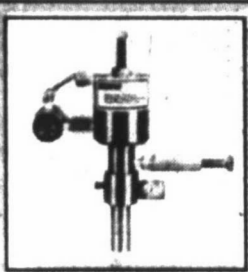


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Former Bush adviser says al-Qaida wasn't chief concern early in 2001

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House, fuming over a former aide's charge that President Bush gave short-shrift attention to al-Qaida while obsessing over Saddam Hussein, branded the fighting-terrorism flap as "Dick Clarke's American Grandstand."

"When you compare Dick Clarke's current rhetoric with his past comments and actions, the bedrock of his assertions comes crumbling down," said chief presidential spokesman Scott McClellan. He called Clarke's new book, criticizing the administration's handling of the post-Sept. 11 terrorism environment, "more about politics and book promotions than it is about policies."

It was the latest in what became a three-day cycle of broadsides, driven by Clarke's interview on CBS's "60 Minutes" in which he said Bush missed opportunities to rein in or thwart Osama bin Laden's

al-Qaida terrorist network while plotting to attack Iraq.

Clarke, Bush's former counterterrorism coordinator, had said among other things that national security adviser Condoleezza Rice, "looked skeptical" when she was warned early in 2001 about the threat from al-Qaida.

"Her facial expression gave me the impression that she had never heard the term before," Clarke wrote in his new book — "Against All Enemies" — that is scathingly critical of Bush's response to the 2001 terror attacks against New York and Washington.

Clarke said Rice, who previously worked for Bush's father, appeared not to recognize post-Cold War security issues and effectively demoted him within the national security council. He said Rice has an unusually close relationship with Bush, which "should have given her some maneuver room, some margin for shaping the agenda."

Clarke, expected to testify Tuesday before a federal panel investigating the attacks, recounted his meeting with Rice as support for his contention that the Bush administration failed to recognize the risk of an attack by al-Qaida in the months leading to Sept. 11, 2001. Clarke retired in March 2003 after three decades in the U.S. government.

The Associated Press obtained a copy of Clarke's book before its Monday publication.

Clarke said within one week of the Bush inauguration he "urgently" sought a meeting of senior Cabinet leaders to discuss "the imminent al-Qaida threat." Months later, in April, Clarke met with deputy secretaries. During that meeting, he wrote, the Defense Department's Paul Wolfowitz told Clarke, "You give bin Laden too much credit," and he said Wolfowitz sought to steer the discussion to Iraq.

The White House responded that it

kept Clarke on its staff after the election because of its concerns over al-Qaida. "He makes the charge that we were not focused enough on efforts to root out terrorism," White House spokesman Dan Bartlett said Sunday. "That's just categorically false."

Bartlett said Clarke's memo to Rice in January 2001 discussed recommendations to improve security at U.S. sites overseas, not inside the United States. "Each one of these, while important, wouldn't have impacted 9/11," Bartlett said.

Clarke harshly criticizes Bush personally in his book, saying his decision to invade Iraq generated broad anti-American sentiment among Arabs. He recounts that Bush asked him directly almost immediately after the Sept. 11 terror attacks to find whether Iraq was involved in the suicide hijackings. McClellan said Bush recalls no such conversation.

Mid-morning traffic accident



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)

A Pampa police officer directs traffic at the scene of a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Kentucky Avenue and Hobart Street this morning. At least one was transported by Rural/Metro Ambulance after a black Pontiac Firebird and a white Mercury Grand Marquis collided at about 9:15 a.m. Pampa Fire Department also responded to the emergency call.

HUD pulls proposed rule over mortgage closing costs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal housing officials are withdrawing a proposal they said could have saved consumers hundreds of dollars on mortgage closing costs, the Bush administration's top housing official said Monday.

A "significant number of questions" have been raised about the proposed changes to the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, acting Housing and Urban Development Secretary Alphonso Jackson said in a letter to the Office of Management and Budget.

Jackson said he has heard from numerous industry groups and members of Congress who complained they have not had enough time to comment on the proposal. He said he planned to resubmit the plan, but offered no timetable.

The HUD proposal, in the works for two years, and submitted to OMB in December, would have encouraged lenders to offer one price to cover all closing costs, such as broker

fees, title searches and appraisals. Currently, those costs are itemized.

HUD officials said many homebuyers were confused by all the numbers and that offering one price for closing costs would make it easier to shop around.

According to the Mortgage Bankers Association of America, closing costs average about \$2,000 per transaction, though that varies widely depending on the price and condition of the house, the amount of the loan and other factors.

Last year HUD had estimated that homebuyers could save up to half the average closing cost if the changes were implemented.

Crises led by Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., chairman of the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee, said the proposed changes could lead to lenders hiding fees from consumers.

Pampa city officials faced with updating community web site

The Pampa City Commission will consider the city's showcase to the world Tuesday as they face updating Pampa's web site on the Internet.

The city's web site is out of date, officials said today. A proposal being put forth on the agenda for the Pampa City Commission's 5 p.m. Tuesday meeting in City Hall would fund the new web site.

It is expected to cost \$4,000 this year and \$3,000 next year.

The commission will also consider the recodification of the city's ordinances. City officials said the project would take the city's existing codes and ordinances and organize them into a new and revised draft code.

Officials noted that there are several provisions in the code that need revision since the code was last prepared in 1987.

The cost of the recodification is expected to cost between \$12,000 and \$15,000.

The commission is also expected to award the 2004 seal coat project.

The city received three bids. G.W. James, Inc., of Pampa was the lowest bidder with a base bid of \$107,595.45 for 6.53 miles, or six percent of the 108 miles of city streets. An alternate bid of \$199,404.38 covering 13.31 miles of streets will be considered.

The commission will consider filling a maintenance pit in the McCarty-Hull Building with sand and concrete at a cost of \$5,000.

They will also consider selling delinquent tax property at 632 and 634 S. Somerville for \$100 to Chris Smith.

The commission will hear reports on the landfill, Panhandle Regional Narcotics Trafficking Task Force, the Ambulance Task Force, Atmos Rate Case and Lubbock water sale.

City, county commissioners to convene joint meeting

The Pampa City Commission and Gray County Commissioner's Court will meet jointly Tuesday morning concerning ambulance service.

The two groups will review a request for proposals for ambulance service and consider announcing a request for ambulance services.

City and county commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. in the Gray County Courtroom on the second floor of the courthouse.

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OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

BIVINS, Lynn — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

WATKINS, Rickie Don — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Fairview, Okla.

