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Rhett Akins

Country western star

Advance tickets for the June 4 dance featuring some of Nashville's best country-western talent are now on sale at the Top O' Texas Rodeo office, 200 N. Ballard.

the Wrangler Honky Tonk Tailgate Party Tour starring Rhett Akins, Chad Brock, Jeff Carson Pampa for the first time. He's performed in

and Daryle Singletary, kicks off in the Top O' Texas Norris Dance Pavilion after the final night of the Top O' Texas Rodeo.

The pavilion is adjacent to the rodeo grounds.

"We may be a little loud for some people, but I guarantee everyone will have a good time," said Rhett Akin in a telephone interview from his home in Nashville this week. Akin, a native of Valdosta,

Ga., is best known for the 1995 No. 1 country western hit, "That Ain't My Truck." He's also penned and performed such hits as "Don't Get Me Started" and "She Said

Akins said he'll be sharing the stage with Brock, Carson and Singletary, with each performing about 10 songs, before joining together for a blockbuster ending.

"We just want everyone to sit back and have a good time," Akins said. "We try to get everyone involved."

Akins said he's looking forward to coming to Amarillo many times, but this will

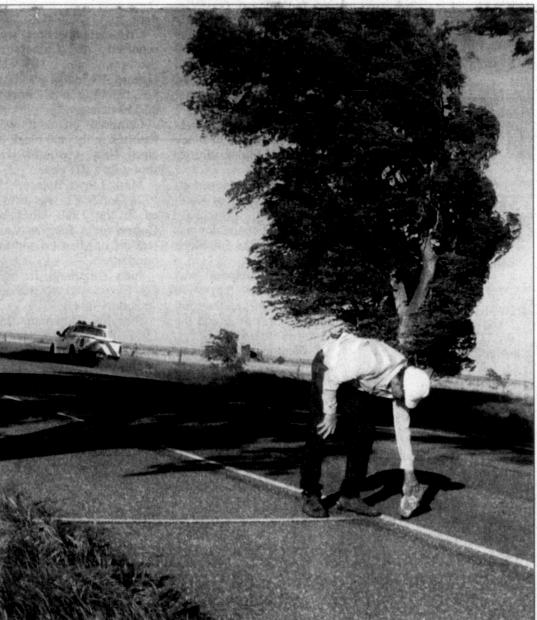
his first time in Pampa. A rodeo dance, "Ladies Night with Jordan Mycoskie" is also planned for Friday night, June 3. Ladies admission is \$5 per person while men's admission is \$10. Tickets may be purchased at the gate on the night of the dance.

Honky Tonk Tailgate Party Tour tickets, at \$15 each, are available at M&H Leasing, Wayne's Western Wear, Bob Clements, Inc., and at the rodeo office. For more information, call 669-0434.

The Top O' Texas Rodeo, a PRPC-sanctioned event, opens Thursday, June 2, through Saturday, June 4. Kid Pony Show performances are set for Monday, June 6, through June 8.



Rhett Akins



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Kenneth Corse of the Pampa office of Texas Department of Transportation measures trees along Highway 60 about 10 miles east of Pampa. Corse was mapping the location of each tree, measuring each tree's girth, and measuring the distance from the tree to the center line of the highway. TxDOT is planning to cut down all trees standing within 30 feet of the center line of 197 miles of highway. The highways affected are Highway 60 from the Carson County line to the Oklahoma line, and Highway 83 from the Wheeler County line to the Oklahoma line.

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Workers needed to help with kids' summer lunches

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Volunteers are needed for the federally-funded summer lunch program which runs from June 6 through Aug. 5 at Pampa parks and schools.

"For this program to go, we've got to have volunteers,' said Carolyn Stroud Harvest House, which coordinates volunteers for the program.

"We need volunteers organizations, churches and individuals – to do it on a weekly basis, one day or more a week," said Debbie Middleton, director of child nutrition for Pampa

Independent School District.

"If any organizations such as the Eagle Scouts and 4-H need service projects, this would be a good way for them to fill their community requirements," Stroud said.

Volunteers who cannot work day a week For this could scheduled to program to go, work every we've got other week, to have she said. Anyone volunteers.' interested in volunteering to help as a

 Carolyn Stroud Harves t House

gram may call Stroud at Harvest House, 665-4042.

"I've got seven out of 25 days covered right now," Stroud said in an interview

food server

in the pro-

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Vector Control

City begins mosquito fogging

The City of Pampa has begun fogging residential areas for mosquitoes for the first time this year, announced Kimberly Lincycomb, public service superintendent.

"This is just a reminder (that) if citizens do not want their property sprayed, they need to call 669-5760, exten-

sion 3," Lincycomb said. To fog for mosquitoes, the city disperses the chemical

product, Biomist, through a low volume sprayer. A lar-

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Economy

Federal Reserve chairman builds case for limiting Fannie, Freddie holdings

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— Alan Greenspan

Federal Reserve

chairman

Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan again pushed for limits on the multibillion-dollar mortgage holdings of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, saying such restrictions Freddie to achieve their mission are but a

Greenspan warned on Thursday that their debt poses a risk to U.S. financial markets.

As Fannie and Freddie grow ever larger, their ability "to quickly correct a misjudgment in their complex hedging strategies becomes more difficult," Greenspan said. "We are thus highly dependent on the risk managers at Fannie and Freddie to do everything right."

Greenspan made his remarks in a speech delivered via satellite to a housing conference in Atlanta.

A copy of the speech was distributed in Washington.

Congress is exploring various proposals to rein in Fannie Mae, the No. 1 U.S. buyer of home mortgages, and its rival, Freddie Mac, which ranks as the second-largest

They were created by Congress to inject money into the home-loan market. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac buy mortgages and bundle them into securities for sale to investors worldwide.

At the end of 1990, Fannie's and Freddie's combined portfolios amounted to

Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny,

Tonight: Mostly clear,

with a high around 90. East

southeast wind between 5

with a low around 62. South

Friday: Mostly sunny,

Friday Night: Mostly

with a high near 96.

Southwest wind between 5

clear, with a low near 60.

South southwest wind

Saturday: Mostly sunny,

wind around 10 mph.

and 10 mph.

and 10 mph.

around 10 mph.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Federal \$132 billion, Greenspan said. By 2003, their combined holdings came to \$1.5 trillion.

"The assets required for Fannie and would not hurt the thriving housing market. small fraction of the current level of their

assets," Greenspan said. Thus if Congress were to limit the two companies' holdings so that they can achieve their mission, a substantial liquidation would be required over time, the Fed chief said.

He said this could be done fairly smoothly, without disruptions to the housing market. "The implementation of portfolio limits should pose no significant difficulties," Greenspan said.

Unwinding some of Fannie's and Freddie's holdings would not raise mortgage rates for homeowners because so many big banks and other lenders compete with them in the home-loan market, he said.

Greenspan said the Fed also sees little evidence to support the notion that the availability of fixed-rate mortgages is tied to the size of Fannie's and Freddie's portfolios. He also said it is "difficult to see" how the two companies' portfolios can influence home ownership.

Much of the increase in home ownership seen in recent years seems to be due to growing incomes of households and generally low borrowing costs, he said.

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and 15 mph.

Monday: A 20 percent

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derstorms. Partly cloudy,

with a high around 82. South

southeast wind between 10

Monday Night: Mostly

Tuesday: Mostly sunny,

Tuesday Night: Mostly

Mostly

clear, with a low around 57.

sunny, with a high around

clear, with a low near 59.

with a high near 86.

Wednesday:

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests today.

Wednesday, May 18 Four traffic stops were made. Traffic complaints were received from the 1100 block of Mary Ellen and the intersection of Harvester and Powell streets.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 1800 block of North Sumner.

One residential alarm

was reported. Warrant service was attempted at one location.

Welfare checks were made in the 1900 block of North Christy and the 2100 block of Lea.

Fire department assistance was rendered in the 500 block of South Somerville.

