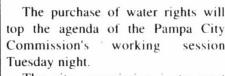
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Water rights on city agenda Tuesday



main floor conference room of city mission chambers. hall, to discuss the purchase of water Panhandle and South Plains.

working session specific use permit that would allow the storage of sand, caliche, stone and The city commission is to meet gravel in the 400 block of North reading of an ordinance that would with Ken Satterwhite, head of the Ballard Street. They will hear the first

The city commission is expected to Advisory Board and the second and election and consider adopting the Caprice sedan

top the agenda of the Pampa City public hearing regarding a proposed decrease the number of persons on lished by the city commission. the Cable Advisory Board.

Canadian River Municipal Water reading of an ordinance that would to adopt a resolution to extend the Faulkner. Authority, at 5 p.m., Tuesday, at the allow the permit during their regular auditing agreement with Brown,

changes in the audit rules next year. rights. CRMWA provides water from hear the second and final reading of an appointments to the Parks and a 1988 Chevrolet one ton truck, a 1987 Lake Meredith and their Roberts ordinance that will merge the M.K. Recreation Advisory Board, consider a Ford one ton truck, a 1986 Plymouth County well field to 11 municipalities, Brown Auditorium Advisory Board special meeting Tuesday, May 6, to Voyager mini-van, a 1988 Ford Crown including Pampa, in the Texas into the Parks and Recreation canvass the votes from the May 3, Victoria sedan and a 1994 Chevrolet

The commission will also have a final reading of an ordinance that will Promote Pampa Goals that was estab-

They will also consider awarding a The commission will hear the first bid in the amount of \$1061 from Steven Allison of Acworth, Ga., for In other business, they are expected delinquent tax property at 828 S.

The commission is to consider commissioners work session in the session at 6 p.m., Tuesday, in the com- Graham and Company because of declaring some city vehicles as surplus and authorize their sale. Those vehi-The commission will also consider cles include a 1986 Chevrolet pickup,



HIGH 75

LOCAL

Cattle Women set scholarship deadline

The Top O' Texas Cattle Women remind high school seniors attending state-certified schools in Carson, Collingsworth, Gray, Hemphill, Hutchison, Ochiltree. Lipscomb, Roberts and Wheeler counties that the deadline to return the applications for scholarships is Friday, April 25. For more information, contact Sandra Christner at 806-826-3572.

DEATHS

Betty Dilman Brandon, 74, lifelong Pampan.

Clyde L. Carruth, 99, civic leader.

James E. "Frito" Killian, 62, diesel mechanic.

Margaret Sue White, 62, maitre d'

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WEST TEXAS LANDSCAPE

It's Tree Planting Season ... 120 S. HOBART 669-0158



Man with a plan U.S. postwar administrator

arrives in Baghdad today

The retired U.S. general electricity as soon as possible. appointed as Iraq's postwar were reported captured.

reported Monday that a scien-tal. tist who claims to have before the war began March p.m.-6 a.m. curfew.

Exploitation Team Alpha said Fort Hood, joined by two helthe scientist led Americans to icopter pilots who were material that proved to be the among the seven prisoners of building blocks of illegal war rescued from Iraq a week weapons, the Times said.

commander of the Army's loved ones at Fort Bliss. 101st Airborne Division, said: "Though much work must still between the United States and be done to validate the infor- Syria, with Bush saying that mation MET Alpha has Syria appears to be heeding uncovered, if it proves out it warnings against sheltering will clearly be one of the escaped members of Saddam's major discoveries of this oper- regime. ation, and it may be the major discovery."

immediate comment.

Lt. Gen. Jay Garner said his priority was to restore basic

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — services such as water and

"What better day in your administrator arrived in life can you have than to be Baghdad on Monday, while able to help somebody else, to two more top members of help other people, and that is Saddam Hussein's regime what we intend to do," the 65year-old Garner said in his The New York Times first postwar visit to the capi-

With Baghdad slowly worked in Iraq's chemical returning to normal after days weapons program told a U.S. of looting and arson, Marines military team that Iraq pulled back Sunday and left destroyed and buried chemical the U.S. Army in control of weapons and biological war- the capital, where coalitionfare equipment only days run radio announced an 11

In Texas, President Bush Members of Mobile attended Easter services at ago. The five other former Maj. Gen. David Petraeus, POWs spent the day with their

Tensions appeared to ease

U.S. Central Command said forces had captured Abd The White House had no al-Khaliq Abd al-Ghafar, Saddam's scientific research Landing at the Baghdad minister, on Saturday. Abd alairport from Kuwait, retired Ghafar was the four of hearts

(See IRAQ, Page 3)



Pictured with the Sweepstakes tropies won by the 81 members of the Pampa High School Concert Choir, Concert Women and Concert Men choirs are seniors, from left, Kelsey Charron, Karissa Intemann, Josh Miller, Sarah Porter, Michael Eskridge, Mary Alice Warner and Bonnie Holmes.

PHS choirs sweep contest

Three Pampa High School choirs brought with a solo by PHS senior Karissa Internann. home coveted "Sweepstakes" trophies from The Concert Men performed "Sing Me A Region I UIL concert and sightsinging compe-Song," by Porterfield, "Loch Lomond" by titions at West Texas A&M University in Gulping with a solo by Michael Eskridge, and Canyon April 16.

Concert men all were awarded Sweepstakes Love," by Daley, "Measure me, Sky" by honors for earning first divisions in both concert and sightsinging competition conducted all six of the judges.

showing at the compassion with a second divi- Grove," by McRay sion in concert and a first in sightsinging. The PHS Women's Choir received a second divi- Women and Mixed Choir were directed by sion in concert and sightsinging.

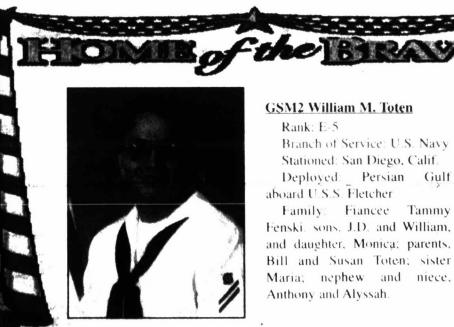
PHS Concert Choir performed "Sing Unto by Wanetta Hill, assistant director, on the God" by Fetler "Ave Maria." by Rachmaninoff, and "Hodie" by John Leavett

"African Noel" by Johnson. Selections sung by PHS Concert Choir, Concert Women and the Concert Women included "Rise Up My Mulholland and "Laudamus Te," by Clausen.

The Mixed Choir sang "Agnus Dei" by at WT's Mary Moody Northern Hall. Each of Smith, "Confitemini Domino" by Persichetti, the three groups received a first division from and "O Waly, Waly" by McIver. The Women's Choir performed "Joyfully Sing" by Spevacek, Pampa's Mixed Choir also made a good "Scarborough Fair" by Archibeque and "Shady

Concert Choir, Concert Men, Concert Fred Mays. PHS choir director, accompanied

(See CHOIRS, Page 3)



County Commission to meet on Tuesday

getting the courthouse restora- business on May 27 tion project completed before county employees move back in house to be discussed will be the historic structure will be con--computer - component/internet sidered in a special meeting of services proposals, restoration of the Gray County Commissioners vault doors, change order on Court at 9 a.m. Tuesday.

County employees will be mov- and keying of doors. ing back into the courthouse May 16 through 26th. Offices in er payment of sheriff's vehicles.

Several matters involved in the courthouse will be open for

Items relating to the courtmop sinks, change order on ven-After almost two years in tilation in computer server clostemporary locations while the ets, moving district court bench restoration was underway. Gray rail, redoing courtroom ceilings,

Also on the agenda is consid-

Golfers... be sure to sign up early for the Pampa Partnership Golf Tournament to be held on May 17th & 18th. Maximum of 72 teams. two players per team. \$65.00 fee per golfer. \$30.00 cart fee. The tournament will be played May 17th at Hidden Hills Golf Course and on May 18th at Pampa Country Club Golf Course.

Thursday, April 17 A set of keys was reported lost in the 200

block of West Kingsmill. Burglary of a building in the 1800 block of North Hobart. A security camera valued at \$300 was taken and damage of \$50 was reported to the change machine.

Theft of a belly button ring was reported in the 2100 block of North Hobart. Estimated valued was \$9.

Claiming gang affiliation on school grounds at Pampa Middle School was reported to the police department.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 700 block of Powell.

A bicycle was reported found in the 1100 block of North Hobart.

Unlawfully carrying a weapon was reported at Pampa Middle School.