LYNN, 'L.A.,' 'CHIEF,' 'PA PA,' BIVINS
1936-2004

Lynn, "L.A.," "Chief," "Pa Pa," Bivins, 67, of Pampa, Texas, died March 21, 2004, in Amarillo, Texas. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 23, 2004, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Paul Carruth, associate minister of Youth & Education with the First Christian Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Bivins was born Sept. 5, 1936, in Shamrock, Texas. He was reared in Borger and graduated from Borger High School in 1954. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1954 and served through 1957.

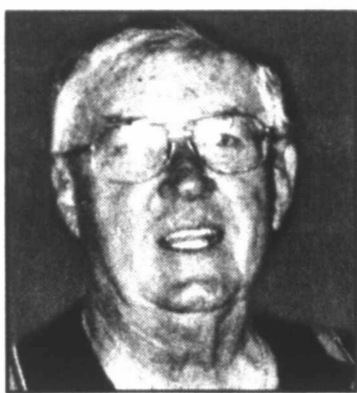
He married Joy Mathews in 1958.

He was employed by the U.S. Post Office in Pampa from 1959 until retiring in 1992 as Superintendent of the Mail. He was a member of the First Christian Church.

Survivors include his wife, Joy, of the home; two daughters, Teresa Davis and husband Doug and Chanda Schaub and husband Steve; one son, Reeves Lynn Bivins and wife DeAnn; six grandchildren, Riordan Hill, Jerrod Bivins, Kristin Bivins, Nathan Smith, Jeramie Bivins and Cameron Schaub; and one great-grandchild, RayLynn Hill.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176.

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JUNE CONVERSE COOK
1916-2004

June Converse Cook, 87, of Pampa, died Saturday, March 20, 2004, in San Angelo. Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. John Westman, pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church, officiating. Graveside rites will be accorded by Pampa Chapter #65 Order of the Eastern Star. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Cook was born on Nov. 5, 1916, in Gray County to Albert and Manie Turcotte Converse. She married Leon M. Cook on June 24, 1934, at Sayre, Okla. He preceded her in death in 2000.

She was a lifelong resident of Pampa and was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church. She was a member of Pampa Chapter #65 Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include one son, Don Cook and wife Lou Ann of Tyler; one daughter, Wanda McIver of San Angelo; two sisters, Carrie Rose Hughes and Helen Harmon, both of Pampa; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Shirley Hoover, in 1973; and a grandson, Terry Cook.

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

LLOYD L. HINKLE
1913-2004

Lloyd L. Hinkle, 90, of Pampa, Texas, died Sunday, March 21, 2004, in Amarillo, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Hinkle was born June 17, 1913, at Port, Okla. He married Eunice Spears on Aug. 4, 1933, at Hollis, Okla. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1935, where he was employed by Cabot Corp. until 1948. The Hinkles farmed north of Canute, Okla., until 1958 when he returned to Cabot Corp. until his retirement in 1978.

He was a member and attended Hobart Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Karla Nelson; and a grandson, Jeffery Hinkle.

Survivors include one son, Darrell Hinkle

and wife Norma of Pampa; one daughter, Gail Cooper and husband David of Pampa; one granddaughter, Jennifer Hinkle of Amarillo; and one great-granddaughter, Keziah Nelson of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to Hobart Baptist Church, 1100 W. Crawford, Pampa, TX 79065.

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



RICKIE DON WATKINS
1958-2004

FAIRVIEW, Okla. — Rickie Don Watkins, 45, died Saturday, March 20, 2004, at Fairview Hospital. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Fairview First Baptist Church with the Rev. David Mendenhall officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Fairview Funeral Home, Inc.

Mr. Watkins was born June 7, 1958, at Pampa, to Emmett Wayne Watkins and Wilma Larue Griffin Watkins. He graduated from White Deer High School in 1976 where he was active in football and baseball. He married Mary Beth Kinder on Dec. 15, 1979, at Vernon.

He was a Little League coach.

Mr. Watkins worked in the oil field and, as a boat mechanic, and at several other occupations throughout his life. He was involved in MAGB and belonged to First Baptist Church of Fairview, serving as a Bible study teacher, a deacon and as a member of Promise Keepers.

He was preceded in death by his father, Emmett Wayne Watkins; and his grandfather, Boise "Dude" Griffin.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Beth; two sons, Richard and Daniel Watkins; his mother, Wilma Blackwood of Mount Vernon; one sister, Jackie Dobbs of Mount Vernon; two brothers, Stephen of Gruver and David of Duncan, Okla.; and his grandmother, Vivian Griffin of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

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POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Thursday, March 18

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 1100 block of South Nelson. Nothing was taken. Two people were assaulted during the act. Minor injuries were reported. No additional information was available from the police department.

Assault causing bodily injury was reported in the 1000 block of Huff. Information on injury was unknown, according to the police report.

Sexual assault was reported at Pampa Regional Medical Center. The case was turned over to the Criminal Investigation Division.

Friday, March 19

Theft was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart. A purse was taken. Estimated loss was \$250.

Attempted burglary was reported in the 100 block of South Hobart. A door was kicked in and the lock damaged. Estimated damage was \$350.

Attempted burglary was reported in the 200 block of North West. A window was broken in an attempt to gain access to the structure. Estimated damage was \$120.

Identity theft was reported in the 2000 block of Duncan.

Forgery that occurred in Amarillo and theft that occurred in Borger was reported.

Saturday, March 20

Aggravated assault with a vehicle was reported in the 500 block of Somerville.

Theft was reported in the 500 block of Somerville. A cell phone valued at approximately \$50 was taken.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2500 block of North Charles. A vehicle was scratched. Estimated damage was \$500.

Assault causing bodily injury/family violence was reported in the 1900 block of North Christy. Minor injuries were reported.

Theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000 was reported in the 300 block of North Hobart. A bulldog valued at approximately \$2,000 was taken.

An information report was taken in the parking area at Recreation Park.

Theft over \$50 and under \$500 was reported in the police department lobby. Method of entry was unknown. Three rings, a cell phone and a pair of pants were taken from an address in the 600 block of North Lefors.

Estimated loss was \$275.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 1200 block of East Darby. Nothing was reported taken.

Dwight Nickleberry, 29, 1145 S. Prairie, was arrested at Recreation Park after evading arrest. Police officers served an arrest warrant on Nickleberry for probation violation, and Nickleberry ran from officers. He was later arrested in the parking area of the softball fields at Recreation Park, and was charged with evading arrest in addition to the probation violation.

Matthew Driscoll, 20, 1005 N. Darby, was arrested in the 300 block of South Barnes for capias pro fines on charges of minor in possession, failure to appear and public intoxication. Some items used in the manufacture of methamphetamine were found at the scene of arrest, according to the police report.

Melinda Kay Alvarado, 28, 402 S. Finley, was arrested at her residence for theft over \$500 and under \$1,500.

