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Officers find ton of weed in onions

Over a ton of marijuana, the largest load ever seized in the Amarillo area, was discovered by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers Tuesday afternoon near Shamrock on Interstate 40, according to a DPS news release.

At 3 p.m., commercial vehicle enforcement troopers stopped a 2001 Freightliner traveling eastbound on the interstate to conduct a routine

safety inspection.

"The troopers became suspicious after visiting with the driver and checking his bill of lading.

Troopers received a verbal consent to check the trailer and to verify load securement," said Trooper Wayne Beigle, public information officer in the DPS Amarillo office, in the release.

Troopers noticed that a load of

onions in the trailer had partially fallen over and had not been completely loaded to the front of the trailer.

"Upon further inspection, 98 bundles of marijuana in cardboard boxes, wrapped in cellophane, were discovered in the front of the trailer," Beigle said.

The marijuana weighed 2,377 pounds and has an estimated value of

\$5,942,000, he said.

Heriberto Armendariz, 33, El Paso, and Peter Werner Corzo, 31, St. Compton, Calif., were arrested and booked into Wheeler County Jail on drug charges.

Troopers believe the load originated in El Paso and was headed for Streator, Ill., Beigle said.

—Marilyn Powers, staff writer

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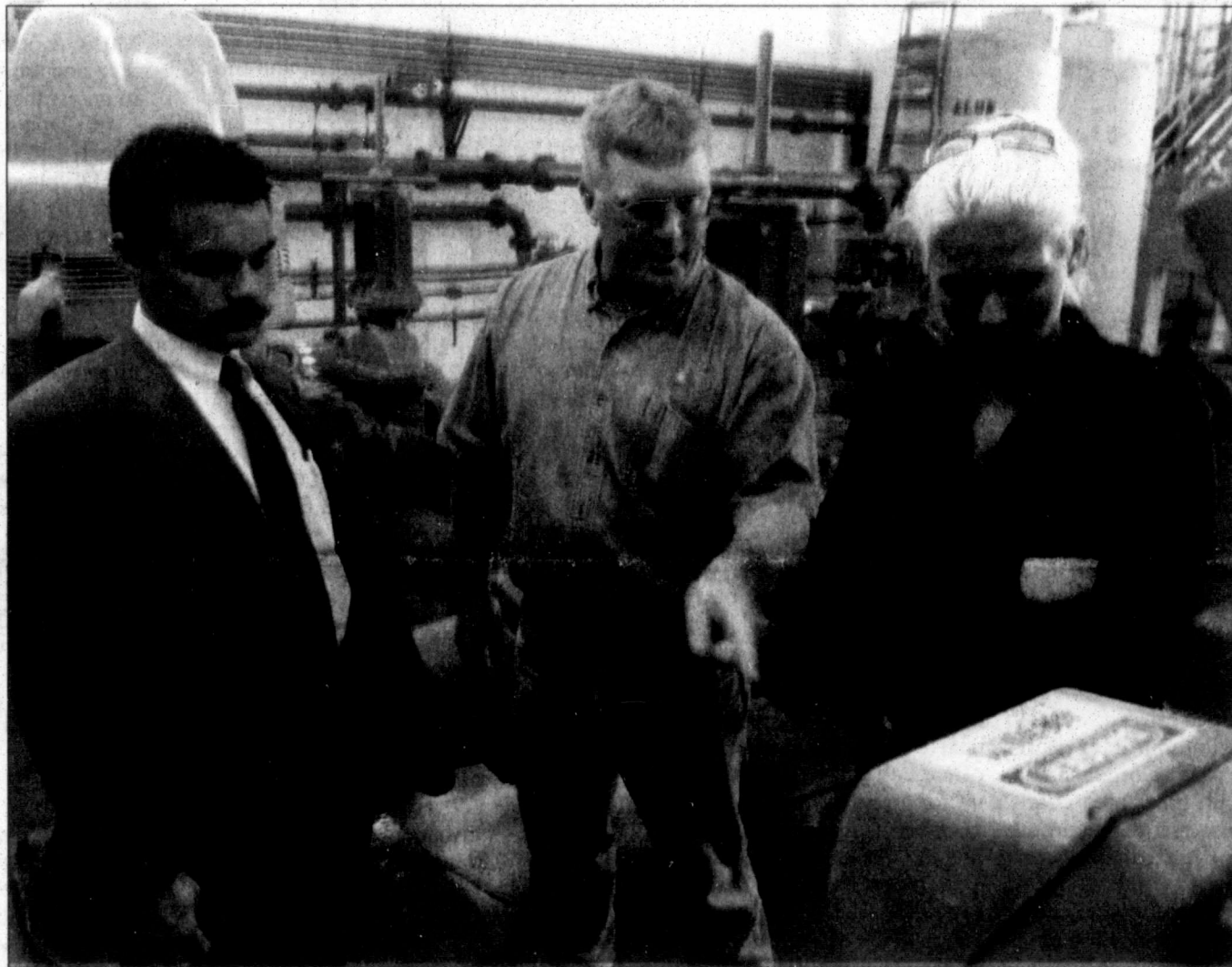
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Getting a tour of the city

Pampa City Commissioners Brad Pingle, left, and Lana Miller, right, flank David Buchanan, center, project manager for the city's water filtration plant. A tour of the plant was on the agenda Monday after as part of an orientation program for the new commissioners.

PFD plans 'stand down'

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Editor

Pampa Fire Department in conjunction with the International Association of Fire Chiefs, International Association of Firefighters and United States Fire Administration call for a June 21, 2005, "Stand Down" for Firefighter Safety.

These partnering fire service organizations are calling for all fire departments in the nation to conduct a "stand down" for firefighter safety beginning Tuesday, June 21. As of May 1, 2005 there have been 50 line-of-duty deaths — that is 10 more than at this same time last year.

"This is the first time we've done a stand down since I've been chief," said Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell.

A stand down is a method used by the military to correct an issue that has been identified as a problem throughout its ranks. PFD and the other partners are participating with fire departments across the nation in sus-

pending all non-emergency activity and focus entirely on firefighter safety.

Powell said the city's fire department will review its standard operating procedures, make detailed equipment checks and study the department's current accountability systems.

"This is the first time we've done a stand down since I've been chief."

— Kim Powell
Pampa Fire Chief

"We'll also be working with our engine and equipment procedures and how we are keeping up with our people at all times," she said.

In addition, fire officials plan to review universal precautions for when firefighters are providing medical assistance, she said.

This will give PFD the opportunity to talk about causes of line-of-duty deaths; double check all apparatus and equipment; discuss health and safety regulations; review fire ground safety issues; and take stock of training exercises and fitness goals.

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MEETING NOTICE

County Commission to consider hiring Clerk's office employee

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Gray County commissioners, at their 9 a.m. meeting Wednesday in the county courthouse, will revisit a request by County Clerk Susan Winborne to replace an employee in her office who retired April 29.

Winborne had asked permission to hire a replacement for Carolyn Law at commissioners' April 1 meeting. Commissioners asked her to try working without a replacement for a short period of time to see whether her office could function sufficiently well with fewer staff.

An amendment to the contract between the state

Attorney General's office and the county will be considered. The contract concerns the district clerk's collection of child support payments for the state, for which service the county receives compensation.

Commissioners will discuss possible changes in the notification process for the collateralization agreement among the county, Bank of America, and Bank of New York, which handles bond transactions for Bank of America.

