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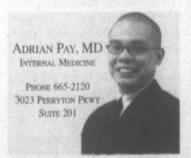
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Largest sales tax revenues good news for city streets

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

Sales tax revenues may have hit February sales." an all time high for the city of Pampa, according to the city's finance director.

Robin Bailey told the Pampa City Commission Tuesday afternoon that as far as she was able to determine May's sales tax check was the largest single monthly sales tax check the city has ever received.

"We collected a total of

Bailey said. "That was actually on

She said she had no idea why it was so high.

It was almost double the April check of \$322,076 and was rivaled only by the February check of \$539,082.38 and the November check of \$402,908.13. The other checks for this fiscal year have been between \$300,000 and \$400,000.

"I haven't done extensive research

the record amount we've ever collected in one month." The city's portion of the

\$610,867.43 was \$458,150.57. The Pampa Economic Development Corp.'s share was \$152,716.86. Bailey said that Gary Sutherland,

the EDC's treasurer, called her three times to confirm that number.

right," Bailey said.

The money puts the sales tax

\$610,867.43 for the month of May," on it," Bailey said, "but I think that's amount 28.83 percent more than what had been expected so far for the year.

> Projected out to the end of the year, that would mean \$850,467.46 more than what had been budgeted from sales tax income.

"We think we'll be that much over budget this year," Bailey said.

Last year at this time, she said the "He just didn't think that could be city had collected \$2,129,900.77.

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Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER Outgoing City Commissioner Lana Miller listens as Pampa Mayor Lonny Robbins reads a proclamation commending Miller for her service as a commissioner.

Robbins, Pingel, Dixon sworn in

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

elected City Commissioner Robert Dixon was sworn in during ceremonies at the Pampa City Commission Tuesday afternoon, along with incumbent Mayor Lonny Robbins and Commissioner Brad Pingel.

Dixon, who garnered 270 votes, defeated Teresa Henson, who tallied 232, in a close race for Ward 3. Robbins, who got 377 votes, was unopposed. Pingel, the Ward 1 commissioner who received 380 votes, was also unopposed.

A total of 1,259 votes were cast in the May 12 municipal election.

Outgoing Ward 3 Commissioner Lana Miller was recognized for service. She defeated Dixon two ment. years ago. Dixon had served 16 years prior to that.

The commission also declared a fire department pumper, a mower, a Chevrolet Blazer, two dump trucks, two tractors, a motor grader, three pickups, two sideloaders, a backloader and a mobile home as sur-

plus. They will be auctioned off by a Borger auction company.

Two ordinances passed on second and final reading.

One was an ordinance granting an easement along Red Deer Creek next to AmericInn. The easement will allow the hotel to build a covered walkway and patio area overlooking the creek.

The other ordinance put unbudgeted sales tax money into the 2006-2007 budget and dedicated it for street maintenance and improve-

"This is well spent money," Dixon said.

Robbins said that the \$380,000 would be in addition to \$250,000 already budgeted for street improve-

Director of Public Works Richard Morris told the commission that the money would allow the city to seal coat more streets, but he noted that the prices of seal coating have also increased this past year.

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Pampa police investigating death of 6-week-old baby

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

The death of a 6-week old girl is currently under investigation by Pampa Police Department.

A member of the baby's family called 911 at 1:15 a.m. Monday to report a baby having breathing problems at a Pampa residence, according to police records. Guardian EMS

Department responded to the call, and the child was transported by ambulance to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

"The child died at the hospital," said Assistant Police Chief Dennis Burton. "They worked on the baby for about an hour."

Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman

Ambulance and Pampa Fire was notified of the incident at about 2:40 a.m., and he pronounced the infant dead at the hospital a short time later, according to police records.

"As is routine in any baby or child death, an autopsy was ordered," Burton said. "Preliminary results indicate that the 6-week-old girl's injuries were traumatic in nature.'

Burton declined to be more specific on the nature of the injuries. The autopsy was conducted in Lubbock.

Police officers initiated contact concerning the incident by going to the hospital after the baby's arrival and are currently continuing their investigation.

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Swarm of bees lands on business

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

Bees were falling like flies Tuesday afternoon as Animal Control Officer Cindy Cox sprayed a swarm of honey bees that had collected on the northwest corner of the Clint and Sons Building, 1421 N. Hobart.

Notified about 2 p.m. Tuesday that honeybees were swarming there, Cox sprayed the colony with Chemspray, a commercial poison designed to act against bees, wasps and other flying insects.

She said there was no other choice. To her knowledge there were no beekeepers in Pampa that could have removed them.

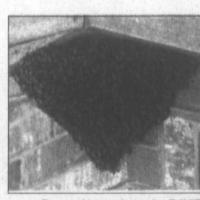
Scott Weaver, an Amarillo beekeeper, said that he and other beekeepers in the area use swarming bees to replenish their

Richard Campbell, another Amarillo beekeeper, said this is the time of year when bees begin to swarm.

"What happens is that the hives that are active in the city will run out of room once they start the honey flow season," Campbell said. "The queen starts laying eggs so it overpopulates the hive.'

The worker bees will select an egg that can become a queen and separate it. When she hatches, that section of the colony will protect her, and they will all

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Pampa Animal Control Officer Cindy Cox, right, sprays a swarm of bees, above, that had taken up residence at the northwest corner of the Clint and Sons building, 1421 N. Hobart.



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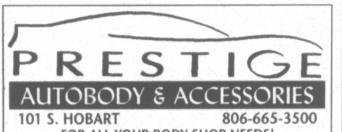
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Friday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 61. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 76. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Student planned to go to Falwell funeral with bombs, police say

— A Liberty University student who told a family member he had made bombs and planned to attend the funeral of the Rev. Jerry Falwell was apparently upset about an without bond in the anti-gay fringe group that protested at the funeral, authorities said.

Officials were still trying to figure out what Mark David Uhl planned to do with the bombs. Police do

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LYNCHBURG, Va. (AP) not believe he intended to disrupt the funeral Tuesday or harm the Falwell family, Campbell County Sheriff Terry Gaddy said.

Uhl, 19, was being held Campbell County Adult Detention Center on charges of manufacturing an explosive device. It was not known if he had a lawyer, and messages seeking comment left at numbers believed to belong to his family were not returned.

