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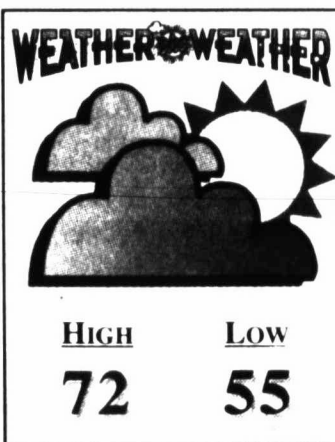
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Class of 1983 alumni set 20-year reunion meeting

Members of the Class of 1983 are planning a 20-year reunion meeting at 7 p.m., Thursday, May 29, in The Coffee Shop, downtown Pampa. For more information, contact Whitney (Kidwell) Davis at 665-7843.

STATE

Insurance bill faces yet another Legislature vote

AUSTIN (AP) — After months of debate on homeowners and auto insurance reform by lawmakers, a select committee of House and Senate members is expected to meet this week to come up with the final details of the bill that will be sent to the governor.

DEATHS

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Good news! City sales tax receipts showing upward trend

By DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

May sales tax receipts for City of Pampa were up for the fourth month in a row.

"This is the fourth consecutive month we've been over budget on our sales tax receipts," said John Horst, the city's director of finance.

The first four months of the 2002-2003 fiscal year were below what had been budgeted. The last four months have been above the budget figures.

Horst admitted that the city took a hit the first four months of the fiscal year when it came to sale tax receipts.

It was not a good Christmas for sales in Pampa, and the New Year got off to a rocky start.

October was 3.89 percent below what the city had budgeted, but November's sale tax receipts dropped to 11.09 percent below what had been expected. December was

down 5.11 percent below what had been budgeted. January was down 7.62 percent.

Things began to change in February with sales tax receipts topping what had been expected by 2.48 percent.

March was even better with sales taxes receipts being 7.47 percent above what had been budgeted. April was 5.75 percent above the city's budgeted figure and May was 9.11, the largest increase yet, over what the city expected.

This month, the city received \$203,953.32 as its part of the sales taxes collected in Pampa.

That still leaves the city about \$8,500, or 0.61 percent, below what had been budgeted through May, but Horst said the upward trend in sale tax collections is encouraging.

"If the trend continues, we'll make it up and can come out on budget."

City to meet Tuesday

A special use permit for storage of sand, stone or gravel in the 400 block of North Ballard will once again headline the Pampa City Commission meeting.

The ordinance granting the permit was tabled at the last regularly scheduled city commission meeting. It was tabled again at a special meeting of the city commission earlier this month after the permit met increasing opposition from residents in the neighborhood.

At their regular meeting at 6 p.m., Tuesday, in the commission chambers at city hall, commissioners will also hear the second and final reading of ordinances providing for annual rabies vaccinations and amending the city's operating budget.

Commissioners will consider on first reading an ordinance providing for payment of city fees and services by credit card.

They will also consider (See CITY, Page 3)

Getting the flags ready



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Shelbie Allison, left, and Trey Glover, right, help load flags into the back of a caravan of pickups outside the Gray County Veteran's Office early today as the Pampa Kiwanis Club began to distribute the Stars and Stripes to businesses and residents across town for Memorial Day.

President pays tribute to soldiers in Mideast

By SCOTT LINDLAW
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush marks Memorial Day with a wreath-laying at Arlington National Cemetery, paying special tribute to troops in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Bush and his wife, Laura, returned from a long weekend at their home in Crawford, Texas, on Sunday to prepare for Monday's holiday observance that included a White House reception for military families.

They also were honoring fallen soldiers at Arlington's Tomb of the Unknowns, and Bush was giving a speech on the troops' sacrifices.

"Each Memorial Day, we pray for peace throughout the world, remembering what was gained and what was lost during times of war," the president said in a Memorial Day proclamation.

"From the bravery of the men at Valley

Forge, to the daring of Normandy, the courage of Iwo Jima and the steady resolve in Afghanistan and Iraq, our men and women in uniform have won for us every hour that we live in freedom."

Bush gave a special salute to "the men and women in our nation's armed forces who are working with our coalition partners to restore civil order, provide critical humanitarian aid, and renew Afghanistan and Iraq."

"Americans stand with the families who grieve, and we share in their great sorrow and great pride," he said. "There will be no homecoming on this earth for those lost in battle, but we know that this reunion will one day come."

Bush designated 11 a.m. Monday in each time zone as a time for Americans to unite in prayer. He also called on Americans and the news media to observe a National Moment of Remembrance beginning at 3 p.m. local time.

Warm welcome



(Courtesy photo)

Renae McCullough, left, chats with Pampa Independent School District's new superintendent Barry Haenisch, center, and his wife Linda, during a reception welcoming the couple to the community last week.

Sharon defends effort for peace

JERUSALEM (AP) — Defending himself against right-wing attack, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Monday he endorsed a peace plan recognizing the Palestinians' right to a state because continuing to rule them is "bad for us and them."

"This can't continue endlessly," he told angry lawmakers from his Likud Party a day after his Cabinet conditionally approved the U.S.-backed "road map" for Mideast peace. The plan envisages a Palestinian state by 2005.

The 12-7 Cabinet vote, with four abstentions, marked a sea change in policy, especially for conservatives in Sharon's Likud for whom Palestinian statehood has

been anathema.

For decades, Sharon was Israel's most prominent hawk, arguing that a Palestinian state would pose a mortal danger and pushing for Jewish settlement expansion in the West Bank and Gaza Strip to thwart future land concessions to the Palestinians.

On Monday, he found himself in the unfamiliar position of defending his peace efforts, and was heckled by Likud legislators who reminded him of his prior opposition to concessions.

"To keep 3.5 million people under occupation is bad for us and them," he said of Israel's 36-year presence in the West

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE QUARTERLY PRAYER BREAKFAST

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OBITUARIES

DENNIS CAVALIER
1944-2003

Dennis Cavalier, 58, of Pampa, Texas, died Saturday, May 24, 2003, at Pampa. Memorial services will be at 4 p.m., Wednesday at Harvester Stadium in Pampa with Mr. Steve Porter, a Baptist minister and Pampa High School teacher, and Dr. Randy White, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Cavalier was born Aug. 6, 1944, at DuBois, Pennsylvania, to Eugene and Norma Cavalier. He graduated from Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas, with his B.A. degree and was an All-American football player. He received his Master's degree from Wichita State University.

He married Kathy Heitschmidt on July 5, 1969, at McPherson, Kansas.

Mr. Cavalier was a resident of Pampa since 1987, where he served as athletic director and head football coach of Pampa High School.

He was the football coach who turned Pampa's boys into men for 16 seasons. In the 16 years as coach, the Harvesters went to the playoffs nine times, including three trips to the regional round, once to the quarterfinals, and to the semifinals in 1996.

In 1999, he was named coach of the decade by the Amarillo Globe-News. He compiled a 107-68-2 record at Pampa. He won his 100th game as a Harvester and his 200th game overall last season.

He had coached in Kansas for 13 years and in Chickasha, Oklahoma, for six years and from 1987 to present in Pampa.

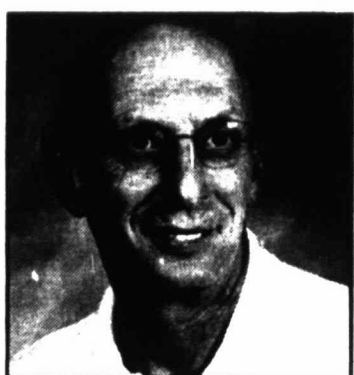
He was a member of the Texas High School Coaching Association, Southwestern College Hall of Fame, and First Baptist Church of Pampa.

