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Power outage affects 500-600 homes

Crane in use to trim trees strikes major power line in north part of city

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Editor

A crane being used for tree trimming struck a main power line Sunday afternoon, causing a major power outage for most of the north section of Pampa.

It was fortunate no one was in the crane at the time, fire officials said today.

Pampa Fire Department were called to a report of arcing power lines in the 1700 block of Evergreen at 3:41 p.m. Sunday.

The power loss that affected from 500 to 600 residences in the area, also affected the response of a fire truck and firefighters from the North Fire Station, said Capt. Mike Day today. When they tried to leave, he said, they could not use the electric opener to open the garage doors. They had to manually open the doors to leave the station.

Despite the delay, the truck's response time is listed as 2 minutes, 17 seconds, he said.

When firefighters arrived, they found a large crane owned by Parsley Roofing had come in contact with the power lines running in the alley of the 1700 block of Evergreen.

Bill Roy, a Parsley Roofing employee, said today that he believes high wind pushed the crane into the power line.

He explained that he had bor-

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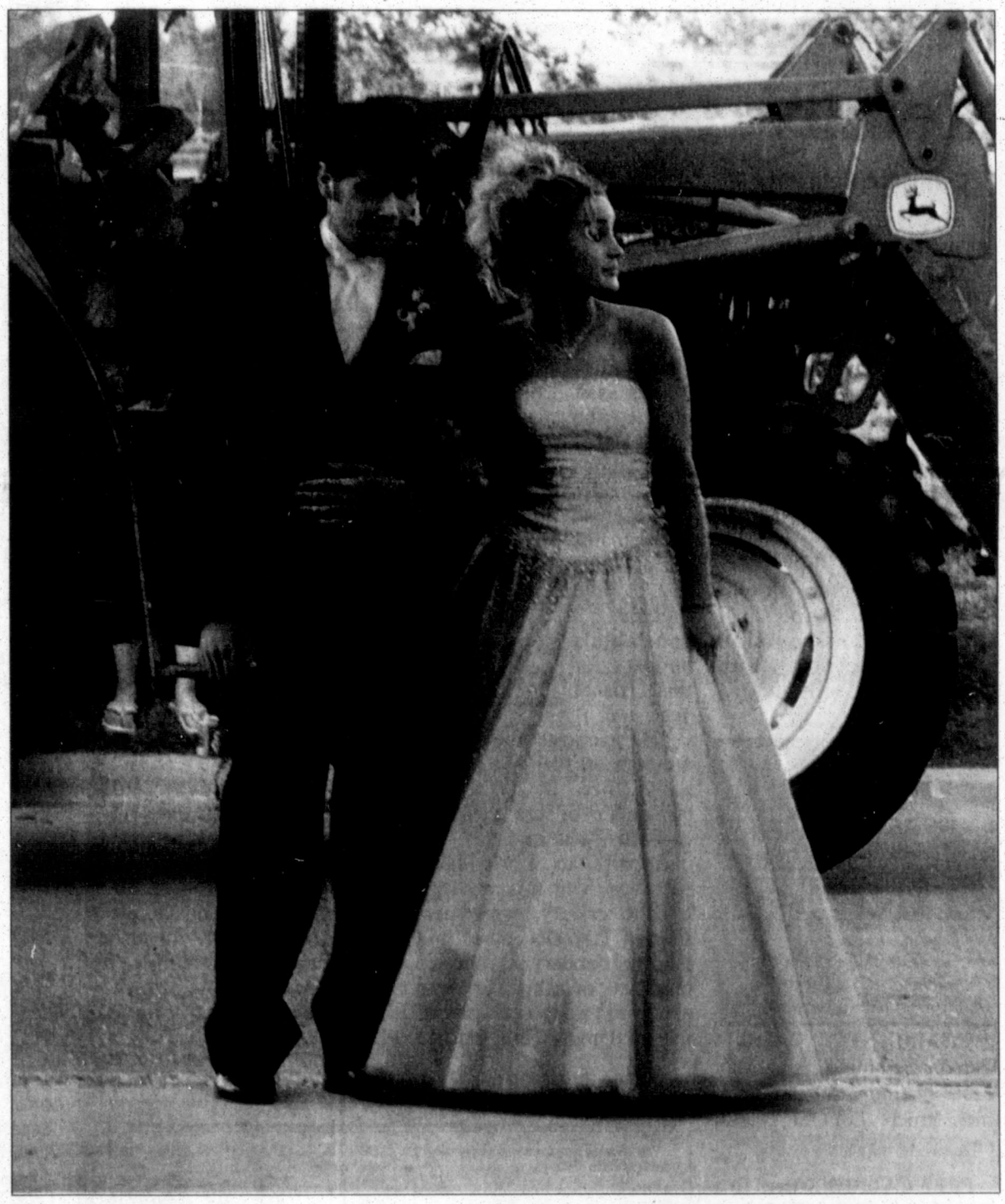
Constable absent from commission meeting

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Precinct 2 Constable Chris Lockridge was absent from this morning's Gray County Commissioners meeting, although his presence had been requested in letters mailed May 12 to two addresses at his places of work, according to County Judge Richard Peet.

Lockridge was asked to attend today's meeting because of the status of his budget and expenditures. County Auditor Elaine Morris said the county had received three bills recently for

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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Unusual conveyance

Brandon Johnston, left, and Logan Winkleman arrived at the Pampa High School Prom in the bucket of a John Deere front end loader. The prom was held Saturday evening at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium. For more prom photos, see the "Community" section in the Sunday, May 22, edition of The Pampa News.

Lefors ISD board to interview for superintendent

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Lefors Independent School District's school board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, in the high school library, 209 5th Street, to canvass the May 7 election results.

After the votes are canvassed, new board members will be given the oath of office. Kevin Burrows and Michael Ray received the two highest number of votes in the May 7 election. Burrows garnered 73 votes, and Ray got 41 votes.

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City re-count to take place Friday morning

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Officials will recount the votes from the Lana Miller-Robert Dixon race for city commission in a closed session Friday morning at Pampa City Hall.

Pampa school trustees will canvass the votes from the May 7 chool board election Tuesday night.

City Manager John Horst said today that the votes in the extremely close race for Ward 3 would be recounted at Dixon's request beginning at 8:30 a.m. Friday in the city commission chambers.

The initial count in the May 7 election gave Miller 1,351 votes, or 51 percent, to Dixon's 1,300 votes, or 49 percent.

The Pampa City Commission met in special session Sunday afternoon to canvass the votes from the other two races.

Mayor Lonny Robbins was sworn in for another term. Brad Pingel was sworn in as commission of Ward 1.

The city commission will canvass the votes in the Ward 3 election after they are retallied, Mayor Robbins said.

Dixon said he decided to ask for a recount because of a discrepancy between the total votes cast in the city elections and the number cast in the Ward 3 race.

There were 2,605 total votes cast in the election, but there were 2,651 votes cast in the Ward 3 race.

The Pampa Independent School District board of trustees have called a special meeting for 7:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Carver Center Administration Office, 321 W. Albert, to canvass the votes in the school board election.

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Obituaries

Winnie Burrell Jackson, 79

AMARILLO – Winnie Burrell Jackson, 79, died Sunday, May 15, 2005, in Amarillo. Services will be Tuesday, May 17, 2005, at 2 p.m., in Briarwood Full Gospel Church in Pampa with Rev. Gene Allen, retired Full Gospel minister, and Rev. Lynn Hancock, Briarwood Full Gospel minister, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.



Jackson

She was born May 26, 1925 in White Deer. She married Wayne Hughlett in 1952. He died in 1974. She married Ralph Jackson in 1979 in Pampa. She lived in Pampa from 1967 until moving to Amarillo in 2003. She was a member of Briarwood Full Gospel Church and was active with the Khiva Shrine for many years. She was a friend of every person she met. She was preceded in death by 21 brothers and sisters.

Survivors include her husband, Ralph Jackson, of the home; one daughters, Lawaine Soukup and husband Mike of Pampa; one step daughter, Brenda Butler and husband J.W. of Borger; two sons, James Coleman and wife Bonnie of Wichita Falls and Gary Coleman and wife Faye of Amarillo; two sisters, Viola Smith of Duncan, Okla., and Patricia Montgomery of Payson, Ariz.; 14 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and 22 nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to American Heart Association, 6605 W. Interstate 40, Suite A-6, Amarillo, Texas 79106.

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

William David Wortham, Sr., 68

William David Wortham, Sr., 68, died Friday, May 13, 2005, in Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Wortham was born Jan. 8, 1937, in Valley Mills. He married Beatrice Taylor on June 6, 1958, in Aspermont. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1964. He was a machinist for Crall Products for more than 15 years. He was a member of the St. Mark's CME Church.

Survivors include his wife, Bea Wortham, of the home; two sons, David Wortham Jr., of the home, and Billy Wortham of Borger; four brothers and three sisters, all of Fort Worth and two grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to The American Cancer society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, Texas, 79065.

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

Services tomorrow

JACKSON, Winnie Burrell – 2 p.m., Briarwood Full Gospel Church.

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expenses reportedly incurred by Lockridge.

One bill, received from Dr. Craig Shaffer, is for $288 for a physical exam which was required for hazardous materials training. The physical was performed in June 2004.

Engine Parts and Supply has submitted a bill for $188.88 for a two-horsepower pancake-style air compressor.

The third bill, for $114.98, is from Radio Shack for a PC(personal computer)-to-television cable connection with accompanying software.

Lockridge currently has $1,117.98 left for the budget year, which runs until Oct. 1, Morris said. After the three latest bills are paid, he would be left with $526.12.

Lockridge's January, March and April fuel bills have not yet been received for payment, Morris said, but she anticipates that those fuel bills would erase the remainder of funds in the Precinct 2 constable's budget for this fiscal year.