Sunday, March 21

Theft was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart. A cell phone with an American flag on front was taken. Estimated loss was \$75.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance today reported the following calls.

Thursday, March 18

10:13 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

Friday, March 19

5:03 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Anne and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

5:58 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of South Reid.

10:59 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of North Dwight and transported a patient(s) to BSA Hospice.

5:38 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of East Frederic and transported a patient(s) to a local nursing facility.

7:45 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of North Frost. No transport.

Saturday, March 20

12:46 a.m. — A mobile ICU

responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to NWTX.

3:06 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of Barnes and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

7:59 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of North Christy and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

10:25 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Highway 60 and Recreation Park. No transport.

10:55 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Veterans Administration Medical Center, Amarillo.

11:58 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Hobart on a call for lifting assistance.

11:38 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Wells and transferred a patient(s) to PRMC.

Sunday, March 21
12:05 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Harlem. No patient.

6:34 a.m. — A mobile ICU

responded to the 1300 block of Kentucky and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

7:38 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Baptist-St. Anthony's, Amarillo.

8:26 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

9:20 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Harlem and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

6:40 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

9:02 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to VAMC.

Monday, March 22

12:04 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of North Gray and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

3:12 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1700 block of Holly and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls

during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, March 20
12:33 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to the 400 block of Lowry where a gas meter was struck by a truck. The firefighters stood by. Atmos officials were

present at the scene upon arrival.

8:25 p.m. — One unit and six firefighters responded to the 300 block of West Browning on a false alarm. A heating unit was malfunctioning, causing a smoke scare.

Sunday, March 21
10:35 a.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a vehicle fire in the 300 block of Davis. The fire was out upon arrival.

3:29 p.m. — Two units and five firefighters

responded to a motor vehicle accident, reportedly involving no injuries, seven miles east on Highway 60. The call was disregarded en route.

Monday, March 22
12:15 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to the 500 block of North Gray on a call for medical assistance.

STOCKS

The following grain quotations are provided by Atterbury Grain of Pampa:

Wheat	3.58	KMI	63.96	-0.34
Milo	5.04	XCEL	18.11	-0.13
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Soybeans	9.48	Limited	19.25	-0.17
		Williams	9.44	-0.21
		MCD	28.04	-0.06
		XOM	41.11	-0.39
		Atmos	25.55	-0.43
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The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa:

OXY	45.92	-0.38	Tenneco	11.50	-0.12
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Cabot Oil Gas	30.20	-0.45	NS Grp	11.71	-0.11
Coca Cola	48.40	-0.38			
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Kerry could well be favored in foreign political circles as President Bush's popularity decreases overseas

By CALVIN WOODWARD
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — For all the clumsiness in his claim, John Kerry is hard to refute on the suggestion he'd win a popularity contest against President Bush abroad.

Republicans have demanded he name names of leaders supposedly supporting him, chastised him for taking politics beyond the water's edge and pointed out that overseas cheering sections don't make a whiff of difference in a U.S. presidential campaign.

But the central point that Kerry made and probably wishes he didn't has stood largely unchallenged: that opposition to Bush is widespread in foreign capitals and a variety of politicians are privately — in a few bold cases, publicly — rooting for the president to lose.

Tensions between Bush and some Western European leaders are palpable. Arab governments lead a geographically diverse chorus of gripes about the Iraq war and are unhappy about the halting Mideast peace process. America's neighbors to the south saw a too-heavy U.S. hand in the departure of Haiti's leader. The grievances go on.

At least in his rhetoric,

Kerry says what many abroad want to hear — he'd seek out treaties spurned by Bush, make the United States a partner rather overlord in Iraq's postwar security, tend frayed alliances and stop throwing U.S. weight around without provocation.

But Michael Mandelbaum, a senior fellow with the Council on Foreign Relations, said foreign policy is so driven by circumstance and Kerry's views are so untested that foreigners are hard-pressed to make a considered judgment about Republican and Democrat.

"Almost without exception, other countries, including allies, are surprised by foreign policies carried out by a new administration, and usually unhappily surprised," he said, recalling President Clinton's own set of tensions with Europe and beyond. "This administration is relatively unpopular, but I would still think that under the eyes of eternity, this is pretty normal."

Beyond leaders, foreign populations were found to be deeply hostile toward Bush in an international poll by the Pew Global Attitudes Project. Majorities in all eight foreign countries surveyed had an unfavorable opinion of Bush, with negative ratings ranging from 57 percent in Britain to a

nearly unanimous 96 percent in Jordan.

In Pakistan, 7 percent viewed Bush favorably, while terrorist leader Osama bin Laden won favor with two-thirds.

Foreign leaders generally have stuck to the time-honored tradition of staying publicly neutral in another country's election. But Spain's new socialist leader, Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, openly backed Kerry during his own campaign.

In January, Belgian Prime Minister Guy Verhofstadt reprimanded his defense minister for saying he would vote Democratic if he were American.

Last week, Kerry got one endorsement too many when former Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, a respected figure in the Muslim world but one with a history of anti-Jewish comments, endorsed him.

"I think Kerry would be much more willing to listen to the voices of people and of the rest of the world," Mahathir said.

The Kerry campaign quickly stated the senator "rejects any association with (the) avowed anti-Semite whose views are totally deplorable," and went farther to try to put the fuss over foreign backers to rest.

"This election will be decided by the American people, and the American people alone," Kerry adviser Rand Beers said. "It is simply not appropriate for any foreign leader to endorse a candidate in America's presidential election. John Kerry does not seek, and will not accept, any such endorsements."

Kerry had contended he'd heard from foreign leaders who told him privately, "You've got to beat this guy," then steadfastly refused to identify them, to the point where critics accused him of making it up.

Richard Holbrooke, U.N. ambassador in the Clinton administration, said quiet support for the senator is the norm in foreign political circles and he did nothing wrong in giving voice to them. "Anywhere in the world you go everyone says that," he said. "The rest of the world is uneasy about American leadership."

Countering him in that TV interview, Richard Perle, assistant defense secretary in the Reagan administration, said foreign interests "are not the same as the interests of the American people, which the president is committed to protecting and defending."

In other words, if the claim is true, it doesn't matter.

Bush camp says Kerry spending proposals would cost taxpayers \$1 trillion

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's re-election campaign is boosting its estimate, to more than \$1 trillion, of the amount it claims taxpayers would be billed over 10 years if Democratic rival John Kerry's spending proposals became a reality.

The new figure is about \$100 billion higher than a recently released Bush TV commercial accused the Massachusetts senator of eyeing in terms of new programs.

"The president has put out a budget," Bush's campaign manager, Ken Mehlman, said Sunday. "We have not seen a budget from Senator Kerry."