Uhl, of Amissville, was arrested Monday night after a family member contacted authorities, who found homemade bombs in the trunk of Uhl's car, Major Steve Hutcherson said.

Gaddy described the five bombs as "sort of like napalm" and about the size of soda cans.

"We do not believe the Falwells were ever in any danger," he said.

The funeral proceeded at Thomas Road Baptist Church without incident. More than 10,000 people attended the service on the campus of the evangelical university, which Falwell founded.

Investigators determined that Uhl had problems with a group that protested at the funeral, Gaddy said. The Kansas-based Westboro Baptist Church sent about a dozen members to protest across the street from the funeral, claiming Falwell was a friend to gays. The diers' burials, claiming the deaths are God's punishment

Falwell frequently spoke against homosexuality, and WILL DO babysitting at gay rights advocates have consistently opposed him.

Obituaries

Services tomorrow-

BOLIN, Kenzee Renae — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Pampa.

Kenzee Renae Bolin

Monday, May 21, 2007, at paternal grandpar-Pampa, Texas.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 24, 2007, at the First Baptist Church with Dr. Johnny Funderburg, pastor, officiating.

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

Kenzee was born April 10, 2007 in Pampa.

Survivors include parents, Darrell Tyrel and Mary Lee Bolin, of the home; sister, home; maternal grandparents, Bill and Roxanne Giles ents, Tonie Bolin

of Pampa and Darrell and Cindy Bolin Mannsville, Okla.; maternal great grandparents, Lyndelle Hatcher, Billie and Dorothy Giles, and Howard "Blackie" and Bolin

Mattie Adamson, all of Pampa; paternal greatgrandparents, Tommie and Jimmie Kay Williams and K'Lee Jade Clardy, of the Lyna Bolin, all of Pampa; aunts and uncles, Ray and Brandy Adamson of Dallas,

Kenzee Renae Bolin, 1 and Ray and Jeannetta Chris and Brandy Ketchum of Abilene. month and 11 days, died Adamson, all of Pampa; of Pampa, Jake and Crystal

Bolin of Kailua, Hawaii; greataunts and uncles, Jay Williams and Teresa and Steve Wade, all of Floyd Pampa, Hatcher Wil Abilene, Hatcher of Colorado Springs, Harlon Colo.,

Hatcher of San Antonio, and Wayne and Kathy Bolin of Weatherford; great-great-aunts and uncles, Mary Ann Nace of Pampa, Jean Gann of Amarillo, and Betty Gay and Riley Cross

She was preceded in death by maternal great grandfather, Floyd "Red Dog" Hatcher, on Feb. 23, 1988; paternal great-grandfather, Wendel Bolin on Oct. 29, 2001; an uncle, Stephen Michael Adamson on April 10, 1978; and by a paternal great-great-grandmother, Georgia Mack on Oct. 24, 2002.

MEMORIALS: Baptist Church Child Development Center, P.O. Box 621, Pampa, TX 79066-

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Andrew Wheeler, 20

GILLETTE, Wyo. -Gillette, died Saturday, May 19, 2007, in an ATV acci- He

Services were scheduled at 11 a.m. today at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church with Pastor Sonja Brucklacher officiating. Committal followed at Mount Pisgah Cemetery.

Arrangements were under the direction of Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home. Friends were invited to bring their branding irons to leave their brand on Mr. Wheeler's

Mr. Wheeler was born on ticipating in bull riding

Feb. 24, 1987, at Casper, events. During high school Andrew Wheeler, 20, of Wyo., to Josh and Kim and after graduation, he Miller Wheeler.

attended school in Casper until the fifth grade when he and his family moved to Gillette.

In Gillette, he attended Paint Brush Elementary, Sage Valley Junior High School and Wheeler graduated from Campbell County High School in 2005.

Mr. Wheeler was active in the high school rodeo, par-

worked for Don's

Supermarket. He moved to Durango, Colo., in 2005 while working for Big 85 and then returned to Gillette in October of 2006, where he continued to work for Big 85.

His hobbies included bull riding, 4-wheeling, dirt bike riding, camping, rock climbing and working on his 1972

Ford Galaxy 500. Survivors include his

mother, Kim Phillips of Gillette; his father, Josh Wheeler of Canyon; a brother, Josh Wheeler of Canyon; a sister, Jaidin Phillips of Gillette; his maternal grandparents, June Miller of Upton, Wyo., and Harvey Miller of Billings, Mont.; his paternal grandparents, Josh and Betty Wheeler of Pampa; and his paternal great-grandfather, Robert Rhoads of Skellytown.

Memorials and condolences may be sent in Mr. Wheeler's name Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home, 210 W. 5th St., Gillette, WY 82716.



Steve Drillette, of the National Weather Service in Amarillo, recently conducted a "Severe Weather Inservice" at Shepard's Crook Home Health. Here Drillette is seen showing Shepard's employee Renell Cloud one of the Weather Alert Radios recommended for monitoring weather.

Emergency Services

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

Nine traffic stops were made. A traffic complaint was received

from the 2400 block of Dogwood. Vehicle accidents were reported in

the 400 block of South Cuyler and the 1200 block of East Kingsmill. Animal control officers made stops

concerning animals in the 1100 block of Willow, the intersection of Hobart and Crawford streets, the 1400 block of North Hobart, the 1500 block of North Zimmers, the 1400 block of Williston, the 1500 block of North Faulkner, the 600 block of Doucette, the 800 block of South Hobart, the intersection of Barrett and McCullough streets, the 1100 block of East Kingsmill and the 800 block of East Foster, where a violation of the animal leash law was reported to police.

Welfare checks were made in the 2300 block of Primrose and the 400 block of East Frederic.

Found property was reported in the 8700 block of County Road 10.

Agency assistance was rendered on Highway 60 West and the 200 block of Warrant service was attempted on

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1100 block of Varnon Drive and the 600 block of North

received from the 400 block of Jupiter.

two occasions, resulting in at least one

ed the following arrests today. Monday, May 21

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 700 block of East

Murphy. Violation of a protective order was reported in the 1100 block of East

Kingsmill. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester and the

1000 block of Neel Road. Criminal trespass was reported in the 700 block of Locust.

A suspicious vehicle and criminal mischief were reported in the 1400 block of East Browning.

