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VFW parade planned

Pampa VFW invites the public to join in a parade celebrating its 75th birthday on Saturday, April 3.

Theme of the parade, set for 1 p.m., Saturday, April 3, is "Patriotic." The parade will begin in the M.K. Brown parking lot. Participants are asked to enter the parking lot through the west entrance off Sumner Street on the south side of the auditorium.





Tree & Yard Spraving

Trap door closing on militants

Pakistani officials believe al Qaida's No. 2 man may be surrounded near border

By RIAZ KHAN ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WANA, Pakistan (AP) — Thousands of Pakistani army reinin border villages where al-Qaida's No. conference. 2 leader is believed to be surrounded

As the troops set up a cordon around a 20-square-mile area, Afghan authorities reported the arrests of midlevel ter- whether it was al-Zawahri. rorist leaders on their side of the border.

South Waziristan, where Pakistani the capital, Islamabad.

paramilitary forces began an operation against al-Qaida and Taliban fugitives Pakistani officials that captured mili- loaded with families and possessions. four days ago.

"From the type of resistance we are among them, and possibly injured. getting ... the militants could be anyforcements joined an offensive Friday thing from 300 to 400," he told a news apprehended, we have not got confir- geted areas.

Sultan said authorities' intelligence along with hundreds of other militants. assessment was that a high-level fugitive was among the fighters, although he had not been seen and it was unclear

"The type of resistance, the type of preparation of their defensive posi-Army spokesman Gen. Shaukat tions, the hardened fortresses they have Sultan said the army believes a mix of made means we can assume that there lages. foreigners and local Pakistani tribes- could probably be some high-value tarmen are holed up in heavily armed get there," Sultan said from the army houses in Shin Warsak, five miles not have any independent confirmation fortresses in several villages in lawless press office in Rawalpindi, a city near

tants had revealed that al-Zawahri was

mation from them," he said - but ing operation.

were visible in the area, as fighting deputy. spread Friday to two more tribal vil-

southwest of Wana, said the villagers, that al-Zawahri was surrounded. who were streaming out of the

He disputed claims by four senior besieged region in pickup trucks

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Residents reported seeing scores of army trucks carrying troops and "So far, whatever people we have weapons moving from Wana to the tar-

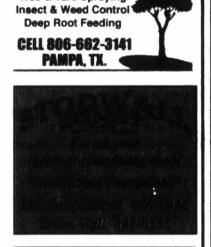
Pakistani President Gen. Pervez quickly added the army could not share Musharraf also said Thursday a "highsuch intelligence anyway in an ongo- value" target was believed trapped. The four senior Pakistani officials told Villagers in Wana, the main town in The Associated Press on condition of South Waziristan, said heavy guns anonymity that intelligence indicated it fired through the night and jet fighters was al-Zawahri, Osama bin Laden's

U.S. National security adviser Condoleezza Rice said a "fierce battle Helicopter gunships fired rockets at was raging" but the United States did

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Powell: Civilized world must not allow terrorists to intimidate By GEORGE GEDDA Marking the anniversary at





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(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

What better way to spend a sunny spring afternoon than at the ballpark. Reflected in his sunglasses, Rodney Wichert watches his daughter, Lady Harvester first baseman Whitney Wichert, during Thursday's game in Amarillo. The high Thursday was 78 degrees. Temperatures are supposed to top out today in the mid-80s, but drop back by Sunday into the mid-60s.

Bush marks first anniversary of Iraq with U.S. public split and allies weary

By SCOTT LINDLAW ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — One year after ordering military strikes against Iraq, President Bush marked the anniversary Friday by urging resolve in the war against terrorism and saying it is "the duty of every government to fight and- to Defense Department figures. Iraq is a major destroy this threat to our people."

Bush said terrorists have killed innocent people around the world, most recently last week in Madrid where bombings claimed the lives of more than 200 people.

He said there is "no neutral ground in the fight between civilization and terror."

"There can be no separate peace with the terrorist enemy," Bush said. "Any sign of weakness or retreat simply validates terrorist said. violence and invites more violence for all nations."

Bush's speech in the East Room of the White House concluded a weeklong effort to boost support for the war on terrorism at a time

when cracks are forming in the U.S.-led alliance that toppled Saddam Hussein. Ambassadors and diplomats from 84 countries joined members of the military and others in the audience.

Since the start of hostilities last year 569 U.S. troops have been killed in Iraq, according issue in the presidential race, and polls show that Americans are sharply divided over Bush's policy.

Bush acknowledged that the U.S.-led war had caused bitter divisions among allies. France and Germany led the opposition to Bush's call for the use of military force and stayed on the sidelines.

"Those differences belong to the past," Bush

French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin said the world is a more dangerous place because of the Iraq war, which unleashed postwar violence and an upswing in terrorism. (See BUSH, Page 3)

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) -Secretary of State Colin Powell declared Friday that ple." the threat of terrorism persists and said it's no time for civilized nations to "run and

"Terrorism existed in many parts of the world before this war," Powell said at a news conference.

Speaking a day after the Polish government charged it had been misled by the United States about the threat posed by Saddam Hussein, Powell said Washington provided "full, candid and open information" with respect to the threat it saw from Saddam.

"Poland has been a good ally and a solid partner in the coalition and I am pleased that even though the president did make that statement, he said the Polish troops would be remaining," Powell said.

The national security adviser to Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski said Friday Kwasniewski told President Bush that Polish troops will stay in Iraq "as long as needed, plus one day longer." Kwasniewski made the pledge in a phone call by Bush to mark the anniversary of the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq, the adviser, Marek-Siwiec, told reporters.

French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin, told the newspaper LeMonde that the U.S.-led war has made the world a more dangerous place. "We have to look reality in the face," he said.

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fight between civilization and terror.'

Making an unannounced visit on the first anniversary of the Iraq war, the secretary earlier told several hundred American soldiers and civilian workers that America must maintain its fight against antidemocratic forces here "because we cannot let them win.

Powell spoke disparagingly of the those who, he said, are trying to stop through terrorism what the United States and its allies are trying to build.

Powell talked of the increasing tide of violence in recent days, including the bombing of a hotel in downtown Baghdad.

He attributed it to elements of a deposed regime "who do not want to see the Iraqi people live in peace ... who would return this nation to a nation under the thumb of a dictator. Those days are gone."

"Yes, there will be difficult days ahead," Powell said. "... I don't want to underestimate the seriousness of the challenge and we have to shift as the enemy shifts. They have

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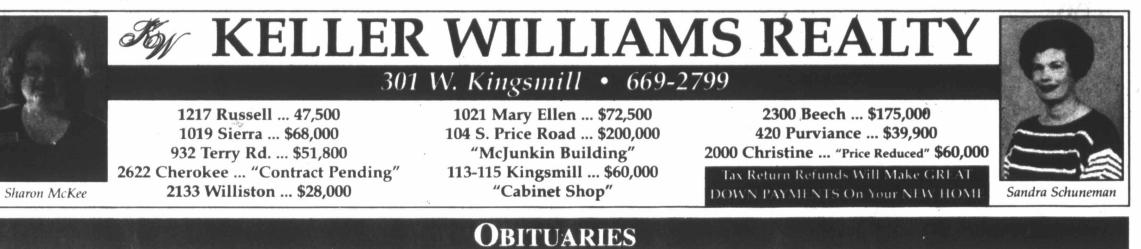


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GAYLE SUE LELAND HUNTER-REICHER 1938-2004

Tuesday, March 16, 2004, in Dallas. Services are to be at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 20, 2004, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel in Pampa with the Rev. Ernie Wilkinson and the Rev. Suzie Wilkinson, deacons of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Born Feb. 2, 1938, in Pampa, she lived most of her life in southern California before returning to Pampa in 1980. She had been a resident of Dallas for the past 10 years. She graduated from Coronado High School where she held many class, club and student body offices. She attended Colorado State University where she was a member of the Chi Omega Sorority. She had previously attended the Coronado School of Fine Arts and the Los Angeles Art Institute. She became an interior designer and owned and operated Reicher Drapery Manufacturer and House of

Gayle Sue Leland Hunter-Reicher, 66, died Draperies. She was a member of the L.A. Advertising Club, Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority and the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was a member of the Lutheran Church of Atonement in California and a member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Pampa. She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Mary Leland.