Mehlman said the Republican National Committee would unveil on Monday "a 'spendometer' which will be a tool which will allow a continuing update of the spending that Senator Kerry has proposed."

In the commercial, Bush claimed Kerry has proposed programs that would amount to a \$900 billion tax increase. Kerry immediately rejected that as bogus.

On Sunday, the president's camp countered with a compendium of proposals it said it culled from, among other things, news accounts of Kerry's campaign. It tallied the bill at \$1.017 trillion over 10 years.

Kerry has said he wants to extend health insurance to millions of uninsured people and

cut costs for those who already have coverage, rolling back tax breaks for wealthier Americans as part of a plan to offset those expenses.

Bush's campaign asserted that 28 of Kerry's campaign promises would cost \$1.7 trillion over 10 years and said the specific proposals he has offered to pay for that would generate only about \$700 billion in new government revenue, leaving the more than \$1 trillion "tax gap."

"George Bush's tax policies have cost America's workers 3 million jobs and driven us into the largest budget deficit in the nation's history," Kerry spokesman David Wade replied.

"Despite their credibility gap, the Bush team wants to mislead America about John Kerry's economic policies," he said. "John Kerry will cut taxes on the middle class, roll back the Bush tax cut for the wealthiest Americans and cut the budget deficit in half. That's the kind of change that Americans want and they won't be diverted from voting for it by Republican scare attacks."

The Kerry campaign had said earlier, however, that in light of changing economic conditions, it is reviewing its own proposals. "We will put out a detailed budget sometime in the future that shows how to get us back on track," campaign spokeswoman Stephanie Cutter said.

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DAILY RECORD

SHERIFF

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

Sunday, March 21

Lloyd Poland, 36, 424 N. Wynne, was arrested for public intoxication.

Michael D. Gerik, 46, 519 N. Frost, was arrested for public intoxication.

Daniell Ray Duree, 29, 1301 Garland, was arrested for burglary of a habitation.

Riordan Lynn Hill, 20, 1055 N. Dwight, was arrested on a bond surrender for burglary of a habitation.

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department today reported the following motor vehicle accident.

Saturday, March 20

12:35 a.m. — A 1990 Chevrolet 1500 pickup, owned by Phillip Keith Taylor, 413 N. Lowry, was in collision with a gas meter owned by Atmos Energy in the 1400 block of South Barnes. No citations were issued.

WEATHER FOCUS

LOCAL FORECAST

Today's forecast is calling for partly cloudy skies, highs in the mid 70s and south winds 20 to 30 mph. Tonight should fall on partly cloudy skies with lows in the lower 50s and south winds 20 to 30 mph. Tuesday should see partly cloudy skies. Windy. Highs in the lower 80s. South winds 20 to 30 mph. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Breezy. Lows in the lower to mid 50s. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s. Northwest winds 10 to 15

mph shifting to the northeast in the afternoon. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs near 80. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower to mid 50s. Friday, partly cloudy. Windy. Highs in the lower 80s. Friday night, partly cloudy. Windy. Lows in the lower to mid 50s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Windy. Highs in the lower 80s. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s.

Four die in West Texas crash of medical helicopter

PYOTE (AP) — A medical helicopter airlifting a baby suffering from respiratory distress crashed in poor weather, killing the infant, his mother, the pilot and a paramedic.

A lone survivor of the Bell 407 helicopter that

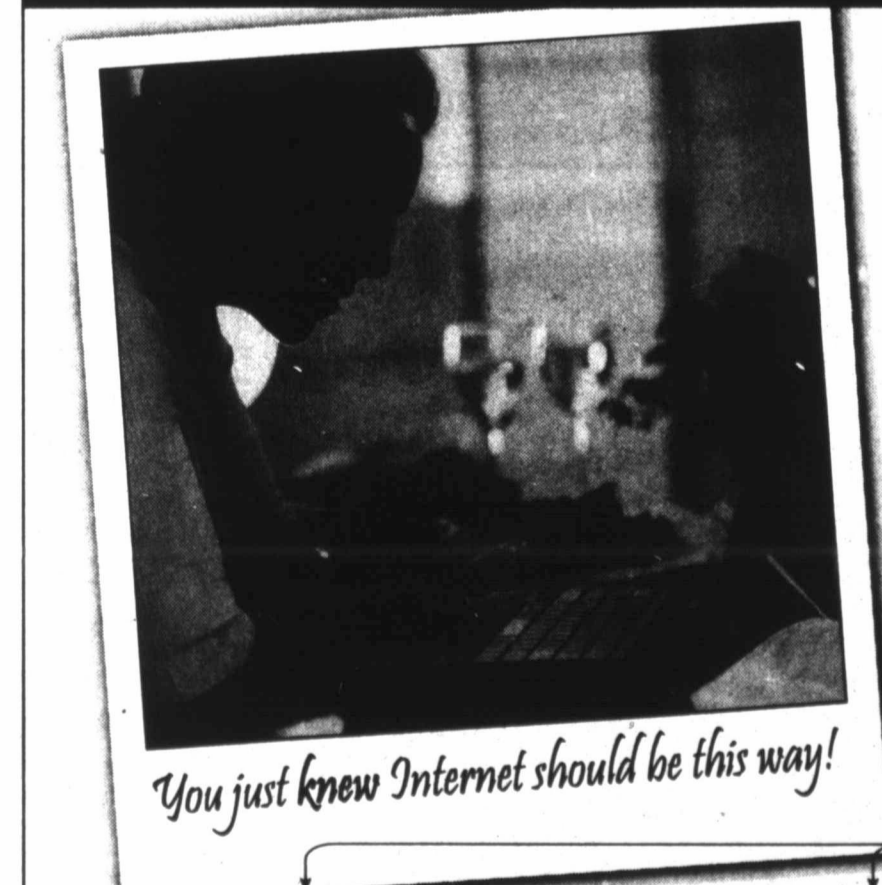
crashed Sunday was hospitalized in critical condition early Monday.

The copter, based at Odessa's Medical Center Hospital, was headed from Big Bend Regional Hospital in Alpine to University Medical Center in

Lubbock when it crashed in a remote area of rural West Texas.

"At the time it was raining and lightning and thundering," said Kathleen Bartlett, a communications operator for Texas Department of Public Safety in Pecos.

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The Pampa News Comics

MONDAY • March 22, 2004

DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Classmates' Flirting Style is Verging on Harassment

DEAR ABBY: I am 14 and a little confused. I go to a school where "flirting" involves touching. Even when the girls say stop, the boys don't.

One guy has grabbed me several times. I like him, but I'm afraid he's going to do worse things to me. Please help me. I feel weird talking about this to anyone. But I need to know what flirting really means. -- EMBARRASSED IN CAMDEN, ARK.