> *'This court can order him to appear, and if he does not appear, this court can hold him in contempt of court.'*
>
> — Richard Peet
> *Gray County Judge*

"He averages about $200 a month on fuel. We project he will need $1,200 for the remainder of the year for fuel bills," she said.

Repairs to Lockridge's patrol car, which is provided by the county, were performed last December and paid in January. A service contract on the car was expected to pay back part of the total repair bill, but no repayment on the repairs has been received, Morris said.

Commissioners decided to send Lockridge a letter by certified mail to ask his presence at their next meeting. Peet will also call Lockridge.

"This court can order him to appear, and if he does not appear, this court can hold him in contempt of court," Peet said.

Lockridge missed commissioners' Jan. 14 meeting after being asked to attend that session concerning the repair bills to his vehicle. He attended a meeting Jan. 21, at which a "lack of communication" between Lockridge and commissioners was noted by Precinct 3 Commissioner Gerald Wright.

An attempt to call Lockridge at his constable's office number was unsuccessful at press time today.

TOMORROW: More on the Gray County Commission meeting.

Outage

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cottonwood treet at the home of Clint and Carla Taylor.

He said he had been running the chain saw, but stopped to rest. The crane operator was running the chain saw in the tree, while Roy rested, he said.

"We think the wind must have pushed the crane into the power line," Roy said, adding that they had stabilized the crane with outriggers. "The boom was out pretty far," he added.

He said the area was immediately electrified. Children playing nearby told Roy that they could see flames jumping from the ground as high as the truck, he said.

Capt. Day said that according to fire reports, the area was evacuated.

Pampa Police Department sent officers to direct traffic at the intersections where the lights no longer worked due to the loss of electricity.

Pampa Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner said power went off about 3:30 p.m. and was off for about an hour before being restored.

"It gets pretty hectic when the power is out," said Pitner, who was one of the officers directing traffic.

23rd and Duncan, 23rd at Perryton Parkway, and Hobart and Randy Matson were the intersections manned by police during the outage, Pitner said.

Staff Writer David Bowser contributed to this report.

Lefors

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Board officers will be elected.

An executive session is scheduled during the meeting in order to interview an applicant for the position of superintendent.

The superintendent finalist will be announced following the executive session.

Also on the agenda is approval of the 2004-2005 campus improvement plan, a credit by exam program, and a contract with Terri Bryant.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, May 11

A domestic dispute in a vehicle was reported in the 1700 block of North Hobart.

Thursday, May 12

A DWI was reported in the 300 block of Starkweather.

A simple assault was reported in the 400 block of Carr.

Friday, May 13

Checks and credit cards were reported stolen from a vehicle in the 500 block of Kingsmill.

Cruelty to animals was reported in the 1200 block of Francis.

Jewelry was reported stolen from a vehicle in the 1900 block of Zimmer.

Possession of drug paraphernalia was reported in the 1400 Hobart.

An $895 forged check was reported to the police department.

A Pampa firefighter reported the theft of a badge.

Three people were arrested on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia in the 1100 block of Sirocco.

A vehicle windshield was broken out in the 900 block of West 23rd.

Money and a watch were reported stolen in the 400 block of Hughes.

A woman's billfold that had been found along side the road was turned in to the Pampa Police Department.

A trespass was reported in the 600 block of Magnolia.

A domestic quarrel was reported in the 1300 block of Garland.

Saturday, May 14

A domestic dispute was reported in the 2300 block of Aspen.

A CO2 cartridge was found in the 1900 block of Russell.

A car was reported hit with eggs and syrup poured on it in the 1500 block of Hamilton.

Sunday, May 15

A series of windows were shot out by vandals with a BB gun in the 1800 block of North Hobart, 1600 block of North Hobart, 500 block of North Hobart and the 2000 block of Perryton Parkway.

A domestic dispute was reported int he 2000 block of Evergreen.

A car was reported stolen from the 700 block of North West.

A domestic dispute was reported in the 1900 block of Banks.

A forged check was reported in the 1400 block of Hobart.

A vehicle was reported broken into in the 400 block of North Sumner.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, May 13

Patricia Kathleen Jefferies, 46, 1601 W. Somerville #111, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of family violence and assaulting a family member.

Mark Allen Haynes, 36, 628 Roberta, was arrested by Gray County deputies on violation of a protective order.

Christopher Dale Shouse, 29, 313 N. Sumner, was arrested by Gray County deputies on theft charges.

Jamie Theresa Jackson, 29, 1125 Neel, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of theft, failure to appear, possession of drug paraphernalia and driving without a valid driver's license.

Tamara Crystal Price, 18, Lefors, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Saturday, May 14

Tommy Lee Williams, 17, 425 Carr, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of disorderly conduct.

Sunday, May 15

Raul Tarin, 47, Pecos, was arrested by Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Leander Joseph Feltner, 21, Lefors, was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of public intoxication.

Tommy Lee Swaney, 38, Odessa, was arrested by Gray County deputies on theft charges.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Sunday, May 15

1:45 a.m. – Two units, four firefighters and the fire chief responded to a tanker truck fire in the 800 block of East Frederic. A truck hauling marine mercaptan blew a tire. Hot brakes ignited the hydraulic fluid in the brake lines causing the fire. No injuries were reported. Contents of the tank did not catch on fire.

8:53 a.m. – Two units and four firefighters responded to a vehicle fire at Fairview Cemetery. The engine compartment of a 1995 GMC dump truck caught fire. No injuries were reported.

12 noon – One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 2300 block of fir.

12:27 p.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a hazardous material spill in the 2300 block of Fir. The ambulance responding to the earlier medical assist had a fuel line rupture, spilling diesel fuel.

3:41 p.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a report of arcing power line in the 1700 block of Evergreen. Upon arrival firefighters found a crane used in trimming trees and fallen onto a power line. (See related story, Page 1.)

5:30 p.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to an investigation of residents' concerns about the sand from the fuel spill earlier.

7:26 p.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a carbon monoxide check in the 900 block of South Banks. None was found.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS responded to the following calls.

Saturday, May 14

8:59 a.m. – A mobile intensive care unit responded to the 1200 block of Williston. No patient transport.

1:34 p.m. – A MICU responded to Texas Highway 282, two miles from Miami and transported two to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

7:08 p.m. – A MICU responded to the 1500 block of Kentucky and transported one patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

9:24 p.m. – A MICU responded to 23rd and Aspen streets and transported one to PRMC.

Sunday, May 15

5:28 a.m. – A MICU responded to the 1200 block of Williston and transported one to PRMC.

12 noon – A MICU responded to the 2300 block of Fir and transported one to PRMC.

7:06 p.m. – A MICU responded to the 900 block of south Banks. No patient transport.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	2.81
Milo	2.99
Corn	3.76
Soybeans	5.24

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

Oxy	65.11	-1.14
BP PLC ADR	58.19	-0.38
Cabot Corp	27.98	+0.11
Cabot Oil Gas	27.96	-0.33
Coca Cola	44.30	+0.19
VLO	59.70	-2.06
HAL	40.00	-0.90
TRI	48.33	+1.01
KMI	74.29	-0.54
XCEL	17.85	-0.08
Kerr McGee	74.62	-0.63
XOM	54.40	-0.42
Limited	20.10	-0.33
Williams	16.02	-0.38
MCD	29.83	+0.18
Atmos	27.15	+0.41
Pioneer Nat	37.27	+0.02
JCP	47.74	+0.08
COP	96.42	-2.09
SLB	64.83	-0.68
Tenneco	13.06	+0.20
CVX	50.99	-0.29
Wal-Mart	47.33	+0.20
OKE	29.10	NC
NS Grp	24.78	-0.73

New York Gold	420.40
Silver	6.91
West Texas Crude	48.67

City Briefs

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Gray County Weather

Today: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, possibly severe, after noon. Partly cloudy, with a high around 79. Windy, with a south wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph. Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, possibly severe, before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 57. Windy, with a south wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 4 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high near 88. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph. Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 4 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low near 60. Windy, with a south wind 15 to 25 mph becoming west. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Partly cloudy, with a high around 85. North northwest wind around 15 mph. Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before midnight.

Chamber

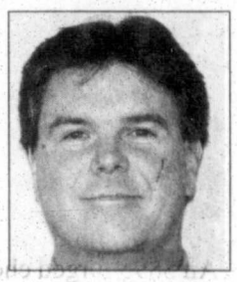


The Floor Store Goldcoating: Goldcoats (l-r): Jack Reeve, Gladys Vanderpool, Jerry Foote, Paulette Hinkle, Pat Montoya, Chuck White, Charles Henry, Bob Marx and Ken Rheams. The Floor Store employee Connie Wood and owners Gerry and Marion Wilmoth.



Fenton Motors Goldcoating: Goldcoats (l-r): Barry Haenisch, Jack Reeve, Paulette Hinkle, Susan Winborne, Robert Morris, Shelly Cook, Gladys Vanderpool, Royce Jordan and Ken Rheams. Fenton Motors employees: (l-r) Charlene Rich, office manager; Harry Fisher, general manager; Eddie Morris, finance manager; Jeff Tucker, sales manager; Keith Winkler, service manager. (Harry Fisher, Jr., used car manager - not pictured)

Dear Members,



Our first big event of the year, our Annual Chamber Banquet and 2004 Citizen of the Year Award presentation, is now behind us. The banquet was really fantastic as our performer, Lyndy Phillips, blew everyone away with his great comedy and magic. The food, provided by Dos Caballeros, was excellent and the evening was topped off with the 2004 Citizen of the Year Award being presented to the family of Paula Goff who passed away this past February and who truly was one of our community's greatest volunteers. We want to give special thanks to every volunteer that worked to help make the evening so special and thanks to each table sponsor for making the room so inviting. And, as always, thank you to everyone who attended the banquet for you made the night a wonderful success.

