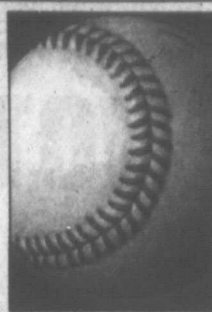


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Traffic stop nets 3 arrests

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

A traffic stop in the 700 block of Hazel Street resulted in the arrest of three Pampans early Saturday. Gray County Sheriff's Deputy Rhett Rollins stopped the vehicle at 12:40 a.m. Saturday for an alleged traffic violation which had occurred in front of Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester, according to Lt. Joe B. Hoard of the sheriff's office.

"As he approached the vehicle, he smelled an odor thought to be marijuana. He saw a cigar in a cup holder in the vehicle, and asked the driver to hand it to him," Hoard said. "The driver tried to destroy the cigar as he was handing it to the deputy."

The driver, David Young Sinches, 51, of Pampa was arrested, handcuffed and placed in a patrol car, and the vehicle was searched, Hoard said.

"The search yielded a rocklike substance in the ash tray," Hoard said. The substance is believed to be a controlled substance.

Sinches was booked into Gray County Jail on charges of manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance and tampering with evidence, according to jail records. He remains in jail as of press time today in lieu of \$10,000 bond on the controlled substance charge plus \$8,000 bond on the tampering charge.

Two passengers in the vehicle were also arrested. Ira Lee Smith, 46, of Pampa was arrested on municipal court warrants for failure to appear and no seat belt. He was later released from jail on bond, according to jail records.

Tamara Crystal Price, 19, of Pampa was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia and was later released from jail on bond, according to jail records.



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English teacher banquet speaker

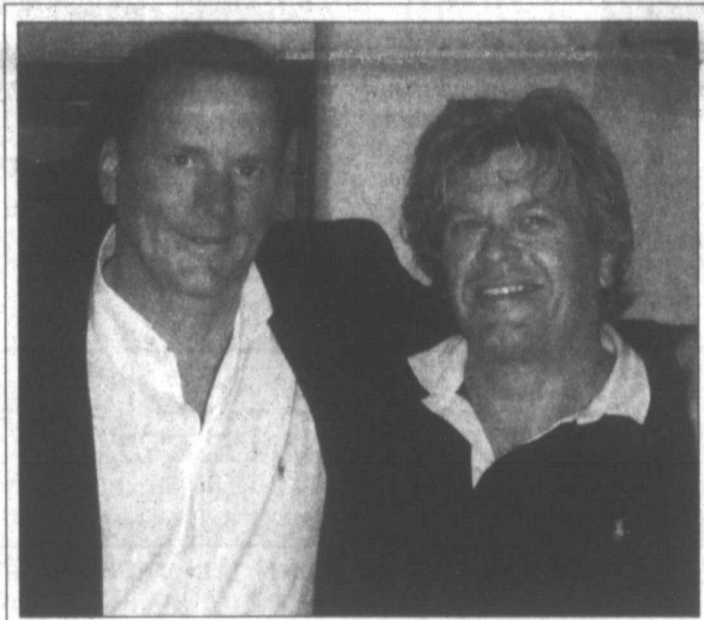
Linda Haynes, Pampa High School English teacher, will be guest speaker for Tuesday night's PHS Honors Banquet.

Twenty-two seniors, including four superintendent scholars, will be honored at the banquet, which begins at 7 p.m. at Pampa Country Club.

Haynes grew up in Oklahoma and graduated from Weatherford, Okla., High School. She holds a bachelor's from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, and a master's from West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

She began her teaching career in 1960, but left the classroom in 1978 to pursue careers as an award-winning newspaper editor, then public relations and marketing executive at Pampa Regional Medical Center, and finally a free-lance writer and marketing consultant.

Haynes returned to teaching in 1991 and has taught English at PHS since 1998.



Courtesy photo

Kid Dave Miller, left, with buddy Ron White.

Pampa native enjoys life as standup comic

By AARON PEPPER Staff Intern

The rock 'n' roll lifestyle is often composed of driving all day to reach a smoke filled bar, spending a few hours putting on a show for the smallest crowd in weeks, and having a few drinks before getting back on the road to repeat the cycle again. But Pampa native "Kid" Dave Miller is no rock star. He's a stand-up comic. His cross-country lifestyle has been 20 years in the making.

"I first started when I was 28, single and living out of my car going club to club," Miller said. "My first road trip was 13 weeks long. At first it was a big party, but now I'm older, and the road trips are shorter."

Despite the years, according to Miller, he still finds something in the wasted time and empty miles.

"The life of a road comic is full of travel, hotels, spare time and odd hours," he said. "You only have things to do for a couple of hours a night, so you end up spending a lot of time in bars because you're already there, and you're awake."

Of course, Miller's career began in a bar. He first found work at Funny Bones, a comedy club in Arlington. Had he not been tending bar on amateur night, he likely would never have begun comedy.

See MILLER, Page 3

Commission to consider bids, ordinances, property

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

The Pampa City Commission is expected to let two bids, consider two ordinances and sell eight of nine pieces of tax delinquent properties during their regular meeting at 4 p.m. Tuesday in commission chambers at City Hall.

They will also consider changing the economic development corporation by-laws, consider funding for handicapped parking at M.K. Brown Civic Center and consider joining an alliance to review a proposed Xcel Energy rate increase.

The commission will consider bids for the 2006 Seal Coating Project and for the city communication tower.

They will also hear the second reading of a city ordinance establishing a curfew for minors and will hear the first reading on a city ordinance allowing for the discharge of water from swimming pools and ponds into the sewer system.

City Manager John Horst said the city has no ordinance dealing with water discharged from pools and ponds and that with a growing number of above ground

pools in the city, many times that water is discharged into alleys.

The commission will consider a change in the EDC by-laws that would allow the EDC board of directors to change their legal address as needed. The EDC's by-laws now specify City Hall as their address, but the EDC has taken offices in the Pampa Chamber of Commerce Building.

Using a \$32,000 grant from the M.K. Brown Foundation, the commission will consider funding the remaining \$98,000 to bring the M.K. Brown Civic Center into compliance with handicap laws.

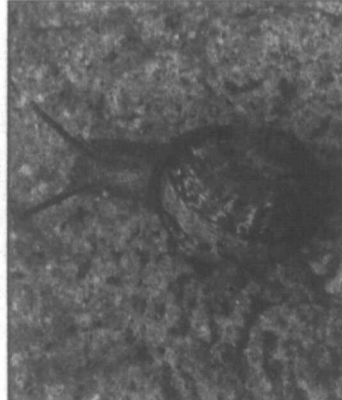
They will also consider joining an alliance of communities facing Xcel Energy rate hikes.

The city staff is recommending the sale of tax delinquent properties at 117 Huff Rd., 805 S. Gray, 920 Jordan, 902 Clark, 632 Somerville, 421 Crest, 520 Barns and 1056 Varnon Dr.

The staff is recommending waiting on the sale of tax delinquent property at 703 E. Foster until after the structure on the property has been demolished.

Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

A snail made its way slowly across a Pampa driveway Friday afternoon as rain fell in the area. A weather station near Recreation Park recorded 1.18 inch of rainfall for Friday, followed by .65 inch as of Sunday night.