Currently, County Judge Richard Peet and County Treasurer Lee Cornelison must review and approve sales of bonds held by the

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Obituaries

Gordan Eugene Pearce, 78

Gordan Eugene Pearce, 78, of Pampa, Texas, died Sunday, June 12, 2005, at Amarillo, Texas.

Services will be at 4:30 p.m. today, Tuesday, June 14, 2005, in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Albert Maggard, minister of First Pentecostal Holiness Church, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Pearce was born March 4, 1927, in Durant, Okla. He retired from Nestle Company and Ingersoll-Rand. He married Helen in 1963 in Reno, Nev. He was a devoted husband and father, and lived an upstanding life.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, serving during World War II. He was a member of the First Pentecostal Holiness Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Mary Pearce; a grandson, Jeffrey Willis; and a son-in-law, Richard Copeland.

Survivors include his loving wife of 42

years, Helen Pearce, of the home; four daughters, Pam Willis of Pampa, Marie Proctor and husband Randy of Bushnell, Fla., Patti Baer and husband Ted of Jay, Okla., and Angela Maddox and husband Gerald of Bushnell, Fla.; three sons, Mike Pearce and wife Laurie of Plano, Texas, John Kinnear and wife Lupe of Gonzales, Calif., Chuck Pearce and wife Sherrie of Richland Hills; one sister, Joy Garcia of Redding, Calif.; 13 grandchildren, Kirsten and Gene Gannaway, Darrin and Dawn Willis, Janet Novak, Rick and Melanie Copeland, Lynette Winkleman, Tyson Willis, Page Albritton, Cathy Bonincontri, Casey Kinnear, Kristin Hecox, Jason Pearce, Kevin Kerr and Caitlyn Pearce; 19 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter; one niece, Karen Mumm and husband Roger; and one great-niece, Kerri Ann Mumm.

The family requests memorials be to Odyssey Healthcare, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX 79101.

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



Pearce

Mildred Scott, 82

Mildred Scott, 82, of Pampa, died Monday, June 13, 2005, at Pampa.

Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Born Nov. 14, 1922, in Hemphill County, Mrs. Scott graduated from Pampa High School in 1939 and married Clifford Scott on June 1, 1940, at Pampa.

Mrs. Scott worked for Cabot Corporation for more than 30 years and belonged to First Baptist Church where she served as church librarian for several years. She visited church shut-ins on regular basis.

She was a former member of Desk &

Derrick Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clifford, on Oct. 13, 1994.

Survivors include a daughter, Marilyn McCoy of Ruidoso, N.M.; two sons, Jim Scott of Clifton and Randy Scott of Houston; two sisters, Evelyn Johnson of Pampa and Helen Harris of Houston; a brother, John Morehead of Lubbock; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church Library, P.O. Box 621, Pampa, TX 79066-0621.

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

Margaret Wells, 88

Margaret Wells, born April 11, 1917, passed away Friday, May 27, 2005, in Beverly Hills, Fla. She and her husband Joe lived in Pampa and were active in multiple organizations including First Methodist Church from 1940 until 1972 and again from 1992 until 1998.

She was the Pampa Daily News' "Neighbor of the Year" in the late 1940s and

is survived by daughters Marilyn Green of Beverly Hills, Fla., and Nora Clevenger of Kitchener, Ontario, Canada; granddaughters, Valerie Clevenger of Madison, Wis., and Allison Clevenger of Leander, Texas; three sisters; and one brother.

Memorials may be sent to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, TX 79144.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.		
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Corn	3.96	
Soybeans	5.89	
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.		
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BP PLC ADR	62.58	+0.18
Cabot Corp	30.07	+0.14
Cabot Oil Gas	35.63	+0.20
Coca Cola	43.72	+0.13
VLO	74.13	+0.39
HAL	45.27	+0.42
TRU	53.75	NC
KMI	80.50	+0.16
XCEL	19.34	+0.11
Kerr McGee	73.84	+0.24
XOM	58.49	+0.04
Limited	21.59	-0.10
Williams	18.93	-0.02
MCD	29.26	+0.15
Atmos	28.73	-0.02
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Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high around 84. East wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 62. South-southeast wind around 5 mph.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high near 91. South-southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly

cloudy, with a low near 67. South-southeast wind around 20 mph.

Thursday: Partly cloudy and hot, with a high around 97. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 65. South-southeast wind around 10 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 88. Southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly

clear, with a low around 64. South-southeast wind around 15 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 89. South wind around 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 63.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 90.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 65.

Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 90.

County

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county before such sales can be completed for the purpose of collateralization, Peet said this morning.

The Bank of New York is asking permission to conduct the bond sales without

prior approval by county commissioners, Peet said. He has asked Cornelison to check with other area counties to discover their current practice regarding bond sales, he said.

Bids for records imaging services will be opened at 10 a.m.

A request from Jerry O'Neal for a road crossing at

County Road N will be heard, and the sheriff's office cell phone contract is up for consideration.

Other agenda items include the county treasurer's report, recognition of Precinct 4 Commissioner James Hefley for completion of his 2004 continuing education, and payment of bills and salaries.

Safety

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In 2003, a total of 105 firefighter fatalities occurred.

By comparison 103 firefighter deaths occurred in 2004.

"We've already lost 10 more firefighters than we had by this time last year. That's a big deal to us," Powell said. "Annually we lose around a 100 people a year in fire service."

The loss of firefighters

after the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in New York City on Sept. 11, 2001, helped the nation realize the teamwork involved in firefighting and how all firefighters' lives are intertwined,

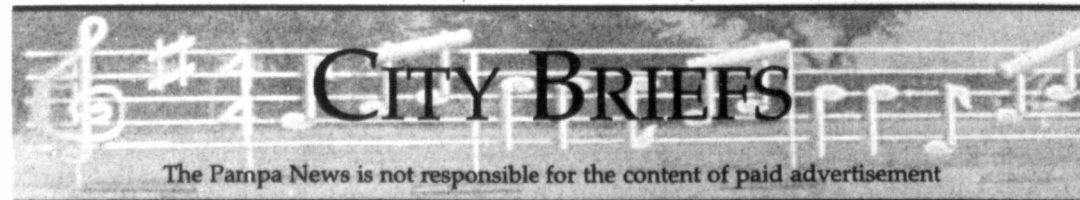
she said. In recognition of that closeness, Pampa Fire

Department's flag flies at half staff whenever a firefighter anywhere in the nation dies in the line of duty.

"We may be 27 people in a rural community, but we're still part of the big picture."

— Chief Powell

"We need to realize we are part of one big team — Homeland Security, National Preparedness, all of it," she said. "We may be 27 people in a rural community, but we're part of the big picture."



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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests today.

Monday, June 13

Thirty traffic stops were made. Traffic complaints were received from the intersection of Browning and Starkweather streets, the 600 block of North Sumner, and the 500 block of North Zimmers.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 700 block of East 14th. A hit and run accident was reported in the 2800 block of Charles.

Emergency medical service assistance was rendered in the 2300 block of Mary Ellen.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered on Highway 60 west.

Warrant service was attempted at four locations.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 300 block of Perry.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 1200 block of East Francis, the 1000 block of Terry Road, and the 300 block of North Gray.

Violation of a court order was reported in the 2400 block of Navajo.