Friday, April 18

Public intoxication was reported in the 600 block of West Kentucky.

A person was reported driving under the influence to PPD

A burglary of a building was reported in the 1800 block of North Hobart. An estimated \$50 in change was stolen.

Burglary of a building was reported in the 600 block of North West. A computer disk and tools were reported missing. Estimated value was \$2,300.

Theft of gas was reported in the 1500 block of North Hobart.

Tire on a pick-up was reported slashed in the 1800 block of Coffee. Value was estimated to

Theft over \$2,000 was reported when 111 cartons of cigarettes were stolen from a convenience store in the 1300 block of North Hobart.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 200 block of West Kingsmill.

An unattended death was reported in the 300 block of Purviance.

Burglary of a building was reported in the 400 block of West Buckler. Two items of lawn maintenance equipment valued at \$309 were reported taken.

A lost wallet, check book, credit cards, and a drivers license were reported lost in the 1900 block of North Wells.

Assault by threat was reported in the 1200

SHERIFF

Sunday, April 20

arrested on a criminal trespass warrant out of

Randall County and a disorderly conduct by

Drive, was arrested on Precinct 1 Justice of

the Peace warrants for expired motor vehicle

Jeremy Allen Teakell, 30, 533 Powell, was

Daniel Earl Abernathy, 20, 2800 N. Crest

Road, was arrested on Precinct 1 Justice of

the Peace warrants for no liability insurance

violation of drivers license restrictions and

Earl Jiles, III, 36, 1109 Terry, was arrested

for municipal warrants for drug paraphernalia

and failure to maintain financial responsibility

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department responded to the

following calls during the 48-hour period

Saturday, April 19

responded to a fuel spill in the 2100 block of

10:26 a.m. - One unit and three firefight-

ers responded to Central Park so that

"Sparky" could make an appearance at the

12:51 p.m. - One unit and two firefighters

responded to a minor motor vehicle collision

in the 700 block of North Hobart. Firefighters

cleaned up a small hazardous material spill.

2.11 p.m. One unit and three firefighters

responded to a motor vehicle collision at

Randy Matson and Hobart. The call was can

Sunday, April 20

ers responded to a trash fire at Central Park

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8:17 a.m. - One unit and two firefighters

arrested for a Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace

Adam Ross Slater, 20, 1344 Garland, was

Roxy Roy Spencer, 45, 1132 Varnon

reported the following arrests.

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ending at 7 a.m. today.

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North Hobart.

Gray County Sheriff's Department today

block of Bond.

A mentally unstable female v as removed from her apartment in the 1200 block of North Wells and taken to Golden Phoenix facility for treatment.

Saturday, April 19

Burglary of a coin operated machine in the 1800 block of North Hobart was reported to

Phone harassment was reported in the 2700 block of North Hobart.

Criminal mischief over \$500 and under \$1,500 was reported in the 1800 block of North Dwight when a rear window was broken out.

Burglary of a vehicle was reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville. Taken was a CD player/radio/TV/VCR. It was valued at \$120.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 400 block of Powell. Twelve video games valued at \$250 were reported stolen.

Sunday, April 20

Don Ray Thompson, 55, 713 E. Malone, was arrested on a capias pro fine charge of expired registration.

Mickey Alvarez, 35, 937 S. Hobart, was arrested on a Howard County warrant for contempt of court-past due child support, JP Precinct 2 warrant failure to maintain financial responsibility and Pampa municipal warrant for disorderly conduct.

Julie Marie Swanson, 36, 631 Yeager, was arrested on municipal warrants for no valid drivers license and possession of drug para-

Possession of drug paraphernalia was taken in the 700 block of West Crawford.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 500 block of North Nelson. A weed eater valued at \$80 was reported stolen.

Burglary was reported in the 500 block of North Gray. A cell phone valued at \$100 was reported taken.

A cell phone and cash were reported taken in the 2200 block of North Christine. Total estimate of loss was \$279.

Monday, April 21

Burglary of a motor vehicle in the 600 block of Naida was reported. Stolen was a CD play er, radio, TV, VCR, stereo amplifier and two stereo speakers. Estimated loss was \$1,150.

Criminal mischief was reported to a motor vehicle as a passenger front window was smashed. Estimated damage was \$250.

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents.

Thursday, April 17

11:46 a.m. - A 2003 Jeep Liberty driven by Theresa Hailey Doyle, 31, 3000 Rosewood, and a 1987 Plymouth Reliant driven by Mary Martin Atchley, 48, 512 N. Lefors, collided in the 100 block of East Foster. Doyle was cited for failure to control speed. A passenger in the Reliant, Stacy Denise Atchley, 17, 512 Lefors, was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center by Rural Metro Ambulance for treatment of possible

7:52 p.m. – A 1984 Dodge pickup driven by Curtis James Van Holland, 16, Cedar City, Utah, and a 1998 Harley Davidson motorcy cle driven by Bruce Gene Madden, 47, Borger, collided at Kentucky and Banks streets. Van Holland was cited for failure to yield right of way - left turn and no insurance. Madden was cited for no motorcycle endorsement on driver's license.

Friday, April 18

1 a.m. - An unknown vehicle struck a 1995 Mitsubishi Mirage, owned by Roberto Galvan, Jr., 1601 W. Somerville, legally parked on private property in the 1600 block of West Somerville.

Saturday, April 19

2:05 p.m. - A 1995 Cadillac Deville, driv en by Mildred Morehead Scott, 80, 2307 Mary Ellen, and a 1994 Ford Explorer driven by Michael Chance Crain, 18, 630 N. Starkweather, collided at Hobart and Randy Matson intersection. Scott was cited for failure to yield right of way - left turn. No injuries were reported at the scene.

12:45 p.m. - A 1990 Buick LeSabre driven by Cruz Suucedo, 30, of Borger, and a 1989 Chevrolet Blazer driven by Shari Danille Albus, 22, 2211 N. Nelson, collided in the 700 block of North Hobart. Suucedo was cited for failure to control speed. A passenger in the Blazer, Daniella Biegler, 2211 N. Nelson, 7 months, was taken to the hospi tal by private vehicle with possible injuries.

2:46 p.m. - A 2001 Ford Escort, driven by Willie Morris Swift, 61, 1026 S. Reid, and an unoccupied 1990 Ford Mustang owned by James Jarred Bowles of Amarillo collided in the 300 block of North Hobart. Bowles was cited for failing to set parking brake. No injuries were reported.

10:19 a.m. An unknown white vehicle collided with a 1978 Ford Ranger pickup owned by Lynn Ketchersid, 2214 N. Russell with a utility trailer attached, legally parked in the 100 block of East 22nd Avenue. The white vehicle left the scene

Sunday, April 20

5:05 p.m. A 2000 Cadillac Escalade driven by Donna Petty Duvall, 518 Red Deer and a bicycle ridden by Mickey Alvarez. 35 937 S. Hobart, collided at South Hobart and Crawford intersection. Alvarez was taken to PRMC by Rural Metro Ambulance suffering from non-incapacitating injuries. Alvarez was cited for disregarding a stop sign and public intoxication.

OBITUARIES

BETTY DILLMAN BRANDON 1928-2003

Betty Dillman Brandon, 74, of Pampa, died at Pampa Friday, April 18, 2003, at Amarillo. Vigil services will be at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel. Mass is scheduled at 10 a.m., Wednesday, in St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. John Valdez, pastor of the church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Brandon was born June 3, 1928, at Pampa and had been a lifelong Pampa resident, graduating from Pampa High School.

She married Bob Brandon on June 15, 1950, www.carmichael-whatley.com.

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JAMES E. 'FRITO' KILLIAN

favorite charity.

1940-2003 KILGORE - James E. "Frito" Killian, 62, died Friday, April 19, 2003. Services will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday, in Rader Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. James Griffin officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Rader

Mr. Killian was born Dec. 4, 1940, at Corpus Christi. A diesel mechanic who formerly operated Killian Truck Service, Mr. Killian formerly worked for Bolt Fuel Oil and was currently employed with Rig Master.

Funeral Home of Kilgore.

He was preceded in death by a brother, David Killian; and three sisters, Norma Williams, Reba Jones and Tessie Burba.

