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Some changes made for this year's high school prom

By **MARILYN POWERS**
Staff Writer

Spectators at this year's Pampa High School prom will find a few changes to the usual schedule of the evening's events.

Spectators and others waiting outside M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium to observe the attendees as they arrive Saturday for the prom are asked to keep off areas which have been newly-planted in grass by the

city of Pampa, according to Kim Hopkins, chairman of the publicity committee for the prom.

"We will have the area to be avoided roped off," Hopkins said.

Spectators are also asked to refrain from bringing their own seating to the auditorium.

"We will have stands set up to provide seating for between 500 and 600 people," Hopkins said.

Prom attendees will align from

their conveyances at a different location than the area usually used, directly east of the auditorium's east doors.

"They will be getting out at a spot northwest of the doors," Hopkins said.

The new drop-off location will result in a shorter walk for the students and may speed up the process, she said.

The changes are considered tem-

porary and may not be continued after this year; they are being implemented due to the new landscaping, Hopkins said.

Public viewing of the auditorium's prom decorations is between 2 and 6 p.m. Saturday. Attendees are expected to begin arriving shortly before 7 p.m.

The theme of this year's prom is "Diamonds Are Forever."

Pregnant woman run over by van

By **KERRI SMITH**
Staff Writer

A runaway van apparently ran over a pregnant woman in the 300 block of Hazel around 2:40 p.m. Wednesday and fortunately two residents stopped to help.

Cathy Reed said she was in her vehicle when she heard a thump and scream.

"I looked in my rearview mirror and saw the van driving over a woman laying in the road," Reed said. "I thought it was a domestic disturbance and a man was driving the van and intentionally driving over this woman."

Reed jumped out of her vehicle and ran to help the woman get out of the way to avoid being run over again. She said a man in the area saw what was happening and got into the van and put it in drive to stop it.

"That's when we realized there wasn't anyone in the van," Reed said. "The van was in reverse and was just driving in circles when it ran over the lady. She did not speak English very well, but I think she was saying the brakes didn't work on the van and that she was about seven months



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS
Cathy Reed, sitting in turquoise shirt, and ambulance and fire personnel, treat a woman who was run over by an unoccupied van Wednesday in the 300 block of Hazel. Reed was the first on the scene and aided the victim until emergency personnel arrived.

Pampa teacher elected to TCTA office

AUSTIN — Carrie Johnson, an English teacher at the Pampa Learning Center, has been elected as statewide Legislation committee chair of the Texas Classroom Teachers Association (TCTA). Her two-year term begins June 1, 2007. Founded in 1927, TCTA is an independent, nonunion association for

Texas teaching professionals, which serves 50,000 members across the state.

Johnson has served as TCTA Legislation committee vice-chair since 2005. In her position as chair, Johnson will oversee the committee that guides the Association's efforts in working with the Texas Legislature and with other statewide elected leaders.

As chair of a statewide committee, Johnson also will serve on the 10-member TCTA Executive Committee and on the Board of Directors.

Johnson has been a TCTA member for eight years and has been very active at the state level. Prior to winning election as Legislation committee chair, she served on the

TCTA Board as a director representing district 16, which covers 26 counties in the Texas Panhandle. As a board member, she has served as chair of the statewide Credentials & Resolutions committee, and vice-chair of the Association's political action committee, ACT

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Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH
Carrie Johnson helps sophomore Skylar James with an assignment.

Seat belt campaign begins Monday

By **KERRI SMITH**
Staff Writer

Texas Department of Transportation is teaming up with state troopers, police officers and sheriff's deputies statewide to kick off the annual "click it or ticket" campaign from Monday to June 3, which includes the Memorial Day holiday.

State laws require drivers, front seat passengers and children under 17, whether they are riding in the front or back seat, to be buckled up. Also, children under 5 years old and less than 36 inches tall must ride in child safety seats. Adults who do not abide by these Texas laws can face fines up to \$200.

According to a report from TxDOT, the number of Texans complying with state safety belt laws has climbed from 76 percent to slightly more than 90 percent since the click it or ticket effort began five years ago.

Safety advocates report that drivers and passengers who buckle up have a 50 percent better chance of surviving serious accidents and avoiding serious injuries.

Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Daniel Hawthorne said he knows of one incident which proves how seat belts can and do save lives.

"Tanya Montgomery was run off
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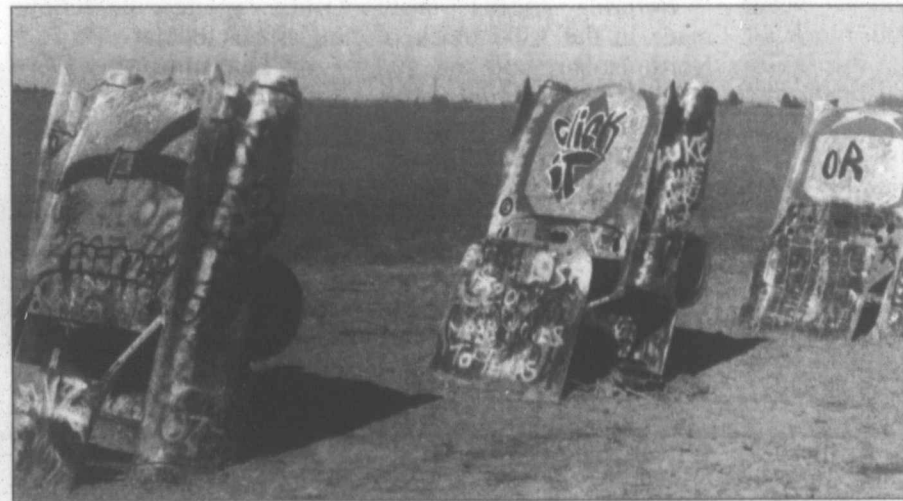


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Amarillo's famous Cadillac Ranch got a new coat of paint recently. TxDOT chose the pop art sculpture to call attention to its annual Click It or Ticket campaign, which runs Monday through June 3.

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Sunday



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Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 50. South wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 75. Windy, with a south wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 57. Windy, with a south wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 76. South wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 58. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Pakistani tied to terror plot gets 10 months

HOUSTON (AP) — A Pakistani student who authorities said had ties to a terrorist plot to aid the Taliban was sentenced to 10 months in prison today on a gun charge. Shiraz Syed Qazi, 26, was found guilty of one count of possession of a firearm by an alien during a brief trial conducted by U.S. District Judge Lee Rosenthal in January. Qazi waived his right to a jury trial. Qazi, who will get credit for time already served in jail, will probably be deported after his sentence, Rosenthal said. The judge sentenced Qazi to the low end of the sentencing guidelines, which ranged from 10 to 15 months. Under federal law, a non-immigrant with a student visa such as Qazi can't have firearms or ammunition.

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Obituaries

Joe Ed Brewer

Joe Ed Brewer passed away May 12, 2007, in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. Funeral services are planned for today, Thursday, May 17, 2007 at 2 p.m. under the direction of Ott & Lee Funeral Home in Brandon, Mississippi, with the Rev. Mark and Brenda Zedlitz officiating.

Joe was born Sept. 15, 1923, in Maben, Mississippi, to Thomas Jefferson Brewer and Dora Bell Stafford Brewer. He attended school in Paynes, Mississippi. He married Faye Spears in Jackson, Mississippi, on Sept. 12, 1946. They moved to Pampa in 1947 and lived there until June of 2005

when he moved to Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

Joe worked for the Pampa Police Department from 1948 until 1970 when he went to work for the Gray County Sheriffs' Department. In 1974, he went to work for IRI International as a security guard until he retired in 1988. Most people considered him the unofficial greeter at United and Albertsons because he was always sitting on the bench greeting and visiting with his many friends from the

Pampa area.

Joe was a dedicated husband, father, grandfather and friend. He was always the first one on the scene if a friend needed help. We know that he is now with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ preparing the way for the rest of his family.

Joe is survived by his wife of 60 years, Faye, of the home; one son, Thomas Brewer of Shawnee, Oklahoma; three daughters, Wanda Farrar and husband Terry of Longview, Texas,



Brewer

Wayne Couch, 83

FLORESVILLE — Wayne Couch, 83, died Sunday, May 13, 2007, in Floresville.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today, Thursday, May 17, 2007, at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel in Pampa with the Rev. Fines Marchman, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Skellytown, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa with Masonic graveside rites courtesy Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM, and military rites courtesy U.S. Army, Fort Hood, Texas.

Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Couch was born March 6, 1924, in Goree. He

was the youngest of four children born to Bill & Leah (Mamma) Couch.

He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings. He graduated from high school in Goree.

He joined the U.S. Army in April of 1943 in Abilene, Texas, and received his boot camp training at Camp Hood in Killeen, Texas. Sgt. Couch was a squad leader serving with the 41st Division in the South Pacific, SOU Philippines in World War II. He earned an Asiatic-Pacific Campaign medal, Combat Infantry badges with two Bronze Stars, one Bronze

Arrowhead, and a Purple Heart for wounds received in combat on March 21, 1945. He was honorably discharged in January of 1946.

Wayne married Jean Howard on July 4, 1947, and moved to Pampa where he worked for Cabot Corp. He retired from Cabot Tech Service in 1988. Jean preceded him in death in 1990.