Substance abuse resources

Following is a list of resources for substance abusers and their loved ones which was provided at Thursday night's substance abuse meeting at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium. The meeting was the last in a six-part series on drug abuse and featured a first-person account of drug and alcohol abuse and recovery.

Local Residential

Genesis House Residential treatment for males and females ages 13 through 17 P.O. Box 337, Pampa 665-7123

Victory Outreach Ministry Adult men's ministry 513 Magnolia 665-2835

Local Support Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous 910 W. Kentucky 665-9702

Parents' Al-Anon Bible Church of Pampa 440-6029

Clean Air Al-Anon 2906 Duniven Circle, Amarillo

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Local Counseling and Referrals

Betty McKnight, LCDC 669-3126

Pampa Independent School District Safe and Drug-Free Schools Lesley Gershmel, LMSW, LCDC 669-4800 ext. 124

Other Area Resources

Amarillo Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse

Referral resources 374-6688

The Pavilion Acute detox, adolescent crisis stabilization

Northwest Texas Healthcare System 1-800-537-2585

Texas Department of Health Hotline Referral Service

Statewide treatment referral resources (877) 966-3784

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Obituaries

B.J. Gillis, 78

B.J. Gillis, 78, died Sunday, May 7, 2006. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors. Mr. Gillis was born Jan. 5, 1928, in Pampa, where he had been a lifelong resident. He married Jean Eddy on June 14, 1952, in Clovis, N.M., and she preceded him in death on May 14, 1977. He was a lab technician for Phillips Petroleum, retiring in 1985. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints of Pampa. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army, serving

during World War II. Survivors include two daughters, Patricia Ann Feinauer of Grand Prairie, and Glenda Bowen of Pampa; one son, Daniel Gillis of Carrollton; one brother, Jerry Gillis of Amarillo; two sisters, Clarice Jones of Amarillo and Aris Britton of Fredericksburg; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandson. The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, Texas 79065.

Lazaro B. Rosalez Jr., 52

Lazaro B. Rosalez Jr., 52, died May 7, 2006, in Amarillo, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors. Mr. Rosalez was born April 28, 1954, in Carrizo Springs. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1971. He worked for Nelson-Sikes Pipeline and Curtis Well Service. He was an auto body



Rosalez

mechanic and an avid gardener. Survivors include one son, John Andrew Rosalez of Pampa; one daughter, Vanessa Marie Maasch of Rochester, Minn.; four brothers, Tony Hernandez of Fargo, N.D., and Pete Hernandez, Johnny Rosalez, and Roger Rosalez, all of Pampa; three sisters, Olga Sanchez of Bakersfield, Calif., and Mary Rosalez and Diana Torres, both of Pampa; one grandson: Juan Marcos Chavez Rosalez of Rochester, Minn.; and numerous nieces & nephews. The family requests memorials be to Iglesia Nueva Vida, 801 E. Campbell, Pampa, Texas 79065.

Marilyn Hale Yarbrough, 56

BORGER — Marilyn Hale Yarbrough, 56, died Friday, May 5, 2006, in Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 10, 2006, at First Baptist Church in Borger with the Rev. Scott Maze, pastor, and the Rev. Andy Dietz officiating. Burial will be in Stinnett Cemetery by Brown Funeral Directors of Borger. Mrs. Yarbrough was born Feb. 16, 1950, in Clarksville. She married Robert "Robby" Yarbrough on June 9, 1972, in Garland. She was office manager at Borger Healthcare Center and was a member of First Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her father, Kenerd Carl Hale in 2003, and a sister, Linda Kaye Richards in 1989. Survivors include her husband, John Robert "Robby" Yarbrough; one son, Philip Yarbrough and wife Kolleen of Madison, Ala.; one daughter, Ember Sherman and hus-

band Derek of Austin; three brothers, Mike Kelley of Masterson, Fred Kelley of Stinnett and Tracy Wilson of Troy, Mont.; four sisters, Lisa Anderson of Virginia, Karla Henderson and Sharma Whitmire, both of Stinnett, and Treva Wilson of WaKeeney, Kan.; her stepmother, Norma Hale of Stinnett; and four grandchildren, Koehler and Elyse Yarbrough of Madison, Ala., and Corbin and Bryson Sherman of Austin. Casket bearers will be Derek Sherman, Mike Kelley, Fred Kelley, Cody Kelley, Philip Yarbrough, Bobby Forrest, Bobby Bridges, and Scott Weddington. Honorary bearers will be K.C. Whitmire, Jake Whitmire and John Yarbrough. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be to Camp Masterson, 9255 West Cig Road, Masterson, TX 79058, or donations may be made to www.caring-bridge.org or to a favorite charity.

Gray County Weather

Today: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Partly cloudy, with a high around 85. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph. Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 59. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming southwest. Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 79. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Thirty-eight traffic stops were made, resulting in at least three arrests. Traffic complaints were received from intersection of Alcock and Naida streets and the intersection of Harvester and Terrace streets, where an arrest was made in connection with the incident. Motorist assistance was rendered in the 300 block of North Wells and at an unreported location. Vehicle accidents were reported in the 2400 block of Charles, the 300 block of North Hobart, the intersection of Highways 60 and 70, on two occasions at the intersection of Duncan and Harvester streets, and the 1200 block of Garland, where an arrest was made in connection with the incident. Agency assistance was rendered in the 400 block of Hughes, the 700 block of Hazel, the 300 block of North Sumner, the 300 block of North Christy, the intersection of Alcock and Dwight streets, the 300 block of North Dwight and the 1200 block of North Wells. Lost property was reported on two occasions in the police department lobby. A welfare check was made in the 800 block of West Kingsmill. Warrant service was attempted on three occasions, resulting in at least two arrests. Civil matters were reported in the police department lobby and the 2200 block of North Sumner. A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1100 block of Neel Road.

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Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atchey Grain of White Deer:

Wheat	4.17
Milo	3.35
Corn	4.24
Soybeans	4.89

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa:

OXY	102.87	-1.60
BP PLC ADR	75.28	-1.19
Cabot Corp	35.44	-0.21
Celanese	22.68	+0.18
Cabot Oil Gas	52.17	-0.55
Coca Cola	43.29	+0.58
VLO	64.32	-0.68
HAL	78.79	-0.85
TRI	41.02	+0.24
KMI	87.72	-0.59
XCEL	19.18	+0.13
Kerr McGee	103.25	-0.77
XOM	63.40	-0.60
Nat'l Oilwell	69.45	-1.97
Limited	26.93	+0.28
Williams	22.49	-0.19
MCD	35.30	+0.09
Almos	27.41	NC
Pioneer Nat	41.64	-0.78
JCP	67.00	+0.42
COP	65.70	-1.15
SLB	70.07	-1.39
Tenneco	25.18	+0.46
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Suspicious person calls were received from the 2100 block of North Hobart, the 1006 block of South Barrett, the 600 block of East Frederic, the intersection of Frederic and Graham streets, the 900 block of East Browning, the 1200 block of South Sumner, and on two occasions at One Medical Plaza.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 2100 block of North Russell.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 300 block of North Dwight.

Possession of drug paraphernalia was reported in the 300 block of North Sumner, where an arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Driving while intoxicated was reported in the 1200 block of Garland.

Disorderly conduct, public intoxication, minor in possession of tobacco and failure to identify were reported in the 1800 block of Alcock.

