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Memorial Day services planned at museum, cemetery

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer
Several Memorial Day events are planned in Pampa Monday. A Memorial Day service will begin at 8:15 p.m. Monday at the memorial park adjacent to Freedom Museum USA, 600 N. Hobart. Memory Gardens Cemetery & Mausoleum at 2215 N. Price Road will hold a memorial service at 10

a.m. Monday in the Veterans Garden at the Military Flag Feature. The museum will open at 4 p.m. Monday and will remain open until the ceremony begins, said Doris Robbins, museum treasurer. Coffee and doughnuts will be served, and the museum will reopen after the ceremony, she said. Luminarias will light the scene of the ceremony, and candles will be

provided for the candlelight service, presented by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1657. "The event is in honor of the fallen and those still here," Robbins said. "We're losing 1,400 World War II veterans a day." Family members will have an opportunity to recognize their loved ones during the roll call of fallen soldiers. At last year's ceremony, sever-

al participants brought photographs of those listed on the roll call. Two displays will be provided by Ken Sliviak of Pampa. One will have information on the Nazi death camps of World War II, and the other will concern the Civil War. Those attending the outdoor ceremony may bring lawn chairs to the park.



Ready for the big day
Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS
Chris Gray, left, strikes a pensive pose as he, Tamara Woodward and Shane Willett try on their caps and gowns for Saturday's graduation ceremony beginning at 10 a.m. at Pampa High School's Harvester Field. The PHS graduating class of 2006 has 222 grads, 22 of whom are honor graduates.

Volunteers needed for lunch program

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer
Volunteers are needed for the annual Lunch in the Park program, which is part of the summer nutrition program offered by Pampa Independent School District. Children ages 1 to 18 are eligible to eat lunch each weekday from June 5 to July 28 at one of four outdoor sites, along with one indoor site. Breakfast is also served at the indoor site on weekdays for the same children, said Debbie Middleton of PISD. Between 40 and 45 volunteers are needed to transport food to and from each of the outdoor sites. The volunteers also pass out the food to the children and keep track of how many are served, Middleton said.

"Two volunteers are needed for each of the four sites per day. We try to have volunteers commit to working one day a week," she said. Hot food will be served each day at the indoor site, which is Wilson Elementary School Cafeteria, 801 E. Browning. Lunches at the four outdoor sites will vary between hot and cold meals. The outdoor sites are Marcus Sanders Park, 438 W. Crawford; Central Park, 800 block of Duncan; the school grounds at Lamar Elementary School, 1234 S. Nelson; and the park area outside the Mann Support Building in the 400 block of North Faulkner. Lunch at the outdoor sites will be served from 11:45 See LUNCH, Page 3

Working for Progress cleanup day rescheduled

Working for Progress' first cleanup day, originally scheduled for May 6, has been rescheduled for Saturday, according to Barbara Patrick, president. Members of the group and any other residents who wish to help may go to Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm, at 8 a.m. to be

directed to the work site. Working for Progress is a group of volunteers who use donated tools and equipment to help clean up unsightly areas around Pampa, Patrick said. Persons wishing to provide tools and equipment for the cleanup may call Artie Toliver, workforce coordi-

nator, at 669-3553 or Patrick at 669-7616 for information on which tools and equipment will be needed. Persons who wish to help but are unable to work in the cleanup may help by providing refreshments or meals for the workers. Cash donations may be made to Robin Bailey, city finance director, at City Hall,

Patrick said. "All help and donations will be greatly appreciated," she said. The next cleanup day will be June 3. The next WFP meeting will be at 7 p.m. June 13 at Lovett Memorial Library. The meetings are open to the public.

Splash Day Sunday features free swimming

The City of Pampa Recreation Department will open M. K. Brown swimming pool with "Splash Day" on Sunday. Gates will open at 1 p.m. and admission is free for all swimmers that day. The pool will open for regular summer hours after

Splash Day at 1 p.m. daily. M. K. Brown Swimming Pool Hours are 1 to 6 p.m. daily. Family Nights are Monday and Thursday from 7 to 8 p.m. Other nights the pool is available for rental from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Admission fees are \$1.50 per person 6 years and up. Age 5 and under are free. Season passes are available. A Family Season Pass for up to five family members is \$75 for unlimited visits. Individual Passes are \$35 for unlimited visits.

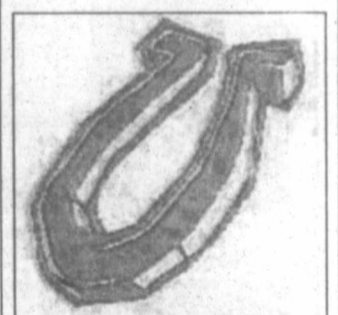
Rental fees are \$75 for up to 50 people and \$1.50 per person over 50. Pool rentals can be arranged by contacting the pool manager at 669-5796. No child under the age of 10 years will be admitted to the pool without an adult.

Letter carriers collect 5,590 pounds of food

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer
Pampa members of the National Association of Letter Carriers collected 5,590 pounds of food during the annual nationwide Letter Carriers Food Drive, May 13, according to Pampa letter carrier Eileen Brookshire. Residents who wished to donate were asked to leave non-perishable

foods by their mailboxes that day. The food will be distributed to local organizations, including Tralee Crisis Center, Salvation Army, Good Samaritan and Harvest House. Last year, a record 71.3 million pounds of food was collected nationwide during the annual drive, according to the NALC web site. Donations were collected this year in

more than 10,000 cities and towns in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam and the District of Columbia. Co-sponsors of the drive with the NALC were the U.S. Postal Service, Campbell Soup Co., Cox Target Media, United Way of America and local United Ways, the AFL-CIO, and America's Second Harvest.



Golden Horseshoe Clue #5:

If you are feeling stressed or sick because you cannot find the Golden Horseshoe, you may want to come here to find something that will make you feel better.

Obituaries

Services tomorrow

BARNES, Karmen and Kamryn — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

Cecil Merle Bohlander, 81

Cecil Merle Bohlander, 81, of Pampa, Texas, died May 26, 2006, at Amarillo, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whalley Funeral Directors.



Bohlander

Bohlander was born Feb. 20, 1925, in Erie, Kan. He came to Pampa in 1954 from Stark, Kan., where he graduated from Stark High School.

He married Mary Lee McPhetter in 1947. She preceded him in death in 1960. He later married Betty Myatt on Aug. 23, 1961, in Pampa.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM, the Lubbock Scottish Rite Consistory, and was a 32nd degree Mason.

Survivors include his

wife, Betty Bohlander, of the home; one son, Steven Merle Bohlander and wife Maureen of Gardner, Kan.; two daughters, Debra Hunter and husband Roger of Santa Fe, N.M., and Jeri Cole of Amarillo; four grandchildren, Jon Bohlander and Bert Bohlander, both of Kansas City, Kan., Christopher Wood of Seattle, Wash., and Jeremy Cole of Arlington; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Darrell Bohlander.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

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

Sixty-two traffic stops were made, resulting in 47 citations issued and at least one arrest.

Traffic complaints were received on two occasions from the 1000 block of Prairie Drive.