Emergency medical services assistance was rendered in the 800 block of Albert.

A prowler was reported

in the 1100 block of Wilcox. Suspicious persons were reported in the 500 block of Oklahoma, the intersection of Oklahoma and Barrett streets, the 700 block of East Frederic, the 1400 block of Hamilton, the 1300 block of North Hobart, the 600 block of Sloan, and twice in the 300 block of East Brown.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 600 block of East Craven.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 1500 block of Coffee, the intersection of Kentucky and Duncan streets, the 500 block of North Dwight, and the 500 block of North Frost.

Disorderly conduct/fighting was reported in the 2200 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported in the 2400 block of Fir.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 1900 block of North Hobart and intersection Gwendolyn and Sumner streets.

Domestic violence was reported in the 1800 block of Sumner. Minor injuries were reported.

A civil matter was reported in the 700 block of North Dwight.

An animal complaint was received from the 500 block of North Nelson.

Criminal trespass was reported from the 1600 block of Coffee, the 500 block of Crawford, and the

800 block of Locust. A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 600 block of North West.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported

in the 600 block of North Wells. Estimated value of loss is \$2,000.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the police department

Burglary was reported in the 400 block of South Municipal Drive. A steel door and animal cage latch were damaged at the Pampa Animal Control office. Taken was a four-month-old shepherd mix male dog which was in quarantine after biting a sheriff's office employee. Total estimated damage is \$260.

Burglary was reported in the 300 block of Sunset Drive.

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 1900 N. Hobart. Fuel valued at \$36.84 was taken.

Theft was reported in the 1800 block of North Price Road. Fuel valued at \$40 was taken.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 200 block of Wells. Compact discs, DVDs and two mirrors were taken, resulting in an estimated loss of \$245.

Theft was reported in the 100 block of North Warren. A headache rack valued at \$55 was taken.

Theft was reported in the 400 block of West Harvester; at Broome Optical, 1916 N. Hobart; and the 1200 block of Williston.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of Charles, where a window was shot out.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2100 block of North Hobart. A window was shot out, resulting in an estimated \$500 damage.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of North Frost, where a sports drink bottle was thrown at a door.

Criminal mischief was reported at Culberson-Stowers, Inc., 805 N. of Hobart. A window was broken, resulting in an estimated \$50 damage.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of North Gray. A window was shot with a BB gun.

Mark Lloyd Bresee, 25, 1328 Coffee #2, was arrested in the 1300 block of Coffee for a fugitive warrant out of Missouri and for burglary.

Juan Anguiano Jr., 27, 600 Sloan, was arrested for assault by threat.

Brandon Bowman, 19, 534 S. Reid, was arrested in the 1300 block of Coffee for theft.

Thursday, May 19 Jacob L. Mize, 19, White Deer, was arrested in the

1600 block of Hamilton for burglary of a habitation, failure to identify, and no driver's license on person.

Sheriff

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

Thursday, May 18

Mandy Rose Johnson, 29, Tulia, was transferred from Swisher County on a parole revocation warrant for theft over \$50 and under \$500.

Gy Tyrone Henderson, 28, Tulia, was transferred from Swisher County on a parole revocation warrant and a bond surrender for possession of a controlled substance.

Itealy Morgan, 50, Bell, Calif., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety on a fugitive warrant out of California for auto theft.

Fire

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

Wednesday, May 18

11:04 a.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a gas leak at 22nd and Coffee streets. A city employee had struck a gas meter while mowing. Atmos Energy representatives were on the scene when firefighters arrived.

1:06 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a carbon monoxide check in the 1100 block of Sierra. None was found.

4:13 p.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a lift assist in the 2100 block of North Russell.

5:45 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 500 block of South Somerville.

Corrections

In a Page 1 article indictments against former District Attorney Rick Roach, District Clerk Gaye Honderich inadvertently said that warrants had not been issued for Roach's arrest on the charges. She corrected her statement today, saying that the warrants were issued and are waiting to be served by a Texas Ranger.

In Monday's issue of The Pampa News, the sheriff's office report on Page 2 gave an incorrect address for Patricia Kathleen Jefferies. She lives at 1712 Coffee, according to Gray County Jail records.

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Top Senate Democrat says GOP wants to 'rewrite the Constitution'

'All of the major

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Congressional Black

Caucus to Sen. Frist

WASHINGTON (AP) Democratic leader Harry Reid accused President Bush Thursday of trying to "rewrite the Constitution and reinvent reality" in a drive to weaken Senate filibuster rules and install out-of-the-mainstream conservatives on the federal bench.

But the Senate's Republican accused

Democrats "unprecedented obstruction" that prevented confirmation votes and upended more than two centuries of tradition.

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Reid and Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., made their comments on the second day of debate over Bush's stalled nominees and venerable filibuster rules as centrists struggled

unsuccessfully for a compromise that could avert a showdown. "I don't know whether we're going to have it in the next hour or not at all, but you have to keep working," said Sen. Ben Nelson, D-Neb., emerging from the closed-door session.

Both parties used staged events off the Senate floor to push racial politics to the

Restricting the ability of Democrats to block final votes on several of Bush's most controversial nominees "would be particularly offensive to people of color," members of the Congressional Black Caucus wrote Majority Leader Bill Frist during the day. "All of the major legislation that today bars second-ranking racial discrimination in voting, employment

> and housing was passed after filibusters" were broken, it said.

> For his part, Frist, R-Tenn., arranged to attend a mid-afternoon news conference with an organization of black pastors. The group favors a yes-or-no vote on Janice Rogers Brown, an African-American member of the California Supreme Court. Bush has named her to the federal appeals court, and Democrats have vowed to block her confirmation.

Republicans are threatening to eliminate the Democrats' ability to use filibusters to block Bush's judicial picks, beginning with federal appeals court nominee Priscilla Owen, a Texas Supreme Court jus-

Reid says that the Constitution does not require that judicial nominees get confirmation votes, allowing the minority to block them. Bush and other Republicans who

argue otherwise "rewrite the Constitution and reinvent reality," he said.

News from Iraq

Iraqi leader calls on neighboring countries to help stop terrorists from crossing border

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari called on neighboring countries Thursday to help prevent foreign terrorists from crossing into Iraq as a series of attacks killed more than a dozen Iraqis and two American soldiers.

Al-Jaafari's appeal came a day after a top U.S. military official said the leaders of Iraq's most notorious terrorist group recently held a secret meeting in neighboring Syria, where they plotted the recent wave of insurgent violence that has killed hundreds of people.

"There are infiltrations of non-Iraqis through the border to carry out sabotage activities," al-Jaafari said of the meeting that may have been attended by most-wanted militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi himself. "It's up to our geographical neighbors. We are keen to preserve relations between us and neighboring countries, and these relations should be good."

He was speaking after a meeting with U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Robert Zoellick, who said al-Zarqawi's aim was to divide Iraqi society.

"Part of these attacks stem from the successes of the new government. The insurgents wanted to stop the elections and failed. The insurgents wanted to stop the formation of a new Iraqi government and they failed, so now they are trying to split the society," Zoellick said.

He added that "it's very clear that this evil wants to destroy a democratic Iraq. These people will not be easy to counter because they commit suicide in a random way."

Zoellick said he and al-Jaafari had dis-

cussed the militant meeting in Syria and the prime minister "was quite strong in his statements about the need for Iraq's neighbors, and particularly Syria ... not to undermine stability here."

The Syrian meeting has led to one of the

bloodiest periods since the U.S.-led invasion two years ago. More than 520 people have been killed since the country's new government Shiite-dominated announced April 28.

The oil ministry employee Ali Hamid Alwan al-Dulaimy, 31, was killed by three men firing pistols from a minivan as he walked out of his house toward his car in Baghdad, his brother, Ahmed Hamid Alwan al-Dulaimy, said in a telephone interview.