Disorderly conduct was reported at One Medical Plaza, the 2200 block of North Hobart, the 100 block of East Craven, the 1600 block of North Somerville, the 700 block of North Russell, and twice in the 1000 block of South Wells.

Criminal mischief was reported at PHS. The passenger side window of a 2002 Ford pickup was broken, resulting in estimated damage of \$400.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1800 block of Alcock. A 1999 Ford was keyed on both sides and the hood, and the left door was kicked in. Estimated cost of damage is \$800.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1100 block of Sandeewood, where a vehicle hood was damaged. Estimated cost of damage is \$1,000.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of Rider, the 900 block of East Frederic, the 1000 block of Varnon Drive and the 1800 block of Lynn.

Harassment was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart and the 700 block of North West.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 1300 block of Garland, the 700 block of North Banks, the 300 block of East Tuke, the intersection of 17th and Dogwood streets, the 500 block of North Roberta and the 1000 block of North Hobart.

Assault causing bodily injury was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester, and in the 300 block of Canadian, where minor injuries were reported.

Assault was reported in the 1800 block of Duncan. Five burglar alarms were reported.

Forgery was reported in

the police department lobby. The incident involved various locations.

Gas drive-offs were reported on two occasions at Allsup's, 1900 N. Hobart. Fuel valued at \$34.01 was taken during one incident, and fuel valued at \$48.90 was taken in the other incident.

Theft was reported in the 1000 block of South Christy. A blue Mongoose bicycle valued at \$90 was taken.

Burglary was reported in the 400 block of Pitts. Taken were a safe, medical supplies and several household items, for an estimated loss of \$3,600.

Burglary was reported in the 300 block of South Starkweather.

Sheriff

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

Saturday, May 6
David Allen Jeffries, 17, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department in the 1300 block of Coffee for assault causing bodily injury and criminal mischief.

Noel Cherie Sieber, 30, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of East Kingsmill by PPD for failure to appear, permitting an unlicensed driver to drive, failure to maintain financial responsibility, two counts of expired motor vehicle inspection and two counts of displaying expired registration.

Steven Lee Cook, 49, of Pampa was arrested in the 400 block of North Somerville by PPD for failure to stop and render aid.

Joe K. Graves, 50, of Pampa was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated and open container.

Shawn Edge, 31, of Washita, Okla. was arrested by PPD for public intoxication and failure to identify.

Tyrell Owen Terry, 20, of Pampa was arrested in the 1200 block of Garland by PPD for driving while intoxicated and no insurance.

Sunday, May 7
Lisa Ann Hernandez, 21, of Pampa was arrested in the 500 block of Roberta by PPD for assault causing bodily injury/family violence.

Elia Gomez, 19, of Pampa was arrested by DPS for speeding and two counts of driving while license is invalid.

Ashmod Rashard Sessions, 26, of Pampa was

arrested in the 1100 block of Varnon Drive by PPD for delivery of a controlled substance in a drug-free zone, escape while arrested and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Dominguez Delgado Gustavo, 20, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for no valid driver's license and no seat belt.

Paul Duane Adams, 44, of Pampa was arrested by DPS on a Randall County warrant for criminal non-support.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the weekend period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, May 6
1:37 p.m. — Two units and seven personnel responded to the intersection of Hobart and Francis on a vehicle accident.

3:20 p.m. — Two units and seven personnel responded to the 300 block of North Jean on a vehicle fire.

5:10 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to One Medical Plaza on an aircraft standby.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the weekend period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, May 6
10:47 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of Garland and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

1:22 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 300 block of North Sumner and transported a patient to PRMC.

1:39 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the intersection of Hobart and Francis and transported a patient to PRMC.

4:41 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

6:28 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1300 block of Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

7:38 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1400 block of Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

Sunday, May 7
12:38 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of North Wells

Miller

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"I happened to be working on open mic night, and I saw how terrible most of the acts were," he said. "I told myself that I could do better. That night, I went home and started writing material."

Writing has been the staple of Miller's comedy career. While he writes his own material, he also writes bits for other comics as well as a column depicting life on the road for *SHECKYmagazine.com*, an online publication aimed toward comedians.

Miller's early years in small towns have given him a different perspective than many others may see. However, increasing popularity is coming to "rural"

and transported a patient to PRMC.

1:58 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

5:54 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient to NWTH.

Monday, May 8
3:23 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 600 block of North Somerville. No transport.

4:32 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2700 block of North Hobart and transported a patient to PRMC.

4:41 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of North Williston. No transport.

Correction

The Friday May 5 issue of The Pampa News reported that Pampa City Commission Candidate Bill Allison had been in the car business for 10 years. He worked for CIT Financial Services for 10 years. He's been in the car business for 30 years.

comedians and their particular style.

"There are several guys from around [Pampa], and we all seem to have the same laid back, sarcastic spin," he said. "It's like 'I'm country, but I'm not stupid.'"

One of Miller's favored stage mates is "Blue Collar Comedy Tour's" Ron White. White, like Miller, began his comedic career at

Arlington's Funny Bones.

"I have written several jokes for Ron, but it's not about the joke, it's about that Ron White spin," Miller said.

Laughing Hyena Records, producers of White and Jeff Foxworthy's first albums, released Miller's first recording, "Kicked Out," last year.

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Viewpoints

Texans share thoughts on domestic legislative agenda

Earlier this year, I asked for your input on a variety of legislative issues through a series of "Listening Posts." These surveys elicited a strong response, and I would like to thank everyone who participated. Texans provided many thoughtful comments and suggestions, and I will keep these in mind as I serve you in the Senate.

My first Listening Post addressed our government's domestic legislative agenda. Most respondents want Congress to develop a national energy policy that reduces our dependence on foreign oil.

One constituent wrote, "A national energy policy that would make us self-sufficient would pay dividends in all areas foreign and domestic." Another said, "We will always be dependent on foreign oil, but we can develop policies to reduce consumption with only minor changes in our standard of living."

Many readers also advocated

increasing our efforts to develop alternative sources of energy.

"Start moving toward more solar and wind power generating clean electric energy," one person replied. "This would help the environment and reduce the importation of oil. We will have to go this route anyway in the future. Oil is a limited resource."

I am working with my colleagues in Congress to develop a sensible policy to address our country's energy needs. The Energy Policy Act of 2005, which Congress passed last year, is a step in the right direction. This bill offered incentives for development of solar energy, wind, biomass and geothermal renewable sources of energy. Texas has the second-highest potential for wind energy in the nation and will benefit from expanded resources developed through this research.

Last year, I secured funding for the Texas Tech Great Plains Wind Power Test Facility. This project will test, characterize, and

improve grid-connected wind turbines and wind-driven water desalination systems. Such research will create jobs and enhance our renewable energy sources such as wind energy.

In the realm of taxes, a majority of Texans surveyed agree that tax cuts should continue because

Kay Bailey Hutchison

U.S. Senator



they have stimulated the economy.

"Reduce taxes and reduce spending," wrote a respondent. "A balanced budget should not be that hard to accomplish."

President Bush's 2007 budget request moves in that direction. It proposes making the tax cuts permanent and cutting the deficit in half by 2009. Abolishing the

death tax was also popular among Texans, with 74 percent support, and the Senate plans to vote on making its repeal permanent as early as this month.

