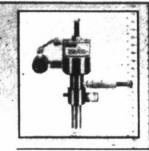
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City officials dealing with lawsuits

LOCAL

VFW meets tonight

VFW Post 1657 meets tonight at the VFW Hall, 105 S. Cuyler, to plan its 75th anniversary celebration. Covered dish meal begins at 6 p.m., followed by the meeting at 7 p.m. New members are welcome.



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By MARILYN POWERS STAFF WRITER

One lawsuit against the City of Pampa may be winding made to the city, Grant said, by charged with the alleged rape until his dismissal. He had pre- witness has signed an affidavit down while another is gearing

4 concerning a lawsuit being former Pampa police officer.

said the papers were served to suit. Robbins last Thursday. papers were served to him.

The mayor had no com- by press time today. ments about the latest suit "at

Brown, sanitation superintendent.

Thursday, April 8, in Ward 4.

with other debris or trash.

fill office or call 669-5840.

City to start '04

grass clippings

pick-up service

City of Pampa workers will begin picking up residents'

The grass route begins on April 5 in Ward 1; Tuesday, April 6, in Ward 2; Wednesday, April 7, in Ward 3; and on

"The route will be run the same way as last year, so your

Brown explained that the grass pick-up service is for

"We need to remind all citizens that use this service to keep the bags at 50 pounds or less," Brown said. "If you need to dispose of grass clippings before this service

begins, please bring them to the landfill to avoid filling the

for city residents. For more information, stop by the land-

Brown said the city has plenty of free compost available

pick-up day will remain the same," said Brown. "This year

the grass route will end on Thursday, Sept. 30, in Ward 4."

Pampa residents only. "All contractors are responsible for

hauling grass clippings to the landfill," he said, adding that there will be no charge as long as the grass is not mixed

grass clippings on Monday, April 5, announced Doug

ifications.

Mayor Lonny Robbins was 1999 drug bust conducted by 2002. The rape was reported to administrative leave by the served with paperwork March Panhandle Regional Narcotics have occurred in a south police department at the time suit against the City of Pampa; brought against the city by a City of Pampa and Gray duty. County participate in the task

this particular time. We're just cer Heron Erasmo Garcia Jr., lowered to \$20,000 on Feb. 20, filed because "the evidence is trying to figure out all the ram- 36, was fired from Pampa 2002. Police Department on Feb. 25,

Garcia was indicted on Feb. was a charge of official day. Former Pampa police offi- oppression. Bond was later

A mediated offer has been 2002, after being arrested and in Pampa from May 24, 2001, missal, and the complaining plaintiffs in a lawsuit involv- of a 35-year-old Donley viously been a peace officer at ing Tulia citizens arrested in a County woman on Jan. 10, Cactus. He was placed on ing to the motion. Trafficking Task Force. The Pampa motel while he was on of his arrest and before his dismissal.

Criminal charges against City Manager Mitch Grant force, and were included in the 8, 2002, by a Gray County Garcia were dropped Feb. 12 grand jury. Bond was set at in 31st District Judge Steven City Attorney Don Lane \$35,000 on a second-degree Emmert's court after District Robbins confirmed that the could not be reached for com-felony charge of aggravated Attorney Rick Roach filed a ment concerning either lawsuit sexual assault. Also included motion to dismiss on the same

The motion to dismiss was

insufficient, the complaining Garcia was a police officer witness has requested disof non-prosecution," accord-

> On Feb. 25, Garcia filed Charlie Morris, now of Stinnett: Pampa Police Lt. Stephanie Raymond; and former Pampa Deputy Police Chief Terry Young, now of Marble Falls.

The lawsuit claims that Garcia was the target of arrest

(See LAWSUITS, Page 10)

Sh-moo-zing in Austin



(Photo by David Bowser)

Swasey Brainard of Pampa, right, talks with Jack Andrews from Brady during the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers convention in Austin this week. Brainard is a director of the association.

Candidates ready for state primary today

BY KELLEY SHANNON A SOCIATED PRESS WRITER

AUSTIN (AP) - Polls opened

early Tuesday in the first primary using congressional voting districts redrawn in favor of Republicans, who have tried to set up a battle of survival for incumbent Texas Democrats.

Besides congressional races, voters will decide a primary race for Texas Railroad Commission and contests for the Texas Supreme Court, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, State Board of Education and the Texas Legislature.

On the primary's eve, President Bush raised \$1.5 million for his campaign at a Houston GOP event. Other politicians fanned out across the state Monday to put the finishing touches on don't carry the momentum to get vottheir campaigns. Ten presidential caners out," said Dallas County elections didates will be listed on the administrator Bruce Sherbet. Democratic ballot.

role in choosing the Democratic presi- early voting that concluded Friday, a trict. dential nominee because John Kerry is total of 272,722 ballots were cast in the the only major candidate left in that state's 15 most populous counties, the expensive primary battles came in key

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. today. Gray County voting places are as follows:

Don't forget to vote!

Precinct 1: Lefors Community Center

Precinct 2: Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa

Precinct 3: Grandview-Hopkins School

Precinct 4: Lovett Memorial Library in McLean

Precinct 5: Travis Elementary School

Precinct 6: Austin Elementary School Precinct 7: M.K. Brown Memorial Civic Auditorium

overall turnout for the primary, to be on the low side despite some interest-

ing local and regional contests. "These down-ballot races, they just

But others say turnout is higher dur-However, Texas won't play a big ing presidential years. In two weeks of Without contested presidential pri- reported Monday. The office estimated hoped to take seats away from

percent of the state's more than 12 million registered voters, will cast primary

Some of the heaviest early voting came along the U.S.-Mexico border in Hidalgo County, the southern population base of the new congressional District 25, and Austin's Travis County, the northern base of the dis-

Some of the most hard-fought and Texas Secretary of State's Office congressional races where the GOP maries, one election official predicted that nearly 1.7 million people, or 14 Democratic incumbents and snare the

advantage in Texas' evenly split 32member congressional delegation.

Congressional districts were redrafted by the GOP-controlled Legislature in October and Texas: 32-member delegation is evenly split between the parties. Republicans hope that after November, they'll have the largest Republican delegation in the country with at least 22 seats.

Five-term congressman Lloyd Doggett from Austin chose to run in the heavily Democratic District 25 rather than risk staying in his old district, redrawn to include more GOPleaning voters. In Texas, congressional candidates don't have to live in the district they represent.

Doggett and his primary opponent, former state judge Leticia Hinojosa, kept up their intensive battle on the airwaves and the campaign trail in the majority-Latino district, which stretches 350 miles from Austin to Brownsville, right up to election day.

Hinojosa, who, promoted herself as the hometown candidate from Hidalgo County, said voters were turned off by Doggett's choppy Spanish in a TV ad.

(See PRIMARY, Page 10)



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POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests. Sunday, March 7

Harassment was reported in the 1100 block of Sierra Drive.

Evading with a vehicle was reported. No arrests were made

Monday, March 8

Marlon Larue, 34, 123 Nelson, was arrested in the 300 block of North Sumner for no valid driver's license, possession of drug paraphernalia, and capias pro fines for no valid driver's license, driving while license is suspended, and two counts of failure to appear.

Kimberly Rose, 35, 511 Carr, was arrested in the 1100 block of Alcock for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Mark Haynes, 35, 628 N. Roberta, was arrested in the 1100 block of Alcock for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Disruption of class was reported at Pampa Middle School, 2401 N. Charles.

ACCIDENTS

today reported the following accidents.

