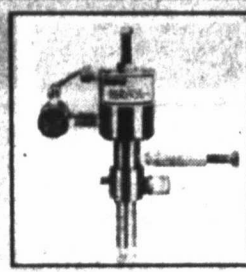


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LOCAL

Austin school sets flag-raising event

A flag-raising ceremony commemorating the 150th anniversary of public education in Texas and the celebration of Texas Public Schools Week is set for 8:15 a.m., Monday, March 8, in front of Austin Elementary School, 1900 Duncan.

Principal Beverly Owen and the fifth grade students of Austin Elementary invite the public to attend.

DEATHS

Barbara Ann Brackeen Pitcock, 68, homemaker.

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County OKs hiring new deputy treasurer

By MARILYN POWERS
 STAFF WRITER

Gray County commissioners approved County Treasurer Lee Cornelison's request to replace Deputy Treasurer Julia Wood during their regular meeting Monday morning in Gray County Courthouse.

Commissioners also voted to remove Wood's signature from all

county checking accounts effective March 16. Wood tendered her resignation in order to accept a position with the City of Pampa.

Robert Dixon, county veterans' service officer, was recognized for having completed his required 20 hours of continuing education. The coursework is an annual requirement for the officeholder.

Dixon gave his annual report to

commissioners concerning veterans in the county. During 2003, there were an estimated 2,247 veterans living in the county. They received \$2,274,777 in compensation and pensions, and educational and vocational rehabilitation valued at \$82,804. Insurance and indemnities for these veterans totaled \$146,347. Total governmental expenditures for Gray County veterans in 2003 was \$2,503,928.

"Over 1,000 veterans from Gray County went to the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Amarillo last year for treatment," Dixon said this morning in his office.

In other business, commissioners also accepted a \$100 bid for delinquent tax property at 514 N. Wells, a vacant lot. The name of the bidder was not available as of press time today.

Grand jury indicts man

By MARILYN POWERS
 STAFF WRITER

Gray County Grand Jury returned two sealed indictments Feb. 26 against a Pampa man.

Bobby Ladell Dorsey, 41, 1041 Prairie Dr., was indicted on two counts of delivery of a controlled substance in a drug-free zone. Bond was set at \$25,000 each on the two second-degree felony charges.

Dorsey was arrested at about 11:15 p.m. Feb. 26 by Gray County sheriff's deputies Scott Larue and Vincent Marasco and taken to Gray County Jail. He remains in jail as of press time today in lieu of bond.

Dorsey was arrested on the first of the two felony charges on Dec. 6, 2002, when he sold cocaine at Prairie Village Park. His second offense was on Jan. 10, 2003, for the same activity at the same location.

The two charges Dorsey was indicted on last week are enhanced by a prior conviction on Oct. 3, 1996 in 223rd District Court for a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Harbinger of spring



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)

A robin soaks up some of the sun's warming rays as he hunts for breakfast in the 300 block of East Kingsmill. Robins, which have become more noticeable about town recently, are considered a sign of spring on the way.

Plans under way to celebrate VFW 75th anniversary

On Saturday, April 3, Pampa's Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1657 will celebrate its 75th anniversary with a parade, open house, and banquet.

A parade commemorating the occasion will open the day filled with events. VFW post members invite the community to share in the celebration with float entries. Parade entry forms may be obtained from the VFW Post at 105 S. Cuyler.

Veterans' pictures and other memorabilia are also needed for displays to be set up during the open house. Deadline to set up these displays is March 15.

A banquet for local VFW members and State and District guests will conclude the special anniversary.

The VFW has contributed to the community through the members' service to the country, assistance to veterans and families financially, with medical supplies, meals, scholarship, fellowship and any other services needed, Pampa VFW Commander Danny Martin explained.

Anyone currently serving in Iraq or their family members is encouraged to join the Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1657, he said.

In recent years, there have been many foreign engagements and anyone serving their country overseas are encouraged to join, Martin added.

The next regular meeting of the local VFW post is 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 9. A cover dish social begins at 6 p.m.

For more information about the 75th anniversary celebration events or about joining the VFW, contact Martin at 662-4367.

DA to present mauling case to grand jury

By MARILYN POWERS
 STAFF WRITER

Gray County grand jurors will consider a case later this month involving the mauling of a four-year-old Pampa girl by one or more of five Rottweiler dogs.

District Attorney Rick Roach said in a telephone interview yesterday that he will present the case to the jurors to determine whether criminal charges should be pursued against the two adults who were at the home at the time of the attack.

The girl was reportedly playing unsupervised in the back yard of a house at 1117 Darby Street on Feb. 16 when she was attacked by one or more of the dogs. Her father, Steve Organ, and the owner of the house and dogs were inside the house at the time, according to a news release from Pampa Police Department dated Feb. 18.

The owner, Janene Lucas, discovered the attack, intervened, and took the girl to Pampa Regional Medical Center for treatment, officials said. The girl was treated and transferred to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Lucas surrendered all five dogs to Pampa Animal Control officers, who euthanized them and had them tested for rabies. All five tests were negative, according to Sandy Burns, animal control officer.

Didway's goal: Safer county and community

By MARILYN POWERS
 STAFF WRITER

Chris Didway is a candidate for Precinct 2 constable because he wants to help make Pampa and the county a safer place to raise a family.

"One of my main concerns is to work on making the community safer for kids to grow up in," he said.

Didway and his wife of 10 years, Tammy, who works at Beauty 2000, have a six-year-old daughter, Rilee, and three-year-old twin girls, Lexi and Remi. Didway was a Gray County sheriff's deputy for three years, before being hired as a security guard at Pantex, where he has been employed since July 2002.

"What I miss most about being a deputy is talking to citizens and helping them. I enjoy people and being

around them," he said.

Didway is a lifelong Pampa resident and a 1989 graduate of Pampa High School. He has also attended West Texas A&M University and Amarillo College.

"I would love to find ways to boost Pampa's morale. I'd like to make it safer for the younger generation and make people want to stay in Pampa and come back to Pampa," he said.

Didway would keep his position at Pantex if elected constable, due to the responsibilities of a family.

"My hours at Pantex amount to six months out of each year. And as deputy, I had two full-time jobs," he said.

"I am running for the office mainly to use my training to become more involved in the community, to be more active and help others in need. I would

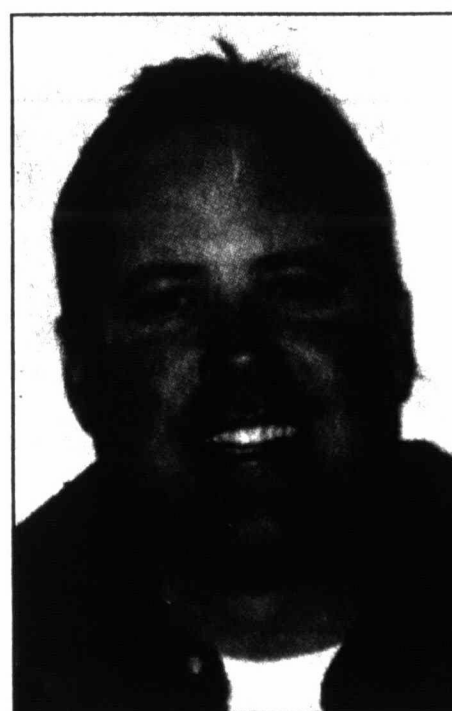
be more visual and accessible to the citizens," Didway said. He holds a current Texas peace officer's license, required for Gray County constables.

There are two contested primary races for constables, including Precinct 2, and one candidate in each race has said they will resign if elected in order to begin the process of having the office abolished in the county. Didway does not agree that constables should be eliminated.

"If you do away with the constable's position, extra work would be put on the sheriff's department. You would take away work they do right now and load up a deputy with paperwork to serve."

"I think abolishing the constables' offices is just more negativity for Gray

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Chris Didway

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ON RECORD

SHERIFF

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

Monday, March 1
Dillon T. Downs, 27, N. Sumner, was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

Jeffery Baker, 39, 1612 Tammie Knight Young, 40, 340 Tignor, was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents.

Saturday, Feb. 7
A missing person report was taken in the police department lobby.

Sunday, Feb. 29
Two separate incidents of criminal mischief were reported in the 1300 block of Christine. In each incident, eggs were thrown at two vehicles. One report estimated damage as under \$50, and no estimate of damage was given in the other report.

Monday, March 1
An information report concerning an abandoned child in Amarillo was received. Interference with an emergency call was reported in the 2300 block of Charles.

An information report was taken. No location was given for the report.

An information report was taken at the police department.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 1100 block of Darby. Six DVD movies and a Sony DVD player were taken, for an estimated loss of \$205.

Burglary was reported in the 2200 block of Beech. Taken was an estimated \$25 in cash.