> Survivors include a son, James Hunter and wife Jana of Garland; a daughter, Mia Hunter of Amarillo; one grandson, Rylan Hunter of Garland and one granddaughter, Shayla Hunter, of Garland; and special friend, Dana Gee of Amarillo.

> Memorials may be made to the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, P.O. Box 190567, Dallas, Texas, 75219-0567, or a favorite charity.

The family will receive friends at 832 Deane Dr. in Pampa between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., Friday, March 19.

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

BILL W. SMITH

HAYSVILLE, Kan. - Bill W. Smith, 76, died Wednesday, March 17, 2004, of lung cancer. Funeral services are to be at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 20, 2004, at Smith Mortuary of Haysville, Kan.

Mr. Smith was a retired Cessna Aircraft employee. He and his wife Betty had been married 53 years.

He is survived by his wife Betty; two daughters, Teresa Welsh and Julie Schoeffler; a

son, Charles Davis; two sisters, Anna Joe Weidler and Juanita Menn; three brothers, Robert Smith, Harold Smith and Carroll Smith; three grandchildren and four greatgrandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Clyde and Letha Smith, and a brother, Milton Smith.

Memorials may be made to Odyssey Healthcare & Hospice, 125 N. Market, Wichita, Kan., 67202.

SERVICES TOMORROW

HUNTER-REICHER, Gayle Sue Leland – 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel

SMITH, Bill W. – Smith Mortuary, Haysville, Kan.



DONOVAN "DON" MCCUNN

Donovan "Don" McCunn, 75, died Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Thursday, March 18, 2004, in Pampa.

MARTHA LOU SCHAKEL 1944-2004

Martha Lou Schakel, 59, died Thursday, grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." March 18, 2004, in Pampa. The body was cremated and is unavailable for viewing. Tucson, Ariz.; two daughters, Shannon Cremation arrangements are under the direc- Ullmann of Golden, Colo., and Brandy Schakel, tion of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. of Ft. Collins, Colo.; her father, Dr. Frank Memorial services are pending.

been a resident of Pampa since 1992, moving Wyss of Fredericksburg, and Patsy Smith of from Ft. Collins, Colo. She was a school- Mancos, Colo.; and one grandson, Noah teacher and a member of the Bible Church of Schakel of Tucson, Ariz. Pampa. Her greatest joy was sharing Jesus to Isaiah 40:31: "... but those who hope in the 79065. Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Survivors include one son, Brett Schakel of Kelley of Fredericksburg; one brother, Frank Born Sept. 11, 1944, in Fort Worth, she had Kelley Jr., of Houston; two sisters, Mary Ann Memorials may be made to Bible Church of

those around her. Her favorite Bible verse was Pampa, 300 W. Browning, Pampa, Texas,

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Gorilla attack leaves four hurt; animal escapes from Dallas zoo

as officials tried to determine could not gain a clear shot.

how the 300-pound animal broke out of its cage.

and chest. He also was injured ly before the 5 p.m. escape. when the gorilla threw him Heard, was released from try. This blows our minds."

Jabari had been in the

"He had to have scaled the Mesquite apparently shielded against a wall Thursday, police wall," said zoo director Rich several children from the and witnesses said. His 26- Buickerood. But "this habitat gorilla before it snatched her year-old mother, Keisha is among the best in the coun- in an aviary exhibit, according He said he did not know chaperoning. Reichert sufafter being treated for bites on why zoo employees, who were fered injuries to her upper left armed with pepper spray, did arm and was released Thursday night after being A witness said she sheltered treated at Methodist Central zoo compound fatally shot a group of children against a Hospital, a hospital spokes-Jabari, a 13-year-old male wall after she watched the woman said. One child was treated at the sure. scene. Zoo officials said in a "He was banging on the prepared statement that the ning through" the zoo, Deputy door and broke it down, then Wilds of Africa section and Police Chief Daniel Garcia he jumped out," Diana the Monorail Safari will be told The Dallas Morning Gonzalez told Dallas televi- closed Friday, but will reopen News in Friday's editions. "It sion station WFAA. "He was Saturday. The zoo has been in finan-Gonzalez said she and sev- cial straits and the nonprofit You can imagine the pande- eral children saw the gorilla Dallas Zoological Society monium we had out here jump on top of a woman recently proposed a county when he got loose. We felt ter- before they escaped from the takeover. Buickerood said last rible we had to put this animal area without injury. Other zoo- month that the zoo staff had goers hid inside a restaurant been cut and maintenance Tactical officers fired three and the monorail surrounding postponed because of the shots at the gorilla. Zoo work- the Wilds of Africa exhibit funds shortage.

DALLAS (AP) - A goril- ers armed with tranquilizer while authorities tried to subla's rampage through the guns had also pursued the ani- due the animal, which darted Dallas Zoo that injured four mal through the forested jun- through thick bamboo before people, including a toddler, gles of the Wilds of Africa emerging on a nature trail and remained under investigation exhibit for a half-hour, but confronting police officers about 5:30 p.m.

The gorilla, holding a pair award-winning gorilla-conser- of white children's sandals, Rivers Noah, 3, was in fair vation area, surrounded by a got within 15 feet of two tacticondition early Friday at 16-foot concave wall, before cal officers before they opened Children's Medical Center the attack. Some youths had fire, Dallas police Lt. Anthony with multiple bites to his head reportedly teased Jabari short- Williams said late Thursday.

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POLICE

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests as of 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, March 18

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 900 block of Twiford. A ball and hitch pin was taken off of a vehicle. Another vehicle at the same location was entered, but nothing was taken from it. Estimated loss is \$20.

Criminal mischief was reported concerning street signs. One sign was stolen and two others were damaged, for an estimated loss of \$230. Location of the signs was not reported.

A bicycle was found in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

A car part was found in the 400 block of North Hobart. It is unknown what type of part

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests as of 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, March 18

Kenneth Patrick Harrison, 36, Amarillo, was arrested on a grand jury indictment for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, enhanced.

Lauren Heath Holtman, 24, 937 S. Faulkner, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation concerning a charge of driving while intoxicated.

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it is, according to the report.

Theft of \$27.15 in gasoline was reported at Allsup's, 1025 W. Wilks. A suspect has been charged with the theft.

Theft was reported in the 2200 block of North Nelson. Medicine was taken, and amount of loss was unknown.

Christian Dale King, 22, 941 S. Faulkner, was arrested at his home for aggravated sexual assault of a child. No further information was available.

Ron Gene Gray, 39, Miami, was arrested at the Texas Department of Public Safety office for public intoxication.

Alton Glenn Cook, 21, 710 N. Russell, was arrested at his home for possession of a prohibited weapon, a knife.

FIRE

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

Thursday, March 18

3:32 p.m. – One unit and two firefighters responded to a report of hazardous material spilled in the 1800 block of West Alcock. None was found.

9:20 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a lifting assist in the 1700 block of Evergreen.