Homeland security responses conflicted. Though a majority of Texans want to extend the USA PATRIOT Act, many are also concerned with protecting the rights of private citizens.

Regarding efforts to improve our educational system, most Texans believe we should focus on improving schools in grades K-12.

One reader replied, "We must meet the needs of all students, including many who will not pursue a college education. Too much mandated testing hinders teachers in that they have too little time to actually teach. There is too much teaching to a test. As a retired teacher and now serving on the local school board, this is a very real concern."

As chair of the Senate's Subcommittee on Science and

Space, I want us to work on a big-picture solution that will keep the United States at the forefront of science and engineering for decades. A bill I have co-sponsored, the Protecting America's Competitive Edge (PACE) Act, invests in both research and education.

Our teachers must have the educational background and training they need to be successful, and one way the PACE Act helps is by providing funding for three-year master's degree programs in math and science education for current teachers. We must encourage students to enter engineering and science programs. The PACE Act, if enacted, will award four-year merit-based scholarships to students who want to major in hard sciences and engineering.

In the next few weeks, I will provide Capitol Comments responding to my Listening Posts concerning foreign affairs and immigration.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, May 8, the 128th day of 2006. There are 237 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 8, 1945, President Truman announced in a radio address that World War II had ended in Europe.

On this date:

In 1541, Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto reached the Mississippi River.

In 1794, Antoine Lavoisier, the father of modern chemistry, was executed on the guillotine during France's Reign of Terror.

In 1846, the first major battle of the Mexican War was fought at Palo Alto, Texas, resulting in victory for Gen. Zachary Taylor's forces.

In 1884, the 33rd president of the United States, Harry S. Truman, was born near Lamar, Mo.

In 1886, Atlanta pharmacist John Styth Pemberton invented the flavor syrup for Coca-Cola.

In 1958, Vice President Nixon was shoved, stoned,

'The biggest big business in America is not steel, automobiles, or television. It is the manufacture, refinement and distribution of anxiety.'

— Eric Sevareid
American news commentator
(1912-1992)

booed and spat upon by anti-American protesters in Lima, Peru.

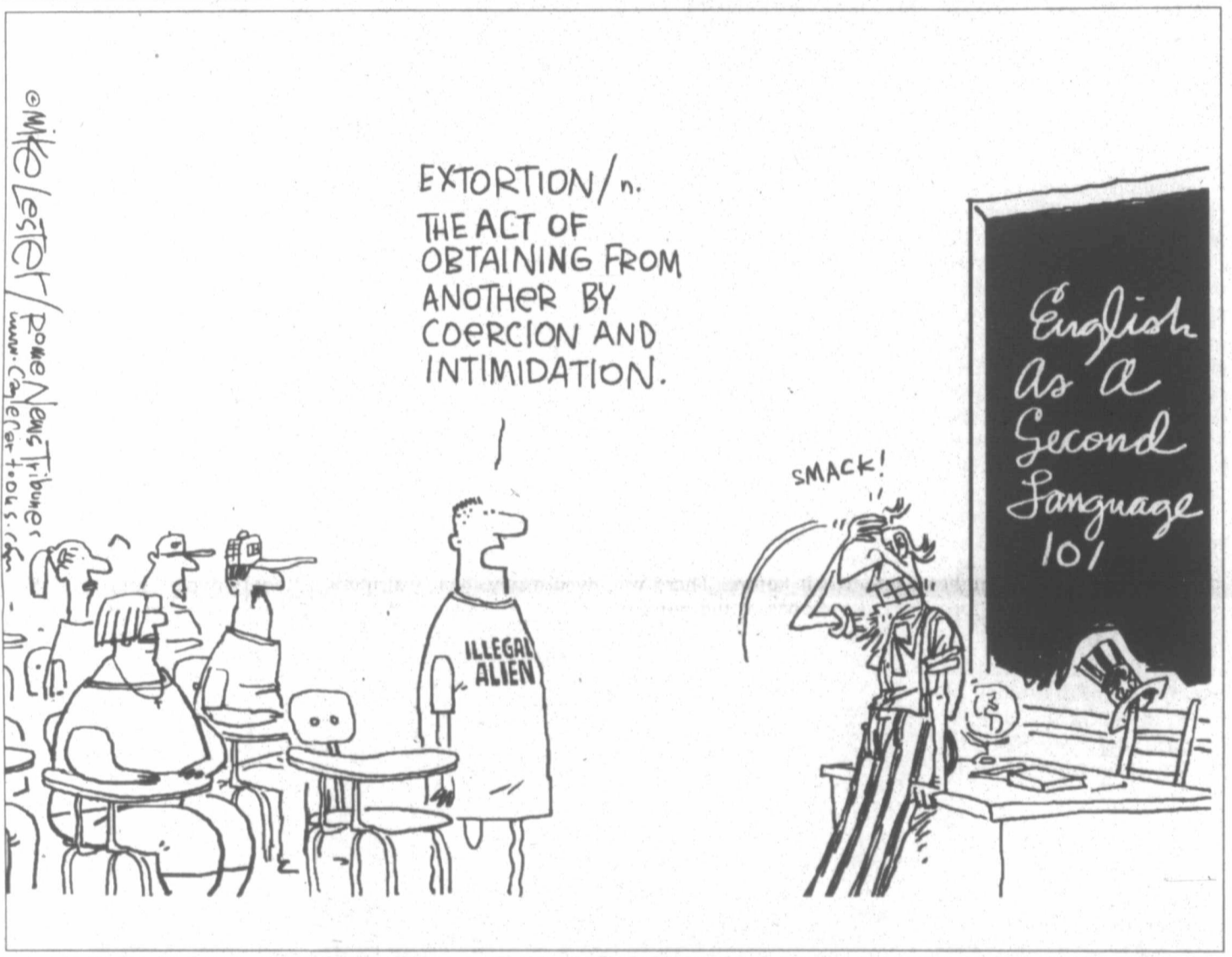
In 1962, the musical comedy "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" opened on Broadway.

In 1970, construction workers broke up an anti-war protest on New York's Wall Street.

In 1973, militant American Indians who'd held the South Dakota hamlet of Wounded Knee for 10 weeks surrendered.

In 1978, David R. Berkowitz pleaded guilty in a Brooklyn courtroom to the "Son of Sam" killings that had terrified New Yorkers.

Ten years ago: Postal inspectors wrapped up a two-year sting operation in 36 states against a child pornography ring. South Africa took another step from apartheid to democracy by adopting a constitution that guaranteed equal rights for blacks and whites. Julie Andrews declined her Tony Award nomination after her show, "Victor/Victoria," was snubbed for best musical.



Circumstances warrant bold energy move

As anyone remotely into New Age voodoo knows, the Chinese symbol for crisis is said to consist of the words "danger" and "opportunity."

Not conversant with Chinese, we must accept this derived wisdom on faith. But if that is indeed the symbol, it applies perfectly to the situation the Bush administration faces in the rapid escalation of gas prices.

A less elegant way of putting it is that the best cure for a headache may be a broken foot. In the pain in one's lower extremity, one forgets the discomfort up above.

Bush is never going to solve the massive negatives he is suffering as a result of the war in Iraq. His best shot is to distract Americans with a stellar performance in a new crisis, and the rise in gas prices comes along at just the right time.