Saturday, March 6

7:15 p.m. – A 1992 Oldsmobile 88, driven by Mickey Sue Johnson, 82, 1001 N. Sumner, and a 2001 Buick LeSabre, driven by

1321 Terrace, collided in the 600 block of West Randy Matson Avenue. No injuries were reported, and no citations were issued.

Monday, March 8 7:40 a.m. – A 1998 Dodge

Ram 1500 pickup, driven by improper passing on the right.

Pampa Police Department Patricia Jackson Rowell, 61, Anthony Migual Hernandez. 17, 402 N. Faulkner, and a 1997 Ford Escort, driven by Alma Dominguez, 20, Perryton, collided in the 100 block of West Foster. No injuries were reported. Hernandez was cited for

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is calling for mostly sunny skies, highs in the mid 60s and northeast winds 5 to 10 mph. Tonight should fall on mostly clear skies, lows in the upper 30s and south winds 5 to 15 mph. Wednesday should be partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph. Wednesday night, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. Lows in the mid 30s. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of rain in the morning. Highs in the mid 50s. Northeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Thursday night, cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.

mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Friday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows around 40. Saturday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s. Saturday night, partly cloudy with a slight chance of rain showers. A slight chance of thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the lower to mid 30s. Chance of showers and thunderstorms 20 percent. Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Monday, partly

Man accused in child molestation claims no regrets from castration

DALLAS (AP) - A former YMCA employee accused of sexually assaulting a boy during a field trip says he has no regrets about undergoing voluntary castration.

But David Wayne Jones, only the second inmate to undergo the surgery in Texas, said Monday he's innocent of a sexual assault charge that could send him back to prison for the rest of his life.

Jones, 33, has acknowledged molesting dozens of boys in the early 1990s. He faces a June trial date on a new charge of aggravated sexual assault, which like previous cases dates to his job at the East Dallas YMCA.

The former counselor is accused of sexually assaulting a 5-year-old day camper in 1990 during a trip to White Rock Lake in Dallas. The youth came forward after Jones was imprisoned and prosecutors secured an indictment in 2001.

Dallas County prosecutors, according to Jones, are trying to put him back behind bars because they're embarrassed about the "good" plea deal he got in 1991, when he admitted abusing more than 40 boys and was sentenced to 15 years in state prison.

Jones was paroled last week after serving 13 years, but immediately landed in jail again in Dallas County pending a bond hearing.

"They were going to try to find a way to keep me in prison," he told The Dallas Morning News in a jailhouse interview for Tuesday's editions. "I believe this is that way."

Howard Blackmon, a prosecutor who supervises the county's felony child abuse cases, denied there was any motivation for the new charge other than the fact that a new victim came forward with the accusation. He said the timing of the charge is still within the statute of limitations for child-sex crimes.

"That's ridiculous to even suggest that, and we will be try, g him in front of a jury on this latest indictment," said Blackmon. "The most important people we have to convince would be a jury and a judge hearing the case that's when we're going to speak on any issues that

Jones said he still has some pain from the voluntary castration surgery he underwent last week before he was released from state prison. He said he is still waiting to receive pain medication and antibiotics.

Driver killed after truck plunges into lake

 A Texas man was killed when his tanker truck plunged off U.S. 69 into Lake Eufaula Monday morning and burned, authorities said.

about 1 1/2 miles north of Eufaula, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol reported.

Jackson, of Fort Worth, Texas, was headed north on Herman Jackson, 37, was the highway when the truck pronounced dead at the scene ran off the road for an

McALESTER, Okla. (AP) of the 5:30 a.m. accident unknown reason, struck the guardrail and continued another 300 yards before going through the guardrail

> About 100 feet of the guardrail was destroyed and the pavement was blackened.

since he went off the bridge," Foresee.

into the water, troopers said.

"We went out there, but there wasn't a lot we could do said Eufaula Fire Chief Tom

SHERIFF

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

Monday, March 8

Ricky Lynn Marsh, 43, 126 S. Houston. was arrested for displaying expired motor vehicle registration and a warrant out of Foard County for criminal trespass.

Billy Laroy Willingham, 42, 2600 N. Hobart #B3, was arrested for evading arrest, no driver's license, possession of a dangerous drug, and capias pro fines for open container, speeding, and two counts of no driver's

Shon Kysar, 34, Clarendon, was arrested for speeding, failure to appear, and seven counts of issuing a bad check.

Tuesday, March 9 Artraile Leville Hill, 17, Amarillo, was arrested for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

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CLARIFICATION

In a front-page article Monday about the

city commission's upcoming meeting, an

incorrect address was listed on the meeting

agenda. James Stone has submitted a \$200 bid for delinquent tax property at 825 Talley.

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AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, March 8

1:52 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of North Dwight. No transport. 3:17 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

3:39 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of Williston and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

4:17 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of South Price Road and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Tuesday, March 9

6:29 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Finley. No transport.

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Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, March 8

8:30 a.m. - Two units and six firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision in the 1000 block of South Nelson. A vehicle collided with a house. No injuries were reported.

1:53 p.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 800 block of North Dwight.

Tuesday, March 9

6:43 a.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a lifting assist in the 1200 block of South Finley.

CORRECTION

In a photo published in the Sunday, March 7, edition of the newspaper, Garrett Fatheree was the sixth grade spelling bee champion at Pampa Middle School. An incorrect name was provided to The News.

Halliburton officials: Government audits could squeeze its cash flow

HOUSTON (AP) — report related to logistics conthe Pentagon to launch a formal audit of possible deficiencies in the company's proand Kuwait, which could "adversely affect" liquidity if it must pay back some of the

The energy and construction company said in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission on Monday that the Defense Contract Audit Agency recently issued a deficiency

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Halliburton Co. said it expects tracts, and is expected to launch a formal probe in the near future.

The company's shares curement procedures in Iraq traded down 87 cents at \$30.74 Tuesday on the New York Stock Exchange following the disclosure.

Auditors from Pentagon have already questioned possible overcharges connected to Halliburton's task to serve food to U.S. troops. The company, which once had Vice President Dick Cheney as a chief executive,

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has credited the Defense Department \$36 million and has delayed billing on \$141 million until an investigation is complete.

In the SEC filing, the company said it believes the \$141 million is the "order of magnitude" for the remaining amounts at issue but noted that government agencies are still reviewing matters. "Additional review and allegations are possible, and the dollar amounts at issue could change significantly."

The company said if it was required to make more refunds or withhold other invoices, "this could materially and adversely affect our liquidity."

Halliburton's contracts with the U.S. government to provide logistical support and to repair Iraq's oil infrastructure are a major component of the company's business, accounting for \$4.2 billion, or 26 percent, of the company's revenues in 2003.

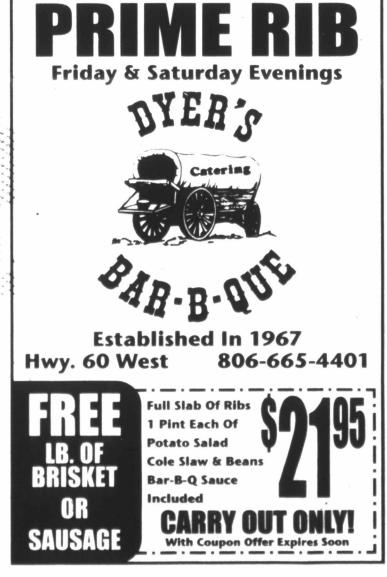
A Halliburton subsidiary, KBR — formerly known as Kellogg Brown & Root provides services for the military from building bases to delivering mail.

Halliburton officials realized during the fourth quarter of last year that the company's infrastructure for administering these logistics contracts "was being strained," the filing said.