Coming up next is our annual Chamber Business Expo and Job Fair on Saturday, June 18. If you don't have a booth yet, this is a great time to get one reserved. The response has been tremendous so far, so send in the form you find right here on this page as soon as possible if you plan to have a booth. If you don't plan to have a booth in the Expo, be sure to come out and see all of the wonderful products and services available to us in our area. Or, if you're looking for a new job or planning to change careers, be sure to come out to the Job Fair. Bring your resume and you'll be able to have one-on-one interviews with several local businesses who are currently seeking new employees. You will have a great time.

In addition, there are several other local events taking place in June that you are going to want to put on your calendar. June 2nd, 3rd, and 4th will be the Top O' Texas rodeo with the Rodeo parade taking place on Saturday, June 4th. The Kid Pony Show will be held the following week. The very next week will be the Pampa High School Band Carnival followed by the exciting High Plains Cruisers' "Burnin' the Bricks in June" events scheduled for June 11th and 12th. What a great month!

Also, remember that in July the Las Pampas Koi and Water Garden Club will hold their annual pond tour, taking place on Saturday, July 16 and the Tri-State Seniors Golf Tournament will be held from July 25th through the 28th.

One last note, the Pampa Partnership Golf Tournament was held this last Saturday and Sunday and was another great one. As most of you know, the tournament provides promotional funds for the Chamber Retail Committee and takes place at Hidden Hills Golf Course on Saturday and at the Pampa Country Club Golf course on Sunday. Thanks to David Teichmann of Hidden Hills and Mark Hughes of the Pampa Country Club Pro Shop for all of their work in preparing for this tournament each year. We appreciate each one of the tee-box and lunch sponsors and the golfers who participated as well as each of those businesses providing items for the goodie bags. We are already looking forward to next year's tournament.

This has been just a partial rundown of upcoming events in Pampa. Be sure to refer to the monthly calendar/newsletter that your receive for additional information and activities. One thing about it – we will not have a dull summer!

Sincerely,

Clay Rice

Clay Rice, Executive Director
Pampa Chamber of Commerce



Kerri, Erica and Cinco Snyder accepted the 2004 Citizen of the Year Award on behalf of Paula Goff who passed away on Feb. 19, 2005.

Pampa Chamber of Commerce Business Expo and Job Fair Saturday, June 18, 2005 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

BUSINESS EXPO spaces are 8' x 8' and are available either inside or outside on the patio. Each space will include 1 table, 2 chairs and access to electricity. Spaces for the Expo are $75 for Pampa Chamber of commerce members, $55 for non-profit organizations and $100 for non-members.

JOB FAIR spaces are 8' x 8' and will be set up on the stage area of the auditorium. Each space will include 1 table, 2 chairs and access to electricity. The Pampa Job Fair is presented in conjunction with the **Texas Workforce Center**. Spaces for the Job Fair are $35 for Pampa Chamber of Commerce members and $50 for non-members. Businesses who wish to participate in both the Expo AND the Job Fair will receive a 10 percent discount off the cost of their Job Fair booth.

SPONSORSHIPS are available for $250 or $500. Sponsors at the $250 level will receive one free booth and be listed in all Expo advertising. Sponsors at the $500 level will receive two free booths and have top billing in all Expo advertising.

Set up times will be on Friday, June 17, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. and on Saturday morning from 7:30 a.m. until the doors open at 9 a.m.

We will try to honor your special requests for a specific location or to have the same space as last year, but booth space is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Be sure to make your reservations early. The Expo has filled up very quickly the last few years and we expect an even bigger response this year. Don't be left out – return your entry form TODAY!

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Viewpoints

Son's accomplishment sure makes Dad proud

I sat in an $80,000 seat Saturday at Spirit Arena in Lubbock.

After two schools, five majors and 10 years, my son finally graduated from college.

Brian Andrew Frels, Cortney Margaret Locknane, Ryan Robert Chambers, Lizette Anita Navarrete, Chelsea D'Ann McCullough, Matthew Elvin Rains, Lindsay Mischele Langford, Jerad Alan Epps, Phillip Aaron Smith, Emily Gail Curtis, Kevin Andrew Smith and Meredith Claire Hendricks Young, all of Pampa were there, too, according to my program.

There were others from Canadian, Wheeler, Shamrock, Panhandle, McLean and White Deer, but my interest was on David Bradley Bowser. His name was listed at the top of the second column on page 35 of the program.

I felt like Steve Martin in the movie "The Jerk" when he gets excited about reading his name in the phone book.

There it was in black and white, printed in the commencement program.

I shouldn't be hard on Brad, indeed I'm very proud of him. It just took him a while to discover who he was and what he wanted to do.

Once he decided what he wanted to do, he did well. He made the Dean's List.



David Bowser
Staff Writer

I, too, made the Dean's List when I was an undergraduate, but not the same one as Brad.

He also made the President's List, which means that he had a perfect grade point for the semester. I was impressed because most of the classes were math and science.

My college career was more of a 2.5 and survive kind of thing.

I did manage to stuff four years of college into four years, but then I had motivation that my son didn't. I had Bertha Clapp breathing down my neck. She was the head of my draft board in Plainview.

Actually, she almost ended my college career before it began. The first letter I received in my college mail box was from Bertha. She told me to disregard her previous letter. I had no idea what she was talking about until I returned to the dorm and there was a call from my parents. In solemn tones, they told me they had received my draft notice.

There was a collective sigh of relief when I explained to my parents the missive that I had received.

Even though it took 10 years, I am very proud of my son.

He worked through much of his college career. He wasn't a photographer as I was. He was a paramedic.

For the past year, he put in 50 or 60 hours a week as a paramedic on the medical helicopter, took a full load and tried to find time to spend with his new bride.

He still managed a 4.0 this last semester.

I complain when I have to stay late to cover a school board meeting.

Now that he's through with term papers and studying long hours for tests on complex material, what's he going to do?

His plans are to return to school next year, of course.

Today in History

By the Associated Press

Today is Monday, May 16, the 136th day of 2005. There are 229 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One hundred years ago, on May 16, 1905, actor Henry Fonda was born in Grand Island, Neb.

On this date:

In 1770, Marie Antoinette, age 14, married the future King Louis XVI of France, who was 15.

In 1866, Congress authorized minting of the five-cent piece.

In 1868, the Senate failed by one vote to convict President Andrew Johnson as it took its first ballot on one of 11 articles of impeachment against him.

In 1920, Joan of Arc was canonized in Rome.

In 1929, the first Academy Awards were presented during a banquet at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel. The movie "Wings" won "best production," while Emil Jannings and Janet Gaynor were named best actor and best actress.

In 1955, 50 years ago, American author and critic James Agee died in New York at age 45.

In 1960, a Big Four summit conference in Paris collapsed on its opening day as the Soviet Union leveled spy charges against the U.S. in the wake of the U2 incident.

> *'The best actors do not let the wheels show.'*
>
> — Henry Fonda
> *American actor*

In 1965, the musical play "The Roar of the Greasepaint — the Smell of the Crowd" opened on Broadway.

In 1975, Japanese climber Junko Tabei became the first woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest.

In 1977, five people were killed when a New York Airways helicopter, idling atop the Pan Am Building in midtown Manhattan, toppled over, sending a huge rotor blade flying.

Ten years ago: The Clinton administration threatened punitive tariffs that would double the prices for Japan's most popular luxury cars. Japanese police arrested doomsday cult leader Shoko Asahara, holding him in connection with the nerve-gas attack on Tokyo's subways two months earlier.

Five years ago: The Federal Reserve raised its federal funds rate by one-half point, the biggest increase in five years. The New York Democratic Party, meeting in Albany, nominated First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton for the U.S. Senate.

One year ago: The United States announced a new initiative to speed up the approval process for new combination AIDS drugs that was designed to bring cheap, easy-to-use treatment to millions of people in Africa and the Caribbean. Pope John Paul II named six new saints, including Gianna Beretta Molla, revered by abortion foes because she'd refused to end her pregnancy despite warnings it could kill her. (Beretta Molla, an Italian pediatrician, died in 1962 at age 39, a week after giving birth to her fourth child.)



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U.S. needs scientists, engineers

America has no need whatsoever for more actors, comedians, dancers, lawyers, social workers, masters of business arts, marketing people, journalists or other such vocations.

America needs scientists and engineers. If we don't straighten out the public education system and produce those scientists and engineers, then the Chinese, Japanese and Indians are going to eat our lunch and reduce us to a Third World status.

You belong to the Third World when most of what you sell abroad is raw materials and most of what you import is manufactured goods.

Look at all the Made-In-Everywhere-But-America labels and you will see that we are well on the way to a much lower standard of living, the dot-com and financier billionaires not withstanding.

Charley Reese
Columnist

No nation has ever achieved or maintained great-power status without a strong agricultural base and a strong manufacturing base.

We once had both, but we are rapidly losing our manufacturing base as greedy corporations ship American jobs overseas to cheap-labor countries. And while that is happening, uncontrolled immigration is driving down wages in the service economies and building trades.

And the U.S. government is doing nothing to address either problem. On the contrary, it is proposing to aggravate both of them with some kind of amnesty program for illegal aliens and a new "free trade" agreement that will provide American corporations with even more cheap labor.

You would think Americans could at least apply common sense rather than accept the intellectual manure that is spread by Washington. Do you realize how poor Honduras and Panama, for example, are? What do you think they have to sell us? What do you think they can afford to buy? The answer to both questions is nothing. Even their banana plantations are owned by foreigners.

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Payroll tax should be eliminated

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The 79th Texas Legislature's regular session, time is running out for lawmakers to pass a sensible school funding reform bill. Given the Legislature's ill-considered, adamant refusal to consider a state income tax, any reform bill that goes to the governor this year will be second-best, if even that.

The Texas Senate wants to create a hybrid that would combine the state franchise tax on businesses with a payroll tax.

"Business trade groups objected, arguing that a tax on payroll would harm job creation and would endanger small business' ability to operate," The Associated Press reported.

Perhaps so. But our objection is based on the inequity that would be inescapable in a flat payroll tax.