Also Thursday, eight people were killed and three injured in an ambush in the northern city of Mosul against Fawaz al-Jarba, a member of the Iraqi National Assembly who was a recent candidate for parliament speaker.

At least eight bodies were taken to the Jamhouri Teaching Hospital after they were killed in or near al-Jarba's house, Dr. Bahaa-Eddine al-Bakri said. Al-Jarba was

Witnesses and Ali al-Faisal, a member of the Shiite clergy-backed United Iraqi Alliance, said U.S. troops were involved in the incident, but their role remained unclear. The U.S. military was investigating, a spokesman said.

One U.S. soldier was killed when his convoy struck a roadside bomb in southeast Baghdad, the military said. Another American soldier was killed and five wounded late Wednesday in a rocket attack on Camp Ar Ramadi, 70 miles west of Baghdad. The soldiers' names were withheld pending notification of relatives.

Three American soldiers also were injured when a roadside bomb blast struck their patrol in Dujayl, 35 miles north of Baghdad, military spokesman Sgt. David

At least 1,624 members of the U.S. military have died since the Iraq war started in March 2003, according to an Associated

Lunches

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earlier this week.

Food service volunteers will not be responsible for any food preparation, she said. They will serve one hour during lunchtime by picking up meals at Wilson Elementary School, 801 E. Browning; delivering the meals to one of the locations where meals will be served; counting those served; handing out meals; returning leftover meals; and some simple paperwork.

"Last year, we were serving 150 a day, just in the parks," Middleton said.

The program, which includes hot meals, has served children for eight years in schools and churches during the summer. For also be served at some city Sanders swimming pool,

parks this summer.

This year, a hot meal will be served every weekday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Wilson Elementary.

Meals will also be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. weekdays at Lamar Elementary School, 1234 S.

> 'Last year, we were serving 150 a day, just in the parks."

 Debbie Middleton director of child nutrition for Pampa ISD

From 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 the third year, meals will be available at Marcus days during the program.

438 W. Crawford; Central Park; Optimist Club; and the Horace Mann Building, 400 N. Faulkner. Hot meals will be served at times at these locations, and other meals such as sandwiches may be served at other times, Middleton said.

Meals will be nutritionally balanced, but may include hot dogs, hamburgers, pizza or burritos, she said.

There will be no charge for meals for those ages 1 to 18 years. Anyone over the age of 18 may also eat the meals, but will be charged \$3 per meal.

Children do not have to be attending summer school or meet any enrollment, financial or other criteria in order to receive the meals, Middleton said.

Wilson Elementary will also serve breakfast between p.m. weekdays, meals will 7:30 and 8:30 a.m. week-

FCC gives Internet phone companies 120 days to connect customers to 911 network

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators voted Thursday to require that Internet phone service providers connect their customers to the same emergency 911 capabilities as callers with traditional serv-

Federal Communications Commission gave providers four months to comply. It was left up to the providers to determine how to meet the new requirement for the service, known as Voice

Over Internet Protocol. Failure to comply would subject companies to FCC enforcement actions, including fines and cease and desist court orders.

The 4-0 vote came after FCC Chairman Kevin J. Martin invited families affected by the inability to reach emergency response centers over Internet phones to tell their stories. A Florida woman described how her infant daughter died while she was unable to reach an emergency dispatcher through her Internet phone.

"By moving quickly, we will save lives," said Commissioner Michael J. Copps.

About 1.5 million customers use the service, which is growing rapidly.

The commission's order will take effect 120 days from its publication in the Federal Register. Officials said it will be 30 to 45 days before it is published. VOIP companies must provide the commission with a letter certifying their compliance by the deadline.

VOIP providers must ensure that all 911 calls are routed to the caller's local 911 operations center and must provide the emergency operator with the customer's callback number and location, whether the call is being made from the customer's home or elsewhere.

Mosquitoes

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vacide, Bacillus thuringiensis - Serotype H-14, will be applied to Red Deer Creek which kills only mosquito larvae. Round up Pro and Pendiflex, a herbicide, is being applied to grass on the streets, she said.

Lincycomb encourages residents to help control mosquitoes by keeping grass cut and emptying any containers of water around their property. Stagnant water and high grass areas are where mosquitoes breed, she explained.



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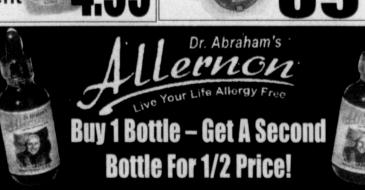
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Viewpoints

Now even family pets get birthday parties

release "FunStuffForDogs.com," the latest trend among pet owners is canine birthday

parties.

'Nine percent of dog ownfor their dogs, a six-fold increase in the numbers found in a 2003 poll by the American Pet Association (APA), which found that 1.4 percent of dog owners held dog birthday parties."

"(H)alf of our monthly business comes from birthday purchases," Lisa Woody, president

FunStuffForDogs.com said in the release. "People sometimes see the dog's birthday ers," the release notes, as an opportunity to splurge "organize birthday parties on something just for fun, or purchase a more expensive item that they've been meaning to buy for the dog."

The release reported that dog-loving consumers are purchasing party hats, balloons, invitations, party

cookie trays, toys, beds and treats for their dogs.

Citing the APA poll, FunStuffForDogs listed the following

ways con-Skyla sumers **Bryant** celebrated their dog's **News Editor** birthdays in 2003:

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give their pets a special treat "• 2 million make a special meal

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dogs new toys

"• 1.1 million give their dogs ice cream ****•** 699,000

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"• 393,000 take their dogs to a favorite place

"• 216,000 take photo-

Woody reported that "items such as party hats, tshirts, birthday bandanas, invitations and party favors are so popular, she can hardly keep them in stock."

Meanwhile, the Sunday, May 8, edition of The Oklahoman newspaper contained an article in the comics section with a rather unique slant on the whole Fido-turns-one-year-older experience.

In the "Dog Gone Funny"

portion of the Marmaduke comic strip, a family in San Marcos, Calif., wrote that the family dog, Typhoon, thinks he's a cat.

"He (Typhoon) prefers cat food," the letter in the comic strip read, "uses a kitty litter box and tries to play with the neighborhood cats.'

So what did Typhoon, the canine with the feline identity crisis, get for his birthday?

A baby cat, of course.

Today in History

By the Associated Press

Today is Thursday, May 19, the 139th day of 2005. There are 226 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 19, 1935, T.E. Lawrence, also known as "Lawrence of Arabia," died in Dorset, England, from injuries sustained in a motorcycle crash.

On this date:

In 1643, delegates from four New England colonies met in Boston to form a confederation.

In 1906, the Federated Boys' Clubs, forerunner of the

Boys' Clubs of America, were organized. In 1943, in an address to the U.S. Congress, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill pledged his country's full support in the war against Japan.

In 1954, American composer Charles Ives died in New York

In 1958, the United States and Canada formally established the North American Air Defense Command.

In 1962, during a Democratic fundraiser at New York's Madison Square Garden, actress Marilyn Monroe performed a sultry rendition of "Happy Birthday to You" for guest-ofhonor President Kennedy.

> There could be no honor in a sure success, but much might be wrested from

> > T.E. Lawrence English soldier and

In 1964, the State Department disclosed that 40 hidden microphones had been found in the U.S. embassy in Moscow.

In 1967, the Soviet Union ratified a treaty with the United States and Britain banning nuclear weapons from outer space

In 1992, the Amendment Constitution, which prohibits Congress from giving itself mid-term pay raises, went into effect.

In 1994, former first lady Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis died in New York at age 64. Ten years ago: The Senate voted, 99-0, to reject President Clinton's spending blueprint. NASA's administra-

tor unveiled plans to slash thousands of aerospace jobs. Five years ago: China and the European Union reached a market-opening trade deal, clearing Beijing's largest remaining hurdle to joining the World Trade Organization. Masked gunmen launched a coup in Fiji that toppled Prime Minister Mahendra Chaudhry, the country's first ethnic Indian premier.