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department received no emergency calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported to no calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

STOCKS

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

Wheat	3.42	KMI	62.32	-0.14
Milo	4.83	XCEL	17.93	-0.02
Corn	5.51	Kerr McGee	53.03	+0.09
Soybeans	8.82	Limited	19.54	-0.25
		Williams	9.42	-0.08
		MCD	28.45	+0.04
		TSCO	43.85	+0.57
		XOM	42.28	-0.24
		Atmos	26.71	+0.03
		Pioneer Nat	33.33	+0.28
		JCP	31.78	+0.42
		COP	69.96	-0.64
		SLB	66.41	-0.06
		Tenneco	14.05	-0.10
		CVX	89.95	-0.32
		Wal-Mart	59.94	-0.51
		OKE	22.95	+0.18
		NS Grp	11.10	+1.03
		Nortel	7.85	NC
		New York Gold	399.55	
		Silver	6.93	
		West Texas Crude	36.86	

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

OXY	46.18	NC	22.00
DG	22.00	BP	49.92
BP	49.92	Celanese	39.72
Celanese	39.72	Cabot Corp.	34.95
Cabot Corp.	34.95	Cabot Oil Gas	31.14
Cabot Oil Gas	31.14	Coca Cola	49.45
Coca Cola	49.45	VLO	60.25
VLO	60.25	HAL	32.30
HAL	32.30	Triad	34.07
Triad	34.07	NOI	30.61

OBITUARIES

BARBARA ANN BRACKEEN PITCOCK 1935-2004

MIAMI — Barbara Ann Brackeen Pitcock, 68, of Miami, died Monday, March 1, 2004, in Amarillo. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 3, 2004, at the United Methodist Church of Miami with the Rev. Thacker Haynes, pastor of the United Methodist Church of McLean, and the Rev. Don Kinder, pastor, officiating. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. at Llano Cemetery in Amarillo under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Pitcock was born on July 26, 1935, in Panhandle to Henry Lee and Josie Ladonia Malone Brackeen. She lived in Amarillo most of her life.

She was a member of the V.F.W. Auxiliary #5606 in Kansas City, Mo.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Paula Ladonia Annette Collins, in 1951; a grandson, Kenneth Wayne Mims, in 1998; by her parents; by three sisters, Lucille West, Ruby Grider, and Christine Karlin; and by a brother, Omer L. Brackeen.

Survivors include three daughters, Kay Mims and husband Larry of Tyler, Stephanie Early and husband Rusty of Miami and Charlene Matthews and friend Jim Mitchell of Amarillo; a foster daughter, Janet Webb and

husband Jack of Jacksonville, Texas; four stepdaughters, Nancy Hemmingway, Debbie Helton, Cecelia Hensen and Brenda Herbert; one stepson, Charlie Muecke; a companion of 11 years, John Muecke; two sisters, Kay Dixon of Amarillo and Audrey King of Ruidoso, N.M.; 25 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews, and friends; and a very special long-time friend of 55 years, Faye Polvadore of Amarillo.

Grandsons and friends will serve as pallbearers. If desired, memorials may be made to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

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



SERVICES TOMORROW

PITCOCK, Barbara Ann Brackeen — 10 a.m., United Methodist Church, Miami. Graveside services, 3 p.m., Llano Cemetery, Amarillo.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is calling for mostly cloudy skies, highs in the mid 50s and east winds 10 to 15 mph. Tonight should fall on mostly cloudy skies with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, areas of fog after midnight, lows in the lower 40s and east winds 5 to 15 mph. Wednesday should see mostly cloudy skies with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Areas of fog in the morning. Highs in the upper 50s. East winds around 10 mph. Wednesday night, mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Areas of fog after midnight. Lows in the mid 40s. Northeast

winds 5 to 10 mph. Thursday, mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Areas of fog in the morning. Highs in the lower 50s. Northeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s. Saturday night, mostly clear. Lows in the mid to upper 30s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower to mid 60s. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. Monday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.

Soldier's claim raises thorny issues

DALLAS (AP) — A West Texas Army reservist injured during the Iraq war has sued the state for denying his claim for a grant from a fund established to assist crime victims.

Staff Sgt. Ryan Kelly, believed to be the nation's first soldier to apply for compensation under such a program, is seeking \$150,000 in damages in a lawsuit he filed last month.

Kelly, 23, of Abilene contends he was a terrorism victim on July 14, 2003, when a hidden roadside artillery shell detonated near Baghdad and blew off his right leg below the knee. His leg was later amputated.

He applied twice for money from the state's Crime Victims Compensation Fund, which is designed to pay uncovered medical expenses for victims of crime including those injured or killed in overseas terrorism. He was turned down each time.

In court papers, Assistant Attorney General Rita Baranowski, representing Texas' attorney general, said Kelly is a casualty of war, not a crime victim.

The lawsuit has raised some sticky legal issues concerning who is considered a terrorist and who is responsible for taking care of

wounded soldiers. The issues have yet to be tested in court.

Kelly, a civilian paramedic and Mesquite Potteet High School graduate, plans to represent himself. If he wins, more injured soldiers could follow his lead, say victims rights advocates.

With more than 2,700 soldiers injured in Iraq, similar claims could wipe out funds intended for victims of rape, domestic violence and murder nationwide.

In his room at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Kelly trembled as he read a Jan. 9 letter written by Baranowski rejecting his application.

"It's hurtful that they'd say somehow somebody trying to kill a U.S. soldier is justified," Kelly told The Dallas Morning News in Tuesday's editions.

The state's crime victims fund was established in 1979. The Legislature last modified it in 1997, when coverage of international acts of terrorism was added.

Sen. John Whitmire, who sponsored the 1997 amendment, said that the Legislature did not consider that U.S. soldiers might file claims. He said lawmakers might need to revisit the issue.

Fingerprint delay may leave nation at a disadvantage

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chronic delays in the integration of FBI fingerprint files with databases used by the Border Patrol leave the United States vulnerable to entry by foreign criminals and terrorists, Justice Department investigators found Tuesday.

Glenn A. Fine, the Justice Department inspector general, said the latest projections are that the two systems won't be combined and automated to check every illegal alien until at least 2008, nearly two years behind the original schedule.

Until then, overworked Border Patrol agents must pick and choose which illegal aliens apprehended at U.S. borders to run through FBI databases that contain some 43 million ten-finger sets of prints of known criminals. That means some will slip through the cracks, possibly to commit more crimes, Fine said.

The report focused on the case of Victor Manuel Batres, who was stopped by Border Patrol agents twice in January 2002 but each time was returned to Mexico without having his fingerprints run through the FBI files. Had the agents done so, they would have discovered he had a long criminal history and could have turned him over to federal prosecutors.

Baylor president expresses outrage over student piece

WACO (AP) — Baylor University's president says he is "justifiably outraged" over a student newspaper editorial defending gay marriage.

Robert B. Sloan Jr.'s strongly worded statement ran Tuesday in the Baylor Lariat, the newspaper of the world's largest Baptist university.

"We have already heard from a number of students, alumni and parents who are, as am I, justifiably outraged over this editorial," Sloan wrote.

"Espousing in a Baylor publication a view that is so out of touch with traditional Christian teachings is not only unwelcome, it comes dangerously close to violating university policy, as published in the student handbook, prohibiting the advocacy of any understandings of sexuality that are contrary to biblical teaching," Sloan wrote.

The paper also published a statement Tuesday from the student publications board, a group of faculty and administrators overseeing the newspaper, calling the Friday editorial a violation of student publications policy, said board member Larry Brumley.

The policy states that no editorial stance of student publications should "attack the basic tenets of Christian theology or of Christian morality."

Brumley told The Associated Press on Tuesday

that no staffers overseeing the newspaper would be fired or face disciplinary actions and that no students would be punished.

Lariat Editor Lacy Elwood has said the editorial took a legal rather than a moral stance on the issue, and that the board's views do not necessarily reflect those of the Baylor community.

Last week, the editorial staff in a 5-2 vote supported San Francisco's lawsuit against California seeking to continue performing gay marriages.

"Taking into account equal protection under the law, gay couples should be granted the same equal rights to legal marriage as heterosexual couples," the editorial stated.

The piece also denounced discrimination against gays, likening it to racial or religious intolerance.

Richard George, the staff member who is the Lariat news director, said Monday that he made a judgment error and that the editorial should not have been published.

Similarities found in killings of two women

ARCADIA, La. (AP) — Authorities say they do not believe the death of a Dallas woman whose body was found in the trash near Arcadia is connected to similar deaths in Texas, Oklahoma and Mississippi.

But similarities with a killing

in West Memphis, Ark., might prompt a second look, authorities say.

Bienville Parish Sheriff John Ballance said sheriff's detective Randy Price, who attended a meeting Friday in Oklahoma with other law officers from five

states, said there is not enough to connect the death of Tracey Lynn Figures with those in the three neighboring states.

But a victim whose semine nude body was found at a truck stop in West Memphis, Ark., has striking similarities to Figures' death, they said.

In both cases, the victims suffered blows to the right side of the head, were partially clothed and allegedly, were involved in drugs and prostitution.

Figures was known to hang out at truck stops and was last seen there before her partially nude body was found inside a trash bin off of Interstate 49 on Jan. 19.

Dallas police arrested Figures in December for prostitution.

Ballance said the only break in the case could come if DNA is retrieved from an article of clothing discovered inside the trash bin along side Figures' body.

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At least 143 killed when explosions rock Shiite shrines

KARBALA, Iraq (AP) — Simultaneous explosions ripped through crowds of worshippers Tuesday at Shiite Muslim shrines in Baghdad and Karbala, killing at least 143 people on the holiest day of the Shiite calendar, a U.S. general said. It was the bloodiest day since the end of major fighting.