He owned and operated Couch's Café in Skellytown from 1989 until 1996. He belonged to the First Baptist Church of Skellytown. He was a lifetime member of the VFW, belonged to the Pampa Masonic Lodge #966



Couch

Margaret Schwind Dial, 94

Margaret Schwind Dial, 94, of Pampa, died May 17, 2007, at Amarillo. Services

are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thirty two traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were reported in the 100 block of South Wells and the 2400 block of North Dogwood.

Accidents were reported in the 1700 block of North Coffee, the 800 block of North Sumner and the intersection of Browning and Hazel.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 1800 block of North Dogwood, the 200 block of North Wynne, the 1700 block of North Duncan, the intersection of Browning and Frost, the 100 block of East Harvester, the 700 block of North Lefors, the 500 block of North Doucette, the 1800 block of North Dwight, the 1900 block of North Zimmers, the 700 block of North Naida, the 2200 block of North Nelson, the 800 block of East Frederic, the 1800 block of North Christy and the 700 block of South Cuyler.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of East Browning.

Thefts were reported in the 800 block of North Gray, the 700 block of East Murphy, the police depart-

ment lobby were an iPod valued at \$400 was stolen from an unknown location, the 900 block of East Frederic, the 400 block of Rits and the 800 block of South Sumner.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 400 block of North Christy.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 400 block of North Christy.

A stolen vehicle was reported in the 600 block of North Deane where a motorcycle valued at \$600 was taken.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 400 block of North Christy.

Escort service was provided in the 600 block of North Ward.

Found property, a wallet and contents, were reported in the 100 block of West Craven. The owner was located.

Harassment was reported in the police department lobby and the 300 block of Miami.

Welfare checks were made in the 1300 block of North Hobart and the 100 block of South Starkweather.

Forgery, \$90 in worthless checks, was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 100 block of North Cuyler.

Two suicide attempts were reported.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 600 block of

North Christy, the 700 block of Malone, the 400 block of North Magnolia and the 200 block of West Brown.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of Malone.

A civil matter was reported in the police department lobby.

An alarm was investigated in the 2000 block of North Hobart.

A prowler was reported in the 1100 block of East Kingsmill.

Agency assistance was reported in the 200 block of North Russell.

Aggravated assault was reported in the 2400 block of North Charles where threats were made by two juveniles with a knife. The incident is under investigation.

Assault with no injuries was reported in the 2400 block of North Charles.

Sheriff

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

Thursday, May 17

Douglas Eugene Barron, 26, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for failure to identify; minor in possession/consumption; disorderly conduct-urinating in public; fugitive from justice on a warrant from Baton Rouge, La.; bail jump/failure to appear on a warrant from

Gail Summers and husband Butch of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, and Sandy Rosenbalm of Longview, Texas; 11 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren; one sister, Jimmie Vick of Wyandotte, Michigan; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is also survived by the brother and sister of his heart, Henry and Barbara Veach of Borger; daughter and son of his heart, Mark and Brenda Zedlitz of Arkansas; and grandchildren of his heart, Brendan Zedlitz of Amarillo and Hilary and Chloe Zedlitz of Arkansas.

AF&AM, and was a member of the Khiva Shrine Temple in Amarillo.

Survivors include one son, Bill Couch of Buda; three grandchildren, Wm. Jared Couch and Leah Jean Couch, both of Buda, and Chelsea Couch Nietenhoefer and her husband Alan of Perkins, Okla.; two great-grandsons, Austin and Kellan of Perkins, Oklahoma; and several nieces and nephews.

MEMORIALS: Manchaca Optimist Youth Sports Club, P.O. Box 444, Manchaca, Texas 78652.

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Fire

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

Wednesday, May 16

2:39 p.m. — Two units and three personnel responded to the 300 block of Hazel on a medical assist.

5:18 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 900 block of Ballard on a medical assist.

6:48 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center on a LifeStar standby.

9:26 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1100 block of Sirroco on an odor investigation.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, May 16

2:40 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Hazel and Browning streets and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

4:22 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Clarification

The PISD Board will meet for a regular meeting at 7 p.m. tonight at Pampa Junior High School cafeteria, 2401 Charles.

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Mikaela Stidham, left, and Jolaine Machado practice putting the correct wooden shapes on top of the picture in their Montessori class at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School.

TCTA

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for TCTA. On the local level, Johnson is very active in the Pampa Classroom Teachers Association, where she has served as president and faculty representative, and participated as a member of various PISD commit-

tees. Johnson earned her bachelor's degree from Alcorn State University in Mississippi. Johnson's community service extends to serving as president of the Pampa Junior High Booster Club, and as a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, Beta Delta chapter, where she has served as president and immediate past president/parliamentarian. Johnson also volunteers with the Pampa High

School band parents and has served as a judge for the Pampa High forensics tournament.

The 2007-08 TCTA Board also will include Mellessa Denny of Amarillo, re-elected as district 16 director.

TCTA is the only statewide teacher association that limits active-level membership to those directly involved in classroom teaching or teaching support.

DPS honors officers who died

The Texas Department of Public Safety held its annual Peace Officer Memorial Service this week at its Austin Headquarters. The service honored 14 officers who lost their lives in the line of duty in 2006 and 2007, including four DPS troopers.

The service took place outside the DPS Training Academy and was attended by the families and friends of honored officers, DPS employees and others who wished to pay respect to those who died. Texas First Lady Anita Perry was the guest speaker. Stephanie Holmes, the widow of Trooper Todd Dylan Holmes, who died in a traffic crash in March, laid a wreath at the DPS Memorial Monument, which is dedicated to DPS officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

Texas peace officers who died while performing their duties in 2007:

- Deputy Sheriff Rahamy Mitchell, Fannin County SO, died in a traffic crash Jan. 7;
- Chief Ernest V. Mendoza, Needville ISD PD, died in a traffic crash Jan. 19;
- Tr. Todd Dylan Holmes, HP Gilmer, Texas Department of Public Safety, died in a traffic crash March 14;
- Officer Andrew Esparza, Irving PD, died in a traffic crash April 13;
- Officer Lisa Beaulieu, Beaumont PD, died in a traffic crash

April 27. Texas peace officers killed feloniously in 2007:

- Senior Cpl. Mark Timothy Nix, Dallas PD, was shot and killed attempting to apprehend a murder suspect March 23.
- Game Warden Justin Hurst, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, was shot and killed attempting to apprehend an illegal hunter suspect March 17.
- Texas peace officers who died while performing their duties in 2006:
 - Tr. Billy Jack Zachary, HP Monahans, Texas Department of Public Safety, died after being struck by a vehicle Jan. 1;
 - Tr. Matthew DeWayne Myrick, HP Hereford, Texas Department of Public Safety, died in a traffic crash Jan. 20;
 - Tr. Eduardo Chavez, HP Palmview, Texas Department of Public Safety, died in a traffic crash May 2;
 - Lt. James Lee Sunderland Sr., Val Verde County SO, died in a traffic crash June 30;
 - Officer Dwayne Freeto, Fort Worth PD, died after being struck by a vehicle Dec. 17.
- Texas peace officers killed feloniously in 2006:
 - Constable Dale David Geddie, Smith County Constable's Office, was shot and killed during a domestic disturbance June 7;
 - Officer Rodney Joseph Johnson, Houston PD, was shot and killed during a traffic stop Sept. 21.

Rain helps N.J. firefighters douse blaze

By WAYNE PARRY

Associated Press Writer

LITTLE EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP, N.J. (AP) —

Rain reduced a 22-square-mile wildfire near a bombing range to mostly smoldering brush today, but fire officials warned that the flames could rekindle if the wind picks up. "A fire this big we're not going to be able to put out," said Bert Plante, a division fire warden for the New Jersey Forest Fire Service. "What we want to do today is push everything deep enough in so that if anything happens, it won't matter."

Firefighters were using bulldozers today to plow through smoldering areas and extinguish hot spots.

The wildfire started Tuesday after a military jet dropped a flare on the Warren Grove Gunnery Range, a 9,400-acre expanse of scrub pine used for military bombing practice. Walls of flames 80 to 100 feet high raced toward nearby senior citizen communities as residents grabbed their pets and fled.

Only two minor injuries and no deaths had been reported by today, but five homes in two senior citizen housing developments in Barnegat were destroyed, and 13 homes along the border between Ocean and Burlington counties were damaged, officials said. About 6,000 people were initially evacuated, and some 500 remained in shelters overnight, authorities said.

This morning, there was plenty of smoking and smol-

dering material in the fire zone, but few open flames after the storm swept through, Plante said. He said crews should be able to get into the heart of the fire Thursday.

He cautioned, though, that the fire was not out and it could spread again if the temperature and winds picked up.

Dry conditions had fed the blaze as it spread from the bombing range, about 25 miles north of Atlantic City. Lt. Col. James Garcia, a spokesman for the New Jersey Air National Guard, said the fire was believed to have been started with a flare dropped from one an F-

16 fighter jet and an investigation was under way. The same range was involved in the accidental strafing in 2004 of an elementary school during a training exercise.

Firefighters continued to battle a massive fire along the Florida-Georgia state line, where more than 700 homes were evacuated. Calmer wind Wednesday allowed firefighters to strengthen their containment lines, but the wind and temperature were expected to rise during the weekend, said Jim Harrell, a spokesman for the Florida Division of Forestry.