Survivors include his wife, Kathy, of the home; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Andy and Wendy Cavalier of Pampa and Tony Cavalier of Amarillo; two daughters and a son-in-law, Katy and Brian Moore of Norman, Oklahoma, and Abby Cavalier of the home; his mother, Norma Cavalier of El Paso, Texas; two brothers, Richard Cavalier of Westamptoa, New Jersey; and Tom Cavalier of El Paso, Texas; one grandson, Casen Cavalier of Pampa; and one granddaughter, McKenna Cavalier of Pampa.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Pampa Independent School District, Athletic Department Scholarship Fund, in care of Sandy Clark, 101 Randy Matson Ave., Pampa, TX 79065.

Mr. Cavalier will be available for viewing at the Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Home from 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Tuesday and from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Wednesday.

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

MRS. C.W. 'ANN' HENRY
1909-2003

Mrs. C.W. "Ann" Henry, 93, of Pampa, died Saturday, May 24, 2003, at Panhandle. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Henry was born Aug. 23, 1909, in Stonewall County and moved to Pampa in 1932. She married Chester W. "Chet" Henry on July 18, 1937, at Crowell; he died in 1974. She was a retired nurse and a former Pampa Woman of the Year (1979).

She was a member of First United

Methodist Church and Friendship Sunday School Class.

Survivors include a daughter, Carol Halley of Norman, Okla.; a son, Bill Henry of Knoxville, Tenn.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1981, Pampa, TX 79066-1981; or to American Cancer Society.

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

ALLEN 'ABE' WEBB
1929-2003

CANADIAN — Allen "Abe" Webb, 73, died Friday, May 23, 2003, at Pampa. Services were to be at 2 p.m., today, in Canadian First Christian Church. Burial will be in Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors.

Mr. Webb was born Dec. 17, 1929, at Canadian, to Arthur Allen and Bessie Lee Bartram Webb. He graduated from Canadian High School in 1947 and from Oklahoma State University in 1951. He was an alumni of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

He ranched in Oklahoma, Montana and the Texas Panhandle.

He married Amber Cooper in 1950. He later married Susie Coats on Sept. 1, 1957, at Raton, N.M.; she died on Nov. 19, 1989. He married Ann Arrington on July 2, 1990, at Canadian.

He was past president of Canadian Feedyards, served on the CHS School Board and the Hemphill County Hospital Board and belonged to Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and Texas Cattle Feeders. He was an avid bridge player.

He was preceded in death by a brother, L.H. Webb, in 1957; and a son, Charles Roger Webb, in 1965.

Survivors include his wife, Ann Webb; two daughters, Kelly Caccia of Englewood, Colo., and Dawn Webb of Canadian; three sons, L.H. Webb of McLean, Trey Webb of Canadian and Buddy Webb of Lipscomb; and 13 grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Hemphill County Hospice, 1020 S. 4th St., Canadian, TX 79014; or to Harrington Cancer Center.

WEATHER FOCUS

Today's forecast is calling for mostly cloudy skies, a slight chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon, highs in the lower 70s, southeast winds 5 to 15 mph and a 20 percent chance of rain. Tonight should see mostly cloudy skies with a slight chance of thunderstorms predicted, lows in the mid 50s, east winds 5 to 15 mph and a 20 percent chance of rain. Tuesday should be mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s. Southeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s. South winds 5 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 20 percent. Wednesday, partly cloudy, slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. West winds 5 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 20 percent. Wednesday night, partly

cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the lower 60s. Chance of rain 20 percent. Thursday, mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 90s. Thursday night, mostly clear. Breezy. Lows in the mid 60s. Friday, mostly sunny. Slight chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 90s. Chance of rain 20 percent. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Breezy. Chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. Chance of rain 30 percent. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Breezy. Chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s. Chance of rain 30 percent. Sunday, partly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s. Chance of rain 20 percent.

STATEWIDE

Showers and thunderstorms were expected across much of Texas on Monday.

Cloudy skies were expected in the Hill Country and south central Texas with a chance of showers and thunderstorms and highs in the 80s. By evening, mostly cloudy skies were expected with a chance of showers and thunderstorms and lows in the 60s.

In deep South Texas, partly cloudy skies were expected in the east with mostly cloudy skies with scattered afternoon showers and thunderstorms

expected in the west. Highs were expected in the mid-80s near the coast to the mid-90s in the west.

Mostly cloudy skies were expected in the Panhandle with a chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon and highs were expected in the lower 70s. By evening, mostly cloudy skies were expected with a chance of thunderstorms in the west and a slight chance of thunderstorms in the east. Lows were expected in the mid-50s.

In far West Texas, partly

cloudy skies were expected with isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs were expected in the lower 90s. By evening, partly cloudy skies were expected with isolated thunderstorms in the evening and lows in the lower 60s.

In the Dallas area, cloudy skies were expected with a chance of showers and thunderstorms and highs in the upper 70s. By evening, mostly cloudy skies were expected with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms and lows near 60.

More foreigners populate border areas, according to Census Bureau statistics

PHOENIX (AP) — The number of foreigners in Southwestern states is increasing, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics.

The trend is due to increased foreign immigration, coupled with declining or reversing domestic migration, which is revealed in an analysis of the latest Census Bureau estimates of county population changes, covering April 2000 to July 2002.

The Arizona Republic examined counties with populations of more than 100,000 across Southern California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas.

In 31 of the 53 counties, or nearly 60 percent, more foreign than domestic immigrants moved in.

At the same time, in 22 counties, or more than 40 percent, more U.S. residents moved out than in. In other words, their populations would have declined without foreign immigration.

Across the Southwest, the growing proportion of foreign immigrants poses important economic, social and political questions in the debate over

the costs and benefits of a nation absorbing the largest number of immigrants in its history.

In census data, any non-U.S. citizen moving into the United States from a foreign country is classified as a foreign immigrant. No distinction is made between those who immigrate legally and those who do not.

The Republic found that across the 53-county region, an average of seven immigrants from outside the United States moved in for every net gain of one person from inside the country.

"The inner counties are more and more dependent on (international) immigration as their source of growth," said William Frey, a Brookings Institution and University of Michigan demographer.

But Frey cautioned that the latest census estimates may overstate the degree of foreign immigration, just as they underestimated it in the 1990s.

Also, some of the data for county outflows should be viewed in terms of whether people are actually leaving a metropolitan area or just hop-

ping across a county line in the same metropolitan region, he said.

The majority of foreign immigrants to the Southwest are from Latin America, and studies show they often arrive impoverished, poorly educated and with few job skills.

They bring the benefits of foreign culture, a strong work ethic and a willingness to do low-wage jobs shunned by U.S. workers, but they also present major challenges for the areas in which large numbers of them settle.

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SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, May 24

Ronnie Gene Carter, 40, 731 Brunow, was arrested for public intoxication.

Sunday, May 25

Saul Salcedo, 19, 420 Warren, was arrested by the Texas Department of Public Safety for public intoxication and released to pay later.

Jeffery Baker, 38, 1612 N. Sumner, was arrested for assault causing bodily injury to a family member - family violence.

Marisa Ramirez, 23, 1101 Crane, was arrested for failure to identify - fugitive, bond

forfeiture for theft by check, issuing bad check, violation of open container law and failure to appear.

Bruce David Ellwanger, 18, 1101 E. Francis, was arrested for the Pampa Police Department on municipal charges of consumption of alcohol by a minor and failure to appear.

Ricky Carl Clark, 41, 1044 S. Christy, was arrested for no driver's license, expired motor vehicle registration and no insurance and a Potter County warrant for possession of dangerous drug.

Matthew James O'Laughlin, 31, Miami, was arrested for aggravated assault on a family member.

POLICE

Pampa Police Department made the following arrests during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today, according to Gray County Jail records.

