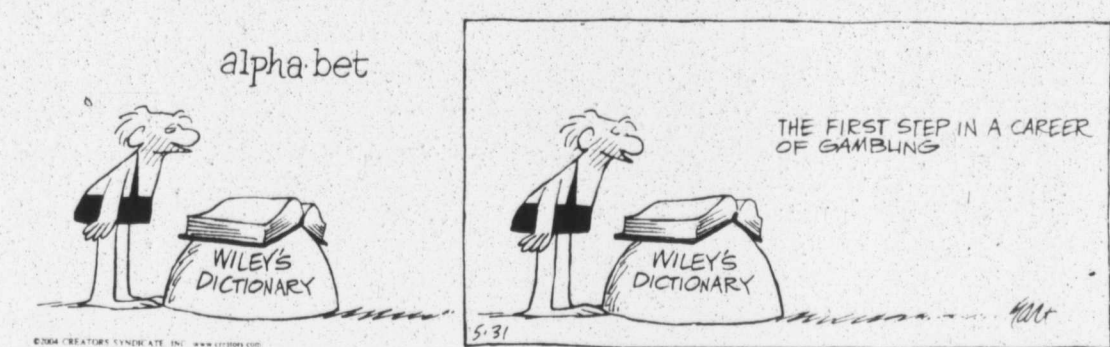
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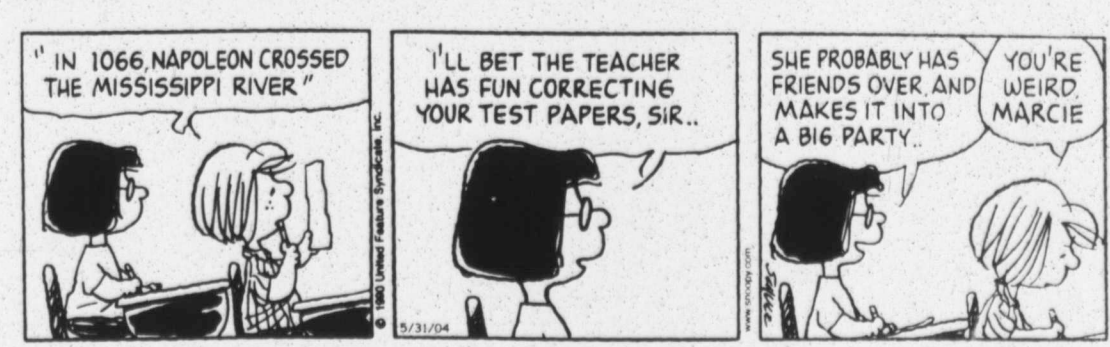
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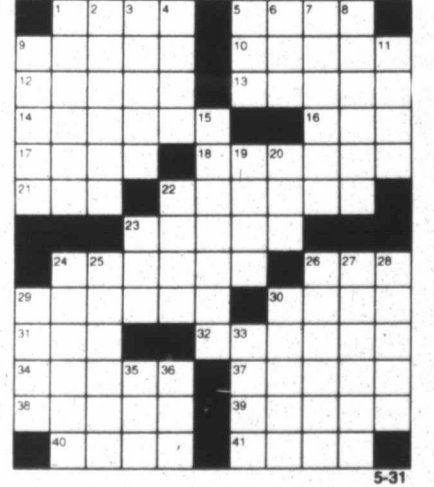
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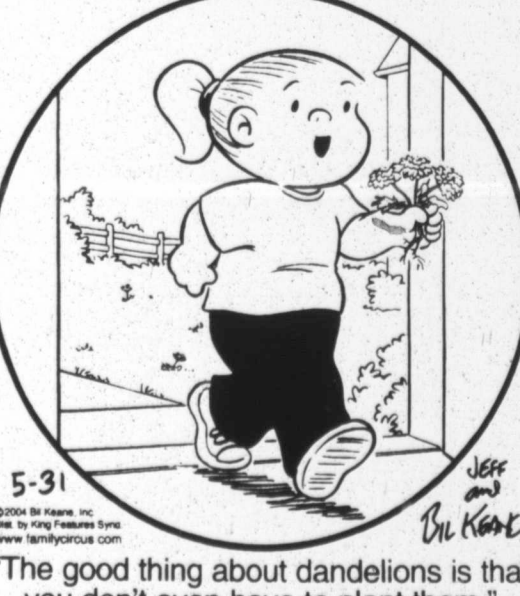
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SPORTS

Glo-Valve makes comeback against Cabot

PAMPA — Glo-Valve Service slept through the first two and a half innings in its game with Cabot Corporation at Optimist Park Friday. They were down 4-0 and had only gotten one batter on base going into the bottom of the third. Glo-Valve sent 15 batters to the plate in the bottom of the third and scored 11 of them to put the game out of reach.