She was a member of St. Vincent de Paul

Survivors include her husband, Bob, of the

Catholic Church and Home Demonstration

home; a son, Chris Brandon of Houston; a

daughter, Cheryl Blevins of Lubbock; two sis-

ters, Florence McIntyre of Lubbock and Mary

Ann Clark of Waterloo, Ill.; a brother, Charles

Dillman of Ozark, Mo.; and five grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to a

Survivors include his wife, Linda Killian. of Kilgore; four children, Steve Dixon of Granbury, Cathy Hinton of Rock Springs, Wyo., Janie Mitchell of Liberty City and Paul Dixon of Kilgore; and several grand-

The family will receive visitors from 6-8 p.m., today at the funeral home in Kilgore.

MARGARET SUE WHITE

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Margaret Sue White, 62, of Pampa, died Friday, April 18, 2003. Services are to be at 2 p.m., today in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Warren Gill and Bob Wood, both of the Pampa Ward of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, officiating. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday, in Lenapah Cemetery at Lenapah, Okla., under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of

Ms. White was born Jan. 12, 1941, at Alluwe, Okla. She came to Pampa from Nowata, Okla., in 1957 and was maitre d' at Amarillo Club, Pampa Club and Pampa Country Club.

She was a member of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Diane Crawford, in 1993, and by her father, Earl

Survivors include two daughters Susan Foster of Milburn, Okla. Kay **Davies** Pampa; a son, E a r Richardson of Milburn; her parents, H.A Lesta

Pampa; a sister, Earline Baston of Pampa; a brother, Donald Dick of Maynard, Ark.; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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CLYDE L. CARRUTH

1904-2003

Clyde Carruth, 99, area civic leader, died at Community 12:15 a.m., Saturday, April 19, 2003, in Day Pampa. Services are to be at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Center at First Christian Church with the Rev. Barry headed Loving, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in local March of Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Dimes at one Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of time. He was

Born Feb. 1, 1904, Mr. Carruth was a farmer, rancher and businessman in Gray and Hutchinson counties for most of his life. In the early 1930s, he worked as a manager of the AAA Farm Program through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). In 1935, he became the Texas Extension Service County Agent for Hutchinson County. During World War II, he chaired the Ration Board and the War Board. After the war, he went to work for the Federal Land Bank. He served as superintendent of the Top O' Texas Junior Livestock Show for 50 years and supervised the building of the livestock barn which now bears his name, "The Clyde Carruth Pavilion." He also sold life insurance for many years.

Carruth's civic activities include the following: He served on the Pampa City Commission for 12 years, from 1965 to 1967, 1968 to 1970 and 1980 to 1988, serving as Mayor Pro tem on several occasions; he was an officer of the Top O' Texas Life Underwriters Association; he was a member of the Kiwanis Club with a perfect attendance record of more than 50 years. He was a long time member of the First Christian Church of Pampa where he served as Deacon, Elder, Church Treasurer and Sunday School teacher. He was an Elder Emeritus at the time of his death. He also was an organizer of the Pampa Senior Citizens and was on the board of directors since its origin; past Chairman of the Board of Directors of the

Care and the recognized by Texas the & A University with a Citation of Service for his more than 50 years of service on the

local 4-H programs and was a recipient of the Kiwanis Texas-Oklahoma District Layman of the Year Award for his civic achievements.

Mr. Carruth is survived by his wife, Neva Weeks Carruth, of the home; two daughters, Barbara West and husband Russell West of Houston and Yvonne Winegeart of Pampa; a son, Dayne Carruth and wife Beverly of Pampa; a daughter-in-law, Leta Carruth Jeffers of Pampa; stepchildren, Larry and Patsy Weeks of Amarillo; a brother, Glen Carruth of Tulia; 15 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Virginia, and a son, John Lloyd Carruth, who both passed away in February of 1993, and by a daughter, Eleanor Beard.

The family requests memorials be to First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson, Pampa, TX 79065; Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065; or BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

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SERVICES TOMORROW

BRANDON, Betty Dillman — Vigil services, 6:30 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel,

CARRUTH, Clyde — 10 a.m., First Christian Church,

KILLIAN, James E. "Frito" — 2 p.m., Rader Funeral Home Chapel, Kilgore. O'NEAL, Gary Ford — 2 p.m., First United Methodist

WHITE, Margaret Sue — Graveside services, 2 p.m.,

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is calling for partly cloudy skies, highs in the mid 70s and southeast winds 10 Tuesday should be mostly to 20 mph. Tonight should be cloudy. Breezy. Chance of showpartly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, lows in the upper 40s.

Lenapah Cemetery, Lenapah, Okla.

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Shattered Dreams donation



Pampa Wal-Mart Manager Terry Randle presents Pampa High School Shattered Dreams Project with a \$1,000 donation. Shattered Dreams is a drunk driving prevention program which will take place at Pampa High School on May 14 and 15.

Aggies unite for solemn tradition

honor of all Texas Aggies who steakhouses today. have passed away within the Easley, Muster chairman.

include dinner at 7 p.m., at honors the memory of A&M regarding the Texas Aggie M.K. Brown Auditorium. Texas Aggie Muster welcomes all former and current students, their families and The Roll Call is a roster comfriends of Texas A&M piled of all former and current Muster and other Texas A&M University, Easley said.

world. These Muster gather-

Former students of Texas ings are held in many unique everywhere. Muster is more A&M University will assem- places ranging from battle- than a ceremony; it is also a ble in Pampa tonight for the ships and foxholes during way for Aggies to renew, each annual Texas Aggie Muster in world War II to ballrooms and year, the loyalty and unity

Texas A&M's greatest tradi-Local muster activities tions. The Muster program men and women whose death prevents them from answering Roll Call at this year's Muster. Texas Aggie Muster tradi- the past year. As each name is available by contacting the tion spans more than a century called, a friend or family Association of Former and will be observed in more member will answer "Here!" Students at 979-845-7514 or than 350 locations around the symbolizing that their memory by visiting their website at

which constitute the founda-Over the years, Aggie tion of their friendship for last year, announced Ron Muster has grown to be one of each other and love and devotion for their school

For more information Muster in Pampa, contact Easley at 665-7188 or Judy Wood at 669-3039. Additional information about Texas Aggie students who have died over traditions and programs is lives on in the hearts of Aggies 222. AggieNetwork.com.

Scott Peterson waits in jail to be arraigned in wife's, son's deaths

MODESTO, Calif. (AP) — Arrested because detectives feared he might try to flee the country, a jailed Scott Peterson waited to be arraigned on charges that he murdered his wife and their unborn child.

Alone in a 6-by-9 maximum-security cell in the Stanislaus County jail, Peterson spent the weekend talking to his lawyer and making phone calls, said Kelly Huston, a spokesman for the sheriff's department.

"He has been treated much like any other maximum-security inmate that we have here," Huston told reporters gathered Sunday outside the jail. Peterson, who wore shackles and a belly chain whenever he was taken from his cell, was "rather quiet" and "very courteous" to his jailers, Huston

Although authorities said the proceeding could be delayed for a day, Peterson was expected to be arraigned Monday on charges that he killed his wife, Laci Peterson, and their unborn son. Prosecutors have not said if they will seek the death penal-

Scott Peterson, 30, has maintained that he had nothing to do with his wife's disappearance, and was fishing in San Francisco Bay when she vanished just before Christmas.

Last week authorities found the bodies of Laci Peterson and the baby on the shore of the bay.

Investigators had long declined to name Scott

Peterson as a suspect, but even before DNA tests identified the bodies, Modesto police arrested Peterson Friday near San Diego because they feared he might flee to Mexico, Modesto Police Chief Roy Wasden said.

When he was arrested, Peterson's naturally dark hair was reddish-blond, he had grown a goatee, and he had \$10,000 in cash with him in his car, a law enforcement source said. Hours later, investigators learned of the DNA

In the jail, Peterson was segregated from other inmates and placed in the jail's maximum security section because of the nature of the charges he faces, and because prisoners have made threats against him, Huston said. The inmates "definitely have some unfavorable opinions of him," the sheriff's spokesman said.

Peterson has declined all interview requests, authorities said. His attorney, Kirk McAllister, talked with Peterson Saturday night, but made no public comment on the case.

In an interview with Time magazine Sunday, Peterson's father, Lee, said "police have just bungled this investigation from day one."

"You have a district attorney calling this a slam-dunk before there's even an arraignment," Scott Peterson's mother, Jackie, told the magazine. "I'm feeling like I'm living in Nazi Germany or the Soviet Union."

"We're grieving for the baby, as Scott is for Laci," Lee Peterson said.

Outside the home that Scott and Laci Peterson once shared, a makeshift shrine of flowers; balloons, candles and cards continued to grow, as local residents spent their Easter Sunday paying their respects to the young woman whose death shocked this sleepy farm town in California's bread bas-

Michelle McKinney hugged her daughter and wiped away tears as she watched her 12-year-old son add a blue and gold teddy bear.