In northern Minnesota,

some residents were being allowed to check on their homes along the Gunflint Trail, where a fire has burned more than 117 square miles of Minnesota and Canada. More than 60 homes have been destroyed, but two days of wet, cool weather have helped firefighters make progress getting it contained.

Click it

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the road by a drug intoxicated man on Nov. 27, 1995," Hawthorne said. "Tanya's SUV was slammed into numerous times and rolled over. Tanya, her 3-year-old daughter Jessica and her unborn son Paul all survived the accident because of seat belts."

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Van

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pregnant." Reed said she couldn't tell the extent of the woman's injuries, but she did have some scrapes and bleeding on her arm, leg and face.

She said the paramedics were mainly concerned about the health of her unborn child. The woman was transported by ambulance to the hospital.

Reed was not injured in the incident.

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Viewpoints

May is National Barbecue Month, you know

Ah ... May. Spring. Flowers. Barbecue. ... The fire department. Well, only when my brother is cheffing. When my sister cooks, no sirens ever get involved.

And, to be fair, the fire department was only called once when my brother was grilling ... that I know of ... You see, he'd just gotten one of those fancy, shiny, chrome barbecuers. It was happily smoking away when someone mistook the smoke for SMOKE and called the fire department.

Oh, well. There's plenty "they" don't let me live down, either.

With Memorial Day straight ahead and National Barbecue Month in full swing, Magic American Products has some grilling

tips for consumers:
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"2. Place a heat resistant pad beneath your grill to protect your deck or patio from greasy messes.

"3. Be sure to keep baking soda nearby to control a grease fire, as well as a fire extinguisher, and never leave a grill unattended while hot.

"4. Heat the grill for 5-10 minutes before grilling, this will ensure any cleaning residue has burned off.

"5. Apply a light coat of cooking oil or spray to the grill grate prior to use; this will make clean up a cinch.

"6. Clean the interior grill completely after every use to

prevent food from sticking; it makes the surface easier to cook on and the food taste better."

The National Fire Protection Association offers the following safety tips when cooking outdoors:

"Gas and charcoal BBQ grills must only be used outdoors. If used indoors, or in any enclosed spaces, such as tents, they pose both a fire hazard and the risk of exposing occupants to toxic gases and potential asphyxiation.

"Position the grill well away from siding, deck rail-

ings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.

"Place the grill a safe distance from lawn games, play areas and foot traffic.

"Keep children and pets away from the grill area: declare a three-foot "kid-free zone" around the grill.

"Put out several long-handled grilling tools to give the chef plenty of clearance from heat and flames when flipping burgers.

"Periodically remove grease or fat buildup in trays below grill so it cannot be ignited by a hot grill.

"Charcoal Grills
 "Purchase the proper starter fluid and store the can out of reach of children, and away from heat sources.

"Never add charcoal starter fluid when coals or kindling have already been ignited, and never use any flammable or combustible liquid other than charcoal starter fluid to get the fire going.

"Gas Grills
 "Check the gas cylinder hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. A light soap and water solution applied to the hose will quickly reveal escaping propane by releasing bubbles. If you determine your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame:

"Turn off the gas tank and grill.

"If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again.

"If the leak does not stop, call the fire department.

"If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not attempt to move the grill.

"Use only equipment bearing the mark of an independent testing laboratory. Follow the manufacturers' instructions on how to set up the grill and maintain it.

"Never store propane gas cylinders in buildings or garages. If you store a gas grill inside during the winter, disconnect the cylinder and leave it outside."

Skyla Bryant

News Editor



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, May 17, the 137th day of 2007. There are 228 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 17, 1954, the U.S. Supreme Court handed down its Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka decision, which found that racially segregated public schools were inherently unequal, and therefore unconstitutional.

On this date:

In 1792, the New York Stock Exchange had its origins as a group of brokers met under a tree located on what is now Wall Street.

In 1875, the first Kentucky Derby was run; the winner was Aristides.

In 1937, Teddy Hill and His Orchestra recorded "King Porter Stomp" for RCA Records in New York; one of the featured musicians was a newcomer, trumpeter, Dizzy Gillespie.

In 1938, Congress passed the Second Vinson Act, providing for a strengthened U.S. Navy.

In 1939, Britain's King George VI and Queen Elizabeth arrived in Quebec on the first visit to Canada by reigning British sovereigns.

In 1940, the Nazis occupied Brussels, Belgium, during World War II. In 1946, President Truman seized control of the nation's railroads, delaying but not preventing a threatened strike by engineers and trainmen.

In 1973, the Senate began its televised hearings into the Watergate scandal.

In 1980, rioting that claimed 18 lives erupted in Miami's Liberty City after an all-white jury in Tampa, Fla., acquitted four former Miami police officers of fatally beating black insurance executive Arthur McDuffie.

In 1987, 37 American sailors were killed when an Iraqi warplane attacked the U.S. Navy frigate Stark in the Persian Gulf. (Iraq and the U.S. called the attack a mistake.)

Ten years ago: Rebel leader Laurent Kabila declared himself president of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, formerly Zaire. Russia's Mir space station got a new oxygen generator and a fresh American astronaut, courtesy of the space shuttle Atlantis. Silver Charm won the Preakness, two weeks after winning the Kentucky Derby. (However, Silver Charm failed to win the Belmont Stakes.)

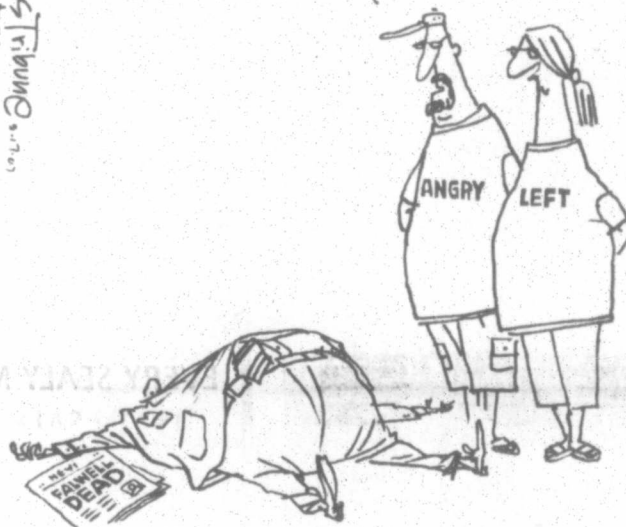
Five years ago: Former President Jimmy Carter ended a historic visit to Cuba sharply at odds with the Bush administration over how to deal with Fidel Castro, saying limits on tourism and trade often hurt Americans more than Cubans.

'The past is never dead — it is not even past.'

— William Faulkner
 American author
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NOW THAT THIS HIDEOUS LITTLE MAN IS DEAD THERE'S ONLY ONE THING LEFT TO DO...



A beginner's guide to Web construction

The computer world is full of acronyms and abbreviations. You have DOS (disk operating system), DPI (dots per inch), OCR (optical character recognition), just to name a few. As a side note, have you noticed that most of them are three letters long? So many of them, for whatever reason, are three letters long, that we came up with a term for these abbreviations: TLAs. (heh heh)

Anyway, back to my point: One very important abbreviation you will no doubt run in to is HTML. HTML stands for "HyperText Markup Language," but you only need to memorize that if you want to impress people at parties. When you hear the term, HTML, think "Web pages."

All Web pages are written in HTML. Now, before we go any further, let me make

one thing very clear. HTML is not a programming language. It is a MARKUP (descriptive) language.

Eric Spellmann
 Columnist



WordPerfect, you'll understand HTML, because they are exactly alike.

If I had to describe HTML with one word, it would be "tags." HTML is all about "tags." All tags begin with a "<" (less-than sign) and end with a ">" (greater-than sign). I think an example will make this more clear. Here is a plain sentence without HTML:

Eric Spellmann wrote this article.

Let's pretend that sentence is in a Web page. If I

wanted to bold (make darker) my name, I would simply put some tags around it. The new sentence would look like this:

Eric Spellmann

wrote this article.

The first tag, , starts bolding, and the second tag, , turns it off. Everything between the two tags will be bolded when viewed in your browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Opera). Most tags have a beginning and ending version. The "/" (slash) denotes the ending tag.

Hundreds of tags exist and new ones are being introduced every day. Every Web master (or future Web master) ought to invest in a great book titled, "HTML for Dummies." You'll find a very comprehensive list of tags.

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ May 7

San Antonio Express-News on taking a step to end the redistricting game: Political redistricting in Texas has a long and ignoble history. Just ask House Speaker Tom Craddick.

Back in 1971 during his second term, Craddick had the audacity to criticize House Speaker Gus Mutscher for his links to the Sharpstown stock fraud scandal.

When the Democrat-dominated Legislature created the redistricting map for the following decade, it drew a line right down the middle of Craddick's street.

Craddick still carries the scars of 1971. Now he's in a position to help Texas take a step toward ending redistricting madness at the congressional level. Instead, he's perpetuating it. The most recent episode was also the ugliest, the second redistricting of this decade in 2003 that required three special sessions and still ended in acrimony.

Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, has also been a victim of political redistricting. Rather than settling scores, he has in every session since 1993 introduced legislation that would take some of the political edge off the redistricting process.

