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Surprise snowfall blankets city

By DEE DEE LARAMORE

Pampa residents awakened this morning to trees laden with snow and flakes the size of quarters falling to the ground.

One resident said he saw flakes as large as silver dollars falling between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m., this

It's the first recorded snowfall in the area this late in the season in 88 years, National Weather Service offi-

"The latest snow recorded in the Panhandle was on May 6 and 7 in 1917," said Matthew Kramer, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Amarillo.

At that time, Amarillo received 9.1 inches on the ground, he said.

"If the upper level system had been stronger, we would have had that this time," he said. "But as it was a minor disturbance that didn't have enough energy."

By 11 a.m. today, Pampa had received two inches of snow, according to the NWS.

Accumulations of heavy moistureladen flakes bent some trees to the ground. Broken tree limbs could be seen in yards and streets throughout the city.

The snowfall accumulation appears to have ended close to

Early Voting

Early voting in the

By DAVID BOWSER

Staff Writer

Paulette Hinkle wants to combine

"Having grown up in Pampa, I can

friendly.

remember when as a little girl on

the close knit Pampa of her youth

with a dynamic city of tomorrow.

Saturday, everybody went

downtown, parked their cars

and people watched," Hinkle

said, "and you dressed up. We

had places to eat downtown. It

was very active. It was very

Everybody took care of

While there is a twinkle in

her eyes when she laughs, there is

also a no nonsense look of a person

who is used to getting what she

throw trash down because before

you got home somebody would have

called your parents," Hinkle said.

"Back then you wouldn't dare

neighborhood

everybody.

wants.

Pampa. Roberts County sheriff's department said the snow had melted in Miami and Wheeler County sheriff's office officials said that area received large snow flakes, but no accumulation.

The deepest snow - four to five inches – was reported in Oldham and Hartley counties, he said.

Dumas reported three inches, Pampa, Panhandle and Claude all received around two inches, and Borger and Fritch area received around 2 1/2 inches.

Kramer said the snow reports began around 2 a.m. to 3 a.m. in the Amarillo area and moved east throughout the morning.

Weather officials were surprised by the snow, also.

"A lot of the computer forecasts were not suggesting snow," Kramer

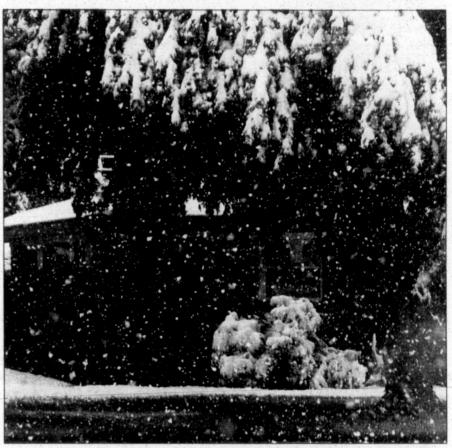
"A change in the temperature of two degrees can make a difference," Pampa's low temperature this

Rain was expected, but not snow.

morning was 32 degrees, according to the mesonet weather station near Recreation Park. Pampa received 1.27 inches of

moisture from the precipitation which has fallen during the weather system's presence.

- Staff Writer Marilyn Powers contributed to this report.



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Pampans woke up to a surprise snowfall this morning as expected precipitation turned wintry. One resident said the flakes were as big as silver dollars. They fell heavily for awhile this morning as seen in the 2300 block of Comanche, above, bending branches of leafed-out trees and blanketing green grass and flowering plants.

Commission approves SO grant

city/school board elections **By MARILYN POWERS** ends tomorrow. Staff Writer

Early voters may cast their ballots for city candi-Gray County Sheriff Don dates between 8 a.m. and 5 Copeland was p.m. in Room 205 of City approval to apply for a Hall, 201 W. Kingsmill. Justice Assistance Grant for Early voters in the school \$11,450 during county comboard election may vote missioners' 9 a.m. meeting between 8 a.m. and 4:30 today in the second-floor

p.m. at Carver Center, 321 courtroom of the county W. Albert, for board memcourthouse. bers for Places 1, 2 and 3. The grant, which will

come from the U.S. Pampa, said County Judge Department of Justice, may be used for technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractural support and information systems, Copeland

The available amount of \$11,450 is being offered by the federal government in two pieces, one each to the county and the City of

Hinkle's vision: A friendly, clean Pampa

Richard Peet. The county would receive roughly \$5,000, with the remaining approximately \$6,000 to go to the City of Pampa, he

"The city has opted not to utilize their part of the agreement and to let the county use their part of it," Peet said.

An interlocal agreement

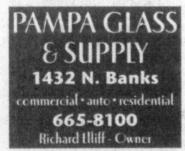
formalizes the agreement between the city and county to allow the county use of the entire grant amount of \$11,450, he said.

Gray County will have four years in which to use the grant money, Copeland said. He had not yet made specific plans for the funds as of this morning's meeting.

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"You mowed your yard because your next door neighbor mowed his yard and kept his yard nice.

Part of her vision of Pampa is a memory of Pampa

"That's the Pampa I would like to see again today," she said. "I would

love to see our community cleaned

up. Trash is a problem."

City Election

May 7, 2005

Some people take it lightly, she

said. Some may harp on it too much,

but it is a big problem. Many resi-

dents have to pick it up out of their

"I think we do have piled up

alleys," she said. "and potholes and

yards and driveways, she said.

abandoned houses and vacant lots. I know that our city manager is already well on his way to addressing that."

She said she thinks people who make Pampa their home are interested in how the city looks.

"They want the city to be more

attractive," Hinkle said. "My vision is first of all is to clean it up. To make city hall more citizenfriendly.'

She said the city needs to be open and address such issues directly. The

city administration needs to spend wisely and plan wisely.

The city needs to take action, but most of all, they do not need to be

afraid to fail. "I think all really successful peo-

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Paulette Hinkle

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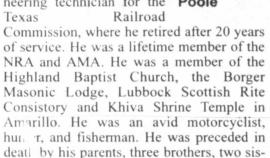
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Obituaries

William Preston Poole, 77

William Preston Poole, 77, died Saturday, April 30, 2005, in Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Poole was born on April 15, 1928, in Maud, Okla. He married Peggy Cottingham on June 22, 1947, in Maud. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1965. He was employed by Halliburton for 25 years as a field supervisor and was an engineering technician for the Texas





Poole

Survivors include his wife, Peggy Poole of the home; three sons, George William Poole and wife Vickie, Robert C. Poole and

wife Nancy and Jimmie L. Poole and wife Karrie, all of Pampa; three grandsons, Greg Poole and wife Marsha of Pampa, Michael Poole of South Texas, and Andrew William Poole of Cross Plains: six granddaughters, Susan Poole, Amanda Poole and Megan Poole, all of Pampa; Kandra Renee Poole of Stephenville, Susie Goodwin and husband Robert of Enid, Okla., and Stephanie of Enid, Okla.; six great-grandchildren, Zoie Nichole Garcia of

Amarillo: Dallon Poole and Holland Poole, both of Pampa; Austin Goodwin, Morgan Goodwin and Haley Goodwin, all of Enid, Okla.

