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Election results

Runoff election marked by extremely low turnout in county

By MARILYN POWERS
The Pampa News

An extremely low turnout marked the Democratic primary runoff election yesterday in Gray County, with 30 total ballots cast, according to Gray County Elections Administrator Linda Lewis. Local voters followed the statewide trend and gave the majority of the votes to Mark Thompson, who was in the runoff against Dale Henry as Democratic candidate in November for Texas Railroad Commissioner.

Thompson received 19 votes, or 63.33 percent, in Gray County, versus Henry's 11 votes, representing 36.67 percent of the total.

Statewide, Thompson, a therapist, garnered 117,496 votes, or 89.16 percent of the total. Henry, a retired petroleum engineer, received 81,107 votes, or 40.83 percent.

Thompson will now face incumbent Republican Michael Williams in the general election in

November for the post. The Texas Railroad Commission regulates the oil and gas industry in Texas.

Mail-in ballots by voters registered in Gray County numbered 11 for the runoff election, Lewis said. Early voters added another seven

ballots to the total.

The cost to Gray County to conduct the runoff election just completed is estimated to be \$4,366, or approximately \$146 per vote cast.

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Black Sunday focus of Guthrie event

By MARILYN POWERS
The Pampa News

A memorable dust storm and the area will be the focus of an event Saturday called "Dust and Remembrance."

A presentation will begin at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center, 320 S. Cuyler, according to Loralee Cooley, one of the event's organizers.

Lamar Elementary School students will sing songs by Guthrie, who was a Pampa resident at the time of the storm, and present a short "reader's theater" production written by their music teacher, Cynthia Hauck.

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Local library raises more than \$3,000

By MARILYN POWERS
The Pampa News

Debbie Harris of Skellytown won the nutcracker set awarded Sunday during the last day of the Friends of the Library's book sale, while Ruth Nidiffer of Panhandle was the winner of the \$25 gift certificate from Hasting's Books, Music and Video, according to Roy Morriss, book sale chairman for the Friends of the Library.

"We had a record first day and a good turnout for the sale," Morriss said. Friends of the Library took in approximately \$3,400 on Thursday, the first day of the sale, he said.

"We may have other drawings later for seasonal nutcracker sets," Morriss said.

The next book sale will feature paperbacks only and is planned for the first weekend in October.

Museum jackets



Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers

Walter Miller of Freedom Museum USA, 600 N. Hobart, displays jackets for children and youths available at the museum. The jackets, which represent branches of the U.S. military, are on sale for 20 percent off regular price, and the museum does not plan to reorder more jackets to restock their supply until at least autumn, Miller said. Proceeds from the jacket sales go to support the museum. Museum hours are noon to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays.

Blood drive nets much-needed life source

The Pampa Community Blood Drive on Monday, April 7 yielded much needed donations, bringing in 86 people and drawing 61 units of blood. That's 45 more units than was gathered last year at this same time.

"It was a great day for us," Marketing and Community Relations Director Suzanne Talley of Coffee Memorial Blood Center said. "We were in immediate need, almost critical need, of positive and O negative so Pampa's

drive was perfect timing." According to Talley, a three day supply is considered stable and Coffee Memorial Blood Center was down to a one day supply before Pampa's blood drive.

"We've had a ton of

deferrals due to cold and flu season," Talley said.

Coffee Memorial is still in need of type O negative and type O positive blood donations. Type O positive is the most common blood

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Study: Middle class increasingly downbeat about short-term economic progress

WASHINGTON (AP) — Growing numbers of middle-class Americans say they aren't better off than they were five years ago, reflecting economic pressures amid growing debt, a

study released Wednesday shows. Their short-term assessment of personal progress, according to the study, is the worst it's been in nearly half a century.

The survey by the

Pew Research Center, a Washington-based research organization, paints a mixed picture for the 53 percent of adults in the country who define themselves as "middle class," with household

incomes ranging from below \$40,000 to more than \$100,000.

It found that a majority of Americans said they haven't progressed in the last five years. One in four, or 25 percent, said their

economic situation had not improved, while 31 percent said they had fallen backward. Those numbers together are the highest since the survey question was first asked in 1964. Among

the middle class, 54 percent said they had made no progress (26 percent) or fallen back (28 percent).