A vehicle accident was reported at the intersection of Harvester and Russell streets.

Found property was reported in the 400 block of Hill, the 500 block of North Dwight and on two occasions in the police department lobby. One report taken in the lobby involved a brown wallet with a gold sheriff's badge inside. The other report taken in the lobby involved keys.

A runaway was reported in the 2200 block of North Dwight.

Civil matters were reported in the 700 block of South Barnes, the police department lobby and the 2100 block of Lea.

A welfare check was made in the 100 block of North Houston.

Warrant service was attempted on 11 occasions.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 800 block of South Banks, the 300 block of Canadian, the 300 block of Anne, the 800 block of South Craven, the 1200 block of Darby, the 800 block of East Frederic, the 400 block of Lefors, Highway 60 East, the 800 block of Duncan, the 1100 block of Prairie Drive and the 700 block of Lefors.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 400 block of North Gray and the 1400 block of West Somerville.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 2200 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of South Farley,

the 500 block of East Kingsmill, the 2700 block of Aspen and the intersection of Cook and Frost streets.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 700 block of Bradley Drive.

Narcotics violations were reported in the police department lobby and the 1000 block of Huff Road.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1800 block of Beech, the 600 block of North Wells and the 600 block of Magnolia.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 500 block of Lowry and the 300 block of Canadian.

Assault was reported in the 200 block of North Russell.

One open door was checked.

Theft was reported in the 1200 block of South Faulkner and the 200 block of Miami.

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 1025 W. Wilks. Fuel valued at \$75 was taken.

Burglary was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee.

hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, May 24

12:14 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 1300 block of Mary Ellen on a water meter fire.

4:36 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of Cuyler and Atchison on a vehicle accident.

5:08 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the 700 block of North Somerville on a medical assist.

11:19 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1600 block of West Somerville on a medical assist.

Thursday, May 25

1:32 p.m. — Four units and eight personnel responded to the 1300 block of West Somerville on an odor investigation.

4:24 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 1000 block of South Barnes on a gas odor.

10:42 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 1000 block of South Nelson on an odor investigation.

Sheriff

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

Thursday, May 25

Peter Joseph Garcia, 41, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department for expired registration, failure to appear and expired motor vehicle inspection.

Keith Elliott Young, 25, of Pampa was arrested in the 600 block of Lowry by PPD for assault causing bodily injury, criminal mischief and resisting arrest.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 48-

Ambulance

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

Thursday, May 25

1:23 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to an undisclosed location on Russell. No transport.

1:43 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 700 block of Locust and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

4:13 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to Lubbock.

6:48 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to Amarillo.

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Gray County Weather

Today: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Partly cloudy, with a high near 96. South wind between 10 and 20 mph.

Tonight: A 20 percent

chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 66. South wind around 20 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 92. Windy, with a south wind between

20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 64. Windy, with a south wind 25 to 30 mph decreasing to between 15 and 20 mph.

Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 91. South-southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 66. South wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Memorial Day: Mostly sunny, with a high around 91. South-southwest wind around 15 mph.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. South wind around 15 mph.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 88. South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 61.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 86.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 60.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 84.

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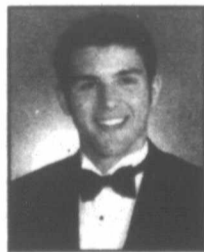
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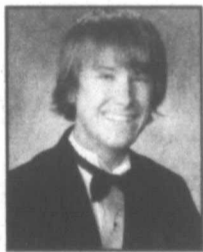
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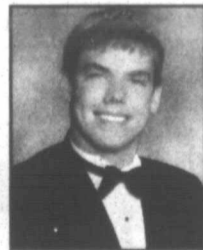
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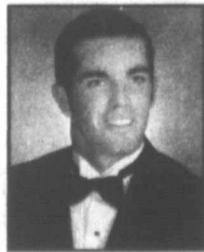
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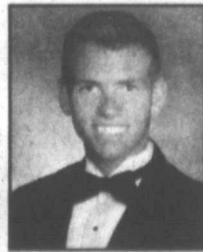
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Donny Hooper, right, assistant public works director for the City of Pampa, presents Wayne Terry of the city's wastewater collection department with the "Get 'Er Done" award in connection with National Public Works Week. Terry implemented use of a global positioning system in all his department's vehicles, along with laptop computers, to find locations and access a database. City employees were treated to lunch Wednesday at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium, and each public works employee received a folder with a photo of members of their department plus a copy of a proclamation by Mayor Lonny Robbins concerning Public Works Week.

Prison terms likely for Lay, Skilling

HOUSTON (AP) — Kenneth Lay and Jeffrey Skilling were known as visionaries, hands-on executives, corporate titans directing the high-flying ship at Wall Street darling Enron Corp.

Add another title: convicted felons.

"Certainly we're surprised," a shaken Lay said Thursday after a jury capped a four-month-long fraud and conspiracy trial and in its sixth day of deliberations returned guilty verdicts against him and Skilling. "I think it's more appropriate to say we're shocked. This is not the outcome we expected."

Besides all six counts in the main trial, Lay, Enron's founder, also was convicted of four charges of bank fraud and making false statements to banks in a separate non-jury trial before U.S. District Judge Sim Lake related to his personal finances. Skilling was convicted of

19 counts of fraud, conspiracy and insider trading at a trial spawned by one of the biggest business scandals in U.S. history, the toppling of a high-profile energy trader that once was the nation's seventh-largest company.

"Obviously, I'm disappointed," the former Enron chief executive said. "But that's the way the system works."

Lake set Sept. 11 as sentencing date for Skilling and Lay. Legal experts, while not questioning the pair eventually would be spending time behind bars, predicted another fierce courtroom battle over the duration of their likely prison time.

Skilling faces a maximum of 185 years in prison. For Lay, the fraud and conspiracy convictions carry a combined maximum punishment of 45 years. The bank fraud case adds 120 years, 30 years on each of the four counts.

Bush, Blair acknowledge mistakes in Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — British Prime Minister Tony Blair called today for more international support for an Iraq struggling to emerge as a democratic state, after joining President Bush in somberly admitting far-reaching mistakes there.

"If Iraqis can show their faith in democracy by voting for it, shouldn't we show ours by supporting them?" Blair asked in remarks prepared for a speech at Georgetown University.

"The war split the world," Blair, a rare ally of the president in going to war, acknowledged in his speech. "The struggle of Iraqis for democracy should unite them."

The speech was described in advance by a Blair spokesman who spoke only on condition of anonymity because he is a nonpolitical

civil servant.

In London, maverick British politician George Galloway said it would be "morally justified" for an assassin to attack Blair, claiming it was morally equivalent to ordering the deaths of thousands of innocent people in Iraq. Galloway said he not advocating such an attempt, according to an interview in GQ magazine released Friday.

In their Thursday evening White House news conference, Bush and Blair were defensive when they would have preferred to celebrate the recent political success in Baghdad.

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Bush said at the White House, "Despite setbacks and missteps, I strongly believe we did and are doing the right thing."