Memorials may be made to Highland Baptist Church, 1301 N. Banks, Pampa, Texas, 79065.

Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday, at the funeral home.

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



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Sports Editor Michael J. Stevens encountered this snow plow clearing U.S. Highway 60 a half-mile west of Pampa on his drive to work from his home in Amarillo early today.

Emergency Services

Sheriff

ters, and a daughter-in-law.

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

Sunday, May 1

William Harvey Plant, 37, 619 Gray, was arrested for verbal assault.

Gary Wayne Teakell, 19, 1008 S. Nelson, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Richard Allen Robles, 34, 408 W. Harvester, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests today.

Saturday, April 30

Nineteen traffic stops were made. A traffic complaint was received from the intersection of Wilks and Dwight streets.

A narcotic drug law violation was reported in the 700 block of Scott.

Criminal mischief was reported at EZ Pawn, 613 N. Hobart. A large window valued at \$300 was damaged.

Criminal mischief was reported at La Hacienda Restaurant, 112 E. Brown. A rock is believed to have caused a hole in a plate glass window valued at \$500.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 600 block of Magnolia and the 1200

block of East Kingsmill. **HAVE YOU FUNDED YOUR** IRA?



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One residential alarm was reported.

Theft was reported at United Supermarket, 1420 N. Hobart.

Theft was reported in the 400 block of Hughes. A Murray lawn mower valued at \$100 was reported taken from the 900 block of South Barnard

Additional information on an assault was reported in the police department lobby.

Suspicious persons were reported at the intersection of Foster and Cuyler streets, and the intersection of Buckler and Wells streets.

Suspicious vehicles were reported in the 2200 block of North Hobart and the 200 block of West Brown.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 1300 block of Garland, the 400 block of West Kingsmill, and twice from Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester.

A welfare check was made in the 600 block of

Disorderly conduct/other was reported in the 600 block of Sloan and the 600

block of North Wells. Emergency medical services assistance was rendered in the 700 block of Scott and the 100 block of North

Houston. Law enforcement assistance was rendered in the 2500 block of Beech and at the intersection of McCullough and Barnes

Disorderly conduct/fighting was reported in the 800 block of North Duncan, at the skate park.

Driving while intoxicated was reported in the 900 block of North Wells.

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

A prowler was reported in the 400 block of Magnolia.

Illegal carrying of a weapon was reported in the 600 block of Hobart. The weapon was a knife or cutting tool.

Sunday, May 1

Fourteen traffic stops were made. Motorist assistance was rendered in the 400 block of Hughes. Traffic complaints were received from the 900 block of Llano and the 900 block of North Hobart.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 1000 block of Darby, the 1100 block of North Somerville, the 600 block of North West, and the 1800 block of North Sumner.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 500 block of

Animal complaints were received from the 700 block of Barnes and the 1000 block of Terry Road.

A welfare check was made in the 1000 block of Scott Avenue.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 400 block of Hughes. Law enforcement assis-

tance was rendered at the intersection of Crawford and Barrett streets. Emergency medical serv-

ices assistance was rendered in the 2100 block of Dogwood. Public intoxication was

reported in the 100 block of South Nelson. Possible theft was report-

ed in the 1900 block of North Hobart. Burglary was reported in

the 400 block of Magnolia. Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 500 block of Magnolia. A stereo valued at \$100 was taken See **RECORD**, Page 3

Gray County Weather

Today: Periods of showers, with thunderstorms also possible after 2 p.m. High near 42. North northeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm. Chance of precipitation is 80 percent.

Tonight: A chance of showers. Cloudy, with a low around 37. West wind around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.

Tuesday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy, with a high around 53. Calm wind becoming south around 5 mph.

Tuesday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low near 37. Southwest wind between 5

and 10 mph.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high around Southwest between 5 and 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 44. South wind around 15

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 72. South wind around 15 mph.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 52. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 75. South wind between 10 and 20 mph.

Friday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. cloudy, with a low near 54.

Saturday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high around

Saturday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around

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

Hinkle

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ple are not afraid to fail," Hinkle said. "In anything we try there's a certain amount of risk.'

The city has to work through that, she said.

Right now, Hinkle said, the city needs to work through the failure of their first economic development corporation. They need to learn from it, she said, and they need to do it again.

She said there were negatives and there were problems, but they can't let that failure keep them from doing it again.

"I do agree that probably what would be most appealing to the citizens of Pampa would be a 4B economic development corporation because there is so much more citizen involvement," she said. "There's infrastructure so that we could probably do some things that we couldn't do before."

But she said that establishing a new economic development corporation would not would happen without a lot of public meetings, educational meetings, open talk, everything out on the table and a lot of

thought. Hinkle said that it has to it's taken back to the voters.

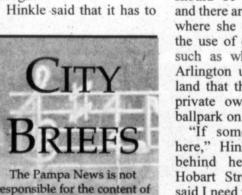
get it on the ballot," Hinkle said. If the voters don't approve a new economic development council, then

"We'll work around it," she said, "but I think it's a wonderful tool to have for

she said. She was asked about eminent domain, the ability of a government to take private property

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be well thought out before "I have no doubt that we

will because there are too

many people who want to

there are other options.

growth and progress." There are positives to government entities, but

under certain conditions.

needs to use eminent domain to take some properties, she said, particularly abandoned houses and

Hinkle said, however, such actions should be taken sparingly, and there are some situations where she outright opposes the use of eminent domain, such as when the City of Arlington used it to obtain land that they then gave to private owners to build a ballpark on.

"If somebody came in here," Hinkle said, sitting behind her desk at her Hobart Street office, "and said I need your little corner, I would not be very happy." In talking about the candi-

dates forum, Hinkle said she

was very proud of Lana Miller, a candidate for city commission from Ward 3, who said she didn't know the answer to one of the questions that was asked.

"'I don't know' doesn't bother me," Hinkle said. "It's when you try to make me think you do know and you don't that bothers me, but to say 'I don't know' has never bothered me. That is a sign of leadership. I'm very proud of her to say "I don't know, but I will find out.