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WEATHER FOCUS

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Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower to mid 50s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s. West winds 15 to 20 mph shifting to the north in the afternoon. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Northeast winds 15 to 20 mph. Sunday, partly cloudy. Cooler. Highs in the lower 60s. Sunday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. Monday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s. Monday night, mostly cloudy. Breezy. Lows in the upper 40s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the upper 70s. Tuesday night,

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BUSH

"This is a belief that I have never stopped expressing," he told Le Monde newspaper. "Terrorism didn't exist in Iraq before," de Villepin said. "Today, it is one of the world's principal sources of world terrorism."

Bush said the fall of Saddam had removed a source of violence, aggression and instability in the Middle East.

"There are still violent thugs and murderers in Iraq, and we're dealing with them," Bush said. "But no one can argue that the Iraqi people would be better off with the thugs and murderers back in the palaces.

"Who would prefer that Saddam's torture chambers still be open? Who would wish that more mass graves were still being filled? Who would begrudge the Iraqi people their long-awaited liberation?"

With Saddam out of power, Bush said, "We mark a turning point for the Middle East and a crucial advance for human liberty."

Bush said history will note that this is a time of great challenge. "Let it also be said

of our times that we understood our great duties and met them in full."

The speech was a call for unity in the war against terrorism. He said terrorists have struck from around the world, from Spain to Russia to Israel to East Africa to Morocco to the Philippines and the United States.

· "No nation or region is exempt from the terrorists' campaign of violence," Bush said.

"Each attack is designed to demoralize our people and divide us from one another," Bush said, "and each attack must be answered not only with sorrow but with greater determination, deeper resolve and bolder action against the killers."

"It is the interest of every country and the duty of every government to fight and destroy this threat to our people," the president said.

"There is no neutral ground — no neutral ground — in the fight between civilization and terror, because there is no neutral ground between good and evil, freedom and slavery, and life and death," Bush said.

"The war on terror is not a figure of speech," he said. "It

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Pakistani Interior Minister Faisal Saleh Hayyat told AP that authorities hoped to wrap up the raid "during the next 48 hours," adding that he did not want to speculate on whether al-Zawahri was indeed cornered. "The operation is ongoing. Let it finish and then everything will be clear."

A spokesman for Afghan President Hamid Karzai said U.S. and Afghan troops have captured "semi-senior" terrorist leaders along the border with Pakistan, as they tightened security along the rugged frontier.

Jawed Ludin said it was unclear if those detained had fled the battle in Pakistan, and declined to give any details of to surrender passed without a who might be in custody.

A Taliban spokesman, Abdul Samad, told AP in a phone interview that both al-Zawahri and bin Laden are alive and hiding inside the day. Afghanistan, far from the Pakistani guns.

"Muslims of the world --don't worry about them, these said.

Villagers around Wana reported a lull in the fighting on Friday afternoon, amid

is an inescapable calling of our generation."

"Many coalition countries have sacrificed in both Iraq and Afghanistan," Bush said. "Among the fallen soldiers and civilians are sons and daughters of Australia, Bulgaria, Canada, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, the United Kingdom and the United States."

Spanish voters last week ousted the government Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar. Prime Minister-elect Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero has pledged to pull Spanish troops from Iraq unless the United Nations takes control of peacekeeping.

Bush's speech was given added impetus by rising criticism from Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry, the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee. On Wednesday, Kerry accused Bush of stubbornly holding to policies that he said have driven away potential allies at the cost of lives and money, "with no end in sight."

Presidential spokesman reports that tribal elders were attempting to mediate with

local authorities and establish a cease-fire. A noon deadline fresh attack.

An intelligence official said "dozens" of militants were killed Thursday. Sultan would not give a death toll for

He said two militants were confirmed killed Friday, and eight captured. Among those captured were five foreigners, two guests, they are fine," he seized along with a large cache of weapons.

> At least 43 people were killed earlier this week in fighting in the area.



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POWELL

moved from harder targets to softer targets."

"So there has been a spike in attacks," he said. "We have seen these spikes before and I hope it won't stay at this level and we'll work to get it down as soon as possible. "

Bush's national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice, said Friday that the United States has known "this was going to be challenging."

"The Iraqis have made tremendous progress," she said on NBC's "Today" rights and women's rights, "things that are largely

unheard of in the region." "Yes, it's tough," Rice said. "There are a lot of people who would like to unravel that progress. They are fighting as if Iraq is the central front in

terrorism. It is." Asked Friday about suggestions the transition is going poorly, Powell said, "I wouldn't say we're at an impasse or that anything is frozen. We are in a continuing process of moving toward an interim respond," Powell added. "I government."

not resolved yet ... its shape. But we have a number of ideas show, noting new laws in that are under consideration Iraq that guarantee religious and we have time between now and then to put that government in place."

Powell said he thinks the coalition "is still strong - 30 odd countries still here and doing their job."

"This is not the time to say, 'Let's stop what we're doing and pull back.' It's time to redouble our efforts ... and not run and hide and think it won't come and get us," he said.

"It's a threat to the whole civilized world and the whole civilized world has to don't think the war in Iraq is Powell said officials "have the source of instability around the world." The secretary said there have been incidents of terrorism around the world, such as in Saudi Arabia, which "is not attributable to the war in Iraq."

USA Today: Reporter faked major stories

examination of the work of journalist Jack Kelley found paper's former star foreign correspondent had fabricated substantial portions of at least eight major stories.

"As an institution, we failed Craig Moon said.

After spending seven weeks closely examining Kelley's cated or plagiarized. work, a team of journalists also found that Kelley had lifted quotes or other material from competing publications, lied in speeches he delivered for USA Today and conspired to mislead the investigation into his work.

An examination of his computer unearthed scripts Kelley had written to help at least three people mislead reporters attempting to verify his work, the newspaper said.

For a story in 2000, the newspaper said, Kelley used a

Today said Friday that an hotel worker to authenticate a was five times nominated for a tale he made up about a woman Pulitzer Prize, the most prestiwho died fleeing Cuba by boat. strong evidence that the news- The woman in the published photo never fled by boat, and a helped make him a Pulitzer USA Today reporter located her Prize finalist in 2001, Kelley alive this month, the newspaper said.

Kelley, 43, quit the newspaour readers by not recognizing per in January after admitting carnage in graphic detail. But Jack Kelley's problems. For he conspired with a translator to the investigation showed that that I apologize," publisher mislead editors looking into the veracity of his reporting.

Kelley spent his entire 21- contradicted by police.

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McLEAN, Va. (AP) --- USA snapshot he took of a Cuban year career at USA Today and gious award in journalism.

> For one of the stories that wrote that he was an eyewitness to a suicide bombing in Jerusalem and described the the man Kelley described as the bomber could not have been the Kelley said he'd never fabri- culprit, and his description of three decapitated victims was

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Holding runoff elections for unnecessary position 'weird'

To the editor:

A post-election editorial in the Amarillo Globe-News titled "Constable lunacy continues in Randall County runoff" details the cost of \$18,000 to hold the runoff in an election for constable. One of the contestants is running in an attempt to have the position of constable eliminated. The position of constable has been declared unnecessary in Randall County by the media and law enforcement officials.

While no cost figures have published for the two runoff elections for constable in Gray County, the business of voting for an unnecessary position that is largely unsupervised borders on the weird regardless of the cost of the runoff. One of the contestants in the Gray County Precinct 4 runoff is also running to work for elimination of the position.

Shortages of funds have impinged negatively in Gray County in cases to be prosecuted. When funding is the motivator of justice, there is no justice for any but the poor. The contracting out of county responsibilities for the collection of county funds to two law firms indicate the utilization of tax revenue must at some point in time be given a higher degree of appreciation and value.

'Best' evidence could be fatal

Listening to the political and media rhetoric about the war in Iraq, you'd think that only President Bush thought Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction. Here are just a few past statements made by Bush's critics.