Businesses that are more labor-intensive would wind up paying more than their fair share, while companies that are less labor-intensive would wind up paying less than their fair share. Adjusting the payroll tax for salary would only alleviate that inequity somewhat but would not eliminate it.

Texas Thoughts
Victoria Advocate

The simplest way to tax business is to tax either gross receipts or profits. The latter makes much more sense and would be fairer. Taxing gross receipts would mean businesses with higher operating expenses would pay more than their fair share, while companies with lower operating expenses would pay less than their fair share. Taxing profits eliminates that inequity.

The Texas House of Representatives earlier this session passed legislation allowing businesses to choose between paying a tax on payroll or the franchise tax, which amounts to a tax on profits.

This is marginally better than the Senate measure, which is still under negotiation, but the Legislature should eliminate the payroll tax altogether.

The goal should be to tax all businesses equitably, rather than allowing some to pay less than their fair share while requiring others to pay more than their fair share.

A payroll tax would be better and more equitable only in the sense that it would apply to all businesses that have employees, whereas only about one in

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Democratic, GOP leaders both say they'll win filibuster fight

WASHINGTON (AP) — Both sides in the debate over Senate filibusters of judicial nominees claim to have enough support to prevail on a vote to ban the practice, even as the parties' leaders acknowledge that several Republicans senators they are courting have yet to commit.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., intends this week to call up for a vote the nominations of judges Priscilla Owen of Texas and Janice Rogers Brown of California. President Bush nominated both for the federal bench during his first term, but they and five others were blocked by Democrats. Bush renominated all seven judges this year.

Should Democrats move this week to block Brown and Owen, and Republicans fail to break a filibuster, Frist would call for the Senate to vote on whether to ban use of filibusters against judicial nominees.

> *'I believe that, as reasonable people, as we have in the past in the Senate, we should sit down together and work this out.'*
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> — Sen. John McCain
> *R-Ariz.*

Both sides said Sunday they had the votes to prevail, including having support from across the aisle.

"I haven't given up on the possibility that we might have 60 votes (to break a filibuster), including some Democrats who've been whispering in our ears that they believe that this ought to be defused," Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., the chief GOP vote counter, said on "Fox News Sunday."

Republicans hold 55 seats in the 100-member Senate. Democrats have 44, plus one Democratic-leaning independent.

Frist needs a minimum of 50 votes to abolish judicial filibusters with a rules change. Vice President Dick Cheney would provide the tie-breaking vote in his constitutional role as president of the Senate.

Illinois Sen. Dick Durbin, the Democrats' vote counter, told Fox that his party was united. He said he expected to pick up GOP support from some who have yet to signal their intentions.

"We feel that there are at least four Republican senators who feel as we do and we feel that there are several who are making up their minds at the last moment," Durbin said.

> *'(Democrats) should not accept a compromise that's going to silence and muzzle and gag a member of the United States Senate.'*
>
> — Sen. Edward Kennedy
> *D-Mass.*

But McConnell said that should negotiations fail and the vote to end a filibuster fall short, "I believe we will have the votes" to ban the use of filibusters against judicial nominees.

Others seemed to be holding out hope for an 11th-hour compromise.

"I believe that, as reasonable people, as we have in the past in the Senate, we should sit down together and work this out," Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., told ABC's "This Week."

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., appearing on CBS' "Face the Nation," said Democrats "should not accept a compromise that's going to silence and muzzle and gag a member of the United States Senate" from expressing an opinion about someone who is in line for a lifetime appointment to the federal judiciary.

Priorities

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So a free-trade agreement with Central America just means American corporations will move jobs to those poor countries and ship the products back to the U.S. duty-free. And the difference between the cheap labor of those desperate people and the higher wages of American workers will go into the pockets of the corporate owners. I assume that by now most Americans have noticed that these Made-Someplace-Else products aren't cheap.

Before the North American Free Trade Agreement was adopted, we had a trade surplus with Mexico. Now we have a trade deficit. How many Mexican products do you buy? Not many, I venture to say, but a lot of the American brand-name products you buy are made in Mexico, where wages are very low.

By the way, do you think a government that allows an estimated 3 million illegal aliens to come into the country each and every year really gives a hoot in Hades about homeland security? Don't kid yourself. The government's so-called war on terrorism is a con game and a boondoggle.

What the government jargon calls "first responders" are really first reactors. Cops and firefighters get there after the act of terrorism has already been committed. If you are serious about fighting terrorism, you have to concentrate on prevention, and you can't do that when 3 million strangers pour into your country every single year unnoticed and unknown.

The attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, were pulled off by people in the country illegally or in violation of their visa status. I spent a week with the Border Patrol near San Diego, and the officers will tell you that people from more than 60 countries cross the southern U.S. border illegally.

So to the list of scientists and engineers add honest politicians who sincerely care about the welfare of the country as a whole. That's what we need desperately.

But in the meantime, you can feel perfectly safe, because the U.S. government makes Martha Stewart wear an electronic ankle bracelet and therefore knows exactly where she is at all times. Never doubt but that the U.S. government has all its priorities in order. God alone knows who's in that 3 million who cross illegally, but at least you don't have to fear that Martha Stewart will knock on your door and offer you a plate of cookies.

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six Texas businesses now pay the franchise tax. But the Legislature should try to fix that inequity completely rather than only marginally and by creating a new kind of inequity.

Both the Senate and House plans would use the additional revenue from an expanded business tax to lower the property tax, with the House proposal providing a slightly larger reduction than its Senate counterpart. The Senate bill proposes creation of a statewide property tax, which would require amending the state Constitution.

A statewide property tax would end or at least reduce the disparity in education funding between property-poor and property-rich school districts that the Robin Hood plan lawmakers adopted in the early 1990s only partly mitigated. A statewide property tax would provide much greater equity in education funding across the state.

Both plans would increase the state income tax, the Senate bill less so than its House counterpart. Given that the sales tax is inherently regressive - people with less income spend a higher percentage of their income on the sales tax than people with more income - the smaller the increase, the better.

The Senate plan also has another key difference from its House counterpart. While the House bill would raise one sin tax, the tax on cigarettes, the Senate proposal would raise the tax on both alcohol and tobacco.

Fair is fair. The alcohol industry and its consumers should not be exempt from paying more, if the tobacco industry and its consumers have to pay more. Equity is the goal here, too.

The 79th Legislature may not be able to complete its tax reform work in the regular session. That would not surprise us. Their refusal to consider a state income tax condemns lawmakers to trying to put together a crazy-quilt patchwork of tax measures that will not achieve complete equity or, worse yet, adequacy.

A few sessions down the road, the Legislature will again have to tinker and jury-rig the state's still-inequitable, still-antiquated, still-inadequate tax system.

Lawmakers should have learned from Robin Hood a dozen years ago that this kind of effort only postpones the inevitable. It does not fix the problem.

Even the most sensible tax reform package the Legislature can produce this year is a poor alternative to a state income tax.

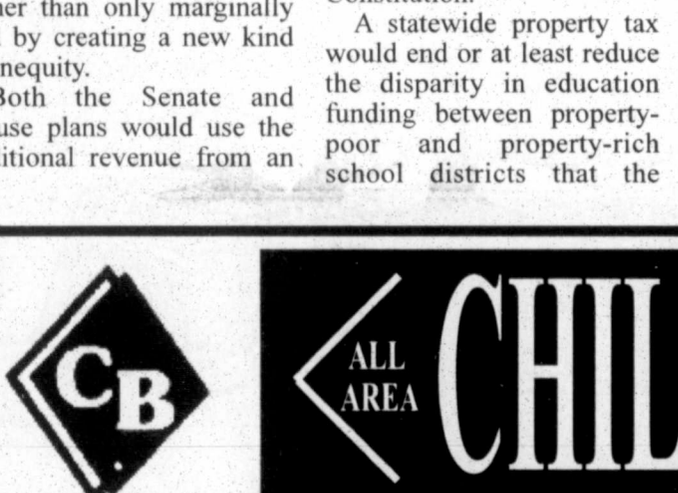
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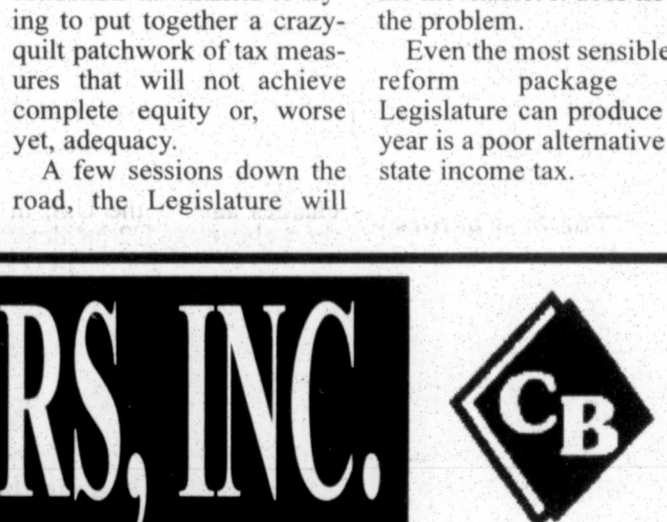
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have a married niece with a 4-month-old baby girl whom I love dearly. They have a medium-sized dog that they rescued from a shelter, and the dog is prone to attacking other dogs. For a time they considered returning the dog to the shelter, but now they have it trained quite well. It responds to voice commands, but is still aggressive, primarily to other dogs. On at least one occasion my niece and her husband have paid vet bills for dogs that have been injured.

This dog stays in the house with them and the baby, and my fear is that as the baby gets a little older, this dog may attack her.

I'm an emergency room nurse. I have seen the results of dog attacks on small children. Most of them were house pets with no history of aggressiveness. It seems the sounds a small child makes, combined with their normal, uncoordinated movement and grabbing, can mimic prey-like activity. The dogs, responding like the animals they are, attack. In one instance, the injured toddler died.