Harassment was reported in the police department lobby.

Assault was reported in the 500 block of North Perry, at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester, and at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles. One open door was checked.

Theft was reported in the 400 block of North Doyle. A two-wheeled car dolly valued at \$100 was taken.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 500 block of Oklahoma. A piston and two pistol magazines were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$450.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 700 block of North

Gray County Sheriff's Office report-

Jacob Rowsey, 19, of Tifton, Ga., A suspicious vehicle call was was arrested by GCSO for arson and theft of property over \$1,500 and less than \$20,000.

Tuesday, May 22

Arturo Morales, 25, of Pampa was arrested in the 600 block of East Foster by Pampa Police Department on a warrant for no insurance.

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

Tuesday, May 22 4:34 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the 1900 block of North Banks on a lifting assist.

5:34 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the 800 block of Scott for smoke removal.

10:45 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the 1000 block of Huff on a public service call.

Wednesday, May 23 3:40 a.m. - Five units and 11 personnel responded to the 200 block of North Nelson on a structure fire.

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

Tuesday, May 22 6:19 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of South Somerville

and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center. 8:16 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of North Sumner and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:48 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Terrace and transported a patient to PRMC.

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"We need to do a lot more," Robbins said.

The commission also authorized the city manager to enter into an agreement with the Texas Police Chiefs Association Foundation for working toward state recognition.

City Manager John Horst said that several years ago the city was a member of a national accreditation association that accredited the Pampa Police Department.

"Since that time," Horst said, "the State of Texas has decided that we need our own, and they're calling it a recognition program."

Horst said police chiefs from other cities were in Pampa this week to look over police operations here. They will review Pampa Police Department rules, grounds, equipment and policies and make recommendations for improve-

"The intent of it," Horst said, "is to bring the standards of all police departments in the state of Texas

The cost is \$600 for the annual inspection. Horst said that is well below the \$8,000 cost of the national accreditation agency.

He said the city does not have to pay travel for the inspectors to come to Pampa, but the city will pay Pampa Police Chief Trevlyn Pittner's costs if he goes to another city to inspect their operations.

The commission voted down a resolution to increase municipal golf course fees because of typographical errors in the fee schedule. The resolution is expected to come back to the commission at their next meeting, June 12.

They did pass a resolution authorizing the mayor to enter into a memorandum

of understanding with the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission concerning use of the city's new communication tower.

Horst said the PRPC had donated the building and some of the equipment at the tower, including a generator. He said the memorandum simply formalized the transfer, use and participation of the PRPC.

The commission also approved the platting of land now being used by Murphy Oil Co. next to Wal-Mart.

Morris told commissioners that the oil company had leased the land from Wal-Mart and was now buying it. Wal-Mart had previously platted the land they sold off for other stores around them, but they had not platted the land upon which Murphy Oil stood. Morris said this was to clear land records in the courthouse and had been approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Bees

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leave the hive and find a new home.

"That's where I get the swarms from,' Campbell said. "They'll fly maybe a quarter mile and land. That's when people see them and panic.'

Campbell and Weaver said the swarms are docile at that point because they are full of

"They collect as much honey as they can out of the hive before they leave," Campbell said.

He likens it to a person after Sunday dinner. The bees are full and tired from their flights.

But there won't be any new hive at 1421 N. Hobart.

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Baby

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"It's standard procedure to go back to who has handled the child in the last 24 hours of its life," Burton said. "That's what we're trying to do. We're interviewing family members and anybody who had contact with the child."

It is unknown if there

are any other children in the home, Burton said. Child Protective Services death and are also conducting an investigation,

No arrests have yet been made in connection

he said.

with the baby's death. "If it is determined that this is an intentional death, a warrant for capital mur-

der will be sought. Any

infant death is in that category," Burton said.

'We're not going to has been notified of the release the name of the victim or say what type of injuries she suffered at this time," he said.

> The police department investigation is being spearheaded by Det. Sgt. Fawnswa Burrows.

Taxes

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This year to date, the has collected \$2,468,723.33.

That puts this year's sales tax revenue 15.91 percent above last year's

The dollar amount, \$338,822.56, has allowed the city to expand funding for street renovations.

Deputy AG 'not candid' on firings

By LARA JAKES JORDAN Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department's former White House liaison denied today that she played a major role in the firings of U.S. attorneys last year and blamed Deputy Attorney General Paul McNulty for misleading Congress about the dis-

McNulty's explanation, on Feb. 6, 'was incomplete or inaccurate in a number of respects," Monica Goodling told a packed House Judiciary Committee inquiry into the firings.

She added: "I believe the deputy was not fully candid."

McNulty and other Justice officials

had no immediate comment. Goodling, 33, quit the department last month and initially pleaded the Fifth Amendment on Wednesday. After being granted court-approved immunity, she read a statement and began answering question from committee members.

Rep. Lamar Smith of Texas, the House committee's senior Republican, noted the suspense surrounding

Goodling's testimony but said there has been little evidence so far that the firings were improperly ordered.

"The accusations don't seem to have legs," Smith said.

Goodling initially refused to answer committee chairman John Convers' first question — about who drew up the list of prosecutors who were fired last year. Conyers responded by granting Goodling immunity, as approved earlier by the judge.

"You are obligated to answer each question completely and truthfully, Conyers said sternly.

Goodling told the House committee that she and others at the Justice Department fully briefed McNulty, who is resigning later this year, about the circumstances before his Feb. 6 testimony in front of a Senate panel. Goodling also said Kyle Sampson, who resigned in March as chief of staff to Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, compiled the list of prosecutors who were purged last year.

She said she never spoke to former White House counsel Harriet Miers or Karl Rove, President Bush's top politi-

cal adviser, about the firings. But she admitted to have considered applicants for jobs as career prosecutors based on their political loyalties — a violation of federal law.

"I may have gone too far, and I may have taken inappropriate political considerations into account on some occasions," Goodling said. "And I regret those mistakes.

Rep. Bobby Scott, D-Va., hammered Goodling on her decisions to hire prosecutors who favored Republicans.

Do you believe they were illegal or legal?" Scott asked.

"I don't believe I intended to commit a crime," Goodling, a lawyer, answered.

"Did you break the law? Is it against the law to take those considerations into account?" Scott said.