Suspicious persons were reported at the intersection of Browning and Nelson streets and the intersection of Lincoln and Banks streets.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

A narcotic drug law violation was reported in the police department lobby.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 400 block of South Houston and the 1300 block of East Francis.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of Montagu.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 1900 block of North Nelson and the 600 block of North Zimmers.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported in the 600 block of East Craven.

Assault by threat was reported in the police department lobby.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1100 block of Varnon Drive.

Criminal mischief was reported at Pampa Regional Medical Center, 107 W. 30th. The incident occurred between June 8 and June 10. A tinted plate glass window was broken, resulting in an estimated \$600 damage.

Criminal mischief and criminal trespass was reported in the 1200 block of North

Perry and the 1200 block of North Wells. A glass door, a wooden door, and a screen door were damaged. Estimated damage is \$300.

Found property was reported in the police department lobby. A cordless phone was found.

Theft was reported at Hastings Books, Music & Video, 1205 N. Hobart. A compact disc and trading cards were taken, resulting in an estimated \$20 loss.

Ira Don Hicks, 34, 931 S. Ward, was arrested in the 900 block of South Wells for public intoxication.

Randy Dwayne Cox, 25, 1032 Huff Road, was arrested in the 1000 block of Huff Road on a bond surrender for evading arrest.

Terry Wayne Stroud, 33, 345 Canadian, was arrested in the 100 block of South Houston for parked wheels over 18 inches, failure to appear - bail jumping, no valid driver's license, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Danasty Dawn Mize, 19, Wheeler, was arrested in the 1100 block of Neel Road for driving while license is invalid.

Tuesday, June 14

Jana Turlington, 30, 1041 Prairie Drive, was arrested in the 1100 block of Terrace on warrants for possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear, and capias pro fines for no valid driver's license, no insurance, three counts of possession of drug paraphernalia, and three counts of failure to appear.

Sheriff

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

Monday, June 13

Erin M. Smolin, 29, 1312 Garland, was arrested for eight counts of issuance of a bad check.

Noel C. Sieber, 30, 1229 E. Foster, was arrested on a Wheeler County warrant for possession of proceeds of criminal activity/sell of methamphetamine.

Fire

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

Monday, June 13

3:31 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 2300 block of Mary Ellen.

Waiver

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prosecutor in the investigation of Roach's activities for possible state criminal charges.

Each of the two state indictments specifies that Roach had four or more grams but less than 200 grams of the substance named in that indictment at

the time of the incident. Each indictment also alleges that a handgun was present at the time of the incident, and that each incident occurred within 1,000 feet of a drug-free zone.

The drug-free zone is Community Christian School, which is within 1,000 feet of Gray County Courthouse, where the 31st district attorney's offices are located.

The investigation of Roach's activities is continu-

Investigation of Roach's activities is continuing, concerning the possibility of further state charges.

ing, concerning the possibility of further state charges. Brown Graham & Co. CPA office is auditing Roach's office's financial records at Scott's request.

Roach was arrested Jan. 11 at Gray County Courthouse by Federal Bureau of Investigation agents.

He was indicted on three federal drug charges involving methamphetamine and cocaine, and one charge of addict or unlawful user in possession of firearms.

Roach pled guilty Feb. 8 on the federal firearms charge, and the other three federal charges against him were dropped.



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Business Review

LA Nails offers wide range of nail-care services

Want to brighten your look without going to extremes? In the mood for a little pampering? Then LA Nails, right here in Pampa, might just be the salon for you.

Situated in Coronado Shopping Center, 1201 N. Hobart, next to Thai Delight restaurant, LA Nails is run by a husband and wife duo named Thao Luong and Thang Nguyen.

The couple introduced the business to Pampa about three years ago.

"I've wanted to own my own salon," Thao Luong explained, "since right after high school."

Though several LA Nail salons exist in the area, each, Thao said, is individually owned and operated.

She has been a nail tech for a total of six years. Thang, she said, has worked as a professional nail technician for approximately three years.

Thao and Thang offer at their salon a full slate of nail care services, performing both manicures and pedicures for their customers. Among the services patrons may choose from, for example, is a special "spa" pedicure.

"It's called a spa pedicure," Thao said, "because we have a chair that massages your back while you sit for a pedicure."

All pedicures, she emphasized, include a luxurious foot massage, but only the spa pedicure includes the additional bonus of the specially-designed comfort chair.

Besides giving pedicures, LA Nails offers a variety of manicures and full-set false nails, solar nails among them.

"Usually solar nails are for people who prefer the French manicure," Thao explained, adding that this type of treatment is particularly effective in warding against any hint of yellow on the nail.

"It looks like a new set all the time because we fill the white areas back in," she said. Plus the white powder does not easily chip off, she said.

In addition, the salon handles a selection of lotions and scrubs for the hands and feet and keeps a stock of cuticle oil on hand for customers to purchase.



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Viewpoints

Michael needs to look at man in the mirror

Most anyone who knows who Michael Jackson is has some opinion on whether he really did molest children.

The pop singer was acquitted yesterday of 10 criminal counts relating to child sexual molestation.

A jury in Santa Maria, Calif., deliberated 32 hours before declaring Jackson not guilty of four counts of lewd conduct with a child younger than 14; one count of attempted lewd conduct; four counts of administering alcohol to facilitate child molestation; and one count of conspiracy to commit child abduction, false imprisonment or extortion.

The recently completed trial is not the first time

Jackson has been accused of child molestation. But it is the closest he has yet come, I think, to being jailed on criminal charges related to such accusations.

Let's face it. Jackson is his own worst enemy.

He first became famous as the pint-sized lead singer of the Jackson 5, a pop group composed of him and some of his brothers.

Through the years, the group had several hits. Then, as a young adult, Jackson struck out on his own with his "Off the Wall" album.

More and bigger hits followed, with the high point being Jackson's "Thriller" album.

Then, things started wob-

bling a bit for Michael. His "Bad" album might be considered prophetic. The title track has him singing "you know I'm bad, I'm bad."

Another song which in hindsight seems to have personal connotations for Jackson is "Man In The Mirror," in which he sings about a determination to become a better man in order to help make the world a better place.

Jackson still has millions of loyal fans. But his peak was "Thriller," and he hasn't quite matched it since.

There is no doubt Jackson is extremely talented. He is a genius with music and choreography, and can make dance moves that defy the laws of physics. Remember his moon walk?

But let's face it. Michael has done lots of things which make it so easy to believe the worst of him.

There's his appearance. Over the years, his skin tone has gradually lightened until now he appears very pale indeed. This has been attributed to a medical condition, and if that is true, it cannot

be held against him.

The plastic surgery is another matter. Over the years, Michael's face has undergone a startling transformation. His nose has been narrowed and reshaped until now it is almost no more than a knife blade seen on edge. His lips are different, and he has a much squarer chin, complete with a cleft in the middle, and dimples in his cheeks.

I don't think there's anything wrong with plastic surgery, per se. I just think Michael has gone so far with it that he has caused himself a great deal of physical pain and lasting damage in order to make drastic, abnormal changes in his appearance.

Is that the meaning of "Man In The Mirror?"

What Michael has had done to his appearance, however, should have no bearing on whether he is found guilty or innocent. But people are only human, and when they look at Michael, they see someone who will go to great lengths to accomplish a goal that many people see as undesirable and/or unnatural.