One year ago: Specialist Jeremy C. Sivits wept and apologized after receiving a year in prison and a bad conduct discharge in the first court-martial stemming from abuse of Iraqis at the Abu Ghraib prison. Outraged relatives of World Trade Center victims heckled former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani during his appearance before the Sept. 11 commission. Two men hurled purple flour at British Prime Minister Tony Blair in the House of Commons. Manmohan Singh, a 71-year-old technocrat, was named India's new prime minister. Millionaire philanthropist Jack Eckerd, founder of the drugstore empire that bears his name, died in Clearwater, Fla., at age 91.



Wrong depends on perspective

The day after the story broke about Newsweek publishing an inflammatory and bogus - story accusing our military of desecrating the Koran, reporters at the daily White House press briefing reacted in rage. But their rage was not against Newsweek, for in effect inciting riots that killed at least 16 or 17 and injured scores more, but instead at the White House for daring

Asked one reporter: "With respect, who made you the editor of Newsweek? Do you think it's appropriate for you, at that podium, speaking with the authority of the president of the United

to criticize Newsweek.

magazine what they should print?"

That goes beyond arrogance, and it shows just how incredibly biased the big media are.

They prefer Michael to take the side of irre-Reagan sponsible Columnist fellow journalists rather than

allow them to be taken to task for a false story that killed people.

Across the nation, from the East to the West Coast, the mainstream media sought excuse to inexcusable Newsweek's

States, to tell an American violation of sound journalistic practice and common ordinary decency. They reacted in fury, and turned their fire on the administra-

> tion and those Americans who dared to remind them that freedom of the press is but half of the tion,

other being the responsibility that goes with freedom.

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Viewing this fury, I can't help but imagine what the reaction would have been if Rush Limbaugh, G. Gordon Liddy, Michael Reagan or

Oliver North had reported a bogus story that caused the deaths of not 16 people, but just one victim.

I already know the answer. When the tragic bombing of the Murrah Federal building in Oklahoma City took place, Bryant Gumbel took to the air to blame it on Rush Limbaugh, G. Gordon Liddy, Oliver North (who had been on talk radio for just one week at the time), and me. It was our rhetoric, the former anchor said, that caused the bombers to do their deadly deed.

Had the four of us – or any other conservative talk show

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Genocide hasn't ended with holocaust

Recently the world observed Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. It's a day to commemorate the 6 million Jews killed in Adolph Hitler's death camps and to be reminded that genocide should never be allowed to happen again.

Yet genocides occurred since Nazi concentration camps were liberated at the end of World War II, in Rwanda and in Bosnia to name two in the past decade. There is one going on now in Sudan that the world, for some reason, hesitates to call genocide. As the Holocaust is supposed to have taught us, when genocide is apparent, those who have the power to intervene share a

moral obligation to do so. Last month Secretary of

State Condoleezza Rice and Deputy Secretary of State Robert Zoellick were in Europe, where they raised the possibility that NATO could help the small, illequipped

and marginally effective African Union force now

Darfur region of Sudan to mitigate the violence against non-Arab villagers that continues unchecked. Rice's appeal was disappointingly

"If there is a request (from

the AU), I would hope that NATO would act favorably," Rice offered mildly. Less than a year before, her predecessor, former Secretary of State Colin Powell, had forthrightly applied the name genocide to the ongo-

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African pop-

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and burning **Texas Thoughts** of villages and the mass killing Houston Chronicle Darfur's

> the Arab militia known as the Janjaweed. Estimates of the human slaughter range from 70,000 to more than 300,000. Others have died from starvation and illness exacerbated by the conflict.

In the manner of "Who are you going to believe, us or your lying eyes?" Sudanese officials strenuously deny involvement even as they openly support the Janjaweed militias. Former Marine Capt. Brian Steidle spent six months in Darfur under a State Department contract to monitor a cease-fire agreement hammered out last year. Now Steidle travels the United States, talking to journalists about massacres he witnessed and showing photos he took of bullet-riddled bodies, governmentowned helicopter gunships strafing villages and uni-

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FindMonica Foundation to honor missing persons, and their family members

Current statistics show that approximately 2,100 children are reported missing on a daily basis in the United States, says Donny Brown, founder of the FindMonica Foundation, Inc..

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On Wednesday, May 25, at 5 p.m., on the north side of the Gray County Courthouse the FindMonica Foundation will honor missing loved ones from Texas and across the nation. They will present a proclamation signed by Gov. Rick Perry proclaiming it as Texas Missing Children's Day. Mayor Lonny Robbins has also been asked to present a proclamation.

"Families of missing loved ones in our area and across the state have been and are invited to attend the ceremony," Brown

Proclaimed National Missing Children's Day by President Ronald Reagan in 1983, May 25th serves as an annual reminder that children should be a number one priority. This day is intended to remind families that their children will not be forgotten. It will aid families in understanding the importance of teaching their children safety

and teaching families the importance of being prepared in the event their child goes missing

"The FindMonica Foundation has been dedicated on behalf of missing Monica Lynn Appleton and all missing persons and their families," Brown said. "It is our goal to assist the families in comfort and ideas as to how they may go about getting others involved in the search and how to cope with the day to day stress of not knowing where or what happen to their loved one."

FindMonica Foundation Inc. mission is to assist families and law enforcement in the search to bring their missing person home by creating and distributing flyers and/or posters, mailing labels and web site tools for the family if they so choose.

"We will assist in fundraising ideas for the family to aid in reward funds, other needs of the family and in the physical search," Brown said.

The FindMonica Foundation is a non-profit (pending) 501c(3) organization that fosters community involvement through education, events, and resources.



Pampa Fine Arts Photograph Show under way

Janice Sackett and Sue Abbott, above, of Pampa Fine Arts Association, hang entries for the association-sponsored photography show currently on display through June 15 at Pampa Custom Framing, 107 N. Cuyler.

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did hosts Newsweek did, and if people died as a result, there would be a media firestorm from coast to coast. Instead of attacking Scott McClellan, the White House press secretary, they'd be urging him to crucify us. There would be a drumbeat of criticism that would go on day after day, until we'd be driven from talk radio and our names forever blackened.

I know this because I know the mindset of the ultra-left-wing mainstream media that was so evident in reaction Newsweek scandal.

The other night I had Bernard Goldberg, author of "Bias," the book that laid bare the blatant bias of today's big media. We talked about 60 Minutes' Mike Wallace's response to Elite journalists think of a question asked him on a PBS special 20 years ago about how he would react when covering a war involv-

ing the U.S. if tipped off by the enemy that it was planning an ambush on American soldiers. Would he report the pending ambush to his fellow Americans, or keep the information to himself and go on to cover what most probably would result in a massacre of American soldiers?

Elite journalists think of themselves not as Americans, but as citizens of the world.

In other words, would he react as an American, or as a reporter?

His answer - he would cover it as a reporter; his allegiance was to journalism not to his country. This is what we are seeing today. themselves not Americans, but as citizens of the world.

This mindset is playing

out today among the members of the mainstream media, just as it played out during the Vietnam War. America is always seen as the offender, and the enemy as a victim of alleged U.S. aggression. Saddam Hussein is not the enemy - George Bush is their sworn foe.

Atrocities are perpetrated Americans Guantanamo and Ghraib, not in the torture chambers and rape rooms of Saddam's Iraq. Vicious killers slaughtering their own countrymen by the hundreds are not the foe – the U.S. troops attempting to help the Iraqi people enjoy the fruits of their newfound freedom are occupiers persecuting the Iraqis.

When it comes to the liberal media pinning the blame on someone for some atrocity, it depends entirely on whose ox is being gored.

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

Lovett Library plans summer full of activities

"Go Wild Read" is the theme of the activities at Lovett Memorial Library this summer.

The summer reading game sign-up will start on Friday, May 27.

