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Current school dress code said difficult to enforce

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

One thing several participants in Tuesday evening's public hearing agreed on is that Pampa independent School District's dress code is difficult to enforce.

About one-fourth of the 20 who attended the hearing addressed the committee formed to examine the current dress code and formulate a recommendation to the school board concerning the code. The hearing began at 6 p.m. in the Pampa High School library at 111 E. Harvester.

"As a teacher responsible for trying to enforce the dress code on the 8th grade hall, it is nearly impossible," one woman said. "It's difficult if not nearly impossible to enforce a dress code when you know you're going to get lambasted by a parent. The knowledge of being attacked by a parent makes you reluctant to enforce the dress code."

Another teacher also commented on junior high school clothing.

"I can walk down the 8th grade hall every morning and pick out at least 75 boys with sagging pants,"

she said. "How do I enforce that?" Others commented on the subjectivity of some of the code's rules, including what is objectionable to different individuals.

Several agreed that the code needed to be changed, although the type of change varied widely.

"I'm in favor of either standardized dress or uniforms," one woman said. "Kids are more concerned about what they're wearing than what's going on in the classroom. It's a big distraction." She said that if standardized dress or uniforms were

adopted, "you won't be able to distinguish between the haves and the have-nots."

One attendee asked who would furnish the uniforms. PISD Superintendent Barry Haenisch and PISD board member Derrell DeLoach said they were unsure if the school district would pay for the uniforms if chosen.

"Parents don't realize kids leave for school dressed one way but are in school dressed another way," one

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Sam Houston nearly gone



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Ballots must be mailed to the polling place at 5405 I-40 West, Amarillo, Texas 79106, with a postmark on or before April 10.

This year, the six-year term of five of the current 15 board members will

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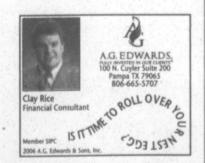
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## 3 new firefighters join force at Pampa Fire Dept.

By KERRI SMITH Staff Writer

Three new firefighters have joined the Pampa crew in the last six months. These new young men, who are all 21 and single, bring with them enthusiasm and a desire to learn all they can about fighting fires and helping residents in need.

Jason Brown is the newest man on the squad, being there for one month. He grew up in Pampa and graduated from Pampa High School in 2004. He said no one in his family

has ever been a firefighter, but it is something he always wanted to do.

"After I graduated from high school, I decided to attend Amarillo College for an associate's degree in fire protection technology," Brown said. "I really enjoyed these classes and made the decision to stop going to AC and attend the fire academy at Texas A&M. I wanted to become a firefighter first and then figured I could go back to

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Saturday

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Thursday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 32. South-southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday: A slight chance of rain and snow showers before 9 a.m., then a slight chance of rain showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 42. South-southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north-northeast. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Friday Night: A slight chance of rain showers before 11 p.m., then a slight chance of rain and snow showers between 11 p.m. and 3 a.m., then a slight chance of freezing rain and sleet after 3 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 27. East-northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Saturday: A slight chance of snow showers before 9 a.m., then a slight chance of rain and snow showers between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m., then a slight chance of rain showers after 10 a.m. Cloudy, with a high near 44. Eastsoutheast wind between 5 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Saturday Night: A slight chance of snow or rain showers. Cloudy, with a low around 28. East-southeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

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### **Obituaries**

### **Parker Robert Redman** February 3, 1987 — March 31, 2007

Redman died Saturday morning. He was a native of Austin, a junior at Rice University, and an allaround fine human being.

The world had Parker for only 20 years, but he left his mark. He had personality and style, traits that became apparent when he was very small. At age 3, he was playing with his brother, Philip, and a 5-year-old friend. The friend cried, "I'm He-Man, and I fight with Battle Cat!" Philip chimed in, "I'm Flash Gordon, and I kill ice robots!" And Parker said, "And I'm ... I'll be the lawyer." Once when he was 4-years-old and playing in the front yard, his parents went to check on him and found him happily taping ants to the sidewalk.

Parker attended Austin public schools: Highland Park Elementary, Lamar Middle School, Kealing Junior High, and McCallum High School, where his favorite memories were his American history class and a spring-break trip to Italy with his fellow Latin stu-13-year-old Honda Accord, anything involving hazelnuts or chocolate, and all kinds of music and movies. (Once, watching an old sci-fi flick with him, a friend comment-

which Parker replied, "I think they were making it Pass/Fail.")

He despised, among other things, snobs, bullies, and the year of band he suffered through playing an instru-

ment he dubbed the "assoon." He was a self-taught computer whiz, having earned money pocket from age 13 on as neighborhood Mr. Cyber-Fix-it. In high school, he and a friend built a trebuchet that Redman worked alarmingly

well. Two years ago he cut off his ponytail - all 11-inches of it - and donated it to Locks of Love. He was proud to be a fifth-generation Texan who was onequarter Hispanic as well as one of nine family members attended who University. His future plans had included a post-graduation ramble around Europe and Asia, teaching science dents. He loved animals, his and math to elementaryschool students, and the adoption of infant girls from China.

Parker is survived by his mother, Anne Dingus; his father, Patrick Redman; and ed, "This isn't even a B- his brother and best friend,

movie-it's a C-movie." To Phil Redman. Other grieving family members include his grandparents, Isela Romero Redman of El Paso and Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Dingus of Pampa; many aunts and uncles, including Kati and David Timmons of Austin

(his second parents); Jane Dingus John Hildebrandt Mount Pleasant, South Carolina; Nancy Crites of Hannover, Germany; Crites Hannover, Germany; Bill and

Anne Mary

Dingus of Midland; and Bobbo Redman of Durango, Colorado. He loved his wealth of

cousins: Joseph Timmons of Austin; Katherine Hildebrandt of Houston; Dayton Crites of San Francisco; Caroline Crites of Houston; Margaret Crites of Waco; Lizby, Paul, and Mariah Dingus of Midland; Sam Redman of Durango; and Sean, Joy, Elizabeth, and Hildebrandt Julia Portland, Oregon. Honorary family includes Tristan Letscher of Austin and the Hudson-Zirl family of Alberton, Montana. Parker also had many long-time loving and caring friends. He

was predeceased by his uncle Michael Redman and his grandfather Robert E. Redman.

Visitation Wednesday morning from 10 a.m. to non at Weed-Corley-Fish funeral home, 3125 N. Lamar. As Parker would have wished, this will be a strictly secular, casual, drop-in-and-out Everyone is welcome. Private family-only interment will follow at Austin Memorial Park

To everyone kind enough to think of sending flowers, please consider instead donations for the Parker Redman Memorial Fund, c/o Baker College Masters, College, Rice Baker University, 6320 Main St., Houston, TX 77005.

Parker, it hasn't yet sunk in that you are gone. We love you, good boy.

May you have the finest laptop in heaven, plus a celestial supply of music and games. And flights of angels sing thee to thy rest.

Arrangements by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin, TX 78705 (512) 452-8811. Obituary and guestbook online wcfish.com.

## Service industry expands

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. service sector month of growth in the nonexpanded at a slower rate in March than in the previous month, a trade group said Thursday, reflecting the sluggish growth of the U.S.

Management, an organization of corporate purchasing executives, said that its index of business activity in the non-manufacturing sector registered 52.4 in March, down from 54.3 in February. Wall Street was expecting a reading of 54.7.

Readings above 50 indicate expansion. March rep-

resents the 48th consecutive manufacturing industries covered by the ISM report, which represent about 80 percent of the nation's economic activity.

The survey also indicated The Tempe, Arizona- that new orders and employbased Institute for Supply ment increased in March, but at slower rates.

Prices paid by survey respondents for fuel and other goods increased dramatically, the survey found, jumping 9.5 points to 63.3.

"Members' comments in March indicate a concern with fuel costs, the economy and the impact on business conditions," said Anthony Nieves, chairman of the' ISM's survey committee.

"I think the entire economy is slowing," Brian Fabbri, chief economist at BNP Paribas, said before the survey's release. Any reading below the index's "historic average" of 57.5 "points toward weakness,"

### The Heritage Tree



White Deer Land Museum, 172 S. Cuyler in downtown Pampa, has several leaves still available for purchase on the Heritage Tree. The Heritage Tree is a wall ornament on display at the museum with plaques in the shape of leaves. The leaves come in two sizes. Each plaque can accommodate up to four lines of engraving. "They are a wonderful way to remember a family, a parent, a spouse, a veteran, or to honor one who has passed away," Anne Davidson, curator of the museum, said. The brass leaves are placed on the tree branches at various intervals. Plaques in the shape of rocks are arranged at the base of the tree and will accommodate more lines of engraving than the leaves. "We can engrave a wedding date, a birth date, or any memory you want to preserve," Davidson said. Small leaves may be purchased for \$75 a piece and large leaves for \$150 apiece. Proceeds from the tree benefit the museum and its exhibits. "Order your remembrance now before Memorial Day," Davidson urged.

