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## Lockridge and Fletcher share runoff victory

BY MARILYN POWERS  
 STAFF WRITER

One incumbent retained his office while another lost his bid for re-election yesterday as Gray County Republican voters marked ballots for two constables and state railroad commissioner in a primary runoff election.

In Precinct 2, incumbent Chris Lockridge defeated challenger Chris Snow by 20 votes to retain the office of Precinct 2 constable. Lockridge garnered 63 votes to Didway's 43.

Don Fletcher of Pampa overcame incumbent Frank Sparling of Melcan to win the Precinct 4 constable post. Voting Precincts 4 and 6 elect the Precinct 4 constable. In Precinct 4, Fletcher received 2 votes in early voting and 94 votes on election day. Fletcher's Precinct 6 rallies were 28 ballots during early voting and 47 on election day. Total votes cast for Fletcher from both voting precincts was 171.

Sparling earned no early votes and 107 election day

votes from Precinct 4. His Precinct 6 totals were 5 early votes and 31 on election day. Sparling's total from both precincts was 143.

The Republican primary runoff election drew a "very low" voter turnout, according to County Clerk Susan Winborne. Total votes cast from all 10 precincts county-wide was 451, of which 78 were from early voting last week.

Election day voters turned out in the largest numbers in those precincts which included a constable race. Tuesday's voters from each precinct numbered 4 from Precinct 1, Precinct 2, 75, Precinct 3, 3, Precinct 4, 201, Precinct 5, 23, Precinct 6, 78, and Precinct 7, 19.

In the state railroad commissioner race, Robert Butler received 206 Gray County votes while incumbent Victor G. Carlilo garnered 201. Carlilo won the primary election at the state level.

Number of ballots cast by precinct during early voting were not available as of press-time today.



John Forster, right, was named 2003 Citizen of the Year at the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce 75th Annual Banquet last night at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium. Standing with Forster as he receives his award are his family, including wife Judy, who was presented with roses; daughters Amy Forster and Leslie Biggs; and son-in-law Justin Biggs.

## Forster: Citizen of Year

BY MARILYN POWERS  
 STAFF WRITER

John Forster was named 2003 Citizen of the Year at the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce's 75th Annual Banquet last night at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium.

Forster grew up in Austin and earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Texas. He later earned a master's degree in chemical engineering from Texas A&M University. He retired from Celanese in 2000 after 35 years of employment there.

Forster currently serves on the advisory boards of the White Deer Land Museum and

Pampa's Tribute to Woody Guthrie, and is a member of the tourism committee of the Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of Pampa Rotary Club, Celanese Retirees Club and First Presbyterian Church of Amarillo.

Forster's past volunteer activities include board member of Community Day Care Center, elder and trustee of the Presbyterian Church, ment badge counselor to Boy Scouts working to become Eagle Scouts, and a member of Pampa Fine Arts Association. Forster was an Eagle Scout himself, and was named Pampa's Artist of the Year in 1992.

Forster's involvement in the Chamber of Commerce includes serving on the advisory board of the White Deer Land Museum and

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**HOME of the BRAVE**

Beginning immediately, *The Pampa News* will again feature "Home of the Brave" spotlighting persons serving in the U.S. military with ties to this area.

We invite anyone within our circulation area who has family members in the military that have not previously been featured in the news paper to submit the following information: A color photograph in uniform with a brief letter including the person's name, rank, branch of service (Army, Navy, etc.), job qualification (if known), where stationed and current deployment, immediate family members' names and hometown.

Submissions may be brought to the newspaper office at 403 W. Atchison, mailed to *The Pampa News*, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, Texas, 79066 2198, or e-mailed to Linda Dee Laramore at editor@pampanews.com. If e-mailed, the photos must be in a jpeg (.jpg) format and the information submitted as a plain text typed in as part of the e-mail itself, not as a separate document.

A self-addressed, stamped envelope must be included to have the photograph returned. Please do not submit photographs that cannot be replaced. Sometimes photos can be damaged or lost. *The Pampa News* will not be responsible for damaged or lost photos. One person will be featured each day on a first submit, first printed basis.

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## Local VFW, Ladies Auxiliary to send packages, letters, cards to soldiers

Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars and the VFW Ladies Auxiliary will be sending care packages to members of the military serving overseas.

Regardless if they are serving in Iraq or in other

foreign duty, all service men and women from the area will receive packages, cards and letters, said Kathleen Chaney of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

Persons who know of service men and women

overseas to whom these items can be sent, may contact the VFW at 663 2277, 662 4148, or 662 4367, or mail the service member's name and address to VFW Post 1687, P.O. Box 2684, Pampa, Texas 79066 2684.

## Almost done

Deputies discover suspected meth lab in cooking process

BY MARILYN POWERS  
 STAFF WRITER

A man and woman remain in Gray County Jail today after sheriff's deputies executed a search warrant on property about 45 miles south of Pampa yesterday.

Arvin Deann Limestone, 37, of address given, and Kelli Lane, 26, 312 S. 10th, were arrested and booked into jail after four hours of searching what appeared to be a methamphetamine lab.

with a seizure being prepared at the time of the search.

It was in the process of being cooked and it was just about done, said Chief Deputy Kelly Brasing of the sheriff's office. The building is about 45 miles south of Pampa, and is a residential residence.

It is unknown whether the property owner knew of the use of their property as a methamphetamine lab, Brasing said, or whether the owner's permission to be on the property was given.

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## Security on agenda for county meeting

Gray County commissioners will discuss security at the Lower Building during their regular meeting at 9 a.m. Thursday, April 15, in the second-floor courtroom at the county courthouse, 705 N. Russell.

The Lovett Building, owned by the county, is immediately south of National Bank of Commerce in the 1200 block of North Hobart. Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Kim Cartman, Gray County Juvenile Probation, Precinct 2 Constable Chris Lockridge and Precinct 1 and 3 Constable James Lewis currently have their offices in the building.

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# Tenet says he needs time to improve defenses against terrorist threats

By HOPE YEN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — CIA director George Tenet predicted Wednesday it will take "another five years of work to have the kind of clandestine service our country needs" to combat al-Qaida and other terrorist threats.

"The same can be said for the National Security Agency, our imagery agency and our analytic community," Tenet testified before the commission investigating the worst terror attacks in the nation's history.

Readily acknowledging that intelligence agencies "never penetrated the 9-11 plot," he added, "We all understood (Osama) bin Laden's intent to strike the homeland but were unable to translate this knowledge into an effective defense of the country."

Tenet testified that when he became the nation's top intelli-

gence officer in 1997, agencies had lost "close to 25 percent of our people and billions of dollars in capital investment" in the preceding several years.

He made his appearance after the commission released a report that noted the same erosion in resources dating to the end of the Cold War.

The report was critical of the CIA and other intelligence agencies, depicting them as slow in recognizing the threat posed by bin Laden and the terror apparatus he sustained.

"While we now know that al-Qaida was formed in 1988, at the end of the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan, the intelligence community did not describe this organization, at least in the documents we have seen, until 1999," the report said.

The report also noted several "threat reports" produced by the intelligence apparatus had "men-

tioned the possibility of using an aircraft laden with explosives," such as the terrorists used on Sept. 11.

"Of these, the most prominent asserted a possible plot to fly an explosives-laden aircraft into a U.S. city," it said. Others included reports of a plan to fly a plane into the Eiffel Tower in 1994, and of flying a plane into CIA headquarters.

"A 1996 report asserted that Iranians were plotting to hijack a Japanese plane and crash it into Tel Aviv," it added.

John Lehman, a former Navy secretary and commission member, characterized the document as a "damning report of a system that's broken, that doesn't function."

Lehman made clear he wasn't faulting Tenet personally, whom he praised. Noting that President Bush has recently signaled an interest in overhauling the

nation's intelligence-gathering structure, Lehman said change was coming.

Tenet, who has held his job for seven years across parts of two administrations of different parties, said he would welcome it.

The commission said the CIA missed the big-picture significance of "tell-tale indicators" of impending terrorist attacks, partly because of its culture of a piecemeal approach to intelligence analysis.

A more strategic analysis could have identified that the plot might require suicide hijackers who would take flight courses, the commission said. Establishing such "tell-tale indicators" could have raised red flags following a July 2001 FBI report of terrorist interest in aircraft training in Arizona, and the August 2001 arrest of terrorism suspect Zacarias Moussaoui because of suspicious behavior in a

Minnesota flight school, it added.

Crediting Tenet, it said he recognized the need for strategic analysis against al-Qaida in late 2000 and appointed a manager in the CIA's Counterterrorist Center to create a new branch.