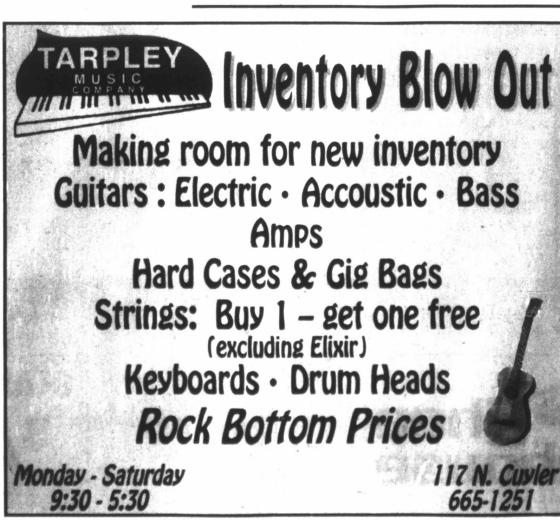
Houston-based Halliburton said it had people spread out among 60 different sites in Iraq and Kuwait.

"Once deployed in forward areas, our people often have had difficulty communicating due to very poor telephone or computer infrastructure," the company said. The military reportedly

demanded fast service on a variety of fronts. Revenues from this logistics work, for example, jumped from \$320 million during the second quarter to more than \$2 billion in the third. Company officials said the volume and complexity of the work presented significant administrative challenges.



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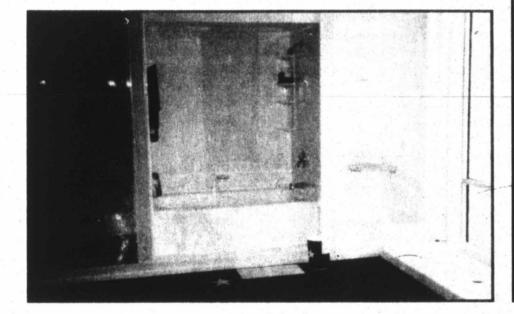




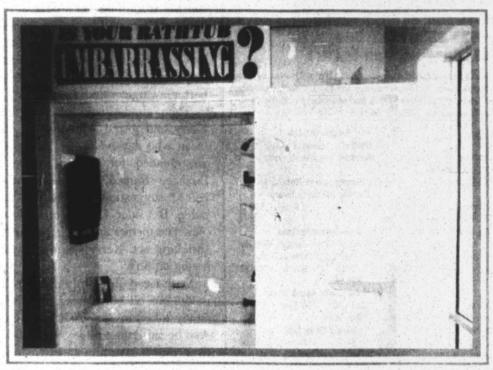
BUSINESS REVIEW







Bath Fitter gives facelifts to worn-out tubs, showers



Bath Fitter offers common sense solutions to remodeling bathrooms - solutions that help make dreams become reality.

The first step to turning an old bathroom into a new one often starts with a dream - a look, a design, a style, a desired function.

Ideas may come easy, but making an idea become a reality, may not be. That's where Bath Fitter's approach to bathroom renovation begins to make sense.

Several problems can be associated with bathroom remodeling. The bathroom becomes unusable for weeks, and sometimes months, during the construction process; construction debris disrupts the whole household; and construction costs can be prohibi-

Bath Fitter solves these com-

mon problems. It is a product that usually requires only one day for installation, is easy to clean and maintain, and lasts for years, says Curt Pohlmeier, local owner of Precision Construction Remodeling, who before discovering Bath Fitter had used traditional bathroom remodeling techniques.

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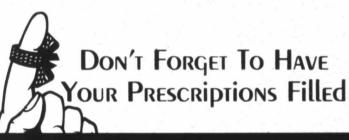
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Littering laws need not apply

I should be elated over the recent bountiful rainfall our community and area received last week; but, woe is me, with the amount of trash lining Red Deer Creek, along our streets and by ways, and hanging in our trees. Is the landfill closed? Is our community so backwoodsy that we should request annexation to Tennessee, Kentucky, or West Virginia? For you litterers, there are enough hills and coal mines in those states to hide the

Why don't we add a required anti-littering course to go along with the drug and sex awareness programs offered in our schools? "Just Say No To Trash!" Or, "Hey Butt, Toss Your Other One In The Can!" Or, "No, Spent-Rolled Up Diapers Don't Make Good Footballs - Particularly When A Fumble Occurs! Or, "How Many Plastic Flags Can A Tree Fly!" Or, " No, Spanish Moss Is Not White And It Doesn't Grow In Arid Climes!" Sorry readers, I got carried away...

Is there a revival approaching? Gee, I wouldn't know for all the yellow signs stuck all over our community - along our streets, stapled to telephone poles! Maybe our Lord can locate a No Littering sign and place it conveniently for all citizens to read? Is there some synonymous meaning to revival and garage sale signs stapled together on a telephone pole?

Lord, help me find the reason for Pampa's trash. Will it take a revival? Will it take a new school awareness program? Will it take a \$10 - \$1,000 fine for littering? That's what the law reads. Pampa must be the exception to the law?

Dennis Palmitier Pampa

ΓODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, March 9, the 69th day of 2004. There are 297 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on March 9, 1954, CBS newsman Edward R. Murrow critically reviewed Wisconsin Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's anti-Communism campaign on an episode of "See It Now."

On this date:

In 1661, Cardinal Jules Mazarin, the chief minister of France, died, leaving King Louis XIV in full control.

In 1796, the future emperor of France, Napoleon Bonaparte, married Josephine de Beauharnais. (The couple divorced in

In 1862, during the Civil War, the ironclads Monitor and Virginia (formerly Merrimac) clashed for five hours to a draw at Hampton Roads, Va.

In 1916, Mexican raiders led by Pancho Villa attacked Columbus, N.M., killing more than a dozen people.

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Letters must be 300 words or less. Letters submitted for publication must be neat and legible, typed if possible, or at least handwritten in a clear manner. All letters will be edited for length, clarity, spelling, grammar, and taste. We will not publish anonymous letters, letters that are potentially libelous, or personal attacks. Submission of a letter does not guarantee its publication nor can we guarantee a date of publication.

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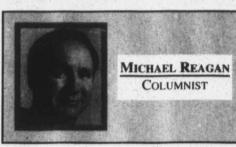
Voters will have the final say

The media is at it again, anointing a Democratic presidential candidate as a surefire frontrunner in a general election they proclaim will be tighter than a miser in a bargain basement - exactly the way they first assured us that John Kerry was way out in front in the primary race before a single vote was cast.

Then, almost overnight, they dumped Kerry and gazed with awe at Howard Dean who the media star gazers told us was headed for certain victory. "Can Dean be stopped?" they asked in chorus before suggesting that he was unstoppable. But once Kerry won in Iowa and New Hampshire and Dean performed his shrieking act, Kerry was once again the media darling.

With Kerry now truly unstoppable the media has all but handed him the presidency, albeit in a squeaker of an election. And because the primary season is all but over, they'll give him an extension of his near monopoly of round-the clock coverage by focusing on the new most burning question of the day: who will he chose as his running mate? Other than that, their man Kerry has all but been installed in the White House thanks to the burning anger they tell us the voters feel towards George W. Bush. Just today, Tim Russert explained that Ohio is a hotbed of Bush hatred and suggested that as Ohio goes, so goes the nation.

Not so fast, boys and girls. I know it's an inconvenience, but there's a little matter of an election to be disposed of - the voters do have a little something to say



about who'll occupy the White House for the next four years and it is not going to be John Kerry.

Dick Morris wrote recently that in picking Kerry the Democrats have committed suicide. I disagree - they committed suicide long ago when they failed to support the President on the war and have campaigned against everything he has tried to do. This election is going to be the record of George W. Bush against Kerry's record of voting one way and campaigning another way.