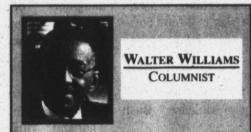
President Clinton (1998): "One way or the other, we are determined to deny Iraq the capacity to develop weapons of mass destruction and the missiles to deliver them. That is our bottom line."

Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright (February 1998): "Iraq is a long way from here, but what happens there matters a great deal here. For the risks that the leaders of a rogue state will use nuclear, chemical or biological weapons against us or our allies is the greatest security threat we face."

In 2002, Al Gore said, "We know that he has stored secret supplies of biological and chemical weapons throughout his country."

Also in 2002, Sen. Ted Kennedy said, "We have known for many years that Saddam Hussein is seeking and developing weapons of mass destruction."

Sen. John Kerry, Democratic presidential front-runner, said in 2002, "I will be voting to give the president of the United States the authority to use force if necessary - to disarm Saddam Hussein because I believe that a deadly arsenal of weapons of mass destruction in his hands is a real and grave threat to our security." In January 2003, Kerry added, "Without question, we need to disarm



Saddam Hussein. He is a brutal, murderous dictator, leading an oppressive regime. ... He presents a particularly grievous threat because he is so consistently prone to miscalculation. ... And now he is miscalculating America's response to his continued deceit and his consistent grasp for weapons of mass destruction. So the threat of Saddam Hussein with weapons of mass destruction is real."

The fact of the matter is that former President Clinton, as well as many members of Congress, believed, just as President Bush did, that Saddam Hussein possessed or was developing biological, chemical and nuclear weapons. The widespread attacks on President Bush are little more than political demagoguery and grandstanding and depend on public forgetfulness and ignorance to succeed.

Military intelligence will probably always be an inexact science. Let's go back to President Roosevelt's administration. By mid-1940, the "evidence" became so promising about Germany's nuclear-weapons program that British and American scientists judged it imprudent to continue to publish new results.

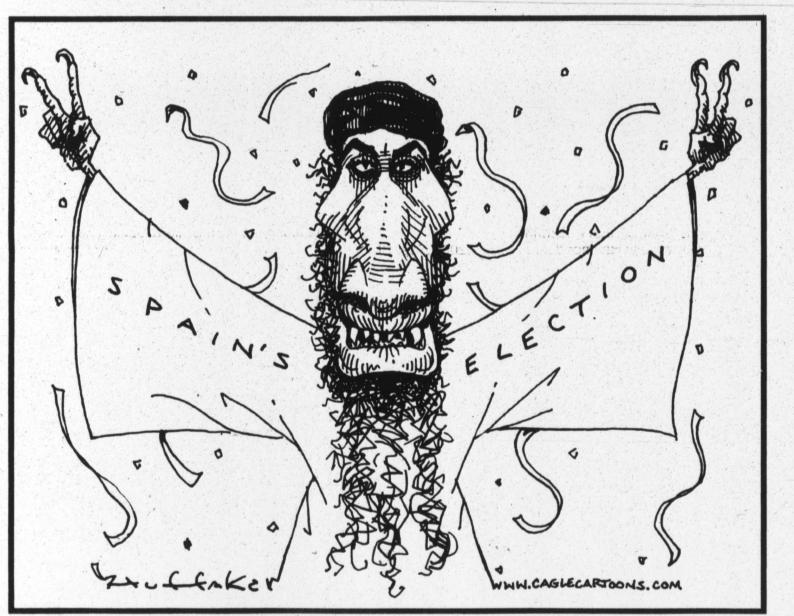
Further research in the United States and Britain was done in secret to prevent German scientists from using the findings to develop an atomic bomb of their own for use in the war then underway.

The frightening possibility that Germany might succeed in providing Hitler with a nuclear weapon was one of the driving forces for the U.S. Manhattan Project. It was also the reason for some of the strategic targeting during World War II, including heavy water facilities in Nazi-occupied Norway.

When World War II ended, it was discovered that Germany wasn't nearly as close to developing an atomic bomb as intelligence experts had thought. Fortunately, back during that time, we didn't have today's hustling politicians and gullible public around to criticize either our war strategy or the atomic bombing of Japan. Back then, Americans were thankful we got the bomb first and used it to end the war.

Listening to today's politicians and what goes for informed media commentary, George Bush should have waited for unambiguous proof that a megalomaniac tyrant like Saddam Hussein had nuclearchemical-biological weapons.

I'm wondering if that unambiguous proof sufficient for America's political hustlers and gullible public would have been a mushroom cloud over one of our cities or millions of Americans suffering and dying from chemical or biological toxins.



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The approach to the county budget process is to first find funding for the status quo. Conservation and logical application of existing funds must take second place to politically expedient priorities.

Bill Reeves McLean

For almost 100 years, ARC answers the cries of humanity

To the editor:

The Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross, a United Way agency, appreciates the support of the people of the Pampa area and surrounding communities over the last several months and past years.

While March is officially designated American Red Cross Month, in fact, every hour of every day of every month finds the public spotlight shining on our organization. We provide blood for a patient in need every two minutes, and we answer a disaster call every eight minutes on a 24-hour, seven days a week schedule. We answer the cry of humanity throughout the world and do so mainly through volunteers who give of themselves and wear the Red Cross emblem proudly.

This is truly an incredible organization and we do not celebrate this as much or as often as we should. Next January 2005 marks the 100th anniversary of our Congressional charter. Let me begin by thanking each of you for your dedication to our humanitarian mission and offer congratulations for your role in the rich and momentous history of the Red Cross. It does not go unnoticed, the help we receive locally and/or on a national basis.

Jana Gregory, executive director **Gray County Chapter - American Red Cross**

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Bush ads explain Kerry's liberalism

At last George W. Bush is doing what he needs to do to win this election - run ads that explain John Kerry's liberalism to moderate swing voters.

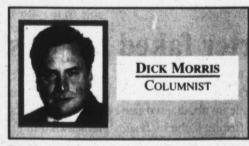
And the Bush ads are very good. He focuses on three lines of attack: Kerry's advocacy of a "\$900 billion tax increase," his support for weakening the Patriot Act and his commitment to awaiting United Nations approval before "defending America."

Particularly clever is the tax-increase charge. Throughout the Democratic primary, Kerry competed with his fellow candidates to denounce the Bush tax cut and to urge its repeal. Now Bush has turned the rescinding of a tax reduction into a tax increase.

The sunset provisions the Democrats agreed to include in the tax cut legislation specify that the cuts automatically expire in 2005 and 2006, making them highly relevant in the election. While Bush has never had a convincing majority in favor of his tax cuts, over 80 percent of Americans oppose a tax increase.

Kerry's answer is weak. In a rebuttal ad, the Democrat just says it ain't so without elaborating. Kerry's commercial says "John Kerry has never called for a \$900 billion tax increase. He wants to cut taxes for the middle class."

But voters are inclined to believe that Kerry does want to raise taxes, and they have heard the Democrat excoriate the Bush tax cuts in his speeches for a year.



So Kerry has to do more than just deny the charge. The Bush attack will hit home and score deeply.

Kerry doesn't even answer the other two charges: That he would weaken the Patriot Act and await United Nations approval before acting against terrorism. These two attacks will open up a big distance between Bush and Kerry over terrorism. While the issue now works as a positive for the president, it has yet to come into play as a negative for the Democrat.

By charging that Kerry would weaken homeland security, Bush is framing the issue in the best possible way. With the recent horrific bombings in Madrid and the consequent rising insecurity over terrorism in the United States, any imputation that Kerry would undermine our defenses will cut deeply into the Democrat's vote share.

And Bush cleverly avoids the issue of weapons of mass destruction and says that the real issue is whether the United States should preserve the ability to defend herself or if we must first wait for the United Nations to permit us to do so.