Tenet was the leadoff witness before the commission, to be followed by FBI Director Robert Mueller.

Other CIA shortcomings cited by the panel:

—An inadequate counterterrorism management strategy before Sept. 11. The panel said Tenet sought greater funding across the entire CIA, rather than just counterterrorism, making a build up of long-term capabilities difficult.

—A lack of an institutionalized process to learn from successes and failures, such as surprise terrorist attacks on U.S. embassies in Africa in August 1998 and against the USS Cole in Yemen in October 2000.

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## ON RECORD

### POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests:

**Tuesday, April 13**

A minor in possession of alcohol was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee.

A clerk at Taylor Mart, 1340 N. Hobart, was contacted concerning a report of furnishing alcohol to a minor.

An anonymous caller reported several unexploded shotgun shells and several brass casings from exploded shotgun shells in the alley located at Lowry Street and Browning Avenue. For safety reasons, the shells and cas-

ings were picked up and booked into evidence.

Amelia Erin Dominey, 24, 1421 Charles, was arrested at her residence for theft by check, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct/language.

Staci Jeanine Proctor, 38, 1117 Crane Road, was arrested at her residence for domestic assault causing bodily injury and disorderly conduct/language.

**Wednesday, April 14**

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee.

### SHERIFF

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

**Tuesday, April 13**

Alicia Deann Luncelford, 24, no address given, was arrested for manufacture of a controlled substance greater than four grams and less than 200 grams.

Jason Ray Lance, 26, 312 S. Barnes, was arrested for manufacture of a controlled substance greater than four grams and less than 200 grams.

Ricardo Deleon, 37, 409 N. Crest, was arrested on a blue warrant for a parole violation.

### FIRE

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

**Tuesday, April 13**

7:35 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1900 block of Williston.

8:11 a.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a report of a vehicle fire three miles west on U.S. Highway 60. A water hose had broken on a vehicle, causing a cloud of steam that looked like smoke to a passerby.

7:35 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a rescue request in the 400 block of North Frost. A 3-year-old was trapped in a high chair. Firefighters released the child from the chair. No injuries were reported.

## OBITUARIES

### SERVICES TOMORROW

**STEPHENS, Melvin W.** — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

#### MELVIN W. STEPHENS

Melvin W. Stephens, 77, of Pampa, died Monday, April 12, 2004, at Amarillo, Texas. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 15, 2004, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Scott Penrod, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors. Masonic graveside rites will be courtesy of Top O' Texas Masonic Lodge #1381 AF&AM.

Mr. Stephens was born June 18, 1926, in Five Points, Ala. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1944, moving from Alabama. He owned and operated Stephens Truck &

Equipment since the 1960's.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Top O' Texas Masonic Lodge #1381 AF&AM.

Survivors include one son, Jerry Stephens and wife Paula of Dallas; one daughter, Judy Magness and husband Larry of Opelika, Ala.; one brother, Clarence Stephens of Rognoke, Ala.; and one grandson, Jonathan Magness of Graz, Austria.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6:30-7:30 p.m., today, Wednesday, April 14, 2004.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).

#### VERNICER WILLIAMS

PANHANDLE — Vernicer Williams, 74, of Pampa, died Tuesday, April 13, 2004, at Amarillo.

Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

## Gov. Perry launches elder abuse probe, sending team to El Paso

EL PASO (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry is sending investigators to this West Texas city to look into reports of elder neglect and will sign an executive order Wednesday calling for a systemwide reform of Adult Protective Services, according to a published report.

The action comes less than a week after El Paso Probate Judge Max Higgs presented the Republican with case histories documenting neglect of elderly El Pasoans said to be living amid ceiling-high garbage and covered with sores and fecal matter.

Higgs estimated that more than 100 El Pasoans may be victims of severe neglect.

Adult Protective Services is accused of failing to intervene to help such residents, despite being informed of terrible conditions in which they were living.

Health and Human Services Commissioner Albert Hawkins will visit El Paso on Thursday — one day after a strike force team led by agency Inspector General Brian Flood arrives, the El Paso Times reported in a story for Wednesday editions.

The agency that oversees

Adult Protective Services offered a brief response.

"We share Judge Higgs' concern about the people and situations he's brought to our attention. Our challenge now is to determine what the appropriate response will be," Family and Protective Services Commissioner Thomas Chapmon said.

The judge contends prob-

lems are "structural, systemic and statewide," Perry acknowledged that the cases documented by Higgs are disturbing.

The governor ordered the Health and Human Services Commission to develop and supervise an action plan to correct deficiencies in 90 days and to issue a report — including recommended changes in state law — by Nov. 1.

## City Briefs

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### AMBULANCE

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

**Tuesday, April 13**

7:33 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Williston and transported a patient to White Deer for pickup by LifeStar helicopter. The patient was then transferred to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

12:58 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2300 block of Aspen and transported a patient(s) to Baptist-St. Anthony's West, Amarillo.

6:20 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Starkweather and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

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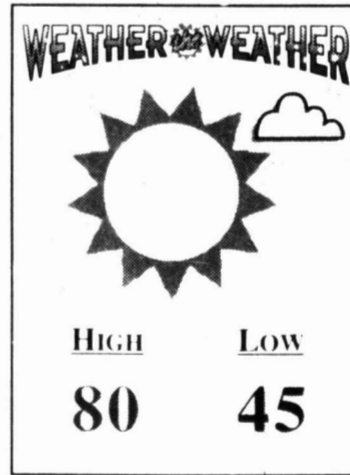
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		New York Gold	406.75	
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		West Texas Crude	37.21	

## WEATHER FOCUS

Today's forecast is calling for sunny skies, highs in the lower 80s and south winds 15 to 25 mph. Tonight should fall on lows in the upper 40s and south winds 15 to 25 mph. Thursday should see highs in the mid 80s, Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday night, lows in the lower 50s, Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph. Friday, mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 80s, Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Friday night,



partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the mid 80s. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Breezy. Lows in the lower 50s.

Sunday, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Breezy. Highs in the upper 70s. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. Monday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s. Monday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s.

## Consumer prices show increase in March

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumer prices rose by 0.5 percent in March, raising questions about whether the seeds of unwanted inflation are being sown.

The increase in the Consumer Prices Index followed a 0.3 percent advance in February and matched the rise registered in January, the Labor Department reported Wednesday.

Excluding energy and food costs, "core" consumer prices rose by 0.4 percent in March — the biggest increase since November 2001. The March rise came after core prices went up by just 0.2 percent in January and February.

The increases in both the overall CPI and core inflation were larger than economists were forecasting. They had been predicting a modest 0.3 percent advance overall for consumer-prices and another 0.2 percent increase in core prices.

The U.S. trade deficit narrowed to \$42.1 billion in February, representing a 3.2 percent decline from January's record high shortfall, the Commerce Department reported. The improvement came as U.S. exports of goods and services grew strongly and outpaced the rise in imports.

With the economy rebounding, some companies are beginning to have a greater ability to raise product prices, economists say.

Rising energy costs in some cases are being passed along to consumers in the form of higher prices, analysts say.

As the economy was struggling over the last three years to get back to full throttle, many companies found it difficult to raise prices. That has created a climate where inflation hasn't been a threat to the economy.

The long period of tame inflation is why Federal Reserve policy-makers have been able to leave short-term interest rates at a 45-year low of 1 percent since last June.

Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues, however, have put consumers, investors and businesses on notice that rates can't stay at such super-low levels indefinitely. They haven't said when the Fed might start pushing rates up.

Some economists believe higher rates could come later this year and a few worry that such super-low rates in combination with a rebounding economy could be the right mix for new, unwanted inflation.

Others economists don't foresee the Fed raising rates until 2005 and are less concerned about the prospects of inflation getting out of control.

Most analysts agree that the Fed probably will hold rates steady at its next meeting in May.

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# Bush braces nation for 'difficult' days before Iraq mission ends

WASHINGTON (AP) — Giving no ground despite rising casualties, President Bush says more American troops may be heading for Iraq with authority to use decisive force in a mission that "may become more difficult before it is finished."

Bush said America's will was being tested by violence that has turned April into the deadliest month in Iraq since the fall of Baghdad a year ago.

"Look, nobody likes to see dead people on their television screens," Bush said. "I don't. It's a tough time for the American people to see that. It's gut-wrenching."

The president went before the nation Tuesday night with a speech and question-and-answer session focusing on Iraq and the government's reaction to warning signs about terrorists before the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Neither Bush's 17 minutes of opening remarks nor the 15 questions that followed strayed from those two topics, which the president has made central to his re-election but on which his support in polls has declined markedly.