"I believe I crossed the line, but I

didn't mean to," she responded. Goodling sought to distance herself from the firings, and described herself as concerned that the Justice Department would publicly criticize the performance of the prosecutors who were ordered to resign.

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Derailed train spills beer, asphalt

DENVER (AP) - Beer and asphalt spilled out of rail cars in downtown Denver today after a string of 34 freight cars crashed into parked locomotives, derailing four of the cars and damaging others.

No one was injured and nothing got into waterways, said Steve Forsberg, .a spokesman for Fort Worth, Texas-based BNSF Railway. The railroad's mainline operations were not affected.



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engine was assembling a train at about 4:30 a.m. when the crew lost control of the 34 cars, and they rolled downhill into two stationary

A tanker car carrying spilled.

Forsberg said a switch Coors beer overturned and spilled its contents onto the yard, Forsberg said. Another car carrying asphalt was damaged and leaked.

> Forsberg did not know how much beer and asphalt



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Viewpoints

Onward, Christian Soldiers: The Jerry Falwell legacy

While giving him credit (or in their secularist eyes, mostly the blame) for the rebirth of Christian political activism, most of the media commentary about the late Jerry Falwell centered around his so-called "controversial" remarks.

Putting aside the fact that those remarks were solidly rooted in the Holy Bible and Judeo-Christian tradition, all of the emphasis should have been on his astonishing success in giving new meaning to that great old marching song "Onward, Christian Soldiers." Jerry Falwell was the marchers' chief recruiting sergeant.

I keep hearing how Jerry Falwell was instrumental in electing my dad, Ronald Reagan. My reaction to that was that it was nobody but Ronald Reagan himself and a lot of people like Jerry Falwell who were instrumental in his election victo-

Sure, the Rev. Falwell's support

was more than helpful, but his role in that election is not why he should be remembered. It makes light of his real accomplishments.

Jerry Falwell's monumental achievement was to stir up a vast slumbering Christian community, enliven it, and make it the vibrant and powerful force in America's political life that it remains today.

He told them that, yes, you can walk out of your homes, you can get out of the pews, you can actually get involved in politics and vote for people instead of sitting back and griping about the world going to hell in a handbasket.

He said it was about time the Christian community woke up and started looking for candidates who in fact fit their Christian values and moral criteria and get out and support them for different political offices, including the presidency of the United States.

In effect, he gave Christians

their marching orders to get neither be seen nor heard on the involved in politics.

In the light of the present political climate that may not sound all that revolutionary, but when he launched that crusade it was something both previously unheard of and daring.

Michael Reagan Columnist



He caught hell, or course, from the political left who howled about keeping church and state at arm's length. How dare he do this, they cried, knowing full well that what the Rev. Falwell was doing was threatening their stranglehold on the political life of this nation.

Christians, they believed, should

subject of politics.

In the face of this assault Jerry Falwell simply redoubled his efforts, challenging Christians to dismantle the temples of atheistic secularism and put God back in His rightful place at the center of the public square.

The result of this rebirth of the idea that Christians and other believers had a responsibility to speak out and act in behalf of Judeo-Christian principles and to elect candidates who supported them, was the success of the Reagan revolution and the elections of both Bushes.

Jerry Falwell supported Ronald Reagan because he knew that my dad not only espoused Christian morals and values, but actually lived them all of his life.

Tragically, as Jerry Falwell departs the scene to rejoin my dad in that place a loving God reserves

for those who were loyal to Him while on Earth, most of the current politicians are more apt to follow the polls than Judeo-Christian principles.

Look at the Democratic candidates, for example - the only time you'll see them in church is in an election year - and it's never their own church, but always some Black church they manage to discover when they are running for office and forget as soon as election day passes.

Their religious beliefs slumber until an election nears and they then suddenly spring to life, at least temporarily, and they can conveniently store them away until the next election.

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

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, May 23, the 143rd day of 2007. There are 222 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On May 23, 1934, bank robbers Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker were shot to death in a police ambush in Bienville

Parish, La. On this date:

In 1533, the marriage of England's King Henry VIII to Catherine of Aragon was declared null and void.

In 1701, Captain William Kidd was hanged in London after he was convicted of piracy and murder.

In 1788, South Carolina became the eighth state to ratify

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In 1937, industrialist John D. Rockefeller died in Ormond Beach, Fla.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces bogged down in Anzio began a major breakout offensive.

In 1945, Nazi official Heinrich Himmler commit-

ted suicide while imprisoned in Luneburg, Germany. In 1960, Israel announced it had captured former Nazi official Adolf Eichmann in Argentina. (Eichmann was tried

in Israel, found guilty of crimes against humanity, and In 1977, the Supreme Court refused to hear the appeals of former Nixon White House aides H.R. Haldeman and John

Ehrlichman and former Attorney General John N. Mitchell in connection with their Watergate convictions. In 1994, funeral services were held at Arlington National Cemetery for former first lady Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis.

Ten years ago: The defense at the Oklahoma City bombing trial suffered an embarrassing setback when one of its own witnesses provided testimony potentially damaging to defendant Timothy McVeigh. The Senate decisively approved a carefully constructed deal to balance the budget and cut taxes. Iranians elected a moderate president, Mohammad Khatami, over hard-liners in the ruling Muslim

Five years ago: During visits to Germany and Russia on the same day, President Bush told wary European leaders "we've got to use all means at our disposal to deal with Saddam Hussein," and he denounced anyone who would appease terrorists or ignore threats to Europe. Golfing legend Sam Snead died in Hot Springs, Va., at age 89.



Palestinians deserve a one-state solution

up the idea of a two-state solution. It is as plain as a hippopotamus at a tea party that the only kind of state the Israelis will give them, if at all, is a politically and ecotion of tiny enclaves separated by Israeli territory.

Palestinians Instead, should demand a unified Palestine, with one-man, one-vote democratic government and equal rights for all.

Of course, the Israelis won't agree to that, either. They know that while initially Palestinian Arabs would be a minority, in a few years they would become a majority because of a larger birthrate and a decline in Jewish immigrants.

that Israel have a Jewish majority and Jewish control, which is why, to this day, the Israelis persist in ways to try to ethnically cleanse the land of the original majority, which was Arabs.