No one person, Hinkle there can be negative, too, said, has all the answers, but they need to

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- Paulette Hinkle

Mayoral candidate

find them. "You need to find the people who can help you find answers, Hinkle said. "I thought she handled very well."

know where to

Hinkle said the race for mayor has been a wonderful experience for her, for her family, her friends and her employees.

"This has been wonderful for us in this office," she said. "We're are a team.

Success normally is brought about by teamwork and that is how she's organized her business.

"This has been a wonderful experience for us," Hinkle said. "We've had the opportunity to meet a lot of people, to visit with a lot of people. It truly has been a good experience."

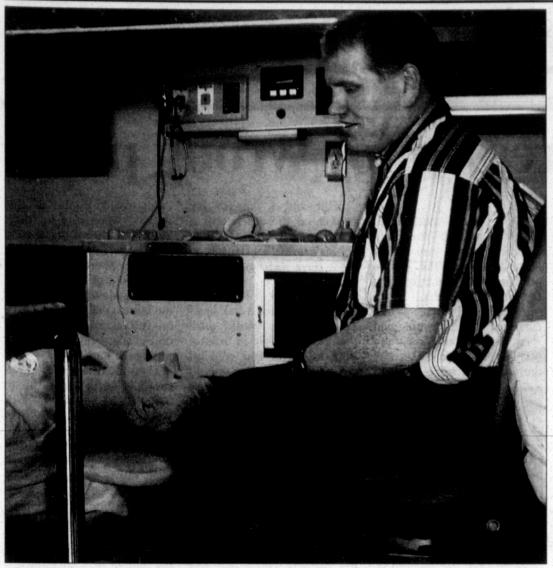
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EMS advanced training

Brandon Standerfer, field training officer for Guardian EMS in Pampa, takes part in an advanced airway training class presented by PHI Flight Service from Bryan/College Station. Local Guardian EMS medics, Standerfer, Alan Price and Operations Manager Peggie Coleman recently attended the class that provides paramedics with realistic training on a specially-designed maniken. After the training, Coleman remained in Bryan/College Station for a Basic EMS Leadership training presented by the Texas Engineering Extension Service. On April 1 and 2, Guardian EMS hosted a pediatric advanced life support class (PALS) to train employees in advanced life support techniques of children and infants. Currently, three instructors are located at the Guardian EMS station in Pampa. For more information about services, contact Guardian EMS at 669-9999.

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from a pickup. Damage estimated at \$300 was done to the pickup at the time of the incident.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 2600 block of Seminole and the 1600 block of West Somerville.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported at the intersection of Frederic and Henry streets, and the 400 block of Hughes

Found property and service of a state jail felony warrant was reported in the 700 block of Scott. A suspected methamphetamine pipe was involved in the incident.

Warrant service was attempted at one location.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1900 block of North Wells. A vehicle window valued at \$500 was broken.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of North Christy.

Criminal mischief was reported at the FirstBank Southwest automated teller machine building at 2223 Perryton Parkway. A glass door was damaged. Estimated amount of damage is unknown.

A civil matter was reported in the 700 block of Barnes.

One business alarm was reported.

Victor Manuel Farias, 35, 325 Henry, was arrested for fraudulent use of identification.

Jana Elizabeth Turlington, 30, 1041 Prairie, was arrested in the 500 block of Harlem for possession of drug paraphernalia, speeding in a school zone, operating an unregistered vehicle, no driver's license, and failure to appear.

Chad Lynn Epperson, 25, 2116 N. Zimmers, was arrested in the 1600 block of North Sumner for criminal non-sup-

Kimberley Sue Smith, 44, 123 S. Nelson, was arrested in the 600 block of West Street.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, April 30

9:48 a.m. - Two units and six firefighters assisted Pampa Police Department with a bicycle safety program at Pampa Mall.

3:26 p.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to a grass fire in the 1400 block of East Browning.

Sunday, May 1

9:52 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a standby at One Medical Plaza.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS transport responded to the following calls.

Saturday, April 30

7:33 a.m. - A mobile intensive care unit responded to the 1300 block of Kentucky and transported one patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:02 a.m. - A MICU responded to the following responded to the 700 block of North Sumner and transported one to PRMC.

11:28 a.m. - A MICU responded to PRMC and transferred one to the 1300 block of Kentucky.

12:12 p.m. - A MICU responded to PRMC and transferred one to BSA-West, Amarillo.

5:42 p.m. - A MICU responded to Skellytown and transferred one to BSA-West, Amarillo.

5:45 p.m. - A MICU LifeStar medical helicopter responded to the 700 block of Scott and transferred one to PRMC.



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Peet was given approval to sign a bank depository contract with Bank of America, pending County Treasurer Lee Cornelison's review of the contract.

Bank of America was cho-

their April 15 meeting as the county's depository. Bank of America will provide banking functions for the county's 37 accounts, a service it has already been providing to the county through a contract which ends this month.

sen by commissioners at

Precinct 2 Commissioner Gary Willoughby was given approval to replace an

staff had dropped from eight, at the time of his election, to five, Peet said.

employee. His total precinct

speak to county employees concerning the Texas Retirement Council was approved.

Commissioners recessed after approximately 45 minutes this morning, and were

1:30 p.m. for a public hearing concerning county roads. The public hearing will

scheduled to reconvene at

Ronnie Wood's request to allow county residents to express their opinions on county road topics, such as whether a particular road should be designated a county road for the purpose of maintenance and repair, Peet

Open

Tuesday at 10am

Hinkle

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"We try to serve," she said. "We try to share with the community. We try to give back to the community. That was one thing my Daddy always stressed to me. Life is not a spectator sport. Just participate and enjoy it, and get the full benefit out of it."

Born 1942 in McLean, Paulette Hinkle is a lifelong Gray County resident that has lived in Pampa for some 58 years.

The president and owner of two Pampa companies, Hinkle, a 1960 Pampa High School graduate, has deep ties to the city. Her father, R.B. "Jiggs" Cooke, was a retired city employee.

She married Benny Kirksey after her husband, has a son and a daughter and four grandchildren.

Hinkle has a long history of service to the community. She's served as chairman of the chamber of commerce, president of _

Pampa Country Club board of directors, president of the Rotary Club of Pampa (she was assistant district governor of the Rotary Club in 1999), president of St. Matthew's Day

School and member of the Salvation Army's board.

Hinkle is currently on the Meals on Wheels board, the Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce board, the Pampa Country Club board and the White Deer Land Museum

Malcolm Hinkle, died. She Foundation board. She's also a chamber of commerce Gold Coat.