Wentworth's latest attempt to bring some sanity to the system is a bill requiring the Legislature to appoint an

eight-member bipartisan commission of unelected officials to draw up congressional districts. While the same approach to all districts would be preferable, Wentworth has adopted a pragmatic plan of changing congressional rules now and leaving legislative redistricting for later.

The Legislature would have a straight up-or-down vote on the commission's map. In the case of a commission deadlock, the chief justice of the Texas Supreme Court would appoint a ninth member to break the tie.

Last month, the Texas Senate approved Wentworth's bill.

Now it's bottled up in the House Redistricting Committee, chaired by

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Spring brings out naked people in small Vermont community

BRATTLEBORO, Vermont (AP) — Spring has arrived in this southeastern Vermont town known for its live-and-let-live culture. The trees are less bare, and some local residents are more so.

Resident Theresa Toney said she was dining at a downtown restaurant when she spotted this spring's first naked person. She looked out the window "and saw a man in his 60s walking up and down Main Street totally nude," she

told the Brattleboro Reformer newspaper. "This is indecent exposure where it doesn't belong."

Vermont has no state law, and Brattleboro no ordinance, against public nudity.

Last year, Toney became one of the town's most vocal critics of allowing people to bare it all in public after a group of young people caused a stir by stripping naked in a downtown parking lot.

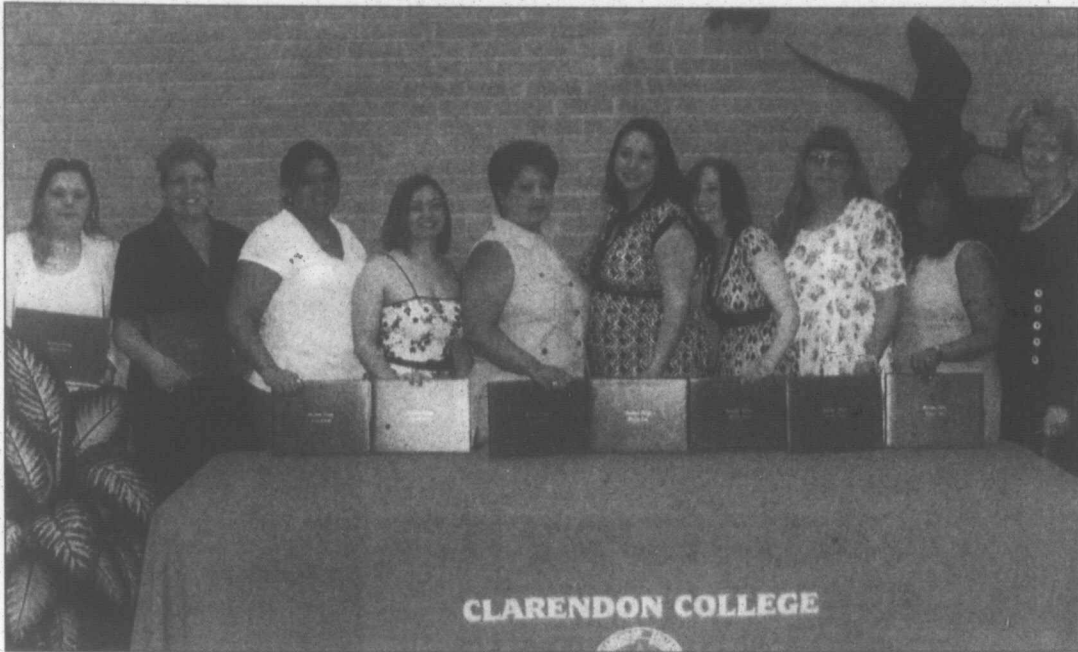
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Rep. Joe Crabb, R-Atascocita. And unless the GOP leadership lifts the legislative roadblocks, there's little chance the measure will make it to the House floor.

If some lawmakers want to continue an awful tradition of redistricting, so be it. But they ought to have the integrity to go on record with a vote to that effect. Which is why Craddick should show some audacity again and ensure that a congressional redistricting commission gets a floor vote in the House.

Office Technology grads



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The Office Technology Class of Clarendon College-Pampa Center recently held its 28th annual commencement. Carol Lynn Bookout, Debra Jo Chancey, Raenna Marie Cowan, Niechelle May Green, Delma Holguin, Heather C. Lee, Monica Ramos Vasquez, Sandre J. Veach and Angela Rae Watson completed the program. Pictured with the graduates is Office Technology Coordinator Jan Haynes. Registration is under way for August enrollment of the program. Scholarships, financial aid and Texas Workforce Commission are financial resources for attending. For more information, call 665-8801.

Mother's Day



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Louise Walker received a carnation in honor of Mother's Day at Ford Family Chiropractic of Pampa. Other mothers who visited the clinic were honored the same way.

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Most Web masters create their first Web page without any formal training. In fact, one of the best ways to learn HTML is to see how others use it. Here's how: In Internet Explorer, go to your favorite Web page. Heck, go to ANY Web page. With your mouse, click on the "View" pull-down menu and choose "Source."

Voila! You are now looking at the "raw HTML" of that page. Scan through this cryptic mess and you should see many, many tags embedded throughout the text.

Believe it or not, most Web pages are NOT designed from scratch. Most Web masters simply find an existing page on the Net they like and copy it. As long as you delete all the proprietary "content" you may use it as your own. HTML structure is not copyrightable. For instance, if you come across a page that has multiple columns, and you would like your page to have a similar look, simply copy that section of code and paste it into your own! It's that easy.

But what if you don't want to take the time to learn a lot of tags? Or what if you don't HAVE time to get up to speed on HTML? Well, many people go out and buy Web building software. This

software hides the raw HTML from the user. The user simply designs the Web page as if it were any word processing document. When they hit "Publish," the software turns their creation into a file containing raw HTML.

Popular titles in this software arena include Macromedia Dreamweaver, Microsoft FrontPage, and Adobe GoLive. You don't need these programs to create Web pages, but they do

make it easier.

To learn more about HTML check out my three favorite sites: <http://htmlgoodies.com>; <http://Webmonkey.com>; and <http://builder.com>.

So, now that you know the basics of HTML, how do you actually create the page? Where does it go when you're done? What format is it written in? Find out next week!

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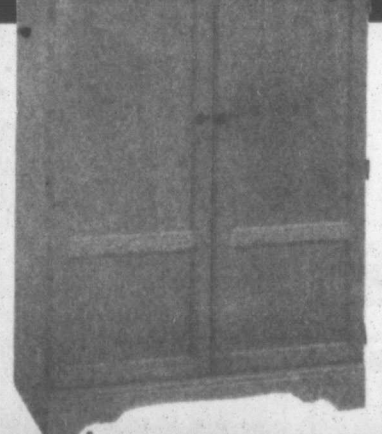
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Often, Cole adds, the increased availability of capital enables Diversified's clients to make even more money by taking advantage of substantial "early-pay" discounts available from their vendors.

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"eFactor allows our clients to bring our 'backroom' into their office," says Operations Manager Glendon Paulk. "Clients can log on and access their accounts anytime, anywhere."

Diversified Lenders also receives client referrals from many banks throughout the West Texas area.

"We work hand-in-hand with the banks," Don explains. "Our factoring services enable us to consider a company's accounts receivable and fund based on that."

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"We get a lot of referrals from banks when additional funding is needed, or they are not able to service a client," he explains.

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Drawing



Helen Danner, from left, recently won a Smoothie machine in a drawing at Heard-Jones. Pictured with Danner and the prize is Ada Westbrooke.

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Fort Dix suspect seeks freedom

CAMDEN, N.J. (AP) — Of the six men charged last week with plotting to attack soldiers at Fort Dix, Agron Abdullahu had the smallest role — and did not intend to kill anyone, prosecutors say.

But, the U.S. Attorney's Office argues, he should still be held in a detention center until his case is decided.

A judge was to decide today whether he should be freed on bail.

Abdullahu, 24, is charged with helping illegal immigrants obtain weapons, which carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison.

The other five men — Ibrahim Shnewer, 22; Serdar Tatar, 23; Dritan "Anthony" or "Tony" Duka, 28; Shain Duka, 26; and Eljvir "Elvis" Duka, 23 — are charged with conspiring to kill military personnel. They face life in prison if convicted.

A judge ruled last week that they should be held without bail.

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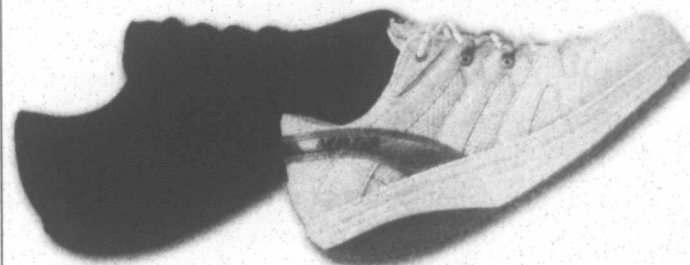


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• **Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum** in Canyon will host a picnic on its north lawn from 12-3 p.m. Saturday. The picnic will include games for the whole family. The museum will serve lemonade and ice cream. For more information, call (806) 651-2249.

