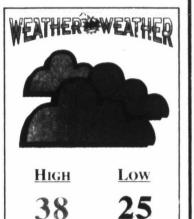


Hardbladdadhaddadhadadhadadhad Explosion kills dozens in Iraqi city Truck bomb detonates near recruits lined up beside police station



DEATHS

Bobby Ray Helm, 70, printer. Barbara JoAnn Koenig-Hurt, 59, educator, farmer. Dixie Lou Coffey Sims, 78, homemaker.



By MARIAM FAM

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2004

truck bomb exploded Tuesday morning out by a diver who detonated a red of clothing. Sand from bags reinforc- ter seized last month from an al-Qaida at a police station south of Baghdad as pickup as it passed by the station. dozens of would-be recruits lined up to apply for jobs, and a hospital official cide operation and a cowardly act," said at least 50 people were killed and Saleh said. 50 others wounded.

U.S. officials in Baghdad reported appeared to be Iraqi civilians. 35 dead and 75 wounded but said those

Valentine dilemma

The local Iraqi police commander, Lt. was littered with the wreckage of shat- eignty to a provisional Iraqi govern-Col. Abdul Rahim Saleh, said the tered vehicles as well as pieces of ment ISKANDARIYAH, Iraq (AP) — A attack was a suicide operation, carried glass, bricks, mangled steel and pieces

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bombing in Iraq this year and followed and the future Iraqi leadership. He said most of the victims warnings from occupation officials that Iraqi insurgents would step up attacks was Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, a The explosion in this predominantly against Iraqis who work with the U.S.- Palestinian-Jordanian suspected of al-

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On Monday, U.S. officials said a leting protective barricades was spread courier asked the terrorist leadership to help foment civil war between Sunnis It was at least the eighth vehicle and Shiites to undermine the coalition

> The purported author of the letter (See BOMB, Page 3)



Odd 'powder' spurs hazard investigation dery substance found in a zen, in an evidence bag and Pampa resident's mail led to then in two additional containan investigation of potential ers, Courtney said. None of bioterrorism by Pampa police the powder was released into officers Friday when the man the police department, he said.

brought the envelope to the anthrax or ricin.

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Police then notified Pampa police department. The sub- Fire Department hazardous stance later tested negative for response personnel, who were called to prevent any spread of

The powder was in an the powder, as well as the





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(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)

Tabitha Sharp ponders what to get her valentine from the assortment of chocolates and stuffed bears in Heard-Jones Health Mart, 114 N. Cuyler. The holiday, traditionally celebrated with cards and gifts for loved ones, will be observed this Saturday.

insurance carrier, according to Pampa/Gray a news release by Lt. Fred Emergency said in the release.

A police officer placed the envelope, which had been

envelope from the Pampan's Pampa Office, Post County Management Courtney of the city's police Coordinator Ken Hall, the department. The resident had nearest Federal Bureau of received other mail from the Investigation field office, the insurance company, but none Texas Department of Public of the previous mailings had Safety special crimes unit, and contained a powder, Courtney the Texas Department of Health.

"For a brief while, the (See **POWDER**, Page 3)

wo PHS musicians in '04 All-State

Two musicians from the Pampa High School band will represent this community as part of the Texas All-State Band during the Texas Music Educators Association Clinic and Convention in San Antonio this weekend.

Shelley Smith and Adam Hagerman, along with "Pride of Pampa" band directors Bruce Collins and Jason Jones, will travel to San Antonio on Wednesday to participate in the TMEA's annual event.

This is Smith's third consecutive year to earn All-State honor and Hagerman is the second freshman in PHS history to be selected to the prestigious band.

While in San Antonio, the All-State students will participate in section rehearsals a well as many hours of full All-State Band concert on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 14. The students will also have the opportunity to attend college night and visit hundreds of exhibits.

is only the fifth member of the PHS Youth Symphony Orchestra. band to receive All-State honors for

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band rehearsals to prepare for the 2004 , Pampa High School students, Shelley Smith, left, and Adam Hagerman, right, will perform with the All-State Band in San Antonio this weekend.

> vears, All-Area for four years, and first during the summer of 2003. She was division on solos and ensembles since the outstanding freshmen of the "Pride ensembles at UIL competitions. 7th grade. She is also a member of the of Pampa" band for the 2000-2001

Smith served as an intern for 2002. three consecutive years. Her band hon- Marrowstone in the City sponsored by

member of the Symphonic band for

Smith served as junior and senior ors include All-Region band for six the Seattle Symphony Youth Orchestral drum major for the marching band and

is currently first chair in the band for the third consecutive year. She was selected as Band Sweetheart by her fellow band members.

She is president of the Latin Club, and parliamentarian of the Student Council. She is also president of the ASTRA community service club.

A member of the First Baptist Church. Smith also participates in the church orchestra. She is the daughter of Duane and Evan Smith. Her future plans include attending McMurry University in Abilene.

Hagerman, a freshman at PHS, began band in fifth grade at Austin Elementary playing the clarinet and later the saxophone. In middle school, he learned to play the bassoon.

Hagerman has been a member of the All-Region band for three years and is also a member of the All-Region Orchestra and the Amarillo Youth Symphony Orchestra. He has earned numerous first divisions on solo and

Last summer, Hagerman attended Clarinetist Shelley Smith, a senior. All-Region Orchestra and the Amarillo school year and also the outstanding band camp at Southwestern Oklahoma State University where he was a member of the Honor Band. He currently sits as first chair bassoon in the PHS

(See BAND, Page 3)



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OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

HELM, Bobby Ray — 4 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

KOENIG-HURT, Barbara JoAnn — Graveside services; 2 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

SIMS, Dixie Lou Coffey "Bebaw" — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

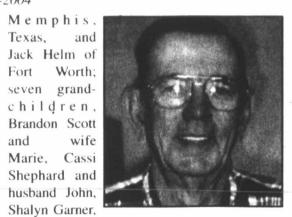
BOBBY RAY HELM 1933-2004

and

Bobby Ray Helm, 70, died Sunday, Feb. 8, Memphis 2004, in Pampa. Services will be at 4 p.m. Texas, Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2004, at Carmichael- Jack Helm of Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Charles Fort Lowry, pastor of the Fellowship Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Helm was born May 13, 1933 in Marie, Cassi Childress County, Texas. He married Betty Sue Spencer on Aug. 27, 1955, in Memphis, Texas. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1956. He worked for The Pampa News as a printer from December of 1956 until 1971. He worked for IRI as a printer from 1971 until his retirement in 1994. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Sue Helm, of the home; two daughters, Melinda Sue Scott and husband Marty, and Melissa Rae Garner and husband Terry, all of Pampa; one son, Terry Allen Helm of Pampa; one sister, Ruby Louise. Smallwood of Liberal, Kan.; three brothers, Aubrey Helm of Liberal, Kan., Leon Helm of www.carmichael-whatley.com.



Teryn Garner, Ashley Helm, and Bobby Helm, all of Pampa, and Heather Pierce and husband Kyle of Amarillo; four great-grandchildren, Bailie Scott, Emily Scott, Abligail Scott, and Jaryn Shephard, all of Pampa; two brothers-inlaw and several sisters-in-law.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Ralph Helm, George Helm, and John Helm, and one sister, Betty Helm.

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ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Friday, Feb. 6

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 900 block of Cinderella. No property was taken. An investigation continues concerning the report.

A concerned individual brought an envelope that contained a suspicious white powder to the police department lobby. The building was closed down and the hazardous materials team and Federal Bureau of Investigation were notified. (See story, page 1.)

Saturday, Feb. 7

Evading arrest/detention was reported at Pampa Middle School, 2401 N. Charles. Three juveniles were identified and charged with the offense.

SHERIFF

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

Monday, Feb. 9 Joseph Earls, 25, Longview, Wash., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for failure to identify, use of illegal license, driving with license suspended, possession of drug paraphernalia, and Colorado charges for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, failure to appear on a charge of felony

with weapon, and two counts of possession

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DIXIE LOU COFFEY "BEBAW" SIMS 1925-2004

LEFORS — Dixie Lou Coffey "Bebaw" Sims, 78, died Monday, Feb. 9, 2004, in Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel in Pampa with the Rev. Lewis Ellis, a retired Baptist minister, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Sims was born Dec. 11, 1925, in Van Alstyne, Texas. She had lived in Lefors and Pampa since 1946. She married Hubert Sims on Jan. 20, 1946, in Dallas. He preceded her in death in 1989. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church of Lefors. Survivors include four sons, Dickey Sims of

Hereford, Gary Sims of Pampa, Ronnie Sims of Lefors and Hubert Lynn Sims of Olney; three daughters, Nancy Dunlap Brown of Amarillo, Lou Ann Padavich of Canyon and Jill Marie Dutton of Grapevine; two brothers, Charles Coffey of Pittsburg, Texas, and Loy

1944-2004 LAS CRUCES, N.M. - Barbara JoAnn Koenig-Hurt, 59, died Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004, at Las Cruces, N.M. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa with Pastor Bob Banks, of Bible Church of Pampa, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Koenig-Hurt was born May 28, 1944, in Magdelena, N.M. She married Ted S. Koenig on June 9, 1962, in Farmington, N.M. He preceded her in death on March 24, 1987. She later married Jim F. Hurt on Jan. 14, 2001, in Deming, N.M. She served as a special education diagnostician and administrator in numerous New Mexico school systems from 1980 until present. She owned and operated a five-acre pecan farm in Las Cruces. She was an active member of the First Baptist Church in Deming, N.M.

WEATHER FOCUS

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BARBARA JOANN KOENIG-HURT

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Ohio,

Today's forecast is calling for partly cloudy, highs in the lower 50s and east winds 5 to 10 mph. Tonight should fall on partly cloudy skies with lows in the mid 20s and south winds 5 to 10 mph. Wednesday should see partly cloudy then mostly cloudy skies with a 20 percent chance of rain and snow in the afternoon, highs in the upper 30s and west winds 5 to 15 mph mostly clear. Lows in the upper 20s. Sunday,

Huntsville; 12 grandchildren and six greatgrandchildren. She was preceded in death by a sister, Virginia Sloan; a brother, Jack Coffey; and a



grandson, Daniel Sims.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home in Pampa and after services at 5 p.m., Wednesday at Lefors Community Center in Lefors.

The family requests memorials be to the Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79016.