The end result is going to be either America and all of the Middle East are going to win, or Kerry and the Islamicists are going to win. That's what the battle is all about.

Look at what happened just this week - the Iraqis have voted to come up with a constitution - that's unheard of in the Middle East. The Democrats are so blinded by hatred they can't recognize all the good things that are going on in that region – the good news about Libya, the fact that we are finding nuclear capabilities in Iran - something that Hussein prevented us from learning and then showed the Iranians the price he paid for his resistance.

All of this is due to the strong stand President Bush has taken against terror.

Contrast that with Kerry's stands. This is a man who once symbolically threw his medals away; now he wants to throw the hopes of freedom of the world away.

The Kerry campaign is just Ted Kennedy's way of finally getting into the White House – a place he could never get into by winning an election. Just watch this campaign - who's out front? Ted Kennedy? He's driving the Kerry campaign. For Kerry's sake I hope he doesn't also let Kennedy be his driver.

More bad news for Kerry: California is now in play. Over 60 percent of the voters backed a Republican governor's plan to rescue the state from a fiscal disaster recently and turned thumbs down on the Democrat legislature's plan to lower the threshold by which they can raise taxes. California is now up for

What kind of America would John Kerry give us? An unabashed lover of the French, his policies would make us another France - the one described by Jean-Francois Revel in his new book "Anti-Americanism": "It would be nice if the French would learn to see themselves as they really are: saddled with a government that is incapable of instilling respect for the law and knows how to say one thing only, 'tax' and spend'; with an intelligentsia that is ever blinder to the world; and citizens who grow ever idler, convinced that they can earn more by doing less."



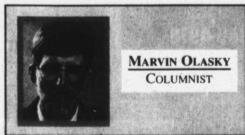
To be first, put yourself last

Liberal journalists love to find hypocrisy among conservatives who display religious faith and practice family values more in rhetoric than in reality. That accusation is often unfair - many do walk the talk - but one way to guard against that is to begin emphasizing what Texans call low-pocrisy, downplaying virtues and not hiding weaknesses.

One warrant for doing this is biblical. We're told that the last shall be first. We're instructed to take the lowest seat at the table (far better to be moved up than to be moved down). We're also given examples throughout Scripture of lowpocrisy: Moses, David and most of the prophets regularly proclaim their unwor-

I had a funny experience with this during the last presidential campaign. Not intentionally practicing low-pocrisy, but just trying to be accurate, I repeatedly asked reporters to see me as only a very occasional, very informal advisor to then-Gov. George Bush. As I denied influence, reporters upgraded me to "close policy adviser" (Washington Post), "the revered intellectual guru of Governor Bush (New York Times) and "closest domestic adviser and soul mate" (Moscow Times).

It took a while for me to realize what was going on. George Stephanopoulos and many others have written about the ardent competition to have access to a



president or major presidential candidate. An office inches closer, a few extra minutes of face time, a press mention of soulmate closeness: that's the definition of advisor power. So reporters reasoned this way: "The game is access. Olasky downplays his access. Thus, he must have huge access."

My attempts misfired, but the outcome does suggest a cynical lesson for those who want to grab it: Less can lead to more. Machiavellians should note that those who truly do have influence, if they want to be talked about, are best off downplaying it. Sit at the lowest seat, and someone in the press will notice and be inclined to produce a supposed scoop about behind-the-scenes string-pullers.

Many conservative organizations, often because of fund-raising concerns, disregard both the Bible and the cynics. Some promise big, accomplish little and exaggerate what they accomplish. Some describe leaders as walking books of virtue. In doing so, they become sitting ducks for press hunters eager to learn that paragons have fallen prey to the sin

that, as God warned Cain, is always crouching at our door. Every time one of the mighty falls, not just an organization but an entire movement takes a hit.

We all share in this sin. Often we buy a book "written" by the leader of a conservative organization. We bask in his purported brilliance - but the book actually came from a ghostwriter. Should we be surprised? God sometimes dispenses talents lavishly, but it's rare that top managerial talent and top writing talent reside in the same person. It's even rarer for God to make the sun stand still so that an executive who combines those disparate abilities has enough time both to run the show and to write it.

We often push leaders to overshoot on what I'd call the rhetoric curve. Some think that more volume means more effectiveness, but Teddy Roosevelt had it right: Speak softly, and carry a big stick. God spoke to Elijah (First Kings, chapter 19) not through "a great and strong wind," nor through an earthquake, nor through a fire: "And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him ..."

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your newspaper. Find and LOSS PLAYER

derde Link: Research: Understand the organization of papers and how to use print material.

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rebounds later in the game. At the

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What's your favorite sport?

Read all about it in the sports

Read each game description.

Quarterback Troy Greene threw an

interception late in the fourth quarter

that gave State College a chance to

SEARCH ITEM #1

Look at a sports page in

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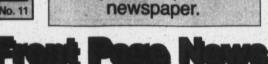
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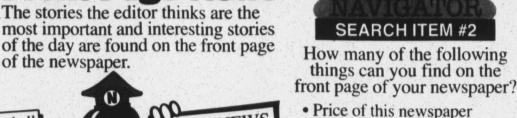
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Sports

How well do YOU know your newspaper? I'm your tour guide, Reed Newsome, and today we'll explore the



The stories the editor thinks are the most important and interesting stories of the day are found on the front page





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

· A news photo

Some good news

Some bad news

• The index

· Name of this newspaper

DOWNTOWN - Mayor Alice Brandt said today that she espects a large corwd at this weekend's Spring Festival.

"Everyone is lokking forward to it," Brandt said. "Our hotels are completely fliled with people from as far away as New York Ctiv."

Last year's Festival attracted mor than 30,000 peeple. They injoyed activities such as the Foor-Leaf Clover 5K Run and the Arpil Showers Dance.

Local News

• The name of a city you know

SEARCH ITEM #2

When

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Navigator!

If it's happening in town, it's in the local news section. ACTIVITY: Reporter Bob Deletekey misspelled 10 words in this article. Circle and correct them. Write the words, spelled correctly, on another sheet of paper. andarde Link: Spelling: Spell grade

NEWS NAVIGATOR **SEARCH ITEM #3**

How many times can you find and circle the name of your town in today's newspaper?

If you're looking for something to buy, you'll find all sorts of cool stuff in the newspaper ads. Did you know that the words in a newspaper ad are called copy? Pictures in an ad are called art.

Finish this ad for Larry's Root Beer Emporium. Do the math to see where to place the ad copy. Then, draw a picture of someone enjoying a mug of root beer.

21 - 5 - 6 = Try a refreshing mug of Larry's Root Beer today.

+4+5 = You'll root for it!

-3 + 1 = 99¢ per bottle

Standards Link: Number Sense: Calculate sums and differences to 25.

Headlines

Newspaper headlines tell the main idea of a story. Write headlines for three books you have read.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Summarize main idea

NEWS **SEARCH ITEM #4**

Imagine you won \$1,000 in a contest. Look through the newspaper ads to see how many things you can buy. Make a list of things you WANT and things you NEED. Which list has more items?

News Navigator Bonus Search

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12th & Market St.

he newspaper isn't all serious stuff. Comics, puzzles movie listings and more make the newspaper entertaining. Set a timer for five minutes. Look through the newspaper and see how many fun things you can find. Circle each item with a blue crayon. Have a friend try next, using a red crayon. Who found the most?



Give these comic characters something funny to say.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Relate ideas of an experience.

Double

NEWSPAPER HEADLINES

LOCAL **SPORTS EMPORIUM MAYOR** REPORTER **PICTURES**

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

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Create a Newspaper Game

Choose a newspaper story, ad or comic. Use the beginning, or cause of the story to start the game. What things will happen on the way to the conclusion of the game?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Identify the main idea and supporting details of a narrative.