Great Britain had no right to take an Arab country and present it as a gift to

Palestinians should give European Jews. Israel is today an ethnic-based state with discriminatory laws that would not be tolerated by the world community in any other state.

For example, under nomically unviable collec- Israel's Law of Return, any

Charley

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Columnist

Jew anywhere in the world can come and pronounced a citizen when he

steps on the tarmac. Across the border in the wretched Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon, Jordan and Syria are people and their descendants who lived in Palestine for generations until driven out by the Zionist ideology demands Israelis. They are not allowed to return and, of course, would never be granted citizenship.

This oddity that is Israel is maintained because the U.S. and Europe deliberately shut their eyes to its basic flaws and obfuscate the issues with endless talk about an alleged peace process that, in fact, existed. They are supported in this willful blindness by powerful Jewish lobbies, most of them run by people who wouldn't dream of immigrating to Israel, where taxes are high and military

service is compulso-

> Members Christian that cult support the Zionist

state simply demonstrate to the world their ignorance of Christianity and Judaism, as well as their pathetic naivete. The religious right in Israel would not only like to cleanse the land of Arabs but of Christians as well, though it is willing to use the willing dupes for the time being.

Christianity began in Palestine. The oldest church in Christendom is in Palestine. Christians have lived in Palestine since the days of Jesus. Yet the extreme hardships imposed on Palestinian Christians are

does not now and never has ignored by most American Christians, many of whom have been brainwashed into supporting people who hate them rather than their Christian brothers and sis-

You don't see it reported in American newspapers, but there is a prominent rabbi who likes to boast publicly that a Jewish life is worth more than a gentile life. There is a rabbi who said publicly that a Jewish fingerwas worth 100 nail Palestinians.

Granted, the more secular Israelis vehemently disagree with these views, but they are trapped in an artificial state that is artificially maintained with outside support.

The rallying cry for Palestinians should become one Palestine, equal rights for all and one man, one vote. They have lived under Israeli occupation for 40 years, and it is time for that to end.

-Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando,

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Texas Thoughts.

By The Associated Press

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May 9

San Antonio Express-News on a distraction from high gas prices:

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The firm plans to expand its operation to Chicago, New York and Los Angeles next month, with plans to have 6,000 television screens by the end of the year.

Gas Station TV, a digital television

service delivered by a broadband connection, allows all participants to benefit: The stations, which are not charged for the screens, get to customize their own ads, while ESPN and the TV company get a cut of the ad revenue.

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DEAR ABBY: As acting surgeon general of the United States, I would like to thank you for your recent reply on March 4 to a question regarding underage drinking. You advised your readers that "when children drink alcohol, they can more easily become dependent than adults." Letting parents know that underage drinking is not a "harmless rite of passage," as many still believe, is one reason why I recently issued "The Surgeon General's Call to Action to Prevent and Reduce Underage Drinking." With this call to action, I am asking every American to join in a national effort to change attitudes and behaviors regarding underage alcohol use. Our children deserve nothing less. We can no longer ignore what alcohol is doing to our children. Despite recent declines in their use of tobacco and illegal drugs, alcohol remains the most heavily abused substance by America's youth. There are 11 million underage drinkers in this country. Their alcohol use is associated with a long list of tragic consequences, including death from injury, risky sexual behavior, the use of other drugs and academic failure. Abby, please urge your readers to request a copy of "The Surgeon General's Call to Action to Prevent and Reduce Underage Drinking" and other free materials about youth and alcohol from www.surgeongeneral.gov, or DEAR RACHEL: Breast-feeding a baby by calling the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information. The tollfree number is: (800) 729-6686. The good news is that underage drinking is not inevitable, and society is not helpless to prevent it. Underage drinking is everybody's problem -- and its solution is everyone's responsibility. Thank you again, vacy of her home -- not in a public place. Abby, for being a powerful part of that solution. - REAR ADM. KENNETH P. MORITSUGU, M.D., M.P.H.

DEAR REAR ADM. MORITSUGU: I'm sure your offer will be appreciated and acted upon by parents nationwide. There is still a common misunderstanding about underage alcohol use. My experts tell me that young people who start drinking before age 15 are five times more likely to have alcohol problems later in life. Also, new research indicates that alcohol may harm the developing adolescent brain. Parents and other adults who are not sure why -- or how -- to help young people avoid alcohol should ask the National Clearinghouse for "Start Talking Before They Start Drinking: A Family Guide." It's a booklet developed in conjunction with an Ad Council public education campaign bearing that title.

DEAR ABBY: A couple of weeks ago, some friends and I visited a family friend's niece who had recently had a baby girl. While we were visiting, we noticed that the baby was hungry. Being a good mom, the new mother unbuttoned her shirt, took off her bra, and breast-fed the baby right in front of us. Abby, was it right or wrong of her to expose her breasts in front of visitors when breast-feeding the child? --RACHEL IN PHILADELPHIA

is normal and natural. However, removing one's bra to do it should not have been necessary. There are special nursing bras that allow the mother to uncover one breast at a time for the baby to nurse. Chalk up what happened to the young mother's inexperience. And after all, it was done in the pri-

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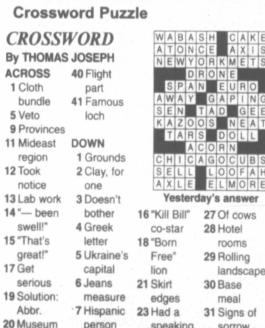
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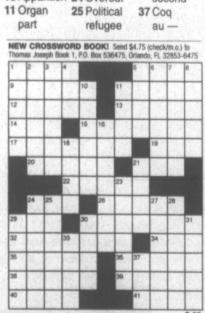
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Sports Day

Celanese, Glo-Valve pick up Tuesday wins, face off today

Vavle Service took care of business Tuesday to set up a showdown today at Optimist Park at 5:45 p.m. for first place in the Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken League. Glo-Valve is undefeated while Celanese has one loss in the regular season.

Celanese dispatched Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency 14-0. Bobby Haley, who allowed no runs or hits, pitched the first two innings and picked up the win. James Thompson finished up for Celanese.