Nonetheless, the president expressed con-

fidence he would win over voters this fall. "I don't plan on losing my job. I plan on telling the American people that I've got a plan to win the war on terror. And I believe they'll stay with me," he said.

Though nearly half the questions Bush fielded offered him the chance to admit a mistake or express regret for his administration's actions in Iraq or on the 2001 attacks, he never did — except to apologize that he couldn't come up with any example of a failing.

"I don't want to sound like I have made no mistakes. I'm confident I have," he said. "I just haven't — you just put me under the spot here, and maybe I'm not as quick on my feet as I should be in coming up with one."

A recent spike in violence has killed at least 83 U.S. troops this month as U.S. forces fight Sunni Muslim insurgents in the city of Fallujah, Shiite militiamen in the south and gunmen in Baghdad and on its outskirts.

In response, Bush said he has told military commanders to be prepared to use "decisive force" against insurgents and that he was ready himself to allow an increase, rather than

the planned decrease, in U.S. troop strength in Iraq.

He promised "evidence in the months to come" of progress in Iraq, for both Iraqis and Americans growing weary of the instability and violence plaguing the country. But he also warned that success could come at an even higher cost than already is being paid.

"Our work may become more difficult before it is finished," the president said. "No one can predict all the hazards that lie ahead or the cost that they will bring. Yet, in this conflict, there is no safe alternative to resolute action."

Looking longer-term, he tried to answer critics who have said the Iraq operation is too dominated by the United States. He touted efforts to devise a more formal role for NATO and to win the involvement of additional countries by giving a U.N. envoy the power to help decide which Iraqis would be placed in charge when power is transferred June 30 from the U.S. occupying authority.

He repeated his resolve to see that the June 30 date is met, saying to do otherwise would lead Iraqis to feel betrayed and "those in Iraq

who trade in hatred and conspiracy theories" to gain strength.

Sen. John Kerry, Bush's Democratic rival, said the president failed to explain how he would stabilize Iraq.

"We need to set a new course in Iraq," the Massachusetts senator said in a statement. "We need to internationalize the effort and put an end to the American occupation. We need to open up the reconstruction of Iraq to other countries. We need a real transfer of political power to the U.N."

On Sept. 11, Bush said he "oftentimes" asks himself what he could have done differently before the attacks. He said, for instance, that he wished that a Homeland Security Department he initially opposed had been created sooner, that the Patriot Act had been passed earlier, and that the country — and the world — were more ready for action against al-Qaida in Afghanistan.

"There are some things I wish we'd have done, when I look back. I mean, hindsight's easy," he said.

But, he added, "The person responsible for the attacks was Osama bin Laden."

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## CITIZEN

Commerce have included board membership, vice-chairman of the executive committee, co-chairman of the tourism committee and five years' service on the tourism committee.

Local history is a focus for Forister's interest. He has assisted the Texas Historical Commission on excavations of an archaeological site and assisted in fieldwork investigations of the Red River Wars. He has also been working to help develop interpretive exhibits on the Red River Wars with both the Historical

Commission and the White Deer Land Museum. He authored a brochure on the wars while working with the Chamber tourism committee.

Along with tourism committee co-chairman Charles Henry, Forister spearheaded a pilot program of the Tourism Division of the Texas Department of Economic Development called "Branded for Tourism."

"John has been instrumental in the growth and development of the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center, working countless hours on the master plan, building and exhibits," said Doug Ware,

immediate past chairman of the Chamber's board of directors.

Forister and his wife Judy have two daughters, Amy Forister and Leslie Biggs.

Ware also reviewed 2003 activities and accomplishments, recognized retiring directors and introduced Damon Whaley, an impressionist/musician who grew up in Pampa and who provided entertainment for the evening.

Gladys Vanderpool introduced the 2004 board of directors and previewed 2004 activities.



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)

Damon Whaley performs his impression of actor Jimmy Stewart. Whaley, a former Pampa resident, entertained the audience at the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce 75th annual banquet Tuesday night.

## Senior All Night Party meeting set for April 15

An All Night Party meeting for parents of PHS seniors is set for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15, in the PHS library. Organizers urge all senior parents to attend.

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## LAB

the property and to be engaged in the activity.

"That's still up in the air," Rushing said.

A hazardous materials crew from Lubbock was called and removed the alleged meth lab from the property.

Lance and Lunceford were

each charged with manufacture of a controlled substance over four grams and less than 200 grams. Lunceford was booked into jail at about 3:10 p.m., and Lance at about 7:20 p.m.

Bond had not been set for either as of press time today, according to a jail spokesperson.

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## COUNTY

Commissioners will vote on whether to sell various pieces of surplus county property such as desks, old computers and vehicles. A date may be set for the sale if com-

missioners decide to sell the items.

Other items on Thursday's agenda include a road crossing on county roads Gray 1 and Gray 2, a tax bid on 632 and 634 S. Somerville, and the county treasurer's report.

# Carrillo wins GOP primary in RRC race

By KELLEY SHANNON  
AP POLITICAL WRITER

AUSTIN (AP) — Railroad Commissioner Victor Carrillo waged a Republican primary across a big state and spent big doing it.

The result? A solid victory Tuesday in the GOP primary runoff over low-profile challenger Robert Butler, a retired state employee.

"It looks pretty decisive, and we're looking forward to refocusing for the November general election and then serving in this capacity for the next six years, at least," Carrillo said. He'll face Democrat Bob Scarborough of Fort Worth in the general election.

Carrillo had 145,706 votes, or 64 percent of the vote, compared with Butler's 81,105 votes, or 36 percent, with all precincts reporting.

Carrillo, who was appointed last year by Gov. Rick Perry, was the favorite of many state GOP officials and contributors. He barely missed winning the four-way March primary outright. He

chairs the three-member Railroad Commission and is seeking a full six-year term.

Carrillo, 39, crisscrossed the state campaigning while spending \$1.2 million. Butler, 65, of Palestine and a 30-veteran of state government ran a far less conspicuous campaign and spent about \$5,800, campaign finance reports show.

Through direct mail, radio spots and numerous public appearances, Carrillo said, he reached out to voters all over Texas.

"It's all paying off," he said after his primary runoff victory.

A November victory by Carrillo, who is Hispanic, would boost the Texas GOP with another minority elected to statewide office as the party strives to attract Latino and black voters.

His GOP primary success shows that Republican voters are willing to elect minority candidates, said Carrillo, a petroleum geophysicist and energy lawyer from Abilene and former Taylor County judge.

"We've heard the naysayers suggest that a Hispanic surname in the Republican primary may be a liability, not an asset. The point is, if you have a conservative, qualified candidate that can express a leadership vision for this state, the Republican primary voters will see that and elect him or her," he said.

The Railroad Commission is charged with enforcing production, safety and environmental standards for the state's oil and gas industry.

State Republican Party Chairman Tina Benkiser said Carrillo is a man of integrity with deep knowledge about the oil and gas industry. She said his victory proves that the GOP offers opportunity for all Texans.

"We are proud of our record of providing outstanding elected leadership that reflects the rich diversity of our great state," she said.

In his campaign, Carrillo touted his role as chairman of the state's new Energy Planning Council, which is to

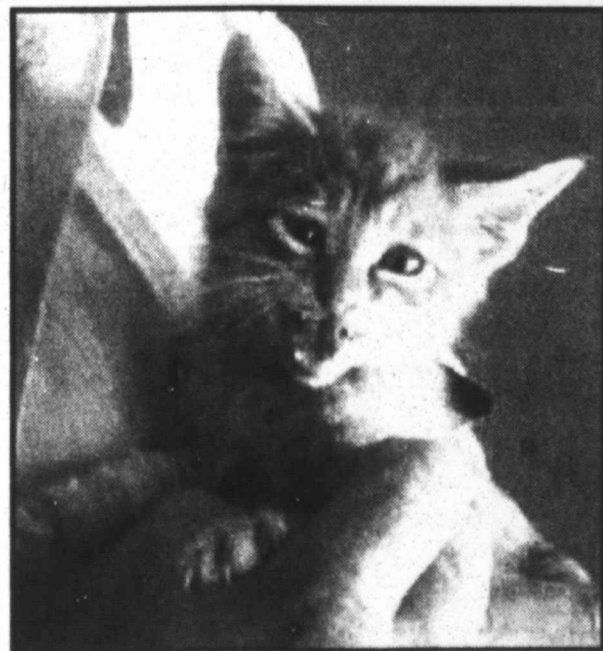
make recommendations on improving oil and gas production and encourage alternative fuel sources.