Weekly Writing Corner

Newspapers

My favorite part of the newspaper is the Sunday comics. I like them because they are in color and they're entertaining to read.

> Briana, 6th Grade

My favorite part of the newspaper is the classified section. I like the classifieds because there is always something you want in it, but your parents will never let you buy it.

> Taylor, 6th Grade

My favorite part of the newspaper is the Kid Scoop page. It gives your mind a challenge and I always learn something new, from Mars to Lewis and Clark.

> Chris. 5th Grade

My favorite part of the newspaper is the front page because lots of interesting things are on the front page—all of the breaking news stories like fires, hurricanes or diseases.

> Allanna. 5th Grade

My favorite part of the newspaper must be the sports pages. I love sports. I like to find out how the local teams are doing.

> Max. 4th Grade

My favorite part of the newspaper is Kid Scoop because its full of fun games. I sometimes see my stories in the newspaper and I like that a lot. My parents and friends get to see some of my stories too!

Kyndal, 6th Grade

My favorite part of the newspaper is the classified ads because I like to look at the price of houses. I've moved a lot of times and the classified ads tell me the prices of houses in different areas.

Sierra, 4th Grade

My favorite part of the newspaper is the comics. I like it because they are short and sometimes funny.

> Billy, 4th Grade

My favorite part of the newspaper is the Kid Scoop page. I like it because I like to write on the topics and then I hope and hope that mine gets picked. When it does, I go crazy with joy!

Colleen, 5th Grade

Write On!

Short and Sweet

Write a short and sweet poem for a mom (or grandma) you know. Keep your poem to eight lines or less.

Deadline: April 4, 2004 Published: Week of May 2, 2004 Send your story to:

Please include your school and grade

TUESDAY • March 9, 2004

DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Sexy Gift From In-Laws Has Multiple Meanings

response to "Shocked," who was surprised when her husband's parents sent her lingerie for her birthday. ultimate turn-on. Her in-laws may have intended to add a little extra romance and provide a pleasant surprise for their son -- a wish he himself may have conveyed.

I speak from experience. My mother-in-law gave me some lingerie for my bridal shower, saying, "I was married once, too, and trust me -- this will make him happy." And it has, three years later. --SARA IN TEXAS

DEAR SARA: That letter certainly struck a familiar chord with a lot of wives. Let me share some of the comments I received:

DEAR ABBY: For the shocked daughter-in-law who wasn't happy about the peek-a-boo nightie -- that's nothing! I received the same kind of outfit from my mother-in-law at a couples' shower that was held at our Baptist Sunday school teacher's house, in front of a group of young Navy pilots.

And the family wonders why the relationship has always been tense. -- BEEN THERE AND WORSE

DEAR BEEN THERE: Why not make it "past tense" and forgive Christmas and birthdays. her the lapse in judgment? The gift may have been well-intended, but her timing was off. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I can do her one better. When my mother died years her they're ready for grandchildren. ago, her prayer circle presented me - RITA IN SPRINGFIELD, MO. with a gift of underpants. I've never been able to figure that one out. -- making a mistake. Besides being MARY IN ASHEVILLE, N.C.

wonder what they were praying on the defensive. for.

DEAR ABBY: You missed a glar-

DEAR ABBY: This letter is in ing point in the letter from "Shocked," the woman who wasn't sure how to react when her in-laws sent her a sexy negligee and a thong Many men feel that lingerie is the for her birthday (she was embarrassed): They had never sent her a birthday gift before!

> Maybe the nightie wasn't a gift but a message. Perhaps the in-laws had heard something that caused them concern, and their gift was an attempt to inject some excitement into a flat relationship. "Shocked" should pause and consider the state of her marriage. After several years of marriage -- especially with children -- it's easy for a husband and wife to take each other for granted and grow apart.

If "Shocked" thinks her love life with her husband is lackluster, she might consider putting that gift to good use. -- KAREN IN FORT WALTON BEACH, FLA.

DEAR KAREN: It's worth considering. However, it did not occur to me that instead of a birthday gift, her in-laws had given her a veiled warning.

DEAR ABBY: That letter brought back such memories for me. When my husband and I were married 40 years ago, my mother-in-law would buy me sexy nighties every year for

When our first son was born four years later, I began receiving flannel nightgowns from her. Maybe "Shocked's" in-laws are trying to tell

DEAR RITA: If they are, they're inappropriate, that kind of med-DEAR MARY: It makes one dling often puts daughters-in-law

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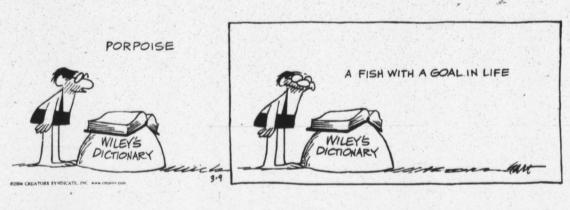


"Must you move your head back and forth in unison with the windshield wipers?"



"I'm not sure I want you to associate with that kind of doll."

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Haggar The Horrible



Peanuts



Flo & Friends



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SPORTS

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — The Lady Harvester Basketball Banquet has been postponed until Wedneday, March 24.

The banquet will be held at the Knights of Columbus hall at 7:30 p.m.

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

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Danny Beacham scored 23 points, including all four of his 3-point attempts, to lead Texas-Arlington to a 77-62 victory over Louisiana-Monroe in the first round of the Southland Conference tournament Monday night.

Beacham hit 7-of-8 field goal attempts and was 5-of-6 from the free throw line. Beacham also had five rebounds and five assists.

Texas-Arlington took an early lead and pulled out to a 42-22 halftime lead. The Mavericks (17-11) shot 56 percent from the field in the first half to 35 percent for Louisiana-Monroe (12-19).

Tony Helton Louisiana-Monroe with 14 points. Chavis Thompson added 11.

BRISCOE - Senior guard Katie Donaldson of Fort Elliott has been named to the Girls Class 1A All-State Tournament team.

Other all-state selections were senior forwardcenter Brittni Burks of Archer City, senior forward-center Brooke Endres of Muenster, senior guard Jessica Martinek of Fayetteville and senior guard Magan Moore of Archer City.

Martinek and Moore were named the most valuable players in the tournament.

HOCKEY

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Stars acquired defenseman Chris Therien from Philadelphia Flyers for two draft picks on Monday, then added veteran offensive winger Valeri Bure from the Florida Panthers later in the day in exchange for one draft pick and a prospect.

For the trade to be finalized, Bure must pass a medical exam by the Stars on Tuesday, the NHL trade deadline.

"Valeri Bure is a skilled winger that we feel will bring some offensive punch to our team," said Stars general manager Doug Armstrong.

The 5-10, 180-pound right wing currently leads Florida in scoring with 20 goals and 25 assists for 45 points in 55 games with 20 penalty minutes.

Bure, 29, who is playing in his 10th NHL season, comes in exchange for Dallas' compensatory draft pick in the 2004 NHL entry draft, awarded to the Stars for Derian Hatcher's free agent signing with Detroit last summer, and defenseprospect Drew Bagnall, the Stars' sixth round selection in the 2003 draft.

Cowboys place two on AP All-Big 12 first team

When John Lucas arrived at Oklahoma State, says Melvin Watkins, it "made for a dangerous situation."

"Somehow that chemistry just seemed to be there," said the coach of the Texas A&M

It sure did. With Lucas running the show and Tony Allen performing offensive and defensive wizardry, Cowboys surprised even their venerable old coach and raced to their first-ever Big 12 title.