Then there's Michael's own words to cause him grief.

The just-completed trial began with charges which were spurred by an interview with British journalist

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, June 14, the 165th day of 2005. There are 200 days left in the year. This is Flag Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress in Philadelphia adopted the Stars and Stripes as the national flag.

'There is the National flag. He must be cold, indeed, who can look upon its folds rippling in the breeze without pride of country. If in a foreign land, the flag is companionship, and country itself, with all its endearments'

— Charles Sumner
American author

On this date:

In 1775, the United States Army was founded.

In 1841, the first Canadian parliament opened in Kingston.

In 1846, a group of U.S. settlers in Sonoma proclaimed the Republic of California.

In 1928, the Republican National Convention nominated Herbert Hoover for president on the first ballot.

In 1940, German troops entered Paris during World War II.

In 1940, in German-occupied Poland, the Nazis opened their concentration camp at Auschwitz.

In 1943, the Supreme Court ruled schoolchildren could not be compelled to salute the flag of the United States if doing so conflicted with their religious beliefs.

In 1954, President Eisenhower signed an order adding the words "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance.

In 1982, Argentine forces surrendered to British troops on the disputed Falkland Islands.



Our readers write

Hall of Honor reminder

This is a reminder to all those wishing to nominate deserving veterans for induction into the Panhandle Veterans Hall of Honor.

July 15, the cut-off date for submitting your nomination, is fast approaching and I want to encourage everyone to get their information to me as soon as possible.

It would be very sad to let a deserving veteran go unrecognized for the lack of a little effort on our part.

Nominations are to be sent to "Panhandle Hall of Honor," Attn: John L. Tripplehorn, 600 N. Hobart, Pampa, Texas 79065.

John Tripplehorn
Pampa

Speed up that old system, part 1

Want a faster computer? Buy one! But, if money prevents that choice, you may be able to eke out some more performance from that dinosaur on your desk. This week, I'll cover some maintenance tips for the biggest bottleneck on most systems: The Hard Drive.

Scrub-A-Dub-Dub
If you think "emptying your recycle bin" is the only way to clean a hard drive, think again. Various temporary files are strewn all over that spinning platter, taking up valuable drive real estate. Every now and then, it pays to clean this mess up.

When the amount of free space on your hard disk is less than twice the amount of RAM it has, your system will slow considerably. Did that make sense? As an example, if you have 128 megabytes of RAM, your system will start to get sluggish when your hard drive has less than 256 megabytes free. The more RAM your system possesses, the more free hard drive space will be required

by the system for these work files.

One way to clean up some of the clutter (and free a lot of space to boot), is to run the Windows Disk Cleanup Tool. Click on the Start Button, then Programs, Accessories, System Tools, and finally, Disk Cleanup. If you don't have this program, find your original Windows CD and install it. It's that important. Choose the drive to clean

and hit OK. A list of proposed files will be listed. Take the default and hit OK. If you've never used this utility before, you'll probably be surprised by how much space you free up.

Throw Excess Baggage Overboard

Another way to dramatically clean your drive is to un-install programs you no longer use. Click the Start button, Settings, Control Panel, "Add/Remove Programs." If you have Windows 2000 or XP, the system can sort your pro-

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Mexico facing 'High Noon' moment

Like Gary Cooper's Marshal Will Kane, Alejandro Dominguez was the only man brave enough to take the job.

"I think those who should be afraid are those who have been compromised," he told reporters Wednesday as Nuevo Laredo's new police chief.

Marshal Kane, deserted by the good citizens of Hadleyville, shot down the bad guys and tossed his star into the dirt. Chief Dominguez, threatened by drug traffickers, was slain 6 1/2 hours after getting his badge.

Life isn't cinema. The border is the Wild West, but

the bad guys keep winning. And Mexico faces its High Noon moment.

If Mexico's leaders really want the U.S. Congress to consider responsible immigration reform, they must crack down on this narco-republic violence. Chief Dominguez is the seventh Nuevo Laredo officer killed this year, and his brazen slaying sends the most dire signal yet that the Zetas and other drug gangs are in charge. Let these headlines per-

sist, and the Pat Buchanan, build-our-own-Great-Wall, anti-immigration protectionists will have more than enough ammunition to terrify Americans already wary of our southern neighbors.

A U.S. investigator in Laredo told The Dallas Morning News' Tracey Eaton that President Vicente Fox's federal police "are spectators, waiting for Fox's sexenio (six-year term) to end. ... We're looking at a bloody summer, and things may get nasty not

just here, but in other cities, including Houston and Dallas."

We'd like to encourage Mr. Fox to ask for U.S. law enforcement help, but we also recognize the political, cultural and historical barriers, especially as Mr. Fox's party tries to maintain its hold on power.

But his answer can't be the one he gave to Chief Dominguez, then president of Nuevo Laredo's chamber of commerce, who complained the city had "grave problems" from drug trafficking.

Mr. Fox said simply, "We're working on that."

Texas Thoughts

Dallas Morning-News



Lt. Col. Bob G. Bond receives the Battalion guidon from Col. Dorothea Wallace, 5th Recruiting Brigade commander, during the official passing of the flag at the Change of Command Ceremony, June 10 at the Fort Worth Naval Air Station and Joint Reserve Base. Bond is taking over command from Lt. Col. Patrick J. Walsh. Walsh served two years as the Dallas Recruiting Battalion commander.

Pampa native takes command of N. Texas Army Recruiting

DALLAS - A Pampa native took command today of the U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion-Dallas in a Change of Command Ceremony at the Fort Worth Naval Air Station and Joint Reserve Base.

Lt. Col. Bob G. Bond, a graduate of Pampa High School, now covers Army recruiting operations in more than 140 counties and 123,000 square miles in North Texas, including the Panhandle. As the battalion commander, he commands more than 300 Soldiers and 30 civilians.

Bond graduated from Texas A&M University at College Station, Texas, in 1984 and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Army Infantry through the Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga.

His professional military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses; Combined Arms and Services Staff School; Command and General Staff College; Joint Professional Military Education II; Special Forces Officer Qualification

Course; Portuguese Language Course; Airborne Basic and Jumpmaster Courses; Military Freefall Basic and Jumpmaster Courses; and Pathfinder and Ranger Courses.

Bond's assignments include Rifle and Scout Platoon Leader, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry, and aide-de-camp to the Assistant Division Commander (Operations), 25th Infantry Division (Light), at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. He served as commander for the Operational Detachment Alpha 384, and commander for the Headquarters Support Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Special

Forces Group (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, N.C. Bond was the ODA Observer/Controller and Rotational Special Operations Forces Planner at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La. He served again at Fort Bragg, N.C., as the chief of Officer Management Branch, U.S. Army Special Operations Command, and as 3rd Battalion S-3, executive officer,

commander of Bravo Company, 3rd Battalion, and Group S-3, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne). Bond last served as chief of Current Operations and chief of Special Programs Division, Special Operations Command-Pacific, Camp Smith, Hawaii.

Bond's military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star; Meritorious Service Medal; Joint Service Commendation Medal; Army Commendation Medal; Army Achievement Medal; Humanitarian Services Medal; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; NATO Medal; Combat Infantryman's Badge; Expert Infantryman's Badge; Special Forces and Ranger Tabs; Master Parachutist Badge; Military Freefall Jumpmaster Badge; Pathfinder Badge; and Air Assault Wings. He has conducted Airborne operations in Zimbabwe, Botswana, Swaziland, and Thailand, and has been awarded their parachutists' badges.