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Minn.; two daughters, Bethany Ann Peckumn of Alamosa, Colo., and Christy Jo Keith of Farmington, N.M.; two step children, Jason Lloyd Hurt of Texas and Justin James Hurt of Las Cruces; four grandchildren, and one sister, Georgia Pettyjohn of Seattle, Wash.

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Sunday, Feb. 8

Theft was reported in the 600 block of North Wells. A car key was reported stolen. Estimated loss is unknown.

Monday, Feb. 9

An unknown yellowish substance weighing 4.1 ounces or 115 grams was found in the 1000 block of North Sumner.

Theft of personal property was reported in the 1300 block of Williston. Coins, perfume. jewelry and clothing were taken. Estimated loss is \$600.

Retaliation was reported in the lobby of the police department. The incident occurred in the 1300 block of Williston.

An information report was made in the 300 block of Wynne.

Found property was reported in the 1600 block of West Harvester. A bicycle with two names etched on the frame was found.

John Christopher Locke, 30, 2600 N Hobart #D2, was arrested in the 1800 block of North Hobart for stalking.

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department responded to the out on arrival and the vehicle sustained minor following calls during the 24-hour period enddamage. ing at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Feb. 9

7:50 a.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a minor motor vehicle collision at 25th and Duncan streets.

6:11 p.m. – One unit and two firefighters responded to a vehicle fire at Texas Highway responded to a medical assist in the 800 block 273 and Gray County Road 11. The fire was of North Frost.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the following period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Feb. 9 12:21 a.m. – A mobile calls during the 24-hour ICU responded to the 800 responded to the 400 block of block of North Frost and transported a patient to patient to PRMC.

Pampa Regional Medical Center. 8:13 a.m. – A mobile ICU Oklahoma and transported a

Some prosecutors boycott juvenile judge's court

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - Some prosecutors are staying away from a juvenile judge's court following criticism for what one assistant district attorney called unfavorable treatment of cases, including quick release of defendants

Associate Judge Kimberly Brown said Monday that she was surprised by the criticism, contending that she is a former Tarrant County prosecutor who was trusted to handle sensitive child welfare cases.

Prosecutors in County District Attorney Tim Curry's office started a boycott Jan. 29 because they feel Brown's courtroom is a "somewhat unfavorable and hostile environment," Assistant District Attorney David Montague told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in Tuesday's editions

Montague said some defendants had been released "too guickly and without any sanctions." He added, "This is not an isolated incident; it is a pattern."

shifting to the northeast 15 to 20 mph in the afternoon. Wednesday night, cloudy with a 30 percent chance of snow. Lows around 17. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Thursday, Highs in the lower 50s.

partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Windy. Lows in the upper 20s. Presidents Day, partly cloudy. Windy.

Billions in tax refunds unclaimed

AP TAX WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) ---ly to claim the money.

Service said Monday that any- had to file a return. one who should have gotten a April 15.

"Don't wait until it's too dividends and capital gains. late," said IRS Commissioner they're due."

calculation does not include the earned income tax, which could make the refund even larger for some low-wage workers.

"That's not chump change," said Fred Grant, a senior tax analyst at Intuit Inc., who urged taxpayers to file the returns before the law stipulates that the money goes to the U.S. Treasury. "I'm sure they'll gladly take it," he said.

Individuals owed a refund have three years to claim it. This year's tax filing deadline is the last chance to claim 2000 refunds.

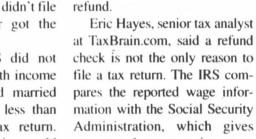
Students, retirees and anyone who worked part-time or for only part of the year are among those most likely to be owed money. Those individuals typically did not have enough income to be required or payments for self-employ-

BY MARY DALRYMPLE ment taxes. Since they didn't file refund. a return, they never got the refund due them.

In 2000, the IRS did not Nearly 2 million students, require individuals with income retirees and other taxpavers less than \$7,200 and married stand to lose \$2.5 billion in couples with income less than refunds if they don't act quick- \$12,950 to file a tax return. Those age 65 or older could The Internal Revenue receive a little more before they

Dependents, a category that refund for taxes paid in 2000 includes many students, were but didn't file a return must not required to file a return that if file and claim the money by they earned \$4,400 or less or received \$700 or less in interest,

A refund for taxes paid in Mark Everson. "We want all 2000 will be held at the IRS if taxpayers to get the refund the taxpayer did not file a return for 2001 and 2002, in case the Half of those taxpayers taxpayer owes taxes for those could claim refunds of \$529 or years. There is no penalty for filmore, the IRS estimated. That ing a late return to claim a support.



mation with the Social Security Administration, which gives taxpayers the opportunity to correct any errors and protect their long-term benefits. Also, an immigrant who files tax returns can use the documents as proof he met his legal obligations if he later tries to become a U.S. citizen

Individuals who have defaulted on student loans can lower the balance owed, because the IRS will apply the return to any past due federal debt. The IRS may also divert the refund if the taxpayer owes unpaid child



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POWDER

police department was sealed off," Courtney said in the news release. After the envelope was bagged and then placed in the two additional containers, the department was reopened.

"The brief period of time that access to the department was denied did not interfere with any police operations," the police lieutenant said.

Fire department personnel went to the citizen's home and recovered some additional powder that had fallen out of the envelope when it was opened. The citizen was allowed to return home after taking the envelope to the police department.

All items believed to have been contaminated by the powder were taken to the City of Lubbock Health Department's bioterrorism response laboratory for examination. The laboratory tested the items for the presence of

bacillus anthracis (anthrax), and ricin.

"The examination of the powder proved it did not contain either of these biological agents," Courtney said.

The remaining specimen of powder will be sent to the DPS laboratory in Austin for further examination, Courtney said, to determine if possible what the substance is.

"Great-West Life and Annuity Insurance Company, Inc., of Greenwood Village, Colo., was very helpful in this investigation. About one year prior, they had a similar happening. The result showed that the powdery substance in an envelope at that time was what is called 'paper powder'," Courtney said in the news release concerning the source of the Pampa resident's envelope.

Paper powder comes from the paper manufacturing process, he said.

"The Pampa

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BAND

BOMB

Symphonic band. He is the son of B. Jay Hagerman. He attends Hobart Baptist Church where he is involved in the music ministry.

Smith and Hagerman began the audition process in August after the announcement of the All-State etudes during the Texas Bandmasters Convention. They then began

Qaida links. The author

U.S. paratroopers from the

boasted of having organized 25

82nd Airborne Division sealed

off the area around the station

and refused to allow journalists

near the blast site about 30

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suicide attacks in Iraq.

working on three etudes of varying tempo and style. They participated in combined region/area tryout before a panel of five judges on Dec. 4. They then advanced to the area audition at Odessa Permian on Jan. 10 and were selected as members of the All-State Band at that time.

While in San Antonio, the two PHS musicians will once again audition for chair place-

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tremendous explosion about 9:15 a.m. Another witness, who refused to give his name, described the blast as "really strong" and said body parts littered the street near the station. "There was not one body in

one piece," he said.

Department has also investigated one other incident of this kind. The powder in that instance was also proven not harmful," Courtney said.

Criminal charges in the incident are not being considered at this time, he said.

The police department asks citizens to follow these guidelines if they find mail or other items of this nature:

· Do not handle the letter or item after anything unusual is found.

· Leave the item and substance where it was found.

• Keep everyone away from the suspect item.

· Keep everyone together who has been exposed to the

substance. • Call 911.

"An officer, and probably company believed to be the the fire department, will be sent," Courtney said. "The one thing we would want to prevent is contaminating several places and other people if a substance is found to be haz-Police ardous."

ment in the band. They will

participate in the 4A All-State

band under the direction of

Frank Wickes from Louisiana

Their program will include

"Rise of the Firebird" by

Reinecke, "Toccata Adagio

and Fugue" by Bach, "An

Original Suite" by Jacob,

by

"Basque Rhapsody"

State University.

THE PAMPA NEWS - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2004 - 3 **Demo presidential hopefuls seek** wins in two Southern primaries

By DAVID ESPO AP SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Sen. John Kerry and his Democratic pursuers closed out their campaigns in primaries in Virginia and Tennessee on Tuesday, the frontrunner hoping for his victory in the South while Sen. John Edwards and retired Gen. Wesley Clark sought upsets to prolong the race.

"Feeling good about today," Kerry told patrons at a diner in Memphis. "We want to do well down here."

Massachusetts senator also gained an endorsement from Sen. Herb Kohl of Wisconsin, one the day's primary, and Tennessee offered 69. week ahead of that state's primary.

Clark made the rounds in Nashville, delivering doughnuts to volunteers at polling places around the city. "I'm helping the people who are helping me change the country," he said. eral election. "We can do it."

place in northern Virginia and made plans to fly to Wisconsin later in the day in a show of deter- lost over 3 million jobs."

mination to remain in the race. His campaign manager, Nick Baldick, told reporters the campaign has enough money to compete through the end of the month.

Howard Dean made little effort in the day's primary states, focusing his efforts on Wisconsin.

Campaigning in Superior, Dean said Democrats need "an outsider, someone with a real record of change." In a slap at Kerry, whom he didn't mention by name, Dean said the alternative to himself was "a Washington In a fresh sign of growing strength, the fixture who plays the inside game."

Virginia had 82 pledged delegates at stake in

Kerry has won 10 of 12 Democratic primaries and caucuses to date, rolled to a huge lead in the delegate chase and is increasingly turning his attention to President Bush and the gen-

"This president has the worst jobs record of Edwards paid a visit to a morning polling the last 11 presidents combined," the Massachusetts senator said Monday. "He has

Bush adopts pattern of mingling with people during election-year

stores are usually just part of the blurred landscape President Bush sees from his limousine when he sweeps into town. For three years, he and his motorcade blew past it all.

But this election year, Bush has taken a sudthe airport and his speech sites.

Monday marked the fourth time in 2 1/2 weeks in which Bush and the rest of his motor- Bush last did such an "off-the-record" appearcade pulled over for a "spontaneous" visit with some local citizens.

World, a sporting emporium where Bush schmoozed about 100 customers in the shoes, socks and fishing supplies aisles.

"Which way to the worms?" the president asked.

Last week, it was Sticky Fingers restaurant in Charleston S.C.; Jan. 29, it was Swan Chocolates in Merrimack, N.H.; Jan. 22, it was the Nuthin' Fancy Cafe just outside Roswell, N.M.