I have cautioned my niece and her husband not to let the dog lick (they say "kiss") the baby or let her play near the dog unsupervised, which they don't always do. Even on a leash, I have seen this dog lunge at another dog without warning. I fear for the safety of the child.

Please address this concern. My niece reads your column and may listen to you. Think I'm just an overly concerned aunt? -- DEEPLY CONCERNED IN EVANSTON, ILL.

DEAR CONCERNED: You are not "overly" concerned. Because of your experiences in the ER, you have seen firsthand the tragic result of this kind of negligence.

As much as your niece and her husband love their dog, they are barking up the wrong tree by leaving their baby alone with an animal that has shown aggressive tendencies. My experts tell me that small children should not be around animals unless supervised. Period. And as to kissing a baby's face -- let's just say that a dog's mouth is less than sanitary. I hope these new parents will rethink their stance on this subject.

DEAR ABBY: My wife, "Eve," and I have been married for 36 years. Our children are grown and flew the nest years ago.

I'm an avid ballroom dancer. Eve and I took lessons years ago and dance well together. However, she's no longer enthusiastic about dancing. Eve prefers playing contract bridge with her friends, and does so whenever she's invited. Some weeks she may be out playing two or three nights. She's an excellent player, and I'm glad she enjoys herself.

When I ask Eve out for a movie and dancing, she'll agree to the movie but not the dancing. I am tired of asking her and being refused, so when she declines, I go by myself and dance with other people. When I do, Eve lays a guilt trip on me, acts very jealous, and makes nasty comments about my going out and dancing with "sluts."

This is not accurate. I have always been a faithful husband. My dance partners are polite and nice, and I don't "hit on" them. Eve knows that. Of course, I'd prefer a night out dancing with the woman I love, and I constantly tell her so, but she won't let it happen. How should I handle this? -- SAD DANCER, PARIS, KY.

DEAR SAD: It would be nice if your wife would put your feelings first occasionally, but she doesn't appear to be that generous, and I don't have a magic wand that can change her. So handle the situation the way you have been, and when your wife tries to make you feel guilty, tune her out.

Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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10 Jazz legend Getz
11 Corduroy feature
13 Search
14 Dangerous
15 Fencing cry
17 Youngster
18 Bedtime reading
19 Crone
20 Car navigation aid: Abbr.
21 Tarzan's love
22 Wise ones
25 Doesn't own
26 Stepped down
27 Take notes
28 Under the weather
29 Abrupt movie transition
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34 Like some rural roads
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37 Curving paths
38 Tennis's Williams
39 Tidy
40 Bodyshop challenges
41 Catch sight of

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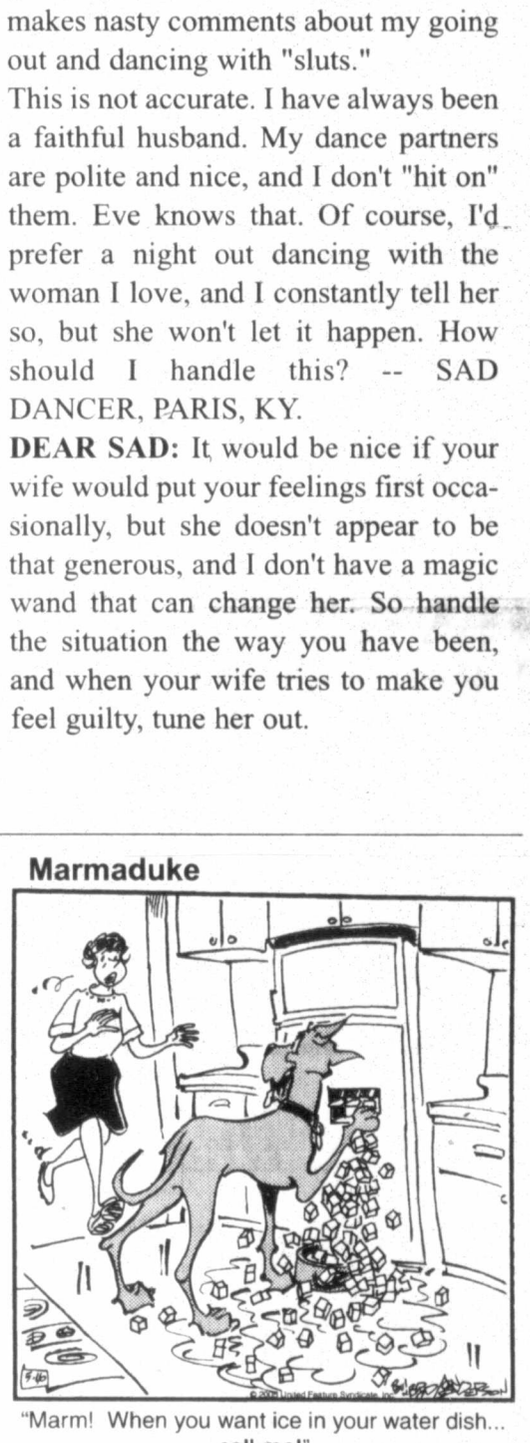
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The Family Circus

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

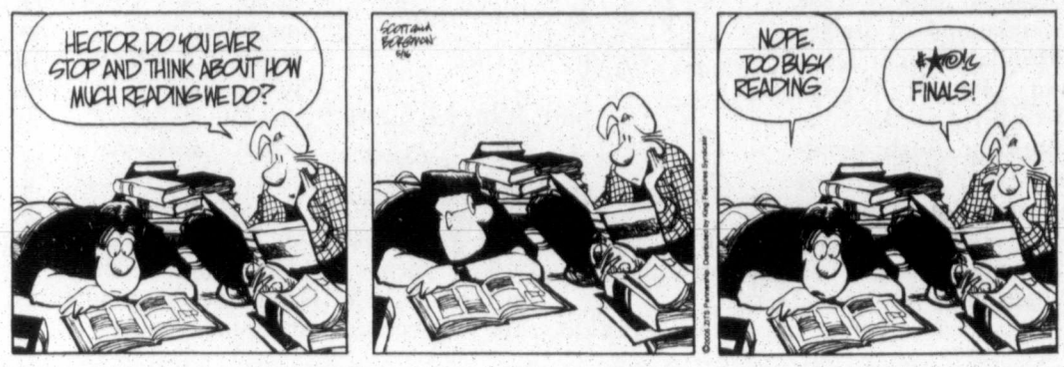


"If you'd teach me to read, Daddy, I'd know which TV shows to watch."