### Emergency Services

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Twelve traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were received from the 1300 block of Mary Ellen, the 600 block of South Cuyler and the 1300 block of North Banks.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 2800 block of Charles and on two occasions in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 100 block of North Wynne, the 1300 block of Duncan, the 1200 block of South Dwight, the 1500 block of North Faulkner, the 2200 block of North Wells, the 400 block of Graham and the 600 block of North-Nelson.

Found property was reported in the 1300 block Class, taught by Dave Ram- of Düncan. A 10-speed bicycle was found.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 1200 block of South Dwight and the 100 block of West

Warrant service was attempted on one occasion. Civil matters were reported in the 900 block of East Francis and the 1100 block of South Christy.

One suicide attempt was reported. Suspicious person calls were received from the 300 block of North Hobart, the 800 block of Denver and the 400 block of North Starkweather.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the intersection of Frederic and Henry streets, the 1400 block of North Hobart and the 700 block of North Russell.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block of Scott.

of East Harvester. Both sides of a 2004 Saturn were scratched, resulting in an estimated \$500

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1300 block of North Hobart. The right front tire of a vehicle was cut. Estimated cost of damage was not

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner and the 2600 block of Evergreen.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 800 block of North Nelson.

Harassment was reported in the 2900 block of Rosewood. A domestic disturbance was reported in the

1100 block of South Christy. Assault was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester. No injuries were reported. An arrest

was made in connection with the incident. Assault with a deadly weapon was reported in the 800 block of East Browning.

Assault was reported in the 100 block of West

One open door was checked.

Forgery was reported at Murphy USA, 201 W. Identity theft was reported in the 1000 block of

Theft was reported at Express Lane #12, 2801 Perryton Parkway. Fuel valued at \$35 was taken.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby. Cash valued at \$500 was taken from an unreported location.

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 309 N. Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block Hobart. Fuel valued at \$43.70 was taken.

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

Tuesday, April 3 Amanda Jo Johnson, 23, of Pampa was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance.

Rick Lynn Callaway, 52, of Lefors was arrested by the Lefors city marshal for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance in a drugfree zone.

Rhonda Kay Spotts, 41, of Lefors was arrested by the Lefors city marshal for public intoxication. Jayson Douglas Calfy, 21, of Pampa was arrested in the 1300 block of East Kingsmill by Pampa Police Department on a probation violation for

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

assault causing bodily injury.

Tuesday, April 3 11:30 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported a

patient(s) to the 2400 block of Cherokee. 5:23 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to BSA Hospital in Amarillo.

In an article in Tuesday's newspaper on Briarwood's new Kids Cafe, it was mentioned that the church had hoped to acquire a van and bus for transportation to the event. They already have these vehicles, but are working out a schedule to pick up children.



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woman said. "I'm in favor of standardized dress. It would be easier to enforce. The current code is very subjective."

DeLoach defined standardized dress as wearing professional level clothing. He gave an example that included khaki pants with a belt and shirts with collars.

"There will still be rebellious kids wearing the wrong thing," said one Pampa High School student who attended Tuesday's meeting. "It'll turn into hair, fingernails or shoes as a concern. There's no line to what a distraction is." He cited examples including crooked teeth as distractions in the classroom.

"There comes a point in a person's life where they can't just dress any way they want," said one woman.

"People need to know about society's expectations," DeLoach

A PHS student in the audience suggested banning holes in clothing, such as holes in the legs of jeans, and requiring shorts and skirts to extend to at least knee level. A teacher suggested banning writing on T-shirts, and the student agreed.

One woman said the dress code was not only a matter of discipline but of safety.

"I went to a workshop recently where they showed us how many weapons you can hide in baggy pants, and how to hide drugs in little tubes in shoes," she said. "As far as I'm concerned, it's a matter of school safety."

"Forty to 50 percent of students are tired of seeing baggy pants," said Aaron Pepper a PHS student who is on the committee to examine the dress code.

A PHS student in the audience pointed out that contraband items could also be hidden in backpacks.

"We should severely enforce what we have now," the PHS audience member said concerning

the dress code. "Make them want what y'all come up with, someto not do it."

"Make the policy say what can be worn, not just what can't be worn," Pepper said. "It needs to be lenient enough to give students some leeway, even though this approach would be like defining a standardized uniform. Dumas has recently done standardized dress."

"Someone said to me earlier this week that they don't want us to adopt a policy that creates robots," DeLoach said. "We want to encourage diversity, but we also want to enforce disciplinary standards."

Standardized dress can result in raised academic scores, lowered discipline problems and decreased gang-related problems, according to recent studies, said Lori Boyd, a Lamar Elementary School teacher who is on the dress code commit-

"Academic standards go up in study after study if you have some form of more rigid dress code," said Charles Smith, a PISD board member. "But it doesn't matter body isn't gonna like it."

The committee's purpose is to make a recommendation to the school board at their May meeting, DeLoach said.

"We're going to do that based on facts, based on research and based on public opinion," he said.

The school district's four options are to do nothing, strictly enforce the current dress code policy, initiate standardized dress or issue uniforms, DeLoach said. The district will also have to decide whether to implement the code at all campuses or only a certain age group.

Results of surveys conducted by some of the nine committee members were discussed. Fortyeight percent of 710 PHS students are in favor of a less strict dress code, Pepper said. Thirty-five percent voted to keep the current code, and 17 percent supported a stricter code. Seventeen percent of respondents said they don't feel the current code is being enforced, or enforced equally.

Committee member Sara Carmichael surveyed 661 Pampa Junior High School students using the same questions used at PHS. Forty-seven percent favored a less strict code. Thirty-seven percent chose to keep the current code, and 12 percent voted for a more strict code. Three percent did not choose among the three options.

Carmichael also surveyed PJHS teachers. Thirty-seven percent felt that the existing code is adequate, and 55 percent said it needed to be revised. The remaining eight percent of 51 respondents did not choose either option.

"The board will ultimately decide what to do," DeLoach said. "We're not finished formulating our recommendations yet."

The next meeting of the ninemember committee will be Monday, and will be a closed meeting.

Committee members are DeLoach, Bino Facio, Carmichael, Boyd, Rachel Bartel, Pepper, Mozetta Johnson, Beth Shannon and JaCee Villarreal.

## Man jailed for violating smoking ban

and jailed on an outstanding

"flabbergasted" by the arrest, which came after an officer pulled him over Tuesday morning on a traf-

"I never thought I'd be going to jail for smoking a cigarette, but I'd do it again," said Hendrix, who was released from the Taylor County Jail after posting \$150 bond Tuesday afternoon.

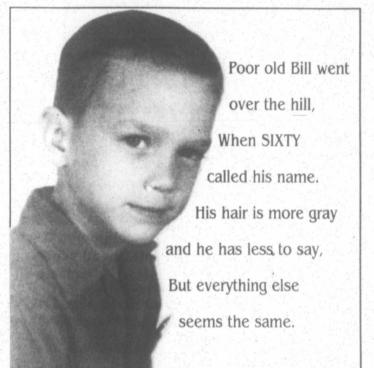
The city's smoking ban that went into effect Jan. 3 prohibits smoking in most public places and businesses. Hendrix is the first person in Abilene to be arrested on a warrant for smoking in a public place, Assistant Police Chief Mark Moore

"If we go to a place where there are a lot of people smoking with no regard to the smoking ban ordinance, we will enforce it," Moore said. "As long as it's law, we ask that they com-

Teresa Borcik, Municipal Court administrator, said Hendrix was cited for smoking in a public place on Feb. 24 and had 10 days to appear in court to contest the charge or to pay the \$150 ticket. When he didn't show up, an arrest warrant was issued March 6, she

said. Hendrix said he has been smoking since he was a teenager.

"As long as it is legal to smoke, I am going to keep smoking. I'm not going to quit any time soon," he said. "I think they are just trying to make more money for the city by messing with the smokers."