By framing the issue this way, Bush is tapping into American distrust of internationalism and of the United Nations in particular.

The fact that Kerry is not answering these two charges plays into Bush's hands. A charge that goes unanswered is one that is, in effect, admitted in our modern political dialogue.

Kerry is making a huge mistake in letting Bush hit him without a response on this critical issue. But to respond puts Kerry in the position of engaging with Bush over the Republican's strongest issue and distracting attention from the economy, which the Democrats would rather debate. The Bush attack puts Kerry on the spot. Either he lets this attack stand and suffers the consequences or he makes terrorism the central issue of the campaign and hurts himself that way.

But the key event in the presidential race this week happened 3,000 miles away. The terrorist bombing in Spain will. reawaken Americans' fears and their sense that terrorism is not going away. This reminder will make voters think longer and harder before they trust the presidency to a man who they do not think is up to the job of battling al Qaeda.

The conventional wisdom is that the election will be close, a replay of 2000. Not if Bush keeps attacking and Kerry fails to respond. Then it will be a replay of 1988.

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Crossword Puzzle

give her a fresh start. contacted my husband again. He wants Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

am denying my husband a relationship with his son. I'm not trying to keep them apart; I'm trying to protect my daughter. I have reached the point that I will leave and take my kids with me before I'll expose them to this again. Am I wrong? -- STRONGLY AGAINST VISIT

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Moocher Wears Out Welcome

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DEAR ABBY: My husband's

friend, "Kevin," has been coming to

our house once a week for the past

eight years. He is always broke and

looking for a handout, even though he

by inviting him to stay for dinner once

in a while. Now he has started to com-

plain: The steak isn't cooked the way

he likes it, or I don't toss the salad the

way his mom does. (By the way,

Kevin is 35 and still lives at home.)

The reason he always needs money is

that he spends every paycheck on

I recently gave birth to my first

child and I don't want him to be around

someone like Kevin, but my husband

to our house. How can I -- politely --

out causing trouble between my hus-

DEAR NEW MOM: That's easy.

Stop feeding that moocher steak, go

vegetarian, and toss the salads

YOUR way. I predict he'll be out of

your hair as soon as the gravy train

P.S. You don't mention what kind

of drugs this man is addicted to, but

he should not be around your baby

while he is under the influence. If

your husband continues to object,

explain to him that it could be con-

DEAR ABBY: My 13-year-old

daughter was molested by her half-

brother for almost a year before she

When we found out, we did every-

thing we could to help her overcome

this. We even moved out of state to

sidered child endangerment.

found the courage to tell us.

band and myself? -- NEW MOM

In the beginning, I tried to help him

has a full-time job.

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stops rolling.

DEAR STRONGLY: No, you are not wrong. You are a concerned and protective mother, and your first obligation is to protect your daughter from her predator. Tell the "family members" that your husband can visit his son, but not vice versa. And make no apologies. *****

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are anticipating the arrival of our first refuses to stop his friend from coming child in two months. We have registered at a local store for the items we get this moocher out of my home withwill need.

> A close friend has graciously offered to give me a baby shower, but she refuses to add where we are registered to the invitation. She says it's poor etiquette.

> Isn't the whole point of a baby shower to receive gifts? Is pointing people in the right direction so wrong?

The invitations go out in less than a week. Help, ASAP! -- BAFFLED IN ORANGE, CA.

DEAR BAFFLED: Sorry, but I agree with your friend. While it is understood that showers are all about getting gifts, a more refined way to get the message across is for the hostess to verbally communicate where the guest of honor is registered at the time the invitees RSVP. *****

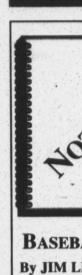
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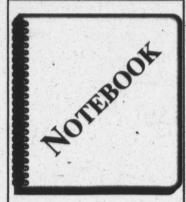


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SPORTS



BASEBALL **By JIM LITKE AP Sports Columnist**

Reports that Bud Selig stays up late rereading the "best interests of baseball" clause in the commissioner's handbook must have the lawyers at the players' union rolling on the floor.

For one thing, after almost 15 years on the job, what are the odds Selig would even recognize baseball's best interests if one walked into his office and smacked him upside the head?

For another, it's already too late to take a swing at the joke of a drug-testing policy in the collective bargaining agreement. Bud let that pitch go by years ago.

In a side letter to the four-year agreement Selig signed and gave to union boss Donald Fehr in September 2002, he flatout promised not to mess with any of the players' negotiated rights. Talk of a split in the membership ranks over drug testing is just that, and the union's lawyers already have a better record than Perry Mason when Selig & Co. wind up on the witness stand.

Those lawyers are taking turns pretending to unfold that letter in front of an arbitrator — and falling down laughing.

Rice defeats Arkansas in first round of the NWIT

JONESBORO, Ark. (AP) Arkansas State led 22-18 - Lindsey Maynard scored 15 with 8:19 remaining in the first Arkansas State (19-10) all to 50-47 with 5:13 to go, but Arkansas State. points and Lauren Neaves half Thursday, but Rice took night, making just 15-of-56 Arkansas State couldn't get have added 14 points and 12 command of the game with an (26.8 percent) from the field. any closer. The Lady Indians free throws in the final rebounds to give Rice a 59-52 11-0 run in the next four minvictory over Arkansas State in utes. Arkansas State missed and the lead grew to 45-29 remaining, but missed their to win the game. Rice now the first round of the Women's seven shots and two free with 12:11 remaining in the last three shots. National Invitation Tour- throws during the run and Rice game before Arkansas State (22-9) led the rest of the game. made one last run.

Shooting woes hurt

Rice led 33-26 at halftime trailed 55-52 with 55 seconds 5:13, but they were enough

and Catriece Webster had 12 State at UNLV game.

An 18-5 run cut the deficit points and 11 rebounds for

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Rice only made 7 of 14 faces the winner of Rudy Sims had 13 points Thursday night's Arizona

King, Malone and Fields win Senior Scramble

A three-man team walked away with top honors this week in the Hidden Hills four-man Seniors Scramble.

Bill King, Harvey Malone and Reece Fields won the scramble with a 61.

Travis Taylor, Bob Young, Jack Davis and Jim Osborne came in second with a 62.

Jim Brashers, James Lee, Kenneth Williams and Bill Brown tied with a 63 with Howard Wells, B.F. Dorman, Howard Musgrave and Bob Lyle for third.

Ron Parnell, Charles Rand, Larry Heard and Bob Brandon were fourth with a 64.

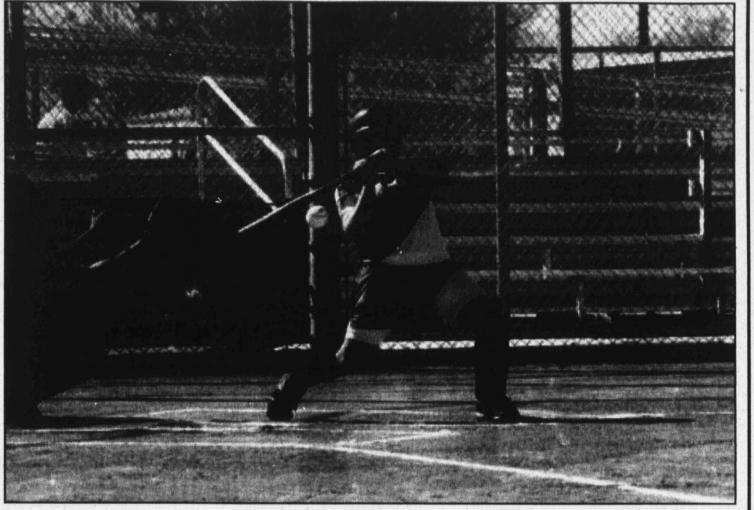
Harley Knutson, Jerry South, Walden Haynes and Gabe Crossman were fifth with a 65.