Those missteps include the abuse of Iraqi prisoners at Abu Ghraib, though Bush said those responsible have been jailed. More personally, the president said, he learned not to use so much "tough talk" — saying Osama bin Laden was wanted "dead or alive" and challenging America's enemies to "bring

it on."

"I learned some lessons about expressing myself maybe in a little more sophisticated manner, you know," Bush said softly.

Blair said the leaders did not accurately predict immense challenges such as the strength of the insurgency. "It should have been very obvious to us," the prime minister said.

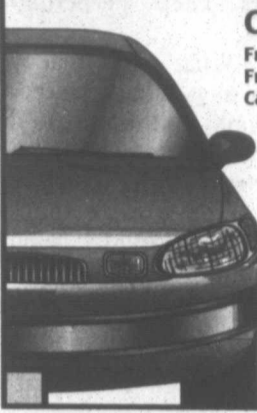
The press conference came after Bush and Blair had a private meeting and ended when the two left for dinner upstairs in the president's residence.

Blair was continuing his Washington visit today with a speech at Georgetown University and a private lunch with Bush before heading home.

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Lunch

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a.m. to 12:15 p.m. each weekday. Lunch at Wilson Elementary will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. each weekday.

Breakfast at Wilson Elementary will be available from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. weekdays.

Persons over age 18 who wish to eat at one of the meals may do so for \$3 per meal, Middleton said.

The annual program, funded through the federal government, serves about 150 Pampa children per day at the four outdoor sites, plus another 75 to 100 per day at the indoor site,

Middleton said.

Meals will not be served on Memorial Day or the Fourth of July, she said.

The Kids' Cafe, a year-round program, will also be open throughout the summer, except on Memorial Day and Independence Day, Middleton said.

The Kids' Cafe will be open from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Wilson Elementary, and from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Lamar Elementary.

Persons interested in volunteering to help with the Lunch in the Park program may call Carolyn Stroud at Harvest House at 665-4042.

Harvest House coordinates volunteers for the program, Middleton said.

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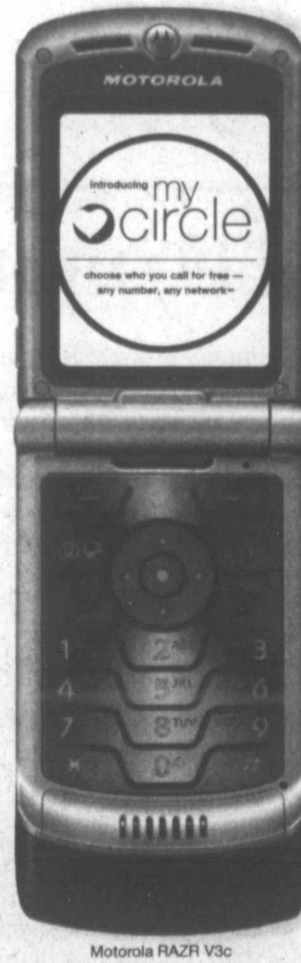
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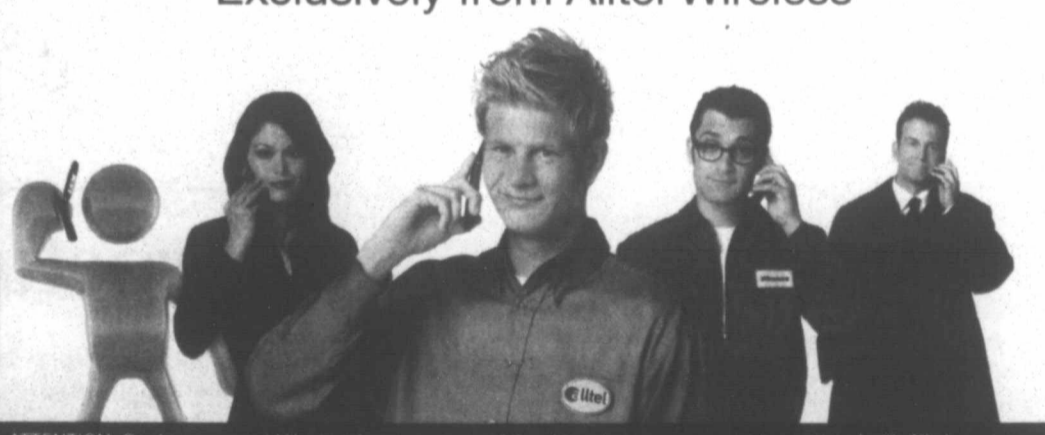
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Viewpoints

Newsmaker interviews with myth-buster John Stossel

John Stossel, who co-hosts ABC's popular "20/20" on Friday nights at 10, is arguably the most influential libertarian in the mainstream media. Unfortunately, he's also the MSM's only libertarian journalist — the only one who understands, appreciates and openly pushes the virtues and benefits of free-market economics.

Stossel has a new book out, "Myths, Lies, and Downright Stupidity: Get Out the Shovel — Why Everything You Know is Wrong." Like his 2004 best-seller, "Give Me a Break," it is a bright, breezy and politically incorrect treatment of issues he's addressed on "20/20." I talked to him by telephone from Houston recently.

Q: The truths you assert — that DDT saves lives, that price gouging saves lives, that foreign aid doesn't help poor people and even that red cars attract police attention — often sound like the ravings of a madman to many people. Why is that?

A: Gee, thanks! Price

gouging being good and foreign aid not helping poor people sounds like madness because economic ignorance is so widespread and the economically clueless in the media keep perpetuating myths.

Q: What is it that you know or you have learned — or think you know — that enables you to see through these myths?

A: I have more time to talk to the smarter people. Economics is not intuitive, I was late to discover. It just takes a little understanding of economics to see how price gouging is helpful at bringing new supplies in. It's not on the radar screen of the mainstream media that DDT saves lives. We've been so trained by our high school and college educations and Rachel Carson to think that DDT is evil. Maybe I read more widely and I watched the footage of Americans having picnics while surrounded by the white smoke when we sprayed vast quantities of DDT. Some people even ran toward the trucks, they were so thrilled to have

mosquitoes killed. We did end our malaria problem, but only by spraying vast quantities of DDT did we cause problems. Even then, the only problem was the thinning of the eggshells of the bald eagle. Using tiny amounts would save millions of lives. It's so disgusting that we don't do it. We instead waste taxpayer money on bed nets that get holes in them.

Bill Steigerwald
Columnist



news and the scientific claims or warnings or hysteria or whatever that the future will bring?

A: The alarms are endless. Almost all are wrong. And yet the failure of the previous alarms to kill us does not make us less fearful when the press moves on to the next alarm.

Q: Where do these myths, lies and stupidities come from?

A: Parents and the mainstream media. And instinct.

Q: The mainstream media you say are better at spreading fear than explaining and making things clear.

A: Well, they are very

good about making things clear that are heroic — about covering daily news and wars and politics and crime and the weather — but lousy when it comes to science and economics. There's also a lack of humility about it. There's a pride in newsrooms about being bad in math — "Oh, I can't do my expense report." But I at least am embarrassed that I know little about literature, theater, little about music. I wouldn't presume to report on these things. But these economically clueless reporters are constantly saying you've got to raise the minimum wage and you have to cap prices.