For Better Or Worse



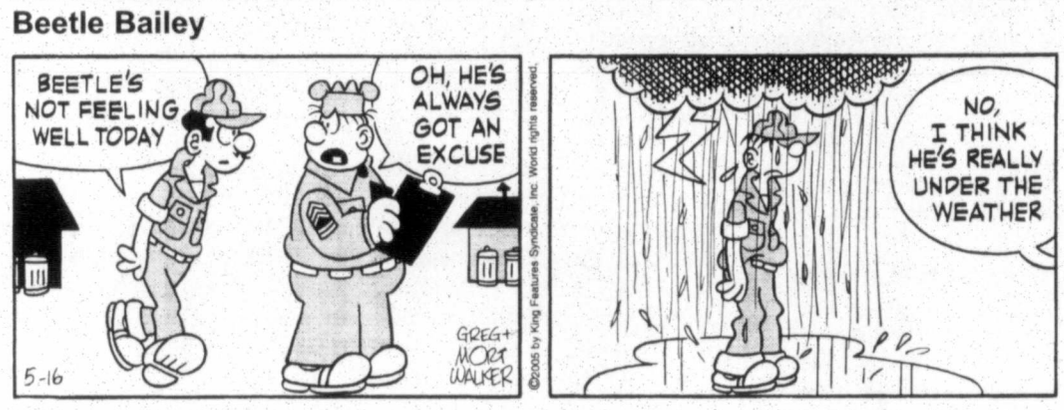
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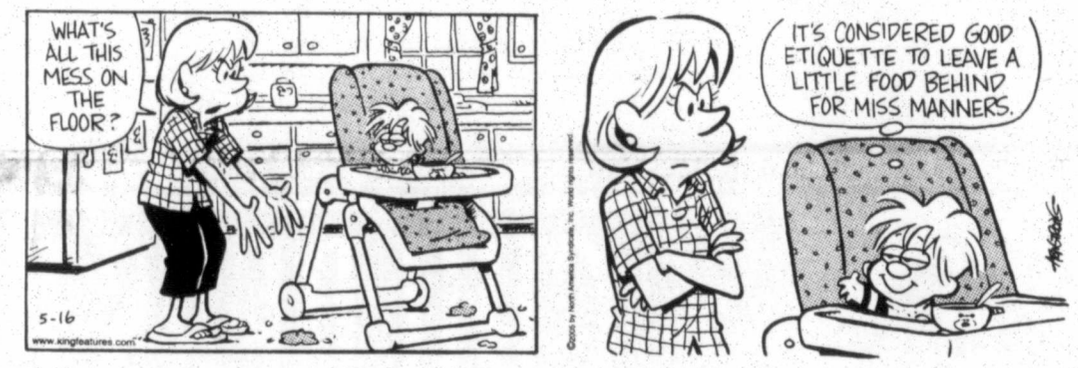
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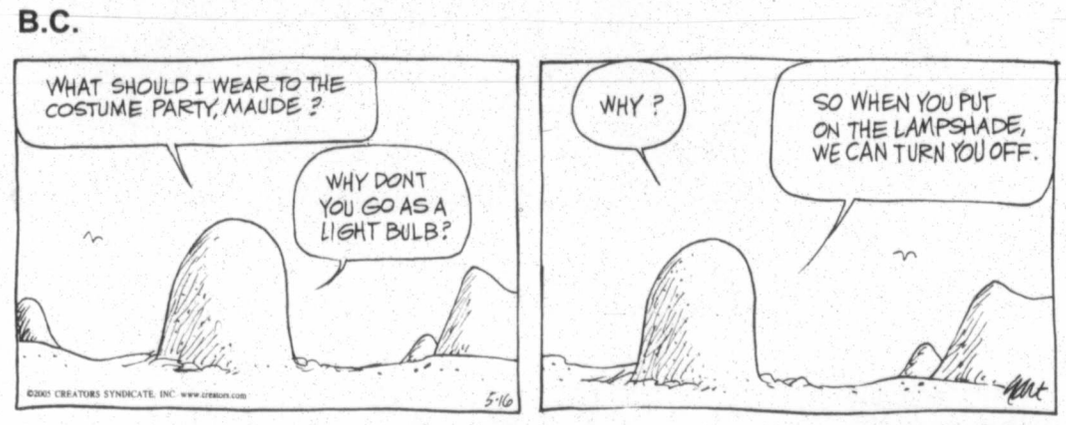
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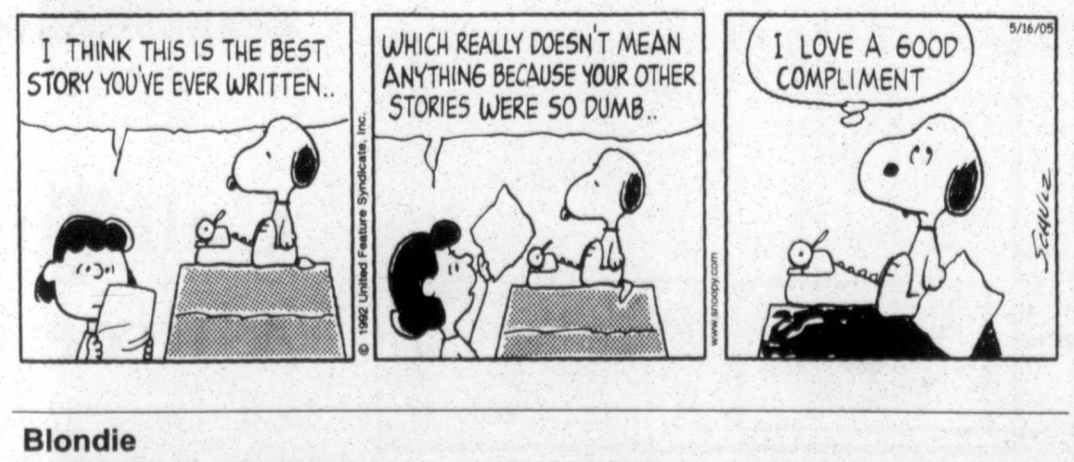
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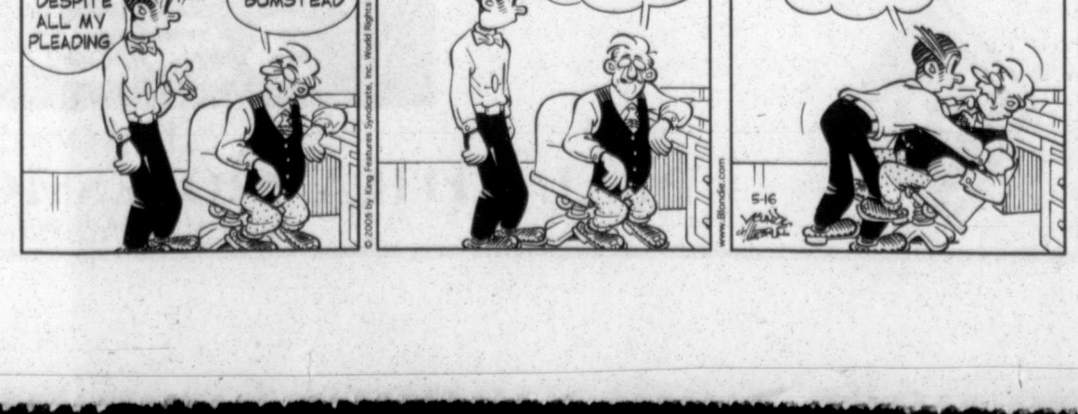
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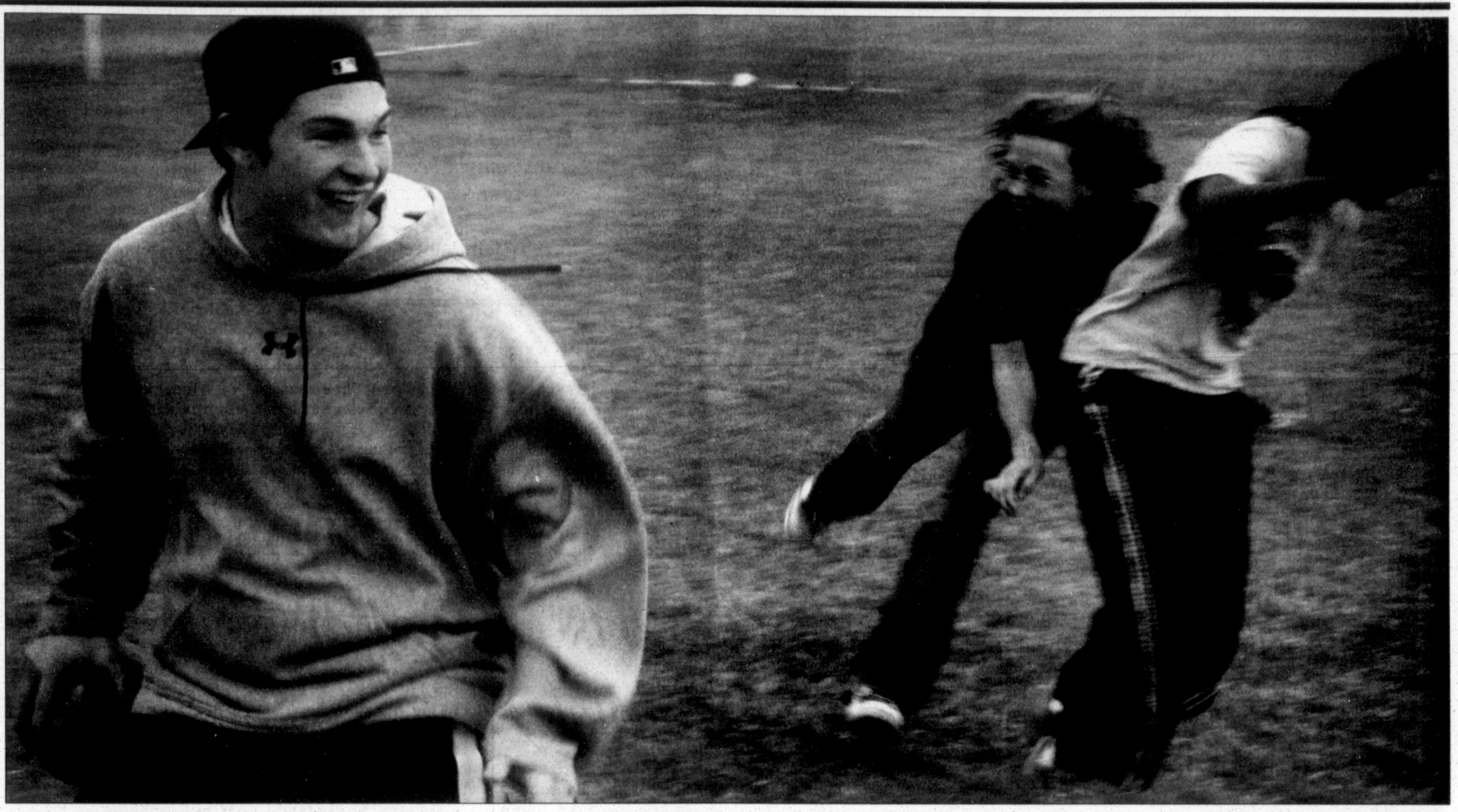
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Sports Day



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Eric Kinkade, coach of the junior powderpuff team, is guarded from Monica Johnson by Amanda Hood at a practice Sunday for tonight's game.

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Each team has been coached by guys from their class.

The game will start at 7 p.m. at Harvester Field.

A concession stand will be hosted by the parents of the Senior Class.

All proceeds of the stand will go to the Senior All-Night Party.

Males from each class have also signed up to be cheerleaders for the game.



Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

Callie Cobb holds hands with another team member to keep the opponents from getting to the ball carrier, Jackie Gerber.

The family of Joe Watson would like to express our gratitude for the outpouring of love and concern through prayers, phone calls, visits, food and flowers during this difficult time. We are all overwhelmed by everyone's generosity. Thank you all so much. God Bless You

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Jon & Tracy Watson
Carrie & Roy Lott
and grandchildren

Playoffs: *Baseball wins, softball loses*

By BEN BRISCOE
News Intern

The Lady Harvesters softball team, 26-10, fell to the Big Spring Lady Steers 0-6 Friday at the Lubbock-Coronado High School Stadium.

The one-game District 4A, Region 1, Quarterfinal match was originally scheduled at Plainview, but was changed after severe thunderstorms Thursday night made the field too wet for play, said Dick Dunham, PHS athletic director.

While this loss was "a disapointment" acording to Senior player, Teryn Garner, Pampa's baseball team was able to edge out Mountain View by winning two of the three games in the sersis with scores of 3-2, 0-5 and 8-5.

"Clint Mountain View is a very good baseball team, a well-coached team," Coach Dennis Doughty said. "We were tested, we survived and we gained from the experience. Now we're just looking forward to moving forward in the play-offs."

Bank of America overruns Holmes' Sports Center 7-4

Dakota Gowin allowed only one earned run in leading Bank of America to a 7-4 win over Holmes' Sports Center Friday in Babe Ruth League action at Optimist Park.

Bank of America broke open a 2-1 ball game with five runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to take a commanding 7-1 lead.

Holmes rallied for three runs in the top of the seventh.

Jared Busse relieved Gowin with the tying run at the plate and used a ground out and a strikeout to put out the fire and earn a save.