"The baby didn't get a chance to live his life and grow up," said McKinney, 33. "She didn't get a chance to enjoy her baby.'

A wooden cross covered with aluminum foil on the Peterson lawn read: "We prayed everyday that Laci and Baby Connor would come home. Now, Laci and Baby Connor are home with the Lord."

Texas murder suspect dies in London

LONDON (AP) — A Texas Fischer's murder and sentenced 1974 double murder died later a state appeals court over-Monday in London, where he turned the conviction because was awaiting possible extradi- of a faulty search warrant. tion to the United States, the Prison Service said.

Robert Elmer Kleasen, 70, succumbed to suspected heart Hospital in southeast London, found. the service said. He was trans-Belmarsh Prison on Thursday.

prosecutors' request to extra-shop. dite him to the United States, leaving a final decision to Secretary David Blunkett.

Kleasen was convicted of residence west of Austin.

man accused of a gruesome to death in 1975, but two years

Missionaries Fischer, 19, of Milwaukee, Wis., and Darley, 20, of Simi Valley, Calif., disappeared in Austin on Oct. 28, failure at Queen Elizabeth 1974. Their bodies were never

They were to dine with ferred to the hospital from Kleasen in his trailer behind a taxidermy shop where he Kleasen was indicted by a worked. Police believe Darley Travis County grand jury in and Fischer kept that date and August 2001 for the killings of were shot to death, and that Mark Fischer and Gary Darley. their bodies were cut into small Last August, a judge approved pieces with a band saw in the

The bodies were never found, but Fischer's watch and bullet-punctured name tag were discovered in Kleasen's former

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IRAO

in the U.S. military's mostwanted deck of cards.

Saddam's son-in-law and over the next week one of Saddam's bodyguards, suaded to leave that country and surrendered to members of the opposition Iraqi National Congress in Baghdad, according to a spokesman for the group, Haider Ahmed.

Jamal Mustafa Abdallah Sultan al-Tikriti is married to Saddam's youngest daughter, Hala, and was deputy head of Iraq's tribal affairs office. He was the nine of clubs in the U.S. deck of cards.

He was being questioned by the opposition group and will be turned over to U.S. officials, Ahmed said. Central Command had no information on the surrender

Seven of the 55 most-wanted members of Saddam's regime are now in custody, though none from the very top of the list. An eighth figure, Ali. Hassan al-Majid — nicknamed "Chemical Ali" for his use of poison gas against the Kurds - is believed to have been Shiite Muslim pilgrims jourkilled in an airstrike.

Ahmad Chalabi, leader of the Iraqi National Congress exile group, told the BBC on Monday that Saddam is alive in Iraq and moving from place to place. He said the INC is receiving information on Saddam's whereabouts 12 to 24 hours after the fact.

In Baghdad, stores were open and the streets crowded as residents swept up debris. Trying to head off food shortages, the U.S. military opened a warehouse to U.N. aid shipments and stockpiled flour. A convoy of food arrived over the weekend for the malnourished animals at the Baghdad Zoo.

U.S. forces are trying to restore order until the interim authority led by Garner can take over.

Garner heads the Office of Reconstruction Humanitarian Assistance, set up to help rebuild Iraq and

eventually turn authority over to the Iraqis. His initial team of about 19 čivilian administrators is to grow to about 450 Baghdad's Sacred Heart

"We will be here as long as both hiding in Syria, were per- it takes," Garner said, before senior leader, Sheik Jalal Al Syria to surrender. We will leave fairly adding: rapidly.'

> The retired general will report to Gen. Tommy Franks, commander of U.S. forces in Iraq. In Baghdad, he visited a hospital that was looted after Saddam's fall, got an update from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at the city's major electrical plant and went to the moat-surrounded Faw Palace, where he was to spend the

In Washington, Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., chairman of Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said it could take at least five years to create a functioning democracy

"The institution-building process in Iraq is a huge endeavor," he said. "There's not much to work with at this

Across Iraq on Sunday, neyed by the thousands to holy cities, and Christians packed churches for Easter, giving full voice to religious convictions suppressed under Saddam.

There were fears that religious rivalries that had been brutally kept in check would flare anew if Iraq's majority Shiite Muslims take over.



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"If they come to power, it happened because they have we'll leave the country," electrician Jacob Koda, 51, said at of Saddam's regime.

Saghir, returned to Iraq after 10 years in exile in Europe.

Hundreds of thousands of Shiites were preparing to gather from Tuesday through Thursday in the holy cities of Karbala and Najaf for an annual feast whose celebration was curtailed by Saddam's Sunni Muslim-dominated Baath Party. U.S. troops plan to maintain a low profile during the pilgrimage.

A senior Shiite cleric, Savved Mohammed Bager al-Mehri, warned Monday that Saddam's agents were planning "terrorist attacks and clashes" at the Karbala pilgrimage. Al-Mehri said coalition forces would be to blame if Iraqi officials."

Hospital in Amarillo.

failed to arrest more members

It was not immediately known if Saddam's son-in-law Iraqi Shiites' second-most- had come under pressure from

Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa, 'at a news conference in Damascus on Monday, said: "Don't expect me to answer you this question. I'm not going into any details as such. It is not a political question."

Two congressmen who met Syrian President Bashar Assad — Reps. Nick Rahall, D-W. Va., and Darrell Issa, R-Calif. — said he assured them he will not give asylum to any Iraqis wanted for war

And Bush said the Syrians are "getting the message that they should not harbor Baath Party officials, high-ranking

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piano; and Stephen Nelson. Scott Guthrie, Breck Penrod, Aaron Simon, percussion.

Hill directed the Women's Choir accompanied by Susan Draper, piano; Sarah Porter, guitar; and Bonnie Holmes, bells.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

All Work And No Play Make This Husband Suddenly Single

DEAR ABBY: I didn't know I had a problem until the day my wife/lover/best friend walked out on me two weeks before our 13th

second shift, and in the mornings managed my own retail business.

I thought everything at home was great. Our house and cars were paid for. We even owned a boat. It turns out that all my wife wanted was for me to hold her, love her and "be there" for her. Now she lives 600

I learned my lesson the hard way. I closed my business, but it's too late. Abby, please warn your readers about the danger of becoming a workaholic. Material things are not worth the price of losing the one person who shares your life. I hope my story will save someone else's marriage HIT WITH REALITY IN MICHIGAN

DEAR HIT: So do I. In order for couples to grow together, they must communicate, spend time with each other and share mutual interests. Good marriages don't just happen. Like anything else worth having, they require work and nurturing.

DEAR ABBY: I am a female college student. I am having a problem with a former classmate from last semester. I'll call her Theresa. We started a friendship, but the conver-

Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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sation was always awkward, and families. No one else I know gets we had few common interests, so it was a chore to spend time with her. Not a good formula for friendship.

Theresa calls my apartment and All our married life I worked a my cell phone, and she e-mails me on seven-day-a-week factory job on a weekly basis. I screen all of my calls and never respond to her e-mails, but she hasn't taken the hint.

How does one "nicely" end a friendship without burning bridges? Our paths may cross again one day. in the corporate world. None of my family or friends have an answer. BESIEGED IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR BESIEGED: Since you never see her and do not

respond to her e-mails, it shouldn't be difficult to tell your nature says it all. I couldn't live former classmate that you are in an atmosphere like that. very busy and do not have the time she has to devote to a friendship. Say it kindly, and wish her all the best in

DEAR ABBY: What do you think of my husband's behavior? We've been married almost 50 years, and if I didn't speak all day long we would live in a silent world. My. husband says nothing, not even "good morning." He will stalk right by me on his way out the door and never say a word.