> In 2001, she was named Citizen of the Year for her community work.

> Hinkle said that, at first, she wrestled with the idea

That was one thing my Daddy always stressed to me. Life is not a spectator sport.'

> Paulette Hinkle Mayoral candidate

of running for mayor, and then she thought about her older brother died who serving his country as a Navy pilot. Her other brother

retired from the military after serving the country. Her father served the country during World War II.

"How dare I not serve," she said.

It is something she owes to her community.



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Viewpoints

Arrived in Vietnam, dressed for wrong party

I like Dennis Elliott. He's the only other person I've met that's been shot at in Cam Ranh Bay.

Elliott, now a Gray County deputy sheriff, flew into Vietnam at Cam Ranh Bay, then the largest air base in the world, in 1969. While awaiting assignment to a unit there, he was at an Army replacement depot. His first night (a person's first night in Vietnam was always the worst), some sappers, Viet Cong commandoes, got on his base and left a bunch of satchel charges (things that go boom in the

Being a new guy, Elliott hadn't even been issued a weapon yet.

A year later, at least I had a

The thing you've got to understand, however, is that sailors don't receive much weapons training.

Elliott was in the Army and is a small arms expert.

I was in the Navy and the extent of my small arms training was two weeks with the Marines marching around Camp Pendleton. I got to fire

two 20-round clips out of an M-16, two five-round clips out of a .45 caliber automatic pistol and one round from an M-79 grenade launcher. I never even got to see where the round from the grenade launcher landed. The rest of the time was spent marching around in formation. Marines are big on that.

As for Cam Ranh Bay, it was supposed to be the safest place in South Vietnam in 1969 when Elliott arrived and in 1970 when I got there. It was so safe that President Lyndon Baines Johnson visited there in 1968.

The catch was that the eastern side of the peninsula, where the Air Force lived with their starched, camouflaged jungle fatigues in their air conditioned offices, was beyond Charlie's rocket or mortar range. The Naval Air Facility where I was and the Army's replacement depot were on the west or inland side of the peninsula.

While the Air Force looked out on the South China Sea with it's beautiful clear water and beautiful beaches, we

looked out at a marsh, a muddy bay and a coastal plain with mountains rising along the western horizon.

When I first reported aboard, the guy I was replacing took me around that Friday and got me checked in, including at the weapons department.

The guy I was replacing told me how safe Cam Ranh was. He said

need some sort of side arm for courier duty when I had go to

Saigon, but other than that not to worry.

David

Bowser

Staff Writer

The weapons officer said he had some brand new 9mm pistols and that I could have one of those. When I asked about a .45, the weapons officer said I'd like the new 9mm better. He admitted that there were some differences on the safeties from the .45, but he'd take me out to the range on Monday and show me how it

About 1 a.m. Sunday, I was awakened by the scream of a

warning siren.

I got up and wAndered into the living room I shared with my roommate, a guy named Kurt, who was the station pilot and had been in country for about six months.

As I stood there in the darkened room, yawning and scratching various parts of my body, I realized that Kurt was dressed and wearing a helmet

and jacket. He was also holding an M-16 rifle and peering door, which

he had opened only a slightly. Through the crack of the doorway, I could see the guard tower and concertina wire beyond our horseshoepitching pit in the reddish glow of flares. I could also see red tracers going out across the scrub brush.

Realizing I was dressed for the wrong party, I went back into my room, put on my clothes, flak jack, helmet and strapped on my new 9mm pistol.

Kurt and I ran for the bunker on the other side of our barracks, which was not an easy task. Flak jackets in those days had large padded collars. When you ran hunched over (like those times you needed a flak jacket), the collar would push your helmet down in front of your face and you couldn't see where you were going.

I dived into the bunker, a squat fixture of sandbags, and sat there in the dark. I held my pistol in my right hand and a clip of ammunition in my left. I felt like Barney Fife. I wanted to put my bullet in my pistol, but Andy wasn't there to tell me it was all right.

As it turned out, a half dozen sappers had waltzed through our main gate, rushed the hangars where we had several brand new UH-46A helicopters and blew up the urinals in the head. They then retreated back through the main gate, whence they had come - all except one of

In the line shack next to the hangars, one of my men, who was off duty, was playing

cards with some of his friends, who were on duty. When the fireworks started, every one in the line shack grabbed a weapon. My guy walked out of the line shack, saw a shadow running across the tarmac and with his M-16 on full automatic emptied a clip in that general direction, killing the intruder.

Over the next several days, the UH-46As flew on to Saigon. The Security Officer, who had arrived only two days before I had, promised the Captain that security would be improved. I went back down to the Weapons Department and got an M-16 and two bandoleers of ammunition. My First Class Petty Officer applied for a Combat Action Ribbon for being in the middle of a gunfight that ended with one VC being killed.

Our Executive Officer ruled that since my guy wasn't officially on duty that night, he didn't rate a ribbon, so the young, sharp petty officer took an early out and went home to California to take up surfing.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, May 2, the 122nd day of 2005. There are 243 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 2, 1945, the Soviet Union announced the fall of Berlin, and the Allies announced the surrender of Nazi troops in Italy and parts of Austria.

On this date:

In 1519, artist Leonardo da Vinci died at Cloux, France. In 1670, the Hudson Bay Company was chartered by England's King Charles II.

In 1863, Confederate Gen. Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson was accidentally wounded by his own men at Chancellorsville, Va.; he died eight days later.

Even a liar tells a hundred truths to one lie; he has to, to make the lie good for anything."

> Henry Ward Beecher American clergyman

In 1890, the Oklahoma Territory was organized.

In 1936, "Peter and the Wolf," a symphonic tale for children by Sergei Prokofiev, had its world premiere in Moscow.

In 1957, Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, the controversial Republican senator from Wisconsin, died at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland.

In 1960, convicted sex offender and best-selling author Caryl Chessman was

executed at San Quentin Prison in California. In 1965, the "Early Bird" satellite was used to transmit

television pictures across the Atlantic. In 1972, after serving 48 years as head of the FBI, J.

Edgar Hoover died in Washington at age 77.

In 1994, Nelson Mandela claimed victory in the wake of South Africa's first democratic elections; President F.W. de Klerk acknowledged defeat.

Ten years ago: President Clinton agreed to allow some 20,000 Cubans into the United States after months of detention at Guantanamo Bay, but said any more Cubans who fled their country would be forcibly repatriated.

Five years ago: An investigating panel concluded that Texas A&M University students cut corners in construction and school officials failed to adequately supervise them before a bonfire collapse in November 1999 that killed 12 people.