Glo-Valve used three pitchers to defeat Rotary Club 9-2. Zach Graves pitches and scored on a sin-

Celanese Corp. and Glo-struck out the first six batters to earn the win, his second of the season. Jordan Lemons allowed two unearned runs and one hit in two innings. He walked one and struck out three. Krysten Miller pitched the last two innings and permitted no runs. She surrendered two hits, walked one and struck out three. Cody Parks and Riley Douglas pitched for Rotary.

> Reid Miller gave Glo-Valve a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning with his fourth home run of the season. Logan Boemisch opened the second inning for Glo-Valve with a walk. He moved up two bases on wild

gle by Reid Miller. Reid Miller made it 3-0 via a stolen base and two wild pitches.

Travis Hinkle reached base for Rotary in the top of the third inning on a fielder's choice. He stole second and came around to score when the catcher's throw went into center field. Glo-Valve got two more runs in the bottom of the inning. Lemons walloped a solo home run. Krysten Miller followed with a single, two stolen bases and made in home on a ground out by Schrade Thompson.

A walk to Rotary's Parks, a stolen base and an error narrowed the score to 5-2 in

the top of the fourth. Glo-Valve struck for three more runs in the bottom of the fourth. Reid Miller opened with a triple and came home when Sam Cain struck out but hustled safely to first base. Cain stole second and third and trotted home on a single up the middle by Graves. Graves took second on an error, stole third and scored on a Krysten Miller single.

Glo-Valve added an insurance run in the bottom of the fifth inning. Cory McCarn walked, stole second and third and tallied on Reid Miller's fourth hit of the

Reid Miller was the lead-

ing hitter in the game for Glo-Valve. He had four hits, scored three runs and had three RBI to go with two stolen bases. Graves and Krysten Miller had two hits each for Glo-Valve. They each scored once and had one RBI. Graves stole four bases while Krysten Miller had two thefts.

Dalton Johnson, with a double, and Cager Osborne and Daniel Leal, with singles, had hits for Rotary.

Rotary turned in several fine defensive plays. Parks picked a runnner off second. Justin Velasquez grabbed a soft fly ball at second base and turned it into a double play. Johnson snagged a fly

ball in deep center field.

Outstanding defensive plays for Glo-Vale included Graves and Krysten Miller each picking a runner off second. Reid Miller had a caught stealing. Lemons fielded a ground ball back to the pitcher's mound and made an unassisted put out at home. McCarn charged a ground ball hit into right field and threw the batter out at first.

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The word in China: Adelman will make Yao Ming better

BEIJING (AP) — Rick Adelman will make Yao

That's the word in China where fans intensely follow every pivot, every move the 7-foot-6 center makes for the Houston Rockets.

Knocked out of the playoffs in the first round by the Utah Jazz, the Rockets last week fired coach Jeff Van Gundy and replaced him with Adelman — a shakeup reported in nearly every newspaper in China.

Fans "Yao's Home Welcome New Coach," said a headline in Wednesday's China Daily newspaper.

In a poll cited by the paper, 53 percent said Adelman would be a better star, 7-foot forward Yi coach for the Rockets, with Jianlian, expected to go in only 37 percent unhappy to the first round of next see Van Gundy leave.

Yao averaged 25 points and 10 rebounds this season, but committed critical turnovers against Utah in the first-round playoff ouster. To sharpen his skills, he has worked out since the playoffs with Hakeen Olajuwon, the center who led the Rockets to NBA titles in 752-481 record in 16 seasons 1994 and '95.

"The new coach will be playoffs 14 times.

better for Yao Ming because he thinks more about offense," said Ni Aiqi, 27, who heads a Beijing-based Yao Ming fan club — appropriately called the "Giant

"Yao Ming's agility got worse under the old coach," Ni added. "But Adelman will improve this and help his decision making.'

Ni said 30-40 regular club members meet every weekend to play basketball and watch Rockets games.

Basketball is widely followed in China, where about 300 million are estimated to play the game. NBA ratings are on the rise and should go higher with China's latest month's NBA draft.

He would be the fourth Chinese to make the NBA, following Wang Zhizhi, Mengek Bateer and Yao.

Adelman sat out this season after the Sacramento Kings decided not to renew his contract following the 2005-06 season. He has a and his teams have made the

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5:00 P.M. There will be no teams added after this date.

1:00 P.M. on June 6th, 2007 at the Recreation Office.

Play will begin the week of June

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The entry deadline is May 30th at Office at City Hall, Room 204 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday or Schedules will be available after the internet www.cityofpampa.org

If you have any questions or would like more information on the Summer Softball Leagues, please call 669-5740 during business hours.

Spurs 2-0 for series

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Ever since Robert Horry sent Steve Nash sprawling, the San Antonio Spurs have become a different team.

A better team.

The Spurs are 4-0 since the loss that featured Horry's suspension-inducing hit on the Phoenix point guard. The roll began with consecutive victories that finished off the Suns in the second round and against the Utah Jazz, the latest a 105-96 victory Tuesday

Tony Parker scored 17 points and had 14 assists, his most ever in a playoff game, putting San Antonio halfway to another trip to the NBA finals. History is on the Spurs' side as 55 of the 57 teams to win the first two games have ended up

advancing

"We're going to stay focused," Parker said. "That's the key. You have to keep focusing and playing with the same intensity, same

Tim Duncan had 26 points and 14 rebounds and Manu Ginobili added 17 points. The Spurs shot 55.4 percent for the game and were 13-of-26 from behind the arc, sethas continued with two more ting a franchise playoff in the conference finals record for made 3s Brent Barry hit three in a row to help break the game open in the second quarter and Bruce Bowen hit a trio in the fourth

> "That's what they're giving us," Parker said. "Every time I penetrate, they're wide open. They're forcing us to make outside shots and tonight we made those