This is nothing new. It has been like this nearly all of our married life We are both college-educated, with responsible professions, and were raised in well-educated, professional

treated this way. I have tried talking to him about

this, but it does no good. Thanks for any insight you can give me. SUFFERING IN SILENCE IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR SUFFERING IN SIL-**ENCE: Your husband's behavior** could be a sign of long-standing depression or it could be passive-aggressive abuse. How you have tolerated it for 50 years is beyond me. Ask him why he married you. His reply may provide you with some insight. Then ask yourself - is this how you want to spend your remaining years? Your sig-

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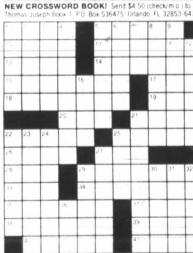
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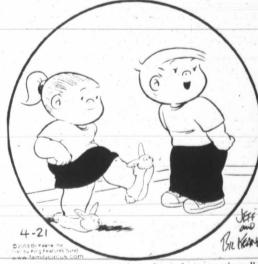
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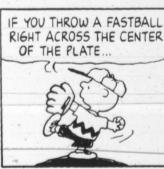


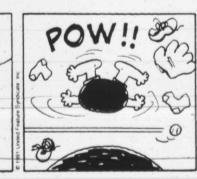


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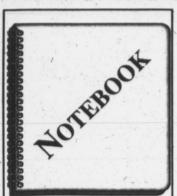
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SPORTS



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PAMPA — The Pampa Elementary School Track Meet will be held May 16 at Randy Matson Field. The meet will start out at 9 a.m. with field events, followed by running events.

Relay races will begin after the lunch break.

BASEBALL

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) - Jim Ripley allowed three runs and one hit Saturday while striking out a career-high seven batters in seven innings as the Wildcats beat Texas Tech 5-

Kansas State (12-24, 2-12 Big 12), which beat Texas Tech 10-8 on Friday, won consecutive games for the first time since March 16. The Wildcats had lost a school-record 16 · straight before Friday's game.

Kansas State catcher Ryan Baldwin was 2-for-4 with 2 RBIs and his sixth home run of the season. Left fielder Pat Maloney also was 2-for-4.

GOLF

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. (AP) -Davis Love III was searching his closet a few weeks ago when he noticed all the plaid jackets he'd won before at the MCI Heritage.

"I was wondering how much it would take to get a green jacket," said Love, thinking about the Masters.

A week after the Masters, Love won for the fifth time at Harbour Town Golf Links, beating Woody Austin on the fourth hole of a playoff Sunday.

"Obviously, I'm thinking too much about the Masters," said Love, relaxing in his latest checked, tartan coat.

But maybe Love's failure to win at Augusta National is why he's done so well here. Love says he gears his game each season for a run at a green jacket and comes to Harbour Town about as sharp as can be.

There was no denying that - especially at the end.

Love chipped in on the final hole to force a playoff. Then returned to the 18th and its famous lighthouse to win it after hitting the flagstick on his approach.

"This is a great place for him, obviously and great things happen to him here," Austin said.

Love trailed Austin by a stroke on his last hole when he sent his approach to the right of the green. Feeling the confidence that comes with past success here, Love told his brother and caddie, Mark, he would chip it in for birdie.

Moments later, Love rolled in a wedge from 66 feet, 8 inches away to tie for the lead at 13-under 271.

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Mavs down Trail Blazers in series opener

Nowitzki has career-high 46 points

DALLAS (AP) - Steve Nash says his pal Dirk Nowitzki is a mismatch every time he has the ball.

The Portland Trail Blazers certainly agree.

Shooting over small defenders and driving around big ones, Nowitzki scored a careerbest 46 points Saturday night to lead the Dallas Mavericks past Portland 96-86 in the opener of their first-round series.

With Game 2 not until Wednesday night, the Blazers have some time to try figuring out a new way to cover

The 7-footer made 16-of-27 shots. Most of his misses came in traffic around the basket as he was 4-of-5 on 3-pointers. Fouling him wasn't a good idea

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)

- Booed and hassled as

A day after a fan threw a

cell phone that hit him in the

head, Everett homered close

to that same section in right

field as the Texas Rangers

beat the Athletics 2-1 on

last five games in which he's

batted, a club record. The

Rangers ended a four-game

road losing streak and

wrapped up a 19-game stretch

to start the year against the

tough AL West.

Everett has homered in the

because he went 10-of-11 from

"We just can't let Dirk get 50 — even if we have to put a hit on Dirk," Portland's Bonzi Wells said, laughing. "He got a lot of mismatches and took advantage. Once we contain him, we can beat this team."

Nowitzki made his first six shots and had 23 at halftime. But the rest of the Mavericks had just 19, which is why they trailed by as many as 13.

While Nowitzki scored 23 more in the second half, Michael Finley became the second option Dallas needed. Add-in an improved defense and the result was Portland's eighth straight playoff loss over the last four postseasons.

"I knew if I stepped up a little we'd have a good chance to win," Finley said.

Finley was 0-for-6 with no points and no rebounds at halftime. Then he hit his first shot in the second half — and the

Everett's solo shot in the

seventh off Chad Bradford (1-

Carlos Covarrubias-Serrano,

of Palo Alto, was arrested

during the Rangers' 12-2 loss

Saturday. He faces a charge of

assault with a deadly weapon.

president of stadium opera-

tions, said Covarrubias-

Serrano was intoxicated.

Covarrubias-Serrano will be

arraigned Tuesday and was

Everett was 0-for-3 before

Rangers starter Colby

Lewis (3-0), who made his

being held on \$15,000 bail.

David Rinetti, the A's vice

Rangers edge Athletics

usual by the Oakland fans, 2) broke a 1-all tie. The ball

Carl Everett made sure his bat - landed a couple sections away

had a bigger impact than their from where 24-year-old Juan-

Everett says the fans major league debut in

behind him in right field were Oakland last April, pitched

just as annoying a day after he six solid innings in his first

points and seven rebounds.

knocking down my first shot in the second half," Finley said. "The crowd was like, 'It's about time."

Finley was rusty because he'd played only two games after missing 13 with a strained hamstring. He far outplayed Portland's injured leader, Scottie Pippen, who shot 2-of-8 for five points with four rebounds, five assists and a team-high four turnovers.

"We had a great opportunity to put that team on their heels. and we didn't," Pippen said. "The most frustrating part is we allowed Dirk too many points. We have to take him out of the game and make somebody else

from the start.

He hit a jumper over Rasheed Wallace on the game's first possession, then faked Wallace into flying past him next four, too, finishing with 13 and nailed a 17-footer. After

stealing a pass to start a fast because they thought he had "I felt really good about break, he capped the play with the potential for these kind of

A 3-pointer, another tip-in and another mid-range jumper followed. The game was tied at 17 and he'd already scored 13. No other Maverick finished with more than 13.

"It's tough to double-team a guy outside," Portland coach Maurice Cheeks said. "It wasn't like he was hitting shots on the block where you can rotate a man.'

Nowitzki was such a oneman show that from the middle of the first quarter until the last minute of the second, no other Dallas player made more than ing off his third straight season one field goal.

"Dirk had it rolling," forward Adrian Griffin said. "It Nowitzki was locked in was fun to watch him, but we can't expect him to play 47 minutes like that every night. pressure off him."

performances. Among the players they passed up was Paul Pierce, who had 40 points on Saturday to lead the Celtics past the Pacers.

Pierce is a prototype scorer. In Nowitzki, the Mavericks saw a rare breed: A big man who could score inside and out. Assistant coach Donnie Nelson made that projection after seeing Nowitzki work out with a German team before a tournament against U.S. high schoolers.

Two months shy of 25, Nowitzki is a two-time All-Star and MVP candidate. He's comof leading Dallas in scoring and rebounding.

"I told him at the end of regulation that he will eventually be one of the best all-around players to ever play the game." We have to take some of the Mays coach Don Nelson said.

"He will eventually be able to The Mavericks, acquired do the things that Larry Bird Nowitzki on draft day in 1998 / did. That's my vision of him."

Pampa closes home season with victory

PAMPA - The Pampa Miguel Garcia was charged Harvesters played their final 2003 regular-season game at Harvester Field, defeating Dumas 10-3 Saturday.

With one game left, playoff-bound Pampa improved three to 9-2 in District 3-4A and 17-8 for the season.

Senior right hander Ryan Zemanek went the distance for the Harvesters to boost his record to 8-1 for the sea-son. Zemanek helped himself with his fifth home run of the season. Max Simon Plainview 7-3 in district. and Tyler Doughty each had two-run doubles for the Harvesters.

to the mound. Starter trict action Saturday.

with the loss.

Both teams had problems dealing with gusty winds. Pampa was charged with four errors and Dumas

The Demons fall to 3-9 in district and 10-14-1 for the

Randall and Plainview, the district's two other play off-bound teams, met Friday with the Raiders taking a 5-0 victory. Randall is 7-2 and

Pampa closes the regular season April 26 at Caprock Caprock lost to Dumas sent three pitchers Palo Duro 10-5 in other dis-

Ryan Zemanek gets - road start of the season, comthe win against the "Come on, it's Oakland," ing off a win over Anaheim Demons. Jayhawks meet with new coach

 Bill Self made a good first they heard. impression on his new Kansas

to be formally introduced Monday as the successor to North Carolina.

at Illinois, met with the coach." Kansas players for more than an hour Sunday night.