Butler, who did not return a telephone call Tuesday night from The Associated Press, had said he would push to change the name of the Railroad Commission to the Texas Energy Commission and to move the commission's railroad and trucking regulatory duties to the Texas Transportation Commission.

Butler previously ran unsuccessfully as a Democrat for the State Board of Education.

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# DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

## Doctors Who Give What They Can Feel Pressure to Give More

DEAR ABBY: I am a woman physician in a small city. My husband is also a physician in the same practice. We have a lovely family, and both of us love our work. We donate time and resources to our community, including free medical care to people who are homeless and the working poor, and money to worthy causes. We are blessed with a wonderful life.

So why am I writing? Because I do not know how to handle a sensitive situation. Our community becomes angry when we refuse to donate to each and every cause. Abby, we give all we can; however, we are early in our careers and are still paying off our loans from medical school.

We live modestly and within our means. We love our community and want our neighbors to know that we, too, are on a budget. Most physicians have seen drastic pay cuts with increased liability, hours and overhead. Unfortunately, many doctors have left the field to pursue technology jobs with higher salaries and fewer hours. Medical schools have watched the business world lure our best and brightest into lucrative careers with less liability. Please enlighten people through your column.

I hope this letter is legible. I wrote it by hand, because I didn't want the office manager to see this on the computer. -- ANONYMOUS FAMILY DOC IN THE USA

DEAR ANONYMOUS DOC: A wise and street-smart man once observed that no one has as much money as other people assume he does. One reason for it is that everyone has a silent partner -- the tax man. And everyone is aware of the effect that managed care has had on the medical community.

For your neighbors to become angry when you cannot donate to each and every cause is wrong. When it comes to charitable giving, like everything else, people must prioritize. There are many worthy causes, and it is impossible to give to all of them. You can't please everyone, so stop allowing people who seek to lay a guilt trip on you.

Remind your neighbors that you give in ways other than money. Continue to do your best. You have

much to be proud of, and your community is lucky to have you.

DEAR ABBY: My husband passed away four years ago. About two years ago, a dear friend, "Hugh," lost his wife. Hugh and I went on two dates and hit it off. He told me he loved me and always had. I have a deep affection for him. Nine months after his wife passed away, we moved in together and have been living together ever since.

Hugh and I are happy, but I would like to be married. At first, he asked me to give him time to deal with his loss. A year ago, he confessed that he had made a deathbed promise to his late wife that he would not marry again. He wants to see her in the afterlife.

Christianity says there is no marriage in heaven. Even though we may see loved ones there, we wouldn't be married. Hugh says he's working on getting past this, but I am beginning to think he may never let go of the baggage he's carrying.

I want a life with Hugh. I am trying to be patient, but I feel he has let me down. Have you any advice for a forlorn person? -- GROWING IMPATIENT IN RICHMOND

DEAR GROWING: Hugh should have leveled with you from the beginning. Had he done so, you would have been better informed before setting up housekeeping with him. As it stands, he is enjoying all the benefits of marriage without any of the responsibilities, and that is unfair to you.

If it's marriage you want, be prepared to move out. Hugh has some important decisions to make -- and he may not make them until he feels your absence.

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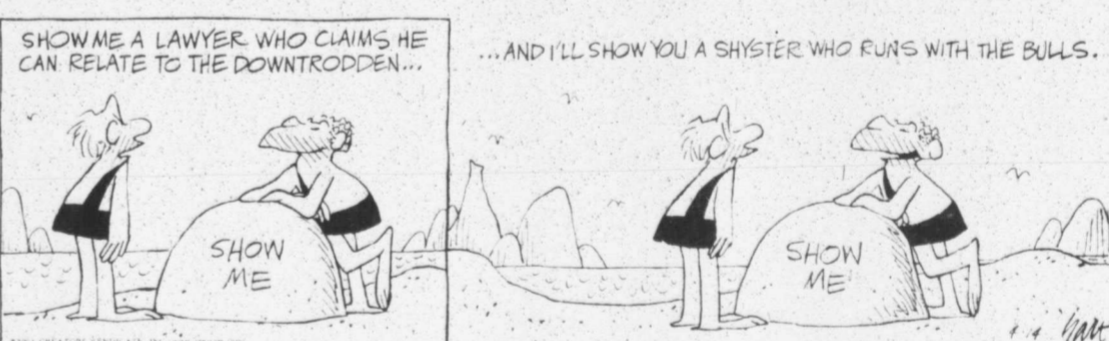
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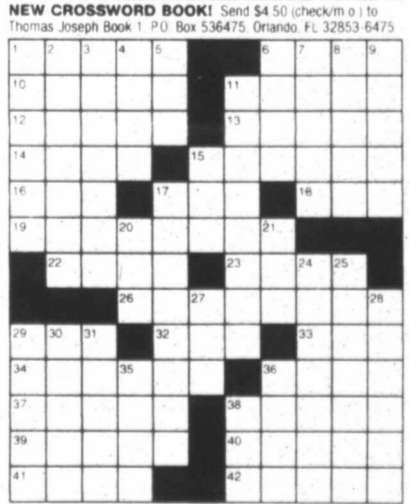
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### FOOTBALL

#### RIVER

Former Pam Cornelsen has guided the Riverball program. Cornelsen, Lady Harve track titles 1988.

Cornelsen coaching at where he led to state football championships in 1995 and 1996 named Kan school football year in 1995.

### BASEBALL

#### ANAHEIM

Anaheim Garret Anderson \$48 million, tract extension 2008. The deal team option for \$3 million buy Anderson, All-Star and MVP last year hit .315 with 116 RBIs.

The 31-year fielder is the hits leader.

#### SAN JUAN

Rico (AP) -- Hernandez aged million, three extension -- Montreal Expos Hernandez make \$6 million, the final current deal. lowers this year \$4 million, him to get both 2005 and million in 2006.

In 2003, with the Expos had the best career. He was a 3.20 ERA in

### HOCKEY

#### MONTR

Boston Bruins Glen Murray Kovalev for in their first-series with Canadiens. Murray to of Kovalev's score on a break into the second Tuesday night Bruins a 4-1 Montreal. B when Mike with 30.7 seconds in regulation.

Kovalev near his blue was slashed Green. He tried to take while the away.

Not only the puck, but collided with Sheldon Sob Murray a clean Montreal net Murray Theodore with "The puck ing there for said.

Canadiens Julien thought made a bad call. "I think referees don't on a play, just playing," Julien

# SPORTS

## Lady Harvesters run-rule Palo Duro, 12-0

PAMPA — Pampa defeated Palo Duro 12-0 in a five inning run rule game here Tuesday. Nicole Clark (11-5;8-1) picked up her first shutout and no-hitter in high school play.

She issued two walks, had six strike-outs in the game.

Clark also drove in two runs with a single.

Senior third baseman Haley Bowen had a good all-around game for the Lady Harvesters.

Bowen was the leading hitter with two singles that drove in four runs. Also in the field Bowen snuffed a Palo Duro threat in the



Haley Bowen knocked in four runs.

third by catching a line drive at third then threw to first catching a PD base runner, that Clark walked, off the bag at first.

Other Lady Harvesters with hits were Amy Youree with a RBI triple, Abbi Covalt one hit, Callie Cobb one hit, and Whitney Roden had a double plus two base on balls.

Pampa improves to (8-1 district, 15-8-1 overall) Palo Duro drops to (0-9) in district 3-4A. The JV girls defeated Palo Duro JV 15-1. Next game: 4:30pm Thursday vs. Plainview at Lady Harvester field. It's a game that has been rained out twice.

Coming up Saturday the Pampa girls travel to Dumas.

A win would tie the Lady Harvesters with Dumas for first place in district.

In another district contest Tuesday, Hereford defeated Caprock 8-6 in nine innings.

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Race for the playoffs:

\* Dumas 8-0  
Pampa 8-1  
Caprock 6-3  
Hereford 5-4

[Randall, Plainview, and Palo Duro are out]

### NOTEBOOK

#### FOOTBALL

##### RIVER ROAD

Former Pampa coach Gary Cornelsen has been hired to guide the River Road football program next season.

Cornelsen coached the Lady Harvesters to state track titles in 1986 and 1988.

Cornelsen has been coaching at Liberal, Kan. where he led the Redskins to state football championships in 1992, 1994, 1995 and 1997. He was named Kansas AP high school football coach of the year in 1995.