Bond is married to the former Karen Harris of Sherman Oaks, Calif., and has three children, Elizabeth, Jacob, and Rachel.



LTC Bond

Michael

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Martin Bashir. The interview, which was broadcast in February 2003, included a clip of Michael claiming that there was nothing wrong with having juvenile boys share his bed.

In the same broadcast, by the way, Michael also claimed at one point to have had only one plastic surgery. That one surgery must have been a marathon doozy.

The videotape included scenes shot at Neverland, Michael's California home, which features carnival rides

and other things which wrong youngsters enjoy.

I saw that interview twice, and I was astounded at some of the things Michael said. If anyone ever shot themselves in the foot, figuratively speaking, he did.

Still . . . And yet . . . The victim and his mother, both of whom testified in the trial, did not convince jurors that anything

happened at Neverland. The victim has changed his story at least once, and has waffled on whether anything wrong happened.

The victim's mother has been described as eccentric, giving bizarre testimony.

Maybe Michael's childhood, in which he was never really able to be a child in the same way as non-famous children, coupled with his allegedly

unhappy home life as a child, has resulted in his attempting to recapture the lost childhood he may feel he never really had the first time around.

Maybe he truly can't understand why some of his actions would raise red flags and draw unwanted attention and accusations of wrongdoing.

I hope for everyone's sake that nothing bad happened at Neverland.

I hope Michael can take another look at the man in his mirror and "make that change" to behavior which will not draw further accusations against him.

Maybe he truly can't understand why some of his actions would raise red flags and draw unwanted attention and accusations of wrongdoing.

Clean-up

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grams by their amount of "use." Look through the list and "Remove" any programs you don't need. Don't fret if you make a mistake. You can always blow the dust off that old CD and re-install it later.

Re-Zone Your Land

Speaking of Windows 2000/XP, consider changing your hard drive's file structure to NTFS (New Technology File System). The standard file format on most hard drives is called FAT32 (sounds like a rapper doesn't it?). NTFS can more efficiently handle large often-used files than FAT32. Better still, NTFS adds more security and reliability to your system. Only one drawback exists, though: Windows 95/98/ME will not recognize drives formatted as NTFS. So, only consider this option with higher versions.

To see which file structure your hard

drive is currently set to, double-click on "My Computer," right-click on a drive, and choose "Properties." Converting a FAT32 system to NTFS is very easy. Click the Start button, Programs, Accessories, and then "Command Prompt." Type the following:

CONVERT C: /FS:NTFS /V

You can, of course, replace the "C:" with any drive letter. This process takes a while, so you might consider starting this task right before bedtime.

Open the Spigot All the Way

Make sure you are taking full advantage of your hard drive's DMA (Direct Memory Access) pipeline. In simple English, by using DMA transfer methods, your hard drive can bypass the microprocessor when moving large amounts of data into memory. Chances are, your hard drive is already installed with this option turned on. However, it doesn't hurt to check.

Get ready, we're diving deep this time: Click on Start/ Settings/ Control Panel/ System /Hardware /Device

Manager, and then double-clicking on your IDE ATA/ATAPI controller. Double-click on your Primary IDE channel and choose "Advanced Settings." Make sure "DMA if available" is selected in the drop-down menu.

Yes, "Defrag" is a Word

Finally, make sure to defrag your system regularly. I won't go into the particulars of what "defragging is" simply because I covered that in the last column. To use Microsoft's utility, click Start/ Programs/ Accessories/ System Tools/ Disk Defragmenter.

Next week, I'll continue this "speed up your dinosaur" segment with cost effective upgrades that will put off the new-system-purchase for a year or two. Until then...

I'll see you in Cyberspace!

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Closing down prison won't help image, prominent Republicans say

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prominent Senate Republicans said Tuesday that closing the Guantanamo Bay prison will not fix a U.S. image tarnished by allegations of American troops mistreating terrorism suspects.

"To cut and run because of image problems is the wrong, wrong thing to do," Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist said.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said there's no doubt that the United States has an image problem because of allegations of abuse and torture at the prison in Cuba.

He added: "The key to this is to move the judicial process forward so that these individuals will be brought to trial for any crime that they are accused of rather than residing in Guantanamo facility in perpetuity."

A few of their GOP colleagues are raising questions about keeping the prison in Cuba open, arguing that it has given the country a bad name abroad and undermined the war on terrorism.

Answering the critics, Vice President Dick Cheney on Monday said that war-on-

terror detainees would continue to be held at Guantanamo, even as the White House said all options for prison's future were on the table.

Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., tried to turn the Guantanamo debate into a broader indictment of how the administration handles detainees. He said administration policies have "caused tremendous damage to American credibility around the world and placed our troops at greater risk."

Over the past few days, several Republicans have acknowledged an image problem at Guantanamo. But they also have said that shutting down the facility, which one human-rights group likened to a "gulag," is not the answer.

"Reform it, don't close it," said Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, a GOP member of the Armed Services Committee. On Monday, he said the prison is dysfunctional. "It's hurting the war effort. The image of it is as a place where there's a lack of rule and lack of procedures," he added.

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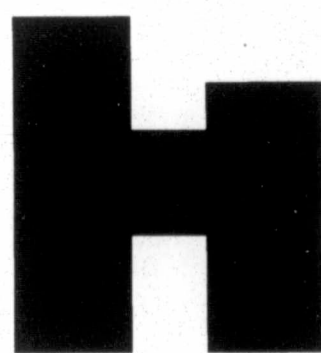
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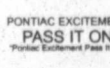
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: "Paula in Tucson" wrote that she's short, under 5 feet tall, and plans to build her dream home with cabinets customized to suit her height. However, her mother is vehemently against it. You suggested the mother might be worried that her home would be so uniquely customized it could adversely affect the resale value, and that she consider having the shelves and cabinets made adjustable as is sometimes done for people with disabilities. Please tell that woman to stick to her guns. I have a friend who did exactly what Paula wants to do. Several years later she had to move because her husband was transferred. They decided to place an ad in the Sunday paper for an "Open House for Short People." On Sunday morning they were shocked to find cars lined up on both sides of their street and prospective buyers fighting about who was there first. They sold the house that same day to the highest bidder. There are many short people in this world who find most houses uncomfortable to live in. -- FRIEND OF A SHORT PERSON IN FLORIDA

DEAR FRIEND: Your message was repeated by several architects who were kind enough to write. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have been a practicing architect for 40 years, and I've built facilities and homes to ADA (Americans With Disabilities Act) standards. A lot of people build their dream house later in life. A house built with stock cabinets 6 inches lower, sit-down counters, 36-inch doors and other design features that could later be wheelchair-accessible will allow enjoyment of their dream home for 15 or 20 years longer than otherwise, should the person later become disabled. Further, such a house would bring a premium price on the resale market. In fact, I'm sure Paula's mother would someday in

the future, as age takes its toll, be extremely happy to visit such a house. -- ARCHITECT IN NEW JERSEY
DEAR ARCHITECT: Thank you for sharing your expertise.