The stops do allow Bush to mingle with ordinary citizens, but they are hardly spontaneous. The Secret Service lays the groundwork days in advance, in cooperation with White House officials. The business owners know the president is den interest in the people and places in between coming, though the customers at Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World didn't.

White House officials strain to recall when ance before the custom abruptly became part of his routine last month. On a couple of occasions, This time, it was Bass Pro Shop Outdoor he has dropped by the gas and coffee joint a few miles from his Crawford, Texas, ranch.

> But today, nine months before the election, these visits have become a fixture of the president's travels, and a formula has emerged as to how they transpire.

The stops occur as Bush is heading from a speech to the airport. They are shrouded in secrecy, omitted from his schedule. Even though the pattern has become clear. White House offi-"It's a good opportunity to visit with cials refuse to confirm they are taking place Americans and get some good food," White until the president is pulling into the parking lot.

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Shelton and "The Dam Busters March" by Coates. public market when he heard a Bagir al-Hakim.

Jabbar said some of the victims were policemen "but many more were civilians

Meanwhile, the Baghdad Convention Center, which

houses the U.S. military press center and other coalition facilities, was evacuated Tuesday after bomb-sniffing dogs detected something suspicious, Williams, the coalition spokesman, said. The center later reopened.

On Monday, a suicide

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP) - The strip House spokesman Scott McClellan said. Or, in malls, mom-and-pop restaurants and big-box Missouri, to get some worms.

Williams, coalition spokesman, said no U.S. or other coalition forces were hurt.

In Baghdad, Lt. Col. Dan

Hospital director Razaq Jabbar said his facility had received 50 dead and 50 injured — all believed to be Iraqis. He said he had heard that three others died at another hospital.

"This figure might increase," he said. "There were some body parts that haven't been identified yet. Some more bodies may be trapped under the rubble."

Policeman Wissam Abdul-Karim said he was standing in front of the nearby courthouse when "I heard a very strong explosion" and "the blast threw me on the ground."

"It was the day for applying for new recruits," Abdul-Karim said. "There were tens of them waiting outside the police station."

Security for the facility included a checkpoint surrounded by sandbags and barbed wire, Abdul-Karim said.

Hussein Mohammed, 18, said he was standing in the

applying for jobs, and passersby.'

Hours after the attack, police opened fire in the air to disperse dozens of angry residents who stormed the wrecked police station after hearing rumors that the blast was caused by an American rocket.

"No, no to America! The police are traitors; not Sunnis, not Shiites! This crime was by the Americans!" the crowd shouted before dispersing.

Insurgents have mounted a string of car and suicide bombings in recent weeks. The deadliest so far has been in the northern city of Irbil on Feb. 1 when two suicide bombers blew themselves up at two Kurdish party offices celebrating a Muslim holiday, killing at least 109 people.

On Jan. 18, a suicide car bomb exploded near the main gate to the U.S.-led coalition's headquarters in Baghdad, killing at least 31 people.

A car bomb exploded Aug. 29 outside a mosque in the a suicide bomber carrying out Shiite Muslim holy city of Najaf, killing more than 85 people, including Shiite leader Ayatollah Mohammed unknown.

bomber walked up to the house of brothers Majid and Amer Ali Suleiman in Ramadi, west of Baghdad, and detonated explosives strapped to his body, witnesses said.

Three guards were seriously injured but the brothers - who are among the city's most prominent tribal leaders working with coalition forces were unhurt.

The bomber had approached the house earlier when the brothers were receiving callers, and was told to leave, the witnesses said.

Insurgents have repeatedly warned Iraqis not to cooperate with the Americans. The most recent threats were contained in pamphlets circulated in Ramadi and nearby Fallujah by a purported coalition of 12 insurgent groups.

Ramadi and Fallujah are located in the Sunni Triangle, a major center of resistance to the U.S.-led occupation.

It was the second instance of an attack with explosives on his body, although suicide car and truck bombings are not





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TEXAS EDITORIAL

Battle to keep bases open

From the Jan. 24 Victoria Advocate:

Gov. Rick Perry is lobbying to protect military bases in Texas from the upcoming around of base closing and realignment, scheduled for next year.

In a letter to Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, "Perry said Texas has a leg up on other locations for the military because of a variety of factors - open land for training, extensive transportation, desirable climate and a skilled civilian work force," The Associated Press reported.

Those factors, however, did not protect San Antonio's Kelly AFB and Lubbock's Reese AFB in the 1995 round of base closures.

And with the Pentagon's determination that it has 25 percent excess capacity, Texas installations such as Goodfellow AFB in San Angelo, Ingleside Naval Station near Corpus Christi and Red River Army Depot in Texarkana will be at risk.

"Texas has 17 major military installations whose economic benefit is pegged by state officials at about \$43 billion a year. The sector employs about 232,000 uniformed personnel and

A look at Texas military bases

This week's column by U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison focuses on the upcoming round of military base evaluations. The senator is the chair of the Military Senate Appropriations Construction Subcommittee. ***

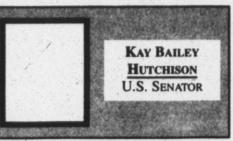
The first responsibility of the federal government is preserving our national security. A strong defense is also critically important to Texas and our economy.

So as we launch a periodic review of our national system of defense facilities, we must take into account the changing nature of our security challenges, particularly the new threat posed by terrorism. Decisions on troop strength, training, deployment and facilities should be based on conditions that fully assess current security needs.

The Pentagon has begun the 2005 Base Closing and Realignment Commission (BRAC), charged with adjusting our military capacity to meet realities of the 21st Century. The Defense Department started the process by publishing a set of draft criteria, seeking comment on the ground rules to be used in judging whether military facilities across the country are to be maintained or closed.

The Pentagon's draft criteria are very similar - almost identical - to standards employed by the 1991, 1993 and 1995 BRAC rounds. These are Cold War criteria. I believe that using old standards to face a new enemy is a mistake. The criteria should be improved, enhanced and updated to reflect the lessons we've learned after 9/11.

The current draft does not direct BRAC commissioners to take into account contributions a military base might make to our overall homeland



security effort. Nor does it require our extensive network of overseas facilities be included in the planning. I am urging that both omissions be corrected.

In the new war on terrorism, homeland security is the ultimate goal. They may be two separate federal departments, but Homeland Security and Defense are already working in tandem on numerous measures, from biochemical threats to port security. For example, if a military base such as Brooks City-Base in San Antonio can play an important role in medical and biological research that's vital to both homeland and national defense, that contribution ought to be weighed as part of the BRAC process. If Corpus Christi's Naval Station Ingleside can host Coast Guard infrastructure to help patrol the Gulf of Mexico, that should be considered as well.

Most of our overseas bases were established during or after World War II, and maintained to meet conventional Cold War threats. Even the Department of Defense (DoD) has acknowledged that several are poorly located to meet today's military needs. Some bases, particularly those in Europe and Asia, lack the land area and flying space to allow first-class training for our forces.

If an overseas training mission can be accomplished more efficiently, and at less expense, in the vast expanses of Ft. Hood or Ft. Bliss/White Sands, then BRAC commissioners should factor that

into the equation. The current criteria do not.

Let's be clear: The ultimate goal should be the strongest national defense and the most effective homeland security our tax dollars can buy. If all relevant factors are considered, I'm confident that Texas will fare very well in the BRAC process.

Our military men and women enjoy serving in Texas. They benefit both personally and professionally from our wide-open spaces, our weather, our reasonable cost of living and our facilities. The Texas Congressional delegation, Republicans and Democrats alike, have worked closely over the past decade to ensure that Texas bases are modernized and fully tasked. Over the past five years alone, we've been able to secure \$1.2 billion in federal appropriations for Texas base military construction to improve the daily lives of our service families.

I voted against starting the 2005 BRAC because I don't believe we've had sufficient experience in the terrorism war to evaluate all threats we may be facing. But now that it's underway, we have an obligation to make certain the criteria used in the base evaluation process are themselves updated and modernized.

Defense is important to Texas, and Texas is vital to our national defense. It's been said that "Texas defends America." That's true - Texas has more active duty than any state - and we're superb at it. Texans should welcome a thoughtful and politics-free BRAC process.

As Americans, we all have a stake in ensuring that our force structure and facilities are as efficient and effective as possible - and that the criteria used to judge those conditions reflect the changing threat we face at home and abroad.





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civilians," according to the AP.

Cutting the Lone Star State's military installations and employment by 25 percent would have "a big impact on Texas," said retired Air Force Gen. Michael Smith, who heads the Texas Military Preparedness Commission.

The 78th Texas Legislature created that commission last year to try to alleviate such a hit on the state's economy. Last September, voters authorized a \$250 million state loan fund to assist host communities in upgrading infrastructure to retain military installations.

So Texas is well positioned to launch what Perry calls a "very proactive and offensive" effort to keep the state's bases and posts open.

The only problem with that is that the military installations Texas hosts do not belong to the Lone Star State. Nor is their impact on the Texas economy sufficient justification to keep any of them open.

Perry and the Military Preparedness Commission will have to demonstrate to the Base Realignment and Closure Commission that these facilities serve the national interest and that they do so better than competing installations anywhere else.

The "economic impact on existing communities in the vicinity of military installations" will be only one of eight criteria the panel will evaluate in determining which bases and posts should be retained and which should be closed. Chances are, it will not be anywhere near the top of the list.

The other criteria, Cox News Service reported, are "the impact on operational readiness, availability and condition of facilities and the 'cost of operations and the manpower implications," as well as potential financial savings for the Pentagon and environmental concerns.

A major component of many of these criteria will be the capacity for "jointness," whether the facilities can be used effectively and cost-efficiently by more than one of the services and how well they facilitate interservice cooperation.

When the base commission makes its recommendations to the Pentagon and Congress, they cannot be amended. The legislation for the process — written by former U.S. Rep. Dick Armey, R-Texas, in the waning days of the Cold War - allows Congress only to accept or reject the entire package without amendment.

Texas leaders will have to prove that military installations in the state meet the Pentagon's criteria better than any others do.

Today in History

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 10, the 41st day of 2004. There are 325 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 10, 1967, the 25th Amendment to the Constitution. dealing with presidential disability and succession, went into effect.

On this date:

In 1763, France ceded Canada to England under the Treaty of Paris, which ended the French and Indian War.

In 1840, Britain's Queen Victoria married Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha.