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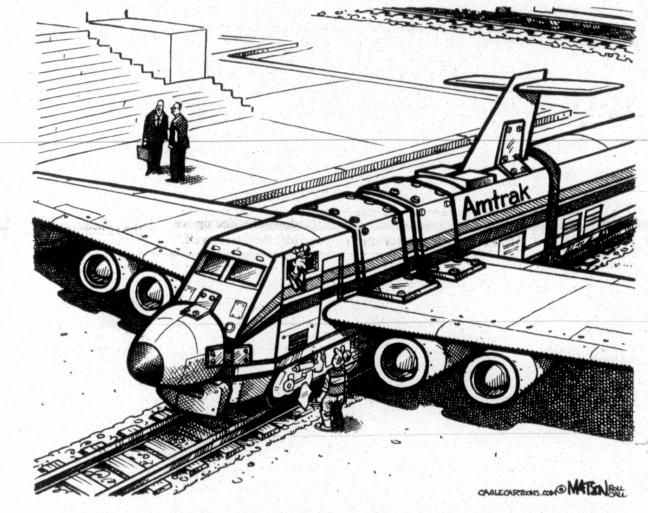
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"WE'RE VERY CONFIDENT THIS NEW LOOK WILL CONVINCE CONGRESS TO GIVE US THE MULTIBILLION DOLLAR BAIL-OUT WE NEED!"

Will he go to prison for Hillary?

finance director for Hillary Clinton's 2000 Senate campaign, goes on trial May 3 on charges of breaking federal campaign law. The senator's spokespeople insist that she didn't gain from the alleged crime - that the campaign realized no financial benefit from Rosen's understating the costs of a gala Clinton Hollywood fund-raiser. Not true. Hillary's cam-

paign realized not just a huge benefit, but one critical to her election chances.

Under the arcane rules of Federal Election Commission at the time, campaigns could use soft money to pay for fund-raising events – provided the gathering's costs came to 40 percent or less of the total of hard money raised. (Soft money was far easier to raise: Donors could give up to \$25,000 of soft money, but only \$1,000 of hard money).

Hillary's Hollywood gala that raised \$1 million in hard money that August. This meant that the campaign could use soft money to pay for all costs up to \$400,000. David Rosen conveniently

treasurer that the event did, indeed, cost \$400,000, avoiding the necessity of spending any hard money on the affair.

But the federal indictment of Rosen, FBI affidavits and the testimony of the event organizers - Peter Paul and Aaron Tonkin – all confirm that the extravaganza's true cost was at least \$1.2 million. Press leaks suggests that the

feds may Dick have **Morris** Rosen on tape Columnist acknowledging

that he understated the cost of the

event on purpose. Here's why he would have done it: If the real cost of the event were \$1.2 million instead of \$400,000, the campaign would have had to use hard money to make up the difference. The Hillary Clinton campaign would have had \$800,000 less of hard money to spend running TV ads and funding get-out-the-vote operations.

And, at the time of that fund-raiser, Rick Lazio, the

David Rosen, the national reported to the campaign GOP candidate, had challenged Hillary to refuse to accept soft money. He found himself awash in hard money - small checks from Hillary haters across the country. But First Lady Hillary Clinton was heavily dependent on large checks from fat-cat donors whom she and the president wined, dined, photographed, and hosted at the White House. And these folks gave a lot

> more than \$1,000 each. Hillary temporized and delayed, but

the handwriting was on the wall. On Sept. 24, the candidates agreed on

a soft-money ban. Now she had to pay for it all with hard money. And she was hard up for hard money.

So if Rosen had owned up to the full cost of the fundraiser, the campaign would have had to cough up \$800,000 of hard money at exactly the time that it needed the funds the most.

Did Hillary know? Paul and Tonken say she did, and it seems obvious that she must have: Hillary followed

every dime in her campaign, personally calling donors for most of it. How could she possibly not have known of a decision that saved her \$800,000?

But the person who knows if she knew is David Rosen. If found guilty, he faces a potential sentence of 15 years. If the feds threaten him with jail - and it's hard to see how they wouldn't -Rosen faces a choice: Tell the truth or go to prison.

Rosen is no long-term Clinton loyalist like Webb Hubbell, nor did he have an affair with a Clinton (as Bill implied to me that Susan McDougal did). And there is no Clinton in the White House to pardon him if he goes to prison.

David Rosen is a young man in his late 30s, with a life ahead of him. He would be a fool to go to jail to protect Hillary.

If he did, she wouldn't even visit him.

Eileen McGann contributed to this column. Dick Morris is a political analyst who was an adviser to Bill Clinton for 20 years.

Sports Day

Lee's best good for sixth; Taniguchi, Stokes medal

Keysha has been solid

looking forward to her being

throughout the year. I am

even more consistent next

year.

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

"She had her best jump, and she was ecstatic." This is how Pampa track coach, Tad Smith described Keysha Lee's performance at Regionals in San Angelo over the weekend.

Though neither of five Lady Harvesters competing advanced to State, three took medals.

But it was Lee's 6th place finish in the High Jump that captured the eye. She saved her best for last, 5-2. Said Smith, "Keysha has been solid throughout the year. I am looking forward to her being

even more consistent next year." Lee was the only junior to qualify for Regionals.

Matchico Taniguchi took third in both Discus and Shot Put. Kendall Stokes also brought home a third place medal for her performance in the Triple Jump.

"Kendall had some close calls," said Smith. Stokes fell prey to close times and other competitors who seemed to pull rabbits out of their hats. "There was some crazy stuff going on down there," Smith

Alyssa Bromwell and Jaclyn Spearman also competed.

When asked to assess the girls' performance, Smith replied, "They gave their best. We were simply outperformed."

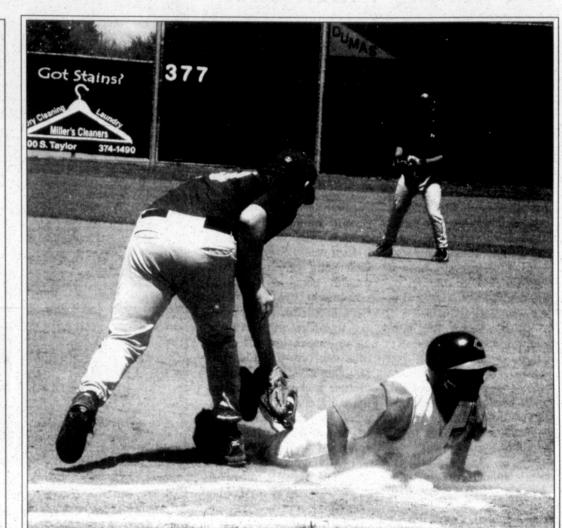
Smith also stressed that, though Stokes Taniguchi medaled, it still stung a bit. "But that will pass and they will soon realize how great what they accomplished was." Smith noted that once you make it into the postseason, it is hard to be perfect or give your

best at every event. Smith said this was the first meet this season when the girls didn't leave with at least one gold medal.