A "prime suspect" in the attacks was al Qaida-linked Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt said. U.S. officials say al-Zarqawi was planning spectacular attacks on Shiites aimed at sparking a Sunni-Shiite civil war.

In Tehran, Interior Ministry spokesman Jahanbakhsh Khanjani estimated that as many as 50 Iraqis were believed to be Iraqis. He said information was incomplete and no official figures on confirmed Iranian deaths was available. Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi said the United States and its allies were "responsible for security" for the pilgrims.

The attacks, a combination of suicide bombings and planted explosives during the Shiite festival of Ashoura, coincided with a shooting attack on Shiite worshippers in Quetta, Pakistan, that killed at least 41 people and wounded more than 150.

Police in the southern city of Basra kept the wave of violence from being even bloodier, arresting four would-be suicide bombing suspects.

Monday night, a bomb was defused in the

holiest Shiite city, Najaf, officials said.

Tuesday was the climax of the 10-day Ashoura festival. It is the most important period in the Shiite calendar and draws hundreds of thousands of pilgrims in Iraq, Iran, Pakistan and other Shiite communities.

The devastation Tuesday included the work of three suicide bombers who set off explosives in and around Baghdad's Kazimiya shrine, killing 58 and wounding 200, Kimmitt told reporters. In Karbala, at least one suicide attacker blew himself up and pre-set explosives detonated, killing 85 and wounding more than 230, he said.

A fourth suicide bomber whose explosives did not detonate was captured at Kazimiya, and six people were arrested in connection with the attack in Karbala, Kimmitt told reporters in Baghdad.

Iraqi police also arrested four would-be suicide bombers in the southern Iraqi city of Basra on Tuesday. Two men were arrested after a car bomb was found outside the Seyed Ali al-Musawi Mosque. Later in the day, police arrested two women who were wearing explosives-laden belts as they marched in a procession to mark Ashoura.

U.S. soldiers who arrived at Kazimiya were attacked by angry crowds throwing stones and garbage, injuring two Americans.

"This is the work of Jews and American occupation forces," blared a loudspeaker outside the

Kazimiya shrine. Inside, cleric Hassan Toaima told an angry crowd, "We demand to know who did this so that we can avenge our martyrs."

Mouwafak al-Rubaie, a Shiite member of the Iraqi Governing Council, said Tuesday's attacks bore al-Zarqawi's fingerprints.

"This is a message from Zarqawi to the Iraqi people and we received the message. It is written in blood now," al-Rubaie told CNN.

Iraq's Governing Council blamed the attacks on "terrorists" seeking to enflame sectarian divisions in the country.

Sunni, Shiite and Kurdish council representatives appeared before journalists, calling on Iraqis to maintain calm "in order to cheat our enemies of the chance to inflict evil on the nation."

The council declared three days of mourning and was considering delaying the signing of an interim constitution, U.S. coalition spokesman Dan Senor said.

Also Tuesday, insurgents threw a grenade into a U.S. Army Humvee as it drove down a Baghdad road, killing one 1st Armored Division soldier and wounding another. The death brings to 548 the number of U.S. service members who have died since the United States launched the Iraq war in March. Most have died since President Bush declared an end to active combat on May 1.

In Karbala, 50 miles south of Baghdad, five large blasts went off shortly after 10 a.m. near

the golden-domed shrine of Imam Hussein and another shrine. The explosions hurled bodies in all directions and sent crowds of pilgrims fleeing in panic.

Dead and wounded were loaded onto wooden carts normally used to ferry elderly pilgrims around holy sites. Bodies ripped apart by the force of the blasts lay on the streets.

Three explosions went off inside and outside Baghdad's Kazimiya shrine, which contains the tombs of two other saints. Panicked men and women dressed in black fled, screaming and weeping, as ambulances raced to the scene.

Crowds of enraged survivors swarmed nearby hospitals, some blaming Americans for stirring up religious tensions by launching the war, others blaming al-Qaida or Sunni extremists.

Stone-throwing Iraqis attacked U.S. Army medics trying to help wounded at Kazimiya, driving the U.S. troops back into their high-walled compound then trying to storm the gates. Soldiers threw smoke grenades and fired shotguns into the air to drive away the mob.

Kimmitt said that while U.S. troops usually set up an "outer cordon" around such high-security events, they stay far away from holy sites like shrines as mosques out of respect for the faithful.

Sheik Hamed Khafaf, a spokesman for Iraq's leading Shiite cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Hussein, accused American soldiers of not doing enough to improve security.

Texas lawmaker proposes mid-decade redistricting ban

WASHINGTON (AP) — A week away from Texas' first elections under redrawn congressional districts, a Houston Democrat has introduced a federal bill that would prohibit mid-decade redistricting.

Rep. Gene Green, a Houston Democrat, said Tuesday that mid-decade redistricting has "become a gross abuse of power in our current political climate."

He has introduced a bill that would limit redistricting, the redrawing of political voting boundaries to adjust for population shifts, to once a decade.

The bill was introduced late last

week and all members of Texas Democratic congressional delegation are co-sponsoring the bill.

The Texas Legislature approved redrawn congressional districts in October after a bitter partisan battle that stretched over part of the regular session and three special sessions. Democrats staged two walkouts in attempt to prevent the legislation from passing.

The redrawn districts could provide the GOP with up to six more seats in Congress, giving Republicans dominance of the Texas delegation, now split 16-16 between the parties.

Gaining the additional seats in Texas

would hamper Democrats' efforts to resume the majority in the U.S. House. Democrats have appealed a federal court ruling upholding the redrawn districts to the Supreme Court. The appeal is pending.

Republicans also redrew some districts in Colorado last year, but a federal court ruled that that state's constitutions did not allow for mid-decade redistricting.

Green said the U.S. Constitution mandates that congressional districts be drawn every 10 years after the decennial census.

"This mid-decade redistricting is an unprecedented power-grab never

imagined by our founding fathers," Green said. "These actions have damaged the ability of the parties to cooperate and effectively govern. Constituents are frustrated and confused by this process, leaving them less confident in their leaders and less inclined to be active participants. This type of partisan politicking undermines the strength of our democracy."

U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Sugar Land, has said the Constitution gives the task of drawing voting districts to Legislatures, not the courts. The Texas Legislature in 2001 failed to draw congressional districts, leaving the task to a federal court.

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DIDWAY

County, instead of looking for ways to boost the economy. Abolishing is the easy way to 'fix it,' Didway said.

Another worry about abolishing the office of constable is that it may open the door to eliminate other local offices which are provided for in the state constitution, he said, and that may in turn lead to more control from the state level.

"People who know me know that I'm honest, trustworthy and loyal," he said.

Kerry won't predict Super Tuesday sweep

WASHINGTON (AP) — John Kerry and John Edwards took a Super Tuesday time-out in the Senate before resuming their campaigns for delegates from the 10 states deciding which Democrat they want to oppose President Bush. A possible Kerry sweep threatened to push Edwards from the race.

After campaigning Tuesday morning in Atlanta, Kerry and Edwards flew back to Washington for the Senate vote on extending the ban on military-style assault weapons. Both candidates voted in favor of the extension, which the Senate approved 52-47.

Kerry was remaining in Washington for an election-night party while Edwards planned to fly back to Atlanta to await returns in Georgia, one of the Super Tuesday states that are worth more than half of the delegates needed to win the Democratic nomination.

In spite of polls showing him ahead of Edwards in every state, Kerry would not predict victory or suggest that Edwards leave the race if he were to fail to win any states. The Massachusetts senator also would not say whether anyone, including his colleague from North Carolina, is under consideration by his campaign as a running mate.

"We're going to try to do the best we can state by state," Kerry told reporters in suburban Atlanta. Appearing at a

freight and trucking depot just outside the city, he promoted jobs and health care and promised workers he would neither cut nor privatize Social Security.

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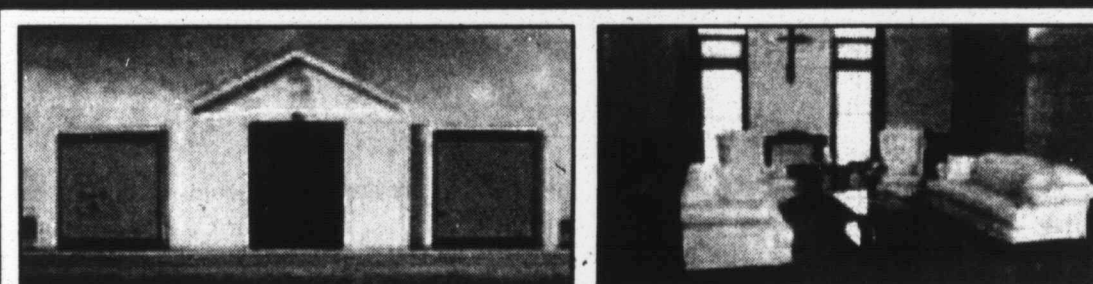
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Debunking some myths

To the editor:

Constable races, precincts 4 and 2
Debunking some myths.

Just about anyone can arrest a sheriff or a governor, should they need arresting.

The state of Texas does not mandate a county to fill constable positions; they only authorize them should they be needed. Some facts.

The county judge and commissioners set the salaries for constable positions.