DEAR EMBARRASSED: Flirting is letting someone that you're interested in know it. It can be a smile, a greeting, a lingering glance, or a touch on the hand, the arm or the shoulder. It does not involve grabbing or overtly sexual touching.

I'm sorry you feel uncomfortable discussing it. Someone should tell the school administration about what's happening so the difference between flirting and sexual harassment can be explained to the entire student body before things get "out of hand."

DEAR ABBY: As the owner of a tanning salon, I feel compelled to reply to the wife who said her husband's visit to a tanning salon was a sign of cheating.

The other clues you listed were more relevant. At our salon, only about 15 percent of our customers are male. Most clients tan for the good look a tan gives, or in preparation for a beach or cruise vacation -- or even just for the relaxation. -- BRETT RICH, MARYVILLE, TENN.

DEAR BRETT: No one meant to "dis" an entire industry or imply that the fact someone visits a tanning salon is conclusive proof that he or she is cheating. When someone is cheating, the warning signs usually appear in multiples -- and

that is where the checklist comes in handy.

P.S. The first "warning sign" is usually a person's intuition that something is wrong. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Your list of 29 things to look for if you suspect your partner of cheating was incomplete. You forgot No. 30, the final one: "If your partner tries to hide the list from you." -- ED IN LAKELAND, FLA.

DEAR ED: Ah, yes ... it's a truism that people who are secretive usually have a lot to hide.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are having a disagreement about something and would like you to settle it. When I'm home alone, he sneaks into the house and tiptoes up behind me. He has even done it while I'm in the shower, suddenly appearing out of nowhere.

When I tell him this frightens me, he says I am overly nervous. I say it's not a matter of being nervous. I was raised to be courteous and announce my presence. I think my husband's behavior is selfish, rude, and shows a lack of manners. Who is right? -- KRISTA IN JACKSONVILLE

DEAR KRISTA: You are. His behavior is also childish and a touch sadistic.

P.S. Lock the bathroom door when you take a shower, and hang a string of little bells or chimes on the front and back doors of your house. That should solve the problem.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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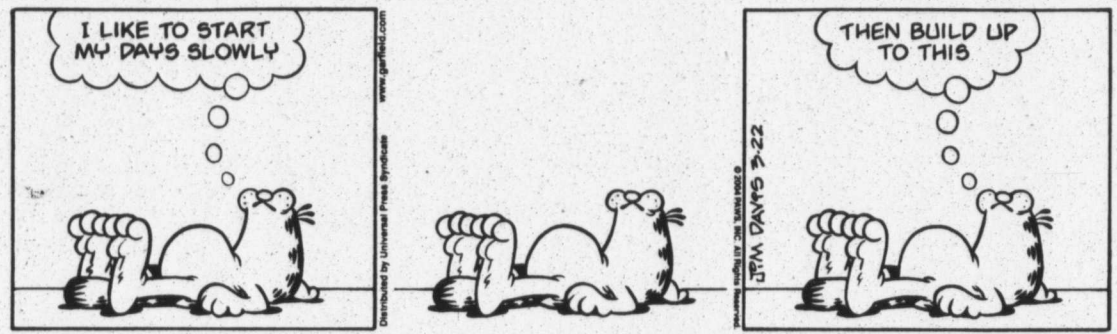
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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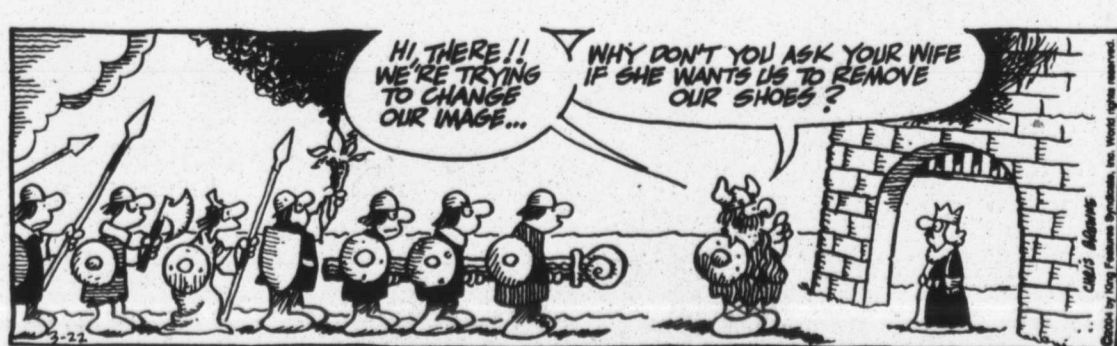
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SPORTS

Lady Raiders, La Tech meet tonight

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) — Texas Tech coach Marsha Sharpe and Louisiana Tech coach Kurt Budke said Sunday their teams are fortunate to have advanced to the second round of the NCAA women's tournament.

But that's not in the "we're just happy to be here," sort of way.

Both teams practiced Sunday afternoon in preparation for tonight's matchup between fourth-seeded Texas Tech (25-7) and fifth-seeded Louisiana Tech (28-2) in a Mideast Regional.

"I think we realize just how fortunate we are to sit up here," said Budke, during a

news conference before his team's workout. He said his team overcame playing on the opponent's home floor, a boisterous crowd, foul trouble and sickness in rallying from an 11-point deficit to beat 12th-seed Montana 81-77 Saturday night.

The Lady Raiders beat 13th seed Maine 60-50 Saturday night in the opening game, in part by limiting the Black Bears' second-chance shots.

"We fought off some big challenges last night to advance," Sharpe said Sunday.

Monday's matchup features an athletic Louisiana

Tech team with a tenacious defense and four players averaging in double figures, led by 6-foot-2 forwards Amisha Carter and Trina Frierson. Carter averages 17.3 points and 10.5 rebounds while Frierson averages 16.1 points. Erica Smith-Taylor is averaging 13.4 points after scoring a career-high 29 points in the Lady Techster's victory over Montana. Guard Amber Obaze is averaging 11.9 points.

Texas Tech prefers a half-court game and has just one player averaging in double figures — freshman guard Alesha Robertson at 12.4 points.

"I think if we can make it a half-court game and get some shots, we have a chance," said Sharpe, whose teams are 3-0 at Dahlberg Arena, including two wins en route to the 1993 national championship. "There's no way we can score enough if we let them take the ball and score before we get a defense set."

Louisiana Tech's defense stymied Montana, tightly defending guard Brooklynn Lorenzen every time she brought the ball up the floor, and using spurts of full-court press to force key steals late in the game.

"We did expend a lot of energy" with the press, Budke

said. "We will pick our spots. We won't just come out and press for 40 minutes, I'll tell you that."