Q: In your book you have some good words to say about polygamy.

A: Right. I don't think it's good to enslave children in it. But when it's consenting adults, I say let them. I also make the argument about a person being able to buy a kidney. It's my body. If I don't need two kidneys, why can't I sell one? Why can't I offer money for one if I am dying? Seventeen people die

every day waiting for kidneys. It's disgusting to have paternalistic politicians saying it must be forbidden because commerce is involved rather than altruism.

Q: For the record, when someone asks you what your politics are, what your point of view is, what do you say to them?

A: I'd say I'm a libertarian. And I prefer the word "liberal" except that the liberals stole the word and have perverted it to mean "big government running your life." So I'm stuck with "classical liberal" and no one knows what that means, so I call myself a libertarian.

Q: That puts you at odds with both liberals and conservatives. Which side hates you or dislikes you more — liberals or conservatives? You are in favor of legalizing drugs, you're not against abortion — things like that would annoy conservatives. But you're also in favor of free-market solutions to just about everything, from schools to buses.

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, May 26, the 146th day of 2006. There are 219 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 26, 1940, the evacuation of Allied troops from Dunkirk, France, began during World War II.

On this date:

In 1521, Martin Luther was banned by the Edict of Worms because of his religious beliefs and writings.

In 1805, Napoleon Bonaparte was crowned king of Italy in Milan.

In 1865, arrangements were made in New Orleans for the surrender of Confederate forces west of the Mississippi.

'Talent is what you possess; genius is what possesses you.'

— Malcolm Cowley
American author and critic (1898-1989)

In 1868, the impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson ended with his acquittal on all remaining charges.

In 1913, Actors' Equity Association was organized.

In 1960, U.N. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge accused the Soviets of hiding a microphone inside a wood carving of the Great Seal of the United States that had been

presented to the U.S. embassy in Moscow.

In 1969, the Apollo 10 astronauts returned to Earth after a successful eight-day dress rehearsal for the first manned moon landing.

In 1978, the first legal casino in the eastern U.S. opened in Atlantic City, N.J.

In 1981, 14 people were killed when a Marine jet crashed onto the flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz off Florida.

In 1991, a Lauda Air Boeing 767 crashed in Thailand, killing all 223 people aboard.

Ten years ago: A police sergeant searching the murky waters where ValuJet Flight 592 crashed into the Florida Everglades, killing all 110 people aboard, found the crucial cockpit voice recorder. Buddy Lazier won the Indianapolis 500.

Mike Keefe 04/26/06 THE DENVER POST



Perpetual economic growth is a myth

One of the most pervasive and damaging myths in modern society is the belief in perpetual economic growth. Like the perpetual-motion machine, perpetual economic growth is an impossibility.

This notion is particularly difficult to dislodge from the American mind because economic growth has been part of our lives. We've seen it with our own eyes. Of course, part of what we've seen is an illusion of growth created by gradual devaluation of the currency and statistical games played by the government.

But nevertheless, there has been real economic growth, and it has been powered by cheap fossil-fuel energy. "Cheap" is the operative word here. Subtract cheap fossil-fuel energy, and the life we know will be altered drastically — perhaps, if we don't prepare for it, catastrophically.

For 99 percent of the time man has been on Earth, he has had to rely on human and animal energy, with some assistance from water and wind. The bulk of civilization was built with human labor, which is why slavery came into existence and lasted so long. When the planet was thinly populated,

human labor was a valuable resource and became part of the booty in war. Right now, the planet is overpopulated, and there is a surplus of labor.

But our cheap fossil-fuel energy is on the verge of running out. According to Wendell Berry, 99 percent of the oil burned has been burned in the lifetime of people still living. Something that took nature thousands of years to create is being consumed in decades. Oil production in the lower 48 of the United States peaked in 1970.

It will begin to peak in various foreign countries in the not-too-distant future. At the same time, more and more nations are attempting to industrialize. Hence, competition for the dwindling supply will increase. At best, that will bid the price up, and at worse cause oil wars.

How did the notion that 6 billion people couldn't deplete Earth's resources ever get started in the first place? The constants in human nature throughout history have been selfish-

ness, greed and a willingness to sacrifice the future for short-term gain. That's exactly what we are doing by laying a trillion dollars' worth of debt on our posterity.

Another concept we need to understand is the difference

between ephemeral or temporary value and permanent value. The permanent value

of a house is the land on which it is built and the labor and materials used to build it. The market value is a temporary and ghost value.

It does not even really exist until the moment the house is sold. It is based on what people are willing to pay and on what the owner is willing to sell for. That can fluctuate. In the late 1920s, Florida land that sold for \$6,000 an acre almost overnight couldn't be sold for \$2 an acre. People who lived through the Great Depression can tell you a lot about the myth of perpetual growth. That wasn't the first economic upheaval, and it won't be the last.

Energy represents a temporary value. Until it's used,

it has no value, but to use it is to destroy it. Military expenditures represent yet another ghostly and temporary value. A bomb has no value at all until it is used, but it is used to destroy human life and human property, and is destroyed itself in the process. War is always a net subtraction of human wealth.

Paper is another impermanent value. If you think the paper your shares of stock are printed on has any permanent value, ask the people at Enron, who one day were well off and the next day were flat broke.

We just need to start thinking about the post-cheap-energy era. If your house, for example, is 25 miles from work, what will happen to its market price if gasoline is \$6 a gallon? What will happen to public education if cheap energy becomes a thing of the past, as it surely will? Can we then afford to power the buses and the air conditioners and the lighting?

I don't mean to sound alarmist, but the Boy Scouts are right about being prepared.

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Religion

Team Kids party



Cornerstone Baptist Church Team Kids Leaders recently hosted an end of year party. A total of 41 attended the hot dog supper complete with two inflatable bounce houses. Fourteen participated in the Plan of Salvation presented by Pastor Doug Hixson. Above: Seth Almanza, Austin Rodgers, Daniel Simmons, Miquel Garcia, Curry Pendleton, Ernie Ramirez, Samara Cummins, Brienne Moyer, Stephanee Marshall, Celby Snapp, Caylee Steward, Austin Hinkle, Mandy Cross, Layce Smith, Brianna Wadsworth, Kathlyn Cummins, Kyler Ramming, Taylor Ramming, Desirae Lentz, Kyra Moyer, Adisson Hinkle, Leslie McDowell, Cierra Cook, Payton Rodgers, Trey Hon, Daniella Zelay, Hunter White, Benjamin Hixson, Kaydan Stidham, Bryce Weeden, Renessa Lentz, Deedra Lentz, Cayson Steward, Adyson Hixson and Ryan Weeden.

Church briefs

As a tribute to Memorial Day, Fellowship Baptist Church, 622 E. Francis, will air "The League of Grateful Sons," a patriotic non-fiction film, at 6 p.m. Sunday. All guests are welcome.

Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ of Pampa, 1342 Mary Ellen, will present special guest speaker and author Ed Wharton Sunday through Wednesday.