The primary duties of a constable are to serve the papers of the court and to act as bailiff if necessary.

In one precinct in Gray County, the service of court papers for a year, based on budget, cost \$750 for each paper served. In some counties, including a larger population and more active court, deputies take care of the duties constables do in Gray County.

In precinct 4, five candidates are vying for the constable job. All are employed at the present time. The constable position is a part-time job as many county residents are aware. The salary set by the county is in excess of that paid for full-time jobs. Two candidates, one running for precinct 4 constable and one for precinct 2 constable, in the coming election are running in order to do away with the positions. Both see the possibility of tax revenue savings and corresponding full employment for others in law enforcement in Gray County.

Try putting the number of court papers served by constables during a three-year budget against their budgets. There is an apparent lack of will or desire to conserve tax revenue, certain county functions have been contracted out and prosecutions have been given short shrift because of lack of funding.

Bill Reeves
McLean

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, March 2, the 62nd day of 2004. There are 304 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One hundred years ago, on March 2, 1904, children's author Theodor Seuss Geisel — popularly known as "Dr. Seuss" — was born in Springfield, Mass.

On this date:

In 1793, the first president of the Republic of Texas, Sam Houston, was born near Lexington, Va.

In 1836, Texas declared its independence from Mexico.

In 1877, Republican Rutherford B. Hayes was declared the winner of the 1876 presidential election over Democrat Samuel J. Tilden, even though Tilden had won the popular vote.

In 1899, Mount Rainier National Park in Washington state was established.

In 1917, Puerto Ricans were granted U.S. citizenship.

In 1923, Time magazine made its debut.

In 1933, the motion picture "King Kong," starring Fay Wray, had its world premiere in New York.

In 1939, Roman Catholic Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli was elected pope; he took the name Pius XII.

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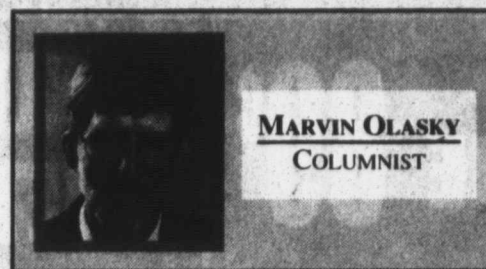
Bush the cowboy, take two

A year ago, just before the Iraq War began, Lexis-Nexis showed 800 articles over one month's time linking the words "Bush" and "cowboy," almost always in a derogatory way. This year, my search revealed "only" 610 — so maybe reporters are getting tired of beating the drum.

Or maybe European and American liberals who attack President Bush in this way (as they attacked Ronald Reagan) are realizing that for most Americans, "cowboy" is not a bad word. As one reader of this column who is a working cowboy, Bo Bowman of Montana, wrote last year, "A cowboy is someone who is honorable and who does the right thing even if it's going to cost him."

What to do about criticism of the president's "High Noon" mentality? Bring it on. The plot of that archetypal 1950s Western has the Miller gang coming to town to shoot the sheriff and, it appears, shoot up the town, as well. The sheriff, played by Gary Cooper, searches for citizen support but gets reactions like these: "We're not peace officers. This ain't our job." "This whole thing has been handled wrong." "What are we all getting so excited about? How do we know Miller's on that train, anyway?"

For those listening to Democratic primary chatter about Iraq, words like those sound familiar. What's sad is that the last words in "High Noon's" town debate are



MARVIN OLASKY
COLUMNIST

the pastor's: "The right and the wrong seem pretty clear here. But if you're asking me to tell my people to go out and kill, and maybe get themselves killed, I'm sorry. I don't know what to say. I'm sorry." Sheriffs or presidents, though, cannot say "sorry" and leave it at that. They have to act, realizing that whatever they do will harm tranquility. Eden is not an option.

In "High Noon," the sheriff — eventually aided by his pacifist wife, who at the end cannot stick to her principles when it means seeing her husband killed — saves the town by shooting Miller. Regardless of what we learn now about the existence of WMDs, Cowboy Bush acted last year in a responsible way, given that spies from every land believed Saddam was armed and dangerous to other countries. Even apart from WMDs, look at Saddam's terrorist connections and the way he tortured and murdered his own people.

But acting responsibly is no fun, and the heroes of good 1950s Westerns often

made decisions that saved the day but made their future days harder. The "High Noon" sheriff and his wife leave town at the end of the movie, their relations with its citizens destroyed. The sheriff could have put off the problem to tomorrow, to someone else's watch, but instead he saw that the only choices available were bad ones, and then chose the best of the bad lot.

That's what Sheriff Bush has done. Like Harry Truman, Dwight Eisenhower or John F. Kennedy during the two decades after World War II — when the Cold War choices were appeasement of tyrants, mutual destruction or a long, tough struggle against communism — this president has chosen the course that requires arduous commitment over a long period of time. He won't get the votes of those who think Miller gang members will be our friends if we only understand the root causes of their alienation.

I'm 53 and had hoped that my children would not live in a world of such international tension, but they do. It seems that every generation has to face choices that don't get any easier.

This would be sad, except for some good news sprinkled through the Bible and recapped in chapter 21 of the book of Revelation: God will eventually wipe away every tear. President Bush understands that, as well.



Grow the economy, hold the line

It seems fitting that the deadline set by law for Congress to pass a budget is the same deadline taxpayers have for filing their tax returns — April 15. Most of the debate about the budget revolves around spending money: how much to spend on which programs, whether spending is going up fast enough to meet the need. But, it is probably a good idea to start at the beginning. For as Winston Churchill once said, "Governments create nothing and have nothing to give but what they have first taken away."

For the fiscal year starting October 1, the federal government expects to take about \$2 trillion dollars from taxpayers. That is \$238 billion more than it took last year. It is about \$7,000 for every man, woman, and child in the United States.

There are some who do not think that is enough. They want to repeal some or all of the tax cuts of recent years, in effect raising taxes. Some of those tax reductions will expire automatically in December if they are not extended. Those expiring provisions include the increase in the child tax credit, reducing the marriage penalty, and expanding the 10% bracket.

While the federal government will take in about \$2 trillion in taxes, it is estimated that it will spend about \$2.4 trillion. In other words, it is expected to spend about \$400 billion more than it receives — that is the deficit.

The fact that we have such a large deficit surprises some people. After all, the federal budget was in surplus just a few years ago. When the economists analyze what has caused the change, they say 22% of the cause is higher spending,



MACK THORNBERRY
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE

much of it for defense and homeland security, 25% is from tax cuts bringing in less money to the federal government, and 53% is based on the slow economy bringing in less revenue than was forecast. The President wants to cut the deficit in half over the next five years. A lot of us in Congress think we can do even better.

When you look at federal spending, the biggest category is mandatory spending, also known as entitlements. Everyone who meets the eligibility criteria can receive the benefit. Two-thirds of federal spending is entitlements, the largest being Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and unemployment benefits. A one year budget does not affect those programs; only a change in the permanent law, such as the welfare reform bill passed a few years ago, can do that. Entitlements, especially those, like Medicare and Medicaid, involving health care, increase every year at a significant rate.

Of the 34% of federal spending that is not entitlements, national security programs are the biggest category. The President has proposed increasing defense spending 7% next year and increasing homeland security 10%. Congress should carefully review the individual programs, but we are still

engaged in a war with a determined enemy and must fulfill the government's responsibility to defend our people.

For all other spending, the President proposed spending about the same next year as we are spending this year, although some individual programs would go up and others would go down. The President even proposed ending more than 60 relatively small programs, saving about \$5 billion.

Passing a budget through Congress is difficult and frustrating. No one gets a budget just as they want it. I often end up voting for a budget plan, not because I really like it, but because the alternatives are so much worse.

For me, the top priority this year ought to be making sure the economy continues to grow, and that is just what the tax relief passed last year seems to be doing. The next priority should be to hold the line on spending. I would support lower spending than most of my colleagues but will support the effort that is most effective.

I also believe that it is very important for Congress to make structural reforms. It is just too easy for Congress to spend other people's money. And when something jumps up as an urgent priority, like homeland security after September 11, spending on lesser priorities ought to be reduced.

I try to never forget that every dollar spent by the federal government is taken out of the wallet or purse of some American who earned it — an American who is also trying to feed a family or create jobs or pay for health care. We must be very careful how much we take and how we spend that dollar.

BUSINESS REVIEW

Rehabilitation services at Pampa Nursing Center

**BY DIANE WELLS,
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PAMPA NURSING CENTER**

Therapy Practitioners are needed at all levels of health-care, including the nursing home setting. Rehab therapists who work with the aging individual must have a comprehensive knowledge base of



(Courtesy photo)

Diane Wells, Rehab Director at Pampa Nursing Center.

physical, psychiatric and psychosocial dysfunction. The elderly individual is not only changing as a result of aging, but may also have multiple medical problems that impair function. Therefore, physical and mental health problems may concurrently cause limitations for the aging individual. Social concerns, such as

whether a spouse, son, or daughter will be able to assist the patient may also compound the situation.

The elderly population includes the well-elderly, the acutely disabled, such as those individuals with cerebral vascular accident (stroke) or depression and those with long-term physical or psychiatric disability. The combination of disability, disease, aging, and the individual's personality and social situation creates a truly interesting and rewarding area of practice. Because of the diversity of the aging population, Rehab practitioners need to have a knowledge base that includes an understanding of specific diseases and disabilities, and of the aging process. Further knowledge of developmental theories, models of adaptation and learning, culture and family dynamics are also essential in order to appropriately treat the aging individual.