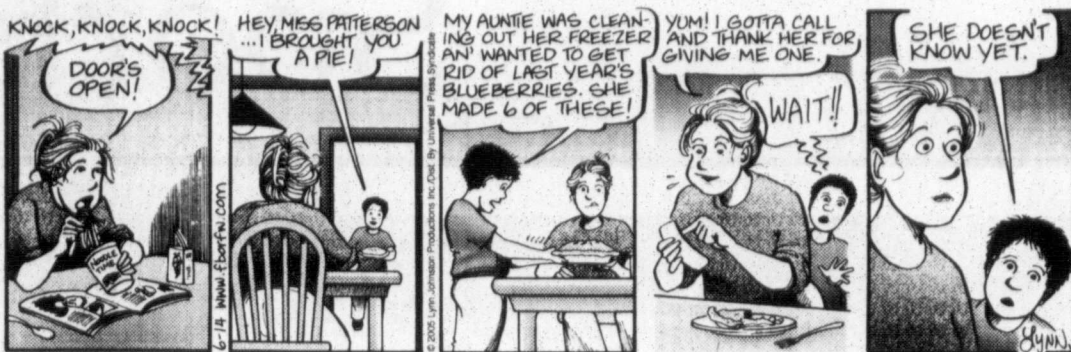
DEAR ABBY: Paula is building her dream home at 43. This could be her FRP (final resting place). It should be designed to suit her needs. Forget about the resale value. In 20 or more years, when someone buys it, it will be time to install a new kitchen, and the new owners can have standard-height cabinets and countertops put in during the remodeling. As an architectural designer, I cannot tell you how many people are preoccupied with the resale value of their homes, when, in fact, they're never going to move! Of course, if there were something totally off the wall or out of the norm, that should be taken into consideration. But the most important message here is, design and build for your own needs, not those of some fictional future buyer. -- HEATHER IN WORCESTER, MASS.

DEAR HEATHER: I concede your point.

DEAR ABBY: Paula's mother needs a large slice of MYOB, pronto! That woman is a meddler who should stop trying to run her adult daughter's life. If Paula is paying for the house, by golly, she should have it exactly the way she wants it. That mother sounds just plain jealous to me. -- HEATED IN HOUSTON
DEAR HEATED: It's interesting how we read things through the filter of our own experience. I thought the mother was being motherly.

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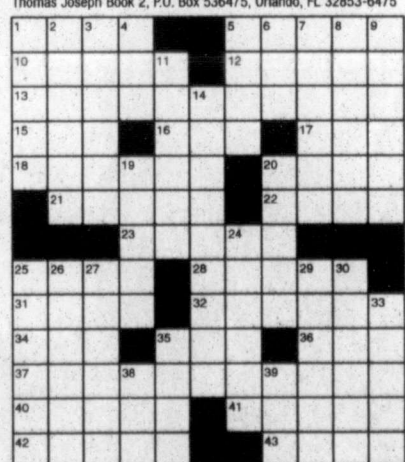
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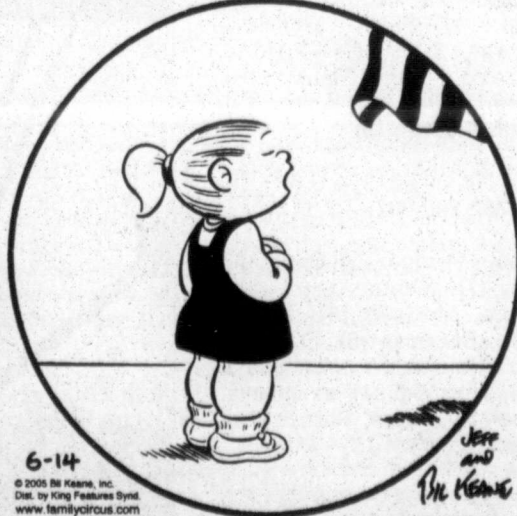
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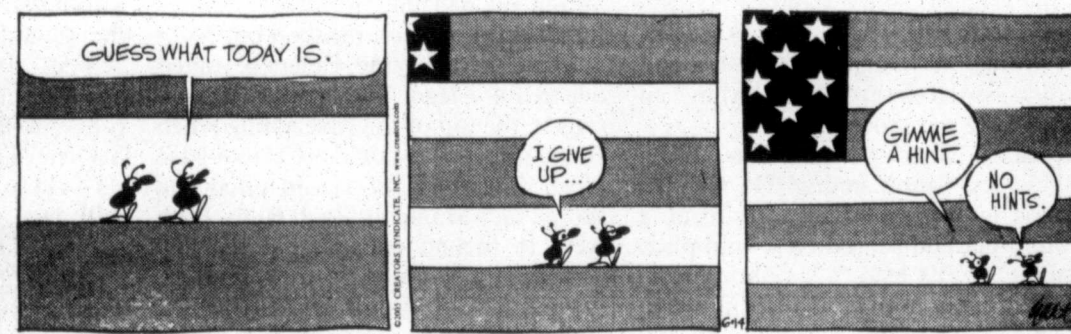
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

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Sports Day



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Girl power

Among the teams you will find competing at Optimist Park is the Carmichael-Whitley 10-12 girls softball team. Coach Chico Ramirez says his squad has been nothing short of amazing this season. Pictured are (from left to right), front row- Kaitlynn Ramirez, Acacia Young and Miranda Patterson. Middle row- Gina Avila, Kailey Young, Kailyn Troxell and Kathy Stover. Back row- Coach Ramirez, Payton Alvey, Kay Kirkham, Vanessa Lopez, Andi Cortez, Delaney Clendening, Hannah Lake and Coach Mike Clendening. Not pictured- Samantha Powell.

DFB downs Cabot 7-3, falls to Celanese

Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency assumed the role of a giant killer in the Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken City Tournament Monday and almost pulled it off. They defeated fourth-seeded Cabot Corporation 7-3 in the early game but fell 4-3 to second-seeded Celanese Corporation leaving the tying run on second in the bottom of the sixth inning.

In the opener DFB came out strong in the first inning. Kolton Adams and Cody McIntyre walked and Dane Pereria was hit by a pitch to load the bases. A wild pitch scored Adams and a single to center by Zach Murray plated McIntyre and Pereria. An error and a wild pitch brought Murray around to provide DFB with a 4-0 lead.

Cabot cut into the lead in the bottom of the second inning. Chase Ferguson walked. Garrett Sewell double to center. Walks to George Patterson and Colton Sweat forced in a run and an error made the score 4-2.

Hudson Bentley walked in DFB's half of the fourth inning. He went to second on a passed ball, to third on a ground out and scored on a wild pitch making DFB's lead 5-2. Cabot threatened in the bottom of the inning when Ryan Smith beat out an infield hit and Patterson singled up the middle sending Smith to third with nobody out, but they wound up stranded at second and third.

DFB manufactured two runs in the

top of the fifth inning. Adams walked and advanced to third on wild pitches. McIntyre walked. Adams scored on the back end of a double steal as McIntyre stole second. A ground out send McIntyre to third. He scored on a ground ball hit by Pereria. DFB led 7-2.

Cabot came back for a run in the bottom of the fifth inning. Kyler Patton legged out an infield hit. Ferguson doubled to left field. A ground out by Sewell produced the final margin of 7-3.

Garrett Ericson, who pitched the first, third and fifth innings for DFB was the winning pitcher. He received help from Pereria in the second and sixth innings and from Hudson Bentley in the fourth inning. Mitch Simon pitched the first three innings for Cabot. Ferguson finished up.