Wharton has authored numerous books including "The Case for Historic Christianity," a study in historical Christian evidences. He is an instructor at Sunset International Bible Institute in Lubbock.

The service schedule is 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 5 p.m. Sunday; and 12-1 p.m. (brown bag lunch) and 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday.

"Pomp and Circumstance"

Sir Edward Elgar composed this march in 1901. The title comes from a line in Shakespeare's "Othello" (Pride, pomp, and circumstance of glorious war!). It wasn't intended for graduations but was used for the coronation of King Edward VII. In 1905, it was played at Yale University when Elgar received an honorary doctorate in music, but it was played as a recessional, not as a processional as it is at graduation ceremonies. After Yale used the tune, it was adopted by Princeton, Columbia, Chicago, Vassar and Rutgers, and today, it is used at almost all college and high school graduation ceremonies. It embodies a sound of triumph with an underlying tone of nostalgia, making it perfectly suited for commencement ceremonies.

Ref: Miles Hoffman

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On the other end of life are the tens

of thousands who are liable to be murdered should active euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide become legal in America. The voiceless have no one to plead their case if we do not speak up on their behalf.

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Dr. Jimmy Flynn

Church of the Brethren



Faithful live by the word of God

What a glorious experience for John the Baptist. When he had baptized Jesus, the heavens opened unto him and the spirit of God descended like a dove and lit upon him, and lo, a voice from heaven said "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:16)

Archie Cooper

Pentecostal Holiness



After this glorious experience for John and Jesus, the devil started after Jesus with his best shot. This was no small thing for Jesus to suffer, but he was well prepared with the law that He had written.

What Jesus said was enough to send Satan away. We readily see the need of knowing God's law and how to use it.

I read a story of a missionary who was captured and imprisoned with no Bible. The missionary was saddened when she came to realize how little scripture she knew by memory. To the missionary, it was like trying to do a job with insufficient tools. The word of God is the best weapon we can have against temptation.

To disobey God's law has always brought trouble and sorrow.

Jesus Christ, God's only begotten son, found a need

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St. Vincent School

Ronnie Garland, center, was student of the month recently at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School in Pampa. Students must demonstrate academic excellence, respectful behavior and community service to earn this award. Pictured with Ronnie are Father Francisco Perez, teacher Mrs. Martinez, and his mother, April Martinez.

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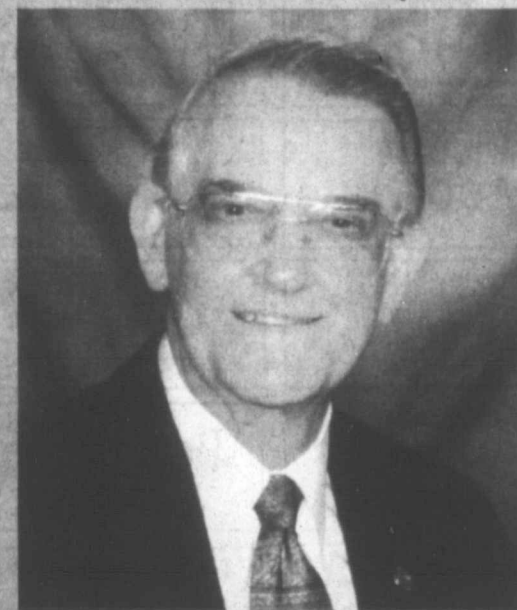
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JESUS CHRIST, THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER HEBREWS 13:8

Stossel

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A: I think homosexuality is all right. And yet the conservatives will pay me a \$40,000 speaking fee — which goes to charity, by the way — and invite me to their events and have me on their shows. But the liberals will have nothing to do with me.

Q: You didn't just turn into a libertarian because you thought government should be subjected to the same kind of scrutiny consumer products should be.

A: I watched government fail in the regulation I cheered on as a consumer reporter. And I kept reading, trying to find somebody who would explain to me what was going on. The New York Times and the Globe and the Post were all saying the same things, which didn't make sense to me. And the National Review and American Spectator were all bashing Democrats and saying we

should have soldiers more places. Then I finally found Reason magazine — and that opened my eyes.

Q: What would be the greatest myth about John Stossel?

A: Ha... Boy, Bill, I can't pick one. I don't know what they are... That he's a conservative? I don't know what other myths there are.

Q: That you are a lackey for the capitalists or the business man or Republican Party.

A: That's one — that I'm a Republican or a corporate shill. I don't know what other stuff they accuse me of. Mostly they just say I'm an idiot and wish I'd go away. Someone came up to me in the street recently and said, "I hope you die soon."

Q: Has your book been ignored by the mainstream media the way that "Give Me a Break" was?

A: Yes... I've got no NPR, none of the big national NPR shows. No New York Times. No Washington Post. No Larry King.

Q: What's your explanation for this lack of interest?

A: The left only wants to talk to people they like. They view me as "icky." And these ideas are not even interesting enough to them to have them want to argue with me. They just don't want to think about it... I think a lot of journalists consider me somewhat of a pariah. I have betrayed the "objectivity" thing. There are some people at ABC who are furious at me who demand that I be fired for having a point of view. What's peculiar is that I have always had a point of view in my reporting. I won 19 Emmys doing consumer reporting where I had a point of view. I might say, "This company sucks" or "This product is better than that." I would do the research and say, "Here's my point of view" and "Here's what the other side says." What I do now is no different, but now I no longer win any Emmy awards and I'm criticized for not being objective.

Bill Steigerwald is a columnist at the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review.

Flynn

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Several observations from Proverbs are particularly relevant to sanctity of human life.

First, Solomon, the author of Proverbs, was the wisest man who ever lived (1 Kings 4:29). Much of Solomon's wisdom came from his own painful experiences.

Second, there are the words of the godly mother of King Lemuel, not the musings of what abortion rights activists call "fascist men who oppose women's rights to reproductive choice."

It is King Lemuel's mother who taught him to open his mouth "for those who cannot speak for themselves," or, as one commentator translated the phrase, "for those on the brink of the abyss."

Third, Biblical justice requires that godly rulers open their mouths for those who would otherwise perish.

King Lemuel was taught by his mother to "speak up and judge fairly." Clearly, an impartial judge will protect the rights of the unborn and infirm. From the womb to the tomb, from the nursery to the nursing home, the helpless, voiceless, vulnerable need protection.

The blood of the innocent cries out from the land (Psalms 106:38). Godly rulers are called to echo their cry before God and the nation.

Examples of complicit silence are many. Legislation favoring abortion on demand makes Americas silent accomplices in the abortion holocaust. We cannot be silent. We must speak up!

When physicians are given legal permission to give a lethal injection to dying patients or allowed to prescribe drugs to assist their patients in their own suicides, it is urgent that Christians cry out on behalf of those who are perishing behind the white curtains in the hospital room.

If doctors are permitted to kill those who cannot speak for themselves, those of us who are to be their voices will be indicted in the heavens if we do not speak up. Their blood will be on our hands.

That the Redeemer identifies with the voiceless is sure.