• **The National Museum of the Pacific War** will present its Pacific Combat Show June 9-10, Sept. 22-23, and Nov. 10-11 in Fredericksburg. This newly-revised 90-minute living history program will focus on the lives and combat efforts of participants in the Pacific Theater of World War II. The program will be presented at 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. each day. Cost of admission is \$3 per adult and \$2 per child. Admission to the museum covers the show. For more information, call (830) 693-9707.

• **An investigator with the Texas Workforce Commission** Civil Rights Division will be at the American Red Cross, Panhandle chapter, for scheduled appointments until June 30. If you suspect housing or employment discrimination, call (512) 632-7021 to make an appointment.

• **The postmark deadline** to enter the International Library of Poetry's free poetry contest is June 30. To enter, send one poem of 20 lines or less to the International Library of Poetry, Suite 19925, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings Mills, MD 21117. For more information, log onto www.poetry.com.

20th Century



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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Confuzzled in Florida" (March 24), regarding parents who give their children one name but demand they be called something different. I am an administrative assistant in an elementary school in New Jersey, and I have encountered the same problem with parents who register their children for kindergarten. I must check the child's original birth certificate to verify the birthday and to ensure that he or she is registered under his or her legal name and that it's spelled correctly. Abby, I've had parents tell me that "Little Johnny" does not know that "Franklin" is his legal name, and I should register him as "Little Johnny." I then have to explain to the parent that we DO have to register him as "Franklin" because that's the name he'll have to learn to write in kindergarten, as it's his legal name. I also explain that when "Franklin" starts school, he can tell his teacher he prefers "Little Johnny" and can then be called whatever name he chooses in the class. I advise parents to make sure the child knows what his or her legal name is before starting kindergarten. This is the name that will appear on all records throughout the school years. — **JERSEY GIRL (NOT MY LEGAL NAME)**

DEAR JERSEY GIRL: Thank you for writing. I heard from many readers who wanted to weigh in on the custom of using a name other than the child's legal first name. They admitted the practice can be bothersome, and offered ways to manage the confusion. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: As a travel agent, I run into many unique names. Some parents do it to honor relatives; others do it to be funny. (Mac is the legal first name of a boy who weighed 11 pounds at birth -- as in Mac truck.) Other parents try to be cute and use the same first letter for each kid's name,

then they run out of more common names. The solution is to use the child's given name rather than the nickname on official documents such as a library card. This will eliminate future problems, like the name on his or her library card not matching the driver's license, or the one on his or her airline ticket being different from what's on the passport. Anything "official" should have your legal name. — **JOHN IN BAXTER, MINN.**

DEAR ABBY: I use my middle name -- or rather a shortened version of it. My childhood was spent as a victim of abuse, and after a few years in counseling, I was able to break that cycle. Part of that split from my past was to start using my middle name instead of my first, to take charge of my life and never fall into that victim's role again. Years later I married. My husband's family has a tradition of the males all having the same first name and being distinguished by their middle names. This goes back 15 generations. It's confusing at times when we go to the doctor and need a legal document processed, but where possible I always add a notation about the names my children and I answer to. — **BEKAH IN KISSIMMEE, FLA.**

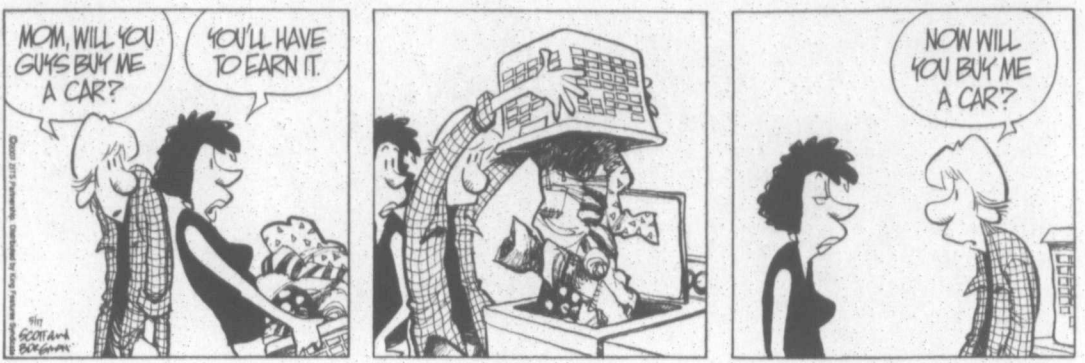
DEAR ABBY: My husband, his brothers, father and nephew all go by their middle names. It may seem confusing, but there's also a benefit. If anyone calls asking for him by his legal name, my husband knows it's a telemarketer. — **RACHEL IN TEXAS**

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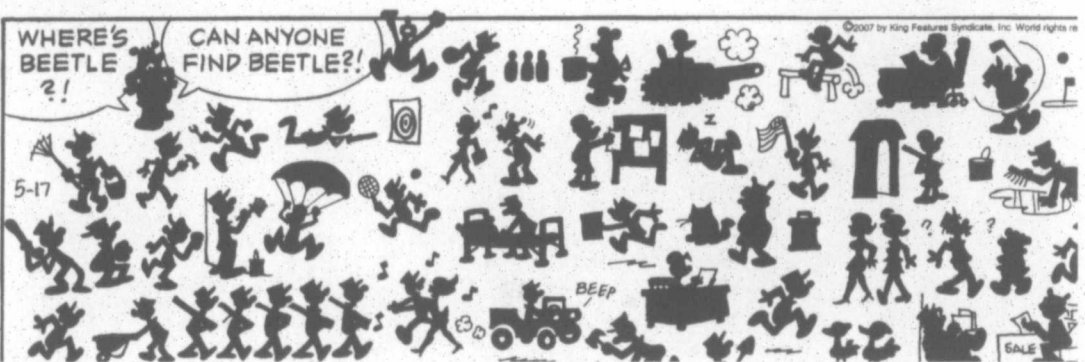
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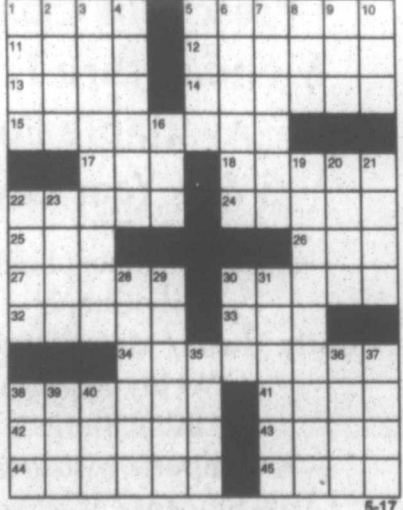
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Sports Day

Dainty, yet determined: Gill's girls ready for Denton-Ryan

I spent Wednesday afternoon at practice with Coach Bobbi Gill and the Lady Harvesters, expecting to see Gill control the team in true drill sergeant fashion, but what I saw was so much better.

Don't get me wrong, Gill did have these girls well under control, not with an iron fist, but rather in a light-hearted (dare I say?) fun practice atmosphere.

They must be doing something right though, because they've been sweeping the playoffs after finishing a perfect district season.

The girls started practice by warming up, then the varsity girls took the field.

The JV girls ran the bases as coach Gill sent all sorts of balls flying their way.

Just like on game day, the girls reacted almost flawlessly, taking care of their runners one after another.

Kambra Jimenez, Kelby Doughty and Jasmine Moore never missed a beat in the outfield.

"Jazz is catching everything that's in the air!" said Gill.

Kenzi Nickell, Callie Preston and Stephanie McVay were always alert in the infield.

Nicole Clark got her start on the pitching mound, and halfway through the exercise, she switched places with shortstop Cassy Tice.

Clark and Tice started the

Lady Harvesters' playoff sweep with two no-hitters in Andrews against El Paso Riverside.

After doing that for a good while, the varsity and JV switched sides, and coach Gill fed balls to the JV as varsity ran the bases.

Then they moved on to the pitching machine and worked on how to react to certain pitches.

All the while, the girls were all business, but were clearly having a blast while doing it.

Cassy Tice was cracking jokes, Logan Winkelman was making weird noises, and Callie Preston was getting a good laugh out of just about everything she did.

Kelby Doughty even broke a bat while going up against the pitching machine - apparently something that doesn't happen every day during practice.

"Oh no!" several of the girls shouted, "Not Liquid Metal!"