In the second game, Celanese roared out to a 4-0 lead. They picked up two runs in the top of the first inning when Brent Green was safe on a two-base error, took third on a wild pitch and scored on a single by Zach Ruth. Ruth went to second on a wild pitch and scored on a single by Ramon Jimenez. A walk to Cole Engle and two errors gave Celanese its third run in the third inning. A walk to Jason Martinez, a single by Jacob Green, a hit batter and an error handed Celanese its final run in the fourth inning.

In the bottom of the sixth DFB

loaded the bases with walks to Brady Royce, Chris Taylor and Adams. Ruth took over the pitching duties for Celanese. He struck out the next two batters but gave up a base-clearing double to Pereria. Ruth forced the next batter to ground out to end the game.

Green, who pitched the first three innings received credit for the Celanese win. He faced 10 batters, struck out eight, walked none and allowed one hit. Jesse Jimenez pitched perfect fourth and fifth innings but ran into trouble by walking the first three batters in the sixth. Ruth relieved and surrendered one hit, walked none and struck out two to pick up a save.

DFB's pitchers allowed no earned runs. Ericson pitched the first, third and sixth innings. Bentley threw the fourth while Pereria was the hurler for the second and fifth innings.

The 11-12 Cal Ripken City Tournament continues today at 5:45 p.m. with an elimination game between D. E. Chase, Inc. and DFB. At 7:45 p.m. Cabot and Rotary Club will face off in another elimination game. The winners of the two games play Wednesday at 7:45 p.m. Celanese plays Glo-Valve Service Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. in the winners' bracket. The double-elimination tournament is scheduled to end Friday.

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

H&R block fires 55 to win charity event

Team Results
BSA Charity Scramble
Pampa Country Club
Pampa, Texas
June 11, 2005

Championship Flight

1st Place (55)
Marshall Hanes
Tyler Hanes
Bobby Richardson
Carey Richardson

2nd Place (56)
J.C. Beyer
Richard Harkorn
Bill Heuston
Daniel Heuston

First Flight

1st Place (61)
David Douthit
Devin Douthit
Paul Pearson
Blake Bailey

2nd Place (62)
Scooter Williams
Brian Williams
Stephanie Gregory
Mark Gregory

3rd Place (63)
John Jones
Billy Jones
Shirley Jones
Jake Jones

HIDDEN HILLS

22 teams help mark course's 15th year

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

22 teams met at Hidden Hills Golf Course Saturday morning, each ready to compete for fun and prizes as the north Pampa facility celebrated its 15th anniversary.

The morning began with a brief breakfast gathering, followed by guest speakers, honors and recognition. Then all attention was focused on the 18-holes that make up Hidden Hills.

The rules for this scramble were basic:

- Play the ball up through the green.
- Men play the white tees, women the red, and seniors the gold.
- Four players per team.
- No club limit.
- Have Fun.

It was the latter that seemed to dominate the day as all participants made off with a free T-shirt, golf balls and a free lunch.

Organizers say this will become a regular event on the Hidden Hills yearly calendar.

Hidden Hills Results

15th Anniversary Scramble
Hidden Hills Golf Course
June 11, 2005

Jeff Nicklas
Travis Shulte

1st Place (61)
Charles Byrum
Gene Hurst
Blake Hurst
Jeff McClendon

4th Place (64)
Harley Knutson
Jim Batton
Kurt Foster
John McGuire

2nd Place (63)
Richard Peet
Tory Peet
Tracy Peet
Tanner Packard

5th Place
Chuck Morgan
Nathan Bailey
O.K. Lee
Shane Stokes
James Gray

3rd Place (63)
Dick Dunham
Sam Haynes

Closest to the Pin:
Blake Hurst (#6),
Eldon Maxwell (#8),
Gerry McCabe (#12, #15)

Rawls says he will coach in Oil Bowl despite loss

HOLDENVILLE, Okla. (AP) — Former Holdenville coach Butch Rawls plans to coach Oklahoma's team of football stars against Texas in the Oil Bowl on Saturday despite the death of his wife in a car accident.

"I think my wife would have wanted me to do that," Rawls said.

Sherry Rawls was driving west on Interstate 40 about 3 p.m. Sunday when she tried to make a left turn from the right lane at a crossover in Washita county, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol said. Another vehicle struck her truck in the driver's side door, the patrol said.

Rawls, 49, was taken by helicopter to OU Medical Center in Oklahoma City, where she was pronounced dead. Her mother, Shirley A. Mosley, was

also killed in the crash. Rawls' 14-year-old daughter, Ali Rawls, and the driver of the other car were treated and released.

Butch Rawls said his wife was on her way to Elk City to shop for a dress to wear to the Oil Bowl Banquet and apparently made a U-turn to avoid approaching bad weather.

"That storm come out there and kind of spooked them" and she tried to make a U-turn, Rawls said. "My daughter said she just didn't see that car in her blind spot and turned right in front of it."

Butch Rawls was removed as head coach of Holdenville High School's football team after it won 9-4 last season and won two post-season games. He still coaches physical education.

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Suppan, Eldred (8) and Y Molina; Halladay and Zaun. W—Halladay 10-3. L—Suppan 5-6. HRs—St. Louis, Mabry (4). Toronto, Hillenbrand (7).

Cincinnati 000 020 010 — 3 6 1
Boston 002 305 00x — 10 16 0

Milton, Belisle (6) and Valentin; Clement, Mantel (9) and Varitek, Mirabelli (9). W—Clement 7-1. L—Milton 3-8. HRs—Cincinnati, Valentin (2). Boston, MRamirez (13).

Houston 020 003 000 — 5 9 2
Baltimore 061 001 00x — 8 14 0

Backe, Harville (4), JoFranco (6), Burns (6), Springer (8) and Quintero; Penn, Williams (6), Julio (8), BRyan (9) and Fasano. W—Penn 1-0. L—Backe 6-4. Sv—BRyan (17). HRs—Houston, Ensberg (15), Lane (9). Baltimore, Gibbons (10), Bigbie (1).

Arizona 160 010 000 — 8 11 0
Chicago (A) 000 100 000 — 1 8 0

Estes and CSnyder; Contreras,

LVizcaino (7), Takatsu (8) and Widger. W—Estes 5-4. L—Contreras 3-3. HRs—Arizona, LGonzalez (10), Glaus (15), ShGreen (8), CSnyder (3). Chicago, Thomas (3).

Atlanta 000 000 012 — 3 6 1
Texas 302 200 00x — 7 11 0

THudson, Vasquez (3), Boyer (6), Foster (7), Gryboski (8) and JEstrada, McCann (6); Young, Loe (8), BShouse (8), FCordero (9) and Barajas. W—Young 6-3. L—THudson 6-5. HRs—Atlanta, AJones (16). Texas, Blalock (11), ASoriano 2 (17).

Washington 000 001 000 — 1 5 0
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Loaiza, SKim (4), Tucker (6) and Schneider; Byrd, Yan (7), Woods (9) and BMolina, Paul (9). W—Byrd 6-5. L—Loaiza 2-5. HRs—Los Angeles, JRivera (4), VGuerrero (8), McPherson (6).

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Willis, TSmith (8), Mota (9) and Lo Duca; Koronka, Borowski (5), Remlinger (6), Ohman (8), Bartosh (9) and Barrett. W—Willis 11-2. L—Koronka 1-2. HR—Florida, LCastillo (1).