Hillary seeks to win veepstakes

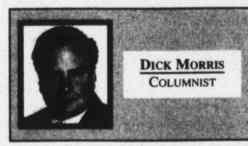
The demise of Howard Dean's candidacy opens the door to a Kerry/Clinton ticket in 2004. As long as Dean was favored to get the nomination, Hillary likely wasn't interested in the second slot on the ticket. With the Vermont governor almost certain to go down to a massive defeat, Hillary probably wanted no part in the ensuing carnage. But now that the Democrats have a real chance to win, it makes all kinds of sense to offer her the nomination and for her to accept it.

Very few vice-presidential candidates can actually win votes for the top of the ticket: Hillary can. She is the most popular Democrat in the nation. And a woman vice presidential candidate - particularly Hillary - would electrify the Democratic base and guarantee a huge turnout. It would transform a campaign into a crusade.

The voters she'd alienate? Already voting for Bush. And much as they might like to, they can't vote against Hillary more than once (one hopes).

Just as no presidential nomination in the 1970s was complete without a ritual offering of the VP slot to Ted Kennedy, so it is quite likely that whether Kerry, Edwards or Clark wins the nomination, he'll pick up the phone and call Hillary. Why should she accept?

First, it's a free shot on goal. She doesthere to give up her Senate seat to run-If she wins, she's vice president. If she loses, she's still U.S. senator from New



York until she has to run for re-election in 2006.

But the big reason Hillary should run is that the Democrats might well win in 2004. If a new president takes office in 2004 - and runs for a second term in 2008 - Hillary will have to keep fresh for eight years, a hard task in the best of times.

In the Senate, she would be, at best, an onlooker as the action moves to a Democratic White House. But as vice president, she would have the on-deck circle to herself and would be the presumptive nominee in 2012.

Remember that of the past 18 majorparty presidential nominees, eight have run first for vice president (Truman, Johnson, Nixon, Ford, Mondale, Bush, Dole and Gore).

If Hillary doesn't run for vice president on the Democratic ticket in 2004, the person who does will be a strong candidate against her in 2008 if the ticket loses and a presumptive favorite in 2012 if it wins. She down't need the pempetition.

Should Bush win re-election, it will likely not be by the massive margin by

which he would probably have defeated Dean. There would be no shame for Hillary in running for vice president on a ticket that narrowly lost.

In a sense, Hillary has already served as vice president and found it both enjoyable and rewarding. During the first two years of Bill's first term, she was a de facto chief of staff. But for the remainder of his White House tenure, she was, in effect, another vice president, roaming the world, speaking out on issues she cared about, and raising money for the party. It's not a bad job.

But Hillary has one other good reason to say yes: Rudy Giuliani. If the former mayor runs against her for the Senate seat in '06, polls indicate that she would face a very, very tough fight. Her first race against Rick Lazio would be a cakewalk next to a battle against Giuliani.

Rudy may run against Hillary - even though he'd rather be governor - in order to accumulate points with the Republican faithful so that they consider him for president in 2008.

Giuliani's pro-choice, pro-gun control, pro-affirmative action, pro-gayrights positions won't endear him to the GOP right wing. But knocking off Hillary might engender the forgiveness he needs.

So, if Rudy might run, wouldn't it be the better part of valor to get out of the way of the charging bull and run for vice president instead?

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Rebel uprising spreads to 11 towns in Haiti; at least 42 dead

By IAN JAMES ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

ST. MARC, Haiti (AP) - In the strongest challenge yet to embattled President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, rebels in nearly a dozen towns went on a rampage that has left at least 42 killed and prompted fears of a coup d'etat.

Early Tuesday, government supporters in Cap-Haitien, the nation's second largest city, built barricades around the city to keep rebels out, radio stations reported. There were also reports of gunbattles over night, but it was unclear if there were casualties.

After sporadic gunbattles Monday, police regained control of the important port city of St. Marc, 45 miles west of Port-au-Prince. At least two men were shot and another was allegedly shot and killed by Aristide supporters. His body was left on a roadside.

"The national police force alone cannot reestablish order," Prime Minister Yvon Neptune

told The Associated Press in St. Marc on the first visit to any of the affected towns by a senior government official

"The violence is tied to a coup d'etat," he said the day before.

In Port-au-Prince, the capital, a coalition opposition political parties met to discuss whether they should join the rebels. By late Monday, they had distanced themselves from the uprising.

"We do not recognize ourselves in the armed insurrection but in the peaceful struggle of the people for democracy," said Mischa Gaillard, an opposition politician who met with others in the Democratic Platform late Monday. "We deplore violence."

The uprising, which began Thursday in Haiti's fourth-largest city of Gonaives, signals a dangerous turning point in Haiti's three-year political crisis. A similar revolt in 1985 also began in Gonaives and led to the ouster to following year of the 29-year Duvalier family dictatorship.

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rection," said opposition politician Himler Rebu, who led a failed coup against Lt. Gen. Prosper Avril in 1989.

Tension has mounted since Aristide's party won flawed legislative elections in 2000 and international donors blocked millions of dollars in aid. Misery has also deepened with most of the nation's 8 million people living without jobs and on less than \$1 day despite election promises from Aristide, a former priest who had vowed to bring dignity to the poor.

With no army and fewer than 5,000 poorly armed police, the government is ill-equipped to halt the revolt. Police stations have been a major target because they symbolize Aristide's authority and officers are accused of siding with government supporters.

Since capturing Gonaives, a city of 200,000 people, the rebels have spread to towns to the west and north.

Some residents fled western Grand-Goave

"We are in a situation of armed popular insur- with belongings perched on their heads Monday, the day after rebels torched the police station. Insurgents also set ablaze stations in the northern towns of St. Raphael and Dondon, where police launched counterattacks and wounded two rebels, according to Radio Vision 2000.

It reported that police in Dondon put the rebels to flight, and that afterward government supporters torched houses of nine anti-Aristide leaders.

The United States condemned the violence and called on Aristide's government to respect human rights. State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Haiti's problems will not be solved by violence and retribution.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said the United Nations "will be stepping up our own involvement fairly soon" but did not elaborate.

The rebels are led by several factions, including former Aristide supporters, former soldiers who helped oust Aristide in a 1991 coup and civilians frustrated by deepening poverty.

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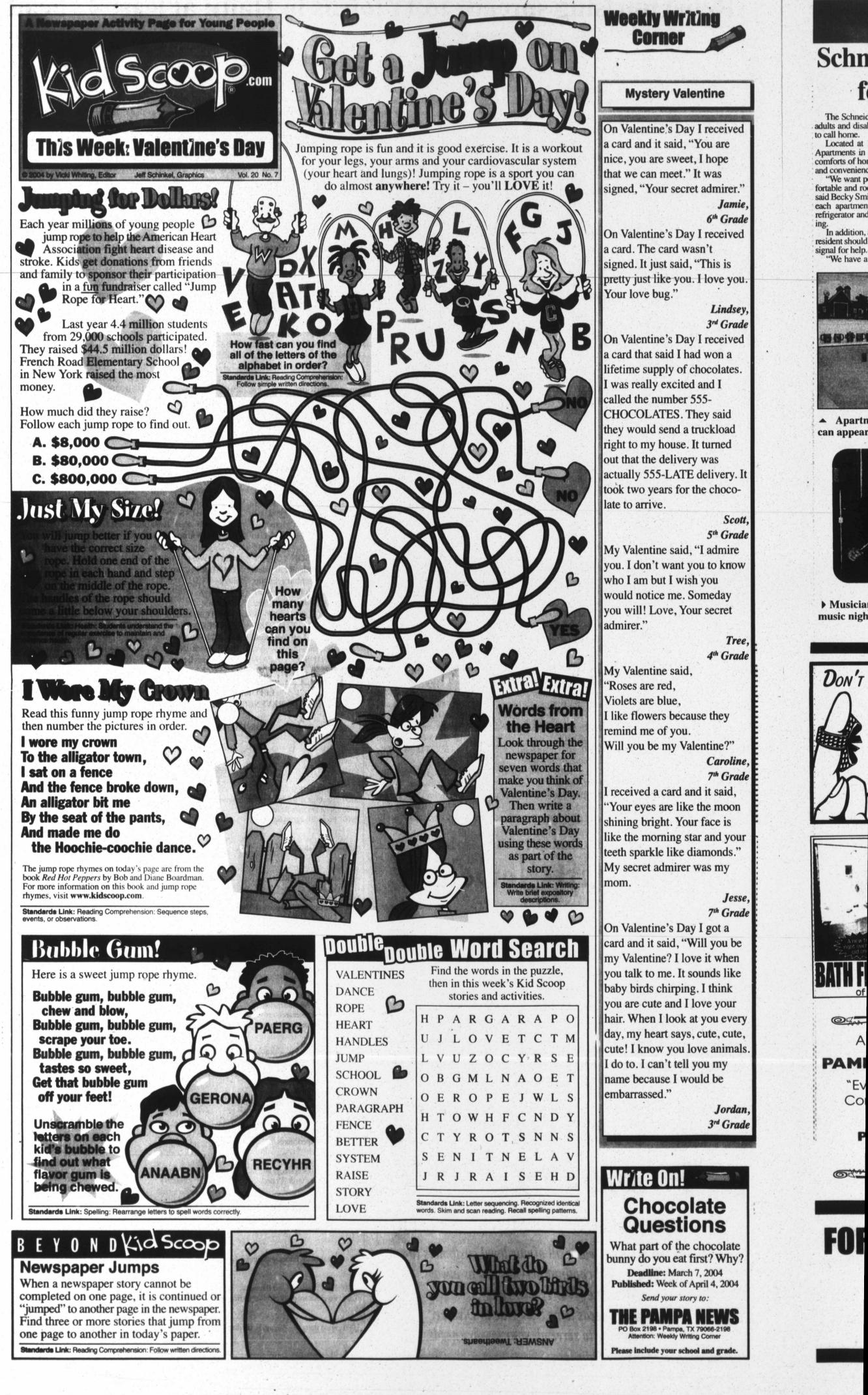
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BUSINESS REVIEW

Schneider House, a senior citizens community that feels like home – 'Senior Living at Its Best'

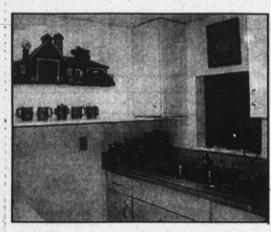
The Schneider House Apartments offers senior adults and disabled individuals a charming place to call home.

Located at 120 S. Russell, Schneider House Apartments in Pampa offers its residents all the comforts of home with a wide-variety of services and conveniences to make life easier and better.