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school and finish my degree since I only lack about four or five classes."

Brown said that the fire academy is a 12-week course which includes classroom and book assignments as well as physical agility tests. They learn about the equipment on the fire trucks and how to lay and roll the hoses. The students have to attend an EMT class, although they do not have to be certified before they graduate from

the course. They can get this Amarillo and they both certification after they are employed.

To become a firefighter, Brown had to fill out an application, take a firefighter entrance test, undergo physical agility tests and numerous interviews. He said the whole process took about one month.

When asked what he considers the most exciting run since he's been a fire fighter, he replied, "Nothing really. I've only been on medical calls in the past month and haven't got to fight any structure fires yet.'

Brown, like many of the firefighters, has another job that he works on his days off from the fire station. He does carpentry work for Cory Coronis, such as building furniture and cabinets. He said they hope to start building some houses in Pampa soon.

His favorite hobby to do in his limited spare time is playing the guitar.

Two other young men joined the Pampa crew about Goerend and Nick Ramirez. Goerend grew up in Wheeler and Ramirez in

recently moved to Pampa "We have to live within 20

minutes of the fire station in case we get called out, so we moved to Pampa when we were hired," Ramirez said. Goerend and Ramirez

both attended the fire academy at Amarillo College before they were hired. Neither one of these men have second jobs for their days off from the fire station. They both decided to enjoy their hobbies during their

"I like to go hunting, fishing and also play golf," Goerend said. "I enjoy hunting anything and try to do it as often as possible.'

Ramirez likes to do anything that gets his adrenaline pumping.

"I like playing hockey, snowboarding and riding motorcycles," Ramirez said. 'Anything that is fast and is an adrenaline rush."

Goerend said his most exciting event while in Pampa has been a structure fire, while Ramirez said his six months ago, Brenton is probably cutting someone out of a car wreck with the Jaws of Life.

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District III: Childress, Hardeman, Foard, Knox, Throckmorton, Haskell, Archer, Baylor, Wilbarger, Wichita, Young and Clay. District IV: All other

counties in Texas. Current TWPB members whose terms are not expiring are Bob Beakley of Ennis, Jody Bellah of Throckmorton, David Cleavinger of Wildorado, Foy Gibson of Bend, Scott McGarraugh of Perryton, David Moore of Dumas, Gary Murphy of Dawson, Ben Scholz of Wylie, and Ralph Sides of Childress.

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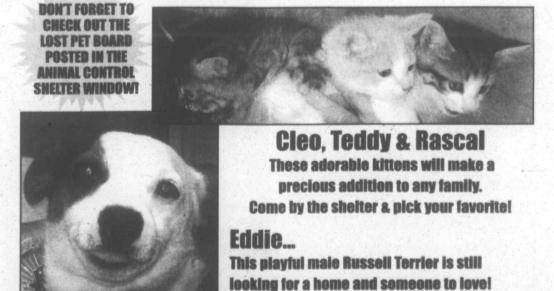
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# Viewpoints

## Making sense: Bill Clinton weakened America

Hunter, former chairman of the House Armed Services Committee and now its ranking Republican member, appeared on the Hannity and Colmes show on Fox, and I was astonished to hear him castigated for failing to see that our troops in Iraq needed equipment.

He was specifically challenged on the matter of the alleged lack of body armor for our troops in Iraq, and the administration's alleged failure to ensure that our troops had the protection the armor affords them.

Ignored were certain inconvenient facts such as the amount of body armor that was available under Bill Clinton, which was zero. Today under President Bush

Recently Rep. Duncan Hunter's work in the Armed Services Committee, which authorized the funds to purchase the body armor, the armed services have one million sets of body armor. That's one million!

> It's puzzling to see the media ignore the disastrous cutbacks in our armed services that took place under Bill Clinton, and the extraordinary efforts of the Bush of funding administration and Hunter's committee to beef up our military.

Under Clinton, for example, the number of armored Humvees available to the military was a pitiful 1,300. Under President Bush it's over 26,000.

And it was not just Clinton who sapped our strength - Congress under and thanks to Duncan the Democrats has just

turned thumbs down on the Pentagon's request for \$4.75 billion for the mine-resistant, ambush-protected vehicles that tan safeguard our troops from the IED explosions which are responsible for a large part of the deaths and wounding of our soldiers n d

Michael Instead Reagan

that vital Columnist request in the \$124

Marines.

billion supplemental bill passed recently, the Democrats were able to find billions for such things as subsidies for spinach farmers and the shrimp industry, but not a dime for a vehicle that could save the lives of thousands of our troops in Iraq.

what happened to the 1st Cavalry Division under Bill Clinton and what its strength is today under George Bush. In 2000, the division had

three brigades - M1A2 (base-design Abrams tanks, Bradley A2 (base-design

tanks) - the situational awareness of the battlefield was provided solely soldiers on

the ground calling in spot reports, communications were by line-of-sight radio, there was no armor protection for Humvees, there was connectivity between services, and the brigades had a mere 1,600 radios.

In 2006, however, the Brigade numbered 2,500.

It's instructive to look at division had four brigades with more maneuver-capable companies. They had the M1A2 System Enhancement Package including improved armor, independent thermal sights, and embedded digital command systems. Their Bradley A3 tanks had improved armor, and embedded digital command systems. Battlefield situational awareness was enhanced by unmanned aerial reconnaissance vehicles (UAVs) integrated by Army Battle Systems Command (Network Centric Warfare). Communications were by a digital command-and-control network, including satellites. All Tactical Wheeled Vehicles off the forward operating bases were to be

armored and radios in a

The fact is that this president, along with Duncan Hunter and others, sought to give the military all the equipment they because when they came in there was no equipment thanks to the skeltonizing of our armed forces under Bill Clinton.

Under Bill Clinton, we heard such horror stories as our soldiers and sailors going without essential training because equipment was broken and there were no parts to fix it. There were reports of maintenance crews "cannibalizing" other pieces of equipment to make Band-Aid repairs on equipment that had worn out.

One observer warned that because no new tanks were

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## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, April 4, the 94th day of 2007. There are 271 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History On April 4, 1968, civil rights leader the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., 39, was assassinated in Memphis, Tenn.

In 1818, Congress decided the U.S. flag would consist of 13 red and white stripes and 20 stars, with a new star to be added for every new state of the Union.

In 1841, President William Henry Harrison succumbed to pneumonia one month after his inaugural, becoming the first U.S. chief executive to die in office.

You can kill a man but you can't kill an idea.'

— Medgar Evers American civil rights activist (1926-1963)

In 1850, the city of Los Angeles was incorporat-

In 1887, Susanna Madora Salter became the first woman elected mayor of an American community: Argonia,

In 1902, British financier Cecil Rhodes left \$10 million in his will to provide scholarships for

Americans, British colonists and Germans at Oxford University

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. troops on Okinawa encountered the first significant resistance from Japanese forces at the Machinato Line.

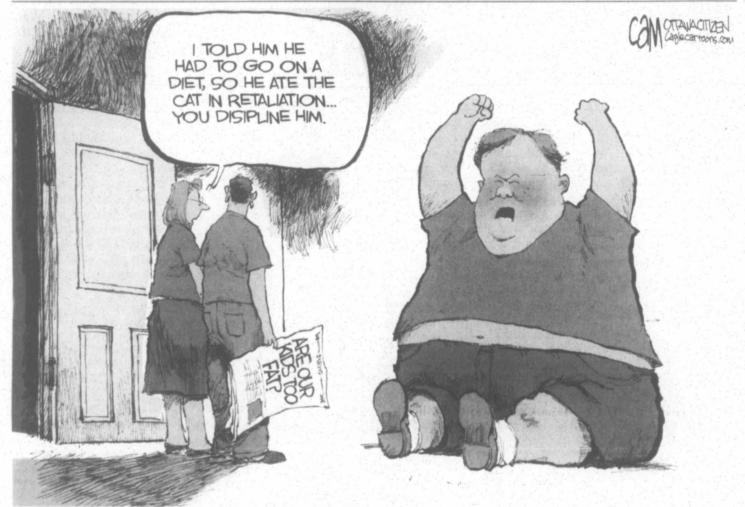
In 1949, 12 nations, including the U.S., signed the North Atlantic Treaty.

In 1975, more than 130 people, most of them children, were killed when a U.S. Air Force transport plane evacuating Vietnamese orphans crashed shortly after takeoff from Saigon.