The Rehabilitation Model of Therapy treatment focuses on function in the areas of self-care, work, and leisure. We use the team-oriented approach, working together

with administration, nursing, social services, and our patients. This approach allows the patient to have input on the rehab goals to be achieved during the therapeutic process. We believe that the patients and their families (if possible) need to be involved from the beginning of therapeutic care. We work together to set realistic goals toward functional independence.

Our Rehab team at Pampa Nursing Center possesses the knowledge and skills required in working with the aging individual. We are specialists in independent living and the repertoire of community agencies and social services. We work with others in the healthcare community to promote the most positive and effective rehabilitation possible to meet the needs of our residents. We have the knowledge and skills to promote adaptation to physical, emotional and cognitive changes that may occur with the aging individuals. Most importantly, we work closely with our residents and their families to ensure that all of our rehab patients receive the best quality of care that they deserve.



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Jeff Leigh, PTA, at Pampa Nursing Center with PNC resident and rehab patient Arthur Gibson.



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Diane Wells, COTA, at Pampa Nursing Center works with PNC resident and rehab patient Arthur Gibson.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Mom Has Trouble Letting Go of Son Planning His Wedding

DEAR ABBY: I am 22. My fiancé, "David," is 23. We are both busy with our internships, working and finishing our degrees. David and his older brother still live at home, but now that we are planning a wedding and preparing our apartment, he sometimes spends the evening with me -- having dinner, planning, doing homework, etc. Occasionally he stays over. This has caused his mother, "Vonda," to freak out.

Vonda says she's not used to him being away from home. (My apartment is only a mile away.) She makes a big fuss about him not eating dinner with them or not calling to let her know his plans. She constantly tries to make us feel guilty about not spending more time with them. But at 23, neither David nor I think her requests are appropriate.

Two days ago Vonda e-mailed my parents and accused them of allowing me to do whatever I want. It's ridiculous, because I have lived on my own for three years and my parents have no part in this. It's almost like she doesn't take us seriously and that's why we're being treated like children.

The next few months are supposed to be for us to plan our wedding. I don't want to have to deal with this. I don't even want to be in the presence of David's parents now because of their lack of respect and civility. Must I tolerate his mother's behavior? Am I compelled to spend time in his parents' house? --

TURNED OFF IN TOLEDO
DEAR TURNED OFF: David's mother appears to be suffering from acute separation anxiety. Both of her adult sons still live under her roof and eat at her table. She looks at you -- an independent woman -- and sees a worldly rival "who's allowed to do whatever she wants," stealing her boy away.

David is long overdue for a serious talk with his parents. While, in a sense, he will always be "their little boy," he is a man now and will soon be striking out on his own. However, if he's not going to be home for dinner and plans to stay the night at your place, it would be considerate of him to let his parents

know so they won't be concerned. Must you tolerate Vonda's behavior? Yes, for the time being. Are you compelled to spend time with your future in-laws? You will if you're as smart as I think you are. There's much to be gained from strong family ties, if it's possible to maintain them. I have a hunch Vonda feels very isolated right now. A step in the right direction would be for you to ask her for some input on those wedding plans.

DEAR ABBY: When a person is asked what is wrong with him or her, are they obliged under the rules of good manners to give an unambiguous report of their illness, even if their malady is a result of AIDS, TB, VD, mental illness or any of the other diseases to which humankind is subjected?

My question stems from an intensive interrogation. Your response will be deeply appreciated. -- WONDERRING IN RANCHO CUCAMONGA

DEAR WONDERRING: Although the "interrogation" may have been out of concern for you and well-intentioned, you were under no social obligation to give a specific reply. If it happens again, smile and say, "If that were any of your business, you'd already know the answer."

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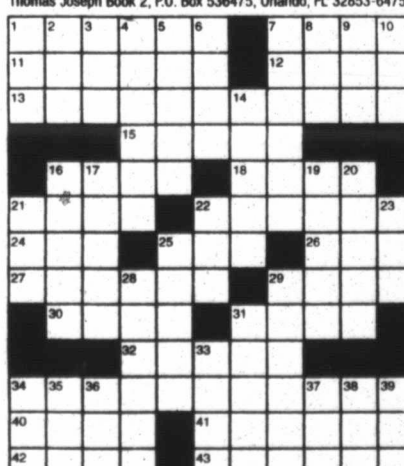
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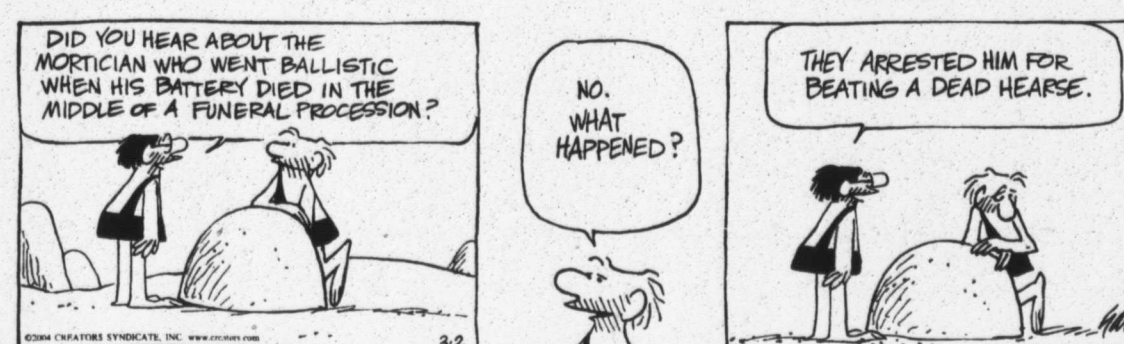
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Weekly Writing Corner

Who needs a free press?

I think it is important to protect our right to a free press because it balances both sides of a story. Without a free press, only one side of a story could be represented, which wouldn't fairly inform the public. Free press benefits the people that read it. It informs people of current events and important stories that affect their communities.

Briana, 6th Grade

It is important to have a free press so that you know what everybody thinks. The people are the ones who benefit. If the government controlled the press, people would only know what the president thinks. If the political parties controlled the press then you might only know what the Democrats think or what the Republicans think. It just wouldn't be fair.

Mike, 6th Grade

The people need a free press because a free press tells people the truth.

Chris, 5th Grade

I think that it is not a good idea to have a free press because people might write something that the president doesn't want published in the newspaper.

Angel, 5th Grade

I think it's important to have a free press because it lets people express opinions about things. Some countries have to give the newspaper to the governor to see if it's good. They also have to write about things that make the government look good.

Sydney, 5th Grade

If we did not have a free press, people would not be able to express their thoughts and feelings freely. Free speech is one of the things that make our country great.

Christopher, 4th Grade

I believe everyone should have the right to a free press! I think everybody should know all about the issues. People should know the facts before making decisions.

Diana, 4th Grade

Write On!

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This gives just the very basics of a story. It has to be short, snappy and easy to understand. It should grab the reader's attention and make them want to read on.

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The byline tells the name of the person who wrote the story and their newspaper.

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The dateline tells where the event in the news story happened.

The Photo

A photo isn't just decoration. With one "click" a photographer can capture the feeling and details of an event.

The Caption

(Also known as a "cutline.") This is a brief description of the picture, identifying the subject and situation.

GORILLA SUSPECT IN PIZZA PARLOR PANDEMONIUM

By C. Noevil
NADA VISTA OBSERVER

NADA VISTA, CA — Cuddles the gorilla, who has escaped from the Nada Vista Zoo several times in the past year, allegedly broke into Pete's Pizza Parlor last night, local police claim.

Cuddles, a longtime resident of the zoo, was reportedly discovered wearing a chef's disguise and attempting to make himself an orange and banana pizza.



"We received an anonymous tip from a customer who said that Pete seemed a bit heavier and hairier than usual," said Chief Mike Jenkins.

Cuddles was returned to the zoo last night. Cuddles surrendered without incident just outside the pizza parlor, according to police. "Our cuffs

Please see Gorilla, page 6

Just the Facts.

A news story should be fair, accurate and tell both sides of a story. A good reporter does not express his/her opinion. They let the reader decide.

The Lead

The first sentence of a news story tells the most important information the reporter has discovered. It should also make the reader want to learn more details.

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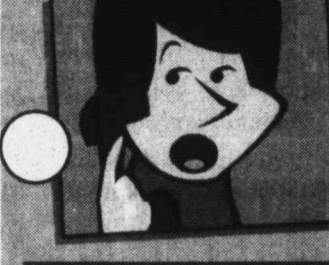
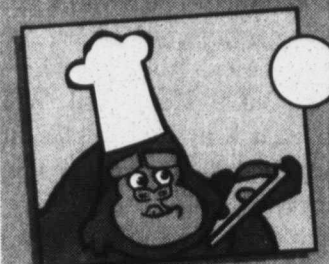
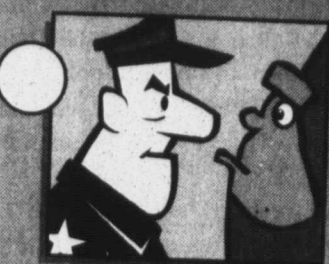
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The Quote

The exact words a "source" speaks to a reporter.