Children who read three hours this summer will receive a free book. As they read, they can add an animal to the jungle in the children's department.

Shanla Brookshire, the

children's library will have Story Times planned for children seven years old or

All children are welcome, she said.

The June programs every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the library auditorium will include stories and crafts.

In July, there will be speprograms every Wednesday starting July 11,

Machinery Petting Zoo, Wild About Science, and a Stuffed Animal Circus. The final party will be July 27.

The programs are free and all materials will be supplied.

No registration required.

For more information, call the Lovett Memorial Library at 669-5780.

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formed troops accompanying Janjaweed in battle.

The AU Commission recently agreed to expand its military presence from slightly more than 2,000 troops spread over an area approximately the size of Texas. Now it has asked directly for NATO assistance.

To have any effect, the AU must broaden its mission. Its troops are not specifically empowered to stop attacks on villages. They need logistical support, including more vehicles and better communications. They need the resources to enforce a no-fly zone over Darfur. International weapons sanctions against Sudan would help, too.

The U.S. government announced this month that it plans to commit \$50 million to

\$60 million to the African force. Arguably, the Bush administration has been more willing than other Western nations to intervene on behalf of Sudan's desperate Darfur tribes. But as Ken Silverstein of the Los Angeles Times reported, the United States also appears to be working with the chief of Sudan's intelligence agency the man said to be orchestrating the attacks on Darfur civilians to advance its important antiterrorism goals. This might explain why U.S. officials no longer refer to the murders in Darfur as genocide.

Whatever name is given the mass murder of innocents in Darfur and the violent displacement and systematic starvation of 2 million of the region's inhabitants, the world has a moral duty to step in.

If the pledge to "never forget" is to have meaning, then the world must remember the despairing men, women and children of

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Community happenings

 The next Pampa Area Singles Dance will be from 8-11 p.m. May 21 at Sportsmans Club on South Barnes with Mike Porter. Admission is \$6 per person. No smoking or alcohol allowed. Snacks are welcome. For more information, call 665-7059.

Seventh Annual The McLean/Alanreed Community-Wide Garage Sale will be Saturday, May 28 in both cities. McLean is located 75 miles east of Amarillo off Interstate 40 on exits 141-143. Alanreed is located off exit 135 on the interstate. Twenty-five families in McLean will participate. Ten families in Alanreed set-up garage sales in the Alanreed School Gym. Free maps will be available the morning of event at McLean Post Office, Country Corner, Puckett's Grocery Store, Taylor Mart, all in McLean, and Alanreed Post Office in Alanreed.

. The 5th Army Association will conduct a 10-day final tour of Italy in June.

The tour will depart from New York for Rome, Venice, Florence, Pisa and Sorrento on June 15. The trip will include a special stop at the American Military Cemetery near Anzio. For more information, call Sy Canton at (561) 865-8495 or write him at 5277B Lakefront Blvd., Delray Beach, FL 33484.

 The USS Long Beach CGN-9 Association, Inc., is oganizing its 2005 reunion Sept. 11-19 at San Francisco, Calif. For more information, contact Don Shade, 299 Kiantone Rd., Jamestown, NY 14701-9370, (866) 352-2469 or LBCGN9@aol.com. Further details are also available at www.usslongbeachassoc.org on the World Wide Web.

USS Maddox Destroyer Association Reunion is planned Sept. 15-18, 2005, in Mobile, Ala. For more information, contact Cliff Gillespie, 215 Wichita Ave., #605, Huntington Beach, CA 92648, call (714) 960-5283 or e-mail cwgilles45@aol.com.

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

attractive HIV-positive young woman was perfect if the world was perfect -but it's not. As a middle-aged gay man, HIV-positive for 15 years, my status should shock no one -- yet I'm usually rejected once I reveal my status.

I see three imperfect choices for her: Be open about her HIV to everyone she meets (she will thereby "benefit" by having a reputation). Tell her suitors up front during the first romantic outing. Or wait until weeks into dating, only to be disappointed again and again.

nasty notification business as early as possible, preferably not in the heat of passion. The lies an HIV-positive person encounters can be quite an education. I'm nearly always told, "Thanks for telling me, being honest with me. It's OK, we'll just play safe," and the guy vanishes.

I now have a wonderful partner (he's negative) who loves me as I am. One day, I hope she'll be equally blessed. -- STEVE IN L.A.

DEAR STEVE: I don't think a person's More than a year ago, I met a charming, illness or disability should define her or him. I advised the woman to take the time to get to know someone -- and let him get to know her -- before having sex, and that when she was ready for physical intimacy, she should disclose. Many people disagreed, but not all. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have AIDS and I'm happily married. I have lived with HIV for many years and have always been upfront about it. People respect me for being honest. When I was dating, I always let the man know. If he wasn't open, then I knew he wasn't "Mr. Right." Honesty is the best policy. -- MARRIED WITH AIDS IN FLORIDA

DEAR MARRIED: I agree. And in a case like this, honesty is a must. Thanks for sharing your success story.

DEAR ABBY: I have lived with HIV for tionships. -- FOUND MY SOUL MATE 14 years and am involved with HIV edu-

DEAR-ABBY: Your advice for the cation programs. I have found it's best to get the message over with up front. While it's painful if someone you're interested in drops you because of your status, it's better to find out early than waste time on someone who can't handle it. Take it from someone who's been there many times over.

Some cities offer social events specifically for people who have HIV, and there are several online dating resources. Two of them are: www.pozmatch.com and www.positivepersonals.com. -- BEEN THERE, DONE THAT IN TEXAS

I chose the second. I take care of this **DEAR B.T.D.T.:** Your letter will comfort more people than you know. Thanks for writing.

> And by the way, dear readers, here are two online dating sites for people with www.h-date.com herpes: www.hmates.com.

> DEAR ABBY: You were correct when you told that writer, "If the man loves you, he won't leave you." I hope the writer believes you, because what you said is the truth.

> handsome gentleman. We're both mature professionals in our 40s. Our relationship progressed very slowly, but when things finally began to heat up, I asked him directly what his status was. After looking into his eyes for two seconds, I knew the truth. He confirmed that he was HIVpositive and had been for 18 years.

> I was stunned, because he appeared to be the picture of health. He looked at me and said, "If you walk away now, I won't blame you." I'm forever grateful that he waited to tell me, and that we had built enough of a relationship that I stayed and listened.

> Many people read your column, and your messages are highly regarded. Thank you for not perpetuating a "run for the hills" mentality when it comes to HIV and rela-

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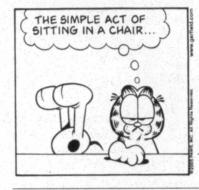
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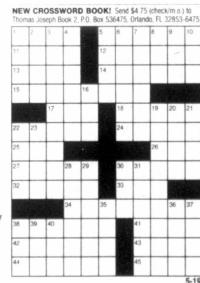
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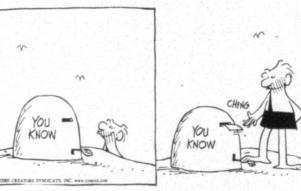


"You're hinting, aren't you?" The Family Circus By Bil Keane THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"I guess he just camped out in Air Force One."

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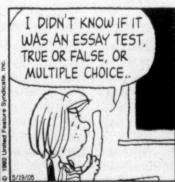


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Peanuts







Flo & Friends







Blondie







Sports Day

Harvesters prepare Rolling thunder for Frenship series

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

The Pampa Harvester varsity baseball team is back on the playoff diamond tomorrow. Coach Doughty and his club will face Frenship in a best-of-three 4-A Regional Quarterfinal series. Game one is set for 5 p.m. tomorrow afternoon at Tascosa High School in Amarillo. Game two will be played in Plainview at 4 p.m. Saturday. Game three will follow thirty minutes later, if needed.

The Pampa Baseball Booster Club has organized an escort and send-off for 1 p.m. tomorrow. Everyone is encouraged to join the procession. Doughty notes, "It would be great to have a large Pampa crowd at Tascosa Friday night."