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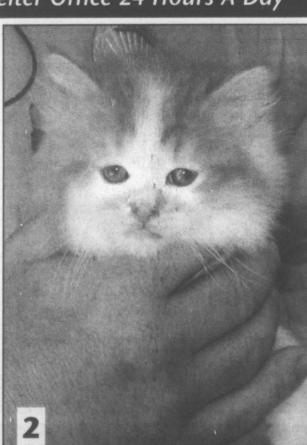
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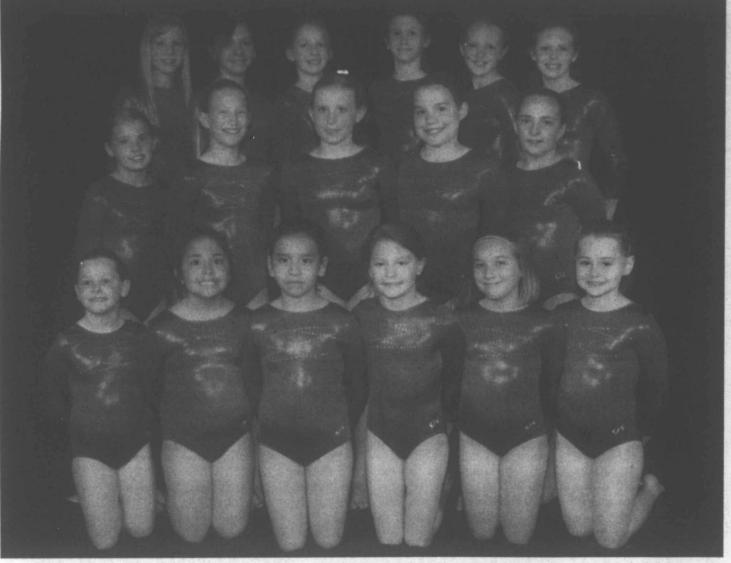


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Tumbling & Trampoline team members from Gymnastics of Pampa are: (back row, L-R) McKinlee Stokes, Megan Pirtle, Madison Fatheree, Chelsie Griffin, Taylor Giles and MaKayla Hampton. (middle row, L-R) Marlee Youree, Mattie Eldridge, Khori Lott, Brooke Woelfle and Kelsey Henry. (front row, L-R) Samantha Clancy, Misti Bowers, Danikka Resendiz, Jacie Studebaker, Jaycee Devoll and Kaylee Fulton. Not pictured - Amber Preston.

Pampa gymnasts bring home two gold medals

Gymnastics of Pampa Tumbling & Trampoline team members recently participated in a qualifying meet in

Winning gold medals for Team Pampa were Madison Fatheree on Trampoline in Level 6 and Jacie Studebaker on Tumbling in Level 3.

The gymnasts train twice a week under the direction of Kristi Petty, Carrie Reagan and Kathey Rice and compete in Levels 2-8 on tumbling and trampoline.

Other Team Pampa results are as follows:

Marlee Youree - 2nd tumbling, 5th trampoline Mattie Eldridge - 3rd tumbling, 6th trampoline Madison Fatheree - 5th tumbling MaKayla Hampton - 5th tumbling, 8th trampoline Megan Pirtle - 3rd tumbling, 4th trampoline McKinlee Stokes - 2nd trampoline, 4th tumbling Misti Bowers - 4th tumbling, 4th trampoline Samantha Clancy - 2nd trampoline, 6th tumbling Danikka Resendiz - 4th trampoline, 7th tumbling Kaylee Fulton - 6th trampoline, 9th tumbling Jacie Studebaker - 7th trampoline

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Liverpool's American owners savor atmosphere of champions

ATHENS, Greece (AP) -American businessmen Tom Hicks and George Gillett Jr. owns for Europe's biggest club soccer title with thousands of red-shirted fans singing and partying all over central Athens.

"There's no way either of my two teams' fans have the level of intense passion that Liverpool has," said Hicks, who also owns baseball's Texas Rangers and hockey's Dallas Stars. "I want them to. Hopefully some day they will."

Throngs of Liverpool fans descended on the Greek capital with and without tickets for Wednesday night's Champions League final against AC Milan, hoping to see the Reds win their sixth European Cup title.

Hicks and Gillett, who the Montreal never imagined this when Canadiens, took over full United and 15 behind secthey bought Liverpool in control of the 18-time ond-place Chelsea. March — their team playing English champions in March. Now they are in Athens to savor the atmosphere of one of soccer's greatest nights.

"If Liverpool wins in our first year as owners, it'll be a fairy tale," said Hicks, wearing a white Liverpool shirt and carrying a printout of his hockey team's latest news under his arm.

The owners may be lucky to have gotten in at the right time, but the team played well to reach the final of Europe's biggest club tournament, and that is not lost on Hicks and Gillett.

The idea now is to keep winning, even in the Premier League. Liverpool finished

this season, 21 points behind champion Manchester

"We are passionate winning in our lives and our families," said Gillett, whose Canadiens are one of the most successful sports franchises in the world. "We want to be regularly competing for the Premiership and the Champions League."

That will be good news to the millions of Liverpool supporters all over the world.

"The fans are smart. The fans can sense that George and I want exactly what they want," Hicks said.

And that is trophies.

Ken Plumpton, a 36-yearold bank manager from Cheshire, England, wearing

a bright red Liverpool shirt,

third in the English league is more than happy with that attitude.

"As long as they look after the club, that's all anyone wants," Plumpton said. "It suits me fine

Hicks and Gillett do plan to invest money into the club to buy more players, but stress that it's manager Rafa Benitez who is creating the "His plan will include

buying some players," Hicks said. "So far he's doing exactly as we want him to

Gillett added: "And we support him."

Benitez has already won one Champions League trophy with Liverpool, leading the Reds to the title in 2005 despite trailing 3-0 at halftime against Milan.

Cowboys' new stadium to help NFL super-size **2011 Super Bowl**

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Super Bowl has been criticized for not having enough seats for regular fans to watch the NFL's biggest game. Thanks to the Dallas Cowboys, that shouldn't be a problem in 2011.

NFL owners voted Tuesday to play the 2011 Super Bowl in the Cowboys' stadium in Arlington, a \$1 billion stadium seating up to 100,000. The North Texas bid also features video screens in plazas at either end zone, and Dallas owner Jerry Jones said up to 120,000 tickets could be sold.

"Everyone has always told me, 'I wish we could get more fans in the Super Bowl. I wish we could do that," he said. "I think the fact we can have 100,000 people in the stadium is important because it includes that many more people in our biggest event in the NFL."

Texas beat out Indianapolis and Arizona to host the game in a close vote. Officials said Texas won 17-15 on a fourth ballot edging Indianapolis when only a simple majority was

Commissioner Roger Goodell said he told Indianapolis officials they would talk about the future. But Dallas' bid with thousands more seats made the difference.