Going Bananas

Read the news story. Then, number these "news photos" in the correct order.



Standards Link: Narrative analysis: Identify the beginning, middle and end of a story.

News Search

Circle an example of each of the above in your newspaper.

Standards Link: Research: Understand the organization of newspapers and how to use print materials.

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When a story is continued to another part of the paper, the "jump" tells readers where to find the rest.

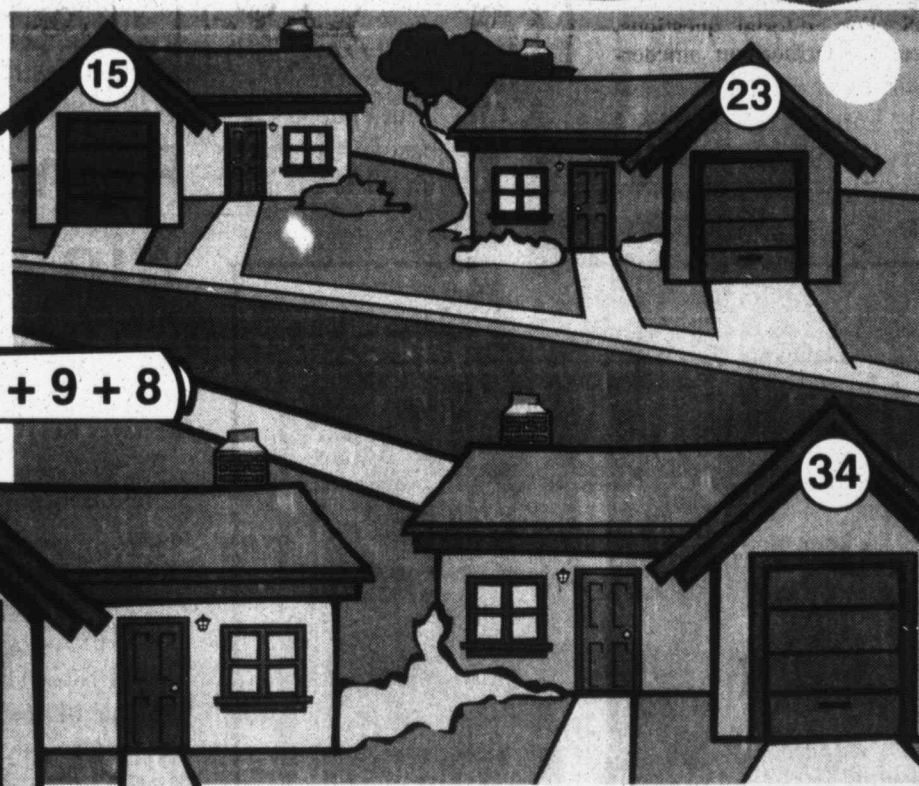
Gorilla

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didn't fit him at all," said Jenkins. "He came along quietly. He's a gentle guy, really. I think he was surprised at all the

Delivery Data

Which homes on this street have the newspaper delivered? Do each math problem to find the addresses that DO receive the newspaper, and draw a line from the newspaper to that home.



Extra! Extra! Gorilla Helper

Help Cuddles the gorilla find his way back to the zoo. Look through the newspaper ads to find items to get you past each obstacle:

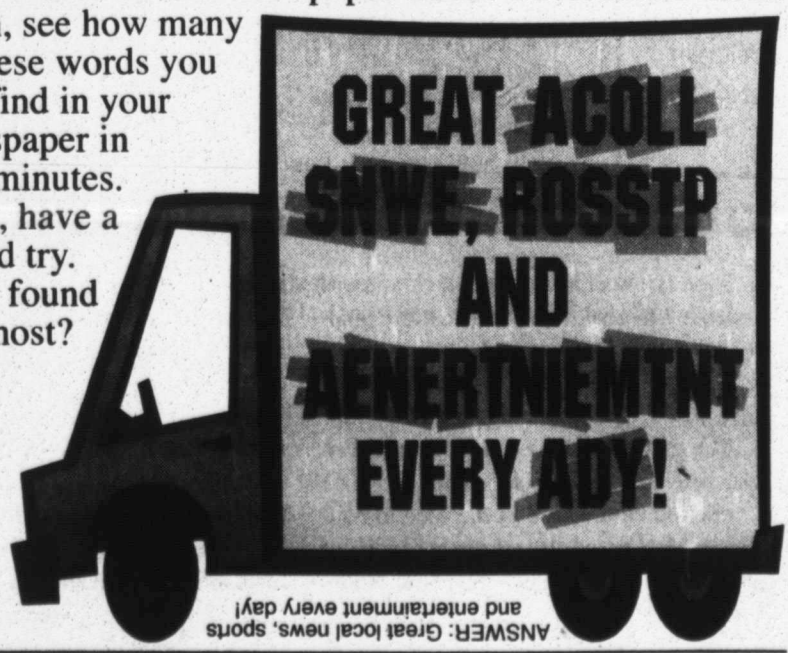
- A 10' tall fence with a locked iron gate.
- A deep river.
- A dark alley.

Standards Link: Research: Understand the organization of newspapers and how to use print materials.

Mixed Messages

Cuddles has scrambled the letters to the highlighted words on this newspaper truck. Unscramble them.

Then, see how many of these words you can find in your newspaper in two minutes. Next, have a friend try. Who found the most?



ANSWER: Great local news, sports and entertainment every day!
Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade appropriate words correctly.

Double Double Word Search

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Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

BEYOND KidScoop

Luggage Loader

Now that you helped Cuddles return to his home in the zoo, you deserve a vacation. Draw a picture of a suitcase and "pack" it with things you would like to take, using pictures and words from the newspaper.

Standards Link: Visual Arts: Tell a story using pictures or graphic representation in a variety of media.

How do you make a green gorilla?

ANSWER: Cross a blue gorilla and a yellow gorilla.

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SPORTS

PHS girls win twice at Prairie Dog Classic

LUBBOCK — The Pampa Lady Harvester softball girls traveled to Lubbock last Thursday to compete in the 2004 Prairie Dog Classic.

Sponsored by the city of Lubbock and Cardinal's Sport Center, all games were played at Burl Huffman Fields. Playing in Division One, Pampa took on 5A El Paso Coronado in their opener and dropped a 5-1 decision, then played # 9 ranked 5A Lubbock Coronado losing 8-0, in the Thursday night games. In Friday's morning game Pampa paired against Levelland in a rematch of last years championship game at this same tournament.

4A Levelland won that game 9-4, but this time around Pampa came away with a 6-0 shutout. Cassy Tice held the Lobos in check to pick up her 3rd win in non-district. Abbi Covalt, Amy Youree, Callie Cobb and Whitney Roden each had singles, plus Stacey Johnson's double provided the firepower needed for the game.

Friday's nightcap saw a very good pitching matchup against El Paso Irvin. The Lady Harvesters' Nicole Clark gave up an early run but kept her composure as the Pampa girls scored twice



Nicole Clark

in the fourth to defeat Irvin 2-1. Clark (2-3) also drove in the tying run to aid her cause.

Callie Cobb followed with another hit to drive in the winning run. Tice and Johnson had singled earlier in the 4th to set up the scoring.

With the win Friday night Pampa advanced on into the quarters to face Brownwood early Saturday, struggling to make the routine plays was too much to overcome as the Lady Harvesters dropped a 9-6 heartbreaker to the Lions. Plenty of offense was provided during the game including Tice's 3 run homer, run scoring double and rbi single.

Youree had two hits, Covalt, Cobb and Roden each had singles in the losing effort. Brittany Westbrook added a sac fly to aid in the scoring. Tice took the mound loss to even her record at (3-3).

Lubbock Coronado defeated Lubbock Cooper 11-1 to win the tour-

namment Saturday evening. Pampa (6-6) is scheduled to play at Borger today with the JV game beginning at 4:30pm.

The Lady Harvesters open at home in

Pampa reaches Borger tourney finals

BORGER — Pampa won three consecutive games in the Borger Tournament, before bowing to Perryton 10-7 in the championship finals.

Young pitchers Tyson Hickman (sophomore) and Bret Ferrell (freshman) saw action on the mound for the Harvesters and combined to allow 10 hits and 7 earned runs.

Pampa's defense had problems under windy conditions and committed some costly errors that led to three Perryton runs.

Jed Martin and Shea Brown led the Harvesters at the plate. Martin had two hits and one RBI while Brown had two hits and two RBI. Defensively, Brown at catcher and Jake Craig at first base made several key plays to keep Perryton runners off base.

The Harvesters get a chance for some revenge today when they host Perryton at 4:30 at Harvester Field. Tyler Doughty is expected start on the mound for Pampa.

In the Borger Tournament, the

district play March 8 (jv) and March 9 (varsity) when the Randall Lady Raiders come to visit at Pampa High School.

Harvesters started with a 6-2 win over Dumas, then followed with victories over Childress (21-1) and Borger (11-7).

Pampa overwhelmed inexperienced Childress as Doughty, Hunter Craig, Dustin Lenderman and Derek Lewis led the hitting attack. Hickman, Ferrell and Nick Story combined on the mound for a three-hitter.