— Tad Smith

Head Coach, PHS Track

But to face the best the others have to offer - and to come away knowing you were one of them – these five girls are to be commended for what they accomplished. Not just this past weekend, but throughout the season.



Pampa News photos by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Harvester first baseman Jake Craig takes a pick-off toss from pitcher Tyson Hickman and applies the tag to a Caprock base runner, who was called safe at the time. Pampa second baseman Dusty Lenderman is seen in the background. Pampa defeated Caprock, 7-0 Saturday.

Every park is Shea stadium when Brown comes to bat

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

Shea Brown was in-the-zone Saturday for the Harvester's final regular season

game of the year. But then again, Brown has been in-the-zone throughout much of the season.

In Brown's first at bat Saturday, he sent a line-drive screaming down the line to right field. And the hits seemed to keep coming from there, including a double. He crossed the plate Pampa's Shea Brown crushes a with the same fre-

Caprock pitch in his first at-bat quency. Saturday. His district batting average has been somewhere just shy of had doubles. the stratosphere, .500 at last check. You know you are having a solid year when earned a first round playoff bye. your teammates stand in the dugout and

brag about you and your skill. This is what happens almost every time Brown gets on base. Especially when the trip came by

way of a power shot.

Brown and his teammates ended the season by running the table on their District 3-4A foes – a perfect 10-0 district finish. The final win coming Saturday against the Longhorns, 7-0. The Harvesters out-hit Caprock 11-2. Tyson Hickman improved

> of doubles and a triple to his season totals. Jake Craig and

his record to 8-0. He

also added a couple

Tyler Doughty also

By winning the district title, Pampa

Pampa junior varsity squad wraps season with 14-4 win

'Even when we weren't

winning many games they

continued working hard and

Head Coach, PHS Junior Varsity Baseball

wanted to improve.

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

The Pampa JV baseball team finished its season Friday at Harvester Field.

The Harvesters defeated Caprock, 14-4, on a chilly Pampa afternoon. Dakota Gowin got the win, going four innings.

He allowed runs on four hits, two walks, and struck out three. Keenan Davis came in and pitched the

fifth inning and struck out all three batters weren't winning many games they continhe faced.

Gowin and Robbie Dixon both had two hits for the Harvesters. Brady Eakin, Brad Johnson, Jacob Davis, Brody Russell, and Colden Fortenberry each had a hit.

Alex Torres walked three times and was hit by a pitch. He also scored three times.

Jarron Clark did a great job defensively "Our pitchers did a good job on the

— Clint Allen

mound and up and down the line up we hit the ball well," said Coach Clint Allen.

"It was a good way to end the sea-

Allen said, despite the 10-14 overall record, he was very proud of this team. "Even when we

ued working hard and wanted to improve." He continued, "That type of character and willingness to work only made them better for next year when several will be playing on the varsity."

TIME TO RETHINK RESTRICTER PLATE RACING

Millions in mangled cars tends to bring the cheer factor down

Talladega is, in NASCAR jargon, a super-speedway. It is big. Drivers rarely, if ever, lift their feet off of the 'go' pedal.

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Back in the day, the driver and the team with the proper set-up, right equipment, and a break here and there, would often be the one who found his way to victory lane.

In recent years, NASCAR has forced teams to use a restrictor plate at these super-speedways as a measure of controlling the speed, thus, increasing the safety factor.

After what I watched at Talladega over the weekend, I am learning to hate restrictor plate racing more and

It is not racing. It is a 43-car train wreck looking for a place to happen. And when it does, it usually claims half the field in the process. This should be alarming to NASCAR. Let me explain why.

First off, there is no great skill needed to drive a restrictor plate race. It is more a crap-shoot. Sure, you need some measure of nerve to want to get in there and mix it up with these guys. But bad luck knows nothing about skill. All it knows is to manifest itself at the most inopportune moment. This happened during both the Busch and the Nextel Cup races this past weekend. And not just once, but many

As cars exited the track after the race, they resembled more the cars that race at Bristol, or Route 66 Speedway, than those who just competed on one of the largest tracks on the circuit.

With the recent advances in safety equipment both in-car and on-track, why do they still run restrictor plates? The truth is, the speeds are only 15 to 20 miles an hour slower with them than without.

Michael J. Stevens

> Sports Editor



Sounds like a lot, but tell me, what is the difference between hitting the wall at 190 miles per hour and doing so at 205 miles per hour? Both can, and will hurt. Casey Mears was going 190 or so when he flipped on his lid Saturday. Would it have made a difference if he was going 220? Nope. Upside down is upside down.

Safety has come a long way of late and NASCAR needs to understand this. What they also need to start recognizing is, if they don't do something to curb what went down this weekend, it may start affecting them where it is felt most, the bottom line.

Fans, myself included, will not keep watching a race once their driver has been swallowed by 'The Big One,' the euphemism given to the crash that takes out 15-20 cars when it happens. If that crash happens early in the race, what fun will it be to watch from that point on? This had a far greater impact than just the unhappy fan. That fan watches television. Networks pay loads of dough for the right to carry the races. What happens when that fan tunes out after half the field of contenders is eliminated? Concessions, souvenirs and other such vendors will be affected.

If you really want to increase the bottom line, remove the restrictor plates. I am not convinced the safety risk would be any greater than it is now. Honestly, it might help. But NASCAR needs to start thinking change, and soon.

I would rather see the driver who was truly the best that day win by two or three laps than one who simply managed to survive. Luck is a part of racing, yes. But luck is simply the byproduct of preparation meeting opportunity. What happened at Talladega Saturday and Sunday was not luck, good or bad. It was painful. Not just for the drivers and those crews who spend months building the cars destroyed. But for the true race fan to watch.

Lady Harvesters advance to area round rematch

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

The Lady Harvesters advanced to the area round of the post-season by taking the best-of-three bi-district series against San Angelo Lakeview over the weekend, 2-0.

The wins Friday and Saturday didn't come easy for Pampa. Friday's 5-3 win came with Pampa holding a 5-1 advantage entering the final inning.

Saturday's 5-4 win came courtesy of a 5-run outburst

in the bottom of the fifth. Two of those hits were two run doubles from both Cassy Tice and Teryn Garner.