The key is to seize the day. The president's pathetically weak warning that we are facing a long, hot summer and that gas prices might rise even more sounds helpless and removed. Instead of lamenting high prices, he should pounce on the opportunity to lead America away from an oil-dependent economy.

Using the sense of danger and vulnerability Americans feel as prices drive their family budgets out of whack, he can energize and lead the nation in the way that he did so successfully

after Sept. 11.

He should address the nation on television and call on Congress to act quickly on massive new investments to increase the production of alcohol-based fuels and cars that can accommodate them. He should plunge ahead in the development of hydrogen-fueled cars and the conversion of gas stations to provide hydrogen. He should call for major new facilities to produce hydrogen and the rapid production of vehicles that can run on it.

Where private-sector investment is needed — as in the production of the cars — he should incentivize it through tax policy and require it through regulation. Where public investment is involved, he should build up our infrastructure rapidly with a massive outlay of funds.

We live in one of those times when a major public investment is needed. It is time for the same sort of commitment to infrastructure change as animated the canals and railroads of the 19th century and the super-highways and fiber-optic networks of the 20th.

The current slow pace of expansion of alcohol-based fuels will take decades

before we are fully converted away from oil. But the science is there and the technology is being refined to make the production of alcohol fuels ever more efficient. And hydrogen is not far behind.

The feds need to blaze a path in using natural gas, electrolysis and biomass (including landfill gas) to make hydrogen. Washington should pay gas stations to convert their facilities to make possible the widespread use of alcohol and hydrogen fuels.

In the last analysis, Bush invaded Afghanistan and Iraq after Sept. 11 because the energy and focus that horrible day made it possible to do what had needed doing for decades: to clean out those two cesspools of terror and repression. Now a crisis has again awakened the nation, and the president should seize the moment to lead America toward a solution.

If there is one conclusion all Americans can embrace, it is that only by converting from oil dependency can we hope to tame Middle East terrorism. We must stop paying terrorists at the pump even as we pay to repress them with our taxes. If the logic of global climate

change leaves this president unmoved, then at least the dire economics of gas-price inflation and the global realities of petro-politics should push him in the right direction.

Bush will never win on Iraq. That is not to say he will never win in Iraq. There is probably a pretty good chance that U.S. casualties will drop and that we will be able to withdraw substantial forces. There is even some chance that in the coming years violence will abate in that torn nation. Possibly even democracy can take hold. But Bush's presidency will not live to see that outcome, and Iraq will still look like a mess on television even if Americans are less and less directly threatened.

But to stop his administration from dissolving into irrelevance and to hold majorities in the '06 election he must act to create a second-term cause. He's tried Social Security and immigration and run into a wall on each. But the field is pretty clear, should he decide to launch a bold energy initiative.

If it is truly bold and all encompassing, he may yet salvage his second term. Right now he looks like a one-term president in his second four-year stint.

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Sports Day



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Catcher James Coffee looks in for the sign from Pampa coach Clay Wilson during Game 2 of the Class 4A Bidistrict playoffs at Tascosa High School in Amarillo. The Harvesters fell to Lubbock Estacado, 9-8. Pampa was eliminated from the post-season, 2-0, in the best-of-three series against the Matadors.

Pampa bows out of post-season

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

It was an emotion-filled afternoon Saturday as Pampa and Lubbock Estacado squared off in Game 2 of the Class 4A Bidistrict baseball playoff round at Tascosa High School in Amarillo.

The Harvesters were down 1-0 in the best-of-three series going into Saturday, falling to the Matadors, 12-1, the day before.

Fans, coaches and players from both sides were angered in the bottom of the first in Game 2 by what appeared to be confusion on the field among the umpiring crew.

Once play resumed, the tension remained just a spark away from ignition.

That came in the sixth. Down 7-2 at one point, the Harvesters fought back to take an 8-7 lead into the bottom of the sixth.

Ignition. The Matadors plated a run to tie the game at 8 all. Then, events uncharacteristic by Pampa High School standards began to unfold.

And while play on the field was clouded by confusion, Estacado's E.Z. Reyna scored what proved to be the winning run in the error-filled contest (Pampa 5,

Estacado 8). Pampa ends the season with an overall record of 18-10. The Harvesters were 9-1

in District 3-4A, with a district co-championship, the team's second title in as many years.

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MORE THAN JUST ANOTHER FISH STORY

Thank you Lake Mackenzie

Let me preface today's column by saying I am one of those who believes a bad day fishing is better than a good day at work. I think it might be safe to say my son, Michael, is too.

We have fished most of the native ponds here in the Panhandle, though Meredith and Greenbelt generally get the bulk of our bait, live and artificial. Sure, we have caught a few fish. One afternoon some time back, I even caught a few turtles at Meredith. We have both pulled a couple decent bass out of Greenbelt.

But we have never had one of those great days that so many have and brag about. You know...the kind where you stumble on to the 'honey hole' and the fish can't wait for you to hook them.

That all changed shortly after 8 a.m. Thursday.

Michael and I discovered Lake Mackenzie a couple years back. Just as we have other fishin' holes, we have pulled a fish or two out of Mackenzie. But Thursday, we could do no wrong.

I had scanned the fishing report the night before. Michael and I then ran to the store for licenses, night crawlers and a new minnow bucket. He bought a new spinner lure while I opted for a pack of white plastic worms. Again, I read the report.

The skies were overcast and it was a

little chilly Thursday morning. In short, perfect fishing weather. The water level was higher than I had seen it before. There was even a new boat dock at the ramp we like to fish near.

Michael J.
Stevens
Sports
Editor



Not more than 10 minutes after arriving at our favorite spot, I hooked a bass (white plastic worm, no leader, slow reel). Until that very moment, I wondered how I was going to explain or justify to my wife why I spent so much money in anticipation of this one day of fishing - including three new poles and two new reels courtesy of eBay (I really like eBay).

I unhooked and released the first catch of the day. "If this is the only thing I catch today, the trip was worth it," I said to my son. He then caught one. And another. And another. I wonder if the lady at the marina bait shop could hear the echoes of us whooping it up and congratulating ourselves. Expense justified.

By the end of the day, we estimated our catch count to be somewhere between 35 and 40, a mix of bass and strippers with only two or three sunfish. We out-fished the few boat anglers on the lake that day. And as we are catch-and-release fishermen, we left them all for someone else to hook and enjoy.

Equally, the trip was made even more special by all that we saw that day. Plenty of deer dotted the road as we drove through Palo Duro Canyon. There were deer all around Lake Mackenzie, too, as well as wild turkeys, hawks and what I think was an eagle. And the ducks and geese that kept us company most of the morning and later in the afternoon provided entertainment during those brief periods when our fishing poles were inactive.

"Fishing pressure" is how park and wildlife officials measure the number of anglers at any lake. The fishing pressure is always low when we visit Mackenzie. In fact, we often feel like we have the whole lake to ourselves. Truly one of the best kept secrets within an hour or two's drive from home.

A bad day fishing is better than a good day of work. But a great day of fishing - especially with your child - no matter how old - is priceless.

Lady Harvesters to face Andrews

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Lady Harvesters used solid pitching and great defense to shut out El Paso Del Valle in the Area round of the Class 4A softball playoffs over the weekend.