Sunday, May 25

Lauren Heath Holtman, 23, 937 S. Faulkner, was arrested on driving while intoxicated - breath test refusal. He was released on bond.

Eugene Edward Abernathy, 17, 2800 N. Crest Rd., was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces, possession of

drug paraphernalia, and driving under the influence - minor. He was released on bond.

Wayne Elliott Williams, 52, 1209 Duncan, was arrested for expired motor vehicle registration, no insurance, and failure to change address on driver's license. He was released to pay later.

Mark Anthony Klepper, 46, 1200 N. Wells, Apt. 30, was arrested for public intoxication.

Larry Keith Bryan, 39, 316 N. Wells, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Higher ed rift stalls budget talks

By CONNIE MABIN
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas universities' dream to be free of state regulations on setting tuition and other functions may soon come true.

But first several ideas must clear the House and the Senate, where support for tuition deregulation is not so strong.

The Texas House on Monday was scheduled to take up legislation needed to push forward House Speaker Tom Craddick's wish to allow the institutions to set their own tuition.

Right now, state lawmakers decide what college students must pay.

The measure by Rep. Geanie Morrison, R-Victoria, would loosen a plethora of laws and rules for higher education institutions and set up guidelines for the administration, operation, governance and financing of colleges and universities.

Over the weekend, Craddick and Senate leader Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, both Republicans, announced that tuition deregulation was part of a budget deal struck between the two chambers.

Dewhurst said he promised the Senate would support whatever deregulation plan comes out of the House.

But Senate budget negotiators are upset with the higher education deal, particularly over the House's resistance to put more money into health-related academic institutions.

On Sunday, budget talks stalled over the disagreement.

Senate leaders agreed to tuition deregulation because the House agreed to add \$500 million in additional funding to higher education in the budget, Dewhurst said.

He acknowledged the deal is a hard sell in his chamber.

"There's lukewarm support in the Senate. We're going to have to twist some arms for tuition deregulation because it principally helps two schools: UT-Austin and A&M at Bryan/College Station. And we've got a lot of different universities around the state," Dewhurst told The Associated Press.

Several Democrats in the House also oppose deregulation, saying it would put more burden on families that don't qualify for low-income aid but aren't wealthy enough to pay for college on their own.

Craddick and House Appropriations Chairman Talmadge Heflin, R-Houston, said the decision to deregulate college tuition was to compensate for a 10 percent cut in state higher education spending in the next state budget.

"There was no way for us to continue to fund higher education in the manner that's needed unless you have this," Craddick said.

"We're not funding higher education in the foreseeable future in the manner it needs," he said. "This is going to allow the institutions flexibility."

If the necessary legislation is approved and the budget passes, deregulation for all students will begin Sept. 1.

Grants would be established for low-income students who might see tuition increases, Craddick said.

State universities, facing a budget squeeze and funding cuts, had lobbied the Legislature to lift the state's limits on tuition.

Students don't like the proposal.

"I fear for those students who are already on financial aid," said Rachael Rose, 22, of Plano, a senior majoring in education at Texas Tech University. "It's just going to put them at a higher risk to drop out or to have greater student loans to pay off."

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Eight new SARS cases, three deaths reported in Toronto

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Toronto was back on the map of SARS trouble spots Monday after health officials there confirmed three new deaths and eight new cases. In Taiwan, the health chief for the island's capital resigned to take responsibility for a SARS outbreak at a hospital.

Hong Kong researchers also said a SARS vaccine developed with their mainland Chinese counterparts was ready for testing on animals.

Yuen Kwok-yung, head of the University of Hong Kong's Department of Microbiology, said an activated strain of SARS coronavirus would be tested. Preliminary results will be known in six months, and there are no present plans for human testing, he said in a statement.

Toronto believed it had shaken severe acute respiratory syndrome after reporting the biggest outbreak outside Asia in April. But news

emerged last week of the possible new cases, and officials acknowledged that Canada could have between 30 and 40 cases that went undetected.

The World Health Organization placed Toronto back on a list of SARS-affected areas Monday, but stopped short of advising travelers to avoid Canada's largest city. Toronto was removed from that list May 14.

The Toronto deaths, along with one in Hong Kong and three more in China, brought the worldwide death toll to 724. More than 8,100 people have been infected since the disease emerged in November, apparently in China's southern Guangdong province.

China, which has reported the most cases and deaths, reported just eight new cases Monday, its lowest reported daily increase to date. Taiwan reported 15 new cases.

Taipei's health chief, Chiu Shu-ti, resigned late Sunday night, taking the blame for last month's SARS outbreak at the capital's Hoping Hospital. The facility was the source for most of the island's SARS infections.

Chiu, known as an iron lady for her dedication to work and swift action, offered to quit soon after the city-run hospital was sealed off April 24 to contain infections. But Mayor Ma Ying-jeou asked her to stay. Chiu offered to resign again, saying the timing was right because the Taipei outbreak was coming under control.

"After a long talk, I decided to let her retreat from the front line," Taipei's mayor said.

Later Monday, two Japanese doctors arrived to study why SARS spread so quickly in Taiwan — an economically developed society similar to Japan's. Japan has no confirmed SARS cases but

is concerned the virus will hit there next.

"We want to bring a message and say you are not alone," said visiting physician Hiroshi Noguchi of Narita Red Cross Hospital. "We are standing in the same boat."

The eight new cases announced in Toronto were linked to outbreaks at hospitals, and officials insisted there was no transmission of the disease to ordinary Canadians.

"We still see no evidence of community transmission of this disease," said Dr. Colin D'Cunha, chief medical officer of health for Ontario province.

One of the new cases was a 96-year-old man who died. Health officials said they believe the man was the index, or first case, of the new cluster. He was in North York General Hospital.

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SHARON

Bank and Gaza Strip. "I want to say clearly that I have come to the conclusion that we have to reach a (peace) agreement."

Officials began preparing for a meeting between Sharon and Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas, which Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat said Monday could come within 48 hours.

That meeting could pave the way for a three-way summit with President Bush, expected to take place next week.

Israeli Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom, speaking before a meeting of European and Middle Eastern foreign ministers on the Greek island of Crete, said the summit would likely be in Jordan and called it "a positive move in the right direction."

The "road map" is a three-year, three-phase blueprint for ending violence and establishing a full Palestinian state next to Israel.

Sharon's government gave its conditional approval to the plan, adding demands that the Palestinians have rejected up to now. Palestinians, who already accepted the plan, charged that Sharon was not sincere and insisted the "road map" be implemented unchanged.

Israeli commentators were divided over whether the

acceptance of the road map was simply a tactical move, aimed at avoiding confrontation with the United States, or whether the prime minister has had a change of heart on how to solve the conflict with the Palestinians.

The vote came after a flurry of weekend diplomacy. The United States said Israel's concerns about the plan would be taken seriously, and on that basis, Sharon said Israel would accept the contents of the plan, forcing his reluctant Cabinet's hand.

The process of bending Israel's will was expected to refurbish the U.S. image in the Arab world, where Washington has been seen as Israel's champion.

Shalom said the Cabinet decision "was as difficult as crossing the Red Sea." Sharon faced down the opposition of two of his coalition partners, whose four ministers voted against, along with three ministers from his own Likud party. Four abstained.

Approval of the plan was carefully worded to allow Israel to wriggle out of some of the road map measures toughest for Sharon's government to accept.

The Cabinet statement said

"Israel agrees to accept the steps defined in the road map," not the plan itself. A senior Israeli official, speaking on condition of anonymity, indicated that this left Israel in position to demand that Palestinians must first crack down on violent groups, instead of the plan's call for parallel Israeli and Palestinian steps.

Sharon aide Raanan Gissin said Israel would make no moves or statements of intent until the Palestinians "show progress on the ground" toward stopping terror attacks. The road map plan begins with statements from each side renouncing violence and recognizing each other's right to a state.