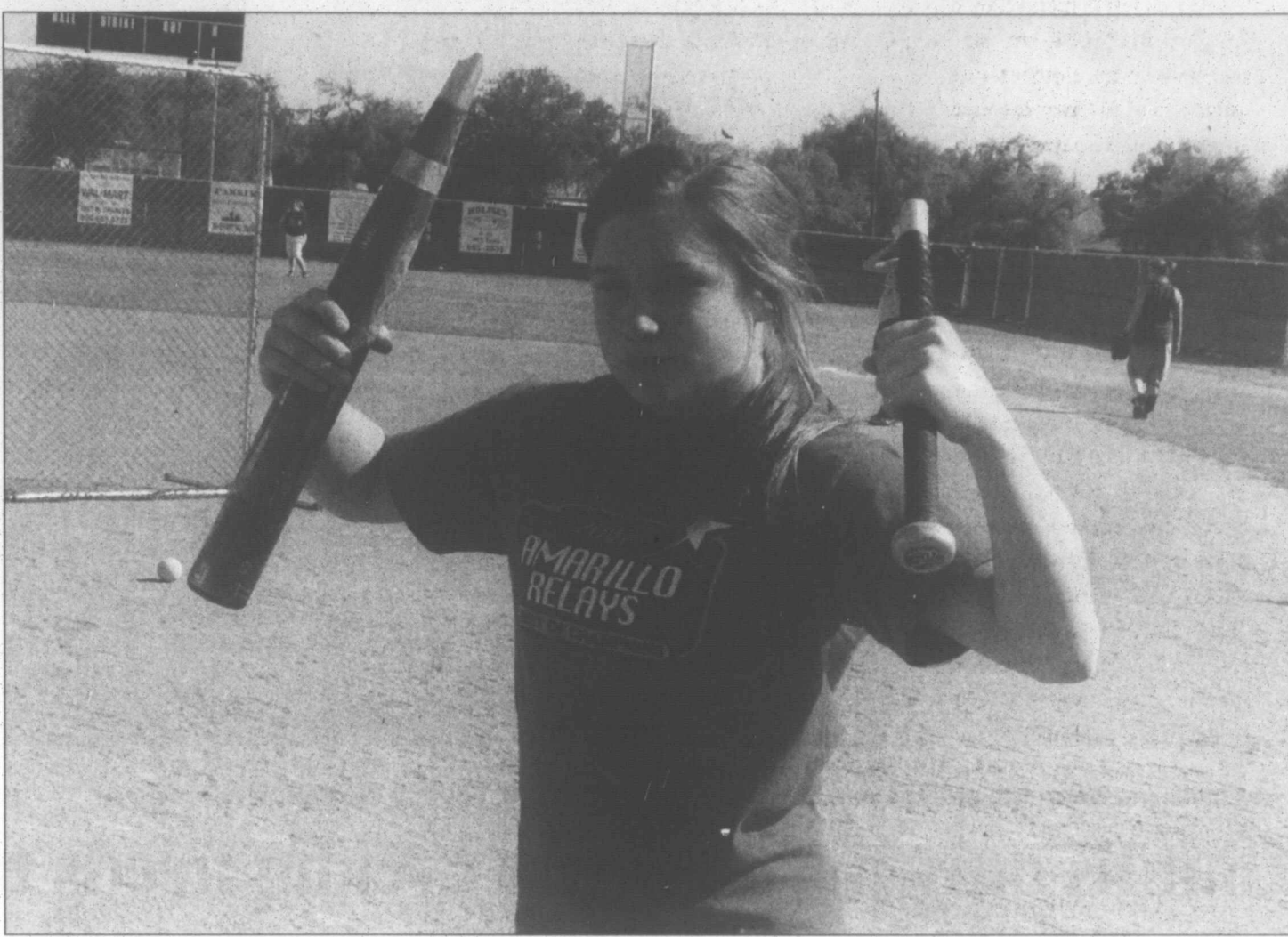
I'm not too sure what "Liquid Metal" means, but I'm guessing that they have affectionate names for their bats.

"My dad's not going to believe I broke it," said Doughty.

After practice, coach Gill sat the girls down to talk about this weekend, but not before Stephanie McVay chased people around the



Jordan Reagan
Sports Editor



Pampa News photo by JORDAN REAGAN
Pampa outfielder Kelby Doughty broke "Liquid Metal" while batting with the pitching machine at practice on Wednesday.

bases with a water hose while wetting down the field.

Gill let the girls know that at this level in the playoffs, they will not be throwing no-hitters and shutting out opponents like they have been all season.

"You have to be good to get to this level," said Gill,

"It's going to come down to all the little things now. Field errors, pitching errors, walks"

"Only one team goes home happy," added Logan Winkelman.

Going to the Lady Harvesters' practice was the most fun I'd had all week - these girls are hilarious.

But it will be nothing compared to this weekend, because they also have the skills to back up their goofy attitudes.

Pampa, the third-smallest school in the 4A division will take on the second-largest school in the division, Denton-Ryan.

Will the team from the

Panhandle defeat the team from the Metroplex? Will the swallow slay the dragon?

Make the short drive to Oklahoma City this weekend to find out first-hand.

Be there as the Lady Harvesters take the regional semi-finals by storm.

Game 1 starts at 6 p.m. Friday

Harvesters to hold scrimmage Friday

After having started working out in their pads a few weeks ago, the Pampa Harvester football team will hold a team scrimmage Friday.

The players have been

split into two teams, and the coaching staff has been split to oversee both teams.

"We will have referees and really try to make it as game-like as possible," coach Andy Cavalier said.

Originally scheduled to start at 4:30 p.m. Friday, the time has been moved up, starting with the JV scrimmage at 4 p.m., followed by the varsity game at 4:45.

The varsity team will

play four consecutive 8 minute quarters, as long as time allows.

A parent/player meeting will follow the varsity game at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

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James Gray

4th Place (63)
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2 South Korean climbers killed on Mount Everest

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) — Two South Korean climbers were killed trying to scale Mount Everest, a Nepalese mountaineering official said Thursday.

Oh Hee-joon, 37, and Lee Hyun-jo, 34, fell after they reached the altitude of 27,200 feet on their way to the summit Wednesday, said Khadananda Dhakal, chief of Nepal's Mountaineering Department.

Dhakal said there were not many details available, but the two climbers were part of a seven-member Korean team climbing from the southwest face of the world's highest mountain.

Some 23 climbing parties are attempting to scale the peak from the Nepalese side this season. Strong winds and heavy snow have hampered many of the parties, forcing them to stay at lower

camps along the icy trail.

The first teams reached the 29,035-foot summit Wednesday, and at least 31 climbers reached the summit Thursday, the Mountaineering Department said. The successful climbers included 16 Nepalese Sherpa guides, six Americans, five from Britain and one each from Ireland, Egypt, South Africa and Belgium.

The climbing season

began in March and is expected to end in late May when the annual monsoon usually brings fresh blizzards that make the climbing route too treacherous.

Since New Zealander Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing Norgay first conquered Everest on May 29, 1953, around 2,000 climbers have scaled the mountain. Another 205 people have died on its slopes.

Hamels flirts with perfection for surging Phillies

By The Associated Press

The way Cole Hamels figures it, he'll have plenty more chances to finish a no-hitter — or maybe even a perfect game.

And he's not the only one who thinks so.

A rising star with a baffling changeup, Hamels retired his first 18 batters and ended the night with 11 strikeouts to lead the surging Philadelphia Phillies past visiting Milwaukee 6-2 on Wednesday.

The left-hander lost his shot at history when Rickie Weeks walked to start the seventh inning and J.J. Hardy hit his NL-leading 13th home run. But the Phillies (20-20) completed their season-long climb to .500, and Hamels sounded confident he'll polish off a few no-hitters before his promising career is over.

"Oh, of course," he said.

"I think every year I try and go out and at least get one. I know if I can keep fighting and keep plugging away, I can go out there and hopefully get one every year."

Now in his second major league season, the 23-year-old Hamels (6-1) allowed only two hits and one walk in eight innings, lowering his ERA to 3.30.

He showed some frustration on the mound after walking Weeks, but nothing else rattled Hamels as a revved-up crowd went wild with every pitch. A no-hitter will have to wait, but he appears to have the stuff and composure to throw one.

"I think he's going to get some," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said. "How many, I don't know. He'll get a few."

In other NL games, it was: New York 8, Chicago 1; Houston 2, San Francisco 1; Florida 4, Pittsburgh 3;

Washington 6, Atlanta 4; Colorado 5, Arizona 3; San Diego 3, Cincinnati 2; and Los Angeles 5, St. Louis 4.

Aaron Rowand hit a three-run homer for the Phillies, who won their sixth in seven games. After the first pitch was delayed 92 minutes by rain, Hamels won his fourth straight start and had his sixth career double-digit strikeout game.

"He sure looked like he had it early," Milwaukee manager Ned Yost said. "He was tough. That's as good a pitching performance as we've seen all year."

Brett Myers worked the ninth.

The NL Central-leading Brewers have lost five of six. Jeff Suppan (5-4) gave up nine hits and six runs — four earned — in seven innings.

Hamels flirted with Philadelphia's first no-hitter since Kevin Millwood stymied San Francisco on

April 27, 2003.

"I was definitely bummed," Hamels said. "You anticipate it and want it so bad. To let it go is so frustrating because you're so close. But you can't dwell on that."

At New York, Jorge Sosa (3-0) allowed one hit in seven-plus innings to win his third straight start since coming up from the minors, and Damion Easley hit a two-run homer in a game that started after a rain delay of 3 hours, 7 minutes.

David Wright and Carlos Gomez each drove in two runs to help the Mets beat Rich Hill (4-3). Jose Reyes left in the eighth with slight tightness in his left hamstring. The game ended at 12:53 a.m. EDT on Thursday — about 12 hours before the teams were scheduled to play again.

Suns face elimination in wake of Game 5 loss

PHOENIX (AP) — After a heartbreaking loss, the Phoenix Suns are conceding nothing.

They believe they can win Game 6 on Friday night and bring the tense, taut series back to the desert for Game 7. Phoenix nearly won Game 5 despite playing without All-Star center Amare Stoudemire and key reserve Boris Diaw, leading most of the way before losing 88-85 Wednesday night.

"We have a lot of heart," point guard Steve Nash said. "So this thing, I think, is just heating up."