Aaron Carr and Gerado Dominguez pitched for Bank of America.

In 11-12 Cal Ripken play Celanese Corporation squeaked by Cabot Corporation 11-10 in the early game.

Friday while D. E. Chase, Inc. moved into sole possession of second place with a 4-2 victory over

Rotary Club in the late game. Rotary falls to 2-3-2 while Chase is 4-2-1. Glo-Valve Service leads the league with a 6-0 record.

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Suns not expecting Johnson, Van Horn a maybe for Mavs in Game 5

DALLAS (AP) — The Phoenix Suns don't expect injured guard Joe Johnson back for Game 5 of their Western Conference semifinal series against the Dallas Mavericks, who were more optimistic Sunday about the return of Keith Van Horn.

Johnson, the Suns' third-leading scorer, is recovering from surgery for an eye injury sustained in Game 2 on Wednesday. His status for the rest of the playoffs is still uncertain.

"I'm not expecting any miracles any time soon," Suns coach Mike D'Antoni said before Game 4 on Sunday night. "I don't think he'll play Wednesday."

D'Antoni said doctors weren't even scheduled to re-evaluate Johnson until Thursday — the day after the next game in Phoenix.

The news for the Mavericks concerning Van Horn, a backup forward, was a little more promising. Van Horn, who has missed all of the Phoenix series after spraining his left ankle in the first round against Houston, did some light work Saturday.

"That was a really a good sign," coach Avery Johnson said.

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Astros' Bagwell facing shoulder surgery

HOUSTON (AP) — Jeff Bagwell will have surgery on his arthritic right shoulder early next month in hopes of prolonging his career that has been derailed by pain.

The Houston Astros' first baseman has been out since May 3. He was placed on the disabled list Tuesday for the first time in seven seasons, because of the degenerative shoulder condition that will require surgery, the team said before Sunday night's game against the San Francisco Giants.

"To be honest, I'm excited about it," Bagwell said. "I want to show myself and the organization that I can still play. I really believe it will work. This is my best opportunity to play again.

"It has been tough on me not playing, but it got to where it wasn't getting any better and I'm at a point where I can't do it."

The procedure, called an arthroscopic capsular release, will be performed by Dr. Richard Hawkins in Spartanburg, S.C., with assistance from team doctor David Lintner. The rehabilitation is expected to last three months.

> *'The scary part is thinking that my career might be over.'*
>
> — Jeff Bagwell
> *Astro first baseman*

"This is a last chance effort to salvage his playing career," Lintner said.

Bagwell, who turns 37 this month, has been bothered by pain in the shoulder for four years and had surgery on Oct. 26, 2001. There has been speculation that the pain will force Bagwell to retire.

"The scary part is thinking that my career might be over," Bagwell said. "I'm not going to help anybody the way I am. I have to do it. It is the only way I can continue to play."

He missed just 12 games over the past three seasons despite the discomfort in his shoulder.

After hitting 30 or more homers in eight straight seasons, Bagwell dropped to 27 in 2004. He's batting .250 with three home runs and 15 RBIs in 24 games for the Astros, who rank last in the National League in hits and homers.

"I know I'm on the downside of my career," he said.

Bagwell hoped to rejoin the lineup last Monday at Florida when he warmed up before the game. But instead went on the disabled list the next day, retroactive to May 4.

He has been on the disabled list only two other times in 15 seasons, most recently in May 1998 because of a knee injury.

"Hopefully, we will have him back for the last month of the season," Astros general manager Tim Purpura said.

News from Champions Tour

Darkness hurts Thorpe, Hatalsky

MILTON, Fla. (AP) — Jim Thorpe and Morris Hatalsky parred the first hole of a playoff Sunday night before play was suspended because of darkness in the Champions Tour's Blue Angels Classic.

They are scheduled to resume play at 8 a.m. CDT Monday.

Thorpe, coming off a victory two weeks ago in the FedEx Kinko's Classic in Lakeway, Texas, forced the playoff with a 10-foot birdie putt on the final hole of regulation.

Thorpe closed with a 3-under 67 and Hatalsky had a 66 to complete 54 holes at 16-under 194 on the Moors Golf Club course. Two rain delays — for a total of 4 hours, 18 minutes — left time for only one extra hole in near darkness.

Don Pooley (63), Fuzzy Zoeller (64), Peter Jacobsen (65) and Tom Jenkins (66) tied for third at 13 under. Craig Stadler, tied for third after a second-round 60, had a 70 to tie for ninth at 11 under.

Hatalsky and Thorpe each had late chances to win.

Hatalsky missed a birdie putt for the victory by a couple inches on the final hole of regulation, and Thorpe's birdie putt on the first extra hole — also the 18th — stopped just short of the hole.

Hatalsky, in the top 10 for the fourth straight tournament, had a two-stroke lead after 14 holes. Thorpe birdied No. 16 to cut the lead to one and pulled even with a par on No. 16 after Hatalsky bogeyed the hole. Hatalsky rebounded with a birdie on the 17th, and Thorpe forced the playoff with his birdie on the 18th.

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Sunday
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t-TPC at Four Seasons Resort, 7,016 yards, par 70
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Final Round
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Pistons outpace competition, 89-76

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Just when the Indiana Pacers thought they couldn't possibly shoot any worse, the Detroit Pistons proved them wrong.

Chauncey Billups scored 29 points and the Pistons used a 19-1 first-quarter run to beat the Pacers 89-76 Sunday, tying their best-of-seven Eastern Conference series at two games each.

Game 5 will be in Detroit on Tuesday night.

Just as they did Friday night, when they blew an 18-point lead but managed to hold on for a 79-74 victory, the Pacers went cold from the field. But this time it cost them the game.

This collapse, though, came in the first quarter, when a free throw by Jamaal Tinsley was their only point in a stretch of almost eight minutes. After that, Billups scored nine points as Detroit quickly built its lead to 17. The Pistons held off a brief third-quarter comeback, took a 20-point lead late in the period and were never threatened in the final quarter.

Rasheed Wallace had 17 points and 12 rebounds, and Richard Hamilton added 13 points and seven assists for the Pistons.

Stephen Jackson led Indiana with 23 points and Tinsley had 17. Jermaine O'Neal, continuing a playoff shooting slump, was just 4-of-15 from the field and finished with 10 points.

Reggie Miller, who clinched the Game 3 victory with a basket and four free throws in the closing seconds, had seven points on 2-for-6 shooting and missed all four of his 3-point attempts.

Indiana's only lead came in the opening minutes, when two baskets by Dale Davis and a 3-pointer by Jackson helped the Pacers to a 9-2 lead.

It didn't last long.

The Pacers missed their next 13 shots, and with the nine points by Billups and baskets by Antonio McDyess and Richard Hamilton, Detroit made it 21-10 before a basket by O'Neal — his first after 14 straight misses since the first quarter of Game 3 on Friday.

Detroit led 21-13 after the first quarter, then the Pacers missed their first five shots of the second period — going 1-for-19 over a 13-minute stretch spanning the first two quarters.

Their shooting — 16 percent for the game at that point — improved in the second period with baskets by Tinsley and reserves James Jones and Fred Jones. A flying dunk by Fred Jones cut Detroit's lead to 10 points. Anthony Johnson then hit one of two free throws to make it 43-34, but Tayshaun Prince hit two free throws and a short jump hook to push the lead to 47-34 at halftime.

The Pacers pulled to 56-50 with five minutes left in the third quarter, but once again they went cold, and a 3-pointer by Prince capped a 16-2 run for the Pistons' biggest lead at 72-52. Indiana came no closer than 12 points the rest of the way and finished the game shooting 37 percent to Detroit's 41 percent.

Weekend's Major League Linescores

Colon, Donnelly (6), Shields (8), FRodriguez (9) and BMolina; Bonderman, JWalker (7), German (7), Creek (8) and IRodriguez. W—Donnelly 1-0. L—JWalker 2-1. Sv—FRodriguez (10).

Second Game

Los Angeles	000	001	100	—
2	7	0		
Detroit	010	020	00x	—
3	9	0		

Washburn, Yan (8) and JMolina, Paul (7); Maroth, German (7), JWalker (8), Farnsworth (8), Urbina (9) and VWilson. W—Maroth 4-2. L—Washburn 2-2. Sv—Urbina (4). HRs—Detroit, Inge (4), Monroe (4).

Toronto	020	000	000	—
2	7	0		
Cleveland	020	000	10x	—
3	5			

Chacin, Walker (3), Frasor (7), Schoeneweis (8) and Huckaby; Millwood, Sauerbeck (4), Betancourt (5), Rhodes (7), Howry (8), Wickman (9) and VMartinez. W—Rhodes 2-1. L—Frasor 1-3. Sv—Wickman (11). HR—Cleveland, Peralta (5).

Texas	000	040	001	—
5	11	0		
Minnesota	000	000	000	—
0	6	0		

Rogers and SAlomar; CSilva, Lohse (8) and Redmond. W—Rogers 4-2. L—CSilva 2-2. HR—Texas, ASoriano (11).

Tampa Bay	100	003	001	—
5	9	0		
Kansas City	030	000	03x	—
6	6	0		

Nomo, Colome (7), TreMiller (8) and THall; RuHernandez, Sisco (9), MWood (9) and Buck. W—RuHernandez 2-5. L—Colome 1-1. Sv—MWood (1). HR—Tampa Bay, Lugo (1).

Baltimore	110	300	400	—
9	15	0		
Chicago	131	000	010	—
6	9	1		

Cabrera, Julio (7), BRyan (9) and JvLopez, GGil (9); FGarcia, Cotts (7), Takatsu (8), KWalker (9), LVizcaino (9) and Pierzynski. W—Cabrera 3-2. L—FGarcia 3-3. Sv—BRyan (10). HRs—Baltimore, Surhoff (3), Gibbons (5). Chicago, Pierzynski (4).