Palestinian Cabinet Minister Yasser Abed Rabbo said he feared the vote was just a ploy. "The vague acceptance of the road map, including the Israeli reservations ... proves once again that the Israeli government will place obstacles and conditions in the way of implementation," he said.

The Israeli Cabinet said the Palestinians must abandon their demand for the right of Palestinian refugees and their descendants, about 4 million

people altogether, to return to their original homes in Israel.

Palestinian official Nabil Abu Rdeneh rejected that. "We will not accept anything that is not mentioned in the road map," he said. The refugee issue is to be negotiated in the final stage.

Past peace initiatives have come unraveled in squabbling over just such details.

This peace initiative is also incredibly fragile, Israel TV political reporter Keren Neubach said. "One suicide

bombing could bring down the whole process," she said.

The Islamic militant group Hamas reiterated Sunday it opposed the plan, saying it was meant to trick the militias into disarming.

An Israeli soldier was lightly wounded Monday when a Palestinian gunman attacked an army post in the Gaza Strip before fleeing, the army said. Militants from the Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, associated with Arafat's Fatah faction, claimed responsibility,

calling it "our response to the road map hell."

In the West Bank, the army destroyed the houses of two suicide bombers in the city of Hebron who blew themselves up in Jerusalem last week. Troops also arrested 11 suspected Palestinian militants, the army said.

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calling a special meeting for June 3, to canvass the vote in the May 31, runoff election.

They will hear the Cable Advisory Committee's annual report during their work session which begins at 4 p.m. in the main floor conference room in city hall.

They are also expected to begin budget discussions during their working session.

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THE Pampa

NEWS COMICS

MONDAY • MAY 26, 2003

DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Today Praise The Heroes Who Have Kept Us Free

DEAR READERS: Today is Memorial Day. Don't forget to take a moment and, regardless of what your religious affiliation may be, offer a prayer for those brave souls who sacrificed their lives in the name of freedom. Blessed are they all.

DEAR ABBY: My 30-something girlfriend, "Heidi," is in her first year of business school. She is on a committee to organize the graduation party for students who will graduate next month.

It's going to be an all-night "affair" (good choice of words?), and will be held at a hotel, so the drinkers can stay overnight. Heidi is in charge of reserving a block of rooms, and for the past few weeks has been immersed in every detail of the event.

Heidi thinks there's nothing wrong with attending this graduation party as a member of the committee — as well as staying overnight. I say it's a recipe for disaster. Your opinion is needed ASAP.

DUMBFOUNDED BOYFRIEND
IN NOVA SCOTIA

DEAR DUMBFOUNDED BOYFRIEND: Your girlfriend has worked hard to make this event a success, and I don't blame her for wanting to enjoy it. However, you know Heidi better than I do. If she has shown you in the past that she can't be trusted, you can't be blamed for feeling as you do.

P.S. If she has been as faithful as Fido — you have an insecurity problem you had better deal with before you drive Heidi away.

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DEAR ABBY: "Hurt and Confused in Oregon" didn't know what to make of the fact that her friend of many years suddenly stopped talking to her. You advised that the reason could be that there's something going on in her friend's life that she's not willing to share.

Anyone whose friend stops communicating — seemingly for no reason — should ask him- or herself the following questions:

(1) Are you a braggart? Do you boast incessantly about yourself, your family, your abilities, etc.? Maybe your friend got tired of hearing it.

(2) Are you the favorite topic of your conversation? Maybe your friend isn't as fascinated by you as you are!

(3) When something good happens to your friend, do you show genuine happiness, or do you exhibit jealousy and resentment?

(4) Do you encourage your friend and build him/her up — or do you say things to dampen your friend's spirits, thereby bringing that person down?

Sometimes people say things that alienate others without realizing they are doing so. I speak from experience, Abby. Sign me...
HAD ENOUGH

DEAR HAD ENOUGH: There is always room for improvement. This may be a time when introspection is called for. If one's friends are bailing, an honest look in the mirror may

be in order.

DEAR ABBY: At what age can one relinquish the role of godparent? My godchildren are now adults, and I simply cannot afford to keep doling out gifts. They never phone or visit; we have little contact unless I initiate it. Frankly, I'd like to hang up my title and retire gracefully. What is the etiquette on this?

NO FAIRY GODMOTHER
IN WASHINGTON STATE

DEAR NO FAIRY GODMOTHER: There is no law that compels you to bestow gifts from the cradle to the grave — their cradle and your grave. Send the grown "godchildren" a lovely card and your heartfelt good wishes.

P.S. I'll bet you get a phone call!

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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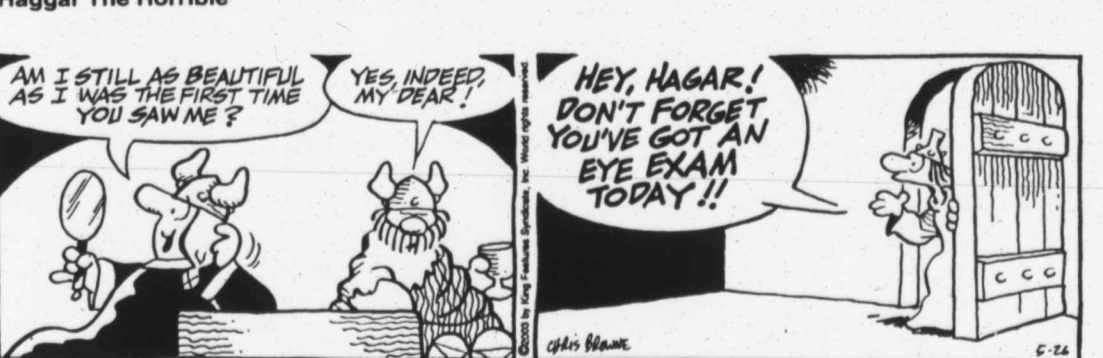
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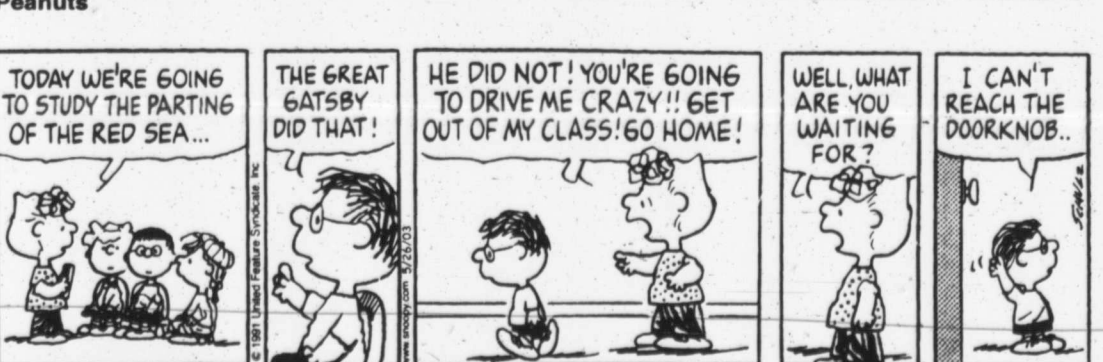
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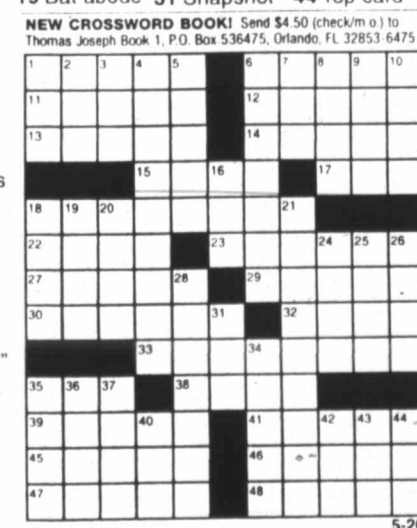
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- 15 Eccentric
- 17 Permit
- 18 Cop taunter
- 22 Crime boss
- 23 Cowboy, at times
- 27 Turn aside
- 29 Comedy counterpart
- 30 Station worker
- 32 Make booties
- 33 Disparaging names
- 35 Fall behind
- 38 Canyon sound
- 39 Trophy
- 41 Game setting
- 45 "— mind?"
- 46 Stern with a bow
- 47 Catch some z's
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- 19 Bat abode
- 20 News-paper page
- 21 Real toiler
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- 25 Give off
- 26 Mild oath
- 28 Like a boxer's wrists
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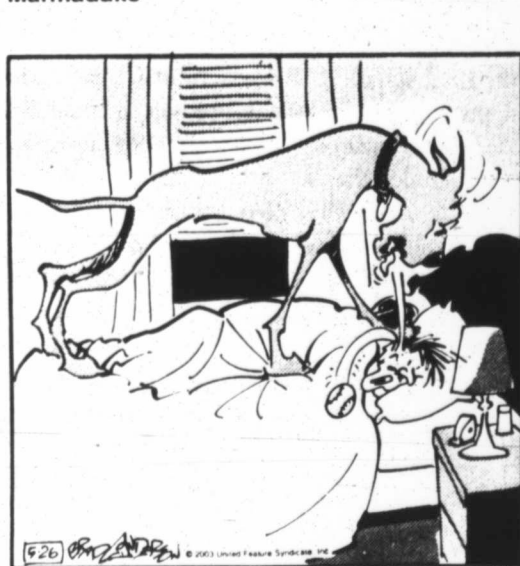
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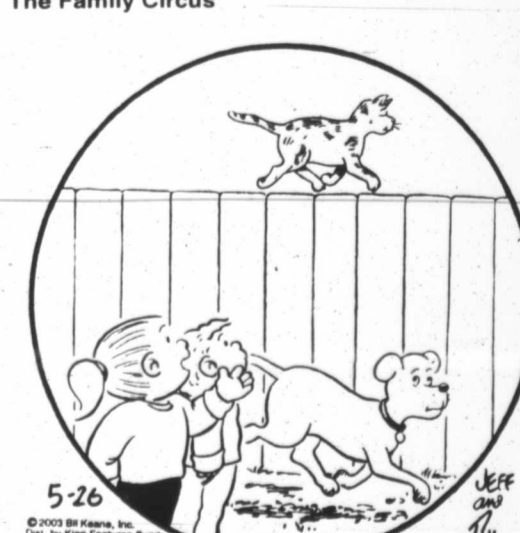
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NOTE