The Harvesters committed only one error. Old nemesis Borger was next up for the Harvesters, who collected 11 hits to beat the Bulldogs.

Lenderman picked up the win, going 5 and 2/3rds innings before he was relieved by Doughty in the sixth. Lenderman helped his own cause with a double and single. Doughty, Hickman and Seth Foster also had two hits apiece. RBI leaders were Brown and Hickman.

It was the third game in a row Pampa's defense was charged with only one error.

City of Pampa Winter 4 v 4 Volleyball League Standings

Mens Open	Wins	Losses
Mike & Josh	7	2
Team Green	6	3
A.S.S.I.	5	4
Domino's	0	9
Womens Open	Wins	Losses
Sheila Webb Insurance	7	0
Winborne Mfg.	5	2
Innovative Staffing Solutions	2	5
Goldcraft Jewelers	0	7

OSU wins share of Big 12 League title

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — The victory safely in hand, Joey Graham and John Lucas decided to celebrate Oklahoma State's first Big 12 championship in style.

As the final seconds burned off the clock, Lucas suddenly stopped in the lane on a fast break and gently lofted the ball up to a soaring Graham who

finished with one of his trademark thunderous dunks.

Graham's slam gave him 20 points, and Lucas finished with 14 points and seven assists to help the eighth-ranked Cowboys claim a share of their first league title in 13 years with a 76-67 victory Monday night over No. 10 Texas.

Pampa High hurdlers win at Tiger Relays

FRENSHIP — Pampa hurdlers Greg Wiley and Kendall Stokes came away winners at the Tiger Relays last weekend.

Wiley won the 110-high hurdles with a time of 15.67 in the boys' division.

Stokes was clocked at 15.77 to win the 100 high hurdles in the girls' division.

Wiley was also on Pampa's winning 400-meter relay team which also included Johnny Moore, Jesse Tarango and Mark Williams.

Tiger Relays at Frenship Boys Division

Team totals: 1. Palo Duro 113; 2. Frenship 86; 3. Snyder 81; 4. Abilene Wylie 74; 5. Levelland 69; 6. Sweetwater 57; 7. Cooper 46; 8. Pampa 44; 9. Big Spring 43; 10. Estacado 42; 11. Sundown 11.

Pampa results are as follows: 200: 4. Jesse Tarango, 23.37. 110 high hurdles: 1. Greg Wiley, 15.67.

400 relay: 1. Johnny Moore, Greg Wiley, Jesse Tarango, Mark Williams), 45.31.

800 relay: 5. Pampa, 1:36.60. Long jump: 3. Johnny Moore, 19-3 1/2.

Girls Division

Team totals: 1. Estacado 134; 2. Abilene Wylie 121; 3. Hereford 113; 4. Big Spring 107 1/2; 5. Frenship 64; 6. Levelland 54; 7. Cooper 44; 8. Pampa 36 1/2; 9. Sundown 4.

Pampa results are as follows:

800: 4. Jerrica Timmons, 2:47.7. 100 high hurdles: 1. Kendall Stokes, 15.77; 6. Alyssa Bromwell, 17.44.

High jump: 4. Jaclyn Spearman, 4-10; 5. Kaysha Lee, 4-8.

Pole vault: 2. Brittany Irvin, 7-6. Long jump: 4. Alyssa Bromwell, 15-11 1/2.

Triple jump: 4. Kendall Stokes, 33-4.

Showdown looms in Optimist League

PAMPA — With one game to go in the regular season, the Warner-Horton Cavaliers at 9-0 are one game ahead of the 8-1 Holmes Gift Shoppe & Sports Center Sixers in the 5th-6th grade division of the Optimist Boys' Basketball League, according to Commissioner Dawn Clendening.

The showdown comes tonight when the teams play each other for a second time this season. A win clinches the league championship for Warner-Horton. A loss creates a tie and playoff possibility.

Last week, Luke Watson with 10 points and Alex Clendening with 8 led Warner-Horton past 1-8 Liquid Recovery Systems 40-17. Zach Murray scored 9 points for LRS and Tyler Malone had their other 8

points. Holmes edged the Celanese Mavericks 45-43 as the Mavs maintained third place with a 5-4 record. The National Bank of Commerce Spurs kept the Pampa Office Supply Heat winless with a 43-22 victory. Braden Hunt with 19 points and Taylor Jordan with 18 paced NBC, now 4-5 for the season. Reid Bradley with 10 and Keelan Patton with 8 were the high scorers for Pampa Office Supply.

Frank's True Value Sixers lead the 3rd-4th grade division with an 8-1 record. They thrashed the winless Cabot Swoosh 33-5 and the second-place Culligan Water Conditioning Spurs 31-11 last week. Latigo Collins with 12 points and Shane Smith with 11 led Frank's. Jonathan Cox made 3 of Cabot's points.

Collins scored 14 against Culligan while Culligan's leading scorers were Cole Engle 4, and Ryan Pearson 3.

The Quality Sales Trail Blazers pulled into a second-place tie with Culligan last week by defeating the Celanese Lakers 25-20 and the Cabot Swoosh 28-10. Quality Sales and Culligan are both 6-3 for the season. Reid Miller led all scorers with 23 points against Celanese and 18 against Cabot. Brandon Cox had an 11-point effort for Celanese while Jonathan Cox and Cole Buck had 4 each for Cabot.

Celanese is in fourth place with a 2-8 record. Cabot is 0-9.

A City Tournament will end the season. It starts Thursday with all teams participating.

On the run



Pampa senior Kat Passini beats an opponent to the ball in a recent District 3-4A soccer match. The Lady Harvesters host Caprock at 4:15 p.m. today.

Harvesters have close calls, but continue unbeaten district streak

PAMPA - It may not have been the high-scoring performance Pampa has been used to over the past few games, but a 2-1 win over Randall continues the Harvesters' winning run in District 3-4A competition.

After holding out for 24 minutes against a stout wind and persistent

Raider attack, the Harvesters (6-9-1, 4-0) saw something they had never seen in district play- an opponent with the lead. Raider senior Clint Taylor took an assist from Lee Causey to give Randall (2-11-0, 1-4) a 1-0 lead, marking the first time the Harvesters have trailed a district opponent in their 2004 campaign.

The Harvesters' deficit would last for 28 more minutes until senior forward Sammy Silva scored the equalizer at the 52nd minute.

With the wind to their backs, a hustling Pampa team barely allowed

Randall to breathe past midfield. However, lackluster shooting and a strong performance by Raider goalkeeper Todd

Thompson kept the Harvesters at bay for much of the second half.

Another Silva score in the 64th minute would finally be enough for the Harvesters to ice the victory, leaving the Harvesters undefeated in district play.

Senior goalkeeper Carlos Medina had 6 saves in the match, while his Randall counterpart Thompson logged 23 saves in his second start of the season.

If the Pampa boys soccer team learned anything on Friday night, it was that no team in District 3-4A can be taken lightly.

Caprock (2-12-0, 1-4) went into the makeup match tied with Randall for last place in the district standings, while the Harvesters (7-9-1, 5-0) were looking to extend a four-game win streak.

After a knock-down, drag-out battle for most of the game, the lone score came on a thrilling penalty kick by senior forward Sammy Silva.

In the 58th minute of the game, defend-

er Jason Brown took a direct kick to assist a strike on goal, when Longhorn goalkeeper Ever Gonzales clobbered Silva, setting up the senior's winning penalty kick.

The game turned out to be a wild contest, with four yellow cards and one red card issued in the second half. Coach May noted the consistent work of senior foreign exchange sensation Robin Bittner. The German import has become one of the Harvesters' most dependable contributors in the 2004 season.

The second time around was no charm for Canyon High at Kimbrough Memorial Stadium on Saturday.

After losing 4-1 to a short-handed Pampa team in the first round of 3-4A competition, the Eagles (5-11-2, 3-3) came up about ten minutes short of taking the district-leading Harvesters (8-9-1, 6-0) into a shootout on their home turf.

Despite a steady first-half wind to their backs, the Green Team's offense was

struggling for a good shot on goal, and holding off a hard-fighting Eagle squad in a battle that saw little action on either end of the field.

At the 26 minute mark, a strike by Canyon left the Harvesters down, 1-0.

With little time remaining in the first half, sophomore midfielder

Steven Smith matched the score to give his team the 1-1 equalizer.

With the steady wind in their faces and backs to the wall, Carlos Medina and the Harvester defense buckled down and staved off a hungry Canyon team until senior Sammy Silva could score an unassisted goal to give the Harvesters a 2-1 victory in the 67th minute.

Coach Byron May commended the effort of senior Dannie Meza for a strong effort against the Eagles. Meza began playing with the team in late January at the Carrollton Tournament, coming off a devastating knee injury suffered before the 2003 football season.

NOTEBOOK

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — The Pampa Lady Harvester Basketball Banquet will be held Wednesday (March 10), starting at 7:30 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall. Tickets are \$10.

RSVP to Janis at 665-6719 or Doretta at 669-3523.

CHILDRESS — Fort Elliott was ousted by Aspermont 50-30 Monday night in a Class 1A boys' regional semi-final game.

Aron Marks paced Aspermont with 25 points. Junior Newman had 13 points and Jason Boydston 12 to lead the Cougars in scoring.