Pampa led 5-1 going into the top of the seventh, then held on to win the game and the series.

The Lady Harvesters (24-9) advance to an area round rematch against El Paso Ysleto (23-3). Date and location to announced.

Optimist games canceled

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

It would have been easy to assume there would be no Optimist baseball played this afternoon. However, just to be safe, Sports Day contacted league president, Kevin Davis, to confirm.

"There won't be any games played tonight," he said.

When asked if Optimist baseball games have ever been called due to snow, Davis paused for a moment and replied, "There was a day back in the early 90s when all but one Babe Ruth game was canceled due to snow, but I do not recall in my 20 plus years ever seeing the whole complex shut down because of snow.'

Games will resume tomorrow, weather permitting.

Rincon suspended Getting their game faces on for drug violation

NEW YORK (AP) — Minnesota Twins pitcher Juan Rincon was suspended for 10 days Monday, making him the fifth player disciplined under Major League Baseball's new policy on performanceenhancing drugs.

Rincon's agent, Ed Setlik, said a grievance was planned. But unlike other penalties, suspensions under this policy take effect immediately and are not delayed pending a hearing.

"Suffice it to say, he was devastated and stunned by the result," Setlik said after speaking with Rincon.

Rincon was a key contributor to the Twins' AL Central-winning team last season. He went 11-6 with two saves and a 2.63 ERA in 77 games. This year, the right-handed reliever was 2-1 with a 2.25 ERA in 12 appearances.

Rincon has a \$440,000 salary this year. The suspension will cost him \$24,044

The penalty also will hurt

Rincon's chances to earn bonuses of \$10,000 for appearing in 68 games, \$20,000 for 73 games and

\$30,000 for 78 games Four players had previously received 10-day bans, all with relatively low profiles: Tampa Bay outfielder Alex Sanchez, Colorado outfielder Jorge Piedra, Texas minor league pitcher Agustin Montero and Seattle minor league outfielder Jamal Strong.

Last week, commissioner Bud Selig proposed much tougher penalties for players caught using steroids. He sent a letter to the players' union calling for a 50game suspension for firsttime steroid offenders, a 100-game ban for a second offense and a lifetime ban for a third violation under what he called a "three strikes and you are out approach" to doping.

The Twins were off Monday. They play again at home Tuesday against Cleveland.



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Pampa pitcher/outfielder Tyler Doughty applies some eye-black to first baseman Jake Craig prior to Saturday final regular season game at Caprock. Both players had doubles in the 7-0 win, ending Pampa's 2005 District 3-4A title run at 10-0.

Sunday's Major League Linescores

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Lima, MWood (6), Sisco (8), Burgos (9) and Buck; Elarton, Betancourt (7), Rhodes (8), Wickman (9) and VMartinez. W-MWood 1-2. L-Betancourt 1-1. Sv-Burgos (1). HRs-Kansas City, MiSweeney 2 (4), Long (1), Buck (2). Cleveland, THafner (2), Sizemore (3).

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Brazelton, RBell (7) and THall; BChen, Kline (7), Williams (8), BRyan (9) and JvLopez. W-BChen 3-1. L-Brazelton 1-5. Sv—BRyan (5). HRs—Tampa Bay, THall (1). Baltimore, Mora 2 (6), Tejada (9), Gibbons (4)

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Lilly, Walker (6), Schoeneweis (7), MBatista (9) and Zaun; Pavano, Quantrill (6), Stanton (7), Karsay (7), Gordon (8), Groom (8) and Posada. W-Walker 1-0. L-Stanton 0-1. Sv-MBatista (7). HRs-Toronto, Koskie (5). New York, Sheffield

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Jim Thorpe birdies way to FedEx win

 Jim Thorpe had just squandered a two-stroke Heathrow, Fla. lead and perhaps his best chance of the season to win. A quick glance at the leaderboard told him what he had to do.

With four birdies over the last five holes, Thorpe stormed past the field for a four-stroke victory Sunday at the FedEx Kinko's Classic, his 10th career Champions Tour title.

Consecutive bogeys had dropped him into a fourway tie for first before he put together his final flourclosed with a 4-under 68 and a 10-under 206 total.

Dana Quigley, part of the group that shared the lead, could only muster a string of pars as Thorpe pulled away. Quigley finished with a final-round 70.

"Watching the leaderboard, it seems like it dials me in on birdies," said Thorpe, who was the only player to shoot in the 60s in all three rounds. "I knew or five holes there's a lot of birdie shots. I capitalized on that."

He earned \$247,500 and said he's donating the entire amount to a building fund

LAKEWAY, Texas (AP) for Community Crossing church in his hometown of

> It was an up-and-down round for Thorpe, who twice held and lost leads before making the late charge to win.

> Thorpe held a two-stroke lead at the turn, but lost it with a shaky putter and consecutive bogeys on Nos. 11 and 12. The first came when his short par putt spun out of the right edge of the

For about 20 minutes, it was anyone's tournament.

Quigley birdied, and perish of birdies. Thorpe haps sensing the chance to make a run, lit up a fat cigar. One hole ahead of him Mark Johnson, known as "Beer Man" on tour because he spent 18 years driving a Budweiser truck before turning pro, made it a four-way tie with consecutive birdies on Nos. 14 and

Wayne Levi, Thorpe's playing partner, also had a share of the lead at 6 under.

That's when Thorpe coming home the last four made his move, taking his putter out of the equation by nestling his iron shots close to the pin. He hit 15 of 18 greens in regulation Sunday.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, May 3, 2005:

Knowing what you want is the first step to success right now. You have the ability to communicate on a high level. Sometimes others simply don't get your message because they don't want to. You have humor and creativity working for you. Your ability to get the job done could make all the difference this year. Others often call on you. You will relate on a far deeper level during the next 12 months, achieving many of your goals and desires. Network and broaden your horizons. If you are single, you will meet many new people the second half of this birthday year. A friend could be instrumental in a new relationship. If you are attached, you'll find that your relationship is very rewarding. Your sweetie reveals more. PISCES is a great friend

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

** Realize your limits within certain constraints. How you handle a personal matter could change with unusual feedback. Don't question your assets. Trust in your natural gifts. Know what you want and where you are heading. Understand rather than judge. Tonight: Vanish while you can

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** Zoom in and get much more of what you want and need. Knowing when to say "enough" could be instrumental to the success of a project. Use your charm when saying "no." You will evoke the response you want. Tonight: GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Others look to you for advice.