New York	405	330	000	—
15	18	2		
Oakland	102	002	010	—
6	11	0		

KBrown, Groom (7), Quantrill (9) and Posada; Blanton, Harikkala (3), RRincon (7), Street (8), Dotel (9) and Kendall, Melhuse (6). W—KBrown 2-4. L—Blanton 0-4. HRs—New York, Jeter (4), ARodriguez (12), TMartinez (10), Posada (5).

Boston	000	001	500	—
6	8	0		
Seattle	000	102	000	—
3	7	1		

WMiller, MMyers (6), Mantei (7), Timlin (7), Foulke (9) and Varitek; RFranklin, Hasegawa (6), Villone (7), Putz (7), JeNelson (9) and Gonzalez, Olivo (8). W—MMyers 1-0. L—Villone 0-2. Sv—Foulke (9). HRs—Boston, MRamirez (9), Nixon (6). Seattle, Sexson (11), Ibanez (6).

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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)
★★★ Concentrate on each situation one at a time. You will gain by not becoming distracted. Suppressed anger could bubble up out of the blue. Don't let it cause permanent damages. Deal with your feelings. Tonight: Slow down.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You could get caught between personal desires and a community commitment. Knowing your priorities will make your decision easier. Find and use shortcuts. Your resourcefulness comes to the forefront, especially when dealing with the unexpected. Tonight: Indulge a child or loved one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Deal with a family member directly. You cannot put off a decision. Your appeal and charm peak. A relationship will benefit from your attention and caring. Let your imagination rock and roll. The unpredictable can work with you. Tonight: Where you are, the fun is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Say what you need to in order to make others understand where you are coming from. Your instincts add an element of security and well-being. You know what works -- follow through. You don't need to steal the scene. Tonight: Visit during dinner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Take your time with financial dealings. In fact, postpone anything you can. Speak your mind more often. Make inquiries and find an expert if need be. Use caution, and you will be happier in the long run. Tonight: Check out how much "fun" income you have.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ You are the cat's meow. Don't force anything. You could encounter someone's bad side and suddenly feel as if you need to vanish. Know that this person needs to let off steam, and you just happen to be there. Tonight: As you like.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Much that goes on needs to be behind the scenes. You have reason to be ear-to-ear smiles. Detach and don't get triggered. Your caring comes through in your acceptance and understanding. Express your feelings. Tonight: Brainstorm with a buddy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Your need for friendship emerges. If you get into a hot conversation with a loved one, do something more physical. Take him or her out dancing or get into a favorite sport. Help him or her let off steam. Follow your instincts. Tonight: Where the gang is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Take charge, and others will be relieved. You have a way of handling difficult situations. You have a very personable manner that draws a lot of attention. Work with the unexpected. One special person goes out of his or her way for you. Tonight: In the limelight.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Others are prone to controversy. Realize that differences of opinion don't need to be taken personally. You are getting a lot of different points of view. Use them to gain the most information possible. Tonight: Take the high road.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Money might be at the core of an issue. You and an associate see the situation very differently. Understanding others helps you grow and work better for the same end results. Look for the unusual solution. Tonight: Let another take the lead.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You might be a lot stronger and more willful than you realize. Pushing someone to agree with you won't work. Honoring different points of view will help. You'll come up with unusual answers if you let others say more. Tonight: Go along with plans.

BORN TODAY
Singer Enya (1961), actor Bill Paxton (1955), actor Dennis Hopper (1935)

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Saturday's Cryptoquote: A GOOD MEMORY AND A TONGUE TIED IN THE MIDDLE IS A COMBINATION THAT GIVES IMMORTALITY TO A CONVERSATION. — MARK TWAIN

White House: Journalistic standard not met

Newsweek apologizes for errors in story that sparks deadly protests

NEW YORK (AP) — In an apology to readers this week, Newsweek acknowledged errors in a story alleging U.S. interrogators at Guantanamo Bay desecrated the Quran. The accusations, which the magazine vowed to re-examine, spawned protests in Afghanistan that left 15 dead and scores injured.

Responding to harsh criticism from Muslim leaders worldwide, the Pentagon promised to investigate the charges and pinned the deadly clashes on Newsweek for what it described as "irresponsible" reporting.

"We regret that we got any part of our story wrong, and extend our sympathies to victims of the violence and to the U.S. soldiers caught in its midst," Editor Mark Whitaker wrote in the apology.

The White House said Monday that Newsweek's response was insufficient.

"It's puzzling. While Newsweek now acknowledges that they got the facts wrong, they refuse to retract the story," said presidential spokesman Scott McClellan. "I think there's a certain journalistic standard that should be met. In this instance it was not.

"This was a report based on a single anonymous source that could not substantiate the allegation that was made," McClellan added. "The report has had serious consequences. People have lost their lives. The image of the United States abroad has been damaged. I just find it puzzling."

In its issue dated May 9, Newsweek had reported that U.S. military investigators had found evidence that interrogators placed copies of Islam's holy book in washrooms and had flushed one down the toilet to get inmates to talk.

Whitaker wrote that the magazine's information came from "a knowledgeable U.S. government source," and writers Michael Isikoff and John Barry had sought comment from two Defense Department officials. One declined to respond, and the other challenged another part of the story but did not dispute the Quran charge, Whitaker said.

On Friday, a top Pentagon spokesman told the magazine that a review of the military's investigation concluded "it was never meant to look into charges of Quran desecration. The spokesman also said the Pentagon had investigated other desecration charges by detainees and found them 'not credible.'"

Whitaker added that the magazine's original source later said he could not be sure he read about the alleged Quran incident in the report Newsweek cited, and that it might have been in another document.

"Top administration officials have promised to continue looking into the charges, and so will we," Whitaker wrote.

Newsweek Washington Bureau Chief Daniel Klaidman said the magazine believes it erred in reporting the allegation that a prison guard tried to flush the Quran down a toilet and that military investigators had confirmed the accusation.

"The issue here is to get the truth out, to acknowledge as quickly as possible what happened, and that's what we're trying to do," Klaidman told the "CBS Evening News" on Sunday.

Many of the 520 inmates at Guantanamo are Muslims arrested during the U.S.-led war against the Taliban and its al-Qaida allies in Afghanistan.

Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said the original story was "demonstrably false" and "irresponsible," and "had significant consequences that reverberated throughout Muslim communities around the world."

"Newsweek hid behind anonymous sources, which by their own admission do not withstand scrutiny," Whitman said. "Unfortunately, they cannot retract the damage they have done to this nation or those that were viciously attacked by those false allegations."

After Newsweek published the story, demonstrations spread across Afghanistan and Muslims around the world decried the alleged desecration.

In Afghanistan, Islamic scholars and tribal elders called for the punishment of anyone found to have abused the Quran, said Maulawi Abdul Wali Arshad, head of the religious affairs department in Badakhshan province.

Jackson defense awaits witness rulings

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — Attorneys for Michael Jackson are awaiting key rulings as they proceed with defending the entertainer against child molestation charges.

The defense lawyers hope to call an employee at Jackson's Neverland ranch who they said would testify that he was told by the sister of Jackson's accuser that her mother and the mother's boyfriend were planning "something big" involving Jackson.

Prosecutors say the statements are hearsay and should not be admitted.

The defense also hopes to call Vince Amen, a former Jackson associate who received special immunity from prosecutors in exchange for his cooperation. The government, however, decided not to call Amen when his account conflicted with that of the accuser's family.

Jackson's attorneys asked the judge to clarify whether Amen's immunity would apply even if he testifies on their client's behalf. Under the "use immunity" agreement, Amen's words cannot be used against him if he is charged.

Prosecutors have named Amen as an unindicted coconspirator in an alleged plot to hold the accuser's family captive and get them to praise Jackson in an interview.

It was unclear when the judge would rule on the motions. The defense has not said who will testify Monday.

On Friday, Jackson's former attorney, Mark Geragos, defended Jackson from the witness stand, telling jurors that the singer had once denied to him that anything inappropriate happened with the accuser.

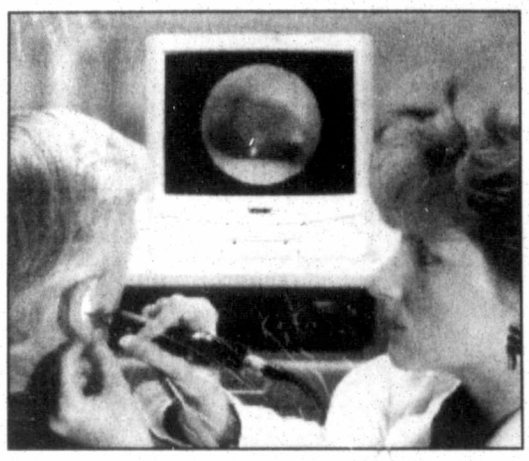
Geragos said he believed before charges were filed against Jackson that the boy's family was plotting to "shake (Jackson) down."

Geragos was scheduled to return to the stand this Friday.

Jackson, 46, is accused of molesting a 13-year-old cancer patient in February or March 2003 and plying him with wine.

He is also accused of conspiring to hold the boy's family captive to get them to make a video rebutting a documentary in which the boy appeared with him and in which Jackson told an interviewer that he let children sleep in his bed, a practice he described as nonsexual.

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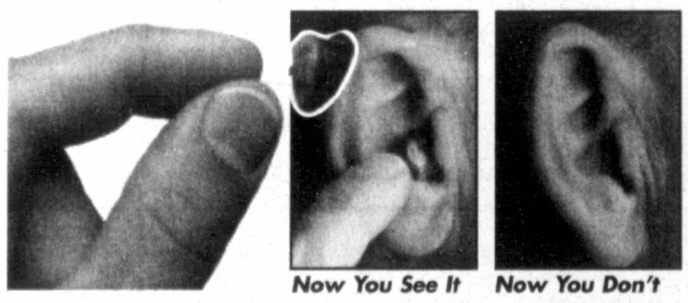
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