It was, in fact, their first conference title since 1965. To no one's surprise, Lucas and Allen both were named to The Associated Press All-Big 12 for 2003-04.

Joining them on the first

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) Brandon Mouton and a pair of leader in rebounds and blocked unanimous picks — Kansas junior Wayne Simien and Texas Tech senior Andre Emmett, the league's career scoring leader.

Lucas made an immediate impact on the Cowboys when the 5-foot-11 junior was allowed to transfer from Baylor without sitting out a season.

"John Lucas was a heck of a player before he got there, but put him with some other good players and, boy, it made for a dangerous situation," Watkins

The team was picked by a panel of media representatives who regularly cover the Big 12.

Colorado 7-footer David Harrison and Missouri seniors Rickey Paulding and Arthur team were Texas senior Johnson — the Tigers' career

shots — head the second team. Also selected were Colorado senior Michel Morandais and Kansas junior Keith Langford.

Curtis Stinson, Iowa State's 21-year-old freshman, heads the third team, joined by Kansas' Aaron Miles, the conference assists leader, Iowa State's Jackson Vroman, the Big 12's top rebounder, Royal Ivey of Texas and Terrance Thomas of Baylor.

Emmett, a 6-5 native of Dallas, broke the Big 12 career scoring record of former Kansas star Nick Collison this year and goes into the conference tournament with 2,179 total points.

Able to battle with the musclemen underneath as well as drill baseline jumpers, the

rugged senior has led the Red Raiders to three straight 20-win seasons for the first time in their history. His 20.8 scoring average was the best in the league.

"He's a man out there," said Baylor coach Scott Drew. "When the game's on the line or a big play needs to be made, he makes it. He has the physical stature and toughness that he's able to impose his will, getting to loose balls, getting to the basket. I've just been thoroughly impressed."

The 6-9 Simien delighted Kansas fans last week when he announced that he would stay in school for his senior year. If he remains healthy, he could be a leading contender for national honors.

Even though a groin injury forced him to sit out practice

until the day before each game, Simien was second in the Big 12 in both scoring (17.6 points) and rebounding (nine). He and Harrison were the only players to rank in the top five in both.

"A lot of talented guys don't influence winning the game," said Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson. "Wayne Simien influences winning the game. When he was a freshman, you could tell he was one of those special kids."

Many believe the hoopla surrounding Lucas Oklahoma State's storybook season unfairly stole much of the spotlight from Allen. The 6-4 senior averaged 16.1 points and 5.4 rebounds. He also led the conference in steals and there may not be a better perimeter defender in the Big 12.

Harvesters open against Abilene Wylie in Snyder **Baseball Tournament**

PAMPA — Pampa meets ing defense. We made more Abilene Wylie at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in the first round of the Snyder Baseball Tournament.

The Harvesters follow with Post at 9 a.m. Friday, then Sweetwater that afternoon and Lubbock Cooper on Saturday.

The two teams with the best records in the roundrobin format will meet in the finals.

The Harvesters had an impressive 2004 debut in the Borger Tournament, winning three of four games.

Pampa had consecutive win over Dumas (6-2), Childress (21-1) and Borger (11-7) before falling to Perryton (10-7) for the championship.

"We did really well at Borger for this early in the season. We played outstand-

errors against Perryton than we made against all the other teams put together. We made too many mistakes to win." said Pampa head coach Dennis Doughty.

"We got some good pitching from Dusty Lenderman, Tyler Doughty and Tyson Hickman," coach Doughty added. "Shea Brown, Doughty and Lenderman got some good hits."

The return of senior outfielder Jed Martin has been an uplifting experience for his teammates," Doughty said.

" Jed is such an outstanding player, but he hasn't had a chance to work himself into baseball shape since coming from basketball. However, just his presence on the field has really helped the team," Doughty said.

PAMPA — Pampa edged Kingcade in center field and Palo Duro 9-8 in junior varsity baseball action Monday.

Pampa beats PD in JV game

Brad Johnson was a perfect 4 of 4 at the plate to lead Pampa's hitting attack. Weston Teichmann, Robbie Dixon and James Coffee had 2 hits each. Brady Eakin added a hit.

Smith, Deterrance Keenan Davis and Teichmann were used on the

Smith went three innings and gave up 1 hits while striking out 3 and walking 6. Davis allowed 3 hits while striking out 3 and walking 3. Teichmann gave up 2 hits while striking out 4 and not walking a batter.

by Eakin at shortstop, Eric at 1 p.m. against Perryton.

Alex Torres in left field.

Frankie Sifarentes had 2 hits for Palo Duro. Fairchild, Jones, Seidell and Johnson had 1 hit each.

The score went back and forth until the seventh inning when Johnson tripled to deep center field. On the first pitch to Bobby Sikes, Johnson scored the winning run on a squeeze attempt.

"We played good defense and made good contact with the ball. We have some work to do to continue to get better," said coach Troy Owens.

Pampa lost a 5-4 decision to Perryton in the season opener. The JVs next game is Friday at Childress. Their Good defense was played next home game is Saturday



scheduled before the end of the school year.

PAMPA — The Pampa Middle School team last weekend held an invitational middle school swim meet at the youth center pool.

Participating schools were Atkins, Cavazoz, Hutchinson and Slaton, all of Lubbock, and Pampa.

Slaton won both boys' and girls' divisions. Pampa was second in the girls' division and third in the boys' division.

Slaton has one of the best middle school swim programs in the state, Pampa coach Greg Miller pointed

Coach Miller said he was the middle school swimmers

students had on Saturday.

Pampa's middle school swim team (above) has three more meets

"The middle school program has been going very well this season," he said. This is their first real meet of the year and they did great."

Pampa middle school swimmers have three more meets this year, ending up with the State Middle School Meet at Palo Alto College in San Antonio.

"The swim team here in Pampa is over 30 years old and it has always been on the verge of being great. Hopefully, the additional meet experience will allow

to move to that next level and report to the high school program with the hunger for victory fresh on their minds," Miller said.

Outstanding swimmers at the local meet were Chance Reams, Brody Russell for the boys; Nikki Cole, Sammy Pereira, Monica Schepp, Erica Schepp, Heather Dalrymple, Amber Bradford and Stephanie Stephens for the girls.

had great swims and very good times on Saturday," Miller said. Pampa's next meet is

"All of these swimmers

March 27 in Odessa.

Saint Joseph's ranked No. 1 for first time

ever-flapping Hawk have soared to the top of the basketball world.

The Philadelphia school with an enrollment of 3,400 and not much recent sports his-

PHILADELPHIA(AP)— tory to brag about was No. 1 in Tiny Saint Joseph's and its the AP men's college basketball poll Monday for the first time.

> "It's a dream come true," Hawks senior guard Jameer Nelson said. "At the same time, we have

to take care of business these upset by Washington.

last few games. We'll still approach each game and practice the same way."

The Hawks (27-0) are the only unbeaten team in Division I, now that previously top-ranked Stanford was

girls claim Wildcat Relay Canadian boys, Sunray

CANADIAN — Canadian boys won five events on the way to winning their own Wildcat Relays last weekend. Sunray won the girls' divi-

> Wildcat Relays At Canadian

> > Boys

Team totals: 1. Canadian 131; 2. Perryton 113; 3. Panhandle 108 3/4; 4. Gruver 69 3/4; 5. Sunray 63 3/4; 6. Highland Park 42 3/4; 7. Spearman 42; 8. Stratford 31; 9. Wheeler 8; 10. (tie) Wellington & White Deer 3.

Shot put: 1. Berry, Canadian, 45-0 1/2; 2. English, Canadian, 44-1 1/2; 3. Town, Spearman, 43-8 3/4.