Fort Elliott ends the season with a 22-9 record.

BASEBALL

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Brian Jordan prepared for his morning workout with the Texas Rangers from the clubhouse locker closest to the back door, the one that used to be occupied by the MVP he expected to be his teammate.

When Jordan signed in December, the Rangers had just ended two months of talks with Boston concerning Alex Rodriguez. But the American League MVP was traded to the New York Yankees the week before Jordan got to spring training.

"You get a great opportunity to play with a great player. You look forward to that," Jordan said. "So it caught me by surprise. When the Boston trade didn't go through, I just knew he was going to be here."

While Jordan is "really unsure" if his decision to join Texas would have been different if he'd known A-Rod would be gone, the young Rangers now need the veteran outfielder more than ever.

They need Jordan's bat in the middle of the lineup, his glove in right field and, most importantly, his presence and leadership.

"You can tell already the weight that Brian's words carry," manager Buck Showalter said. "What I love about him, he's very selective about when he uses them. ... The other day when he spoke up, every head there jerked around to see what he had to say."

Jordan, who will turn 37 before opening day of his 13th major league season, knows part of his role is to lead. That's something he planned to do regardless, and what the Rangers wanted even before trading Rodriguez.

"I don't think my role changes whether it's a younger club or a veteran club," Jordan said. "I go about my job as far as leading by example, play hard and just hope guys follow. When I need to speak, I speak, but I'll let my actions speak."

Jordan is a .287 career hitter who played in the World Series with Atlanta in 1999.

Sports E-Mail

The Pampa News sports department now has its own e-mail address.

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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)
 ***** Observe how others help charge your thought process. Express your thoughts and don't hold back, as in stream of consciousness. Brainstorming brings forth many ideas, especially involving work and daily living. Tonight: Take a midweek break.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ***** You appear to be on the verge of accomplishing something you have considered worthwhile and significant. Friends and family push you across the line. Live up to your value system, making choices accordingly. Tonight: At home, enjoying a change of pace.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ***** You might feel pulled

between two major concerns. Worry less, and zero in on what you deem to be important. Communication remains critical, as you will cover a lot of ground physically and/or mentally. Tonight: Head out of work as soon as you can.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ***** Expenses give rise to concern. You might want to detach some and seek out expert advice. Clearly, someone else might have a totally different perspective from you. Verify news or information before acting on it. Hearsay won't help. Tonight: Clear out bills.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ***** Your smile dazzles many. Use that innate charm to your benefit. You could discover that someone close might have an entirely different outlook on a key partnership issue. Be careful when saying "yes" if you are not totally sure. Tonight: Treat and indulge yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ***** Stand back, even if someone keeps trying to pull you into his or her problem. Know when you need to say enough is enough. You can listen, but you don't have to take action or become involved if you don't want to. Tonight: Do something just for yourself.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ***** You hit a home run wherever you choose to place your energies. Your superb instincts and intuition about what course will work help you ferret out choices. No matter what, at this point you land on your feet. Tonight: Where the action is.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ***** Investigate and ask questions before committing to a course of action. Many will follow your lead. Others look to you for guidance and direction. Understand the nature of your leader-

ship role and responsibilities. Tonight: Play away. Take a midweek break!
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ***** You might want to take a break from the demands on the home front as well as at work. The only person who can create just that opportunity is you. Detach from the immediate pressure and think wonderful thoughts -- vacation or whatever suits your fancy. Tonight: If you can, create what you want.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ***** Let associates reveal their true colors or play their cards first. Investigate what is happening with a key relationship. You might want to open up a discussion after you find out the lay of the land. Play to win. Tonight: Find a favorite person.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ***** Let others play things out the way they want, understanding that you cannot change anyone. The cards are stacked in your favor. Understand what others want, but be clear about your expectations and what you can offer. Tonight: Accept an invitation.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ***** Dig into work and integrate a high level of mental and physical energy. Be wise and discuss what you want with those around you before setting out "to do." Feedback might prove to be more important than you think. Tonight: Put your feet up.

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Haiti conflict moves to political arena after rebels storm capital

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — The aftershocks of President Jean Bertrand Aristide's departure from Haiti echoed from the streets of Port-Au-Prince to Washington D.C. as rebels refused to fade into the background and accusations of a coup dogged American officials.

U.S. Marines and French troops secured key sites around the capital on Monday, and rebels rolled into the capital to cheering crowds as Haiti's bloody uprising moved from the streets to the political arena.

Aristide, currently in the Central African Republic, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview Monday that he was "forced to leave" Haiti by U.S. military forces. He added that they would "start shooting and be killing" if he refused, but it was unclear if he was referring to rebels or U.S. agents.

American officials dismissed Aristide's claim. Secretary of State Colin Powell called the allegations "absolutely baseless, absurd." U.S. officials acknowledged privately, however, that Aristide was told that if he remained in Haiti, U.S. forces would not protect him from the rebels.

U.S. plans for a quiet, orderly transition appeared threatened, despite the arrival of hundreds of American, French and Canadian soldiers as an interim peacekeeping force.

Rebels who had promised to lay down their arms if their main demand — Aristide's resignation — was met, instead swaggered into the capital, hinting they were here to stay. They said they would just tolerate police and international peacekeepers, while enforcing their own kind of justice.

One young rebel standing outside the meeting freely told a reporter he had shot looters Sunday and predicted militant members of Aristide's Lavalas party would be executed.

"I shot some looters yesterday. They have to be shot," said the rebel, who goes by the nom-de-guerre "Faustin."

"There are some very minimal numbers of Lavalas who cannot be saved," said the fighter, who goes by the nom-de-guerre "Faustin."

"We don't need peacekeepers, we need military help. We need more guns," said second-tier rebel leader Paul Arcelin, as the motley crew of former police and military officers settled into the police headquarters in front of the National Palace, patrolled by U.S. Marines just a few hundred feet away.

They said they intended to return the old building to its previous function as army headquarters, revive the army that ousted Aristide in 1991 and that he disbanded in 1995, and enforce a curfew.

Meanwhile, the prospect of peacekeepers — the other arm of U.S. strategy — appeared reduced to a minimal expression, with Marine Col. Dave Berger announcing that his 200 troops would not disarm rebels or the pro-Aristide militants and they would not police the city.

And the civilian opposition raised concerns about an orderly transition when some of its leaders showed a near adoration for the rebels and contempt for an international transition plan.

The only encouraging sign was the relief among people in the capital, Port-au-Prince.

Callers flooded talk radio programs with appeals for rebel help from people in neighborhoods still dominated by the pro-Aristide gangs that had terrorized the city.

Scattered looting continued, police cleared the city of barricades, but gunfire continued to crackle in some neighborhoods and bound, executed bodies showed up in the streets.

In the capital, there were reports of reprisal killings of Aristide supporters who had been accused of terrorizing people during his rule. An Associated Press reporter saw four bodies at Carrefour, on the outskirts of the capital, three of them with hands tied and shot in the head.

Powell said he did not want some rebel leaders to take any role in a new government.

"Some of these individuals we would not want to see re-enter civil society in Haiti because of their past records, and this is something we will have to work through," Powell said.

Amnesty International called Monday for international peacekeepers to arrest rebel leaders Louis-Jodel Chamblain, a former death squad leader convicted of murders while he was in exile, and Jean Pierre Baptiste, also known as Jean Tatoune, who escaped from jail after being sentenced to two life sentences in the 1994 massacre of 15 Aristide supporters.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld estimated that between 1,500 and 2,000 U.S. troops would go to Haiti for a "relatively short period." They would participate in an interim force, which could include as many as 5,000 troops from several countries, that would stay until replaced by a U.N. peacekeeping force.

Centramedia open house a success

Several hundred people from around the panhandle turned out recently for Centramedia Online Services' Sixth Anniversary Open House Celebration. Visitors toured the newly remodeled offices, helped themselves to refreshments and entered several drawings for prizes. KGRO/KOMX was on hand for a live remote broadcast during the festivities.

"The day surpassed our expectations and then some," observed Marketing Director Michael Trimble. "Everyone took their time browsing around, and I think they were surprised by the size and caliber of our operations. The comment I heard most frequently was, 'I'm amazed there is something like this in Pampa.'"

Based in Pampa, Centramedia specializes in residential and commercial Internet service, Web development and programming services, and computer network contracts. The six year old company employs twenty people and serves a diverse clientele throughout the high plains region.

Open house attendees were able to move at their leisure from one department to another meeting staff members, asking questions and getting a look behind the scenes of one of the panhandle's leading technology companies.

There were plenty of Krispy Kreme doughnuts on hand for the morning crowd and Jim Bruton's Road Kill Cafe was on site to serve nearly 500 grilled hot dogs and hamburgers during the afternoon.

Hourly drawings were held giving away free Internet service. Two separate drawings were held at the end of the day for cash prizes. General Manager Jim Sealy presented the \$200.00 first prize to Martin Rowan and the Grand



(Courtesy photo)

General Manager Jim Sealy presents the \$600 grand prize to Carol Micki of Pampa during Centramedia's open house recently.

Prize of \$600 to Carol Macki. Both prize winners reside in Pampa.

"This day is all about celebrating people," said Sealy, "to express our appreciation to our customers and enable us to get

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