BASEBALL

PAMPA — High Baseball game will be held May 26 at 6:30 p.m. at Pampa High School. Tickets are \$5.00. Contact Pam Zemanek for more information.

PHYSICAL

PAMPA — Physical examinations for the Pampa High School football team will be held Tuesday through Thursday until summer. Once the team has been officially announced in June.

GOLF

FORT WORTH (AP) — Ken Perry, who won the \$900,000 win at the Colonial in 1999, but he knows no one else who has won the Colonial. "I'll probably remember who won ANA but that's OK," Perry said. "I remember me. At least I remember that."

Perry had a Sunday for a under total of six-stroke v. Justin Leonard. It was an ending for the that began on note Thursday. Annika Sorenstam, the first woman to play on the She missed rounds of 71. Leonard's perfect round 61, which e bogey and ma course record challenge for.

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SPORTS

Youth Survival Club is life-changing experience

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Editor

PAMPA — One of these days, J.R. Moreno would like to step down from his duties with the Youth Survival Club of Pampa. But if there's a wayward youngster out there who needs help, the 59-year-old founder of the club plans to stay on the job for as long as possible.

"I've thought about quitting, but I love all these kids and they love me," says Moreno, who has suffered from health problems for several years. "It makes my day to come to this club. All these kids are part of my life."

Although the club has a boxing team made up of both boys and girls, a youngster doesn't have to step into the ring to join the club, which is located in the old Horace Mann Elementary School building. Moreno tries to provide a safe haven for kids who are trying to escape from drugs, gangs or family abuse.

More than likely, Moreno will deliver a motivational message once or twice a week to a crowd of kids gathered at the club. Most recently, he talked about shoplifting before a crowd of about 25 young people.

"During the summer, shoplifting increases because the kids are out of school," Moreno said. "They don't have anything to do, so they start hanging out with the wrong crowd."

Moreno urged the kids to pick their friends very careful-

ly. "If you do the crime, you'll do the time. If you're with somebody who shoplifts, you'll go to jail right along with him," he said.

During Moreno's question and answer session with the kids, many of them in their pre-teens, it was easy to see why the club was so popular.

"I've had a rough childhood, but this club has been a blessing to me," said Jeannette Casanova, one of the female boxers. "I've only been here about a week, but everybody treats me like family."

Sam Gamble, 17, said the club completely changed his life.

"I was 13 years old when I started coming to the club," he said. "I was skipping school, doing drugs, in a gang. I don't do those things anymore."

"It's like one big family here. We all love J.R. We're glad he put this club together," said Christina Rodriguez, 15. "I've learned that if you put God first and boxing second, everything will work out."

"I've been coming to the club for four years and it's been a blast," said Golden Gloves

champion Nikki Medley, who has won four titles in the girls' division. "If you want have a lot of fun, join the club. It's a lot of fun being around J.R."

Volunteer Starla Harkins loves coming to work at the club.

"I spent a lot of my time here, from 5 to 7 Monday through Friday, but this is where I want to be. This club has helped me and it's helped my kids. I love this club and we all love J.R.," she said.

Jay Kelley, a trainer-coach, said Moreno and the club helped get him back on his feet.

"I love this place and I love the rules," Kelley said. "I used to do a lot of drugs, a lot of stealing. I thought I was a gangster, but I found out that kind of stuff doesn't pay off."

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The Youth Survival Boxing Club will be competing in a tournament June 7 at the Mavericks Club in Amarillo.

The club is looking for more trainers and coaches with boxing experience. Interested persons can contact J.R. Moreno at 669-0898 or Chris Perez at 665-1475.



(Pampa News photo)

J.R. Moreno passes out new t-shirts to club members during a get-together last week. The Youth Survival Boxing Club is preparing for a tournament June 7 in Amarillo.

Spurs have hard-fought victory over Mavericks

San Antonio takes 3-1 lead in Western Conference finals

DALLAS (AP) — With Dirk Nowitzki in street clothes, the San Antonio Spurs seemed to have it easy.

After all, the Dallas Mavericks weren't exactly dominating the Western Conference finals with their leading scorer and rebounder in the lineup. How could they do better without him?

For 2 1/2 quarters, the Spurs found out all too well as a pesky, gritty lineup gave Dallas a nine-point lead. Then Tony Parker led a 26-6 surge that sent San Antonio to a 102-95 victory Sunday night, giving the Spurs a 3-1 series lead.

"In the fourth quarter, we made a series of stops that got the game for us," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said. "But other than that period, when we did well defensively, I thought Dallas was fantastic and did everything it could to win the game. We were really fortunate to win."

Parker had 25 points and Tim Duncan had 21 points, 20 rebounds, seven assists and four blocks, putting the Spurs within a victory of their second trip to the NBA Finals in five years.

The New Jersey Nets already have secured their spot in the championship round, having swept the Detroit Pistons on Saturday night.

San Antonio's first

chance to make it comes Tuesday night.

"The series isn't over," said San Antonio's Malik Rose, who had eight points and eight rebounds. "It's heavily in our favor, but we've got to go home and take care of business."