The Spurs know they must close it out at home.

"We don't want to come back here," said Spurs forward Bruce Bowen, who has become a nemesis to Phoenix fans. "It's going to take a tremendous effort. We know they're going to be ready to go."

Bowen, labeled a dirty player by Stoudemire and the subject of taunts all night from the Phoenix crowd, sank a tiebreaking 3-pointer with 36 seconds to play. That gave the Spurs their first lead since the game's opening six minutes.

"After all the things I was hearing from the sidelines it was great," Bowen said. "The people were calling me choice names I had never heard before."

In the other playoff game, New Jersey beat Cleveland 83-72 to cut the Cavaliers' lead to 3-2. On Thursday, Detroit takes a 3-2 lead into Game 6 of its series against Chicago.

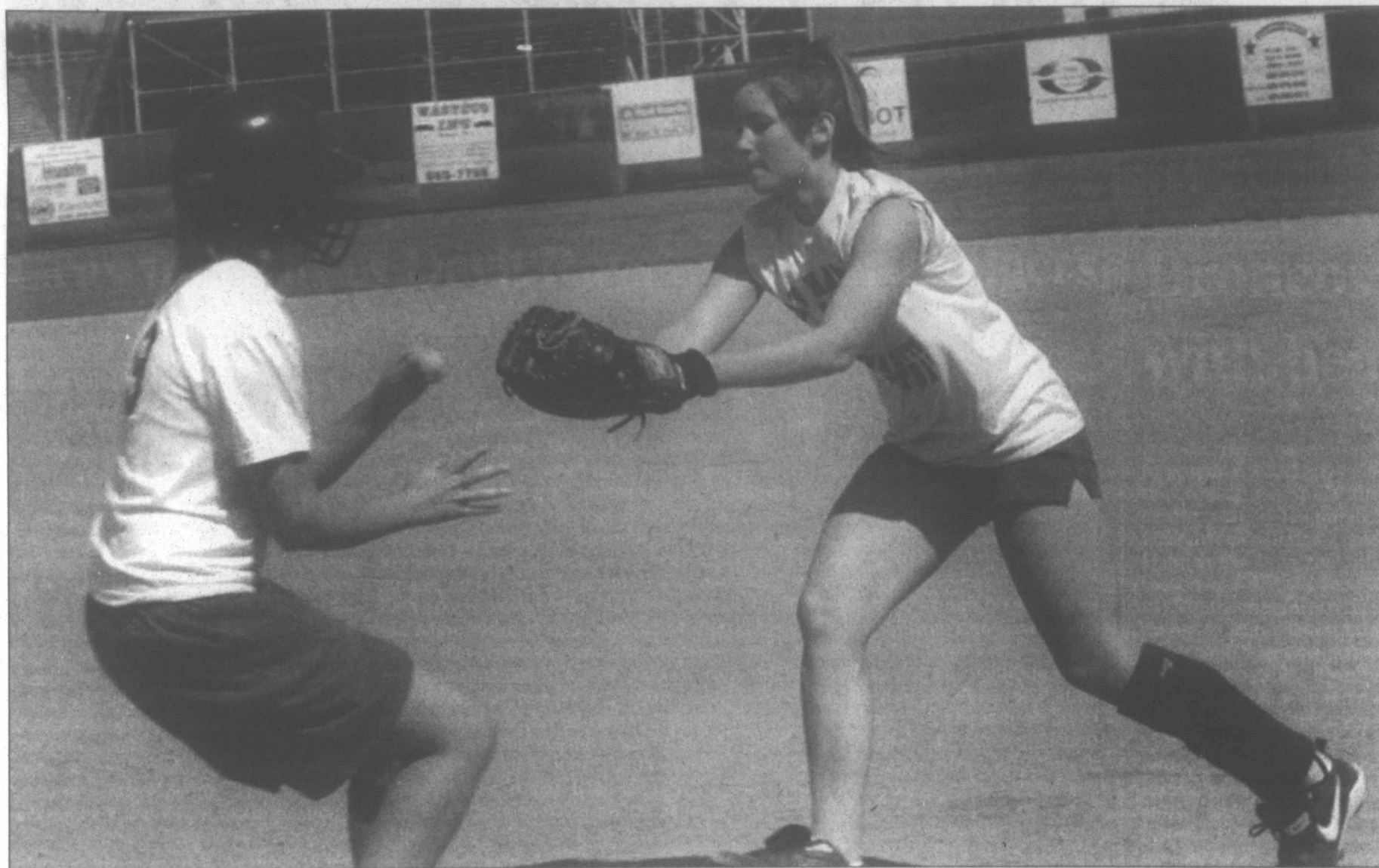
Riding a wave of emotion, the Suns sprinted to a 16-point second-quarter lead. But they couldn't sustain it, and the Spurs patiently whittled away after a disastrous first half in which they shot only 33 percent from the floor.

"We played through a whole lot," said Tim Duncan, who led San Antonio with 21 points and 12 rebounds. "Whatever you attribute it to, a lot of their fans and energy, we just couldn't throw it in the ocean. Come next game, we're going to really have to do a better job of getting a lead in that first quarter."

They'll have to do it against the full Suns lineup — and a team that seems loaded with confidence despite being on the brink of elimination.

"We'll have a lot more ideas, and we'll show up ready to play," Nash said. "We have a lot of reasons to be confident."

You're out!



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First baseman Kenzi Nickell tags out JV runner Carlyn Teichmann during Wednesday's practice.

Landis only part of mess cycling needs to clean up

By **NANCY ARMOUR**
AP Sports Columnist

Two years after Lance Armstrong climbed off his bike, cycling has a mess on its hands.

Positive tests, doping allegations — nobody, not even Armstrong, has been immune. The Tour de France, cycling's premier event, is less than two months away, and we still don't know who won last year.

That's because 2006 Tour winner Floyd Landis is huddled with his attorneys in a Malibu courtroom trying to prove his innocence on doping charges. So far, it's been less-than-scintillating stuff unless you're a nut for carbon-isotope ratios, 5-alpha diol and abnormal testosterone profiles.

But the dirt doesn't stop there. Cycling's problems began long before Landis got busted.

Tyler Hamilton had just finished serving his penance for one offense when his new team suspended him when additional allegations came to light. Jan Ullrich hasn't been able to shake the cloud of suspicion even in retirement. Ivan Basso recently confessed to "attempted doping," but said he never actually went through with it. Entire teams have been deci-

mated by doping allegations.

"I don't think it's a positive image for the sport, but it's there and you can't just move away from it that easily," said Jim Ochowicz, president of the board for USA Cycling.

"It's a problem that obviously needs some addressing, and I think a lot of people are trying to and are making good attempts at trying to resolve this."

Cycling isn't the only sport in need of a good scrub. Barry Bonds will replace Hank Aaron as home run king sometime in the next few weeks, yet most baseball fans think the San Francisco Giants slugger is a cheat. A former New York Mets clubhouse employee gave steroids and other performance-enhancing drugs to "dozens" of players, past and present, and is telling authorities everything he knows.

Some of track and field's biggest names — Tim Montgomery, Justin Gatlin, Kelli White — have been busted.

Yet these are considered, for the most part, isolated incidents, not enough to taint the entire sport.

Not so with cycling. Anyone who puts on spandex and a bike helmet is suspect right now.

"We're taking the hit. But because of taking the hit, it's actually being cleaned out," said Jonathan Vaughters, director and CEO of Team Slipstream, a young, U.S.-based professional road racing team.

"In the overall tilt of things, I don't see it as a bad thing."

Doping is hardly a new phenomenon in cycling. A British cyclist's fatal heart attack during the 1967 Tour de France was blamed, in part, on amphetamine use. The 1998 Tour was almost derailed when a stash of banned drugs was found in the Festina team's car.

But Armstrong gave cycling a reprieve from its seamy side. His inspirational story, charisma and utter dominance spawned millions of new cycling fans, endearing him to folks who thought a sprocket was something on a "Saturday Night Live" skit.

Sure, Armstrong was hounded by doping allegations, including the use of EPO. The doping crisis didn't stop during his reign, either, but none of the allegations against him was ever proven.

Armstrong is retired now, but the doping scandals go on. And the scandal du jour is Landis.

He made a spectacular comeback to win last year's Tour, on a bad hip no less, only to be busted for elevated levels of testosterone to epitestosterone. Instead of cashing in on that yellow jersey, he spent the last year playing defense.

"I have heard, anecdotally, that people are bummed about (the scandals)," said Carry Porter, spokeswoman for the Cascade Bicycle Club in Seattle, the largest recreational cycling club in the United States.

"On the larger scale, people still want to know who's racing and who's going to be fun to watch. But they might take people's successes with a grain of salt."

Sports will never rid itself of doping. There's always going to be somebody looking for an edge and not caring about the details.

But there's a difference between the occasional scandal and a flood of them. If cycling doesn't find a cure for its drug problem quickly, it's going to succumb to it. If it hasn't already.

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Suns

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We feel like we have a lot left, and it will be nice to have a full team back and see what we can do down there."

Stoudemire and Diaw violated an NBA rule by leaving the bench area after Robert Horry's flagrant foul on Nash in the final seconds of Phoenix's 104-98 victory in Game 4, and were suspended for Game 5.

Horry was suspended two games for his actions.