which you might or might not want to give. Asking the right questions could help others determine what will work. Laugh and enjoy a dear friend or associate who you haven't had enough contact with. Tonight: Responsibilities call. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Others find you to be solemn and serious. Recognize the impact of your behavior on others. Laugh and relax more. A partner has what he or she thinks is a great moneymaking venture. Listen, but don't feel compelled to say "yes." Tonight: Put on a favorite piece of music LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** A partner works for you, making possible much that you haven't even thought of. Listen to someone you care about. He or she could be overly serious. An honor falls on you. Be happy for the opportunity. Tonight: Be

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Allow others the opportunity to help out and pitch in. Know when to put a halt to a situation. You have a sense of limitation. Use it to stay out of trouble, but at the same time, don't allow this same trait to limit your potential. Tonight: The only answer is

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Pace yourself and stay on top of demands. Be willing to pitch in and work through a problem. Your extra effort makes a difference. Let someone share with you how very important you are to him or her. Share more often. Tonight: Easy does it

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** Follow your instincts, and you'll land on your feet. Be sensitive to (c) 2005 by King Features Syndicate the moment and what someone is offering. You might find out how important you are to a partner or new associate.

Know that the feelings are mutual. Tonight: Follow your imagination. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Stay centered when your ire gets raised. Know when to cut out and handle a matter in a more diplomatic way. You might want to get to the bottom of a problem. Use your sixth sense. You land well. Tonight: Happy at home. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**★ Visualize and discuss what is on your mind. Sometimes talking doesn't help and only hinders a situation. Know when to allow others to pitch in. Ideas will flourish if you let go of a need to control. Be more precise with money today. Tonight: Out and about AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Visualize more of what you want. Understand that someone might not be getting your message. Focus on your assets as you make a presentation. Recognize that you have a natural gift or talent. Tonight: Follow another's

suggestion PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** You are King or Queen Bee right now, getting much more of what you want. Others will go out of their way, believing that anything is possible. Your instincts are correct about a money matter. Tonight: Speak your

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NBA PLAYOFFS

Mays seek home rarity; Rockets like road trend

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks already have bailed themselves out of an 0-2 deficit to tie their first-round series against the Houston Rockets. As if that wasn't difficult enough, they did it the hard way by trailing in the fourth quarter both

Yet if the Mavs are going to keep rallying and take their first lead in this series, they've got to do something really, really tough. They've got to win at home.

Laugh if you want, but it's no joke. The road team is 4-0 this series, something that's happened just four times before in NBA playoff history. The Rockets will try making it 5-0 when the series resumes Monday night in Dallas.

"It will be different this time," vowed Mavericks center Erick Dampier.

If Dallas lives up to Dampier's expectations, the Mavs would be a step closer to joining the 1994 Rockets and 1969 Lakers as the only teams to win a seven-game series after dropping the first two at home.

Both, by the way, won Game 5 at home.
"It might not be believable, but honestly
I felt we could still get to the position we're in now, knowing that we didn't play one of our better games in the first two games," Dallas' Michael Finley said Sunday. "Now

that we've got that taste of loss in our mouth, we don't want that again. So hopefully in Game 5, from a mental standpoint, we'll be more ready to play."

Finley could be the poster child for the home-road imbalance this series. He scored a total of 15 points while shooting at famil-iar rims the first two games, then averaged 19 points over the two games in Houston.

As strange as this series has been, it's been even more exciting. Since Houston dominated the opener and won by the 12, the last three games all have come down to the last minute.

Tracy McGrady began the drama with a long jumper in the closing seconds of Game 2. Dallas pulled out Game 3 with a 20-0 run in the fourth quarter, then won Game 4 on Saturday thanks to Jason Terry making a 3-pointer with 26.9 seconds left then Josh Howard knocking a rebound out of McGrady's hands with 11.4 seconds left and the Rockets down by two.

Dallas' comeback has been boosted by

coach Avery Johnson turning to a smaller lineup. "Small ball" was a favorite trick of his predecessor, Don Nelson, but this is no homage to the second-winningest coach in NBA history.

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DEAR BRIDE-TO-BE: Allow me to make the decision for you. Tell your "second mother" that Jack victimized you when you were little, and he's not welcome at your wedding, because neither you nor your fiance wants him there. Child molesters are supposed to avoid places where there are small children, and he probably shouldn't be there, anyway.

Now that he's out of prison, Jack should be listed on your state's sex-offender Web site. However, to make absolutely certain he doesn't take advantage of any children in your family, their parents should be warned. Had your parents been warned, you might have been spared.

DEAR ABBY: I am a counselor and never thought I'd need to write to Dear Abby, but this one has me stumped. Two days before my 83-year-old mother died, Dad called her younger sister, "Aunt Betty," to let her know that Mom's death was imminent. During that conversation, Aunt Betty told him my mother had "run around" as a girl, caused problems for the fam-

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DEAR ABBY: A woman I'll in her school. Dad was devastated at this news.

It is now a year and a half later, and Daddy is still depressed about this. He's very angry at Aunt Betty, and so am I. She did a terrible thing, revealing these secrets when her sister was literally on her deathbed. Aunt Betty justified it by saying "the truth" should come out.

I have tried to let this go, but I'm so angry at her that I think I should tell her how deeply her words have affected us. What do you think? -- RESENTFUL IN OREGON

DEAR RESENTFUL: If I thought the scolding would do any good, I'd say go ahead, but I don't think it will. That your mother's sister would seek to tarnish her memory shows how jealous and resentful your aunt was of your mother. What makes you think it's true just because she said it? Your mother was a good wife and loving mother, and whatever might have happened before is unimportant. I recommend a hefty dose of amnesia: Forget your mother ever had a sister. Both you and your father will be happier. *****

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I are going head-to-head about whose name should appear first on letters, address labels, etc. We live together but are not engaged, and we send out cards as well as receive them from couples in similar circumstances.

I believe the woman's name should come first, but he says the man's name should be first whether you're dating, engaged or married. Who is right? -- NEEDS TO BE SURE, WALDORF, MD.

DEAR NEEDS TO BE SURE: According to the 16th edition of Emily Post's Etiquette, you are correct. Not only should the woman's name come first, it should be written ilv, and had sex with several boys on the line above the man's.

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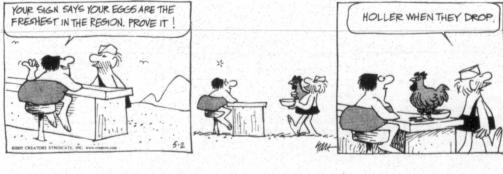
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'Keep driving. We'll never make a sale in this neighborhood."

The Family Circus

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"Mary had a little lamb. All I want is a little hamster."

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