In 1981, Henry Cisneros became the first Mexican-American elected mayor of a major U.S. city: San Antonio. In 1983, the space shuttle Challenger roared into orbit on its maiden voyage.

Ten years ago: Space shuttle Columbia blasted off from Cape Canaveral, Fla., on what was supposed to have been a 16-day mission — however, a defective power generator forced the shuttle's return four days later.

Five years ago: President Bush urged Israel to pull its troops back from Palestinian cities and dismissed Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat as a failed leader who had "betrayed the hopes of his people." Bush ordered Secretary of State Colin Powell to the region to seek a cease-fire. Two teenagers were sentenced to long prison terms in the murders of Dartmouth College professors Half and Susanne Zantop. (Robert Tulloch received life without parole; James Parker was sentenced to 25 years to life as an accomplice.)



## Free speech must not be trumped by law

From time to time, it is good to remember that a free society means that everyone may form his own opinions and express them even if we disagree with them or even find them "offensive."

Gen. Peter Pace, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, expressed a personal opinion recently that homosexual acts are immoral. The homosexual lobby and most of the television news folks went berserk. Some demanded an apology, which, to the gener-

al's credit, was not made. Whether you think homosexual acts are immoral depends on which system of morality you believe in. Certainly the traditional Judeo-Christian code of morality considered them to be immoral, as do the moral teachings of Islam. Any American who believes in those codes is free to say so unapologetically.

I put quotation marks around the word "offensive" because I don't believe any opinion or belief can be truly offensive. Being "offended" by something someone says is used mainly as a propa-

ganda tool in the hopes of silencing debate, especially if what is said true. Well, the Bill

Columnist

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Rights does not protect any of us from being offended. Another propaganda tool even more dangerous is labeling some opinions as "hate speech." While some states and localities have adopted hate-speech laws, Americans should vigorously oppose the attempt, espe-

cially on the federal level.

to inspire hatred must be protected. One is not entitled to incite riots or to libel or slander another person. Those traditional limits on speech are all we need.

Some countries in Europe have made

it a crime to

Holocaust'

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quibble over some details of it. The excuse is that such denial or quibbling is "hate speech." Well, this is as wrong as it can be. The Holocaust is a well-documented fact, but if people wish to deny it or quibble

over the details, so what? Historians revise history all the time. People everywhere not true. If it becomes a In a free society, even crime just to be mistaken, speech deliberately designed then a majority of the popu-

world's countries will be in jail.

In fact, one English wit observed that while God cannot change the past, historians do it all the time. Nevertheless, truth needs freedom, not the protection of the police, courts and prison system. In fact, making it a crime to question the Holocaust has, in my judgment, the opposite effect than the law's intention. It makes it seem that there is something to hide. To prohibit people from investigating or questioning anything is a totalitarian concept. Truth needs no such protection as long as people are free to debate and to apply

In fact, that is the philobelieve some things that are 'sophical justification for free speech. The Founding

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### Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

March 26

Austin American-Statesman on con-

trol of the Texas Youth Commission: As the Legislature sorts through the wreckage of the Texas Youth Commission, it ought to reconsider its initial rejection of Gov. Rick Perry's proposal to install a single commissioner to run the agency rather than appoint a new board.

Under current law, the agency is governed by a commission of six members nominated by the governor and confirmed by the Texas Senate. The commission hires the executive direcand oversees the agency.

Commission members are part-time volunteers.

When the scandal broke last month, determining who was responsible for what had gone wrong within the agency quickly disappeared into a maze of government and bureaucratic lines. Executive Director Dwight Harris suddenly retired. The governor took the commission's chairmanship away from one member and gave it to another. Finally, all six commission members, each a Perry appointee, were forced to resign.

Perry has proposed replacing the commission panel with a single commissioner nominated by the governor and confirmed by the Senate to serve a two-year term. A similar arrangement is in place for the Health and Human

Services agency, the Texas Department of Education and the Texas Department

The big advantage to having a single commissioner is clarity on who is responsible for the agency's performance. It's also clear who hired that per-

It's true a single commissioner would boost the governor's direct influence over the youth agency. But when problems erupt at a state agency, the public tends to hold the governor responsible for dealing with it, and the governor ought to have some power to meet that responsibility.

In addition, with a single commissioner, the Legislature would know

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Lou Ann Humpries, above, was a guest speaker, along with Mike Giesler, both of Pampa Regional Medical Center, at a recent meeting of the Pampa Rotary Club. Ms. Humpries discussed the new sleep lab here in Pampa and went over warning signs for sleep apnea. The sleep lab opened in October and is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. Giesler, director of respiratory therapy at PRMC, said patients must be referred to the lab by a doctor and explained the appointment process in more detail.

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### FEATURE STORY BOX

### Coast Guard rescues cockatoo from tree

PORTER, Texas (AP) — It took a Coast Guard helicop- cockatoo flew to his arm. ter to rescue a man and his pet cockatoo from the heights of a pine tree after he got stuck trying retrieve the \$2,000

William Hart, 35, had climbed about 60 feet up the tree to get the bird after it escaped from its cage and flew out a bedroom window. Television video showed him standing on a branch Tuesday evening awaiting rescue, the exotic white bird apparently tucked under his shirt.

The bird, Geronimo, got out after Hart's daughter apparently forgot to latch his cage after feeding him, Hart told the Houston Chronicle. He said he spotted Geronimo in flight and chased him, then climbed the tree until the

That's when Hart realized they were stuck. He said he yelled to his sister, who was helping him chase the bird, to

Firefighters had trouble backing a truck up to the tree because of the rain-saturated ground, so the Coast Guard helicopter was called in. The crew used a harness to ge both man and bird down.

Hart had a few scratches and a bite on his finger from the frightened bird nipping him, but he said he was glad it all worked out. The shaking bird tucked its beak under his

collar as he held it. "He's my baby," Hart said. "I'd do it again."

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## Reagan

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purchased in 1995, there was a clear danger that by 2005 the tanks available would be older than the soldiers

driving them. Thanks to President Bush and Duncan Hunter that was not allowed to happen.

Under President Clinton our miliship in Congress our troops are now being denied the funding they need to Radio America Network. prevail in Iraq.

Once again, I have to ask why they want us to lose another war. Wasn't losing in Vietnam enough?

Mike Reagan, the eldest son of tary was drastically downsized. the late President Ronald Reagan, is Under the new Democratic leader- heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally as part of the

### Reese

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Fathers believed that as long as people were free to speak and to debate, that ultimately the truth would triumph. That is the basis of our belief in self-government. In the long run, ing is to prohibit people from being

truth will triumph over error.

It is the totalitarian society that says there is only one version of the truth and forbids debate and inquiry. "That's why people in such societies are slaves. Speech is a reflection of prohibit thought. Since the mind is ers. what distinguishes the human being from other animals, to prohibit think-

Thomas Jefferson had it right. If the people err, the solution is education, not repression. We must always be on guard to protect liberty, because it is only freedom that distinthought, and to prohibit speech is to guishes our great country from oth-

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exactly whom to summon for a detailed accounting, rather than pound on a group of part-time volunteers who may have little idea what really goes on in the depths of their agency. In examining another recent state government fiasco, the failed privatization contract Accenture, lawmakers knew exactly whom to interrogate on the state side: Health and Human Services Commissioner Albert Hawkins.

its budget authority over any state agency, regardless of how it is run. And the governor is not free to fire a commissioner confirmed by the Senate to a two-year term, though few such appointees would likely resist a gubernatorial demand for a resignation.

Even with a single commissioner, there ought to be an advisory council made up of experts from various fields to monitor the youth agency. The Legislature is not in session most of the time, and such a panel if its members get out of the boardroom and talk to staff and youths could be useful not only to the agency's man-

The Legislature, of course, retains - agement team but to lawmakers.

Some, especially Democrats, may object to giving Perry, a Republican, more direct authority over a state agency. There are questions about how aggressively his office looked into signs of trouble at the commis-

But the issue isn't Perry. It's how to focus responsibility, not spread it around until everybody and nobody is accountable when things go wrong. The governor's proposal for a single commissioner has gotten a cold reception in the Legislature so far, and no legislation has been introduced. But we urge lawmakers to reconsider.