Sharpe said Lady Raiders guard Erin Grant will have to focus on just one thing Monday night.

"I need her to be a one-dimensional player in that I want her to concentrate on advancing the ball," said Sharpe, who says she doesn't want Grant worrying about scoring. "I don't think you can expect her to do it alone. Hopefully we'll give her enough help so that she doesn't have to bring the ball down every single time for 40 minutes."

Pampa Bowling Roundup

HARVESTER LANES League Standings Casino League (Week 24)		
Team	Won	Lost
Peggy's Place	22	6
Awards & Such	20	8
King's Row	17	11
All Shook Up	16	12
Golden Touch	13	15
Ma's Funtime	12	16
Gutter Busters	12	16
Jernigan Tax Service	11	17
Lee Ann's Grooming	11	17
Opps	6	22

Week's High Scores Men		
High scratch game: Kenny Beery 240; High scratch series: Carl Cates 666; High handicap game: Larry Wainscott 250; High handicap series: Carl Cates 684.		
Women		
High scratch game: Ruth Swearingim 213; High scratch series: Belinda Nolte 579; High handicap game: Ruth Swearingim 243; High handicap series: Coy Henry 648.		
Generation Gap (Week 25)		
Team	Won	Lost
Split This	7	1
Bottom of the Barrel	7	2
For Better Or Worse	4	3
M & M's	4	4
Team Seven	4	5
Rice O'Roni's	3	6
The Winozizers	2	7
We Don't Know	1	6

Week's High Scores Girls		
High scratch game: Shayley Morris 146; High scratch series: Shayley Morris 392; High handicap game: Shaley Morris 229; High handicap series: Shayley Morris 641.		
Boys		
High scratch game: Zach Wilson 215; High scratch series: Zach Wilson 582; High handicap game: Sage Neffendorf 242; High handicap series: Daniel Adams 646.		
Ladies		
High scratch game: Judy Morris 174; High scratch series: Judy Morris 454; High handicap game: Beth Rice 229; High handicap series: Beth Rice 614.		
Men		
High scratch series: Jesse Cannon 222; High scratch series: Jesse Cannon 617; High handicap game: Jesse Cannon 240; High handicap series: Jesse Cannon 671.		

Longhorns hold off North Carolina

DENVER (AP) — North Carolina coach Roy Williams was worried about Texas' big front line and deep bench.

Seems he knew what he was talking about.

Royal Ivey had 17 points and 11 Texas players scored, lifting the Longhorns into the NCAA tournament's second weekend for the third straight year with a 78-75 win over the Tar Heels Saturday night.

Texas (25-7) had 36 points in the paint and its reserves outscored North Carolina's 34-7.

The Longhorns advanced to the Atlanta Regional semifinals against Xavier or Mississippi State.

North Carolina (19-11) held Brandon Mouton to 12 points on 4-of-12 shooting, but couldn't contain the rest of the Longhorns — particularly inside. Rashad McCants had 27 points and Jawad

Williams 17 for the Heels, but they didn't get much help.

North Carolina shot 38 percent to end Roy Williams' first year at his alma mater in the second round.

North Carolina didn't have a second-half field goal until Jawad Williams hit a jumper from the free throw line at 17:04 and the Tar Heels missed 10 of their first 12 shots with Texas pushing its lead to 57-44.

But McCants wouldn't let the Longhorns pull away.

He hit a 3-pointer to get North Carolina within 10, followed with a steal and layup a few minutes later, then bowled over Ivey in the post for a layup that made it 57-53 with just under 11 minutes left.

Texas went up 62-56 on Brian Boddicker's 3-pointer from the corner, but McCants came right back with a runner

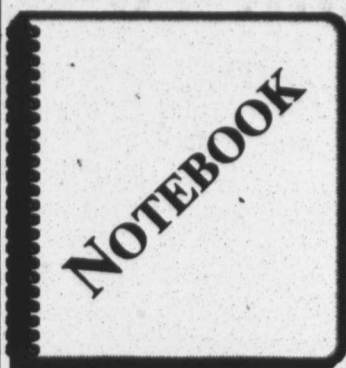
in the lane a few seconds later.

McCants couldn't bring the Tar Heels all the way back.

Texas went on a 7-0 run to go up 11 with 5 1/2 minutes left before North Carolina whittled the lead to 75-72 on Melvin Scott's 3-pointer with 25 seconds left.

The Tar Heels had a final chance after Raymond Felton hit a 3-pointer with 11 seconds left and D.J. Tucker went 1-of-2 on free throws at the other end, but McCants shot an airball on a leaner at the buzzer.

Both teams seemed to enjoy a little freedom after facing slow-it-down teams in the first round; Texas had trouble with Princeton's deliberate style before pulling away in the second half, and North Carolina did the same against Air Force.



AUTO RACING

DARLINGTON, S.C. (AP)

— Jimmie Johnson barely beat Bobby Labonte out of the pits on his last stop Sunday, then held off a late challenge to win the Carolina Dodge Dealers 400.

It didn't look like Johnson or anyone else had a chance to beat Labonte as the former Cup champion built a lead of more than half a straightaway over Kurt Busch with only 20 laps left in the 293-lap event. Labonte, who won the Southern 500 here in 2000, gave it a good try. He got the nose of his car next to Johnson's rear quarterpanel several times, but couldn't quite catch the leader, finishing 0.132 seconds — about two car lengths — behind.

GOLF

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)

— For a guy who grew up with jeans and pickup trucks in the oil fields of west Texas, Chad Campbell never looked so comfortable wearing the navy blue blazer given to the winner of the Bay Hill Invitational.

"Probably one of the best-fitting jackets I've got," he said.

It fit so perfectly, in fact, that some might have suspected Campbell was measured for it long before he staged an amazing turnaround Sunday, going from a four-shot deficit to a six-shot victory over the final 11 holes.

Tournament host Arnold Palmer certainly saw it coming.

"Chad Campbell is about as strong as I've seen out here lately," Palmer said after playing the first two rounds with him, strong words considering Tiger Woods was going for a record fifth straight title at Bay Hill.

With a final-round charge that did Arnie proud, Campbell had a birdie putt on every hole in a flawless round of 66 and surged past mistake-prone Stuart Appleby to win the Bay Hill Invitational.