"We want potential residents to see how comfortable and roomy our apartments actually are," said Becky Smith, apartment manager. Smith said each apartment comes furnished with a stove, refrigerator and central heating and air conditioning.

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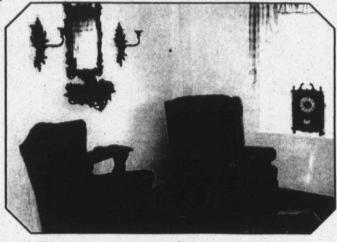
"We have a laundry room downstairs, and an



▲ Apartments at Schneider House can appear quite homey.



(Courtesy photo) Musicians often entertain during music night at Schneider House.



▲ The apartments at Schneider House are arranged to be cozy yet compact.

elevator to take you there," Smith said, adding that in addition to the laundry facilities Schneider House runs an indoor mail service and has a modern grande lobby on its ground floor as well. Many Schneider House residents gather in the mornings for breakfast and fellowship. Besides a weekly movie night, residents may enjoy a multitude of fun and engaging activities such as the weekly country and gospel music night, craft days, parties, church services, cook-outs and much, much more.

Another advantage of living at Schneider House is that residents are within easy walking distance of downtown and have use of an attractive park directly across the street from the great, old-fashioned apartment building, the front of which has a long, sheltering overhang to shade residents who want to take to the air. A comfortable row of benches lines the shaded porch.

Rental rates are based upon income with medical deductions for disabled or senior citizens. The Schneider House is a surprisingly affordable, independent living facility with utilities included and no maintenance required, Smith said.

Schneider House is "Senior Living at Its Best!" For more information, contact Schneider House at 665-0415.

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▲ Elizabeth Lynn, left, and Wyvon Griffin, right, enjoy the fresh air while relaxing on the covered portico at Schneider House.



▲ A room with a view ... Schneider House residents enjoy all the comforts of home.

Schneider House



DEAR ABBY

TUESDAY • February 10, 2004

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Readers Offer Ways to Give New Life to Old Neckties

DEAR ABBY: I read with interest the letter from the lady asking how to recycle her late husband's neckties. My daughter is a 16-yearold honor student who teaches Sunday school and volunteers at our children's hospital. She wears them as belts.

> PROUD MOM, CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

DEAR PROUD MOM: Your daughter is an original thinker. When I printed that letter, I had no idea there were so many uses for old neckties. Hundreds of suggestions poured in! Read on for a sample:

"I have a friend who made her prom dress completely out of men's ties she bought from Goodwill. They were sewn together vertically. It was really cool. JOY IN IRVINE, CALIF.

"She should cut the wide ends 18 inches to 20 inches long and sew them together at the long edges to make a colorful apron. The tapers will give it a nice flair, and the ends can be used for the waistband at the top and the strings at the back." CLARENCE B., CLEMSON, S.C.

"Two ladies in our church, St. Christopher Episcopal in League City, Texas, gathered old ties from the parish and made them into beautiful altar cloths for use during

Father's Day services." O.H. STELTER JR., HOUSTON

"Old ties can be woven into beautiful, one-of-a-kind area rugs or wall hangings. Incorporated into clothing, they can become wearable art." JEANNE S., SOUTHERN SHORES, N.C.

"My aunt owned a gorgeous mandarin-style jacket, which she informed me was made entirely from old silk neckties. They were laid side by side, sewn together, then finished off with embroidery overstitching." DEBE, WILLOW GLEN, CALIF.

"She should use them to make quilted Christmas wreath. It will become a family heirloom." GINI M., OSHKOSH, WIS.

"One of the most precious gifts I ever received was a Christmas stocking made for my 6-month-old daughter when her grandfather died. A very special cousin made it from some of his ties for her first Christmas. It's a family treasure." SHARON

IN NEWBERRY PARK, CALIF.

"Here's an idea: With that many ties, she's bound to have a picture of Grandpa wearing some of them. Why not mount a picture of Grandpa wearing the tie in a frame along with the tie? It would make a won-derful keepsake." DAYNA IN LONGVIEW, TEXAS

"Discarded neckties can be used to make pot holders, table runners, teddy bears, pocketbooks, tote bags and more."

HENNIE C. SPARTANBURG, S.C.

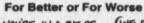
"How about using them to make Christmas tree skirts? Stitch them together in a circle with the points facing outward."

CAROL P., SPARTANBURG, S.C.

"I use my husband's cast-off ties to make cases for my jewelry. Work-ing with the wide ends, I cut them in 3-inch, 4-inch and 5-inch lengths and stitch them to form pouches. Then I fold the triangle tip down like the flap on an envelope and put a snap on the other side. Voila!" ANNA MARIA S., SILVER SPRING, MD.

DEAR ANNA MARIA AND THE HUNDREDS OF WONDER-FUL PEOPLE WHO WROTE TO **OFFER IDEAS:** The dear lady who wrote asking for ideas is sure to be overwhelmed with your clever uses for ties. (I certainly was.) And if she isn't handy with a needle and thread, she can sell them on eBay or donate them to a thrift shop, a homeless shelter or college theater department.

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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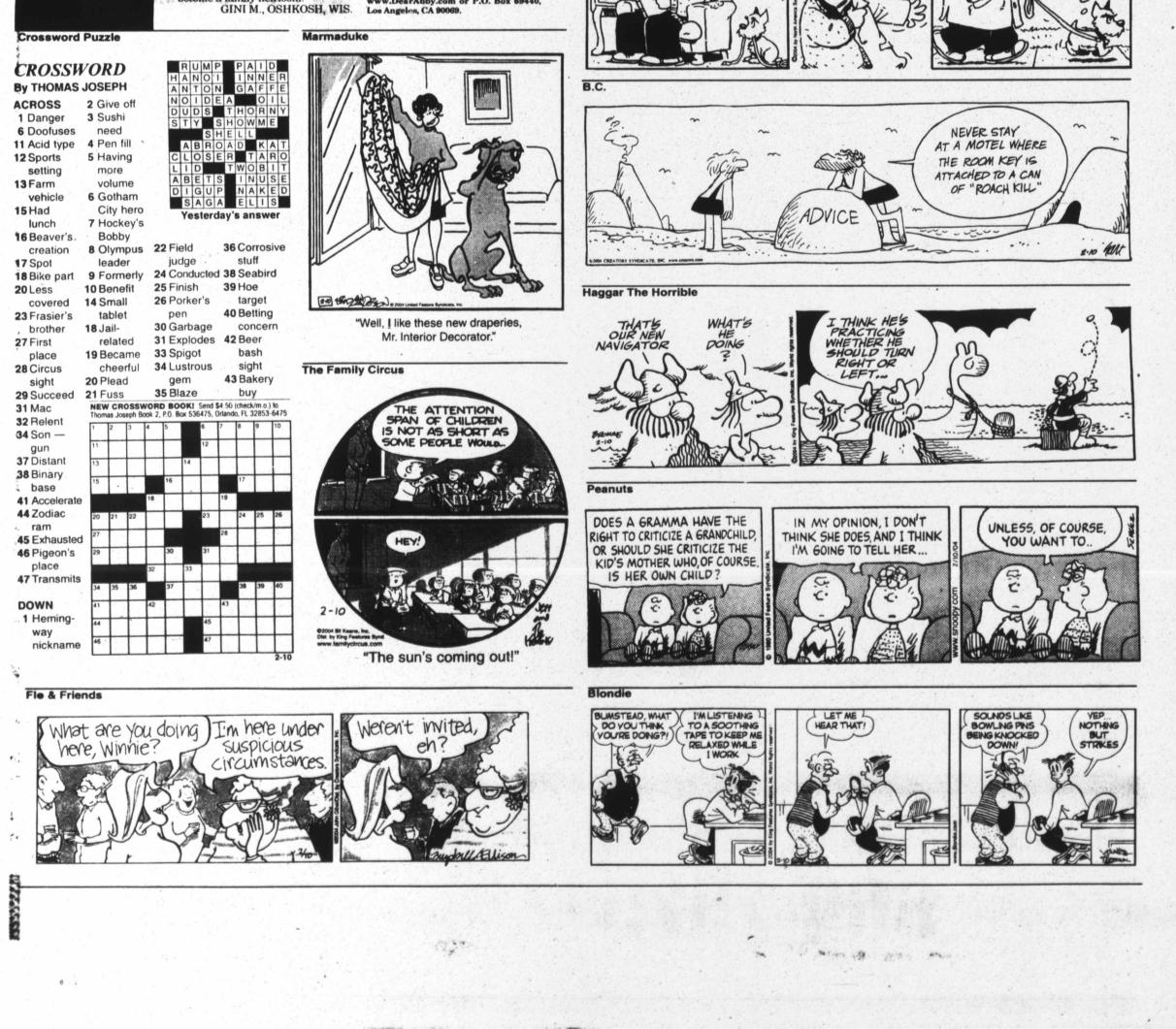
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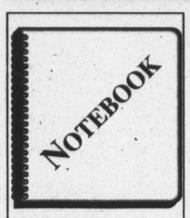


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SPORTS



BASKETBALL

PAMPA — This season's Optimist League boys' basketball teams will be introduced at halftime of the Pampa Harvesters-Randall Raiders basketball game Friday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

The Optimist night is being sponsored by the Harvester Basketball Booster Club.

WELLINGTON Wellington won over Wheeler 74-60 in District 2-1A girls action last weekend.

Wellington's Jessica Archie was her team's leading scorer with 16 points.

Wheeler's leading scorers were Lezli Finsterwald with 17 points, J'Shay McCasland 14 and Samantha Chapman 11.

FOOTBALL

PITTSBURGH (AP) -Heisman Trophy runner-up Larry Fitzgerald will enter the NFL draft and not return to Pittsburgh for his junior year.

The star receiver is expected to be among the first picks in the draft.

Fitzgerald left the Academy of Holy Angels in Richfield, Minn., midway through his senior year in 2001 and transferred to

Texas back on top after 16-plus years away

Lady Longhorns are No. 1 in Associated Press poll for first time since 1987

back to No. 1, Jody Conradt and the Texas Longhorns. It's been a letic director. long time.

Texas (21-2) took over the top spot in the Associated Press women's basketball rankings Monday for the first time since Dec: 28, 1987, another step in a rebuilding process that has lifted Conradt's program back among the sport's elite.