#### BASEBALL

##### ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)

— Anaheim Angels slugger Garret Anderson agreed to a \$48 million, four-year contract extension through 2008. The deal includes a team option for 2009 with a \$3 million buyout.

Anderson is a two-time All-Star and was the game's MVP last year. In 2003, he hit .315 with 29 home runs and 116 RBIs.

The 31-year-old center fielder is the Angels' career hits leader.

##### SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)

— Pitcher Livan Hernandez agreed to a \$21 million, three-year contract extension with the Montreal Expos.

Hernandez was due to make \$6 million this season, the final year of his current deal. The extension lowers this year's salary to \$4 million, and calls for him to get \$8 million in both 2005 and 2006 and \$7 million in 2007.

In 2003, his first year with the Expos, Hernandez had the best year of his career. He went 15-10 with a 3.20 ERA in 33 starts.

#### HOCKEY

##### MONTREAL

— The Boston Bruins can thank Glen Murray and Alex Kovalev for their 3-1 lead in their first-round playoff series with the Montreal Canadiens.

Murray took advantage of Kovalev's mistake to score on a breakaway 9:27 into the second overtime Tuesday night, giving the Bruins a 4-3 victory at Montreal. Boston tied it when Mike Knuble scored with 30.7 seconds remaining in regulation.

Kovalev had the puck near his blue line when he was slashed by Travis Green. He immediately tried to take off his glove while the puck skidded away.

Not only did he ignore the puck, but Kovalev also collided with defenseman Sheldon Souray, giving Murray a clear path to the Montreal net.

Murray beat Jose Theodore with a wrist shot. "The puck was just laying there for me," Murray said.

Canadiens coach Claude Julien thought Kovalev made a bad decision.

"I think that when the referees don't call a penalty on a play, you can't stop playing," Julien said.

## Pampa High tennis players advance to regional meet

AMARILLO — Tara Jordan in girls' singles, Myca Vinson-Lacie Long in girls' doubles, Britton White-Zach Hucks in boys' doubles will represent Pampa at the regional tennis tournament.

Pampa swept the doubles action at the District 3-4A Tournament, which was held at Austin Tennis Center.

Vinson and Long defeated Palo Duro's Zuleyma Rogel and April Sihaphon 6-4, 6-2 in the girls' doubles finals.

They defeated Palo Duro's Kim Lao and Sarah Nguyen 6-3, 6-4, in the semi-finals.

In boys' doubles, White and Hucks reached the championship match by defeating Palo Duro's Patrick Gibbs and Peter Chantharaj 6-0, 6-0 in the semi-finals. They defeated Dumas' Chase Cossados and Aaron Crossley 6-2, 6-1 in the finals.

Jordan earned a regional berth with a playback victory over Christah Cochran of

Dumas 6-3, 6-2. Jordan defeated Plainview's Alyssa Villanueva 6-1, 6-1 in the semi-finals to advance to the championship match against Caprock's Ashley Ellis. Ellis won 6-1, 6-1.

In boys' doubles, Adam Etchison and Mitchell Crow of Pampa reached the semi-finals before being eliminated by Cossados and Crossley, 6-1, 2-6, 7-5.

## Gallery hopes to be first pick in National Football League draft

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — Spring planting on the Gallery farm will have to wait this year. New York City and the NFL draft are calling.

Robert Gallery, the massive offensive lineman from Iowa, is expected to be one of the first players taken in the draft April 24 — maybe the very first. And when his name is called, Gallery's family — his parents, three brothers and a sister — will be there at Madison Square Garden with him.

"Their expenses will be on me this time," said Gallery, soon to be making more than enough to cover their bill.

As for getting that crop in the ground, what's the rush? The seed and tractor will still be there when Mike and Mary Gallery return to their farm near the tiny northeastern Iowa town of Masonville, population 129.

"Dad was kind of upset that the draft landed in this part of the year," Gallery said Tuesday. "It is right when he's getting ready for planting and stuff. But I think he can miss a couple of days. I think he's gladly shutting it down for a day or two."

And why not? His son won the 2003 Outland Trophy as the nation's top lineman, and he's one of the most highly regarded

prospects in this year's draft. April 24 and 25. If the San Diego Chargers don't take Gallery with the first pick, the Oakland Raiders just might at No. 2.

Only two offensive linemen have been the No. 1 pick. The St. Louis Rams took Orlando Pace in 1997, and the Minnesota Vikings selected Ron Yary in 1968.

"I know a lot of the top teams really like me," Gallery said. "There's trades and different things that could happen. Who knows? It doesn't happen very often. But that's my goal. I want to be the first pick."

"But wherever I end up, it's going to be good for me. It's really up to those teams — if they decide they want me and I'm their guy. We'll see what happens."

There's a lot to like about Gallery, starting with his build: 6-foot-7 and 320 pounds. He has run the 40-yard dash in under 5 seconds. Growing up on a farm, he learned the value of discipline and hard work. He spent a semester at Iowa student teaching in an elementary school.

His character is as solid as his body.

"I really think that's Robert's best attribute," Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz said. "His physical abili-

ties are pretty significant, needless to say. But I think the kind of person he is, the kind of pride he has, the work ethic, those intangibles that he possesses, the way he was raised, to me those are his best attributes."

Always a popular player at Iowa, Gallery's fame has spread. Reporters from all over call for interviews. He walks through airports and sees himself on magazine covers. People stop him to ask if he really is who they think he is.

Then again, Gallery is a hard guy to forget with his size, the long, dark hair he hasn't cut in 2 1/2 years and he has pulled back into a ponytail, and the two silver hoops hanging from each ear. Once, he was seated on a plane next to a man who was reading a story about Gallery. The man would look at his magazine, look over at Gallery and then back at the magazine.

"He didn't really say anything until the end of the ride," Gallery said. "He didn't realize it was me. Actually, I asked him if I could read it."

Even with all the attention, Gallery insists he's the same person who showed up at Iowa as a skinny tight end in 1999.

## Cowboys officials forge ahead with Dallas plan

DALLAS (AP) — America's team still apparently wants to put Dallas back in the Cowboys' name, pushing for a plan to finance a new \$1 billion stadium development in the city partly with hotel and rental car taxes.

Cowboys vice president Stephen Jones, who met with Dallas Mayor Laura Miller on Tuesday to discuss the Fair Park site, said the team was close to announcing its location but would not reveal any details.

Several Dallas City Council members said this week that they believe the team will announce plans to move back to Fair Park just southeast of downtown, where the Cowboys played until moving to suburban Irving's Texas Stadium in 1971. But the plan continues

to hinge on raising up to \$400 million of the project through taxes.

"It'd be a good investment," Jones said of the \$400 million. "Obviously, the Dallas Cowboys will be one tenant. There are a lot of other people beyond the Dallas Cowboys that are going to be involved."

Cowboys representatives, in meetings with Dallas County commissioners Monday and Tuesday, "talked about the kind of global support they are getting across the board for Fair Park," said Commissioner Mike Cantrell.

The team's political advisers in the last several weeks commissioned a poll that showed support for a taxpayer-financed stadium at Fair Park, county officials said. They said the poll showed that

58 percent of respondents supported financing for a Fair Park stadium.

"The survey came back very favorable for Fair Park," Commissioner Kenneth Mayfield told The Dallas Morning News in Wednesday's editions. "They said they would bring a proposal back pretty quickly."

He and several other commissioners said they were told that a site announcement would be made next week.

The mayor said Cowboys representatives "asked me a lot about Fair Park," adding that the issue was in the hands of county commissioners.

"The majority of the council believes Fair Park is it," said council member Bill Blaydes, who favors a site the Cowboys initially identified just west of downtown Dallas.

## Yankees-Red Sox rivalry resumes

By The Associated Press

Javier Vazquez is about to get his first taste of the Yankees-Red Sox rivalry.

Pedro Martinez, though, will sit out the first series between Boston and New York since last fall's thrilling AL championship series, won by the Yankees in the 11th inning of Game 7.

The Yankees reshuffled their rotation after rain postponed Tuesday's home game against the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

That means Vazquez, acquired by New York from Montreal in the offseason, will start Friday at Fenway Park in the first game of the season between the AL East arch-rivals.

"Might as well get it under fire right now," Yankees manager Joe Torre said.

Boston's home game against the Baltimore Orioles was also rained out, but Red Sox manager Terry Francona chose not to shift his rotation to get Martinez a start against the Yankees.

In the American League games that were played Tuesday, it was: Toronto 7, Detroit 5; Chicago 10, Kansas City 5; Oakland 12, Texas 9; and Anaheim 7, Seattle 5.