Pampa sports an overall record of 24-6. Frenship is 24-

Physicals available Saturday

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

Physicals for all Pampa I.S.D. athletes who plan on competing in the 2005-2006 school year will be given this Saturday at the Pampa Middle School gyms. Physicals will begin at 9 a.m. All physicals will be performed my local physicians. There will be a \$10 fee per student athlete, with all proceeds benefiting the Pampa Athletic training Department. One parent or guardian must accompany the student athlete.

If an athlete is attending a camp that requires a physical exam, that athlete will be allowed to take their physical and copy it at their expense. However, a parent or guardian must sign for the physical and be responsible for

The physicals are for those 6th graders entering the 7th grade, 8th graders entering the 9th grade, and 10th graders entering the 11th grade.

For additional information, please contact the Pampa Athletic Training Office.



The Thunder 90 soccer team brought home the U15 3v3 Kick It championship from Dallas last weekend. The tournament was a regional qualifier for the San Antonio tournament scheduled for August. Pictured from left to right are Zach Hitt, Rusty Snider, Coach Jim Richey, Mitch Kelley and Tanner Dyson. Dyson, Kelley and Snider played soccer for the PHS varsity team. Hitt plays for Borger.

Glo-Valve rolls; Celanese notches win

Glo-Valve Service banged out 12 hits to overpower D. E. Chase, Inc. 15-5 and tighten its hold on first place in the Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken League Monday.

The league leaders tallied seven times in the first inning and never looked back. Tyler Malone was hit by a pitch in the bottom of the first to begin the rally. After a strikeout to make it 12-0. Malone advanced to second on an infield single by Reid Miller.

Cleanup hitter Evan Meschke delivered a double scoring both runners. Micheal Fisher was hit by a pitch. Both runners moved up on a wild pitch. Zach Graves followed with a single which scored both runners. Graves went to second on the throw to the plate which was too late to get Fisher.

Cody Davis slapped a single to right field which brought Graves home. He advanced to second on an infield out hit by Schrade Thompson. Davis alertly held second base on an infield hit to third by Rhett Skinner. Both runners fled home on a triple by Malone.

Glo-Valve went back to work in the second inning. Miller was hit by a pitch. Meschke went all the way to second base on an error with Miller scoring on the play. A single by Fisher plated Meschke. A pair of wild pitches put Fisher on third. He scored on an infield out hit by Davis. Glo-Valve's lead was 10-0.

Chase got its first base runner in the third inning when Colin Sutherland drew a walk. He was cut down by Miller, who fielded a grounder at shortstop, stepped on second and threw to Davis at first for a double play.

In Glo-Valve's half of the third inning, Nick Glover was hit by a pitch when two were out.

Glo-Valve's Miller hit what appeared to be a triple, but he fell down after rounding third base and was unable to get back to third. In the run down which followed Miller scored for an inside-the-park home run

Chase came to life in the top of the fourth inning. Bradley O'Laughlin was safe on an error. Joseph Mechelay laced a single to left field.

The runners moved up on a wild pitch and scored on a double by Collin Killgo. Killgo moved to third on a wild pitch and scored when Doug Smith reached base on an error. Smith stole second and scored on the second of two wild pitches. Glo-Valve's lead was cut to 12-4

In the bottom of the fourth for Glo-Valve Groves reached second on an error, went to third on a ground out by Davis and scored on an error.

O'Laughlin walked to lead off Chase's half of the fifth inning and was chased home by a triple by Mechelay.

The rally was nipped in the bud when Malone at shortstop caught a line drive at his shoetops and fired a strike to Meschke at third for a 6-5 double play.

Conor Wilson led off Glo-Valve's half of the fifth with a double over the

centerfielder's head. Miller walked. After a popup and a strikeout, Graves delivered a double which scored both runners and ended the game by the 10-run rule.

Malone, who used just 12 pitches to strike out the side in the first inning was the winning pitcher. Graves

pitched a perfect second inning throwing eight pitches and striking out one. Glover was the third Glo-Valve pitcher to get the side three up and three down, but he needed Miller's double play to accomplish the feat after walking the

Miller pitched the last two innings for Glo-Valve. He allowed two earned runs and four hits. He walked three while striking out four.

The defensive plays of the game were the two double plays by Glo-Valve and a catch of a line drive in centerfield by Chase's Sutherland.

O'Laughlin, Chase's third baseman, turned two Glo-Valve ground balls into outs with nice stops and throws each time.

Meschke was one of Glo-Valve's leading hitters with two doubles, two runs scored and three RBI. Graves had a single, a double, two runs scored and four RBI. Miller scored four times with a single and a home run and had two RBI.

Mechelay, with a single, a triple, a run scored and one RBI, and Killgo, with a single, double, a run scored and two RBI collected all of Chase's hits.

Glo-Valve improved to 7-0 in league They play Cabot Corporation on Thursday and Rotary Club on Friday. Both games are at 7:45 p.m. Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency, which lost 13-5 to Celanese Corporation in Monday's late game, will challenge Chase at 5:45 p.m. on Thursday and will play Celanese again Friday at 5:45 p.m.

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Suns 114, Mavericks 108

PHOENIX (AP) — He might be the best passer in the NBA, he can score in bunches when he feels it's necessary, and he can even outhustle towering foes for rebounds.

Steve Nash, Phoenix's all going for him in a masterful, triple-double performance that led the Suns to a 114-108 victory over Dallas on Wednesday night and a 3-2 lead in the Western Conference semifinals.

One more victory and the team that accomplished the third-biggest turnaround in NBA history — from 29 regular-season victories to an NBA-best 62 — will be in the conference finals.

Nash had 34 points, 13 rebounds and 12 assists the third career triple-double for the league's MVP, and his first in the playoffs.

"What more can I say? Thank God he can do that," Suns coach Mike D'Antoni said. "He almost had a triple-double in the first half."

Nash's big game came on the heels of his career-playoff high 48 points in Phoenix's 119-109 loss at Dallas in Game 4.

"I always love to see my teammates have fun, get their energy up," Nash said, "but at the same time, being one of the best shooters on the team, I have to shoot when I'm open. I just have to find that balance and shoot when I'm open, and find my teammates when they are.'

With Game 6 Friday in mop-haired maestro, had it Dallas, history is on the Suns' side

When there's been a 2-2 tie, the victor in Game 5 has gone on to win the series 84 percent of the time.

"Nash played like an MVP tonight. We had no answers for him," Dallas coach Avery Johnson said. everything "We tried humanly possible.'

On Thursday night, San Antonio is at Seattle, and Detroit is at Indiana. The Spurs and Pistons

each lead their respective series 3-2.

At Phoenix, Jim Jackson, the 13-year NBA veteran moved into the starting lineup for the injured Joe Johnson, made seven of eight shots in the fourth quarter for 15 of his 21 points.

Stoudemire Amare bounced back from his 15point performance in Game 4 with 33 points and a career-playoff high 18 rebounds — 21 points and 12 rebounds in the second half. Shawn Marion added 16 points and 10 rebounds for the Suns.

REMEMBER TO TAKE LOTS OF PICTURES

Children: Judge them not for their lack of domestic skills

Michael J.

Stevens

Sports

Editor

Dear parents...as your children prepare to graduate, do yourself a favor and take lots of pictures. It is amazing how fast they will change once they move on to college or other institution to further enhance their stations in life. Additionally, it is surprising no, alarming - the conditions they seem perfectly comfortable living in. At least, it was for my wife and me.

All you need to do is picture three single young men, each attending something called the NASCAR Technical Institute, while sharing a three bedroom, one bath apartment. And not a Felix Unger among the trio.