Discus: 1. Vanderburg, Spearman, 145-6; 2. Salas, Wheeler, 139-4; 3. Burrus, Canadian, 136-0.

Long jump: 1. Tony Livingston, Canadian, 20-4; 2. Sunray, 18-11 3/4.

Perryton, 39-10 1/2; 2. Province, Canadian, 39-10; 3. Livingston, Canadian, 39-9 1/2.

High jump: 1. Jahnel, Canadian, 6-2; 2. Ogden, Perryton, 5-10; 3. Martin, Spearman, 5-10.

800: 1. Kern, Spearman, 2:04.75; 2. Nix, Canadian, 2:06.65; 3. Crabtree, Stratford, 2:09.46. 110 hurdles: 1. Haberthur,

Perryton, 15.18; 3. Dorris, Canadian, 15.62. 100: 1. Baker, Canadian, 11.25; 2. Malone, Highland 11.31; 3. Crump,

Perryton, 15.09; 2. Ogden,

Panhandle, 11.50. 300 hurdles: 1. Tony Livingston, Canadian, 40.59; 2. Land, Panhandle, 41.29; 3. Haberthur, Perryton, 41.30.

200: 1. Baker, Canadian, 23.36; 2. Newcomb, Perryton, Lane, Gruver, 19-1 3/4; 3. Wren, 23.47; 3. Reed, Gruver, 24.32. 1600 relay: 1. Sunray,

Triple jump: 1. Haberthur, 3;31.74; 2. Canadian, 3:36.43; 3. Gruver, 3:39.42.

Girls

Team totals: 1. Sunray 113; 2. Perryton 100; 3. Stratford 95; 4. Panhandle 89; 5. Spearman 71; 6. (tie) Gruver and White Deer 41; 8. Canadian 27; 9. Highland Park 18; 10. Wheeler 14; 11. Wellington 10.

Long jump: 1. Janell Appelhans, Perryton, 17-9; 2. Penny Armstrong, White Deer, 15-9; 3. Parker, Spearman, 15-7.

High jump: 1. Parker, Spearman, 5-0; 2. (tie) Clift, Gruver, and Smith, White Deer,

119-6; 2. Rodriquez, Panhandle, 31-10 1/2; 3. Robinson, Canadian, 95-9.

Discus: 1. Tarver, Stratford,

Shot put: 1. Farrar, Panhandle, 31-10 1/2; 3. Blaylock, Highland Park, 31-7

12.49; 2. Penny Armstrong, 63.75.

Canadian, 35-3; 2. Rodriquez, White Deer, 13.66; 3. Castillo, Perryton, 13.97.

400: 1. Lesly, Spearman, 60.87; 2. Smith, White Deer, 100: 1. Appelhans, Perryton, 63.59; 3. Dyer, Perryton,

Miami's Browning wins two events at Amherst meet

AMHERST — The Miami boys' track team finished in fourth place at last weekend's Amherst Invitational

Jeffrey Browning paced the Warriors, taking first place in both the 3200 (12:07.20) and 1600 (5:12.73). Browning also placed second in the high jump (5-4) and triple jump (37-2 1/2).

800 (2:19.86) and third in the 400 (60.25) for the Warriors.

Ean Miller took first in the

Miami's Kyler Roach was third in the long jump (18-0 1/2).

Wellman-Union won the boys' championship.

Miami was fifth in the girls' division.

Katie Adcock of the Warriorettes won the 400 with a time of 69.95. She was second in the 800 (3:00.14).

Jennifer Hutchison was second in the long jump (14-11), second in the 100 hurdles (16.75) and third in the 300 hur-Miami. dles (54.91) for The 1600-relay team placed third (5:07.27) for

Warriorettes. Nazareth won the girls'title.

uries strike spring training baseball camps

By The Associated Press

First Jim Thome, now Gary Sheffield and Phil Nevin.

Three days after the Philadelphia Phillies lost Thome for the remainder of spring training, the New York Yankees and San Diego Padres learned Monday they also might both be without one of their stars for some time.

Sheffield injured his right thumb Saturday in a spring game against Toronto, and the Yankees initially thought it was just a bruise. However after an MRI on Sunday, the team decided to send him to Dr. Melvin Rosenwasser. a hand expert in New York.

If it's determined Sheffield has a torn ligament and needs surgery, he could be sidelined up to three months.

"Now I'm officially worried about it," general manager Brian Cashman said in Tampa, Fla.

Nevin, San Diego's cleanup hitter, has a strained left shoulder four weeks, a timetable that could have him back by opening

The first baseman was hurt diving for a liner against Anaheim on Sunday night, a year to the day he dislocated the same shoulder, which kept him sidelined until July 23 last season. Nevin had an MRI in San Diego on Monday that revealed the

As for Sheffield, the worstcase scenario would be surgery, and best-case scenario would be a return for spring training games, according to Cashman.

Sheffield downplayed the injury, describing it as "nothing major."

"I could play right now if I had to," he said. "It's just a little sore. I've got all my range and motion and (I'm) doing everything with it. They don't want me to take a chance," he said.

The Yankees already are without center fielder Bernie Williams, who had an appendec-

catch Monday during his first onfield workout since the operation, hopes to be able to play when the Yankees open the season against Tampa Bay at Tokyo on March

"I'm still optimistic about it," he said. "We're just going to take it as it comes, one day at a time. I don't want to set up a target."

As for Nevin, the area that was surgically repaired last spring was still intact, the Padres

"I wasn't really worried about the diagnosis, I was more worried about when I was going to play again and what I'd have to do to get there," Nevin said in San Diego before flying back to Arizona.

"Hopefully, everything goes well and I'll be able to play opening day."

The Phillies got good news about Thome, who could return in three weeks from a broken middle finger on his right hand

Williams jogged and played and probably won't miss opening day.

Thome injured his throwing hand Friday during fielding drills

in Clearwater, Fla., and he was examined by a doctor Monday.

"I'm very relieved," Thome said. "You prepare so hard for my best."

spring training. It's unfortunate this happened. I will do everything possible to get back and do

Pampa Bowling Roundup

League Standings 50 To Heaven League

(We	ek 6)	
Team	Won	Lost
Grey Ghosts	16	8
Polygrip Pals	14	10
Future Forensics	13	11
Rolaid Rollers	11 1/2	12 1/2
Old But Good	- 11	13
Prilosec Prowlers	11	13
Going, Going Gone	. 9	15
Geritol Go-Getters	9	15
Metamucil Maulers	7 1/2	16 1/2
Week's H	igh Score	

Week's High Scores Men

High scratch game: Terry Ellis 234; High scratch series: Ralph West 637; High handicap game: Terry Ellis 267; High handicap series: Terry Ellis 715.

Women

High scratch game: Ruth Swearingim 218; High scratch series: Ruth Swearingim 563;

High handicap game: Ruth Swearingim 259; High handicap series: Ruth Swearingim 686. Harvester Women's League

(Week 20)

Team	Won	Lost
Davis Minit Mart	52 1/2	27 1/2
O'Brien Enterprises	50 1/2	29 1/2
Schiffman Machine	47 1/2	32 1/2
Rug Express	46	34
Big Uns!	43 1/2	36 1/2
Peacevale Land & Ca	ttle Co.40	40
Coney Island	37	43
Gymnastics of Pampa	35	45
Harvester Lanes	31	45
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Week's High Scores

High scratch game: Peggy Chase 227; High scratch series: Peggy Chase 670; High handicap game: Jan Chambers 262; High handicap series: Peggy Chase 694.

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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

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right time if you follow your intuition.