Pampa's Nicole Clark tossed a one-hitter in Friday's 10-0 win. Cassy Tice then blanked Del Valle 6-0 Saturday to take the Area championship.

The Lady Harvesters, champions of District 3-4A, will face the Lady Mustangs of Andrews in a best-of-three Regional Quarterfinal playoff series in Plainview Friday and Saturday.

Game 1 will start at 6 p.m. Friday. Game 2 will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday. If needed, Game 3 will start 30 minutes after the conclusion of Game 2.

The Lady Mustangs advanced to the Regional

Quarterfinal round by defeating El Paso Chapin 2-1 in their best-of-three series, 4-0, 2-3, 8-3.

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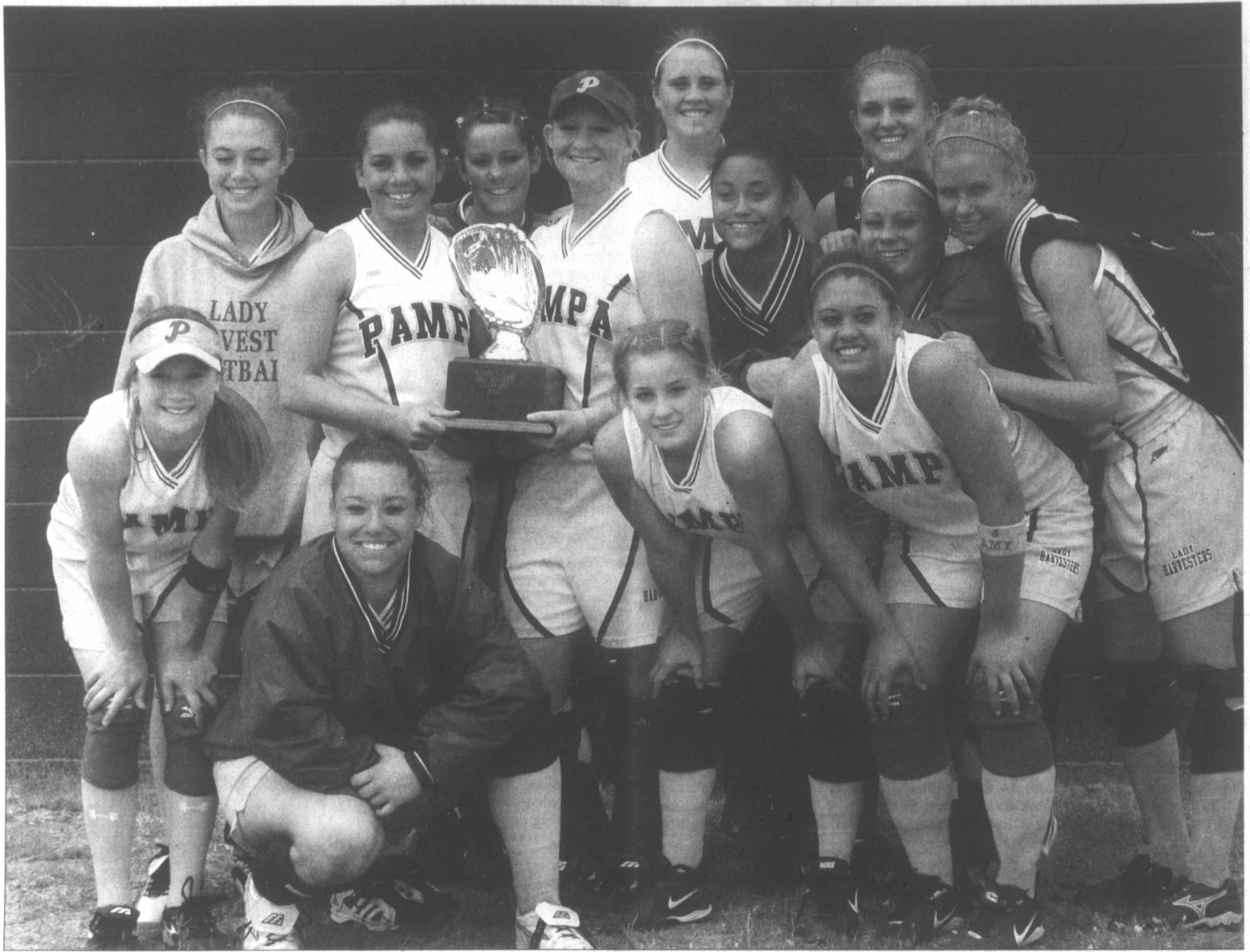


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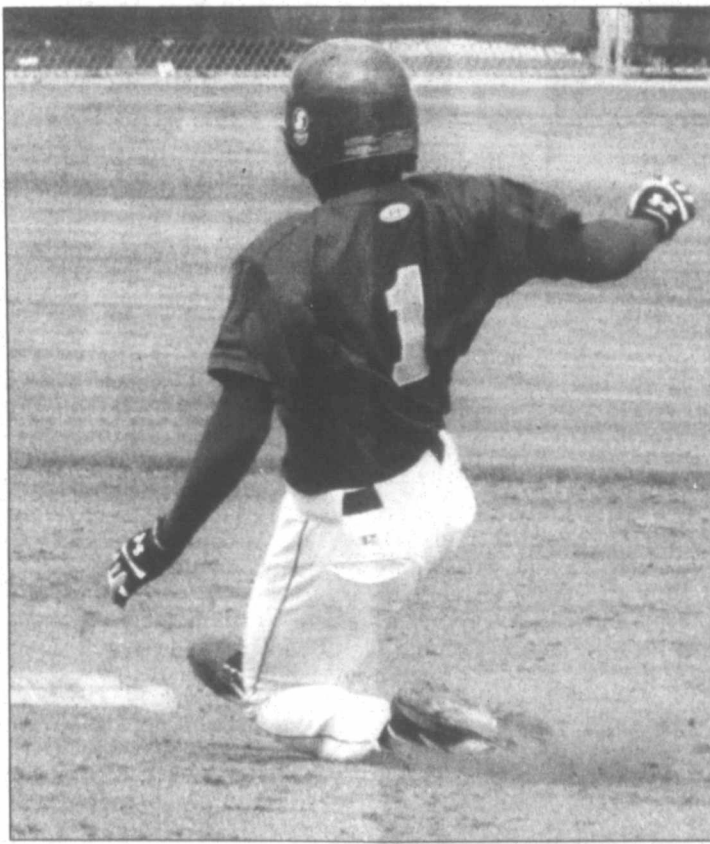
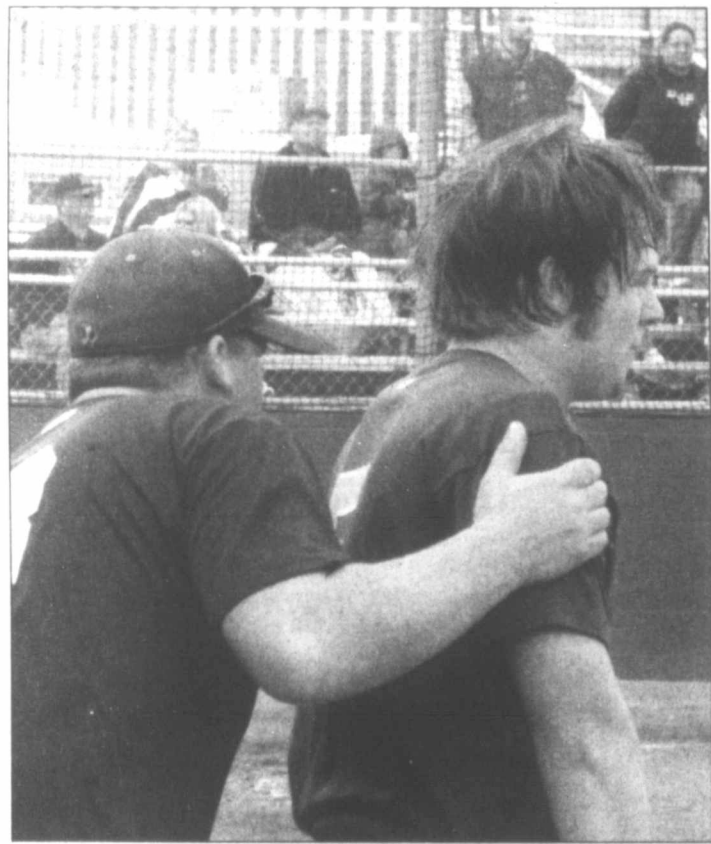
Area champions