Syracuse in the NCAA cham- mater and the school he is a real fiery guy.

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) pionship game, liked what turned down three years ago.

"It's his program now," forward Keith Langford said Allen Fieldhouse.

"He's cool. I like him," Roy Williams, who left the said sophomore point guard current players. Jayhawks last week to coach Aaron Miles. "He said he is a different coach than Roy said Self appeared exhausted. Self, 78-24 in three years Williams, but he is a good . "He looks like he hasn't

Williams, 418-101 in 15 years at Kansas, shocked the worked. He came in the room The players, including Jayhawks seven days ago nonchalantly. The first thing I three starters from the team when he decided to coach said when I saw this guy was that lost by three points to North Carolina, his alma that he lo ded terrible. But he

Self arrived on campus Sunday and had dinner with chancellor The 40-year-old Self was after leaving the meeting at Hemenway, interim athletic director Drue Jennings and several staff members and

Forward Wayne Simien

slept,"ππ Simien said. "It just shows how hard he has

Bowling Roundup

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Stars have Mighty

DALLAS (AP) - Mike immediately announced. Modano and Sergei Zubov helped carry the Dallas Stars out of the first round. Now the top-seeded team in the Western Conference can look forward to some reinforce-

Guerin, two of the team's most skilled and most expenfrom injuries during the second-round series against the Anaheim Mighty Ducks. The

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undone-by losing two players the caliber of Turgeon and the line, and he had the oppor-Guerin. But with the Stars' depth - built with one of the league's highest payrolls they were still able to get past Edmonton in the first round this series." Pierre Turgeon and Bill of the playoffs.

sive players, could return series by winning Game 6 on Zubov. It was a fitting way to schedule for the series wasn't tender Marty Turco did a season players.

great job protecting the lead Most teams would be in the final minutes. "When the game was on

tunity, he made the most of it," Turco said of Modano. "Mike can be a Superman. He made the difference for us in

Modano scored on a per-The Stars wrapped up the fect cross-ice pass from Saturday night. Modano cap the series considering scored with 6:52 left to put each had 10 points, tying Dallas ahead 3-2, then goal- them for the lead among post-





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Texas outdoors writer goes fishing for freedom

By CHESTER MOORE Port Arthur News

PORT ARTHUR, Texas — On Wednesday, April 2, my perspective of fishing changed.

While watching cable news coverage of the war to liberate Iraq, I saw an interview with an army infantry soldier on the front lines.

As artillery fire sounded in the distance and our troops prepared to make the final push to Baghdad, the reporter asked him what he would be doing if he were home.

Without pausing, the solider said,

The station cut into the interview with breaking news from the Pentagon, but my mind stayed with that soldier. Here he was defending our country, liberating an oppressed people and risking his life and when asked his druthers, he said "fishing."

And there I was, griping to myself because I had so much work to do and I was in the comfort of my own home, thousands of miles away from the war. How dare I complain?

The next day I canceled my morning appointment and writing plans and went fishing.

If that brave young man could not go fishing. I was going to go for him as my own tribute to those making the ultimate sacrifice.

After all, if it were not for them, I would not have this precious freedom and opportunity.

That day, the wind blew like crazy, for angling.

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Milwaukee 5. Houston 4

Colorado 8, San Diego 0

Arizona 1, St. Louis 0

Monday's Games

Tuesday's Games

No games scheduled

Pittsburgh 8. Chicago Cubs 2

Los Angeles 16. San Francisco 4

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Milwaukee (Franklin 1-2) at Florida (Penny 2-1), 7:05 p.m.

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N.Y. Mets 7. Florida 4:

San Francisco 9. Los Angeles 3

Montreal 8, Cincinnati 7, 10 innings, 1st game

Montreal 9, Cincinnati 5, 2nd game

Milwaukee 3. Houston 2. 14 innings

Chicago Cubs 6. Pittsburgh 1, 10 innings

Los Angeles

By The Associated Press

At A Glace

As the early morning sun peeked over the horizon, the proud raptor looked as if it owned the world.

but I had the most moving angling experience of my life.

And it came in the form of an osprey, also known as a fish eagle.

Traveling out of the Neches River toward Sabine Lake, I noticed the beautiful bird perched on a tree overlooking the water.

As the early morning sun peeked over the horizon, the proud raptor looked as if it owned the world.

On my way back to the boat dock, I saw the same bird, circling high in the air, gliding effortlessly against a backdrop of soft, white clouds. It soared against the strong wind with unmoving determination, then suddenly fell from the sky to catch a small | ing topwaters, it did not really matter. speckled trout.

Maybe it was a case of being overly patriotic but that osprey reminded me of what makes our country great:

This bird, bound only by its will, was undeterred by the difficult conditions. Like that soldier in Iraq, it faced the toughest of challenges, but its mind remained focused on fishing.

That, ladies and gentlemen, is what makes our country great.

I am not talking about the bird or focusing on fishing, but knowing that when that soldier returns from service he will be able-to pursue his passion

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At A Glance

Do you remember that saying, "life liberty and the pursuit of happiness"? That option is only truly available to those of us in this wonderful country.

A big part of my pursuit of happiness is fishing.

When things are looking down in life, getting out on the water always brings a smile to my face. It is a place where I have lots of fun and at the same time cleanse my soul from the worries of the modern world.

Growing up on the Texas coast, I always knew an adventure lay ahead every time I launched a boat or drove down to the surf. Whether the flounder were running or the specks were tak-

The real joy came from being in the outdoors by choice and embracing its magnificent bounty.

Iraqis do not have this freedom and neither do billions of people around

We should think of this when we complain about the little things that seem to get under our skin so much. I am talking about the politics and ego that unfortunately creep into the fishing scene and seem to be more prevalent than ever lately.

As our brave men and women of the armed services proudly defend our constitution, we have no right to complain about petty things. Well, we have

Houston (Redding 0-2) at N.Y. Mets (Cone 1-2), 7:10 p.m.

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the right, but should exercise it respectfully.

Thousands of them are anglers just like you and I, but because they were brave enough to volunteer for the armed services, they are fighting the regime of an evil, demented dictator.

We however, are in the land of the free and home of the brave where we can do as we please.

Some may feel guilty for that but I say we should not. We should celebrate the fact our country produces such fine people and thank God our ancestors made the ultimate sacrifice to allow this uniquely American dream to become a reality.

I am living it and so are you.

As anglers, we can do two things to make sure we never take this for

The first is to simply go fishing.

A few weeks ago I was fortunate enough to see New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani in person speak about the events of Sept. 11 and its aftermath. He said we owe it to those who died to do what we enjoy most and pursue it as frequently as possible because they cannot.

He said one of the steps to winning the war on terror is to live life to its fullest because the demons who committed those atrocities against our country wanted us to stop.

And thousand of others like them still have that goal.

Secondly, as our troops return we can volunteer to take them fishing.

I have already made arrangements with a couple of fishing guides for us

to take returning veterans from Iraq, Afghanistan and Kosovo on fishing trips as a way to say "thank you" for their invaluable service not only to America, but also to our world.

It will be an honor to share the water with our soldiers and help put them on big flounder, speckled trout and redfish.

There is no telling how long their mission will last but when they return, we can put a big smile on their faces by putting them on some

They may be fighting in the Persian Gulf, but we can take them fishing in the Gulf of Mexico. And there are no mines to dodge out

It may seem like a small gesture, but it could mean the world to a soldier returning to a country where the media constantly shows anti-war protesters filling the streets of major

They may be frightened of a Vietnam-like reception at home, but we know that will not happen. Americans for the most part are behind the soldiers, despite the vocal action of a few.

We can do our part by sharing the wonderful bounty of the Texas outdoors with them.

We may take the opportunity to fish for granted, but I guarantee you those returning veteran anglers will

Chester Moore is the outdoors editor for the Port Arthur News.

Dodgers finally beat up Giants

By JOSH DUBOW AP SPORTS WRITER

Giants in one-big inning.

including a two-run double, the beginning of something in Los Angeles' eight-run that's very good." seventh, as the Dodgers beat their rivals for the first time Cincinnati 7, Montreal 5; in six meetings this season, Atlanta 8, Philadelphia 1; 16-4 Sunday night.

behind and all of a sudden York 7, Florida 4; Milwaukee have that huge inning," Green said. "Hopefully, it will help get the bats going, but it's nice to finally give scored three in the fourth on these guys a loss because McGriff's RBI single and a they're playing so well."