Francona changed the scheduled pitching days for four starters, but not for Martinez, a move that took some of the glamour out of the four-game set.

"I'm trying to understand the electricity that goes on with the fans and the Yankees, but I don't think you can ruin your rotation ... because of that point," Francona said.

So Tim Wakefield will pitch Friday night's series opener, with Curt Schilling, Bronson Arroyo and Derek Lowe working the other three games.

The last pitch Martinez

threw against the Yankees ended up as a popup by Jorge Posada that fell for a two-run double in short center field last Oct. 16 in New York. The eighth-inning hit tied the seventh game of the AL championship series 5-5 and the Yankees won on Aaron Boone's 11th-inning homer off Wakefield.

Francona said having Martinez face the Yankees in New York rather than in Boston fits in with his overall plan for the rotation.

Vazquez has had quite an introduction to the Yankees.

Last Thursday, he pitched three-hit ball for eight innings to win New York's home opener 3-1 over the Chicago White Sox. It was exactly the type of performance the Yankees were looking for when they obtained the 27-year-old right-hander from Montreal in December.

"He always has his wits about him and does what he needs to do," Torre said.

### Blue Jays 7, Tigers 5

At Detroit, Josh Phelps broke a ninth-inning tie with an RBI single in Toronto's comeback victory.

Terry Adams (1-0) picked up the win, and Justin Speier pitched the ninth for his first save. Danny Patterson (0-1) took the loss as the Tigers dropped to 5-2.

Eric Hinske homered for Toronto, and Kevin Cash was 4-for-4 with three doubles and two RBIs.

### White Sox 12, Royals 5

At Chicago, Paul Konerko hit a three-run homer to help Ozzie Guillen's win his home debut as manager of the White Sox.

Konerko made it 7-4 in the fifth, connecting off Darrell May (0-2) following walks to Frank Thomas and Carlos Lee.

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# Mavericks secure fifth playoff seed in Western Conference

DALLAS (AP) — Although the Dallas Mavericks won the most home games in the NBA this season — and tops in their 24-year history — it hasn't earned them much.

The Mavericks beat the Memphis Grizzlies 110-103 Tuesday night for their 36th home win. While the victory secured the fifth seed in the Western Conference, that's one spot shy of where Dallas had to be to host a first-round playoff series.

The Mavs will be the first team with the league's best home record to open the post-season on the road since Utah

in 1990-91.

Their undoing: a 15-25 road record going into the finale Wednesday night at Houston.

"For whatever reason, we seem to have more fire here," Dallas swingman Michael Finley said. "We have to find a way to carry that on the road, like we're capable of."

Memphis lost its third straight and fifth in six games to wrap up the sixth seed. It's not too disappointing for a club that's already won a franchise-best 50 games and made the playoffs for the first time.

First-round matchups

won't be set until after the finals Wednesday night.

Dallas probably will play the Lakers and the Grizzlies the runner-up in the Midwest Division, either San Antonio or Minnesota. Memphis will have a say in how things work out because it plays the Timberwolves at home Wednesday night.

Grizzlies coach Hubie Brown said the most important thing about this game was getting Pau Gasol and Bonzi Wells back from injuries that kept them out of the last four games. Wells scored 27 and Gasol had 10 points and seven rebounds.

"Our main goal as a coaching staff was to make sure they got back for these two games to get their legs back, and even more importantly, their timing," Brown said.

Dallas was up by 13 points after one quarter and led by at least nine until the final minute. The Grizzlies made just six of their first 20 shots; James Posey missed two foul shots, then blew a dunk next time down the court during Memphis' forgettable start.

"We've had a great season at home and we didn't want to mess it up," Dallas forward Dirk Nowitzki said. "We wanted to get the fifth seed

and we went for it. We had a great effort early on."

Marquis Daniels, an undrafted rookie, led Dallas with 30 points, eight rebounds and seven assists. This was his third straight 20-point game and fifth in 10 games.

Steve Nash had 25 points, Nowitzki had 11 points and 10 rebounds and Finley scored nine after missing the last two games with bruised ribs. Antoine Walker had eight points, nine assists and seven rebounds.

Jason Williams had 14 points for Memphis. James Posey, averaging well over 20

points in recent weeks, scored just 12.

**Notes:** Mavs coach Don Nelson said he'll probably put rookie Josh Howard on the injured list and activate Tony Delk for the finale. It would be a chance for Delk to audition for the postseason roster. Howard and Daniels will certainly be on it. ... Nelson said, "I'm not going to play anyone very long" against the Rockets. ... Memphis could still match Dallas with 51 wins, but the Mavericks get the higher seed on a tiebreaker.

## MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

National League					American League				
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<b>East Division</b>					<b>East Division</b>				
Florida	6	1	.857	GB	Boston	4	3	.571	—
New York	4	3	.571	2	Tampa Bay	4	3	.571	—
Atlanta	3	4	.429	3	New York	4	4	.500	1/2
Montreal	2	5	.286	4	Baltimore	3	4	.429	1
Philadelphia	1	6	.143	5	Toronto	2	5	.286	2
<b>Central Division</b>					<b>Central Division</b>				
Cincinnati	5	2	.714	—	Detroit	5	2	.714	—
Houston	5	3	.625	1/2	Chicago	4	3	.571	1
Pittsburgh	4	3	.571	1	Kansas City	4	3	.571	1
Milwaukee	4	5	.444	2	Minnesota	3	4	.429	2
St. Louis	4	5	.444	2	Cleveland	3	5	.375	2 1/2
Chicago	3	4	.429	2	<b>West Division</b>				
<b>West Division</b>					W	L	Pct	GB	
San Francisco	5	3	.625	—	Oakland	5	2	.714	—
Los Angeles	4	3	.571	1/2	Anaheim	5	3	.625	1/2
San Diego	4	3	.571	1/2	Texas	4	4	.500	1 1/2
Colorado	3	4	.429	1 1/2	Seattle	1	6	.143	4
Arizona	2	5	.286	2 1/2					

Monday's Games				
Cincinnati 4, Philadelphia 1	N.Y. Mets 10, Atlanta 6	Pittsburgh 13, Chicago Cubs 2	Colorado 7, Arizona 4	San Francisco 7, Milwaukee 5
Houston 10, St. Louis 5	<b>Tuesday's Games</b>			
Florida 5, Montreal 0	Houston 5, St. Louis 3	San Francisco 4, Milwaukee 2	San Diego 8, Los Angeles 3	<b>Wednesday's Games</b>
Houston (Miller 1-0) at St. Louis (Carpenter 1-0), 1:10 p.m.	Pittsburgh (Vogelsong 1-0) at Chicago Cubs (Clement 0-1), 2:20 p.m.	Milwaukee (Obermueller 0-1) at San Francisco (W. Franklin 0-0), 3:35 p.m.	Florida (Willis 1-0) vs. Montreal (Ohka 0-1) at San Juan, 7:05 p.m.	Cincinnati (Acevedo 1-0) at Philadelphia (Padilla 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Thomson 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (Yates 0-0), 7:10 p.m.	Arizona (Dessens 0-0) at Colorado (Kennedy 0-0), 9:05 p.m.	Los Angeles (Ishii 1-0) at San Diego (D. Wells 0-0), 10:05 p.m.	<b>Thursday's Games</b>	
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# Rangers nipped by A's, 10-9

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — No matter how bad Barry Zito's line looked, the Oakland starter deserved this victory.

Damian Miller had three hits, including a three-run homer, and Oakland's big bats overcame Zito's poor start Tuesday night in a 10-9 victory over the Texas Rangers.

When Zito pitched against the same team last week, he got a loss after giving up just two runs in eight innings.

"Funny game," Oakland manager Ken Macha said. "Barry goes out there last time against these guys and loses 2-1. This time, he gives us a bunch of runs and gets a win, so you figure it out."

Zito (1-1) allowed six runs on 11 hits while throwing 107 pitches in five innings. Two of the runs were unearned, after his throwing error in Texas' three-run second.

While Zito never trailed, he squandered a 6-0 lead and the Athletics led by only a run before Miller's first homer made it 10-6 in the fourth.

"It seems like it should be reversed, a win last week and a loss tonight," Zito said. "I just battled out there and luckily got through the fifth inning."

"We don't look for 10-run games. But when you can line up big offensive games with the games that you scuffle, it's

nice." The A's had 16 hits, seven of them for extra bases, in their first road game. Every starter had a hit, and five players had more than one.

Miller, the catcher hitting just .125 coming into the game, was 3-for-4 with a walk and a double. Eric Byrnes had three hits in his first start of the season and Jermaine Dye had a homer and an RBI double.