Business should be easier if Nowitzki and his playoff averages of 25.3 points and 11.5 rebounds are again missing. He's considered doubtful because of a sprained left knee sustained late in Game 3.

Although Nowitzki arrived at American Airlines Center on Sunday hoping to convince coach Don Nelson that he could play, the discussion ended when he tried to push off on it and couldn't.

"He told me I'm not playing under any circumstances. The risk is too high. I'm 24. I've got a lot of basketball ahead of me," Nowitzki said. "He knows better. He's seen it all. Sometimes, you've got to be smart. And it was smart for me not to play. It was probably the best choice."

Only six NBA teams have overcome a 3-1 deficit, the last being Miami against the New York Knicks in 1997.

Dallas will be facing elimination for the third time this postseason. Both others were Game 7s after failing to end the series earlier.

Another nugget in the Mavs' favor: They haven't lost four in a row

since March 2000. This was their third straight loss since winning the opener on the strength of 49 straight free throws.

Dallas shot 50 that game.

The Mavericks have shot 41 in the three games since.

"We're trying to attack the basket, we just aren't getting any calls," Dallas' Nick Van Exel said. "But we're still going to be aggressive."

Michael Finley and Steve Nash each scored 25, and Van Exel had 22 points and eight rebounds, matching Walt Williams for the team lead. Van Exel and Williams were making their first starts of the postseason.

The Mavericks used all sorts of small lineups, often having 6-foot-8, 235-pound Eduardo Najera as their biggest guy on the court.

Their main plan was to double- and even triple-team Duncan, leaving outside shooters open and forcing them to hit the big shots.

For the first 30 minutes, Manu Ginobili was the only one coming through.

He matched his playoff high of 17 points by half-time, and finished with 21.

Several were highlight-film worthy, including a reverse dunk along the baseline and a rebound putback that just beat the third-quarter buzzer.

Then Duncan, who had just eight points at half-time, found his groove and Parker stepped up. It was enough to turn a 64-55 deficit with 7:19 left

in the third into a 67-66 lead just 4:16 later.

San Antonio never trailed again, although Dallas pulled within two on a 3-pointer by Raef LaFrentz with 3:12 left.

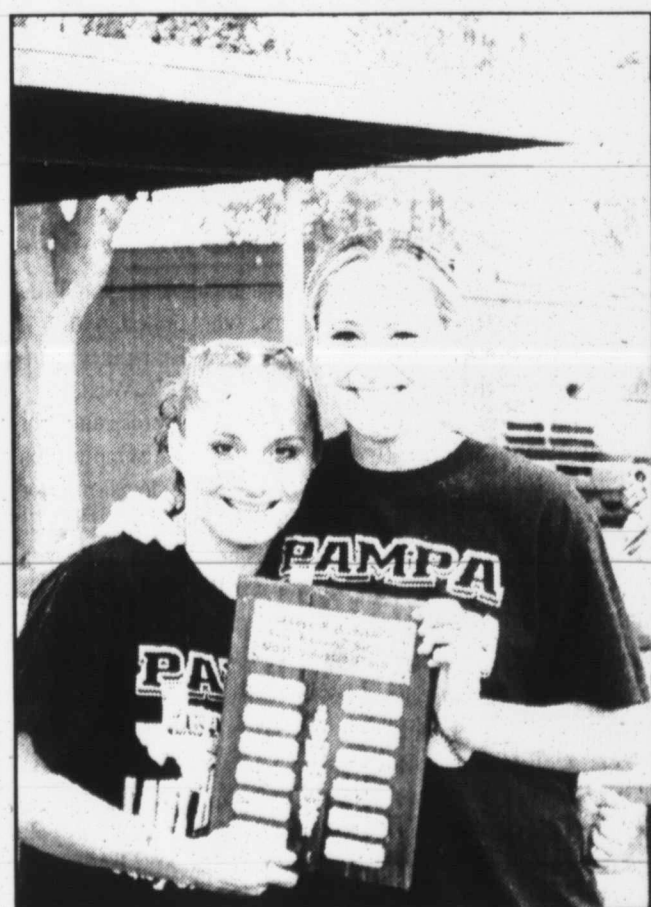
"We knew if we played tough we could fight this team to the end," Williams said. "We just didn't make enough big shots when we needed it and they did."

Notes: When Nash and Van Exel opened the game with consecutive 3-pointers, Popovich called

a timeout just 1:08 in to try settling down a loud crowd. Then he put in reserves Speedy Claxton, Rose and Ginobili before the game was even 3 minutes old. ... The start of the game was delayed by about 30 minutes after the arena was evacuated because of a small grease fire in a kitchen. ...

Nowitzki wasn't the only injured Maverick. Fellow big men Shawn Bradley and Evan Eschmeyer also were out with knee injuries.

Softball MVPs



Sophomore catcher Jennie Rogers (left) and senior pitcher Dusti Wilson were name co-MVPs for the Pampa High softball team this season. The Lady Harvesters were honored at a recent awards banquet

NOTEBOOK

BASEBALL

PAMPA — The Pampa High Baseball Banquet will be held May 27, starting at 6:30 p.m. at Pamel Hall.

Tickets are five dollars apiece.

Contact Alicia Snelgroves at 665-8880 or Pam Zemanek at 665-6347 for more information.

PHYSICALS

PAMPA — Physical examinations scheduled Tuesday have been postponed until later in the summer.

Once the new date has been officially set, it will be announced in The Pampa News.

GOLF

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Kenny Perry got the red plaid jacket and the \$900,000 winner's check, but he knows what everybody else will remember about his record-setting Colonial victory.

"I'll probably be remembered as the guy who won Annika's event, but that's OK with me," Perry said. "That doesn't bother me. At least I'll be remembered for something."

Perry had a closing 68 Sunday for a record 19-under total that gave him a six-stroke victory over Justin Leonard.

It was an anticlimactic ending for the tournament that began on a historic note Thursday when Annika Sorenstam became the first woman in 58 years to play on the PGA Tour. She missed the cut with rounds of 71 and 74.

Leonard shot a near-perfect round of 9-under 61, which ended with a bogey and matched Perry's course record, but didn't challenge for the win.

With his own 61 Saturday, Perry was already a stroke under the Colonial record of 16 under by 1993 winner Fulton Allem and had an eight-stroke lead.

"I knew if I kept making pars, they were going to have to make a lot of birdies to catch me," Perry said. "That was kind of the my mind-set."

The 42-year-old Perry played steady. He had three birdies and was bogey-free until missing a 5-foot par putt at 16, but still led by six strokes.

It was the fifth win for Perry in 17 years on the tour, the first since the 2001 Buick Open. The check was his largest ever and pushed his career earnings over \$11 million.

Jeff Sluman (65) finished third at 12 under, a stroke better than Brandt Jobe (64).

The only drama Sunday involved Leonard.

At 9 under for the day after his 10-foot birdie at the 430-yard 15th, Leonard knew he had a chance to become only the fourth person to shot a 59 in a PGA Tour event. The last was David Duval in the 1999 Bob Hope Classic.