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and issued pursuant to decree(s) of the District Court of Gray County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date, in the hereinafter numbered and styled suit(s) and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I have on March 15, 2004, seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in April, 2004, the same being the 6th day of said month, at the south door of the Court-house lobby of said County, in Pampa, Texas, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m. on said day, beginning at 11:00 a.m., proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit(s) in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Gray and in the State of Texas, to-wit:

NOTICE TO BIDDERS MUST PRESENT A CERTIFICATE SHOWING THAT THEY OWE NO DELINQUENT TAXES BEFORE RECEIVING A DEED. A WRITTEN REQUEST FOR THIS CERTIFICATE IS AVAILABLE AT 1224 N. HOBART, SUITE 103-A, PAMPA, TEXAS 806/665-6648 SUIT NO. STYLE OF SUIT AND PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

TAX-1484 Gray County, et al. vs. Lessie Gertrude Campbell, et al.
Tract #1: Lot 28, Block 4, Hillcrest Terrace Subdivision to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas, as described in Volume 385, Page 126, Deed Records, Gray County, Texas.

TAX-1485 Gray County, et al. vs. Emmett Wylie Teakell et al.
Tract #2: Lot 15, Block 1, John Bradley Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas, as described in Volume 361, Page 578, Deed Records, Gray County, Texas.

TAX-1970 City of Pampa, et al. vs. Emmett Wylie Teakell et al.
Tract #3: Lot 23 and 24, Block 31 of Wilcox Addition, City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas, as described in deed dated October 13, 1987, from Emmett Teakell to Emmett Wylie Teakell, in Volume 566, Page 830, Deed Records, Gray County, Texas.

TAX-2173 City of Pampa, et al. vs. Lee D. Scott Lot 16, Block 1, Finley-Banks Addition, City of Pampa, as described in Volume 593, page 627, Deed Records of Gray County, Texas.

TAX-2180 City of Pampa, Pampa Independent School District, County Education District #14 and Gray County vs. Thomas Henry Crouch Lots 12 and 13, Block 14, Wilcox Addition, City of Pampa, as described in Volume 425, page 572, Deed Records of Gray County, Texas.

TAX-2226 City of Pampa, Pampa Independent School District, County Education District #14 and Gray County vs. Holley Mark Carter, et al.
Tract #1: Lot 10, Block 4, Talley Addition, as described in Volume 586, Page 255, Deed Records of Gray County, Texas.

TAX-2393 Gray County, et al. vs. Vickie Lynn Floyd, et al.
Lots 8, 9 and 10, Block 87, Original Town of McLean, per map or plat thereof recorded with the County Clerk, Gray County, Texas.

TAX-2458 Gray County, et al. vs. Coy R. Free The North 50 feet of the East 125.65 feet of Lot 1, Block 2, Buckler Addition, City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas, as described in deed dated August 11, 1993, from Edna F. Ridgeway, et al to Coy R. Free, recorded in Volume 661, Page 247, Deed Records, Gray County, Texas.

TAX-2483 Gray County, et al. vs. Gary Hoskins The West 121.1 feet of Lots 26, 27, 28 and 29, Block 4, Keister Addition, City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas, as described in deed dated January 28, 1991, from Robert E. Douthit, to Gary Hoskins, recorded in Volume 618, Page 680, Deed Records, Gray County, Texas.

TAX-2491 Gray County, et al. vs. Mae E. Chastain The West 47 feet of Lot 13, Block 1, Hayes Addition, City of Pampa, Gray

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County, Texas, as described in deed dated August 10, 1962, from H.H. Smith, to R.M. Chastain, et al., recorded in Volume 256, Page 54, Deed Records, Gray County, Texas.

TAX-2591 Gray County, et al. vs. Ruby Blackwell **Tract #1:** Lot 3 and the East 41.44' of Lot 2, Block 1, Blackwell Addition, Unit 1, City of Lefors, Gray County, Texas, according to the plat thereof recorded in the Plat Records of Gray County, Texas.

Tract #2: Lots 11 and 12, Block 1, Blackwell Addition Unit 1, City of Lefors, Gray County, Texas, according to the plat thereof recorded in the Plat Records of Gray County, Texas.

Tract #3: Lots 3-8, inclusive, and the East 33' of Lot 2, Block 1, Blackwell Addition Unit 2, City of Lefors, Gray County, Texas, according to the plat thereof recorded in the Plat Records of Gray County, Texas.

Tract #4: Lots 1-5, inclusive, Block 2, Blackwell Addition Unit 2, City of Lefors, Gray County, Texas, according to the plat thereof recorded in the Plat Records of Gray County, Texas.

Tract #5: Lots 1-2, inclusive, Block 3, Blackwell Unit 2, City of Lefors, Gray County, Texas, according to the plat thereof recorded in the Plat Records of Gray County, Texas.

Tract #6: Lots 12-17, inclusive, Block 3, Blackwell Unit 2, City of Lefors, Gray County, Texas, according to the plat thereof recorded in the Plat Records of Gray County, Texas.

Tract #7: Lots 1-3, inclusive, Block 4, Blackwell Unit 2, City of Lefors, Gray County, Texas, according to the plat thereof recorded in the Plat Records of Gray County, Texas.

Tract #8: Lots 1 & 2, Block 5, Blackwell Unit 2, City of Lefors, Gray County, Texas, according to the plat thereof recorded in the Plat Records of Gray County, Texas.

Tract #9: Lots 2 & 3, Block 7, Blackwell Unit 2, City of Lefors, Gray County, Texas, according to the plat thereof recorded in the Plat Records of Gray County, Texas.

Tract #10: The North 90' of Lot 4, Block 8, Carpenter Addition to the City of Lefors, Gray County, Texas, according to the plat thereof recorded in the Plat Records of Gray County, Texas.

Tract #11: Lot 10, Block 7, Blackwell Unit 2, City of Lefors, Gray County, Texas, according to the plat thereof recorded in the Plat Records of Gray County, Texas.

Tract #12: The North 90' of Lot 4, Block 8, Carpenter Addition to the City of Lefors, Gray County, Texas, according to the plat thereof recorded in the Plat Records of Gray County, Texas.

Tract #13: Lot 10, Block 7, Blackwell Unit 2, City of Lefors, Gray County, Texas, according to the plat thereof recorded in the Plat Records of Gray County, Texas.

Tract #14: Lot 10, Block 7, Blackwell Unit 2, City of Lefors, Gray County, Texas, according to the plat thereof recorded in the Plat Records of Gray County, Texas.

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Dated at Pampa, Texas, March 15, 2003.
Bid sheets are available at 1224 N. Hobart, Suite 103A, Pampa, Texas or Gray County Tax Assessor / Collector, 205 N. Russell, Pampa, Texas.

Sheriff, Gray County, Texas
Don Copeland,
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Delegates anticipate issue of gay rights at upcoming conference

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The swirling debate over gay rights in the United Methodist Church likely will continue to roil the denomination despite the acquittal of a lesbian pastor in Washington state, church leaders say.

The Methodist church's stance on homosexuality is on the agenda of its next General Conference, which begins April 27 in Pittsburgh. The conference, made up of nearly 1,000 delegates from around the world, is the denomination's top lawmaking body.