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Feeling chipper

Jack Mitchell chips onto the 18th green during last week's Hidden Hills Senior Scramble.

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Michael Jackson, a free man, acquitted on all counts

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — Basking in the jurors' decision to acquit his client of all counts, Michael Jackson's lawyer said Tuesday the singer will no longer share his bed with young boys.

"He's not going to do that anymore," attorney Thomas Mesereau Jr. told NBC's "Today." "He's not going to make himself vulnerable to this anymore."

Jackson was found not guilty Monday of child molestation, conspiracy and other counts. Jurors said the accusations of a young boy and his family were not credible — a total legal victory that triggered jubilation among the pop star's fans and embarrassment for the district

attorney's office.

Mesereau said the singer was still recovering from the ordeal.

"He's going to take it one day at a time. It's been a terrible, terrible process for him," Mesereau said Tuesday.

A raucous welcome greeted Jackson as he returned to his Neverland Ranch on Monday afternoon. As a convoy of black SUVs carrying him and his entourage pulled through the gates, his sister La Toya rolled down a window, smiled widely and waved. The crowd responded with a euphoric cheer.

"All of us here and millions around the world love and support you," proclaimed a banner strung

across a fence by the compound in Los Olivos that Jackson said he created to provide himself with the childhood he never enjoyed.

"It's victory," said Tracee Raynaud, 39. "God is alive and well."

The acquittals marked a stinging defeat for Santa Barbara County District Attorney Tom Sneddon, who displayed open hostility for Jackson and had

more than a decade, trying to prove the rumors that swirled around Jackson about his fondness for children.

"I'm not going to look back and apologize for anything that we've done."

— Tom Sneddon
Prosecuting attorney

Sneddon sat with his head in his hands after the verdicts were read.

"We don't select victims of crimes and we don't select the family. We try to make a conscientious decision and go forward," Sneddon said afterward, adding "I'm not going to look back and apologize for anything that we've done."

Jurors may have acquitted Jackson of all charges of molesting a 13-year-

old cancer survivor, but not all of them were convinced the King of Pop had never molested a child.

"He's just not guilty of the crimes he's been charged with," said Ray Hultman, who told The Associated Press he was one of three people on the 12-person panel who voted to acquit only after the other nine persuaded them there was reasonable doubt about the entertainer's guilt in this particular case.

Prosecutors presented testimony about Jackson's allegedly improper relationships with several boys in the early 1990s, including the son of a maid who testified that Jackson molested him during tickling session between 1987 and 1990.

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Bomb explodes outside bank in Kirkuk amid elderly, children

KIRKUK, Iraq (AP) — A bomb exploded outside a bank in this northern city Tuesday, killing 19 people, including child street vendors and pensioners waiting for their checks. In Baghdad, the bodies of 24 men killed in ambushes were brought to a hospital.

A suicide car bomber also rammed his vehicle into an Iraqi army checkpoint, killing five soldiers and wounding two others in Kan'an, about 30 miles north of Baghdad, Iraqi Army Col. Ismael Ibrahim said. Two civilians were also wounded.

Two U.S. soldiers were killed Monday when a roadside bomb exploded next to their vehicle near the battleground city of Ramadi, west of Baghdad, the military said Tuesday. At least 1,703 U.S. military members have died since the war began in 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

The attack in Kirkuk was allegedly claimed in an Internet posting by al-Qaida in Iraq, and it came as the Shiite-dominated government of Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari received a near overwhelming vote of confidence in the Iraqi National Assembly on a promise to help restore security to violence-torn Iraq.

Al-Jaafari's 37-member government, announced on April 28, was approved by a show of hands in the 275-member parliament.

Although it has made quashing the insurgency its top priority, his government has been criticized for its seeming inability to stop a wave of attacks that have killed more than 1,000 people since its inception.

Security forces captured a reported key member of Abu-Musab al-Zarqawi's al-Qaida in Iraq terrorist group who is accused of building and selling cars used by suicide bombers, the Iraqi government said Tuesday.

He was identified as Jassim Hazan Hamadi al-Bazi, also known as Abu Ahmed, and was arrested June 7, the gov-

ernment said. It added that he was part of an al-Qaida cell run by a man identified as Hussayn Ibrahim.

The spree of killings comes as lawmakers wrangle over how big a say Sunni Arab Muslims should have drawing up the country's new constitution. The dispute threatens to further alienate Sunni Arabs, who fell from power after their patron, Saddam Hussein, was ousted and detained. Sunni Arabs account for most of the insurgents wreaking havoc across Iraq.

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In Kirkuk, 180 miles north of Baghdad, a bomb killed 19 people, including child street vendors and retirees waiting for checks outside the Rafidiyan Bank, said police Brig. Sarhad Qadir. He said another 81 people were injured.

The bomb exploded close to a pedestrian bridge crossing the road in front of the bank. Children and other vendors selling products from sugar to kitchen utensils on both the bridge and the road underneath were among those killed.

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◀ Pampa firefighters John Evans, left, and Jerry Brock open a fire plug at Kentucky and Hamilton as they perform annual tests on fire plugs much to the joy of neighborhood children.

Aruba releases ex-guards; focus changes to trio in mystery of missing Alabama teen

ORANJESTAD, Aruba (AP) — Authorities freed two former hotel security guards detained after Natalee Holloway vanished, intensifying the focus Tuesday on three younger men who took the Alabama teenager to a beach before she disappeared.

Officials who confirmed the release of Antonius "Mickey" John, 30, and Abraham Jones, 28, late Monday declined to comment on whether they were making progress in solving the mystery of Holloway's disappearance on the Dutch Caribbean island during a student trip.

"The investigation is ongoing," Attorney General Caren Janssen told The Associated Press.

Justice authorities refused to comment further Tuesday. But government spokesman Ruben Trapenberg said the release of the men "probably means they had nothing to do with this case and prosecutors were able to check out their alibis."

The release came after the teen's mother, Betty Holloway Twitty, told AP she believed the two ex-security

guards were innocent but that the three other young men knew what happened and should be pressed to tell the truth.

Lawyers for John and Jones filed court petitions

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Attorney

Monday seeking an order for their release, but they were let go before a judge reviewed the motions, according to John's lawyer, Noraina Pietersz.

"These guys had nothing to do with this case and this decision reflects that," Pietersz said.

No one has been charged, and lawyers for the three men still in custody and the two freed men all say their clients

are innocent

"I'm very happy but also disappointed," John said by telephone after his release from detention that began June 5. "I knew from day one that I was innocent."

Holloway vanished early May 30, hours before she was expected at the airport to return home after a five-day vacation with 124 classmates and seven chaperones celebrating graduation from Mountain Brook, Ala., High School. Her U.S. passport and packed bags were found in her room.

John and Jones, who had worked as security guards at a nearby hotel, were detained after the three young men said they dropped her off and last saw her around 2 a.m. being approached in the car park of her hotel by a black man in a security guard uniform.

Holloway Twitty said if she did not see results soon, she might start to believe authorities were trying to protect the young men, who told police they took the 18-year-old Holloway to a beach after an evening of dancing and drinking, hours before

she disappeared.

One of the three is a 17-year-old Dutch honors student at Aruba International School who is the son of a high-ranking judicial official in Aruba and whose detained friends told police he was kissing and fondling the girl in the back of the car when they went to the beach.

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