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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** Within the last two months, my dear 75-year-old friend, "Margery," lost her 51-year-old daughter and her 29year-old granddaughter to cancer. (They were mother and daughter.) At the funeral home there was a table at the entrance to the viewing room with a printed card asking for your name, address and phone number if you wanted to receive an obituary and memorial card encased in plastic. (I did.) Two days after the funeral, I received a call from the funeral home asking me what my thoughts were about the funeral. I told the man I had been to many funerals in my life, but had never been called and asked my thoughts about any of them. However, since he was asking, I told him I had been upset to hear from Margery that he tried to charge her \$1,000 more for her granddaughter's wake then he did for the daughter's identical wake. And then, this insensitive jerk proceeded to ask me if I had any thoughts about making "prearrangements" for my OWN demise and funeral! Abby, I couldn't believe my ears! deceased mother and daughter two days use the signed book (to receive memorials) "promote business" is, in my eyes, unconscionable! Your thoughts, please. --DORIS L. IN FLORIDA

seen it all, a letter like yours lands on my desk. Whether the person who called you was the funeral director or a salesman, that person is his own worst enemy. Margery should consider herself fortunate that he didn't approach any mourners who ONTARIO, CANADA appeared to be under the weather and try to sign them up then and there. People with **DEAR THANKFUL:** Thank you for an such little sensitivity for the feelings of others should not be in a people-oriented profession. If that man's employer reads this, I strongly recommend that he be rele

gated to the back room, where the individuals he deals with are far beyond the cares and concerns of this world. Readers, in case you're under the impression that most people are this insensitive and cynical, read on for a change of pace:

**DEAR ABBY:** Please print my letter about an act of kindness. I was having a rough day at school. I had left some medication at home, but only had enough bus fare for one way. So I borrowed money from a friend and went home at lunch. The heat was terrible, but I still had to walk back to school. After I returned to school, I fainted in my fourth period class. My teacher said I could go home. The bus came right away. The driver told me to get on and look for my money afterward. Well, I couldn't find it. It must have fallen from my pocket when I fainted. I told the driver why I didn't havethe fare and even offered him two fares for the next day. He didn't believe me. I was so upset I started to cry while I was getting off the bus. Then I heard a woman say, "Wait!" A funeral home trolling for business from She took out her wallet and looked for grieving friends and relatives of the change. She didn't have any, so she offered the driver a \$20 bill. The driver couldn't after the granddaughter's funeral? And to accept the money, but I thought it was so kind of her to offer to pay the bus fare for for names, addresses and phone numbers to a total stranger. I was just about off the bus when another woman offered me a bus ticket. I don't know how to express how grateful I was to those two women. So if you are one of the women who took the DEAR DORIS: Just when I think I have Route 43 bus and helped me out that day, please know I will always remember the kindness you showed me. You are the two nicest people ever -- and I don't even know your names. - THANKFUL FOR THE STRANGERS. KINDNESS OF

> upper of a letter, which proves that angels don't always fly -- sometimes they ride the bus just like the rest of us.

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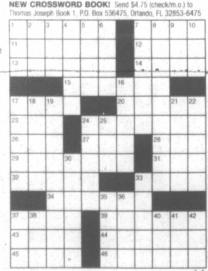
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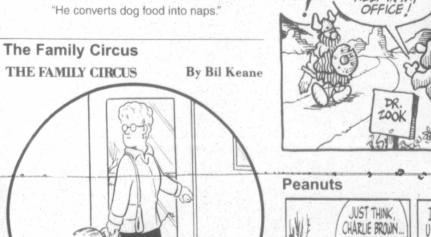


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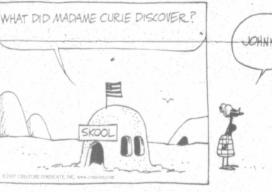
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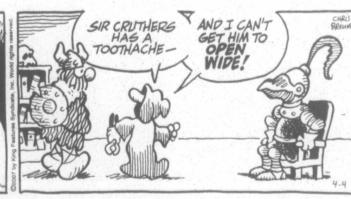






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# Sports Day

## Lady Harvesters defeat Randall to take lead in district

**By JORDAN REAGAN** Sports Editor

The Lady Harvesters defeated Randall Tuesday night 15-5 to take the lead in district 3-4A with a 5-0 record, 19-6-3 overall.

Cassy Tice pitched the game and recorded the win to improve to 13-3.

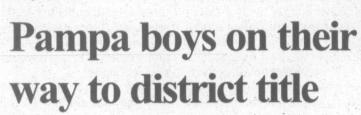
Winkelman, Logan Stephanie McVay and Nicole Clark scored three runs each, and Kelby Doughty scored two runs to help put Pampa in a significant lead over the Lady Raiders.

Kambra Jimenez, Jasmaine Moore and Tice also scored one run each.

As distict leaders, the Lady Harvesters will travel to Dumas Thursday to face off with the Lady Demons.

Dumas follows Pampa in district standings with a current 4-1 record and hopes to tie things up with a win against the Lady Harvesters.

If Pampa keeps their streak alive, they will take a two-game lead for the 3-4A district title.



Wizards look lost without

another key player Tuesday to step up and become that

New

"We just needed to win 14 rebounds for Charlotte,

Lakers 105.

in the second half.

**Butler, fall behind Heat** 

By JORDAN REAGAN Sports Editor

Pampa improved to 16-5-1 with a 24-6 win over Palo Duro Tuesday night.

Fortenberry Colden pitched two innings, allowing only one run and one hit with three strikeouts to impove to 3-2 for the season.

Sophomore Blake Sieck hit his second home run of the season, brought in two runs and batted in two runs to lead offensively.

James Coffee also had district title.

**By The Associated** 

**Press** 

almost all season, the Miami

Heat have to prefer the way

things look now — with the

The Heat welcomed back

Raptors 92-89 to move into

first place in the Southeast

Jason Kapono, the NBA's

leading 3-point shooter,

played in his first game since

spraining his ankle four

weeks ago. He hit his first

three shots, including a 3-

pointer, and finished with

The Heat moved a half-

game ahead of the Wizards,

who looked lost in their first

game since Caron Butler

broke his hand. Washington

allowed Charlotte to shoot

57 percent in a 122-102 loss.

career-high 19.1 points and

7.4 rebounds, was hurt in

Milwaukee. Barring a deep

run in the playoffs, Butler is

The way the Wizards

done for the season.

The All-Star, averaging a

win

tonight," Kapono said.

Division again.

seven points.

Sunday's

night, then beat the Toronto nasty guy."

standings and the injury

After chasing Washington

three runs and three RBIs, and Brady Eakin had three runs with 2 runs batted in.

Brett Ferrell had two runs and 3 RBIs.

With a record of 3-0 in district, the Harvesters are tied for the lead with Randall, which is 14-8 over-

The Harvesters will travel to Hereford (1-2) Thursday in hopes of further improving their district record and gaining a secure lead for the

looked against the Bobcats,

He's a guy that can guard

guys like Gerald Wallace,"

Wizards guard DeShawn

Stevenson said. "He's an

All-Star. But some of the

guys on this team will have

Detroit 100, Indiana 85;

Phoenix 116, Memphis 111;

San Antonio 110, Seattle 91;

Orleans

Milwaukee 101; Cleveland

101, Minnesota 88; Dallas

97, Sacramento 93; and.

Denver 111, the Los Angeles

which was never threatened

21 points, Emeka Okafor

had 17 points and 13

rebounds, and Raymond

Felton had 17 points and 14

were the team fighting for

playoff position and we were

the team that was going

home in the next nine or 10

days," Wizards forward

Antawn Jamison said.

"They seemed like they

assists for the Bobcats.

Wallace had 34 points and

Walter Herrmann added

"We miss Caron a lot.

that appears unlikely.

In other



Cassy Tice, from last week's home game against Palo Duro. Tice improved to 13-3 after Tuesday's win.

## Acker takes first place at Dumas

The Harvester Tennis Team competed in the Dumas Invitational on Friday March 30-31.

Friday, most of the participants played one match before the snow and rain canceled the tournament for the day.

They did come back to finish the tournament on Saturday but some of the matches had to be shortened to eight game pro-sets.

The lineup changes for the Harvesters proved to be advantageous with Haley Acker winning the tournament in

girls singles. "Haley played very well this weekend. She is one of the hardest working players I've been around and did a great job," coach Emily Laurence said, "I can't wait to see how

my only senior does at district." Pampa also had several players receive 8th place. Coach Laurence will attend the district meeting on Wednesday April 4 to set the seeds and draws for the dis-

trict tournament that is on April 9-10 in Dumas. Pampa will also compete in the Amarillo Relays on Thursday and Friday April 5-6.