Rhett Skinner made Cabot pitcher Steven Botello throw more pitches to him to lead off the bottom of the third than Botello threw in the entire second inning before striking out. Cody Davis and Alex Clendening followed with walks. Anthony Allen blooped a single to center to load the bases. Tyler Malone beat out an infield hit with Davis scoring and Clendening coming all the way home from second. Allen got caught in a hot box between home and third and escaped home when the pitcher's throw

went into left field. Malone wound up on third and scored the tying run on a wild pitch.

Kade Wilson kept things going for Glo-Valve with a double over the center fielder's head. Evan Meschke walked. After a strikeout for the second out, Jonathan Robinson also walked. Brennan Dickson was hit by a pitch to force in Wilson with the go-ahead run. Davis, batting for the second time in the inning, slammed a hit into center bringing home Meschke and Robinson. A single by Clendening loaded the bases. Allen singled to right center to score all three runners. He took second on the throw to the plate. A wild pitch brought him to third from where he scored on Malone's third single of the game to give Glo-Valve an 11-4 lead.

Cabot started things off in the first inning in a big way with a home run over the left field fence by Botello, the leadoff hitter. Mitch Simon walked and was

forced at second by Evan McElwain. McElwain scurried to second on a wild pitch, went to third on a ground out by Zach Shaw and scored on a single by Sam Newman. Newman took second when Reid Bradley was safe on an error. Garrett Sewell walked to load the bases. A wild pitch scored Simon, giving Cabot a 3-0 lead.

Botello doubled in the top of the second inning and scored from second on an infield single by Simon to put Cabot up 4-0.

After Glo-Valve's big third inning, Cabot stubbornly fought back with a run in the fourth inning. Botello singled for his third hit of the night. He took second and third on wild pitches and scored when McElwain was safe on an error. Glo-Valve's defense tightened as two Cabot runners were thrown out at home to choke off a potential rally.

In the fifth inning, two walks, a hit batter and an error sent Sewell home for Cabot with its

last run of the game.

Glo-Valve used a single by Clendening and doubles by Allen and Malone to score one last run in the bottom of the fifth before the game was called because of the time limit.

Clendening was the winning pitcher.

He relieved Davis in the bottom of the first with the bases loaded and two outs. He struck out the next batter. He allowed two earned runs and four hits in 4-1/3rds innings pitched. He struck out seven and walked three. Davis was charged with two earned runs. He permitted two hits and walked two.

Botello pitched the entire game for Cabot. He surrendered 11 hits, struck out six and walked six. He was also the leading hitter for Cabot with a home run, double, single and three runs scored.

Malone was the leading hitter for Glo-Valve with four hits, including a double, a run scored and three RBI. Allen had a big

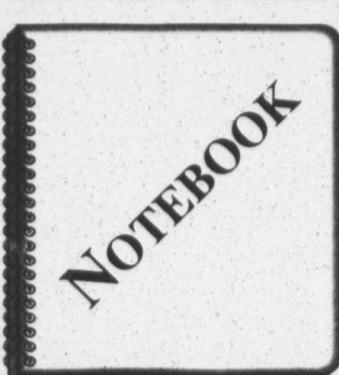
night at the plate for Glo-Valve with two runs and three hits, including a double and four RBI.

Shaw made the defensive play of the game for Cabot by sparring a lige drive in the top of the first inning. Robinson was Glo-Valve's defensive star by hustling back to the screen after wild pitches to nail two Cabot runners at the plate trying to take home.

Glo-Valve improved its season record to 8-2-1, a half-game behind league-leading Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency.

No games are scheduled for Memorial Day. DFB hosts Rotary Club on Tuesday at 5:45 p.m. while Glo-Valve takes on D.E. Chase Inc. in the 7:45 p.m. game. Celanese and Cabot play at 5:45 p.m. Thursday with the nightcap featuring Glo-Valve and Rotary Club.

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way Agency.



GOLF

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Hale Irwin held a one-shot lead over Dave Barr and Jay Haas when the final round was suspended at the rain-plagued Senior PGA Championship at Valhalla. Play was suspended late Sunday afternoon. The players were due to resume their final rounds early Monday.

HOCKEY

CALGARY, Alberta (AP) — The Calgary Flames didn't make the playoffs the past seven years, much less win a game in them. Somehow, somehow, they find themselves within two victories of winning the Stanley Cup.

The Flames lead the favored Tampa Bay Lightning 2-1 going into Game 4 of the Stanley Cup final tonight, a position they admittedly did not expect to be in a few months ago. But even with the Cup so close, they do not feel this is a time for reflection or analysis.

That's why coach Darryl Sutter did everything possible during Sunday's off day to keep the Flames on the same course that carried them past three other favorites — Vancouver, Detroit and San Jose — in these playoffs.

He wants nothing to change: the strong goaltending they are getting from Miikka Kiprusoff, their commitment to playing a physical, controlling defense, their refusal to prematurely look ahead at what they soon might accomplish.