"I've been feeling for a while this is a good team," said Conradt, enjoying a resurgence that began when she gave up adminstrative duties to return to full-time coaching three seasons ago. "This is a team that I think deserves some recognition for their hard work and talent."

Once the standard bearer for the women's game, Texas was surpassed nationally by Tennessee and Connecticut, and by Texas Tech within its own conference, in the 1990s. At the

AUSTIN (AP) - Welcome time, Conradt was doing double duty as coach and women's ath-

> The program has been rising ever since she returned to coaching full-time in 2001. The Longhorns were within two points of reaching the NCAA finals last year, losing to eventual champion Connecticut in the Final Four.

> This season, Texas already has beaten six ranked teams, including No. 3 Tennessee and No. 4 Duke. Losses by both those teams helped the Longhorns vault to their first No. I ranking since star Jamie Carey was 7 years old.

> "I'm surprised it's been that long, but I'm not surprised that they are in that position now," said Tennessee coach Pat Summitt, who along with Conradt are the only women's coaches with more than 800 wins

the Final Four, I thought they were a great team. Being at the receiving end of their play here ... I thought they were even better this year," Summitt said.

The Longhorns received 29 of 47 first-place votes, with No. 2 Connecticut getting the rest.

Conradt congratulated her team before practice Monday. then quickly changed the mood by writing on a chalkboard the next six opponents: Texas A&M, No. 12 Colorado, No. 7 Texas Tech, No. 18 Baylor, No. 9 Kansas State and Oklahoma.

"That gets you back to reality," Conradt said.

Conradt, though, deserves some time to savor this feat.

She turned the Longhorns into a national power in the 1980s, but women's basketball had a much lower profile then.

Her crowning achievement was the undefeated national championship season in 1986. Texas made it back to the Final Four in '87 and was No. 1 and undefeated the next season until consecutive losses to Iowa and

"They made an impression on Ohio State sent the Longhorns transferring from Stanford, Texas me last year. Watching them in down the list just after Christmas 1987

> Texas came a game shy of the Final Four that season and the next two. Conradt wasn't able to get her clubs past the second round of the tournament for the next 11 years.

Starting in 1992, her workload doubled as she became athletic director for women's sports. She guided the department through the controversy of a gender equity lawsuit that was settled out of court in 1993 with the university agreeing to add varsity soccer and softball.

About that time, women's basketball began rising in prominence.

The Longhorns, though, had trouble keeping pace. Conradt endured her first losing season as a coach in 1994-95, then again in 97-98.

She gave up being AD with the 2001-02 season, and the program has been better off for it.

With stepped-up recruiting landing high school stars Stacy Stephens, Nina Norman and Tiffany Jackson, plus Carey

advanced to the round of 16 in '02 and won its first Big 12 title last year en route to the Final Four

"They've got better players. That's what it's about," Summitt said. "If you want to have the best team, you've got to have the best players."

Carey knew the history. behind Conradt's pioneering program when looking for somewhere to play again. She had given up the sport because of recurring concussion symptoms.

"When you look at the University of Texas, it glares with pride and tradition. It's an honor to be a part of such a program," Carey said.

Stephens also came to Texas in hopes of returning the program to its former glory.

"It wasn't really about the past, it was about what we could build and what could happen here," she said.

Could the rebuilding job lead to a second title?

"If we play the way we're capable of," Conradt said, "I think we can."

Local gymnasts have outstanding outings at State Championships

Pampa members Madison Fatheree and Rebecca Taylor represented their team and city well this past fall at the Level 6 Texas State Championships.

The meet was held in competed for state medals.

Madison was attending her second state meet. She competed at the Level 5 Championships a year earlier, where she had outstanding performances to finish seventh overall. In this trip to the balance beam with an 8.55. state, Madison completed in the She finished eighth overall with a

scored a 9.425 and earned the fifth-place medal. Her other scores were 8.925 on balance beam, 8.7 on vault and 8.45 on uneven bars.

Rebecca was entered in her November in Fort Worth where first state meet. She participated gymnasts from over the state in the Senior A Bronze Division of Level 6. The 12-year-old did an outstanding job at her first state meet, earning three state medals. Rebecca had a sixthplace medal on th uneven bars (8.4) and she tied for eighth on

PAMPA — Gymnastics of came on floor exercise where she Silver and Bronze divisions.

"This was the first time Texas has divided each age group into Gold, Silver and Bronze. It worked out wonderful, especially for Rebecca, who was attending her first state meet. She did not have to compete against athletes who have in Level 6 for several years or who have been to state several times. Madison ended up in Gold because was fourth All-Around at semi-finals. I think she took pride in the fact that she was going against gymnasts who train 30 hours per week and



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Valley Forge (Pa.) Military Academy to boost his grades for college.

The NFL cleared the way for Fitzgerald to enter the April draft because he is three years past his senior year of high school.

HOCKEY

HENDERSON, Nev. (AP) — The NHL standings might get even more complicated to read, and ties might become a thing of the past.

Making regulation time mean more was just one of a plethora of topics discussed Monday during the first day of the NHL general-managers meetings.

The standings are already four columns across. One topic of discussion was the idea of giving three standings points to a regulation victory, and getting rid of tie games in favor of a shootout.

"Coaches coach not to lose," said Colin Campbell, the NHL's director of hockey operations. "They got the point in their hand before the game starts and they want to leave the game with at least one point.

"Will the three points in regulation make them coach differently when they can't coach around it? Then make the 60 minutes more meaningful than the overtime. Keep the overtime and even add a shootout."

NHL general managers met as a full group for three hours before breaking off into four rooms to discuss potential rule changes. No topic was too taboo to talk about.

"I think we have to look at everything," Los Angeles general manager Dave Taylor said.

Junior A Gold Division of Level 6.

The 9-year-old gymnast had solid performances on all four events to finish 12th overall in the Gold All-Around with a 35.5

worst loss in three years.

The rout of two-time

defending Big 12 champ

34.35 score. Her other scores were 8.8.5 on vault and 8.55 on floor

The gymnasts were divided by age and the again by their All-Around placing at the semi-finals score. Her best performance meet, which were the Gold, 7.

wonderful at the competition, and I feel like they represented Pampa very well," said coach Kristi Petty.

home school. Both gymnasts did

The gymnasts are currently training and competing in Level

OSU puts 20-point loss at Kansas

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) seeking its first league title this season. - John Lucas scored 21 since winning the Big Eight points and Tony Allen added in 1995. Oklahoma State has now 17 to lead No. 10 Oklahoma State to an 80-60 win over avenged an earlier loss to Kansas on Monday night,

Flyers in Lubbock

Texas Tech, snapped Texas' handing the Jayhawks their 25-game home winning streak and made an emphatic The Cowboys (18-2, 8-1 statement with its rout of the Jayhawks with 26 points on Big 12) won their eighth Jayhawks. Kansas hadn't lost so badly since an 84-53 defeat straight game and moved into a first-place tie for the conferto Wake Forest on Dec. 7, ence lead with No. 11 Texas. 2000.

Lucas, a summer transfer from lowly Baylor, was the Kansas (15-5, 7-2) was a difference in the type of game huge step for a school still he never got to play in until

He didn't miss a shot until nearly five minutes into the second half, went 3-for-5 from behind the 3-point arc and held Kansas point guard Aaron Miles to three points. Wayne Simien led the 12-of-15 shooting, most of them thunderous two-handed dunks.

The sellout crowd of 13,611 at Gallagher-Iba Arena was boisterous even before the tipoff and got only louder from there.

Pampa gymnasts Madison Fatheree (left) and **Rebecca Taylor earned medals at the Texas State Championships in Fort Worth**

Lucas, Massey win Big 12 honors

DALLAS (AP) contests.

Oklahoma State's John Lucas averaged 24 points in two road victories last week to earn Big 12 player of the week honors for the second

time this season. win at Texas A&M, Lucas tied his career high with 27 points on 7-of-10 shooting. He also scored 21 points in the Cowboys' 88-67 win at Iowa State last week. The junior guard ranks second in the league in scoring, at 17.5 points per game in Big 12 Colorado.

Leading Kansas State in several statistical categories, Jeremiah Massey was named newcomer of the week.

The freshman forward from Detroit, Mich., leads In the Cowboys' 91-79 the Wildcats in scoring, rebounding and double-doubles . In the Kansas State's 78-61 win over Nebraska last week, Massey scored a career-best 24 points with five rebounds. Massey also went 8-of-9 from the free throw line in an 82-81 loss at

Canadian deals double losses

AMARILLO - Canadian 8 points.

Shane Littlejohn and took care of Highland Park with a 45-35 victory last weekend in District 6-2A

Auston English led the way for Canadian with 13 points. Shea Province added Culver chipped in 9.

activity.

Cooper Wade led Highland Park with 8 points each.

from Shila Province to win the girls contest 61-55. Carlee

Groom teams swept by Valley

VALLEY - Groom lost to with 15. Valley 52-44 in District 4-1A action last weekend.

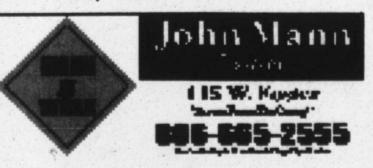
Douglas Payne had 19 points to lead Valley scorers.

Cody Schaffer led Groom in scoring with 22 points. Chance Barkley followed 7 for Groom.

Groom lost the girls' game 58-28.

Katherine Pigg tossed in 38 points to lead the win-

Britteny Martin had 14 points and Jennifer Jenkins





(Courtesy photo)

Keziah Nelson, Jenna Munsell, Monica Schepp, Caylee Steward and Danielle Zuniga of M.G. Flyers of Pampa recently traveled to Lubbock for a special "Let's Make a Deal" gymnastics competition.

Canadian got 20 points

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Nicole Clark is on the Pampa freshmen girls' basketball team this season. Her parents are Layne and Mary Clark, above. Nicole's other activities are volleyball, softball and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She is a member of First Baptist Church.

In NASCAR, lines blurred between racing and religion

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. to (AP) — When Bobby Labonte takes the green flag in Sunday's Daytona 500, he'll be racing for victory and the Lord.

The hood of Labonte's car is both a shameless movie plug — "The Passion of the Christ," coming soon to a theater near you — and some new-style proselytizing for the Gospel.

Yes, witnessing has moved from the revival tent to the fast lane.