Results are as follows:

Girls Singles

·Haley Acker; - 1st place Def. Kelly (Palo Duro) 6-0, 6-0 Def. Maria Bernal (Dumas) 6-2, 6-3Def. Ashley Evenson (Hereford) Def. Schuele Batenhorst (Canyon) 6-4, 1-6, (10-8)

Megan Barnett - 13th Place Lost to Schuele Batenhorst (Canyon) 0-6, 1-6 Lost to Chelsea Brown (Dumas) Def. Sadie Rosser (WF Hirschi) Def. Nicole Trivelli (WF Hirschi)

**Boys Singles** 

Kevin Frels - 6th Place Def. D Acevedo (Randall) 2-6, 6-4, (4-10) Lost to Michael Dix (WF Hirschi) Def. Aaron Souvannasacd (Palo Duro)2-6, 7-5, (11-9) Lost to Issac Olive (Randall)

Tyler Morris - 13th Place

Lost to Issac Olive (Randall) Lost to Harrison Albrecht (Canyon) Def. Brett Hallum (WF Hirschi) Def. D Acevedo (Randall)

**Girls Doubles** 

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## Former Grambling coach Eddie Robinson dies

RUSTON, La. (AP) — Eddie Robinson, who sent more than 200 players to the NFL and won 408 games during a 57-year career, has died. He was 88.

Super Bowl MVP quarterback Doug Williams, one of Robinson's former players, said the former Grambling State University coach died shortly before midnight on Tuesday. Robinson had been admitted to Lincoln General Hospital on Tuesday afternoon.

"For the Grambling family this is a very emotional time," Williams Wednesday. "But I'm thinking about Eddie Robinson the man, not in today-time, but in the day and what he meant to me and to so many people."

career Robinson's

eral wars and the civil-rights movement.

His older records were what people remembered: in 57 years, Robinson set the standard for victories, going 408-165-15. John Gagliardi of St. John's, Minn., passed Robinson and has 443 wins.

"The real record I have set for over 50 years is the fact that I have had one job and one wife," Robinson

He had been suffering from Alzheimer's, which was diagnosed shortly after he was forced to retire following the 1997 season, in which he won only three games. His health had been declining for years and he had been in and out of a nursing home during the last

Robinson said he tried to spanned 11 presidents, sev- coach each player as if he

wanted him to marry his daughter.

He began coaching at Grambling State in 1941, when it was still the Louisiana Negro Normal and Industrial Institute, and single-handedly brought the school from obscurity to international popularity.

Grambling first gained national attention in 1949 when Paul "Tank". Younger signed with the Los Angeles Rams and became the first player from an all-black college to enter the NFL. professional Suddenly, scouts learned how to find the little school 65 miles east of Shreveport near the Arkansas border.

Robinson sent over 200 players to the NFL, including seven first-round draft choices and Williams, who succeeded Robinson as

Grambling's head coach in 1998. Others went to the Canadian Football League and the now-defunct USFL.

Robinson's pro stars included Willie Davis, James Harris, Ernie Ladd, Buck Buchanan, Sammy White, Cliff McNeil, Willie Brown, Roosevelt Taylor, Charlie Joiner and Willie Williams.

Robinson said he was inspired to become a football coach when a high school team visited the elementary school he attended.

"The other kids wanted to be players, but I wanted to like that coach," Robinson said. "I liked the way he talked to the team, the way he could make us laugh. I liked the way they all respected him."

Robinson was forced to retire after the 1997 season,

after the once perennial powerhouse fell on tough times. His final three years on the sidelines brought consecutive losing seasons for the first time, an NCAA investigation of recruiting violations and four players charged with rape.

As pressure mounted for him to step aside, even the governor campaigned to give him one last season so he could try to go out a win-

But 1997 produced only three wins for the second straight year.

Robinson's teams had only eight losing seasons and won 17 Southwestern Athletic Conference titles and nine national black college championships. His den is packed with trophies, representing virtually every award a coach can win.

### Arizona 2011 **Super Bowl** bid is official

PHOENIX (AP) — The Arizona committee hoping to land the 2011 Super Bowl says it has been told the NFL received its bid proposal ahead of Monday's deadline.

But the state, which hosts next year's Super Bowl XLII at University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Ariz., likely will face stiff competi-

Indianapolis and Dallas also threw their hats into the ring for the 2011 game. Both cities are constructing new stadiums, something team owners look favorably upon when deciding where to award the big game.

Still, Arizona bid officials say they feel confident as the first step of the process comes to an end.

### **Texans' Johnson embraces** new QB Matt Schaub

Andre Johnson and Matt Schaub stood on the practice field Tuesday chatting and laughing, smiles planted firmly on their faces.

It didn't take long for the Houston Texans' quiet Pro Bowl receiver to warm up to his new quarterback. On the first day of Houston's voluntary offseason workouts, the two looked like old friends.

"Every time we see each other we're just talking, trying to learn things about each other," Johnson said.

Many of the Texans joined Johnson and Schaub at the 45-minute conditioning workout, including last year's top draft pick Mario Williams and newly acquired running back Ahman Green.

Schaub came to Houston to replace David Carr in a trade March 22. Johnson thinks he's already got a feel for the former Falcons backup in the short time since then.

"Just from looking at the way he walks around the locker room and things like that, you can tell he's a leader," Johnson said. "That's something you want to have at the quarterback position.'

It's one of the qualities Texans officials touted in Schaub, who has started just two games in his threeyear career.

He's serious about mak- 2003.

ing Houston his team and has already began work on becoming a leader.

The respected unproven player signed a six-year deal worth \$48 million.

"I think this is the time of the year to do it," he said. "It's hard to start that once the season gets going because everything comes so quick and you've got to prepare for the games. It's ... getting to know one another on the field and asserting that leadership in the offseason rather than waiting for the season."

Schaub feels lucky to be moving into his first starting role in an offense that features Johnson.

"It's fantastic," he said. "It's a quarterback's dream to have a guy like that on the outside that can make people miss, go up and catch the deep ball and is fast like him. He's just a great asset to have.'

While Johnson, who made his second Pro Bowl last season after catching a career-high 103 passes for 1,147 yards, embraced his new quarterback, he also shared some thoughts about the old one.

He said it was disappointing that Carr, who was the first pick in the 2002 draft, wasn't able to succeed in Houston and offered an opinion why. Johnson was the third overall pick in

## China to spend less on Olympic security than other recent Games, official says

BEIJING (AP) — China will spend less on Olympic security than other recent hosts of the Summer Games but is confident the 2008 competition will be troublefree, a security official said Wednesday.

International demands to boost security in the wake of Sept. 11 terror attacks on New York and Washington pushed costs for the 2004

Summer Games in Athens to a record-breaking \$1.5 bil-

"Our costs will be controlled below that of other countries when they held the Games, while also ensuring that the security work proceeds smoothly," said Liu Shaowu, head of security of the Beijing Organizing Committee for the Olympic

Liu said relying on domestic providers for surveillance systems and other necessary equipment had helped keeps costs low but den," he told the press. gave no specific details or

State media reported last month that plans drawn up in 2005 allocated \$300 million for security, only about 20 percent of the amount spent

Liu said all departments had been asked to carry out a cost-efficient games.

"Waste is strictly forbid-

Liu said security models of previous games, including the 1972 Olympics in Munich when 11 Israeli athletes and coaches were killed by Palestinian gunmen, had been meticulously studied to help avoid past mistakes.

## Howard, Terry step up against Kings

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) - Although Dirk Nowitzki was sick and missed the game, it still seemed at times like business as usual for the mighty Dallas Mavericks.

With their MVP candidate recuperating from food poisoning in a Sacramento hotel, the NBA's best team mixed in enough firepower with gritty defense when it mattered most to beat the slumping Sacramento Kings 97-93 Tuesday night.

Josh Howard scored 29 points and Jason Terry added 27 for the Mavericks, who played only their second game all season without Nowitzki, their leading scor-

"It wasn't so much guys stepping up, we have guys that do that all the time even

when Dirk is here," said veteran Jerry Stackhouse, who came off the bench for 23 points, five rebounds and five assists. "Our focus tonight was on the defensive side of the ball. We were real disappointed with how we played (Sunday in a loss) against Phoenix.

Dallas limited Sacramento to 39 percent shooting. Twice in the final two minutes, the Mavericks blocked interior shots by Ron Artest that could have cut their lead to a lone basket.