All of that offense still almost wasn't enough for the A's and Zito, the 2002 AL Cy Young winner who is 12-1 in 19 career starts against Texas. The only loss was the 2-1 game last Wednesday.

But he escaped with his 55th win since the start of the 2001 season. The only pitcher in the majors with more in that stretch is teammate Mark Mulder with 56.

"Barry really showed me something," Miller said. "He didn't have great stuff, but battled his tail off."

The Rangers, the top hitting team in the majors at .325, got within 10-9 with a three-run seventh. Brad Fullmer led off with his first homer, Eric Young walked and scored on passed ball against Miller and Michael Young had his second RBI single.

Texas had 16 hits off six Oakland pitchers. Arthur

Rhodes pitched the ninth, getting his fourth save after giving up a leadoff double to Eric Young.

"We were just able to tough it out. It was a hard game to be a part of," said Eric Chavez. "We have to put it behind us and try to play a real baseball game tomorrow."

Oakland got off to a fast start against Mickey Callaway (0-1), who allowed 11 of the 13 batters he faced to reach base.

Six straight reached after a double play wiped out leadoff hitter Byrnes in a three-run first. Callaway walked four batters around Dye's RBI double and a two-run single by Bobby Crosby, the new everyday shortstop who was hitting just .158.

A solo home run by Dye put Oakland up 6-0 and chased Callaway in the second. Bobby Kielty and Chavez had consecutive RBI singles before Dye's third homer.

Ramon Nivar, Hank Blalock and Alfonso Soriano had RBI singles in the Texas second. After Marco Scutaro's run-scoring double gave Oakland a 7-3 lead, the Rangers got three more in the bottom of the third.

"I'm real proud of the effort against Zito," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said.

# Tiger's out with the Special Forces searching for a game

By TIM DAHLBERG  
AP Sports Columnist

Tiger Woods is deep inside Fort Bragg this week, wearing a camouflage uniform and doing the kind of things Green Berets do. The cover story is that he flew down on his private jet to see what military life is all about.

The real truth is, Tiger's on a secret mission. Somewhere in the woods in North Carolina, he and the Special Forces are out trying to find his golf game.

As good as the Green Berets are, it won't be easy.

It doesn't help that Woods won't even admit it's missing.

Another in a string of disappointing majors ended early on Sunday for Woods, long before the cheers echoed from

Amen Corner as Phil Mickelson and Ernie Els put on the kind of spectacular back-nine show that once belonged only to Woods.

If you're counting — and in golf that's usually a good way to keep score — Woods is now winless in seven straight majors. Worse yet, he hasn't even been a factor in the final round of five of them.

He's got a long way to go to rival Mickelson's oh-for-42 streak in the majors, but the tournaments are beginning to add up.

So, too, are the questions.

The player who once intimidated his fellow competitors simply by showing up on the first tee seems gone, replaced by a befuddled twin who goes about his work with

an exasperated look on his face as putts race past the hole and drives go increasingly awry.

There are whispers about flaws in his swing, his conviction to golf, and his once all-consuming desire to win.

Things have gotten so bad that Woods vomited after the first hole Sunday, though he later claimed it was because of a bad sandwich, not a bad putt.

Through it all, Woods keeps repeating the same mantra to inquiring writers, as if he needs to believe it himself.

The numbers may say otherwise, but Woods insists he's not in a slump.

"It's different for me versus any other player," he said last week. "Some other player

has a bad week, misses the cut, it's no big deal, slips through the radar. Whereas if I shoot one bad round, it's a little bit different. I think it's just expectation levels."

Perhaps it is. Golf fans were easily spoiled by Woods, who carries the burden of having to compete against his

own past success.

Woods will likely never win four straight majors again, and may never match a record he once seemed destined to smash — Jack Nicklaus' 18 major championship wins.

He's got three green jackets from Augusta National,

but the 10 that Nicklaus once predicted of him?

No way.

It's not because the other players are becoming more like Woods, but because he is becoming more like them. The gap has closed, but it took Woods coming back to the field to do it.

# Randall shuts out Harvesters, 4-0

RANDALL — Pampa was blanked by Randall 4-0 in District 3-4A baseball action Tuesday.

Randall improved to 6-0 in district and 13-6 for the season. Pampa is 3-3 in district and 10-9 overall.

The Harvesters had four hits off Randall pitcher Jonathan Huff, who struck out eight and walked two. Nick Story, Seth Foster, Jed Martin and Shea

Brown each had a single for the Harvesters.

Huff hit a solo home run and Kyle Snell had a two-run double for the Raiders.

Dusty Lenderman started on the mound for Pampa and shut out Randall in three of the five innings he pitched. He allowed a run in the second and three in the third. Tyson Hickman came on in relief in the sixth and held the Raiders scoreless.

Lenderman allowed five hits while striking out two and walking eight. Hickman didn't allow a hit and struck out one in the one-inning he pitched.

Pampa is scheduled to play Caprock in a makeup game Thursday in Amarillo. Pampa hosts Plainview at 4:30 Friday and travels to Hereford on Saturday.

# Bonds hits 661st homer, passes godfather Mays for third on all-time list

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Though Barry Bonds finally passed Willie Mays with another breathtaking homer into the water, he'll never truly leave his godfather behind.

"(Mays) will always be my mentor," Bonds said. "He will always be the one I look up to. He will always be the best baseball player of all time. That isn't ever going to change."

But Mays' place on baseball's career homers list changed before his eyes Tuesday night. Bonds moved past him into sole possession of third place with his 661st homer in the San Francisco Giants' 4-2 victory over

Milwaukee. The seventh-inning solo shot off right-hander Ben Ford landed in nearly the same place as No. 660 Monday night — and both were retrieved by the same kayaking fan, Larry Ellison.

The tying blast meant the world to Bonds, who got the ball back from Ellison and plans to display it on his desk forever. The 661st didn't mean much — just the next stop on a path that might lead past Babe Ruth and Hank Aaron.

"(Hitting 660 homers) just kind of binded us all together, Willie, my dad and myself," Bonds said. "It kind of completed the circle of my family.

They were saying that my dad was the next Willie Mays. They just got the name wrong, from Bobby to Barry."

In the only other National League games Tuesday, Houston beat St. Louis 5-3, Florida shut out Montreal 5-0 and San Diego beat Los Angeles 8-3.

If Bonds maintains his unbelievable pace of the past four seasons, he could pass Ruth's 714 homers early next season. Bonds has said he can't imagine passing Aaron, who hit 755 homers — but to everyone else, there seems to be nothing Bonds can't do.

"I don't probably know anything about Babe Ruth," Bonds said playfully before

reciting a list of Ruth's accomplishments. "I know how he changed the game and the contributions he made to his era. ... But right now, I'm just working on 662."

Bonds, who will turn 40 in July, hit 213 homers in the previous four seasons, including a major league-record 73 in 2001.

He hit his 659th on opening day in Houston — but as he usually does, Bonds waited until returning home to San Francisco to hit his most historic homers.

Bonds didn't really celebrate his 661st, calmly dropping his bat and circling the bases as the sellout crowd

stood and roared. After touching home plate on the solo shot, he pointed into the stands at his family.

"He looked like he wanted to cry when he was coming in," manager Felipe Alou said. "The emotions were different tonight for that man. He's in some way thinking about his dad when something like that happens."

But Bonds said he only thought about the Giants' two-run lead as he rounded the bases. He took a short curtain call, and got yet another standing ovation when he took the field for the eighth inning.

"I was trying to keep it down, put it in the dirt. It did

n't get down," Ford said. "I left it over the plate too much. It was a mistake, and he capitalizes on mistakes. He doesn't miss too often."

Marquis Grissom hit two homers for the Giants in their third straight victory. Dustin Hermanson (1-0) held the Brewers to three hits and one run while pitching into the sixth inning, and Matt Herges pitched the ninth for his fifth save in six chances.

Scott Podsednik had three hits for the Brewers, who lost their third straight to drop below .500 for the first time this season. Geoff Jenkins went 0-for-4 and stranded five runners, flying out to right with two on in the eighth.