"I have said it before, it's steady as she goes with this group," said Sutter, whose team is 5-5 at home in the playoffs. "You go in the room after the game, you can't tell if they have won or lost. That's how they handle it. They will deal tonight (Sunday) with having to find ways to get better for tomorrow (Monday)."

And, he might have added, not look back to the 3-0 victory Saturday in Game 3 that gave this improbable finalist an equally implausible lead in the first trip to the final by a Canadian team since Vancouver lost to the Rangers in 1994.

The Flames expect Tampa Bay's best game so far Monday, if only because they know the Lightning will come out with all the desperation expected of a team in danger of going down 3-1. Only one team has rallied from a 3-1 deficit to win the final, Toronto over Detroit in 1942.

"We'll expect them to be physical and be better," the Flames' Stephane Yelle said.

Flashback

1999: Pampa defeated San Angelo Lakeview 35-23 in a football homecoming game.

Thomas Long rushed for 90 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Harvesters' attack.

State qualifier



Pampa bullrider Hawk Tucker was entered in the Tri-State High School Rodeo Finals over the weekend in Vernon. Tucker has also qualified for the Texas High School Rodeo Finals June 6-15 in Abilene.

Hamilton leads Pistons past Pacers

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Richard Hamilton came up big again for the Detroit Pistons — at his old coach's expense.

"The guy we had no answer for was Hamilton," Indiana coach Rick Carlisle said. "He had a sensational game. He was a big-time, clutch playoff performance guy for us last year."

A year after helping the Carlisle-coached Pistons

reach the Eastern Conference finals, Hamilton scored a career playoff-high 33 points Sunday night to lead Detroit to an 83-65 victory over Carlisle's Pacers.

With the Game 5 victory, Detroit took a 3-2 series lead and moved a win away from advancing to the NBA Finals.

After winning a national championship at UConn, Hamilton was drafted by the

Washington Wizards. Those were hard times for a player who relishes postseason play.

"I love these situations. I love the playoffs. I love the postseason," Hamilton said. "Once I got (to Detroit), getting an opportunity to play in a postseason, I just excel at it."

Hamilton has led the Pistons in scoring in all five games against Indiana and 11 of Detroit's 16 playoff games.

OSU captures title

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Kyle West scored the go-ahead run after reaching on a two-base error in the 13th inning and Oklahoma State beat Missouri 10-9 Sunday in the Big 12 tournament championship game.

Oklahoma State (37-22) trailed 9-2 going into the eighth. The Cowboys tied the game when pinch-runner Justin Vinyard scored on a passed ball with two outs in the ninth.

James Boone had five RBIs for Missouri, but his grand slam in the third turned into a three-run single after a costly mistake on a rare coach's interference call. He also had a two-run single before being involved in a strange scoring play in the first.

Missouri (37-21-1) had won seven straight games, including a three-game sweep of Oklahoma State last weekend to end the regular season. The Tigers will have to wait until Monday to see if they will make their second straight NCAA tournament.

Oklahoma State gets an automatic NCAA berth.

West's flyball to left to start the 13th was dropped by Lee Laskowski, who initially took a step back and then slipped as he tried to recover. The ball hit his glove, then fell to the ground.

Scott Kirby's bunt sent West to third, and then two intentional walks loaded the bases. Keanon Simon's sac fly scored West, who took over for Jaramillo at catcher in extra innings.

Thomas Cowley (7-3), the fifth Cowboys pitcher, worked 4 1/3 shutout innings before Dane

Mason allowed only a single in the 13th for his first save.

Nick Admire (4-2) pitched the final inning for Missouri.

Simon also had an RBI single in Oklahoma State's five-run eighth that got the Cowboys within 9-7. That came after a throwing error allowed two runs to score and before Rusty Ryal's RBI single.

Josh Fields led off the ninth with his 10th homer, and Jason Jaramillo drew a four-pitch walk and was replaced by Vinyard. An infield single and error advanced Vinyard, who scored the tying run on a passed ball against Brad Flanders with two outs.

That lost run on Boone's apparent grand slam proved costly for Missouri.

After three straight walks in the third, Boone hit a ball into the left-field seats. But as he was about to round first base, he was grabbed by coach Tony Vitello to keep him from passing another runner who had returned to the base to tag up.

While he never past the other runner, Boone was ruled out. He was credited with a three-run single and Missouri led 6-2.

The Tigers built a 9-2 lead on Laskowski's RBI single in the fifth and Trevor Helms' two-run homer an inning later.

Oklahoma State had led 2-0 after consecutive two-out RBI singles by Jaramillo and Kirby in the first.

Boone tied the game with a two-run single, then on the next play failed to tag up on a flyball on which Cowboys left fielder Kirby was credited with a putout, an error and an assist.

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