March 10, 2004

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ What you determine needs to happen will take close team work and resolve on your part. You might not be thrilled that a certain task has dropped on you, but you will feel rejuvenated and successful when you finish it and see the results. Tonight: Make nice with your

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Others appeal to your sense of what is appropriate. You set out with determination and the support of others: Know what must happen. Your followthrough can make or break a situation. Indulge a child or special friend. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ** You might be wondering where a project ends and where it begins. You might resent a financial commitment but understand that it is necessary. Not everything happens as easily as you would like. Know that you have what it takes.

**** Your sober approach does not impact your creativity and imagination. Work with others, realizing that you could be overly serious. Once you put on a smile, you are all grins. Others respond to your positive energy. Make what you want happen. Tonight: Feel empowered.

*** Use your inner knowledge, and you will succeed. You don't need to tell everyone what you are doing right now. What might be key is keeping your actions and thoughts private, or to a select few. Work closely with one person, if need be. Tonight: Comfort lies at home. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** Your actions can and will make all the difference in the end results. You might be very serious about what you want to achieve, but you don't need to be a curmudgeon getting there. A pleasant way will open the path. Tonight: Enjoy yourself to the max.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

** Financial matters and responsibilities weigh heavily on your shoulders. You might be overwhelmed by what is going on, and be very serious because of it. Your instincts still prove to be beneficial with a money dealing, but don't take any risks. Tonight: Work as late as neces-

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** A lack of information could motivate you to find out more. Stretch and do some thinking outside of the box. As a result, you'll come closer to achieving long-term goals. You might be overwhelmed by associates' responses. Dress

for success. Tonight: Hook up with your

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** Take your time, especially if you're feeling pressured by various forces

in your life. Sometimes taking action might be harder than you think, especially as others could be difficult. Talking helps. A boss expresses pleasure in your performance. Tonight: Get some extra R

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **** Meetings and networking

need to play greater roles. You could find an associate to be unusually closed off or stern. Recognize that sometimes you, too, might be perceived in the same way. Good news will head your way if you demonstrate openness. Tonight: Friends and music mix well. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.

HHH A must appearance could be overwhelming, and as a result, you could be stressed out. Recognize your limits and ask for support from a needed friend or associate. Together you can jump over this hurdle. Listen well Tonight: Make togetherness the meme. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Visit with someone via the telephone. You will find that you have a lot to share. Open up to possibilities rather than close doors. You find others jovial and only too willing to help. A child still could be testy. Tonight: Find a new

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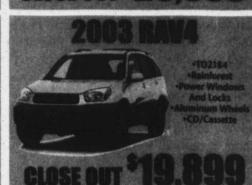
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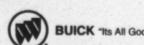
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Pampan talks with NRA leader



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Wayne LaPierre Jr., executive vice president of the National Rifle Association of America, left, visits with Bill Arrington of Pampa during the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association convention in Austin this week.

PRIMARY

"You can't always have an interpreter around, and they want to be able to go up and tell you their problems," Hinojosa said.

Financial support for Doggett poured in from national groups of union members, car dealers and teachers. Doggett has collected more than \$2.5 million so far for his campaign.

Doggett said Hinojosa's support in her home community was lacking.

"If she were as strong as she pretends to be she would be talking about her accomplishments rather than slinging mud at me," he said.

will face either Republican Rebecca Armendariz Klein or Capener Regner November, but a Democrat is expected to win the seat.

The winning Democrat

In District 28, U.S. Rep. Ciro Rodriguez, a Democrat from San Antonio, faces a challenge from former Texas Secretary of State Henry Cuellar of Laredo. Cuellar almost beat Republican Rep. Henry Bonilla of San Antonio in 2002.

In Houston, Democrat Chris Bell, a congressional freshman, runs in District 9, where about 66 percent of the voters are black or Hispanic. Bell, who is white, faces two black candidates in the Democratic primary: Al Green, a former Houston NAACP president, lawyer Beverly Spencer.

In the Republican primary, District 17, which includes Waco, College Station and President Bush's Crawford ranch, the race got contentious between front-runners Dot Snyder, a former Waco school board member, and Arlene Wohlgemuth, a state representative from Burleson.

An ad by Snyder accused Wohlgemuth of opposing efforts to clean up Lake Waco pollution caused by upstream dairy farms. Wohlgemuth accused Snyder of voting to raise property taxes the five years she was on the school board. Retired Army Col. Dave McIntyre is also in the

The Republican winner will face 13-year-incumbent U.S. Rep. Chet Edwards, a Waco Democrat.

U.S. Rep. Ralph Hall of Rockwall flew into Dallas on Air Force One with Bush for one fund-raiser. GOP leaders have poured money into Hall's campaign since he switched from Democrat to the GOP in January. Hall faces Mike Murphy of Frisco and Mike Mosher of Paris in the District 4 primary.

the highest-level In Texas statewide race, Railroad Commission chairman Victor Carrillo continued to show his big-name backing Monday. Carrillo, invited by the Bush campaign, was part of the official Republican welcoming delegation for the president in Dallas.

Carrillo's three GOP primary opponents are Robert Butler of Palestine, Douglas Deffenbaugh of San Antonio and K. Dale Henry of Mullin.

Associated Press writers Lynn Brezosky, Suzanne Gamboa and Angela Brown contributed to this report.

On the Net:

Texas Secretary of State's Office: www.sos.state.tx.us

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Democrats propose tax cut, spending restrictions

boosts as Senate debate on a \$2.36 trillion budget turned Tuesday to the politically sensitive subject of protecting Social Security.

Senate votes would be needed years. for any tax reduction or increase in automatic benefits an uncertain fate. But win or like Medicare for the foresee- lose, eight months before the budget through by week's able future. That margin can Election Day, the proposal be tough to achieve in the nar-sought to juxtapose plans by deter Democrats who hope to rowly divided 100-member President Bush and the GOP rewrite it by luring support reduction, with members of his Senate, where Republicans for more tax cuts with the from moderate GOP senators. own party leading that fight,

The requirement would be the huge pension program. waived if the government

approve tax cuts or spending ably won't happen for many Conrad said. years because of today's enormous federal deficits.

bills. With few exceptions, the Under an amendment by cash has been routinely used expire over the next few years. plan that Nickles says should Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., 60 for other programs for many He said Conrad's proposal

> Conrad's amendment faced shaky long-term solvency of

WASHINGTON (AP) — stops using cash collected by for ... until we stop taking country, spur the economy and Democrats proposed making it Social Security's trust funds Social Security funds and harder for lawmakers to for other programs. That prob- using them to pay other bills,"

> Senate Budget Committee Chairman Don Nickles, R-The trust fund's huge sur- Okla., countered that "the real pluses are invested in Treasury target of this amendment" is tax cuts, like those that will "demagogues a little bit on the issue of Social Security."

Republicans hope to push end. To do it, they will have to

Tax cuts "ought to be paid to the needs to defend the ing bill.

shrink blossoming federal shortfalls. They contend their budget would halve this year's projected \$477 billion deficit by 2007. That assumes that federal revenue will expand through economic growth.

As part of a deficit-cutting affect most programs, the budget from his committee would slice \$7 billion off the \$421 billion for defense that Bush proposed last month. Nickles has conceded the Senate is likely to erase the Republicans argued that either during the budget debate their proposal would respond or on a future military spend-

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LAWSUITS

and prosecution without probable cause. Garcia claims some of his superiors wanted to get rid of him so others could be promoted within the department.

He also alleges other officers

committed felonious offenses without being disciplined, terminated or demoted. He alleges that the charges against him and his subsequent termination have destroyed his life and career.

"The city categorically denies the allegations," Grant said today.



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