"He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth." (Isaiah 53:7)

The mocking crowd would not speak for the voiceless man on Calvary's cross, but cried out, "His blood be on us, and on our children." (Matthew 27:25)

Surely, the blood of millions will be upon us and our children if we choose silence over advocacy and complacency over activism. Become involved and open your mouth for the speechless.

Cooper

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to use the law that He established many centuries earlier. That law was so powerful and pure that the devil could not withstand it. If our nation as a whole served God and respected His laws, there would not be enough terrorists to overthrow our nation.

From the beginning, the devil has hated God and His laws. He set out immediately to make man doubt and disbelieve God and His law. Satan began to put questions in the mind of Eve about God's love and care for mankind.

Eve and Adam both fell into Satan's trap. All mankind upon the earth was now out of fellowship with God. Adam and Eve were no longer welcome in the beautiful Garden of Eden.

Today, the person who tries to annul any commandment of God will face rejection by the same God as did Adam and Eve. Anyone using God's law for unholy purposes will be rejected.

False prophets operating for the love of money, the love of popularity and publicity, will hear Jesus tell them to depart from Him. According to Saint Luke, many people are going to be disappointed at the judgment of God.

Jesus said, "Strive to enter in at the strait gate: For many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut the door, and ye began to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know ye not whence ye are: Then shall

ye begin to say, we have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are, depart from me all ye workers of iniquity. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, When ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out." (Luke 13:24-28)

It's a serious thing not to have God's spirit leading; however, a person can be caught up in a spirit of emotion so strong that the whole truth of God's word is not seen.

To live by every word of God a person must live by the

word when it calls for repenting — when it calls for obedience, in the sweet and in the bitter.

After Saint Paul exhorted the Corinthians to separate themselves from unbelievers, and quoted promises to them if they would come out from among them and touch not the unclean thing, Christ would be their God, and they would be the people of God.

Paul then exhorted the Corinthians, "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." (2 Corinthians 7:1)

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Dear Abby...

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DEAR ABBY: When I was younger, I got in trouble with the law and spent a couple of years in prison. Because of my slight build and good looks, I received unwanted attention from several of my fellow inmates. It was very traumatic, and it took years of therapy after I was released to come to terms with what happened to me. I now have a job that I love, but recently the company hired one of the men who raped me in prison. This is upsetting because he recognized me and gives me this horrible smile every time our paths at work cross. I don't know what to do because I really need this job, and if I were to quit, I wouldn't find one in this area that would pay me half as much as I get now. I can't just up and move because I have to care for my mother, whose health is failing. What can I do? — **MANHANDLED IN MICHIGAN**

DEAR MANHANDLED: It's a pity your attacker was released from prison, because someone like him belongs behind bars permanently. Obviously, your employer is one who believes in giving convicts a second chance. I think you should tell your boss exactly what you have told me. If I were your employer, I would want to know so that I could either get rid of that employee, or arrange that your paths never cross again.

DEAR ABBY: My husband is a college professor. His department wanted the faculty to have Web pages with a "personal" touch, so they ordered each faculty member to have a photograph taken to post on them. If they chose not to display their own pictures, they could post a picture of something they like or that represents their particular field of study. My husband decided

to post a picture of Michelangelo's "David" on his Web page. I just about flipped when I saw it. I asked him why he chose that one, and he had numerous excuses, none of them to my satisfaction. My husband does not teach anything remotely tied to the "David," Michelangelo, art, Italy, Renaissance history, etc. The closest he comes to it is he teaches summer school in Europe and recruits students for his classes over there. I told him he should be promoting his program, not this. I am not a prude. I've been to Florence and have seen the statue. It's a fabulous art treasure, and I can see why it's famous. I guess my biggest concern is that my husband might be bisexual, and this is his subconscious way of saying so. He hasn't given me any other reason to believe it, but I can't imagine any other reason why a normal heterosexual man would have this picture "represent" himself. Can you please give me your thoughts on this? — **WORRIED WIFE**

DEAR WORRIED: You didn't mention your husband's reasons for posting the picture, so I can't evaluate whether they make sense to me. Because his school had no objection to his selection of artwork, I'd say you are overreacting. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder -- and so is evil. Michelangelo's "David" represents the ideal of perfection in the male physique. Perhaps your husband chose that image because he wishes that's the way he looked -- or not. Would you have been equally suspicious if a female professor had used a picture of the "Venus de Milo"? Sometimes a picture is only a picture.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 1 River sights
 - 6 Makes finer
 - 11 Pointer
 - 12 Mystic deck
 - 13 Teatime treat
 - 14 Love in Livorno
 - 15 Scoot's topper
 - 16 Wyoming city
 - 18 Curator's topic
 - 19 Pot part
 - 20 Poet Hughes
 - 21 Manhattan area
 - 23 Highland sights
 - 25 Cut off
 - 27 Skier Tommy
 - 28 Main theme
 - 30 Noah count
 - 33 Seine water
 - 34 Through Galena, for one
 - 37 Stag's pride
 - 39 Gun
 - 40 Travel needs
 - 41 Marsh grass
 - 43 Put in office
- DOWN**
- 1 Some reggae fans
 - 2 Citation's party source
 - 3 Since beginning
 - 4 Great weight
 - 5 "Peachy!"
 - 6 Ingenué's hope
 - 7 "—" Camera
 - 8 Since beginning
 - 9 British party
 - 10 Mount the
 - 17 Feel the chinooks
 - 22 Toronto's prov.
 - 24 Rollaway bed
 - 26 Gets rid of
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Sports Day

End of season honors

The Pampa High School baseball season officially came to an end Thursday night with the annual end-of-season banquet held at Cottonwood Springs. Earning MVP honors this year was Tyson Hickman (left). Jake Craig (center) was awarded the Silver Slugger award. Weston Teichmann (right) was presented the Fighting Heart award. All seniors, Hickman and Craig have committed to attend Frank Phillips College in Borger where they will play for coach Guy Simmons. Teichmann will attend Oklahoma State University.



Courtesy photo

Summer season begins this weekend at Lake Meredith recreation Area

FRITCH — As temperatures continue to rise and lake levels continue to fall, Lake Meredith National Recreation Area is preparing for another busy summer season. There are currently two boat ramps available for launching boats. The Sanford-Yake ramp at the Marina at Lake Meredith and the Fritch Fortress boat ramp have been extended several times this year, and are currently in good condition. There is also a "temporary" boat ramp at Cedar Canyon, available for small boats and jet skis.

"When you come to the lake for the first time this season, just keep in mind that it's like visiting a new lake — take it easy until you learn the new topography of the lake," said Superintendent Karren Brown. Boaters should exercise caution on the water, especially at the upper end of the lake, in Blue Creek, and in the numerous other coves. Extremely shallow areas have developed due to the low water levels, and sand bars and other hazards are surfacing all over the lake. Although buoys mark some areas, boaters should be aware of the new dangers. Visitors are reminded that although Lake Meredith does not charge an entry fee, a

boating permit is required before a boat can be launched on the lake. Permits can be purchased at CJ's Bait Shop, the Marina at Lake Meredith, and at park headquarters. Boaters should familiarize themselves with all pertinent state and federal regulations, and make sure their boats meet all requirements. Fishermen must also hold a Texas fishing license and must meet the requirements of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Both Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument will be extending their hours for the summer season, beginning Saturday.