"We showed some gutsy defense down the stretch and protected our basket," Mavericks coach Avery Johnson said. "(Erick) Dampier and (DeSagana) Diop made big blocks and that helped us win this 69. Stackhouse opened the of 21 shots, all nine free fourth quarter with a three- throws, and collected eight point play and Dallas scored rebounds. Terry was equally eight straight points to effective, shooting 10-of-20 assume the lead for good.

It was Stackhouse delivering the game's biggest basket, making a jumper over the outstretched hand of Artest with 28 seconds left to put the Mavericks ahead 93-Both Terry and Stackhouse made two free throws in the final 12 seconds to preserve the victory.

"He (Artest) is a tough defender. I was able to make him move and get a little space for a shot," Stackhouse said. "It was not and 11 of 13. Kevin Martin a shot I want to live by, but it

Howard got off to a quick start and the Kings never did find an effective way to shut

With the Mavs trailing 70- him down. Howard made 10 and getting five assists and five rebounds.

"You take Dirk off and they are a different team," coach Kings Musselman said. "But they had several guys who stepped up. Stackhouse played extremely well down the stretch and Howard and Jason Terry had good games."

Artest had 25 points and 10 rebounds for the Kings, who have lost four straight had 17 points and nine rebounds, Mike Bibby had 16 points and Shareef Abdur-Rahim added 12.

## Washington on Guerrero's hitting: 'This guy's a monster'

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Texas manager Ron Washington theorized before the game about ways to keep Los Angeles Angels slugger Vladimir Guerrero in

After Guerrero went 4-for-4 on Tuesday night, including a solo homer and a pair of RBI singles in the Angels' 8-4 victory over the Rangers, it was back to the drawing

"We've got to figure out a way to get this guy out. If I get an opportunity not to pitch to him, I won't pitch to him," Washington said. "I tried to pitch around him, and it

"I mean, this guy's a monster. I can't walk him every at-bat. We tried to throw it out of the zone, he

Guerrero certainly has been a monster at the plate against the Rangers. His first time up against them this year, he singled home the Angels' initial run of the season in their 4-1 victory in Monday's open-

He's hitting .442, with homers, 49 RBIs and 49 runs in 56

career games against Texas. Rangers starter Vicente Padilla

didn't particularly feel picked on. "Guerrero is hitting everybody," Padilla said through a translator. "I

made a good pitch to him in the first inning, but he broke his bat and still got a single."

Added Los Angeles manager Mike Scioscia: "He does that to everybody. He's just a special offensive player." In other AL games, it was:

Seattle 8, Oakland 4. Washington is off to an 0-2 start in his first major league managing

Minnesota 3, Baltimore 2; and

job, and Guerrero is a big reason. "You're not going to stop him completely," he said. "The best thing is when he's in situation

the plate and then throw offspeed pitch from Padilla over the fence in down and away where he can't get the big part of the bat on it."

Padilla's first pitch to the Angels' slugger in the opening caused Guerrero to whirl away from the plate. A couple of pitches later, he singled in the Angels' first

"He got his toehold and didn't move again," said Washington, who had Guerrero intentionally walked with a runner on second and two outs in the sixth.

Guerrero hit a towering shot just where he can hurt you, don't pitch outside the left-field foul pole in 1) for six runs and nine hits in 42to him. All I can say is, get him off the third inning, then drove another 3 innings.

straightaway center for his first homer of the year.

Kelvim Escobar (1-0) went 5 1-3 innings and allowed three runs and inning was a fastball inside that - three hits. One of them was Ian Kinsler's second solo homer in as many games. The Angels righthander walked five and struck out

Justin Speier, signed by the Angels as a free agent during the offseason, threw 1 1-3 scoreless innings, and Scot Shields closed with two perfect innings.

The Angels pounded Padilla (0-

### **Lincoln latest Pirates' top** pick to need arm surgery

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Right-hander Brad Lincoln, the Pittsburgh Pirates' top draft pick last year and a former star at the University of Houston, had reconstructive elbow surgery Tuesday and will miss this season.

Lincoln, who had a ligament replaced in his elbow, is the latest former Pittsburgh first-round draft pick to require a major arm operation. Six of the last seven pitchers the Pirates have drafted in the first round needed major surgery: Lincoln, Bryan Bullington, John Van Benschoten, Sean Burnett, Bobby Bradley and Clint Johnston.

Only Burnett, Van Benschoten and Bullington have pitched in the majors,

and Van Benschoten appeared in only six games in 2004 and Bullington pitched in one game a season later. Bullington missed the 2006 season and Van Benschoten was limited to five minor games last year after not pitching in 2005.

Lincoln tried throwing at the Pirates' spring training complex in February and again last week, only to be shut down both times. The Pirates expect him to resume his career next year.

The surgery was performed by Dr. James Andrews, the Birmingham, Ala.-based orthopedic surgeon who specializes in ligament replacement opera-

## Tennessee wins seventh NCAA national title with 59-46 win over Rutgers

everything they had for the rest of the season. Now, their names will be permaetched into

Tennessee's record books. many before them, made history.

drought between NCAA titles with a swarming defense and relentless rebounding, Tennessee beat Rutgers 59-46 on Tuesday night, giving the Lady Vols and coach Pat Summitt their seventh national championship.

The standard of excellence in women's college basketball, Tennessee had-

CLEVELAND (AP) — n't won it all since 1998, wouldn't I? I'll be back was all about helping this They all signed a pact in losing twice in the semifi-January, promising to give nals and to Connecticut in the title game in 2000, 2003 and 2004.

The Lady Vols would not be denied this time.

"Our banner's going to These Lady Vols, like so be in the rafters forever," said a smiling All-American Candace Parker, Ending a nine-year who scored 17 points. "We've left our mark."

Tennessee came to the home of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame intent on leaving with more than a souvenir T-shirt. And they're heading back to Knoxville with another trophy for the display case, and a pledge from Parker that she'll be

back for her junior season. "C'mon," she said. "Why wearing orange next year. team. And that's why I said I'm coming back to Tennessee."

It might be premature to start thinking about title No. 8. But with the majority of her players back, Summitt, whose seven titles are second only to John Wooden's 10, is positioned to make another run. When isn't she?

But after cutting down the nets and hoisting the championship trophy, Summitt insisted this crown wasn't any sweeter than the

"I'm just being honest with you, this is not about winning No. 7," she said. "This is about this team winning its first. For me, it we're not leaving here without a national championship."

The Lady Vols wanted this title - badly. Almost from the outset, they outworked the young Scarlet Knights (27-9), who waited until the final game of an improbable tournament run to show their inexperience.

"Maybe we read the headlines or realized it was a national championship game," said Rutgers coach C. Vivian Stringer, denied a first championship in her first visit since taking Cheney to the title game 25 years ago. "We looked like a deer stuck in headlights."

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### Texas counting on Coach G to bring back glory days

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — For two decades, Texas has been trying to recapture the standard of perfection Hall of Fame coach Jody Conradt and the Longhorns set.

The university thinks Gail Goestenkors may be just the woman to do it.

Goestenkors, who built a powerhouse in 15 years at Duke, resigned from the Blue Devils on Tuesday to take over a Texas program longing to return to the dominance Conradt wielded over women's basketball when she had the first undefeated NCAA championship team.

There have been other of 16. good runs since, but Conradt, one of only two her resume is a national Division I coaches with 900 wins, retired March 12 after the Longhorns didn't make the NCAA tournament for the second straight year.

Goestenkors - her Duke players called her Coach G - immediately surfaced as Texas' top choice to be the new coach and it's easy to see why: five Atlantic Coast Conference championships, four Finals Fours and 10 years in a row of reaching

the NCAA tournament round

The only thing missing on championship. Goestenkors came close, getting to the title game in 1999 and 2006.

She had done almost all she could at Duke. And when Texas came calling, she decided it was time to head

Goestenkors and Texas officials won't comment publicly until Thursday, when her new job is approved by University of Texas regents.

"In the end, it came down to her seeking a new challenge at this stage in her career and her life," Duke athletic director Joe Alleva said in a statement. "While we are disappointed that she has chosen to leave, we have to look forward now and search for the best women's basketball coach for Duke

University." Duke fans hoped to keep the 44-year-old Goestenkors, who won seven ACC coach of the year awards and compiled a career record of 3963 Person security a

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\* Others get information, though they might not realize what is happening. You have a better sense of direction. Listen to others carefully. A parent or someone you need to answer to could be touchy. A partner might do better with this situation. Tonight: Say

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

understand the strong feelings?