Jim Brashers was closest to the pin on the 15th hole.

Billy Mac Millican was closest to the pin on the 12th hole.

Wayland Baptist drops one to Columbia, Mo.

JACKSON, Tenn. (AP) -Charliss Ridley has scored 22 points to lead Columbia, Mo.,



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Cassy Tice leans back to avoid a wild pitch during Thursday's District game against Palo Duro High School in Amarillo. Tice, Lady Harvester's pitcher, wasn't quick enough on the next pitch which struck her arm, breaking it above the wrist.



Gene Orza, the No. 2 man in the players' association, said Selig wielding those "best interests" powers is not going to happen.

"It's got enormous legal and practical problems," Orza said. "I think that's just a rumor."

Just before the vague threats began emanating from the commissioner's office, Selig went before Congress and said he was already doing everything he could. Fehr told the same group he's done all he's planning to, and he challenged lawmakers to do otherwise.

Say what you want about Fehr, but his logic was nearly flawless and his timing was even better. He told lawmakers if they wanted to ban performance enhancers for ballplayers, all they had to do was ban them for everyone. Then, knowing how much money from the industry flows into political coffers in an election year, Fehr put his feet up on the desk and waited. He's still waiting.

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each.

For all the lip-quivering, hand-wringing pronouncements of the past few weeks, baseball will end up doing the same thing about its drug problem that it's done about nearly all the game's other woes: nothing.

It's not that Selig isn't well-meaning, just that it took him too long to get the courage to stick his toe into the batter's box. On one of those cool spring nights in the middle of the home-run binge four years ago, I called Selig at home and asked him if it was time to worry. He pleaded for calm.

"Of course, we have concerns," the commissioner said. "But at this stage we're just sitting back and monitoring."

Lady Dons in district softball play Thursday in Amarillo 26-9.

"They pounded the ball all over the place," Harvester's scribe Steve Rogers said today.

Pampa's Lady Harvesters have had trouble this season scoring early in their games, but it was no problem Thursday as the girls in green sent the bright yellow softball flying. By the third inning, the Lady Harvesters had a solid 11-0 lead.

"They jumped out on top in the first couple of innings," Rogers said.

Pampa suffered a set back in the top of the first inning when pitcher Cassy Tice was hit by a wild pitch and knocked out of the game. Officials said it appeared to be a clean break right

"She couldn't get out of the way," Rogers said. "There was no place for her to go."

Even though she left the game and will probably miss at least several more, Tice was credited with an RBI. The bases were loaded and Tice's advancement to first brought in a run.

Tice, who bats clean up, has 10 RBIs in district play now and was batting 500.

The coach said he didn't know when she would be back.

"All the girls picked it up a notch," Rogers said.

Nicole Clark stepped in to pitch, striking out the first Palo Duro batter, a sign of things to come.

Lady Harvester first baseman Varsity faces Dumas here.

Globetrotters face end of season tournament

"She did a great job," Rogers said. Whitney Wichert took over first base.

"They proceeded to take care of business," Rogers said.

Amy Youree had a big day at the plate, he said.

Tammy Covalt scored the first of three runs in the first inning.

Youree scored the second on an error.

Clark pounded a home run in the fifth.

The win leaves Pampa 4-0 in district play, and Palo Duro 0-3.

The Lady Harvesters face Dumas in Pampa Tuesday. Dumas is 3-0.

Monday, the Lady Harvesters Junior

School 54 to 10.

Matt Smith once again led Thomas Fraser and Heath

In the fifth game of the Amarillo's Bonham Middle

grade Razorback team from anced scoring attack led by

"They had four kids the size all in the first half. John Luke

Pampa played an inspired with 7. Alex Clendening and

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Pampa evened their record

The Globetrotters had a bal-

Mathew Smith with 14 points,

followed by Casey Trimble

Pampa has an end of the

season tournament the week-

the next weekend by beating

to a 71-57 victory over Wayland Baptist in the first round of the NAIA tournament.

Ridley, a transfer from Missouri who was 10-of-13 mostly in the paint, led a comeback after Columbia (28-7) trailed 27-26 at halftime Thursday night.

She had six points during a 17-2 run that put the Lady Cougars ahead 57-43 with 7:30 left.

Wayland Baptist (18-11) got as close as 67-57 with 1:42 left.

Lisa Kowalewski scored 16 for Columbia and Tiffany Foote had 12.

It was the 20th straight victory for the Lady Cougars, whose basketball program is just three years old.

Jennifer Doherty scored 21 for Wayland Baptist and Rachel Smith had 12.

Officials want stronger drug testing program

NEW YORK (AP) -Baseball's top labor lawyer hinted that the sport may move to overturn subpoenas for records of last year's drug tests, and he criticized Curt Schilling and Johnny Damon for their comments on steroids.

Rob Manfred, baseball's executive vice president for labor relations, challenged players to negotiate a tougher drug-testing plan than the one in place, but acknowledged the players' association had no obligation to bargain over drug testing until the agreement expires in December 2006.

Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer, joined Manfred on a telephone conference call and said commissioner Bud Selig wants to strengthen the drug-testing plan agreed to in August 2002.

The Pampa Globetrotters, a Trimble was the number two Renegades team. sixth and seventh grade bas- high point man with 9 points ketball team is playing in a followed by Heath Skinner the team in scoring with 12 Skinner had 5 each. Middle School League in with 8 points. Blake Sieck and points. Thomas Fraser was Amarillo. Most of the teams Alex Clendening each had 7 next with 6 points. points. Hayden they play are eighth graders. Skinner In their first game the scored 4 points. Thomas weekend, the Globetrotters Globetrotters beat an eighth Fraser and John Luke Covalt played a big, tough eighth

grade team from Vega 48 to each had 2. Amarillo. The third game saw the Mathew Smith led the team Trotters lose a heartbreaker at in scoring with 23 points. the end to a tough Dumas of Matt Smith, who is 6-foot- Covalt was next with 9 points Heath Skinner and Alex eighth grade team 41 to 36. 3." Skinner said.

Alex Clendening led the In the second game Matt followed by Heath Skinner 16 to 15. Smith had 19 points in leading and Matt Smith each with 6 the team over the Dumas sev- points.

The next game, Skinner overpowered the Globetrotters All the players scored in the said, was a tough 41 to 34 42 to 25. game, Skinner said. Casey loss to an eighth grade

Garnett undecided on offer to join Olympic team

SAN ANTONIO (AP) -Kevin Garnett has not decided thought, to tell you the truth," whether he will join the U.S. Garnett said Thursday night after Olympic basketball team for his Minnesota Timberwolves lost this summer's games in Athens.

Two sources close to the USA Basketball selection committee, Garnett said, "I have no timespeaking on condition of anonymi- line. I'm focused on the season ty, said that Garnett and Shaquille O'Neal have been invited to play for the U.S. Olympic team.

Clendening followed with 6

enth grade team 58 to 30.

"I haven't given it any to the San Antonio Spurs 106-86.

Asked when he will decide, and the Minnesota Timberwolves. Right now, my focus is the Phoenix Suns."

on Friday night in Phoenix.

Garnett played on the 2000 Olympic team that won the gold medal in Sydney, Australia.

been asked to join the team, but has not yet made a decision.

the 12-man roster, and a second been issued, though he wouldcould open if Kobe Bryant is n't specify who had been chosen.

Minnesota plays the Suns unable to play because of his sexual assault trial in Colorado.

A third member of the Los Angeles Lakers, Karl Malone, has said he might withdraw from the O'Neal said this week he has team if his knee isn't 100 percent.