Lake Meredith headquarters, located at 419 E. Broadway in Fritch, will be open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. seven days a week. Alibates Flint Quarries, located on Cas Johnson Road, will also be open seven days a week, with tours of the flint quarries offered at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Visitors are reminded that tour reservations are still required at least 24 hours in advance.

For more information, please contact park headquarters at 806-857-3151.



Courtesy photo

Part of a string of walleye recently taken by a boat angler at Lake Meredith.

Barrett gets 10-game suspension

NEW YORK (AP) — Chicago Cubs catcher Michael Barrett was suspended for 10 games and White Sox outfielder Brian Anderson five games for a bench-clearing brawl that led to four ejections.

Barrett, who punched White Sox catcher A.J. Pierzynski to ignite the melee, and Anderson also were fined an undisclosed amount by Major League Baseball on Friday.

White Sox third base coach Joey Cora was suspended two games and fined, while Pierzynski was fined for the incident during the interleague game on Saturday.

In the second inning, Pierzynski knocked Barrett over at home plate before the throw arrived and slapped the plate after the collision as the ball got away. Barrett then punched Pierzynski.

Anderson, who hit a bases-loaded sacrifice fly to score Pierzynski, got into a fight with Cubs first base-

man John Mabry. Mabry injured his ribs in the commotion and was taken to a hospital for X-rays.

Barrett, Pierzynski, Anderson and Mabry were ejected.

The game was delayed nearly 15 minutes before

Tadahito Iguchi hit a grand slam to give the White Sox a 5-0 lead en route to a 7-0 win.

All three suspensions are scheduled to begin Friday, when the White Sox are at Toronto and the Cubs host Atlanta, unless appealed.

Celanese, Glo-Valve snag wins

Lightning delayed the game but did not cool Glo-Valve Service bats as eight players collected hits in a 10-0 victory over Rotary Club Thursday at Optimist Park.

Tyler Smith paced Glo-Valve hitters with a triple and three RBI. Reid Miller also tripled and had two RBI. He scored twice. Zach Graves scored three times on one hit. Cody Davis tallied twice on one hit. Daniel Hulsey had a hit and a run. Landon Powell had a hit and RBI.

Collins won his first game of the season pitching two innings. He allowed one hit and struck out two. Graves pitched the last two innings of a game shortened by the 10-run rule. He gave up one hit and struck out three. Neither Glo-Valve pitcher walked a batter.

Chris Howard pitched a complete game for Rotary. He struck out two and walked four.

Miller got things started for Glo-Valve in the top of the first inning when he was safe on an error. He scored after a wild pitch and another error. Graves walked, went to second on a passed ball and to third on a single by Davis. Both scored on Smith's triple. Glo-Valve lead 3-0.

Hulsey singled to begin Glo-Valve's half of the second inning. Taylor Smith walked. A triple by Miller plated both runners. Miller streaked home on a passed ball. Collins kept the rally going with a single and a pair of stolen bases. He scored on a passed ball. Graves walked for the second time, went to third on two fielder's choices and scored on a single by Powell.

Glo-Valve wrapped up the scoring in the fourth inning. Graves singled. Davis was safe on an error. Both runners moved up on a

passed ball. Graves scored on a ground out by Tyler Smith. Davis hurried home on an error.

Cody Parks of Rotary made the defensive play of the game by stabbing a rocket line drive at shortstop. Other outstanding Rotary defensive plays included Howard catching a line drive at pitcher, Ryan Pearson grabbing a line drive in center field and Riley Douglas robbing a Glo-Valve player of an extra-base hit on a line drive down the first base line.

Glo-Valve's defensive play of the game came when Hulsey snagged a pop-up at first base and threw home too late to catch a runner from third. However, the catcher, Miller, threw to the third

baseman, Powell, who completed a double play because the runner had not tagged up after the catch.

As the season reaches its halfway mark, Glo-Valve is in first place with a 9-1 record. Celanese is in second at 7-4. Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency is third at 6-4. Celanese plays DFB at 5:45 today. Cabot takes on Glo-Valve at 7:45 p.m.


Celanese, behind the pitching of Cole Engle, Trevor Morgan and James Thompson, defeated Cabot 8-4 in the late game Thursday. Zach Ruth, with a pair of RBI doubles, lead Celanese's offensive efforts.

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Dallas' dilemma: Run with Suns or slow'em down?

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks already knew the Phoenix Suns were fast.

After watching Steve Nash, Shawn Marion and their running mates whizz past them in Game 1 of the Western Conference finals, the Mavs have a much better understanding of how quickly and relentlessly those guys race down the court.

"They got whatever they wanted," Mavericks star Dirk Nowitzki said Thursday. "They got like 100 points in transition."

Actually, it was only 32, but it was still the most Dallas has allowed all season. And it was a major reason why Phoenix pulled out a 121-118 victory Wednesday night.

Any hopes the Mavericks had about the Suns' legs feeling heavy after having gone the distance in each of the first two rounds faded quickly.

Running as often on shots that went in as those that didn't, Phoenix scored 14 of its 35 first-quarter points on fast breaks. By halftime, the Suns had 20 of their 62 points that way — and the Mavericks had a jarring reminder that they were no longer facing the San Antonio Spurs.

"You can talk about it all you want in a meeting or on the court, but it's difficult adjusting your game," Nowitzki said. "We've just got to get it in our heads that you can never relax no matter what happens. If it's a foul, a made basket, a miss — wherever you are on the court, you have to get back."

Dallas slowed Phoenix enough in the second half to take a nine-point lead with 3:43 left. Had the Mavs not committed four turnovers in the last 77 seconds or if Boris Diaw had missed a turnaround jumper with 0.5 seconds left, they would've

withstood the Suns' open-court blitz.

But they still wouldn't have escaped the wrath of coach Avery Johnson.

Asked Thursday what his defense did wrong, Johnson said "transition defense" seven times in a row. He wasn't just being funny in front of the cameras, either, having blistered his players with the same message — in louder, more forceful terms — during a nearly hourlong film session.

"We had to close the doors," Adrian Griffin said.

The Suns know they can't expect the path to the basket to be as open tonight in Game 2. Johnson is certain to come up with something, like he did last round, when the Mavericks bounced back from a last-second loss in Game 1 to blow out the San Antonio Spurs by 22 points in Game 2.

Phoenix has its own recent Game 2 history to be wary about.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Sampson faces 1-year recruiting restriction for NCAA violations

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana University expected some NCAA penalties when it hired Kelvin Sampson.

The harshly worded final decision came as a surprise.

Sampson was banned Thursday from calling recruits and participating in off-campus recruiting activities for one year when the infractions committee ruled he deliberately violated NCAA rules by making 577 impermissible phone calls from 2000 to 2004. He will also be prohibited from receiving performance bonuses next season.