Courtesy photo

The Pampa High School Lady Harvesters softball team is all smiles after winning the Class 4A Area Championship over the weekend in Lubbock. Pampa dropped El Paso Del Valle 10-0 in Game 1 of the best-of-three series Friday. The Lady Harvesters took Game 2 on Saturday, 6-0. Pampa moves on to the Regional Quarterfinals against the Lady Mustangs of Andrews. That series will be played in Plainview with Game 1 set for a 6 p.m. start Friday.

Diamond warriors



Pampa News photos by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

In the heat of Saturday's Game 2 Bidistrict playoff battle, Pampa coach Clay Wilson (clockwise) congratulates Brett Ferrell on an amazing catch in right field that led to a Harvester double play. Shavious Kelley shows his speed as he slides into second base. First baseman Jake Craig takes a throw from pitcher Tyson Hickman to hold a Matador runner at first. Robbie Dixon takes one for the team as a Lubbock Estacado pitch goes awry, nailing Dixon's helmet. The Harvesters ended their season Saturday, falling to Lubbock Estacado in a hard-fought 9-8 loss in Amarillo. The Matadors took the best-of-three series, 2-0.

Spurs sneak past Mavs

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Hands pumping, feet moving, eyes staring straight ahead, Bruce Bowen wasn't about to let Dirk Nowitzki start the second round of the playoffs with the groove he had in the first round.

Making up a 5-inch height difference with in-your-face tenacity, Bowen got Nowitzki out of whack early, then got the ball out of his hands on the final play to help the San Antonio Spurs beat the Dallas Mavericks 87-85 on Sunday.

Nowitzki scored 20 points, but missed 12 of 20 shots and was 1-of-4 in the fourth quarter. The Mavericks went into the period leading by one, but scored only 13 points - two in the final 4:08.

Oh, the winning shot for San Antonio? Bowen hit that, too.

"He earned his money tonight," coach Gregg Popovich said, "for sure."

Bowen made a 3-pointer with 2:15 left that put the Spurs ahead 87-84. A free throw by Erick Dampier was all Dallas could muster the rest of the way despite being the team with much fresher legs.

The Mavs had been off since sweeping Memphis out of the first round Monday, while the Spurs were playing 36 hours after knocking out the Kings in Sacramento.

In the other playoff game Sunday, Detroit made a franchise playoff-record 15 3-pointers in a 113-86 victory over Cleveland in Game 1 of that second-round series. Miami hosts New Jersey and the Los Angeles Clippers visit Phoenix for the openers of their series on Monday night.

Nowitzki averaged 31.3 points against the Grizzlies and worried that the long

layoff might take him out of his rhythm.

He scored 13 points in the first half and felt pretty good about it. Then Bowen began playing what Dallas coach Avery Johnson called "bear-hug defense," and the big German couldn't break free.

He was 3-for-11 in the second half, getting to the line only once (missing one of two) and scoring only seven points.

"I had some good looks and missed some shots I usually make," said Nowitzki, who sometimes was covered by former teammate Michael Finley. "I had a decent rhythm in the first half, but I lost it in the second."

For Bowen, this helped make up for a first round in which he didn't live up to his first-team All-Defense reputation against Sacramento's Bonzi Wells.

"You don't want people talking bad about you," Bowen said. "You get a little upset and your pride gets hurt a little bit."

Dallas' last possession began with 13.9 seconds left. Nowitzki got the ball on the right side, but Bowen was all over him, with Tim Duncan moving over to block his path to the basket. So Nowitzki threw a crosscourt pass to Jerry Stackhouse.

Manu Ginobili nearly intercepted it, but Stackhouse recovered. He could've driven for a tying shot, but instead stepped back into the left corner and put up a well-covered 3 that was way short.

"Somehow, if I had a little more on it, then maybe we'd have a different feeling right now," said Stackhouse, who led Dallas with 24 points. "We came in here with the right attitude, right energy, but we let them take the game."

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, May 9, 2006: This birthday year you will want to make an imprint and impress others. Be more aware of exactly what you are doing, because in the long run, this type of attitude could backfire. Sometimes your work or daily routine drags you down. Your personal life might feel like something of a burden. You will make a difference if you honor who you are. You will get places quickly if you know when to pull back. Often, you are overly sensitive and uptight. If you are single, don't formalize a bond or move in together this year. If you follow this path, you will trigger negative events in the long run. If you are attached, sometimes you can be hard on each other. Sometimes you overreact, triggering more reactions. Learn to center yourself before talking. LIBRA works well with you. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** Your even approach puts you way ahead of a situation or hassle. Others appreciate the stable yet kind perspective you add to different events. You cannot always have things as you would like. Let go and let others be. Tonight: Sort through different options. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Your imagination travels. If funneled properly, you will see a change in rhythm and what goes on. A solid approach with others' issues in mind will bring positive results. Go with the flow rather than fight the trends. Tonight: Easy does it. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Though you might not realize it, you have a solid and somewhat serious attitude that causes some of the people around you to sit back and listen. Your creativity touches many in different ways. Realize your impact, and use this gift appropriately. Tonight: Play away. CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Investigate different ways of handling a personal matter or investment. You might not want to constantly be putting money into a property. Be careful with your choices right now. It will make a difference ultimately. Tonight: Anchor away. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Recognize that you come off far more seriously than in the past. Others might react rather strongly to you. Recognize what is happening right now with others. Extremes find you, whether it is in conversation, plans or feelings. Tonight: As you like it. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Your instincts could be off about financial choices. You might want to indulge someone and let this person know how you feel. Extremes punctuate your decisions and moods. Try walking a conservative course. Tonight: Gather your bills. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** A friend is absolutely serious about what he or she needs. Don't push yourself, but kick back and enjoy someone else's frivolous mood and behavior. You might be delighted by what comes down your path. Tonight: As you like. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Many responsibilities drop on you. Carefully listen to someone who can impact your life and decisions. Think carefully before you take a leap of faith. Someone does care about you. Tonight:

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Summer will be here soon, a time when many Americans travel abroad. I live in Europe, and Americans seem to think that most of us do not understand English here. Last summer, I overheard a young lady in a restaurant telling her friends about a portion of her anatomy that I shall not mention in a family newspaper. The entire restaurant went silent while she continued on as if no one else had any idea of what she was talking about. Believe me, everyone knew! Please remind your readers that if a topic is not appropriate to discuss in public in the United States, then it's not appropriate to discuss in public abroad, either. — **EDITH W. IN SWEDEN**

DEAR EDITH: I'm pleased to oblige. You are correct that Americans -- many of whom are not fluent in a foreign language -- tend to forget that people from other countries are often bilingual or trilingual. Many years ago, I spent a summer studying in Italy and had a similar experience. Trapeze dresses (A-line, loose-fitting) were in style that season, and I was walking down the street wearing one of them when an American family (husband, wife, and a boy about 11) approached strolling in the opposite direction. As we passed, the boy said loudly to his mother, "Look, Mom! That lady's wearing a nightgown." I thought they were going to go through the pavement when I turned around and said, "Thanks, kid!"