Selection committee chairman Stu Jackson acknowl-One more spot remains open on edged that two invitations had

Matt Smith led the team in end of March 26.

team in scoring with 9 points, first half, Skinner said, and led Thomas Fraser scored 6 points each and Blake Sieck, Hayden The Razorbacks were too Skinner and Heath Skinner much for them, however, and each scored 4.

Texas Tech holds off Charlotte in first round of NCAA tournament

By JOHN KEKIS AP Sports Writer

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) -Senior Andre Emmett and scored 11 points to lead a firsted Red Raiders gave coach come out with a win." Bob Knight his 43rd tournaone more than Lute Olson and Denny Crum.

better for Knight than his last and nine rebounds. trip to Buffalo. He lost to Pepperdine in his final game as coach of Indiana in 2000.

"I'm glad the outcome of back. Bad idea. this game replaces the outcome of the last game in center had 15 points and 14 half his season average. Buffalo," Knight said. "I feel rebounds Thursday night and pleased for our kids to have shut down the nation's thirdthe chance to go on."

to Southern Illinois two years of the NCAA tournament. ago

sophomore year,"

Charlotte (21-9) never manment win, fourth all-time and aged to get its up-tempo game Taylor Coppenrath quickly going and shot 6-of-24 from discovered, if he didn't know beyond the arc. Curtis Withers it already. After Coppenrath hit

UConn 70, Vermont 53

Connecticut's leading scorer in the Huskies'

said Emeka out, I was going to try with that." Emmett, whose steal and fast- to tell them they didn't," break layup in the final minute UConn coach Jim Calhoun pointers to lead the Huskies Leitao a chance to outfox his throws with 2:13 left in the gave him 20 points and turned said. "We've heard that too back and finished with 22 former mentor, Calhoun, in the second overtime to give the freshman Jarrius Jackson each out to be the game-winner. many times before. You "We came in with a different don't want to. He's not just half surge and the eighth-seed- attitude and were fortunate to a shot-blocker. He's a great Buffalo subregional: DePaul defender."

Which is what Vermont's The game turned out much led the 49ers with 17 points a 3-pointer and two free second seed in the Phoenix throws to help stake the Cats Regional, improved to 12-0 in to a 7-0 lead, Okafor took over Vermont wanted to test for Josh Boone in defending Emeka Okafor and his aching Coppenrath, and the Cats star swooned. Coppenrath finished Rupp for 12th on the career imposing 3-of-17 shooting for 12 points, list.

"I was a little frustrated," So did Emmett, who still 70-53 victory over the upstart formance against Maine in the Blue Demons to the second remembers a first-round loss Catamounts in the first round America East Conference round for the first time 15 championship. "I thought I years.

"When they were saying was rushing my shots, and I "It feels better than my they wanted a chance to try think Okafor had a lot to do points and 14 rebounds for the

points.

In other games at the defeated Dayton 76-69 in double overtime; Saint Joseph's beat Liberty 82-63; and Texas Tech held off Charlotte 76-73.

The Huskies (28-6), the first-round games under Calhoun, who won his 30th tournament game to tie Adolph

DePaul 76, Dayton 69

Drake Diener scored 10 of said Coppenrath, who was his career-high 28 points in the coming off a 43-point per- second overtime to send the

Delonte Holland added 13

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seventh-seeded Blue Demons second round.

Diener put DePaul ahead Rashad Anderson hit six 3- (22-9), who gave coach Dave for good when he hit two free Blue Demons a 64-63 lead.

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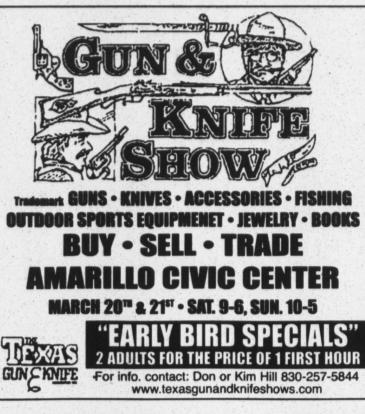
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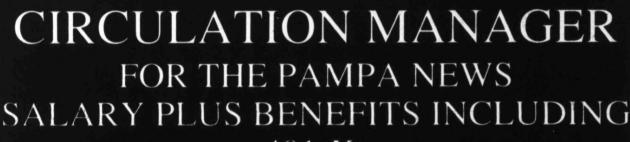
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ If you are ready to take a back seat, you will be on cruise control. Spend your time focusing on private matters or a project that can be done alone. You might really enjoy yourself. Your instincts provide insight into a loved one or finances. Tonight: A friend reaches out (or you do!).

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) **** Others might see a situation considerably differently from you. You learn and gain insight as a result. Understand that there is no "right" way. Flow with others, learning more of their ideas. You will work out a plan. Tonight: Lead the way out the door into the weekend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Others demand a lot from you because you generally come through for them. Realize limits within your immediate circle. Look for other sources, experts and different perspectives. You might be delighted by what you turn over. Tonight: A force to be dealt with. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Take an overview, and you will gain. Don't get into a problem, just figure out the solution. Also, understand where others are coming from right now, and you will know what to do. Someone key lets you know how great you are. Tonight: Take off ASAP. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Your sensitivity comes through during a conversation. In fact, you might want to help too much, if that is possible. Understand what is going on before you jump in. An associate or loved one gives you powerful feedback. Tonight: Dinner for two. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Others come through for you. Someone has a soft spot in his or her heart for you. Be careful with this person, as his or her feelings could be easily hurt. Your nurturing could be misinterpreted. Quit daydreaming about more meaningful work. Go out and make it so. Tonight: Say "yes." LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Your responsiveness to associates could cause a problem in your personal life. Slow down and make time for someone key who makes a difference in your life. Gain a different perspective by not jumping to conclusions. Tonight: Easy does it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** Your innovative style magnetizes many. Use this gift not only in your personal life but also professionally. You seem to have the answers. You could mix work and your personal life.

Careful. Tonight: Have a ball. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ You find yourself in demand. The resulting pressure might be a little difficult to handle or juggle. Bosses want something. A key appearance could be in store. You want some time at home and with family. Can you do it all? Tonight: Chill out and recuperate. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Your ability to organize, clear your desk and make sense of what others cannot marks your day. Conversations about security and funds have their place, but make time to enjoy those around you. Tonight: Hook up with friends at a favorite spot. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You have a way of phrasing requests that delights those around you. Others seem only too happy to pitch in or respond. You might need to bottom out about a relationship before you make a worthwhile decision. Tonight: Stick to your budget, even if you don't want to.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

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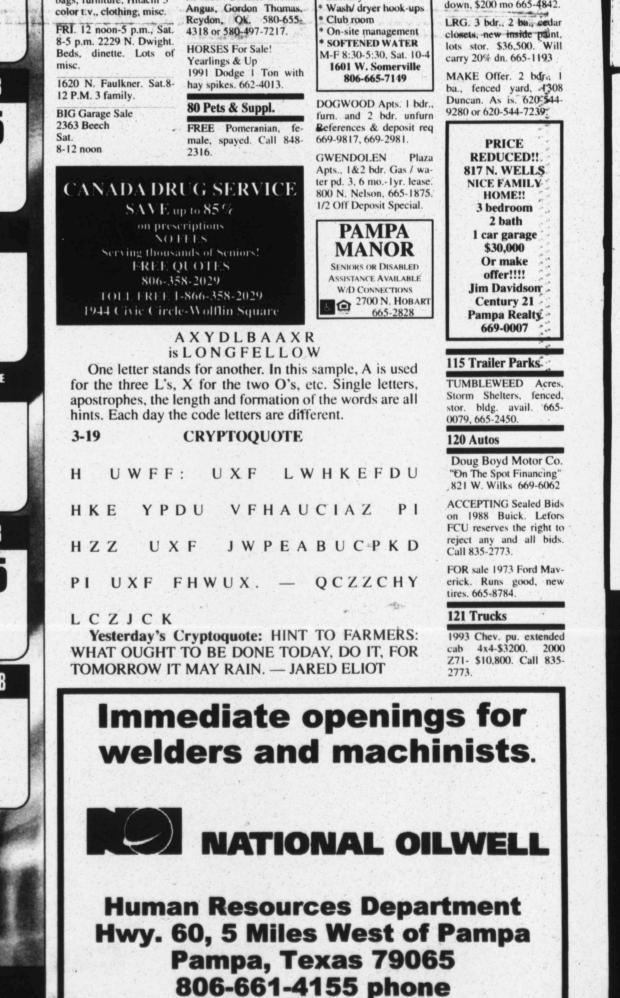
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South African scientist wins prestigious religion prize

studies the relationship between faith and science and the homeless won a religion prize Wednesday that is billed as the world's richest annual award.