What struck me more however, was how much like a man my 20-year-old son looked. I actually found myself staring at

all the mannerisms of a young man. I reminded myself that this is the kid who, as a child, put his toes in my mouth. This is the kid who used to run up to

me, grab my neck and give me kisses while messing up my hair. This is the kid who once took a small birthday cake and rubbed it all over his face and through his hair. Today, his hair is very important to him. He will

still give me a kiss, but only when he is sure no one is looking. And his toes in my mouth? Yuck!

Now he thinks and speaks like a man. A confident man at that. I found it fascinating

him at times. He's grown a goatee and has in that, even to this day, when I am around affordable staple for the hungry college kid. my father, I tend to be kid-like. My son on the other hand, seemed more man than child. That is until we took him and one of his roommates to the gro-

cery store.

We told them to fill the cart with what ever they wanted. Where I expected them to head for the meat counter and load up onbeef, they instead made tracks for the cereal and

snack aisle and grabbed boxes of stuff with little cartoon characters on them. "He is still a kid after all," I thought. We had to talk them into the beef and a few other things. Seems macaroni and cheese is still an

And hotdogs are still considered a meat. Yep, he's grown into quite the young man. But somehow, I suspect he will always be

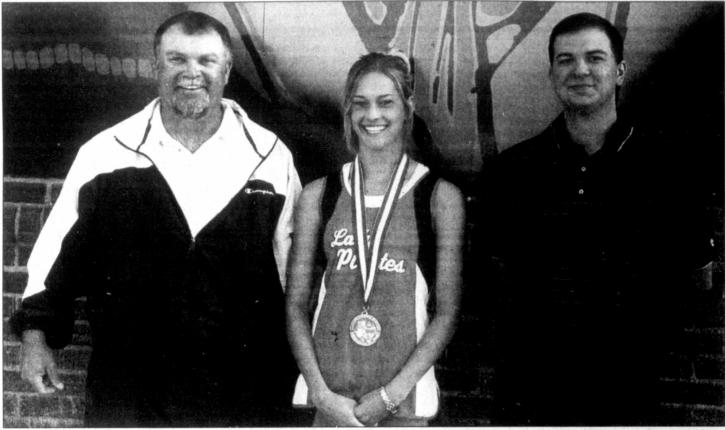
Why can't they all be like our kids

One night, while trying to go to sleep, we could hear some kids running around outside our motel room door. The noise grew louder as the number of kids grew. Doors began slamming and loud voices turned into

We called down to the front desk to complain only to hear, "Yes, we know about the problem and have someone on the way to take care of it."

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Pirate treasure



Surrounded by coaches Craig Summers (left) and Andy Glass, Lefors Lady Pirate Rachael Stubbs has reason to smile. The medal adorning her neck is her reward for taking third in the 3200m Run during the recently concluded UIL State Track meet in Austin. Stubbs finished third with a time of 11:52.

BALTIMORE (AP) — Jerry Moss had

Instead, the owner of Kentucky Derby winner Giacomo merely smiled and joked about his horse's fate.

Fact is, Moss is having too much fun to get all riled up about getting the dreaded No. 13 post in Saturday's Preakness and being installed as the fourth choice at 6-1.

"We would have preferred something toward the center, but we're all on the same track and we've got a shot at it," Moss said Wednesday after the post-position draw. "It doesn't really matter. It's a number, that's our position and we'll deal with it."

as a 50-1 long shot, Giacomo received longer odds in the Preakness than three

horses he defeated: Afleet Alex (5-2), High Fly (9-2) and Closing Argument (5-1).

Pimlico oddsmaker Frank Carulli made Giacomo a 6-1 choice after considering what the rest of the field thought about beating the Derby winner.

"Last year, Smarty Jones ... 'No we can't," Carulli said. "This year, Giacomo ...

go off as the Preakness favorite was 2001, when Monarchos was the slight second choice behind Point Given, who won the

Moss said. "It just gives his fans an opportunity to make some more money, which is great.'

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"It is a group of high school cheerleaders and basketball players who check in each weekend."

We went to sleep with the noise, and woke to it as well. After getting up to take a look out the window, my wife said to me, "They need to take a lesson from the kids in Pampa." I couldn't have agreed more.

Kudos

Lastly, I want to thank Ben Briscoe for doing a fine job in my absence. Ben is a Pampa High School senior on the cusp of graduation. He is a scholarship winner and knee-deep in other academic awards and accolades. He is also an aspiring journalist. He has plenty on his mind and his plate is generally full these days, which is why I am thankful he was able to step in for me during my absence. Thank you Ben.

Bonds recovering from third surgery

DENVER (AP) — San Francisco Giants slugger Barry Bonds had an IV removed, but will need to keep taking oral antibiotics to fight an infection in his troublesome right knee.

Bonds had been on intravenous antibiotics for two weeks after having a third surgery on his knee to clear out an infection. The seven-time league MVP switched to oral antibiotics as scheduled after being cleared by Dr. Arthur J. Ting, who performed the latest surgery.

History not on Giacomo's side

every right to curse his luck. He could have complained about not getting any respect.

Despite his stunning victory in the Derby

The last time the Derby winner did not

"I don't think my horse knows his odds,"

NBA lockout next season possible

NEW YORK (AP) -Labor talks between the NBA and the players' union broke off, increasing the chance of a lockout starting in the offseason.

In a statement, the NBA accused the union of backtracking on several items that the sides had agreed upon. The collective bargaining agreement expires June 30.

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HOUSTON (AP) Houston coach Jeff Van

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Van Gundy has led the Rockets to two straight playoff appearances, turning around a franchise that had missed the postseason for four consecutive seasons

NEW YORK (AP)

Tim Duncan became only the fifth player to earn All-NBA first-team honors in each of his first eight seasons, joining Hall of Famers Larry Bird, George Mikan, Bob Pettit and Oscar Robertson.

Duncan, who averaged 20.3 points and 11.1 rebounds in leading San Antonio to its eighth consecutive playoff appearance, finished third behind Miami center Shaquille O'Neal and NBA MVP Steve Nash in voting by a 124-member media panel.

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creativity will soar. In fact, you become

a solution-finder this year. You will see

the results professionally in the second

half of the year. A promotion or pay

raise could head your way. If you are

single, you can, if you wish, kiss that

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many admirers. If you are attached, you

start acting like newlyweds. Enjoy.

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Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-

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through your long-term desires. Come

from a fundamentals point of view.

Basics do count. Revise your thinking,

especially when talking about security

and your domestic life. You don't need

to verbalize a decision just yet. Tonight:

*** Speak your mind, but don't

think that everyone hears you loud and

clear. Aim for long-term results. A

meeting could become a lot more

important than you'd anticipated.

Freely brainstorm. Ideas just pop up.

★★★ Know when to pull back and say

no. Start practicing today. The results

you get prove to be much better. Accept

more responsibility, and you'll get the

Tonight: Hook up with friends

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Adjust to others rather than force your way. The more diplomatic you are, the more others respond to your suggestions. Friends gather around you, even at a meeting. Allow more feedback and more people into your life. Tonight: Get together with

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Others need your feedback and information. Focus on day-to-day matters, whether it is your golf game or your work. You find that efficiency is even more important than usual. An associate could be uptight. Tonight: Out

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** Your imagination delights others. You find that others are full of ideas. Go with spontaneity, and you'll win. A romance could be budding. Allow your creativity to flourish. In some sense you are childlike. Tonight:

Celebrate living PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

** Settle in and become more realistic. Emphasize your family and home. Sometimes you scatter and get very little done. Know what you want from a child or loved one. A partner makes a big difference. Trust this person's advice. Tonight: Go along with anoth-

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and well-being. Although it might what you want. cause you to revamp your budget, an SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Know when to say little and listen. Your role is adviser and listener. A discussion with someone makes a difference. Trust this associate. He or she is on the same team as you. Tonight: have ideas, and others like them. Don't Add a touch of mystery. Do your May 15, 2005

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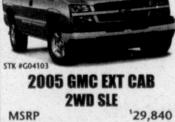
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Soldiers returning from Iraq relate better to fathers who served in Vietnam conflict

You relate with

someone else who's

been through it,

and you can

cling together.'