Green and Fred McGriff Cabrera. had four hits each, and Hideo Nomo earned his 100th (1-3) forced in the tying run career victory as Los Angeles on a bases-loaded walk to handed San Francisco its Brian Jordan in the fifth. third loss in 18 games.

Barry Bonds hit the 619th double in the inning. home run of his career for the 3 in 1938.

record was, we wanted to win this game and sweep these guys at home," Giants shortstop Rich Aurilia said.

The Dodgers, who overgenerated the offense that had been missing in their five game losing streak. loss to the Giants this season. They had managed just 11 runs in the first five meet-

by 7 1/2 games in the NL "I knew at some point in

The Los Angeles Dodgers time our offense was going to took out their frustrations get going. I didn't necessariagainst the San Francisco ly mean it to the tune of 16 runs," Dodgers manager Jim Shawn Green had two hits, Tracy said. "I just hope this is In other NL games, it was

Pittsburgh 8, Chicago 2; "It was nice to come from Arizona 1, St. Louis 0; New 5, Houston 4; and Colorado 8, San Diego 0.

Trailing 4-0, the Dodgers two-run homer by Jolbert

Rookie Kurt Ainsworth McGriff added a three-run

Nomo (2-3) gave up four Giants, who are off to their runs on six hits in seven best start since also going 15- innings. The Dodgers had scored just three runs in "No matter what our Nomo's last three starts.

Reds 7, Expos 5

At San Juan, Puerto Rico, pinch-hitter Adam Dunn and Felipe Lopez hit consecutive home runs off Luis Ayala (1came a 4-0 deficit, finally 1) in the ninth inning as Cincinnati stopped a five-

Aaron Boone homered twice, Austin Kearns hit his major league-leading ninth shot and Jose Guillen also Despite the win, Los connected for the Reds at Angeles still trails the Giants cozy Hiram Bithorn Stadium.

Brewers overcome Astros' home runs for 5-4 victory

Toronto (Lidle 2-2) at Boston (Burkett 1-0), 11:05 a.m.

N.Y. Yankees (Wells 2-0) at Minnesota (Reed 1-2), 1:05 p.m.

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MILWAUKEE (AP) Keith Ginter got the key hit against his former team.

Ginter's two fun single put Milwaukee ahead for good in the sixth as the Brewers overcame home runs by Jeff Bagwell and Craig Biggio to Sunday

Ginter, acquired from the Astros on Aug. 31, went 2-for-4 and drove in three runs

"I actually thank Houston for a chance to play profession-

here where I can get more playing time." Ginter said. "It does mean a little extra to get a big hit against them. I think all of us who are coming off, the bench want to prove a few

Ginter, who spent five years beat the Houston Astros 5-4 in the Houston organization, was in the lineup at third base, in place of the slumping Wes

Ginter wasn't the only bench player in the lineup. Brady Clark went 2-for-2 with al baseball, and for trading me a walk in place Alex Sanchez,

day after he fouled a pitch off Philadelphia.

'Our bench has done a great job." Milwaukee manager Ned Yost said. "Keith came through with the big hit today."

Curtis Leskanic (1-0), a 35year-old right-hander coming back from right shoulder surgery in October 2001, won for the first time in nearly two years. Leskanic pitched 1 2-3 scoreless innings of one-hit relief with three walks and one strikeout. It was his first victory

who had a bruised right leg a since May 15, 2001, at

The Astros loaded the bases in the eighth, on two walks from Leskanic and one more from Luis Vizcaino. But Vizcaino struck out pinch-hitter Jose Vizcaino to end the

Mike DeJean pitched the ninth for his fourth save. The crowd of 10,125 was the smallest at Miller Park, which opened in April 2001.

"I thought Curtis and our other relievers did a great job,"

Yost said. "Curtis hasn't pitched much in the last couple years, but he got the job done with a great inning for us."

Houston led 4-3 in the sixth when Ginter hit a two-run single off Pete Munro (1-1) after a leadoff walk to Scott Posednik, a two-out intentional walk to Geoff Jenkins and a walk to Clark that loaded the bases.

"You can always use basesloaded hits," Houston manager-Jimy Williams said. "They got a big one today. We'll get ours as the season goes on."

Houston starter Jeriome Robertson gave up three runs and seven hits in 5 1-3 innings. Milwaukee's Ben Sheets allowed four runs and seven hits in six innings.

Notes: Brewers third-base coach Rich Donnelly left in the fourth after feeling faint in the coaching box. He underwent several tests and the team said he was OK. ... Posednik had a key single, after getting a career-high three hits the day before, and raised his average to .344.



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You often understand a lot more than you that special person. let on. Consider expressing your creativ- CANCER (June 21-July 22) ity more frequently in your personal and ** You might want to see or under- change a lot as a result. A co-worker professional lives. Your sense of humor stand more of what makes a loved one and perspective help many see the other tick. The unexpected developments and side of an issue. Be willing to explore resulting insights take you in a new other ideas and gather new information. direction. A meeting proves instrumental Travel and education play strong roles in in your dealings. Think carefully about CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) your year. Your goals transform. For an associate's ideas. Tonight: Let somemany, your circle of friends change. Be one else make plans. willing to head down a new path. If you LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) are single, a relationship will knock on ** * * You make a difference at work.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll prises. Tonight: Get some exercise. Have: 5-Dynamic; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

opens doors.

* * You might surprise yourself with your reaction to a boss or higher-up. used to this behavior. You will need to member. Unexpected developments help you become more independent and forth- PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) make money and gain. Others see the wisdom of your logic. Consider what what if it is Tuesday? could be possible if you gain a consensus LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) of opinion. Tonight: A must show. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

up. A friend does the unexpected, or per- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) a reality. Tonight: Rent a movie. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

tive and do something strange or off the spot.

ating to your love life. If you're attached, uation better. Do any negotiating in the tioned friend. Tonight: Avoid the unpreallow feelings to flourish. CAPRICORN daytime, because in the next few weeks, dictable. you could find that others are far more AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) 4-Positive; VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

loved one to be unpredictable or differ- card right now, which means anything ent. Realize more of what you want. Get can happen. Tonight: Listen to a family

* * Deal with the basics, and you happen, though you might want to hear might be quite happy with the end different ideas. Others find you to be * * * * If you use your ability to read results. A loved one or child could chal- unpredictable. Use that as a strength as between the lines, you will gain both lenge the living daylights out of you opposed to a liability. Tonight: Follow financially and emotionally. Express Understand this person's need for atten- your pals. your deeper thoughts and consider what tion. A discussion with a partner takes might be possible if you relax and loosen you in a new direction. Tonight: Order in BORN TODAY

haps something you want could become ** * * You might want to take a sec- actor Jack Nicholson (1937), author Kim ond look at a loved one or someone who Elizabeth (1978) might be more dominating than you real-*** * Work with others. Great ize. This person could become quirky, in ideas come to those who spend time real-your opinion. An associate takes a Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at ly reflecting on the issues that surround stronger lead than in the past. Allow this http://www.jacquelinebigar.com. their life or work. Others could be reac- to happen. Tonight: Out at a favorite

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*** * Your strong personality breaks barriers and takes you to a new level. Carefully think through a decision that involves a loved one or friend. your door by the end of 2003. This per- Others seek you out for answers. Investigate what might be happening son could be quite exciting and invigor- Understand what would make a work sit- with an unpredictable but well-inten-

appreciate your high performance and

ability to get the job done. Tonight: Your

difficult. A partner could be full of sur- * In order to get to the bottom of a problem, bone up on your observation skills. You might not be comfortable with * * * * Remain more playful in your what happens otherwise. Use special care dealings. You could find an associate or with your finances. You pull the wild

right. Listen to feedback. Tonight: So **** Keep your focus, and you won't be uncomfortable. Think through a decision with more care. Your vision can

Political leader Nikolai Lenin (1870),

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Arafat, Abbas struggle over new cabinet for

BY RAMIT PLUSHNICK-MASTI ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

JERUSALEM (AP) — Yasser Arafat and his prime minister-designate, Mahmoud Abbas, remained at loggerheads over the composition of the Palestinian Cabinet on Monday, after all-night negotiations failed to produce a compromise.

The crisis threatens to torpedo a U.S.backed "road map" to full Palestinian statehood within three years.

Abbas, who must win parliamentary approval for his Cabinet by Wednesday, has threatened to resign if his team is not accepted. The United States, in turn, has said it will only present the peace plan once Abbas and his Cabinet have been installed.