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

ight: Be naughty.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Tonight: Hang close to home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*★★★ You might want to choose a dif-

ferent path if you want different end

results. Others will become more easygo-

ing if you simply work with them rather

than against them. Think before you take

an emotional leap. Tonight: Do you

\*\*\*\* Your creativity surges in an

unprecedented manner. Listen to news

that might be critical to your well-being,

and don't spin off in a new direction

You'll revive your thinking after a brain-

storming session. Let ideas flow.

\*\* Security earmarks your decisions.

You might need and want to rethink your

decisions. How you deal with family, of

course, might not change. Still, give

some thought to being more creative and

open with those who are the closest.

\*\*\* Speak your mind. Investigate

opportunities that suddenly land on your

doorstep because of unexpected and

unusual actions. Think in terms of gains

and growth. Your ability to understand

others could be the key to success.

Tonight: Hang out with favorite people.

\*\*\* You will be able to make a sub-

stantial difference if you handle your

funds carefully. Think about your impact

professionally if you accept new technol-

ogy. Stop fighting the inevitable. A friend

might rain on your parade. Tonight: Easy

\*\*\*\* You know what you are doing

and where you are heading. You might

want to recheck some financial matters.

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toll. Be sensitive to what is offered, but

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\* Take your time thinking and decide on a key question with care. Evaluate and get feedback. You don't need to have everything tumble in a fashion that would please you. Examine alternatives rather than jump on the

bandwagon. Tonight: Easy does it.

also be willing to say "no." Tonight

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\* Zero in on what you want. You might not always have the complete answer, but often you do. Think in terms of achieving your long-term goals. Never lose sight of the big picture. Understanding takes you in a new direction. Tonight: Where your friends are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\* Take charge of your life and be less affected by others. Express your strong personality without fear of the ramifications. Consider going off on your own professionally, if need be. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\* Reach out and seek answers. You could feel stressed out. You might want to get more information. Verify and find out. Think positively. New beginnings become possible. Much is going on that will come out professionally.

Tonight: Where the music is.

Surgeon Joseph Lister (1827), actress Bette Davis (1908), U.S. General, Secretary of State Colin Powell (1937)

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## EPA revives California's request for tougher emission regs

its efforts to set the nation's first from cars, light trucks and sport utility vehicles, the Environmental Protection Agency said.

The state has been seeking an exemption from the federal Clean Air Act since 2005 to set emissions standards in hopes of reducing greenhouse gases.

The EPA had refused, arguing

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — that the authority to set fuel econo-California can move forward with my standards belonged only to the U.S. Department of Transportation. standards to cut tailpipe emissions The Supreme Court, however, eliminated that argument on Monday, ruling that the EPA has the authority to establish vehicle emissions standards.

> That 5-4 ruling could also affect an auto industry lawsuit seeking to block the state's proposed regula-

The California regulations were

designed in 2002 to reduce the emissions from cars and light under the federal Clean Air Act to trucks by 25 percent and from SUVs by 18 percent starting in

"We've reviewed the issues within the waiver request," EPA spokeswoman Jennifer Wood said Tuesday. "We're moving forward to the next steps of the process."

The agency next will schedule a public comment period and public

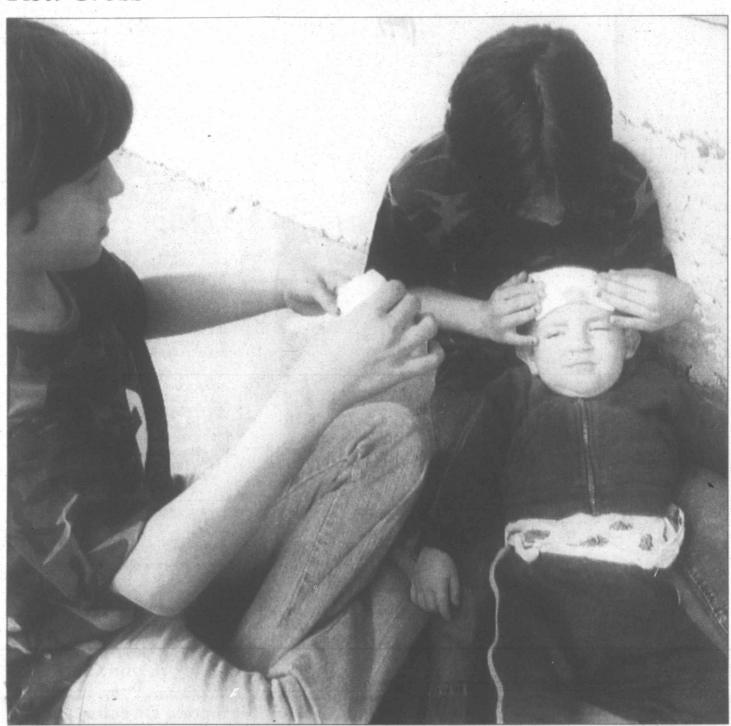
California has special authority set its own vehicle emissions standards because it began regulating air pollution before the federal government did in the 1970s. Ten other states have adopted California's standards, and Maryland is considering doing so, but they have to wait to implement them until the EPA grants California a waiver.

"It's clear EPA has to consider

California's waiver request now," said Sean Hecht, executive director of the environmental law center at the University of California, Los Angeles. "That doesn't mean it's a foregone conclusion with respect to the waiver request."

Monday's court ruling prompted movement Tuesday in a separate lawsuit brought by the auto industry to prevent California from moving forward with its regulations if it receives the waiver.

### Red Cross





TOP: The fellow with a bandage on his head is named Garrett. Don't worry. He is only pretending to be injured. Attending him are Summer and Sierra, members of the Eastern Texas Panhandle's Youth Chapter of the American Red Cross. The youth are learning first aid and CPR. BOTTOM: Matthew, Summer and Sierra toted cases of water during the recent training.

### People flee midday shooting at CNN Atlanta

Gunfire inside the CNN Center sent a lunchtime crowd scurrying for cover as a hotel employee was shot dead in a domestic dispute and her former boyfriend was wounded by security.

The man dragged the woman down an escalator following an argument in the lobby of the Omni Hotel, which is part of the downtown CNN complex, and shot her Tuesday, police said.

A CNN security guard witnessed the altercation and shot the man, police said.

"All of a sudden we heard a big boom. We thought it was an explosion," said

Trina Johnson, 44, of Atlanta, who was with her daughter in the busy food court in the CNN atrium. "We didn't see the gun. Everybody just started run-

The Omni employee was identified as Clara Riddles, 22, of College Park, according to Caryn Kboudi, a spokeswoman for the Irving, Texas-based hotel chain. Riddles checked restocked honor bars in the hotel rooms, she said.

Riddles was taken to Grady Memorial Hospital and pronounced dead on

arrival, a hospital spokeswoman said.

police as Arthur Mann, in his late 30s, was in stable condition at the hospital's detention center. He faced a murder charge, Atlanta Police officer James Polite said.

"I heard four or five shots. I really didn't see it. I got out of there quick," said Jas Stanford, 27, who had been across the street taking down a temporary stage that was used for college basketball's Final Four festivities.

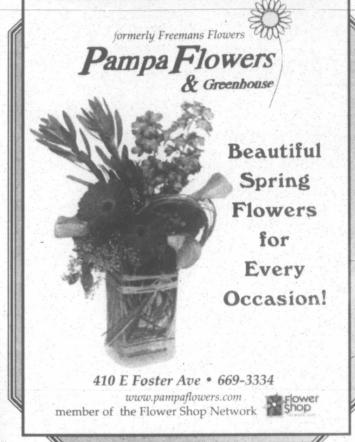
The NCAA basketball final was played Monday night at the nearby Georgia

Soon after the shooting, CNN's own coverage of the shooting was being shown The man, identified by on large-screen televisions

inside the atrium, near the escalator where the shooting had just taken place.

The security guard, 10year veteran Odell Adams, saw the couple arguing, and when the man fired his gun, Adams shot the man, said Lisa Tobias, director of corporate responsibility for Broadcasting Turner' System, which operates CNN.

The CNN Center is just across the street from Centennial Olympic Park, where a bomb exploded during the 1996 Summer Olympics, killing a woman and wounding more than 100 people.





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