— Josh Krook

Iraq War veteran

Krook came home from Iraq, he had to contend with a struggling marriage at the same time he was haunted by memories of people dying in a war zone.

To make it through, Krook turned to his father, Allen, who had gone through the same thing more than 35 years ago after serving in Army intelligence in Vietnam.

"You relate with someone else who's been through it, and you can cling together," said Josh, who served with an armored cavalry

Many soldiers returning from Iraq are finding common ground with a father who served in Vietnam, say veterans officials and psychologists who work with returning sol- diers ordered to fire on the car.

diers. And that shared experience is helping them adjust to life after the war.

"You share something, so you're more at ease talking about stuff," said Dave Whaley, president of Ohio's chapter of Vietnam Veterans of America. Whaley was a Marine; his son, David, served two tours in Iraq and one in Afghanistan.

It's the post-Sept. 11 context of troops overseas that has made it easier for Vietnam

veterans to open up, said Keith Armstrong, who teaches social work at the University of California in San Francisco and is co-writing a guidebook for returning soldiers.

'They're able to use that experience of war to really connect with their kids," he

The Krooks' relationship wasn't always close. Allen talks of breaking a lot of promises to his son. His son talks of a childhood made rough by his father's anger — something both of them now attribute to posttraumatic stress disorder.

The relationship began to improve in 2001, when Josh was finishing infantry training in Fort Benning, Ga., right after the Sept. 11 attacks. With planes grounded, Allen — who suffers from chronic neck and back pain — boarded a bus and rode 26 hours to see his son graduate.

"That pretty much just ripped my heart

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — When Josh right out of my chest when I saw that," Josh recalled. "He couldn't move for three days afterward, but he sure showed up.'

When Josh came home after a year in Iraq, it was to a marriage that was already in trouble. The talks with his father became more frequent, and when it became clear the marriage couldn't last, he moved from Colorado to Minnesota and stayed with Allen and his wife.

Josh has some good memories of Iraq hugs from children, for example. But he also saw things that still bother him, such as the last moments of a young girl who died when the car she was riding in failed to stop at an Army checkpoint. Josh was among the sol-

His father listened to those stories. But Allen also let Josh in on some of his own painful memories, such as the day he called in an air strike to destroy an ammunition cache in a village. The strike went too far, Allen remem-

"All that was left was a burning hole, bodies, women and children," Allen said. 'They wiped out every-

For the first time, Josh said, he understood why his father had a hard time after Vietnam.

Aimee Osborne and her father, Mark Adamski, are typical of family members drawn closer by military service. They say it started as soon as Osborne joined the Army.

Before Osborne left for basic training, her father gave her a medal with the picture of St. George, the patron saint of soldiers. Osborne, who served in Kuwait after Sept. 11 and now lives with her husband in West Jefferson, N.C., still keeps the medal in a box along with pictures from Kuwait and her first pair of army boots.

When she finished basic, her dad started telling her about his experiences in Vietnam. And one day, he showed her his boot box.

"He opened up this box of all these medals," she said. "It was looking at my dad in a whole new light. Now that I have my own box, I understand it even more.'



Military exhibit to open May 24

In gratitude for what soldiers and veterans have done for this country, White Deer Land Museum and Freedom Museum USA have put together an exhibit called "Thanks Vets: 1941-2005." The exhibit will officially open at the White Deer Land Museum, 116 S. Cuyler, on Tuesday, May 24, at 1 p.m. This year marks 64 years since the start of World War II. We will remember D-Day in 1944, a date marked in infamy, and Korea, Vietnam, and Desert Storm. . All vets of every age, all business people, and other grateful Pampa citizens are invited to meet outside the museum by the U.S. flag at 1 p.m., May 24. The Pledge of Allegiance will be led by VFW Commander Danny Martin of Post 1657. Invocation will be given by Air Force veteran, Harold Snell, 1st Lt., Air Police. Snell is now with the Chaplain Fellowship Ministries and is serving as a chaplain. Those attending will then go into the Holland Wing to view this exhibit.

Charge added against woman accused of lying about finger found in chili bowl

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — A woman accused of lying about finding a human finger in a bowl of Wendy's chili was, charged Wednesday with conspiracy to commit fraud, adding to the theft counts she already faces.

Meanwhile, a woman provided more details about how the finger may have been lost. She said her son lost the finger in a work accident and gave it to the suspect's husband to settle a \$50

Anna Ayala, 39, who already faces attempted grand larceny and grand larceny charges, told police she discovered the fingertip March 22 while dining with family at a Wendy's in San Jose. Police arrested her and accused her of making up the story to extort money from the fast-food chain.

Prosecutor David Boyd

added the conspiracy charge during a hearing Wednesday, saying Ayala "conspired with her husband and possibly others to commit a crime that involves manipulation, lies and most importantly deceit for no other reason than to line her own pockets."

Ayala had hired an attorney following her alleged discovery, but a lawsuit was never filed.



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Groceries for a year

Alfred Martinez, left, receives certificates worth a year of groceries from United Supermarkets by Troy Newton, manager of the Pampa store. Martinez won a promotional contest for store customers.

shot after taking hostages to airport in Kansas OLATHE, Kan. (AP) — A bank robber who took at least six people hostage and ordered them to strip down

Police: Bank robber is

to their underwear was shot by police at an airport Wednesday during what may have been an attempt to make a getaway in a small plane, authorities said.

The 44-year-old Wichita man was taken by helicopter to a hospital and was in critcondition Wednesday, FBI spokesman Jeff Lanza said. No one else was hurt.

Police and the FBI said the robber held up a bank in Olathe, about 25 miles from Kansas City. He held hostages in the bank for about 30 minutes, before loading four women and two men into a minivan owned by one of the hostages, a teller at the bank.

The teller was then forced

to drive to the Johnson County Executive Airport, about two miles away, and pull up next to a plane on the runway, authorities said. Lanza said the suspect then jumped out of the minivan and ran toward the plane, where he was shot by police.

"Certainly it was a very scary scenario for all of them in that van," Lanza said on CNN.

Investigators questioned a flight instructor and student who were onboard the plane and determined they were not involved in the robbery, Lanza said. The airplane was taxiing when the minivan pulled in front of it, forcing it to stop, he said.

Pilot Matt Miller told KMBZ-TV that he and his student were doing a final check on the plane when he looked up and saw a man next to the cabin door.

Man sought for questioning in Idaho triple slaying found; two children still missing

Idaho (AP) — A man sought for questioning in the bloody slayings of three people contacted authorities Wednesday as the search continued for two children missing from the home where the killings took place.

Detectives were interviewing Robert Roy Lutner evening, Wednesday Kootenai County Sheriff's Capt. Ben Wolfinger said. Wolfinger did not say where Lutner was found, but news reports said the interview was in Coeur d'Alene, in northern Idaho.

The children, 8-year-old whether he may have seen

Shasta Kay Groene, and 9year-old Dylan James Groene, were not with Lutner, the Spokesman-Review reported, and an Amber Alert remained.

Authorities have said Lutner was known to have been at the children's home on Sunday night, the night before the bodies of their brother, mother and a man were found.

Police in several states had been attempting to locate Lutner, Wolfinger said Lutner had

known he was being sought. Police had sought Lutner, 33, of Hayden, to determine

something, or met someone at the home east of Coeur d'Alene where the bodies were found.

Shasta Groene, 8, is 3feet-10 and 40 pounds with long auburn hair and hazel eyes, and her 9-year-old brother, Dylan, is 4 feet and 60 pounds with a blond crewcut and blue eyes.

The bodies of their mother, Brenda Kay Groene, 40, and brother, Slade Vincent Groene, 13, and Mark E. McKenzie, 37, of Coeur d'Alene, were found in the house.

Police released few details about the evidence found inside the house.



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