Indiana athletic director Rick Greenspan said Sampson's job is not in jeopardy and the Hoosiers avoided the most severe sanction — a loss of scholarships. Indiana does not plan to appeal.

"I think this is like when the IRS finds a high-profile person or the Securities & Exchange Commission finds a high profile company in violation," said Stephen Ferguson, president of IU's Board of Trustees. "These organizations want to, one, show that they don't give anyone special privileges, and, two, set an example to show others they better not do it."

The NCAA also took matters a step further.

Infractions committee chairman Thomas Yeager repeatedly used terms such as "calculated," "deliberate non-compliance" and "willful actions" — stronger phrases than usual — to describe the violations.

According to the infractions report, Oklahoma coaches had a series of Sunday night meetings to discuss calls and fill out unofficial logs. The documents were then filed in a basketball office cabinet, never turned in and

school compliance officials did not cross-check the listed calls with university phone records.

Yeager sharply rebuked the actions. "Over a four-year period, they deliberately disregarded NCAA rules," Yeager said.

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— Stephen Ferguson
President, IU Board of Trustees

"The coaching staff rationalized the infractions as not important, and while they may not be as notorious as some the committee has dealt with in the past, they are important."

Some of the calls were placed when coaches were not allowed any contact with recruits; others exceeded NCAA limits and Sampson made nearly half of the calls — 233 — himself.

Despite the investigation, Indiana still hired Sampson in March after he spent the previous 12 seasons at Oklahoma. Included in his seven-year contract was a clause that allowed

Indiana to fire Sampson if the NCAA sanctions proved more severe than Oklahoma's self-imposed penalties.

The infractions committee did just that by issuing more severe penalties than Oklahoma recommended. The Sooners restricted Sampson's off-campus recruiting last July and reduced his number of days on the road to 19 last season.

Now, Sampson will be off the recruiting trail until May 24, 2007.

Greenspan and IU President Adam Herbert, however, backed their new coach.

"We knew that there could be further sanctions and we accept them," Greenspan said. "While these sanctions do present an immediate challenge, we are excited about the future with coach Sampson."

But the punishment wasn't as harsh as it could have been.

Oklahoma cut two scholarships last season and one for next season — sanctions that will not be imposed at Indiana.

Sampson also can contact recruits with text messages, letters and e-mail, and his assistant coaches face no restrictions.

"I have learned an invaluable lesson, and I hope that this reinforces to other coaches the importance of every aspect of NCAA compliance," Sampson, who is traveling in Kuwait, said in a statement.

As troubling as Yeager found the pattern of violations, the committee chairman was nearly as upset by Sampson's push for an ethics summit in 2003 when he was the president of the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

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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)
★★★★ You have the wherewithal to handle the jolts that could come down your path. You might want to rethink a situation more carefully. Your instincts lead you when others might react in a difficult manner. You know what you are doing. Tonight: Whoop it up.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Think twice about what you are doing, as there are financial ramifications. You might not be aware of your many options. Carefully think through a decision. Unexpected events force one more evaluation. Tonight: Fun doesn't need to cost.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ The New Moon in your sign

points in a new direction. You will like your choices and what is happening. Think positively about what you would like to do. Let a change or surprise pass. Don't ruin a positively wonderful day. Tonight: Tell it like it is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Investigate and head in your own direction. You might find that someone really cares about what you do and how you do it. As a result, you might want to regroup and think through a situation carefully. Your fun-loving ways make a difference. Tonight: Vanish happily!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Reach out for someone else. A serious attitude might draw positive results. The unexpected occurs with a partner you care about. Conversations are lively. Lots of information comes forward. Listen. Tonight: Zoom right in.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Take charge and handle your responsibilities. You cannot get away from the immediate situation. Listen to news. Think twice and move a project ahead. New beginnings become possible with someone in the limelight. Tonight: On center stage.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Creative new beginnings become possible if you detach. Friends listen and give you feedback. Zoom in on what you want. Your ability to grasp a situation could open up a situation, allowing many new options. Think "new ideas." Tonight: New vistas.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Relate to a key person in your life. You might be absorbing more responsibility than in the past. Investigate a surprising situation involving a loved one. Listen to a child, even if it makes you uncomfortable. Tonight:

Dinner for two.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Others run the show. It is important to be able to defer to them. Listen to news that heads your way. You might not always be comfortable with what you hear, but you should listen, especially if someone you live with is talking. Tonight: Ever playful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Stay even, no matter what might head your way. Think before you leap into action. Focus on time, adaptability and what might be too much on your plate. Think positively as you become involved with different adventures. Tonight: Easy does it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Let your naughtiness loose. Visualize and add more to your life. Sometimes you become a stick in the mud. Get into the moment and enjoy yourself. Laugh and live it up. Don't walk into an unsure money situation. Tonight: Relish the moment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Anchor in. Realize what you want from a relationship or from a family member. Your unpredictability causes a problem with a family member. If you are tired, schedule a nap. Take care of yourself. Tonight: Entertain at home.

BORN TODAY
Former Miss America, actress Lee Ann Mariwether (1935), former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger (1923), actor Vincent Price (1911)

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Brickyard or Slickyard? Forecast calls for hot 500

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Sunday's forecast calls for mostly slippery tires, with severe wall-wrecks possible by early afternoon and a chance of a surprise Indy 500 champion who simply set the car up perfectly for a hot day.

With temperatures forecast in the high 80's, drivers may be dealing with one of the hottest race days on record, raising blisters on the tires and peril on the track.

The Brickyard?
Come Sunday, this place could be called the Slickyard.

"It's a tough thing to guess," driver Brian Herta said Thursday, "but if I was a betting man, I'd say it's going to be very, very slick on Sunday."

To make matters worse, the month of May has been cool and wet; not only did drivers lose hours of practice time to the rain, but the laps they squeezed in were nothing like the conditions

they'll face Sunday. "It's really tough to plan for," Herta said. "It's been the craziest month of May for weather, and it can definitely affect the tires, the track grip, and we just haven't been practicing in those conditions."

Indianapolis is usually fairly cool in May, with an average high in the mid-70s and lows in the mid to low 50s. The record high for Indy came on May 30, 1953, when the mercury reached a sizzling 96 degrees and Carl Scarborough had to give way to relief driver Bob Scott.

Scarborough died later that day of heat prostration. Today's fitness-obsessed drivers and modern equipment go a long way to relieve the risk of that happening again, but there's no denying that a firesuit, a helmet and a rear-mounted engine howling for three hours already make for a toasty ride.

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Rio Grande Valley	4	5	.444	5
Amarillo	3	6	.333	6
Laredo	1	8	.111	8

Thursday's Games
Rio Grande Valley 9, Amarillo 3
Edinburg 8, Laredo 6
San Angelo 8, Alexandria 5

Friday's Games
Alexandria at Laredo
Amarillo at San Angelo
Rio Grande Valley at Edinburg

Saturday's Games
Alexandria at Laredo
Amarillo at San Angelo
Rio Grande Valley at Edinburg

Sunday's Games
Alexandria at Laredo
Amarillo at San Angelo
Rio Grande Valley at Edinburg

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

5-26 CRYPTOQUOTE

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