The main dispute is over the appointment of Mohammed Dahlan, a former security chief in Gaza. Abbas wants to give Dahlan a key security post, while Arafat wants to keep a confidant, Hani al-Hassan, in the job. The new security chief would have to supervise a crackdown on Palestinian militants, a prerequisite for moving ahead with

the internationally backed peace plan.

On Saturday, Abbas stormed out of a meeting with Arafat after the Palestinian leader refused to support Dahlan's inclusion in the Cabinet, Israel and the United States back Dahlan, who has said he is confident he can rein in the militants.

Al-Hassan does not have much international support, and as interior minister in the past few months has not succeeded in halting attacks by militants on Israelis.

Qadoura Fares, a Palestinian legislator, said there are no real alternatives to Abbas because no one else has his standing.

"At the moment, there is no agreement (on a Cabinet), but in the end, we are talking about 48 hours, they have to find some compromise. There is no time to be hesitant and to delay processes that are so important," Fares said.

The wrangling is over more than Cabinet appointments. If Abbas prevails, it would suggest he can pursue an independent policy. If Arafat wins, it may mean Abbas is little more than a figurehead.

Dahlan has offered to give up the securi-

ty post to defuse the tensions, but Abbas insists on his appointment, the officials

Abbas, also known as Abu Mazen, has until noon Wednesday to present his government to the 88-member Palestinian legislature.

If he does not complete his Cabinet list by Tuesday, there will not be enough time for all legislators to arrive in the West Bank town of Ramallah for the session, officials said Monday.

Abbas and Arafat have not met since Saturday, but their aides have been holding marathon talks, including an all-night session that ended early Monday without results, the officials said.

Several senior officials declined to speak on the record, apparently afraid they would end up backing the loser in the showdown.

Several possible alternatives to Abbas have been mentioned, including al-Hassan and Cabinet minister Nabil Shaath, who has served as a de facto foreign minister since the establishment of the Palestinian Authority in 1994.

The Quartet of Mideast negotiators the United States, the European Union, Russia and the United Nations - has demanded that Arafat reform his corruption-plagued regime before moving ahead with the road map.

In recent days, Arafat has come under growing international pressure to stop undercutting Abbas, Palestinian officials

European leaders, including German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer and Spanish Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar, have spoken to Arafat by phone, pressing him to help get the new Cabinet approved quickly. Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Jordan's King Abdullah have also urged Arafat to bring the process to a close, the officials said.

Israeli officials are closely following the Arafat-Abbas talks, warning that Arafat is attempting to retain control over the Palestinian Authority, a move that they say would torpedo efforts to advance the longstalled peace process and end 30 months of fighting.

Opposition accuses Nigerian president of fraud

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) President Olusegun Obasanjo

took a commanding lead in early returns from voting that could bring Nigeria's first successful transition from one civilian government to another, but the main opposition party claimed the vote was rigged and a "huge joke."

With more than 20 million votes counted in 21 of Nigeria's 36 states and the federal capital territory. Obasanjo had 66 percent of the votes compared with 27 percent for Muhammadu Buhari, a former ally

Buhari's results.

"The entire so-called election is a huge joke," Nda-Isai test of whether democracy has told The Associated Press. "As far as we are concerned. democracy has failed."

Buhari and other party leaders will meet in the next few days to decide a course of civilian government success-

declining to speculate whether that could involve massive protests as opposition officials earlier warned.

Obasanjo's spokesman. meanwhile, called the results "a victory for the entire country."

"The people have spoken," Akin Osuntokun said, dismissing opposition threats as "the inability of losers to accept defeat gracefully."

Nigeria's election commission promised to cancel results in areas with proven cases of fraud.

"As far as we are concampaign cerned, (so far) there has been spokesman. Sam Nda-Isai, no rigging," Abel Guobadia, said his party rejected the the election commission chairman, said Sunday.

The election was a major taken root since Obasanjo was elected four years ago, ending 15 years of brutal military

Nigeria has never seen a announced there so far.

another. Though it is one of the world's largest oil exporters, it is desperately poor and has a history of campaign coups and unrest.

> Obasanjo was once a military ruler, but he traded his uniform for traditional robes and ran for election in 1999. In Saturday's vote, he faced 19 challengers, including Buhari. The two former army men were once close colleagues, but their relationship soured after Obasanjo accused Buhari of mismanagement.

> Police and soldiers patrolled some cities, fearing unrest. In the central town of Bukuru, police fired tear gas and bullets in the air to disperse hundreds of Buhari supporters marching through the streets carrying tree branches. Demonstrators accused an incumbent governor of using fraud to win a second term. No results have been

The vote was marred by a action, the spokesman said, fully hand over power to shooting at a polling booth in

the oil-producing Niger Delta, the scene of a month of ethnic and political violence that has left more than 100 people dead. Six were killed in the

attack, election monitors said. Nearly half of Nigeria's 126 million people registered for the ballot in 36 states and the capital. It was unclear how many voted, though official's said turnout was strong.

"Where there is substantial violence and boxes disappear, the results will not be accepted," stressed Hakeem Baba-Ahmed, commission secretary, who declared the ballot a "vast improvement" over previous elections.

incumbent president smiled but declined to speak to reporters. A group of village women outside his house cheered when he gave them a bundle of cash — a common custom in Nigerian politics. Obasanjo was preparing a speech to the nation to deliver Tuesday, his spokesman said.

Obasanjo's rule brought some improvement in individual and press freedoms. Outbreaks of political, religious and ethnic violence have left more than 10,000 people dead since 1999. The leader's critics say he has done little to fight poverty and corruption.

At home in the southwest, Buhari gained notoriety by China dismisses mayor amid SARS controversy

The mayor of Beijing was fired following the disclosure of a tenfold increase in SARS cases in China's capital and charges he mishandled the outbreak of the deadly illness, state-run media said Monday.

The dismissal of Mayor Meng Xuenong came shortly after he and China's health minister were removed from key Communist Party posts, and the Health Ministry announced that the number of cases of severe acute respiratory syndrome in Beijing had jumped from 37 to 339.

A Beijing city government spokesman, Liu declined to confirm the firing of the mayor, who was appointed three months ago.

But detailed accounts in state-run newspapers said senior party officials accused Meng of failing to gather information on SARS, track new infections and trace people who might have been exposed to the mysterious ailment.

The flu-like SARS has

BEIJING (AP) — sickened more than 3,800 people and killed at least 211 others around the world, according to health officials in the affected countries. The illness has killed least 94 people and infected more than 1,400 in Hong Kong, while mainland China has reported 79 deaths and more than 1,800 people infected nationwide. Singapore and Canada have also been hard hit by the virus.

Governments in Asia are adopting increasingly drastic efforts to stem the spread of

China called off its weeklong May Day vacation in hopes of stopping tens of millions of people from traveling and spreading the virus.

Singapore announced that all 2,400 employees of a vegetable market are under quarantine after a coworker fell ill.

Meanwhile, Hong Kong Chief Executive Tung Cheehwa said efforts to contain the spread of SARS by quarantining households of victims and tracking down potential contacts are paying

India sends negotiator to Kashmir

SRINAGAR, India (AP) India sent a negotiator to Kashmir on Monday to follow up on the prime minister's offer to hold talks with Pakistan on their conflicting claims to the Himalayan region.

Former Home Secretary N.N. Vohra was scheduled to begin a weeklong visit to Indian-held Kashmir on Monday to explore the possibility of a dialogue with separatist groups demanding independence or merger with Pakistan.

"Doors for talk are fully open," Vohra told reporters as he left New Delhi on Sunday.

Vohra said he would first hold talks with pro-India groups and state lawmakers before trying to reach out to others. Vohra was appointed government negotiator early this year after another emissary was unable to arrange a dialogue with the separatist groups. .

Islamic militant groups have been fighting since 1989 for mainly Muslim Kashmir's independence from India or its merger with Pakistan in an insurgency that has claimed 61,000 lives. India in predominantly Hindu.

Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee made a conditional offer of talks during a rare visit Saturday to the region.

Vajpayee said India would immediately send a top Foreign Ministry official to Islamabad to draw up a schedule for talks if Pakistan announces an end to its support to cross-border attacks and closes training camps for Islamic guerrillas in its territory.

4-H Consumer contest



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(Left-right) Intermediate 4-H Decision-Making team members Meagan Crawford, Amanda Lawrence, Ryan Baggerman and Jessica Baggerman placed first at District I competition held recently in Amarillo.

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