DEAR ABBY: I'm a single mother, newly relocated to a small town, new job and new boyfriend. I have been dating "Kyle" for six months and keep running into the same issue repeatedly. While Kyle is very successful in business -- he's never been married or had children -- when we are out and the check arrives, if another friend who

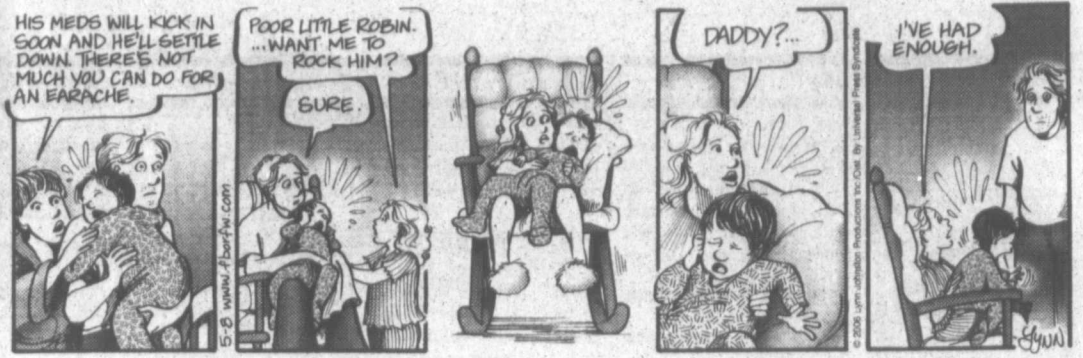
may be with us or I don't pick up the entire tab, he pays for his portion only. Only a few times has he actually paid for both of us, but never for the rest of the group. Some of our male friends have been embarrassed by this and have taken the check themselves. Instead of stepping up to the plate and insisting on paying for at least some of the dinners, Kyle nonchalantly will ask something to the effect of, "Do I need to put anything in?" Abby, I'm usually very accepting of people and try not to make too much of things like this, but lately, my friends have been commenting about it and telling me I can do better than Kyle. What do you think? — **EMBAR-RASSED IN IDAHO**

DEAR EMBARRASSED: I think your friends may be right. You could be contemplating a future with a skinflint. The next time Kyle asks that question, you should say, "I'll say! It's your turn to pick up the check!"

DEAR ABBY: I am 13, and all of my friends are talking about their first kisses. I can't join in because I have never been kissed, and I'm afraid that when I do, it will be horrible. Do you have any advice? I read somewhere that you are supposed to write the alphabet with your tongue. Please help me. — **WORRIED WOMAN, TIF-FIN, OHIO**

DEAR WORRIED WOMAN: What you read was wrong. Girls who are being kissed for the first time just close their eyes and purse their lips. (You can work your way up to writing the alphabet when you are older. Much older.)

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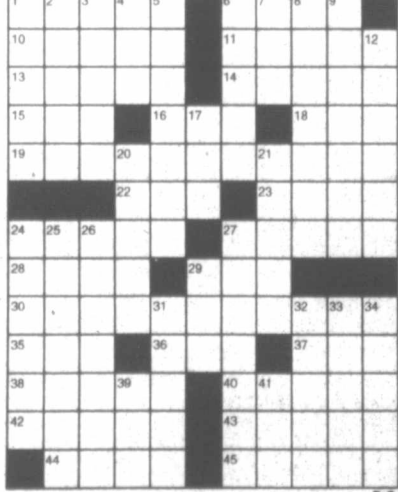
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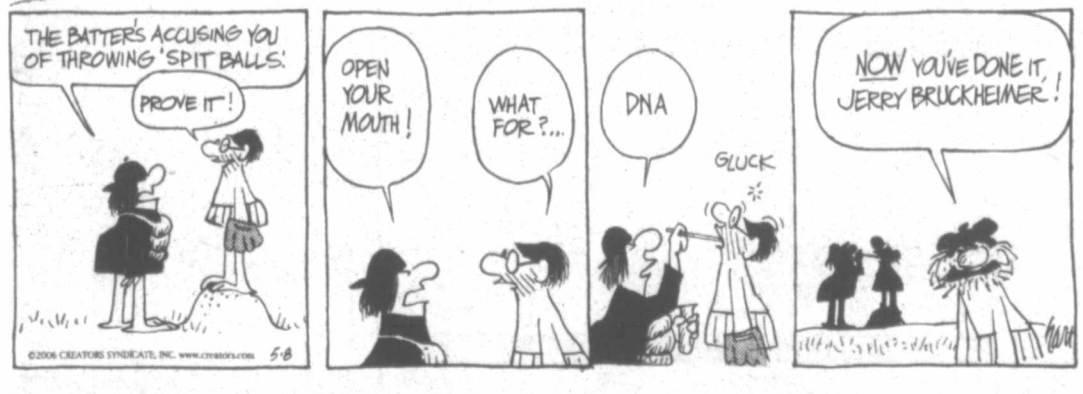


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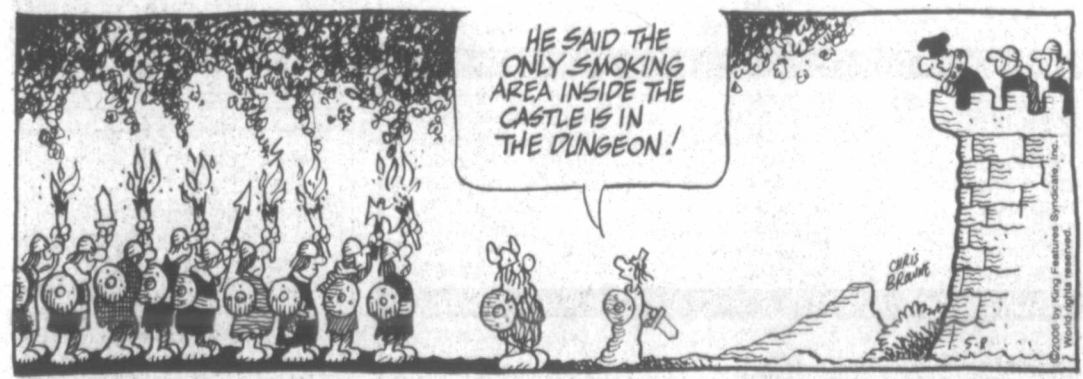
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