"I also believe the fact they had an extraordinary capacity which allowed more fans to be able to attend the Super Bowl was a very big factor," Goodell said.

They let Hall of Famer Roger Staubach, 2-2 as a Super Bowl starter, pitch their bid, and he touted Texas' long football history. Then there was the stadium with a sliding roof to protect against any winter weather.

'We're going to work real hard to live up to the responsibility we have of winning this bid to make it the best Super Bowl that's taken place in 45 years," said Staubach, chairman of the bid committee. "We're thrilled about it."

The NFL has taken the Super Bowl to Texas only twice before, and both were played in Houston with 2004 played in the Texans' new stadium. The Cowboys, who have played in eight Super Bowls, now are bringing the game itself to their part of Texas.

Indianapolis tried to overwhelm owners with more than \$25 million in commitments to pay the tab of hosting the Super Bowl with a domed stadium opening in 2008. Colts coach Tony Dungy received a nice round of applause from the owners in making the city's bid and touted the city's history of hosting five Final Fours and the Indianapolis 500

They even had a Top 10 list from David Letterman capped by the No. 1 reason: His mother's tailgate party.

"I think every other aspect of our bid, candidly, was stronger than Dallas' but for the size of the stadium," said Fred Glass, president of Indianapolis' bid committee. "So based on that, that's the only thing I can think of that was the deciding piece."

Indianapolis last lost a bid to host the 1992 Super Bowl to Minneapolis, but Colts president Bill Polian said owners told him and team owner Jim Irsay that Indy should bid again.

"I don't think those were idle words of consolation. They were true feelings. The committee did as good a job as anyone could possibly do. We just came up a little short," Polian

Arizona had no star power in trying to become a part of the Super Bowl rotation like Miami, which hosted the game in February and is on tap for 2010. Mike Kennedy, chairman of the Arizona Super Bowl host committee, said visitors can enjoy the weather.

'Arizona is the best Super Bowl venue in the United States year in and year out," he said.

During the NFL's one-day spring meeting, Goodell:

-Met with owners to review medical standards for managing concussions. That means protecting anyone who anonymously reports doctors pressured to clear players or players pressured to play.

-Said the league will work with the players' union, the NFL Retired Players Association, NFL Alumni Association, NFL Charities and the Pro Football Hall of Fame in an alliance to coordinate medical support for former players.

-Briefed owners on paring down the time it takes to complete the first two rounds of the draft. Pittsburgh's Dan Rooney said he doesn't think teams need 15 minutes per pick in the first round, and the commissioner said he expects to make a decision by fall.

-Talked about player conduct, including situations involving Tennessee cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones, Chicago defensive tackle Tank Johnson and Atlanta quarterback Michael Vick.

Player conduct remains a big topic, especially in the town where Jones has been suspended for the 2007 season for offfield conduct Goodell deemed detrimental to the NFL last

Jones appealed that suspension in a hearing May 11. But a decision is not expected this week because Goodell said he had been busy prepping for the owners meeting.

As for Johnson, who met with Goodell last week after a two-month stint in jail for violating probation, the commissioner said: "I do not believe there's any information I'm still waiting on. I might be able to move on that faster."



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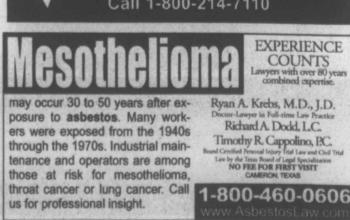


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people and adds to your professional and personal success. Know when you have had enough, and be willing to walk away. You have an unusual opportunity to confusing to a key associate or loved one. If you can't shed light on an issue claim your power this year. People surround and support you. If you are single, meeting people could be a snap, but relating on a deeper level could be challenging. Often you discover that each of you is on a different path. If you are

can be a downer. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll 4-Positive; Have: 5-Dynamic;

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sider a purchase of a new home. VIRGO

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This year, communicate your energy and

spirit in a manner in which others can

3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** New beginnings are possible if you don't go to extremes. Nix exaggeration, whether it comes from you or someone around you. Actions count. Get into a project. Demonstrate in a discussion how to make an idea a reality. Tonight: Easy does it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** Where others lack imagination, you have ideas. Let your knowledge dictate your choices, and use your ingenuity to make them possible. Someone you see as vague could become even stranger or more confusing. Tonight: Fun and

*** You mean what you say.

Nevertheless, confusion surrounds plans,

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

reverse a situation. Rather, take in what is happening knowing time remains your ally. Tonight: Happy at home. understand. Simplicity draws many more CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** You might need to clarify and ask more questions. What appears to be right-on and clear to you could be most

perhaps a long-term plan. Don't try to

now, don't worry - you have time. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Curb a need to spend until you get a better grasp on a situation; you might not be right or on target. Acknowledge someone for what he or she has to offer. A relationship could go topsy-turvy out

Treat yourself well. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** You might be on top of your game, but if you look around, others might not be. If you can pitch in and make someone's day a little easier, do. Personal matters could keep your mind

of the blue. Do nothing for now. Tonight:

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ** For better or for worse, whatever decision or move you make falls apart. You might not understand what is happening. Isolate yourself from chaos.

Observe rather than be a player. You dis-

cover the power of timing. Tonight: Get

some extra R and R.

busy. Tonight: Just smile, and everyone

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Aim for more of what you want from a dubious situation. If you act clearly, then others might have a backdrop to work with in their confusion. Tension occurs within a partnership, as you have different ideas. Tonight: In the limelight.

*** Maintain a low profile rather than get caught up in a whirlwind of activity, confusion and misunderstanding. Gain a perspective through watching. Do what you must; others might be more observant than you think. Tonight: A must CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** Take the high road. Avoid get-

ting caught up in problems that surround

you. Investigate possibilities with a clear

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

eye. Avoid any and all money dealings right now. Wait a few days before making financial decisions. Tonight: Rent a movie or listen to music AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** Know when to back off. Though you absolutely might feel you are on the right track, you could be off. Give your-

self time. Allow someone else to make

decisions. Would you rather make a bad

decision than do nothing? Tonight: Time out with a friend. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** Others clearly want to dominate. Who are you to prevent them from doing what seems natural and important? What you might be working through in

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