"It's a chance to get the word out," Labonte, who grew up in Corpus Christi, his car. "Someone who is curious about Jesus and has never been saved sees the race and says, 'Hmmm, I'd like to see what that's about.' their minds." NASCAR racing and the Christian faith have often worked hand-in-hand, from infield services for drivers, crewmen and officials to the pre-race invocation to the annual break in the schedule for the Easter holiday. Now comes a car promoting "The Passion of the Christ," a soon-to-bereleased movie that arready has drawn lavish praise from conservative clergy including the Rev. Billy Graham — but angry denouncements from Jewish groups fearing it will stir up anti-Semitism. For Labonte, it was a nobrainer to plug Mel Gibson's film on the No. 18 car, especially since the movie focuses on the seminal event in the Christian faith — the crucifixion of Jesus.

between its predominantly Christian fan base and those of other faiths.

Hal Marchman, a retired Baptist minister who has given the pre-race invocation since Daytona International Speedway opened in 1959, always ends his prayer with "shalom and amen," incorporating the Hebrew word for "peace" into his Christian beliefs.

"We're not the only ones," Marchman said. "I respect the Jewish religion. I respect every religion."

Texas, said about the ad on for NASCAR to pull off the be." balancing act. Two years ago, Morgan Shepherd put a Jesus decal on the hook of his racing truck before a race in ... Maybe we can change Darlington, S.C. NASCAR officials received complaints - "maybe it was the atheists," Shepherd said - and asked him to remove the logo. He complied, prompting a backlash from Christian fans.

maintain symmetry his Victory In Jesus racing team, that hasn't translated into financial backing. His hopes of qualifying for the Daytona 500 were scuttled by a shoestring budget.

"Why does corporate America spend so much money ... supporting things that don't have moral values?" Shepherd asked. "And here we are, trying to serve the Lord. There's nothing bad in the Bible. Even if you don't believe in God, if everyone would just live by the Bible and the Ten Commandments, see how But it's not always easy much better the world would

SCOREBOARD

BOWLING HARVESTER LANES League Standings Wednesday Night Mixed League (Week 18) Team Lefors Fed. Credit Union 0 Chez Tanz **Bob's Bandits Reed's Welding Gutter Busters** Team Three 3 The Woodpecker Shop Beta Tex Harvester Lanes Week's High Scores Men

High scratch game: Mike Nelson 276; High scratch series: Mike Nelson 685; High handicap game: Mike Nelson 298; High handicap series: Mike Nelson 751.

Women

High scratch game: Kristi Lee 200; High scratch series: Kristi Lee 533; High handicap game: Kristi Lee 243; High handicap series: Gina Addington 667.

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High scratch series: Steve Williams 730; High scratch game: Mike Bryant 287; High handicap series: Anthony Tiedt 746; High handicap game: Greg Vanderlinden 276.

High scratch game: Rachel Schmidt 203; High scratch series: Kerrick Horton 591; High handicap series: Carolyn Hess 721; High handicap game: Susie West 255.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TABC high school polls

BOYS

HOUSTON (AP) - High school basketball rankings as compiled by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches for the week of Feb. 9:

Class 5A

1. Houston Milby, 2. Cedar Hill, 3. Humble Kingwood, 4. Amarillo, 5. Pearland, 6. Pflugerville, 7. Cy Falls, 8. Colleyville Heritage, 9. Dallas Skyline, 10. Round Rock McNeil, 11. San Antonio Southwest, 12. Katy Cinco Ranch, 13. San Antonio Clark, 14. Belton, 15. San Antonio Highlands, 16. Sugar Land Hightower, 17. DeSoto, 18. Corpus Christi Ray, 19. El Paso Montwood, 20. San Antonio Taft.

Dunbar, 10. Pflugerville Connally, 11. Del Valle, 12. Denton Ryan, 13. Mesquite Poteet, 14. Bay City, 15. Lancaster, 16. Lewisville Hebron, 17. Willis, 18! Corpus Christi Tuloso-Midway, 19. Edinburg, 20. Kilgore. **Class 3A**

1. Canyon, 2. Winnsboro, 3. Muleshoe, 4. Canton, 5. Graham, 6. Liberty Hill, 7. Ballinger, 8. Corpus Christi West Oso, 9. Carthage, 10. Snyder, 11. Kountze, 12. Groesbeck, 13. Cleveland, 14. Orangefield, 15. Godley, 16. Fairfield, 17. White Oak, 18. Lufkin Hudson, 19. Crockett, 20. La Vernia.

Class 2A

1. Rio Vista, 2. Brock, 3. Shallowater, 4 Seagraves, 5. Aubrey, 6. Canadian, 7. Chapel Hill, 8. East Chambers, 9. Poth, 10. Kerens, 11 Lexington, 12. Grandview, 13. Buffalo, 14. Crawford, 15. DeLeon, 16. Nixon-Smiley, 17. Jim Ned, 18. Woden, 19. Kenedy, 20. Alto.

Class 1A Div. II

1. Hedley, 2. Happy, 3. May, 4. Fayetteville, 5. Aspermont, 6. Fort Elliott, 7. Strawn, 8. Throckmorton, 9. Nazareth, 10. Round Top-Carmine, 11. Knippa, 12. Water Valley, 13. Dodd City, 14. Wells, 15. Spur, 16. Priddy, 17. Woodson, 18. Milford, 19. Byers, 20. Goodrich.

Class 1A Div. I 1. Moulton, 2. Sudan, 3. Hamlin, 4. La Poyner, 5. Muenster, 6. Archer City, 7. Lipan, 8. Smyer, 9. North Hopkins, 10. D'Hanis, 11. Kennard, 12. Stratford, 13. Gruver, 14. Stratford, 15. Martinsville, 16. Thorndale, 17. Sundown, 18. Baird, 19. Slocum, 20. Granger.

Private Schools-Large

1. Fort Worth Christian, 2. Dallas Bishop Lynch, 3. San Antonio Antonian, 4. Dallas Ursuline, 5. Houston Westbury Christian, 6. Lubbock Trinity Christian, 7. Houston Second Baptist, 8. Victoria St. Joseph, 9. Fort Worth Nolan, 10. Addison **Trinity Christian**

Private Schools-Small

1. League City Bay Area Christian, 2. Muenster Sacred Heart, 3. Hallettsville Sacred Heart, 4. Fort Worth Lake Country Christian, 5. San Antonio Cornerstone Christian, 6. Austin Hyde Park Baptist, 7. Shiner St. Paul, 8. San Antonio Believers, 9. Katy Faith West, 10. Carrollton Christian.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL Monday's Major Scores

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Monmouth, N.J. 60, Fairleigh Dickinson 58 Seton Hall 68, Pittsburgh 67, 20T SOUTH

Alcorn St. 78, Grambling St. 77 Coastal Carolina 73, High Point 52 Coll. of Charleston 65, Appalachian St. 63 Coppin St. 65, Bethune-Cookman 52 E. Kentucky 68, Tennessee St. 65 ETSU 82, Chattanooga 80 Elon 73, The Citadel 59 Florida A&M 83, Morgan St. 67 Georgia Southern 68, W. Carolina 65 Hampton 85, N. Carolina A&T 58 Jackson St. 81, Southern U. 73 James Madison 76, VMI 65 Liberty 71, Charleston Southern 67, OT MVSU 61, Alabama A&M 52 Md.-Eastern Shore 56, Howard 55 Norfolk St. 88, S. Carolina St. 74 SE Louisiana 74, Stephen F.Austin 72 TCU 54, South Florida 51 UNC-Greensboro 85, Wofford 80 MIDWEST Cent. Michigan 83, N. Illinois 74 Notre Dame 80, Connecticut 74 SOUTHWEST Alabama St. 67, Ark.-Pine Bluff 52 Oklahoma St. 80, Kansas 60 FAR WEST

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"I know how much it has impacted my life and my family's life," said Labonte, a former NASCAR Nextel Cup champion.

Stock car racing is unapologetic about its ties to Christianity, which isn't surprising for a sport that grew up in the Bible Belt. But, mirroring NASCAR's attempts to diversify the good ol' boy image, the word has gone out that all religions are welcome.

"Walking through the garage, yes, I'm unashamed about being a Christian," said Dale Beaver, a chaplain for Motor Racing Outreach, which conducts half-hour chapel services before events. "If you're not a Christian, that's OK. We can still get along."

A few weeks later, NASCAR told Shepherd he could put the logo back on his race vehicles. It's been there ever since.

"I commend NASCAR and the sport I'm in," Shepherd said. "They're not afraid to stand up for what's right. They let us come in and worship with MRO. We can pray before races. I know they've taken a lot of heat."

He praised retired NASCAR chairman Bill France for resisting any attempts to eliminate religion from the race track.

For instance, it's hard to imagine NASCAR levying a \$5,000 fine on a competitor for wearing a cap with a cross during interviews, which happened with NFL quarterback Jon Kitna in December (the fine was rescinded last week by the league).

From Shepherd's perspective, NASCAR's alliance with the Christian faith gives the sport a more wholesome, family oriented image.

"I guarantee you're never going to see anything like what happened with Janet Jackson," Shepherd said, referring to the singer whose breast was exposed during the Super Bowl halftime show. "Those things are not going to happen in our sport. Not while Bill France is around."

While Shepherd said he's NASCAR has attempted received plenty of praise for

Labonte has plenty of financial backing. In fact, the idea to use the No. 18 car as an advertising vehicle for "The Passion of the Christ" came from his primary spon-SOT.

Norm Miller, chairman of Interstate Batteries, has teamed up with Hollywood to promote other movies, including "Toy Story 2" and "The Hulk." But Gibson's project took on special meaning after Miller saw the film at a screening in California.

He doesn't believe the movie portrays Jews as being solely responsible for the death of Christ — a concept blamed for centuries of anti-Semitism.

"The Bible is clear: Jesus was volunteering when he laid his life down," Miller said. "I don't feel it's near the issue people are trying to make out of it."

And, said J.D. Gibbs, who runs the team, this marketing campaign isn't intended to keep other faiths in the pits.

"We want everyone to look at this as their sport," Gibbs said. "It's not just a Christian sport."

Hedley wins over McLean

HEDLEY - Hedley downed McLean 79-49 last weekend in a District 4-1A boys' game.

Stephen Howard had a 20point night to lead Hedley scorers.

Lucas Seymour was McLean's high scorer with 15 points. Andy Ritchie followed with 13.

In the girls' game, Hedley posted a 98-28 victory.

Haley Bennett sank 28 points for Hedley.

Jennifer Greer had 10 points and Danielle Dampier 8 for McLean.