"We'll be tackling the question"

again in Pittsburgh, said the Rev. Joel Garrett, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church in McMurray, south of Pittsburgh. "I'm sure it will be included in the discussion."

Rifts over homosexuality have developed in other Christian denominations — most notably the Episcopal Church, which confirmed an openly gay bishop last year. Since then, several conservative parishes have threatened to break ties with the denomination.

Over the weekend, a 13-pastor Methodist jury acquitted the Rev. Karen Dammann, 47, of violating a

church ban on ordaining "self-avowed, practicing homosexuals." The church cannot appeal the verdict.

While the Dammann case is making headlines, the issue is nothing new to the United Methodist Church, the nation's third-largest denomination with 8.5 million U.S. members.

The church's General Conference has dealt with the question of homosexual ordination and related issues every four years since 1972, said Garrett.

Church law prohibits the ordination of "self-avowed, practicing"

homosexuals. The church's Book of Discipline declares homosexuality to be "incompatible with Christian teaching," although the church's social principles support gay rights.

"We believe homosexual people to be people of sacred worth, but we don't believe the practice is compatible with Christian teaching. Because of that, homosexual candidates are not supposed to be considered for ministry or ordained," Garrett said.

Delegates in the last two conferences, in Denver and Cleveland, voted to retain the current church

doctrine by a margin of 2-to-1 or more, Garrett said.

The Rev. Arnold Rhodes, pastor of the Clarion First United Methodist Church about 60 miles northeast of Pittsburgh, said those who favor gay ordination have asked the General Conference in recent years to drop all language on the issue from the Book of Discipline and he expects that such a bid might be made again.

The acquittal in Bothell, Wash., of Dammann, who disclosed three years ago that she was in a homosexual relationship, angered church conservatives.

Wal-Mart tops Fortune 500 list for third straight year

NEW YORK (AP) — A tail wind of improving economic conditions blew many major companies to record revenues in 2003, but none was able to knock Wal-Mart Stores Inc. off the top of the Fortune 500 list.

With sales of almost \$259 billion — about a quarter of a trillion dollars — the global chain of general stores topped the list of the nation's largest publicly traded companies for the third straight year. There was some predictable shuffling among the rest of the top 10.

Fortune's annual ranking, to be published in the magazine's April 5 edition, is based on the companies' sales figures as reported in financial statements for 2003.

Jittery geopolitics kept the price of oil high, helping Exxon Mobil Corp. to post \$213 billion in revenue. The 17 percent jump leapfrogged the oil company past General Motors Corp. into the No. 2 spot.

In terms of profits, Exxon Mobil was first with \$21.5 billion in earnings. Bentonville, Ark.-based Wal-Mart, which has low profit margins, had \$9.05 billion in earnings.

Carmakers GM and Ford Motor Co. came in third and fourth respectively, with revenues of \$196 billion and \$164 billion. General Electric Co., the provider of everything from jet engines to sit-coms, remained at No. 5 with revenue of \$134 billion.

Both Ford and GE held their spots from 2002.

ChevronTexaco Corp. moved up a spot to No. 6, while another refiner, ConocoPhillips, jumped five spots to No. 7. Banking powerhouse Citigroup Inc. was eighth, followed by International Business Machines Corp. and insurer American International Group, Inc.

As a group, the 500 companies bounced back from two years of profit declines, posting combined earnings of almost \$446 billion on sales totaling \$7.5 trillion.

Profits grew in 34 of the 39 industries that Fortune tracks. And only 37 of the 500 companies disappointed shareholders with negative returns, which the magazine calculated by adding the change in a company's stock price to its dividend income.

Spain: Four more suspects in Madrid bombings arrested; European intelligence officials gather

By MAR ROMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

MADRID, Spain (AP) — Spanish police have arrested four more suspects in the Madrid terror bombings, bringing the total in custody to 14, court officials said on Monday.

The arrests were made Sunday night or early Monday, the National Court officials said, refusing further details.

Three of the four suspects were arrested in the Madrid district Lavapiés, a multiethnic neighborhood where top suspect Jamal Zougam ran a cell phone shop. The fourth suspect was picked up in Getafe, a suburb of Spain's capital, the officials said.

The arrests bring to 14 the number of people in custody on suspicion of having a role in the March 11 railway bombings, which killed 202 people and left more than 1,800 wounded.

Five suspects arrested last week were to appear in the National Court Monday evening for questioning, court officials said.

Word of the arrests came as senior European intelligence officials gathered in the Spanish capital to discuss the Madrid bombings and address fears the Continent might become the next front in the war against terror.

The meeting of officials from Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Spain was

part of a flurry of European Union activity triggered by the rail attacks.

EU heads of state and government are to hold a special summit this week in Brussels to review a series of proposals including appointment of an anti-terrorism coordinator, establishment of a European terrorism database, mandatory national identity cards, and increased security at train stations, airports and other vulnerable targets.

The 10 bombs that ripped through the Madrid commuter rail network were Spain's worst terrorist attack ever.

Suspicion in Madrid has focused on an alleged Morocco-based terror cell suspected of links to al-Qaida and on al-Qaida itself.

Of the 10 suspects detained before Monday, a judge jailed three on charges of multiple counts of murder while the investigation continued. Among them was lead suspect Zougam of Morocco, who has been linked by court documents to members of an al-Qaida cell in Spain. Police have also traced a cell phone found attached to an unexploded bomb to the shop he ran in Lavapiés. The bombs that ripped through the trains are believed to have used cell phones as detonators.

Two Indians were also jailed on charges of collaborating with a terrorist organization.

The five suspects being brought before the court Monday have not yet been

charged. They were arrested Thursday and include Mohamed El Hadi Chedadi, the brother of Said Chedadi, an alleged al-Qaida operative arrested in 2001.

News reports say the Spanish detainee unwittingly led Moroccans who remain at large to an explosives warehouse at a mine in northern Spain to steal dynamite used in the Madrid attacks.

The meeting Monday comes as Spain's incoming Socialist government begins to pressure European allies and the United States for a new approach to fighting terrorism.

"We have to defeat terrorists politically," the Socialists' foreign policy spokesman, Miguel Angel Moratinos, said in an interview published Monday by the newspaper El Mundo.

"We have to get Arab societies themselves to take measures to avoid proliferation of terrorists," Moratinos was quoted as saying.

He declined to go into detail about what proposals prime minister-elect Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero will make when he takes office in mid- to late April.

Moratinos said Zapatero's ideas are much like those voiced by German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer, who has called for a broad accord with the Arab world seeking to boost democracy and economic and cultural development as well as cooperation in the fight against terrorism.

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