Without Stoudemire and Diaw, the Suns essentially used a six-man rotation, nearly won a grind-it-out kind of game the Suns aren't supposed to be able to play.

"We left it on the floor," Shawn Marion said. "What more can you ask of this team?"

Ginobili, who had an awful start, scored 15 of his 26 points in the final quarter to rally the Spurs, sinking two free throws to put San Antonio ahead 86-83 with 10.5 seconds to go. Nash badly missed a 3-pointer against Duncan's defense, then Michael Finley made two free throws with 5.5 seconds left to seal the win.

The result stung the Suns and their crowd, who were livid at what they felt was an unjust decision by commissioner David Stern and NBA executive vice president Stu Jackson.

They felt they got the worst of the ruling, even though a Spurs player instigated the incident. Signs in US Airways Center read "Burn Stern," "Stern and Stu Are Dirty Too," and "Free Amare."

The energy overwhelmed the Spurs — for a while.

"They were like hurt animals," Ginobili said. "They were upset. They were playing with a lot of passion."

Marion had 24 points and 17 rebounds, but scored only four points and took just five shots in the second half. Kurt Thomas, in a strong effort in place of Stoudemire, had 15 points and 12 rebounds. Nash finished with 19 points and 12 assists.

Finley had 13 points and Tony Parker 11.

For the Suns, Raja Bell played 47 minutes, Marion and Nash 46 apiece.

"We played about as hard as we can play," Phoenix coach Mike D'Antoni said.

Crawford closes Devil Rays' win over Rangers

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — Tampa Bay delivered one key hit after another until Carl Crawford finished off the Texas Rangers.

Crawford tripled with the bases loaded and Delmon Young also drove in three runs Wednesday night to pace an 11-8 victory at Disney World, which is turning out to be a nice home away from home for the Devil Rays.

A night after squandering numerous opportunities and stranding 14 runners in a 4-3, 10-inning win over the struggling Rangers, Tampa Bay got timely hitting throughout the lineup to position themselves for a sweep of the three-game series the Devil Rays moved to Disney to increase their exposure in the Orlando area.

"It would be nice if we can do it because a lot of people were thinking we might not do well with the home

away from home thing," Crawford said.

Sammy Sosa moved closer to becoming the fifth player with 600 career homers, hitting No. 597 in the fourth inning for the Rangers, who led 6-4 before Tampa Bay scored six runs in the fifth — the last three on Crawford's third triple of the season.

Sosa's two-run, opposite-field shot off left-hander Casey Fossum (3-3) was his ninth homer of the year and extended his major league record for most ballparks homered in to 45. Victor Diaz and Mark Teixeira also homered off the Devil Rays starter, who allowed six runs and nine hits in five innings.

"I never surprise myself," Sosa said, shrugging off a question about the success he's had this season to put himself on the verge of joining Henry Aaron, Barry Bonds, Babe Ruth and Willie Mays as the only players with at least

600 homers.

"I work hard, go out there in the (batting) cage every day trying to figure out a plan that I've got to take to the plate. ... I'm a fighter. I'm going to go out there and try to do the best that I can."

The middle game of the series drew a crowd of 8,839. That was slightly more than 8,443 for the opener and well above the 8,241 the teams averaged for six dates last season at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg.

Al Reyes pitched ninth for the Devil Rays, picking up his 12th save in 12 opportunities.

The loss was the seventh in nine games for the Rangers. Vicente Padilla (1-6) gave up a first-pitch, leadoff homer to Elijah Dukes and was roughed up for eight runs and 12 hits in four-plus innings.

FC Toronto defeats Houston for second straight win

TORONTO (AP) — Andy Welsh scored in the 25th minute and FC Toronto held on to defeat the defending MLS champion Houston Dynamo 1-0 Wednesday.

The victory was the second straight for the expansion franchise after four losses to open the season. Houston slipped to 2-3-1.

Toronto coach Mo Johnston pointed to his defense. The expansion team, which was outscored 10-0 in its first four games, has outscored the opposition

4-1 in the last two.

The home team shut down Dynamo star Dwayne De Rosario, a Toronto native. The fans at BMO Field controlled themselves two days after Toronto FC e-mailed its 14,000 season ticket holders, praising them for their passion and reminding them not to step over the line. Saturday's game against Chicago saw fans hurling giveaway seat cushions from the stands, and a handful of spectators ran onto the field.

Broncos practice with heavy hearts

DENVER (AP) — The Denver Broncos returned to practice Wednesday for the first time since the deaths of teammates Darrent Williams and Damien Nash in the off-season.

"Their memories are going to stay here for a long time," coach Mike Shanahan said. "We're going to embrace it and not be afraid to talk about it."

Williams, a starting cornerback and one of the league's rising young stars, was slain in an unsolved drive-by shooting on New Year's morning. Nash, a backup running back, collapsed after a charity basketball game in February and died of unknown causes. Both were 24.

"Two young guys that meant a lot to this organization that died at an early age, we don't understand why, but their memories are with us," Shanahan said. "We talked about it a little today. Their memory will go for a long time. As I told our players, 10, 15, 20 years from now, we'll have a number of things up over at that stadium that people can remember."

The Broncos plan to

honor their fallen teammates in a number of ways this season, perhaps with decals or patches and maybe a banner and ceremony at Invesco Field, among other things.

Many of their teammates gathered for both funerals and most have been working out at the team's headquarters for the last several weeks. Wednesday marked the start of a seven-day passing camp that included their four draft picks and several new free agents.

Taking the field for the first time without the gregarious Williams, who grew up in Fort Worth, Texas, and Nash was both melancholy and cathartic.

"It is a good thing to come out here," said second-year receiver Brandon Marshall, who was with both Williams and Nash in the moments before they died.

Autopsy results on Nash were released last week and found no drugs or unnatural substances in his system. An exact cause of death couldn't be determined, the St. Louis County medical examiner's office said.

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McCLEAN CARE CENTER is under New Administration and we are accepting applications for Nurse Aides.

21 Help Wanted

TAKING applications for Glass Installer, will train. Pampa Glass, 1432 N. Banks.

W&W Fiberglass Tank Co. is looking for Shop & Production Labor.

LOCAL Delivery Drivers for Pampa, TX. Class A CDL req. with Hazmat & Tanker endorsement.

MECHANICS Eastex Crude Company is taking applications in Pampa, TX.

MULTI Family Garage Sale-Fund Raiser, Kids stuff to ladies XL 7am-7 Fri. & Sat. 2317 Duncan.

PART time loader-operator, experience required. Pay \$10-\$20 per hour.

69 Misc.

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BASIC Lawn Care. Call 665-0310 Leave message.

CROSSWAYS RV Storage, 12072 E. Frederic Ave. 662-6089.

MEMORY Gardens of Pampa, Garden Devotion Section C, Lot #230, Spaces 6, 7, 8, \$1000 per space. Call 665-7489.

RED Barn will be closed Saturday May 19th and will open on May 26.

BARBIES and Porcelain Dolls for sale. Come by 525 Doucette, May 18-20th. Call 669-7573.

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69a Garage Sales

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4 Family Sale, 1913 N. Wells, Fri. 8-5, Sat. 8-1. Tv, wall oven, portacrib, furniture, household items, lots of misc.

GARAGE Sale: 530 S. Reid, Fri., Sat. & Sun., 8am-7. Clothing, baby items, wireless LED lights & lots of misc.

GARAGE Sale: Fri. & Sat. 9am. til ? Weather permitting. 1929 N. Christy.

DEBBIE'S Used Furniture, 903 S. Main, Borgerville, 806-273-2905. 10-6 Mon-Sat. Refrig., etc.

YARD Sale: Thurs. thru Sat. 9-5. 737 Bradley Dr. Bumper, tons of household, furni., baby stuff!

GARAGE Sale: Vehicles, furni., lrg. appli., clothes, etc. Fri., 8:30am., 1228 Charles.

TAYLOR'S Boutique & Gifts, 212 E. Broadway, Fritch. Huge Sale Going On Now!!

SALE 2306 Charles Fri. 8am. Home int., pictures, record player trunk.

GARAGE Sale, 1513 N. Zimmers, Fri., 9-3, two T.V. entertainment centers, vacuum, radio, new wall light, chest freezer, new ladder, powermate jump start dolly, new items never been used.

GARAGE Sale, Fri. 7-30-11, 955 Cinderella, lots of kids clothes, toys, sofa, knick-knacks.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, May 18, 2007. This year, stay tuned into the many different opportunities that head your way. Friends often are a source of the unexpected, so be careful when following their advice or getting involved in any money agreement.

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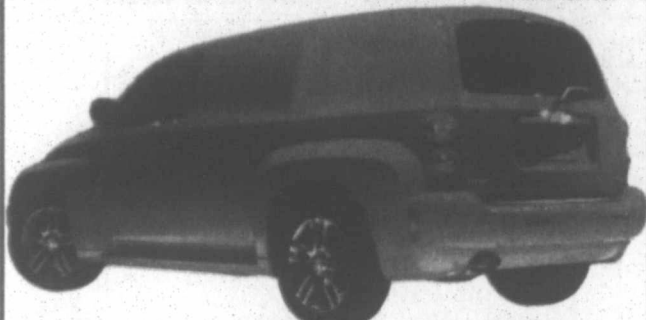
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