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SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL
National League
At A Glance

By The Associated Press

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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	34	16	.680	—
Montreal	32	18	.640	2
Philadelphia	27	23	.540	7
New York	22	28	.440	12
Florida	22	29	.431	12 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	28	21	.571	—
St. Louis	25	23	.521	2 1/2
Houston	26	24	.520	2 1/2
Cincinnati	24	26	.480	4 1/2
Pittsburgh	20	29	.408	8
Milwaukee	18	32	.360	10 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	30	19	.612	—
Los Angeles	30	20	.600	1/2
Colorado	23	27	.460	7 1/2
San Diego	14	36	.280	16 1/2

Sunday's Games

Atlanta 3, N.Y. Mets 1
 Montreal 5, Philadelphia 3
 Florida 6, Cincinnati 2
 Pittsburgh 8, St. Louis 7
 Chicago Cubs 7, Houston 3
 Los Angeles 5, Milwaukee 1
 Colorado 5, San Francisco 1
 Arizona 9, San Diego 5

Monday's Games

Cincinnati at Atlanta, 1:05 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
 San Francisco at Colorado, 3:05 p.m.
 Montreal at Florida, 4:05 p.m.
 Houston at St. Louis, 4:10 p.m.
 San Diego at Arizona, 4:35 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Montreal (L.Hernandez 4-2) at Florida (Tejera 0-3), 7:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets (Leiter 4-2) at Philadelphia (Wolf 5-2), 7:05 p.m.
 Cincinnati (Haynes 0-4) at Atlanta (Reynolds 4-1), 7:35 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (Benson 4-5) at Chicago Cubs (Clement 2-5), 8:05 p.m.
 Houston (Robertson 2-3) at St. Louis (Tomko 2-3), 8:10 p.m.
 Los Angeles (Ishii 4-1) at Colorado (Cook 1-4), 9:05 p.m.
 Milwaukee (Franklin 3-4) at San Diego (Peavy 4-4), 10:05 p.m.
 Arizona (Undecided) at San Francisco (Schmidt 4-1), 10:15 p.m.

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American League

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East Division

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Boston	30	19	.612	—
New York	29	21	.580	1/2
Toronto	27	24	.529	4
Baltimore	23	26	.469	7
Tampa Bay	19	30	.388	11

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	29	20	.592	—
Kansas City	26	22	.542	1/2
Chicago	23	26	.469	6
Cleveland	18	31	.367	11
Detroit	12	36	.250	16 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	31	18	.633	—
Oakland	29	20	.592	2
Anaheim	24	24	.500	6 1/2
Texas	23	26	.469	8

Saturday's Games

Boston 12, Cleveland 3
 Anaheim 7, Tampa Bay 2
 Toronto 5, N.Y. Yankees 2
 Kansas City 3, Oakland 1
 Detroit 1, Chicago White Sox 0
 Baltimore 10, Texas 3
 Minnesota 7, Seattle 2

Sunday's Games

Toronto 5, N.Y. Yankees 3
 Cleveland 6, Boston 4
 Chicago White Sox 8, Detroit 5, 12 innings
 Baltimore 13, Texas 10
 Anaheim 6, Tampa Bay 1
 Oakland 4, Kansas City 3, 10 innings
 Minnesota 3, Seattle 1

Monday's Games

Boston (Wakefield 4-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 6-2), 1:05 p.m.
 Cleveland (Westbrook 2-3) at Detroit (Bonderman 2-7), 1:05 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 2-7) at Toronto (Hendrickson 4-4), 7:05 p.m.

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BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

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CONFERENCE FINALS

(Best-of-7)

Sunday, May 18

New Jersey 76, Detroit 74

Monday, May 19

Dallas 113, San Antonio 110

Tuesday, May 20

New Jersey 88, Detroit 86

Wednesday, May 21

San Antonio 119, Dallas 106

Thursday, May 22

New Jersey 97, Detroit 85

Friday, May 23

San Antonio 96, Dallas 83

Saturday, May 24

New Jersey 102, Detroit 82, New Jersey wins series 4-0

Sunday, May 25

San Antonio 102, Dallas 95, San Antonio leads series 3-1

Tuesday, May 27

Dallas at San Antonio, 9 p.m.

Thursday, May 29

San Antonio at Dallas, 9 p.m., if necessary

Saturday, May 31

Dallas at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m., if necessary

NBA FINALS

(Best-of-7)

Dallas-San Antonio winner vs. New Jersey

Wednesday, June 4

New Jersey at Dallas-San Antonio winner, 8:30 p.m.

Friday, June 6

New Jersey at Dallas-San Antonio winner, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 8

Dallas-San Antonio winner at New Jersey, 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 11

Dallas-San Antonio winner at New Jersey, 8:30 p.m.

Friday, June 13

Dallas-San Antonio winner at New Jersey, 8:30 p.m., if necessary

Sunday, June 15

New Jersey at Dallas-San Antonio winner, 8:30 p.m., if necessary

Wednesday, June 18

New Jersey at Dallas-San Antonio winner, 8:30 p.m., if necessary

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

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STANLEY CUP FINALS

(Best-of-7)

New Jersey vs. Anaheim

Tuesday, May 27

Anaheim at New Jersey, 8 p.m.

Thursday, May 29

Anaheim at New Jersey, 8 p.m.

Saturday, May 31

New Jersey at Anaheim, 8 p.m.

Monday, June 2

New Jersey at Anaheim, 8 p.m.

Thursday, June 5

Anaheim at New Jersey, 8 p.m., if necessary

Saturday, June 7

New Jersey at Anaheim, 8 p.m., if necessary

Monday, June 9

Anaheim at New Jersey, 8 p.m., if necessary

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At A Glance

By The Associated Press

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At ASA Hall of Fame Stadium

Oklahoma City

Double Elimination

Thursday, May 22

Arizona 3, Alabama 2

Washington 3, Oklahoma 1

Texas 3, Louisiana-Lafayette 2

California 7, UCLA 3, 10 innings

Friday, May 23

Arizona 2, Washington 1

Texas 1, California 0

Saturday, May 24

Oklahoma 6, Alabama 3, 9 innings, Alabama eliminated

UCLA 5, Louisiana-Lafayette 1, Louisiana-Lafayette eliminated

California 5, Oklahoma 2, Oklahoma eliminated

UCLA 2, Washington 1, Washington eliminated

Sunday, May 25

California 2, Arizona 1, 12 innings

UCLA 3, Texas 0

California 4, Arizona 1, Arizona eliminated

UCLA 2, Texas 1, Texas eliminated

Monday, May 26

Game 15 — California (49-19) vs. UCLA (53-7), 4:30 p.m.

Nets return to NBA Finals

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Kenyon Martin gave one emphatic prediction about the NBA Finals.

"Ain't no sweeping going on this year," the New Jersey forward said.

Actually, the way the Nets are playing, Martin could be selling his own team short. They've won 10 straight playoff games and swept two series in a row, having finished off the Detroit Pistons in the Eastern Conference finals Saturday night.

But Martin was thinking more about losing four straight, as New Jersey did in last year's finals against the Los Angeles Lakers. The Nets will again be the underdog, although they return as a more talented, more mature and less star-struck team.

"We feel like we're going to go in there and win it," guard Lucious Harris said. "Last year we didn't know what to expect. We were happy to be there. You got give credit to the Lakers. They didn't win three championships for nothing. It's a good feeling to get back."

But first, there's a long wait. New Jersey has a 10-day break — an eternity for a basketball team — before opening at Dallas or San Antonio on June 4. As coach Byron Scott is discovering, the drawback to being so dominant in the playoffs is that it leaves way too much time to kill.

"Five or six days is enough," Scott said. "Ten days is probably too much time. You never experience any thing like this during the regular season. It's going to mess up your timing."

And how will he manage the time?

"A little bit of everything," Scott said. "We're going to have a couple of days off, we're going to go hard, then we're going to go not-so-hard, then we're going to have another day off, then we're going to go hard."

At least the long layoff will give point guard Jason Kidd more than sufficient time to recover from a twisted ankle, the only scary moment for the Nets in Game 4. Kidd grabbed a rebound and his right foot landed on the foot of Pistons center Ben Wallace. The point guard lay on the court in pain while a hushed crowd rose.

But Kidd stayed in the game and immediately started a 13-1 fourth-quarter run that put the game away.

"It doesn't bother me," Kidd said. "We'll get treatment until it's 100 percent."