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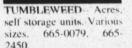
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and don't take risks you cannot afford. If

you are single, you will meet someone

while traveling or in a place of higher

learning or spirituality. You could be

crowing about this person for a while. If

you are attached, schedule that dream

trip this year. Your work becomes domi-

nant in the later half of the year, though financially you will gain through others.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

**** Whatever you do, you might

need to do again later in the afternoon.

What seemed clear and easy becomes a

new story later on. Tap into your ingenu-

ity and ask others for ideas. End the day

with a brainstorming session. Tonight:

*** Slow down and understand what

is happening within a special work

clique. You could feel out of it. Think

carefully about how important it is to feel

like part of the group. Let others seek

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★★★ Use the morning to effectively communicate with those around you. You can be sure those who care about you will respond. Listen more often to a child or loved one. Sometimes he or she has words of wisdom. Try a new approach with a key partner. Tonight: Happy at home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Handle finances early in the day, because the pace picks up considerably in the afternoon. Others seek you out, needing your feedback. You actually could be surprised by someone's reaction. You can work with this situation. Tonight: Hang out. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** You feel empowered this morning, coming up with solutions left and right. Later on in the day, you see life from another point of view. In fact, you could be bogged down by money issues and work. You can handle it. Tonight: Your treat.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** Your energy builds all day long. In fact, by midafternoon, your magnetism, energy and intellect merge. Whatever you're up to, you excel at. Focus on what is important to you as

well. A wild idea will work. Tonight: Do what you want. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Do what you must early in the day, because you'll want to maximize the aspects. Adapt your plans accordingly. By the afternoon, a personal matter could preoccupy your thoughts. You might need to pull back some. Tonight: Get some private time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **** Aim for more of what you want. Take charge of your life, and work with the unexpected. Your ability to flex comes out, helping you get what you want. Don't walk away from chaos, rather walk toward it. Tonight: Get together with a friend. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Do research in the a.m. Others want and demand your attention this afternoon. How you see a personal matter could change a lot with new information coming forward. Still, put that issue on the back burner. Tonight: Work late. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Work closely with an individual. You might not be sure of yourself when dealing with a loved one or a partner. A boss, parent or authority figure could become demanding. Detach from the situation, and you'll gain understanding. Tonight: Hop on the computer or relax to a movie.

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Quotas hot topic at **OPEC** meeting

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ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) - OPEC members had feared a springtime oil glut, but a stronger U.S. economy and growth in China are boosting demand and making a production cut unlikely - at least for now, ministers said.

The delegates are expected to vote to maintain the production ceiling at a meeting Tuesday in the Algerian capital.

Most of the delegates said Monday upon arriving in Algiers that OPEC members should stop producing above their agreed limits, rather than reduce the quotas themselves.

When the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries last met in December, several oil ministers predicted that they would make cuts at this meeting to prevent prices from falling as a result of warmer weather and a reduced demand for fuel.

Since then, however, a recovering U.S. economy and vigorous growth in China have boosted demand more than many had anticipated.

Iran's Oil Minister Bijan Namdar Zangeneh argued that OPEC needed to strike. a delicate balance in steering a course through the April-June quarter.

"In this situation we should be very careful about the market. We have both high prices and oversupply," Zangeneh said. "It's probably better to wait and postpone any decision

"I don't think there's going to be any change immediately - maybe (at the) next meeting," said Libya's Abdulhafid Mahmoud Zlitni.

OPEC's 11 members pump about a third of the world's oil, with an official production target of 24.5 million barrels a day excluding Iraq, which is exempted from the quota regime while it rebuilds its economy.

But OPEC countries are currently producing about 1.5 million barrels a day more than their output ceiling - a practice ministers say must end.

"A decision will be made to rein in this extra production at least through better discipline," said Algeria's oil minister, Chakib Khelil.

Although most oil ministers suggested they would not cut quotas on Tuesday, OPEC has taken the market by surprise in the past. In September, the organization defied predictions of an unchanged production target by announcing a 900,000 barrel cut in its output ceiling.

The group is still haunted by its 1997 decision to increase production just before an Asian financial crisis that sent oil prices plummeting to \$10 a barrel.

OPEC has ruled out increasing production in spite of prices remaining above its target range of \$22-28 a barrel for a benchmark blend of crudes.

Kuwait's Oil Minister Ahmad Fahad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah said OPEC need-

Halliburton: Army changes story on award

WASHINGTON (AP) -After stating that a multiagency team of government experts evaluated Halliburton Co.'s new Iraq contract, the Army Corps of Engineers now says it alone picked the company despite allegations that it overcharged U.S. taxpayers.

"The one person that made the selection was the source selection authority" - an official in the Corps of

FAA officers

Engineers — the Army unit told The Associated Press. The AP had sought further

information about assertions, on the Corps Internet site, that a contract evaluation team was assembled and included experts from five other federal entities.

While the team existed, the Corps now acknowledges what the public site never mentioned: The other agencies had no role in choosing

Halliburton for oil restoration work worth up to \$1.2 billion. Rather, the experts provided. technical advice on the contract process.

The Corps said it considered the past performance of Vice President Dick Cheney's former company, but shrouded its decision-making in secrecy.

"We cannot discuss or release any of the conclusions, as that is part of the

evaluation process not releasable" under federal contracting rules, the Corps said on its site.

The site also advised readers not to bother filing Freedom of Information requests to get the information, saying it won't be publicly released under the law used to obtain government documents.

Two of the evaluation team members, the Air Force and the Small **Business** Administration, said they were not even part of the evaluation group and should-. n't have been listed at all.

The Jan. 17 Halliburton award, to restore the oil industry in southern Iraq, was controversial from the start. A Pentagon draft audit report the previous month said the company may have overcharged taxpayers up to \$61 million in its importation of oil to Iraq.

The Corps also said it wouldn't discuss the draft audit because the final version could change significantly.

Cheney's office says he severed relations with Halliburton when he ran for vice president in 2000. Halliburton said its KBR subsidiary delivered fuel to Iraq at the best possible price and has denied any wrongdoing.

Kuwait's energy minister has asked his nation's top prosecutor to investigate allegations of overcharging and profiteering in the fuel contract between the state-owned Kuwait Petroleum Corp. and the Kuwaiti supplier of KBR.

Separately, U.S., French and Nigerian officials are investigating whether KBR was involved in the payment of \$180 million in bribes to win a contract in the 1990s for a natural gas project in Nigeria. Cheney headed Halliburton at the time. The company said it had no knowledge of wrongdoing in the joint venture.

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Pampa Fine Arts Association recently elected the following officers for 2004: Sue Abbott, president; Janice Sackett, vice president; Roy Morriss, secretary; Glennette Good, treasurer; and Jack Reeve, Suzie WIlkinson, Janice Sackett and Goode, all board of trustee members.

Tears add drama to Martha Stewart trial

NEW YORK (AP) - In an abrupt collision of Martha Stewart's cooking expertise and her criminal stock-fraud trial, a secretary burst into tears on the witness stand while describing a gift of plum pudding from her boss.

Ann Armstrong, Stewart's secretary for six years, broke down while describing a phone conversation with Stewart on Dec. 27, 2001, the day she made her well-timed sale of ImClone Systems stock.

no such information on Dec. 27. Just hours later, Stewart called Bacanovic's assistant and sold her 3,928 shares in the company - avoiding a steep drop in the stock price when the company announced negative news the next day.

Stewart and Bacanovic are accused of repeatedly lying to investigators about why Stewart sold her shares of ImClone. Stewart is also accused of deceiving investors in her own media company about the ImClone probe.



until March."

Oil ministers from Libya and Iraq agreed, saying they expected the cartel to defer any decrease in its official output target.

ed first to eliminate overproduction, and then, at its next scheduled meeting on March 31, cut an additional 1 million barrels a day from its official target.

Whitehouse.com porn address seeking buyers

WASHINGTON (AP) ---The Whitehouse.com Web site, one of the best examples that the Internet isn't always what it seems, is getting out of the pornography business.

Its owner says he's worried what his preschool-age son might think.

"He'll be going to kindergarten next year," said Daniel Parisi, who started the Web site in 1997 that is frequently confused with the official government- site. www.whitehouse.gov. Parisi, 44, said he worried that his son's classmates might taunt him about the family's business.

Parisi's decision to sell the Whitehouse.com name and more than 100 derivations comes amid signs pointing to a rebound in the market for reselling Web addresses. A Florida man sold men.com in December for \$1.3 million.

Parisi said he doesn't know yet how much the names will fetch; he claimed the Whitehouse.com site ---it advertises pictures of "hot interns" and once included a "first ladies" section --earns more than \$1 million each year in revenues and said he's invested more than \$7 million since 1997.

The site currently feapicture tures of a Democratic front-runner John Kerry with the message, "Our candidates are better looking."

One company expressed early interest. Bob Roberts, a vice president at National Fruit Product Co. of Winchester, Va., which makes White House applesauce and apple juice, said he would contact Parisi to discuss a deal. The company previously fought Parisi in federal court over trademark claims to force him to surrender the disputed Web address.

"We just feel bad when our customers type in the address and they get hit withthese pictures," Roberts said. His company's G-rated Web site is

www.Whitehousefoods.com. Parisi said his site, oper-

ated by a European company that leases the Web address from him, draws more than 2 million visitors each month. It has been a rallying point for critics who worry about children stumbling onto pornography online.

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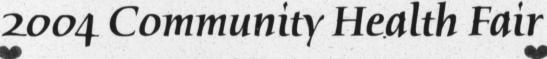
Stewart was calling from Texas during a refueling stop on her way to a vacation in Mexico. Armstrong said the two first chatted about the holidays, the first chance they'd had to talk since Christmas.

"I thanked her for the plum pudding she sent home," the secretary said - then began crying. Armstrong tried to continue, but the judge ended the trial 15 minutes early for the day.

But it was another message prosecutors were more concerned about. That same day Armstrong told Stewart that she had gotten a call from her stockbroker: "Peter Bacanovic thinks ImClone is going to start trading downward."

The government claims Bacanovic was trying to get word to Stewart that ImClone founder Sam Waksal was dumping his shares. Stewart and Bacanovic say they had a preexisting deal to sell ImClone when it fell to \$60 per share.

Prosecutors, trying to undercut that theory, introduced two message logs that showed Bacanovic sometimes called Stewart to tell her the exact ImClone stock price. But Armstrong said Bacanovic left



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