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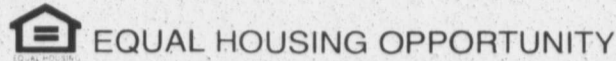
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 The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult  
**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) \*\*\* Many of you will be handling detail work, be it involving your taxes or some other matter. You will get everything together, though you might need or want to work late. Work through stress by taking a walk or maybe even pacing yourself! Tonight: Get to sleep as soon as you can.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\*\* Where your friends are is really where you want to be. You might have to settle for co-workers and associates during the day. Working as a unit rather than many different people points you to success. Tonight: Splurge a little.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\* You might want to take charge, and you probably will. You will have a lot of distraction around you, which could make it hard to focus on work. Be smart; screen calls and deal with personal matters later in the day. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\*\* Your ability to walk through problems and not get too emotional could be very important to you ultimately. Don't trigger, no matter how good, exciting or wild the news might be. Detach, think and observe. Well, try anyway. Tonight: Relax your mind.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Others want your time. How implicit you want to be in his or her request is getting your attention as well. Deal with others on a one-on-one level. Success heads your way with that personal touch. A friend might be put off because you are running late. Tonight: Quality time.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\*\* You have a unique vantage point. You hear everyone explain the pros and cons of what they have done, what they are thinking and why. Dialogues could be animated, but avoid making a judgment. Tonight: A smile goes a long way.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Investigate a new opportunity that heads your way. Your instincts will guide you for the most part, but it would not hurt to check in with the experts. You might not like what you hear, but ultimately you will do what you want to do. Tonight: Let plans change.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\*\* Groups and meetings serve you well. Associates seem to have the same ideas as you. Success happens most naturally, taking you to a new

level. Work as a team rather than individually. Could a partner be jealous? Tonight: Get into weekend mode.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\* Deal with personal matters as directly as possible. You might need to contain a domestic situation first so you can concentrate on your work and be more efficient. Others might be a bit touchy and contentious. Tonight: Happy at home.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\*\* Reach out for others at a distance. You might find out some news that will encourage you to reorganize your plans. Sometimes you get locked into black-and-white thinking. Take advantage of this opportunity to open up. Tonight: Join friends at a neighborhood haunt.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\*\* Expenses seem to be getting out of control. Carefully review a matter that surrounds a partnership and finances. You could be very happy with what someone offers. Don't look a gift horse in the mouth. Tonight: Just don't get too extreme.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\*\* Intuitively you make the right choices. How you deal with a loved one depends on how hurried the moment is. Make sure to touch base with this person during a quiet moment and make plans. Ignore a family member who is on the warpath. Tonight: You call the shots.  
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 Actress Emma Watson (1990), actress Elizabeth Montgomery (1933), singer Bessie Smith (1894)  
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## Canine dog cart



(Courtesy photo)

Cameron, Pampan Pat Johnson's granddaughter, is seen here with Sweetie, a Welsh Corgie equipped with a special "K-9 dog cart" for paraplegic canines. According to a link to the K-9 Cart Company on the World Wide Web provided by Cyber Dog Directory, the device was invented by a veterinarian to assist paralyzed pets. The web site said the carts are specially-built to fit each dog, allowing these pets more freedom and ease in getting around.

## Russia reportedly plans evacuations

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Russia said Wednesday that it will begin evacuating people from Iraq this week in light of the deteriorating security situation, while four unidentified bodies were found amid a wave of kidnappings of at least 22 foreigners.

A State Department official on Tuesday confirmed the discovery of the bodies, but the private contractor Halliburton said it did not know whether the dead were private contractors missing since an assault on their convoy outside Baghdad. It was unclear when the bodies were found.

Initial reports said the four bodies were mutilated, but those reports were not confirmed, the official said.

NBC News reported that the four bodies were in a shallow grave between Fallujah and Abu Ghraib, scene of the convoy attack, and that U.S. officials were led to the grave by an Iraqi.

Two U.S. soldiers and seven employees of Halliburton subsidiary Kellogg, Brown and Root have been missing since their convoy was attacked Friday on the main highway west of Baghdad, between the district of Abu Ghraib and the central city of Fallujah.

The Russian Ministry of Emergency Situations planned to send seven flights from Moscow to Baghdad and Kuwait to evacuate specialists from Russia and former Soviet

republics who have been working in Iraq, spokesman Viktor Beltsov said Wednesday.

The move comes after three Russian and five Ukrainian employees of a Russian energy company were kidnapped by masked gunmen who broke into their Baghdad house on Monday. The Interenergoservis employees were released unharmed the next day.

"Preliminary plans are to evacuate 553 Russian citizens and 263 citizens from countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States who are working on Russian contracts at facilities in Iraq," Beltsov said. The first flight was scheduled for Thursday morning.

The CIS is a loose organization of 12 former Soviet republics that includes Ukraine.

The roads west of Baghdad have been a site of many of the kidnappings since the bloody fighting broke out across Iraq this month. Some abductions have also occurred in the south.

The most recent reported abductions were of four Italian security guards working for a U.S.-based company and a French TV journalist.

Also among the captives are three Japanese whose kidnappers threatened to burn them alive if Tokyo didn't withdraw its troops.

Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi, a strong supporter of the U.S.-led war in Iraq, ruled out a withdrawal of troops based in the southern city of Nasiriyah.

## Authorities investigate latest claim against pop star Jackson

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Detectives are investigating a new allegation involving a person who claims to have been abused by pop star Michael Jackson in the late 1980s, a police spokeswoman said.

Jackson pleaded innocent to child molestation charges involving another alleged victim in Santa Barbara County. A pretrial hearing in that case is scheduled for April 30.

On Tuesday, Jackson attorney Benjamin Brafman said he was unaware of the Los Angeles Police Department investigation of the new allegation.

"We have never been informed by the LAPD of any investigation that they are conducting of Michael Jackson," he said. "I would point out that since I have been involved in this case I have addressed literally dozens of completely baseless rumors on a daily basis, and this appears to be just another one of them."

The Los Angeles County district attorney's office asked the LAPD to investigate the allegations a month ago, said Mary Grady, commander of the department's public information office.

"The victim alleges the acts took place in the city of Los Angeles in the late 1980s," Grady said.

The allegations are being investigated by the Child Protective Section of the department's Juvenile Division. Grady declined to elaborate on such details as the age or sex of the alleged victim.

Jackson lawyer Mark Geragos said he had looked into the allegations and believes they were prompted by "a money-hungry lawyer trying to shake down my client through the use of unfounded, scurrilous allegations."

## Cheney pressures Chinese on North Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, other matters

By TOM RAUM  
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BEIJING (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney sought Wednesday to prod China to apply more pressure on North Korea to abandon its nuclear program, citing new evidence that it has atomic weapons.

He also told China he understands their opposition to U.S. arms sales to Taiwan, but that they are directly related to China's own buildup, said a senior administration official who briefed reporters on Cheney's talks.

Cheney also expressed U.S. concern about China's recent steps to restrict self-government in Hong Kong, suggesting it might also have a bearing on the Taiwan issue, the official said.

China's treatment of the people of Hong Kong might serve as a bellwether for the people of Taiwan as they consider the "one state, two systems" policy that China applies to Hong Kong.

Cheney met separately Wednesday with Chinese President Hu Jintao, his predecessor Jiang Zemin, and Premier Wen Jiabao. The vice president later flew to Shanghai, the latest stop on a weeklong Asia trip that will also take him to South Korea.

"I didn't come to alter Chinese policy. I did come with the mission of making clear what our views were. I think we achieved that," Cheney told reporters after the meetings.

The status of Taiwan has been an issue between the United States and China for 50 years, Cheney said. "And it's important that there be a very clear open channel of communications between our two nations on that issue."

The senior administration official said Cheney passed on to Chinese lead-

ers new information obtained from a top Pakistani nuclear scientist suggesting that North Korea had at least three nuclear devices, and was capable of making them from both plutonium and enriched uranium.

"Time is not on our side," the official quoted Cheney as telling Chinese leaders.

Cheney favors resuming stalled six-nation talks, but results are what ultimately counts, the U.S. official said. There should be a more aggressive effort to either get those talks back on track or to find other ways of applying pressure on North Korea, the official said.

Although Cheney restated basic U.S. policy on Taiwan, China used the occasion of Cheney's visit to step up criticism of U.S. support for what Beijing regards as a renegade province.

China's vice president, Zeng Qinghong, asked Cheney during a one-on-one meeting on Tuesday for Washington to stop selling defensive weapons to Taiwan, Chinese state media reported.

"There is only one China and Taiwan is part of China," an announcer, citing Zeng, said on the state television news. "We hope the United States can carry out its commitment and not sell weapons to Taiwan and not send wrong signals to Taiwan independence forces."

It is almost unheard of for a senior Chinese leader to deliver such a direct, potentially confrontational message to a visiting foreign leader.


The fact that Zeng, a member of the Communist Party's nine member Standing Committee did so in Cheney's first meeting in Beijing showed China's emphasis on the issue.

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