Brown shuts down Brewers, pitches Dodgers to 10th straight win

MILWAUKEE — If the Los Angeles Dodgers keep pitching this way, it might be a long time before they lose again.

Kevin Brown took a two-hit shutout into the ninth inning, and the Dodgers extended their winning streak to 10 games Sunday with a 5-1 victory in Milwaukee.

Los Angeles starters are 10-0 with a 1.62 ERA during the run, and the Dodgers held Milwaukee scoreless for 24 innings before Geoff Jenkins' sacrifice fly in the ninth.

"It's a matter of pressure — when everybody is pitching well the pressure is less," Brown said. "Even if I have an off day, you know the next guy is pitching well. It's not do-or-die."

Fred McGriff hit his 486th homer in the sixth inning, a two-run shot off Ben Sheets (4-4). Paul Lo Duca added a three-

run drive in the eighth for the Dodgers, who pulled within a half-game of first-place San Francisco in the NL West.

Brown (6-1) struck out eight and walked one in winning his fifth consecutive decision over seven starts since April 18.

"It was not a nice day to be a Milwaukee Brewer hitter," Los Angeles manager Jim Tracy said. "It's no fun to be a hitter against that guy."

In other NL games, it was: Atlanta 3, New York 1; Montreal 5, Philadelphia 4; Florida 6, Cincinnati 2; Pittsburgh 8, St. Louis 7; Chicago 7, Houston 3; Colorado 5, San Francisco 1; and Arizona 9, San Diego 5.

John Vander Wal singled in the fifth for the first hit off Brown, who was lifted after giving up singles to pinch-hitter Brooks Kieschnick and Eric Young to start the ninth. Tom Martin finished the four-hitter.

Brown's trademark sinker was so dominant that the Brewers hit only three balls out of the infield against him.

"He was basically unhittable for eight innings," Lo Duca said. "He got a little tired in the ninth, but he had a nasty, nasty sinker today."

The Dodgers' winning streak is tied for their fifth-longest since they moved to Los Angeles in 1958. The franchise record is 15 consecutive victories from Aug. 29 to Sept. 6, 1924, when the team was in Brooklyn.

The streak started May 14 with a win against Atlanta, and includes three-game sweeps of Florida, Colorado and Milwaukee.

Braves 3, Mets 1

At Atlanta, Marcus Giles hit a tiebreaking two-run homer off David Weathers (1-4) in the eighth and Greg Maddux pitched seven scoreless innings

before a season-high crowd of 41,432 at Turner Field.

Jeromy Burnitz hit a game-tying solo shot in the top of the eighth off Roberto Hernandez (4-1).

John Smoltz pitched a perfect ninth for his 19th save in 20 attempts. The Braves have won the last 72 games in which Smoltz has appeared, a major league record.

Andruw Jones hit his 13th homer in the fifth for the first hit off Mets rookie Jae Seo, who allowed only one other hit before leaving after seven innings.

Expos 5, Phillies 3

At Montreal, Brian Schneider hit a tiebreaking three-run homer in the seventh and Javier Vazquez (5-2) pitched seven strong innings in the Expos' last game at Olympic Stadium until June 20. Jose Vidro also homered for the Expos, who completed a 5-

1 homestand to remain two games behind Atlanta in the NL East. Montreal (32-18) has the second-best record in the NL.

Marlins 6, Reds 2

At Cincinnati, Dontrelle Willis (2-1) pitched eight shutout innings in his fourth major league start as Florida completed a three-game sweep. Derrek Lee had three hits, including a solo homer, and Mike Lowell hit his 16th homer off Danny Graves (3-3) to cap a triumphant homecoming for manager Jack McKeon. He won the NL Manager of the Year Award by leading the Reds to 96 wins in 1999, but was fired after finishing second the following season.

Pirates 8, Cardinals 7

At Pittsburgh, Aramis Ramirez drove in three runs and St. Louis' usually flawless defense committed a costly error that led to the Pirates' four-run sixth inning.

Kenny Lofton doubled in an insurance run following Abraham Nunez's go-ahead sacrifice fly in the seventh, running his hitting streak to 23 games — the Pirates' longest since Al Oliver's 23-game string in 1974.

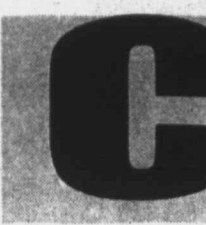
The Pirates rallied from four runs down to avoid a three-game sweep and win for only the fourth time in their last 17 home games. They had dropped 15 of 20 overall.

Scott Rolen and Jim Edmonds each hit a three-run homer for the Cardinals.

Cubs 7, Astros 3

At Houston, Moises Alou hit three RBI singles and Carlos Zambrano (5-4) pitched 6 1-3 strong innings as NL Central-leading Chicago finished 8-5 on its road trip despite missing injured slugger Sammy Sosa.

Wade Miller (2-6) gave up five runs, eight hits and three walks in five innings.



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Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, May 27, 2003:

You have unusual abilities and will demonstrate them in the workplace. Aim for success, but you do need to do your homework in order to get there. You might spend a lot of time by yourself studying, reflecting or indulging in a new hobby or pastime. You often surprise bosses and those in charge with your innate intuitiveness. Give up being overly serious and enjoy your life more. If you are single, you'll benefit from networking and social situations. You easily meet people. You might have recently met "the one." If you're attached, your relationship will flourish, especially if you share more of yourself. TAURUS reads you cold.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Excessiveness is the name of the game. You might plea, beg or make a request for moderation, but you will get nowhere. Friends seem hellbent on doing what they want. Take the activity as great theater and sit back. Now, that's more interesting. Tonight: Your treat. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Say as little as possible, but be ready to take a strong stand. Not everyone thinks like you do. You see damages occurring where it might be best not letting them happen. Still, not until the late afternoon can you resolve this issue effectively. Tonight: In your own world. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You might want to put your foot on the brakes, but it could be close to impossible right now. You might need to let go and let others do what they

must. Clearly, you're not in control here. Use the afternoon to clear up an important project. Tonight: Take a night off.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

You might need to stop in and visit with a boss. Catch up on someone's news and take in yet another perspective. Take charge at work, but don't even think you can control others' actions. A partner is simply in the mood to go overboard. Tonight: Where your friends are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

You could be out of sorts with news that heads in your direction. You might not have the control you would like. Stay sure of yourself when dealing with a loved one. Think through a decision more carefully that involves a long-term desire. Tonight: A must appearance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Deal with another more directly. You find that direct interaction draws strong reactions. You could be delighted by news that drops on you. People are full of surprises — not exactly what you would anticipate. Go with the flow. Tonight: Take an overview.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Deal on a close, individual level with others. You'll get someone's OK if you swing with a matter that is close to your heart. Think in terms of making a decision that works. A co-worker or a work situation is full of surprises. Get ready. Tonight: Dinner for two.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Keep working and clearing out confusion around a project and/or domestic situation. A partner's insight, though not pleasant, does illuminate a problem. Let others put in their 2 cents. Give up a tendency to be controlling. Tonight: Play follow the leader.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Investigate and observe. A situation could be changing right before your very eyes. What you believe is happening could be very different from reality. A partner sheds light, whether you're ready to receive it or not. Tonight: Get some physical exercise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

If you can work from home, you'll get a lot more done. Confusion surrounds a financial matter, and answers might not be forthcoming right now. If you lie back, you will see your creativity come forth with answers. Trust in your abilities. Tonight: Ask more questions.

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You might not be realistic about how vague you really are. If you get a "deer caught in the headlights" look from someone, try another way of explaining yourself. The more verbal you are, the more likely you are going to make a needed breakthrough. Tonight: Resist the irresistible.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

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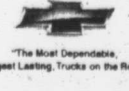
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