Heaven is a holy place and

always will be. And there shall

in no wise enter into it anything

that defileth, neither whatsover

worketh abomination, or

maketh a lie; buy which are

written in the Lamb's book of

life. (Rev. 21:27) God made

man can be made holy and pre-

giveness of transgressions).

nature that is in every newborn

baby. Therefore, God provided

a double cure for sin. In the

1700s, Augustus M. Toplady

(Proverbs 28:13)

pared for heaven.

more than \$1.4 million. Ellis, 64, is a professor of ence.

applied mathematics at the

NEW YORK (AP) — A the honor known as the specializes in general relativ- complement each other is South African academic who Templeton Prize, which is ity theory. He also is the co- becoming ever clearer, as are presented by the John author with Nancey Murphy the natures of the various Templeton Foundation of of "On the Moral Nature of points of tension between has worked as an advocate for Radnor, Pa. The prize is the Universe," which empha- them and some possible reso-795,000 British pounds, or sizes the importance of exam- lutions of those tensions," ining ethics together with sci- Ellis said. "It is a good time

"The way in which science George Ellis has received University of Cape Town who and religion by and large ogist, is also the co-author of

Christ's blood cleanses us for heaven

to look at these issues."

Ellis, a theoretical cosmol-

"The Large Scale Structure honor, which is called the of Space-Time," which was written with astrophysicist Stephen Hawking and has become a standard reference work in the field.

A Quaker, Ellis became an advocate for homeless blacks and others in apartheid-era South Africa, and wrote analyses of the problem that he said helped influence the later development of a national housing policy.

Ellis plans to donate part of his award money to programs that fight poverty and promote education in South

The announcement of the in 1973.

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services begin at 7 p.m. For more information, call the revival will continue the church office at 665-

Toward Research or **Discoveries** about Spiritual Realities, was made in New York. However, Ellis will for-

Templeton Prize for Progress

mally receive the prize May 5 at a private ceremony at Buckingham Palace in London.

The Templeton Foundation, which sponsors many science and religion projects, was created by mutual funds entrepreneur Sir John M. Templeton.

The first Templeton Prize was given to Mother Teresa

Minister's Musings **REV. ARCHIE COOPER, RET. PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH**

in darkness, we lie, and do not (Christ) is faithful and just to have fellowship, one with 12:14) forgive us our sins, and to another." Those words tell us cleanse us from all unright- that sins are forgiven, fellow- ble religious condition seeks eousness (1 John 1:9) There is ship with God is established, but John offers more in that

forgiveness for sins if a person same verse. "And the blood of forsakes and walks away from his sins. He that covereth his Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth sins shall not prosper, but us from all sin." whoso confesseth forsaketh If we do not study that first

them shall have mercy (for- chapter of 1 John with the thought of sin's double cure in mind, we are apt to do great There is also a cleansing in injustice to God's grace and His tion, to bring us back into perthe blood of Jesus for the sin plan of salvation.

Zechariah prophesied of the atonement that Jesus would make when he said, "In that day there shall be a fountain referred to this double cure for opened to the house of David sin when he wrote, "Rock of and to the inhabitants of from wrath and make me pure." taught a purging after being in was needful for the Apostles "O, who were already "not of the

provision whereby the soul of fellowship with Him and walk the Hebrews wrote, "Follow peace with all men, and the the truth. But if we walk in the holiness without which no man If we confess our sins, He light, as he is in the light, we shall see the lord." (Hebrews

When a person in the unsta-God for that cleansing from all unrighteousness, with their whole heart, soul, mind and strength, with a dedication to lift up and glorify Christ, that's when a person rejoices with joy unspeakable and full of glory. (1 Peter 1:8)

With this plan of redempfect fellowship with Him, God will keep sin out of heaven.

No liars, no drunkards, no sexually unclean person, (though they may be highly religious) shall be there. No thieves nor burglars. Anything ages, cleft for me. Let me hide Jerusalem for sin and for that makes a person unclean myself in thee. Let the water uncleanness." (Zechariah 13:1) according to God's word will and the blood, from Thy This reveals the double cure for condemn that soul to the lake of wounded side which flowed, be sin that Mr. Toplady wrote fire and brimstone. (Revelation of sin the double cure, save about so many years ago. Jesus 21:8, 22:15; 1 Corinthians 6:8) Even during the 1,000 years The new birth comes when a Christ (John 15:1-5; John 17) reign of Christ, the elderly and person believes in Christ with when he asked the Father to the children alike will be in no enough love to commit their sanctify the men that the Father danger in the streets of life to honor Him in the new- had given him, praying, "They Jerusalem. (Zechariah 8:4-5) are not of the world, even as I Thus saith the Lord of hosts, Every new-born soul will am not of the world." That's "There shall yet old men and of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for double-minded and unstable in and said, "Sanctify (cleanse, every age. And the streets of the

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thereof." No drunkard nor criminal of

any class will walk those streets, all because they did not accept the invitation given by the holy Spirit to accept Jesus Christ, the purifier of hearts.

his Son Jesus Christ, to love the Lord thy God with all they heart and with all they soul and with all they strength and they neighbor as thyself, is the best religious standard for man and country that has ever gone out across this earth. It's the only one that will get us to God's

their place.



Africa.

The command of God and holy heaven.

I joined a church, I was baptized, I partake of the sacraments, but all of these came after I was born again which took place while I was on my knees praying, "God be merciful to me, a sinner." (Luke 18:13-14) This man went down to his house justified. After that, church ordinances have

God bless His word to hearts that need purifying.

birth grace.

love Christ. However, with the more than He can say about old women dwell in the streets sin nature remaining in the many church members today. new-born, that person becomes Jesus went on in his praying all his ways. (James 1:8) The purify their hearts) them city shall be full of boys and Apostle Paul, when writing through thy truth, thy word is girls playing in the streets about people in this category truth." (John 17:14-17) This and writing as if he were in that double-mind, said, wretched man that I am, Who world." shall deliver me from the body of this death?" He then tion of the seeking soul, this answered his own question, "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 7:24-25) the new birth or later when a St. John wrote in his first person becomes aware of the Epistle Chapter one, verse nine, need of such a cleansing. (See "If we confess our sins, he Isaiah 6:1-7.) Also, John wrote (Christ) is faithful and just to in Revelations 20:6, "Blessed forgive us our sins and to and holy is he that hath part in cleanse us from all unright- the first resurrection, for on eousness."

John is writing about light and cleanse your hands, ye sinners darkness, God and sin. And he and purify your hearts, ye dousays, "If we say that we have ble-minded." Also the write to

Depending on the consecrasanctifying can come in conjunction with, or seconds after, such the second death hath no If we go back to verse six, power." St. James wrote, " ...