Middle-class prosperity also lagged

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Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 38. Windy, with a west-northwest wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Friday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 58. West-northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 39. North-northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 62. North-northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Miss. court to hear cases at law school

OXFORD, Miss. (AP) — A panel of judges of the Mississippi Court of Appeals will hear arguments in two cases April 22 at the University of Mississippi School of Law.

Members of the appeals court occasionally travel to locations outside Jackson to accommodate college audiences.

Law students of the Criminal Appeals Clinic will present oral arguments. The students are admitted to limited practice of law under the supervision of attorney Phillip W. Broadhead, clinical professor and director of the Criminal Appeals Clinic.

Cases before the court are: — Derrick Luckett's appeal of his 2007 conviction of embezzlement and a 10-year sentence from Rankin County.

— David Brooks' appeal of his 2006 convictions of two counts of aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer and two 20-year sentences from Oktibbeha County.

Luckett will be represented by law school students Angela M. Gallagher of Magnolia and Jay Hurdle of Memphis.

Arguing on behalf of Brooks will be William Andrew Lewis of Fayetteville, Ga., and Daniel B. McLeroy of Center, Texas.

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Obituaries

Hector Humberto Nevarez, 15

Hector Humberto Nevarez, 15, of Pampa, died April 6, 2008, at Pampa. Vigil services were held Tuesday at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel.

Funeral mass is scheduled at 3 p.m. today at the church with the Rev. Francisco Perez, pastor, officiating. Hector will lie in state until 5

p.m. today at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.



Nevarez

May 5, 1992, in El Paso. He had been a resident of Pampa since 2004, attending Pampa High School.

Survivors include his parents, Luis Humberto and Irma Teresa

Nevarez, of the home; one brother, David Nevarez of Pampa; grandparents, Refugio and Bertha Navarez, and Manuel Arreola and Ramona Gonzalez, all of Mexico.

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

Rose Sharron Washburn, 63

ABILENE — Rose Sharron Washburn, 63, died April 6, 2008, at Abilene. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Washburn was born

Nov. 15, 1944, at Pampa. She married Gary Washburn on July 10, 1968, at Reno, Nev.

Mrs. Washburn moved to Abilene two years ago from Pampa. She belonged to

First Baptist Church of Pampa and was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by a son, Howard Scott Washburn in 1991.

Survivors include her hus-

band, Gary Washburn, of the home; and a cousin, Frances French of Pampa.

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

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents between 12:01 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, April 8
Eighteen traffic stops were made.

A traffic complaint was received from the 100 block of East 27th.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 1000 block of North Hobart.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 300 block of North Banks, twice in the 1100 block of Duncan, once in the 1100 block of Sierra, twice in the 1700 block of Hamilton, once in the 500 block of South Ballard and the 1200 block of North Dwight.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 1200 block of East Frederic.

A civil matter was reported in the 1100 block of South Hobart.

Found property was reported in the police department lobby.

A missing person was reported in the 1100 block of Juniper.

Welfare checks were made at the intersection of Varnon Drive and Neel Road, and the 900 block of Varnon Drive.

Warrant service was attempted on one occasion.

Suspicious person calls were received from the inter-

section of Faulkner and McCullough streets, and the intersection of 19th and Hobart streets.

A prowler was reported in the 2800 block of Charles.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2400 block of Cherokee, the 2100 block of Mary Ellen and the 2100 block of Hamilton.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of North Wells. A house was shot with paintballs. Estimated cost of damage is \$20.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of North Roberta. A house was shot with paintballs. Estimated cost of damage is \$10.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1900 block of Dogwood.

An information report was taken at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles, concerning students yelling at each other on a bus.

A threat was reported in the 800 block of North Wells.

Harassment was reported in the 1000 block of East Frederic and the 900 block of North Somerville.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 400 block of Jupiter.

Assault was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester.

Twelve business checks were made.

Two building checks were made.

Information and theft were reported at Rent-A-Center, 1700 N. Hobart. A person tried to cash a fraudulent check in the amount of \$3,500.

Theft was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart and the police department lobby.

Identity theft was reported

in the 2200 block of Dogwood. Three credit cards were issued with the victim's Social Security Number. At least \$408 was charged on one of the cards by someone other than the victim.

Burglary was reported twice in the 1100 block of Seneca.

Wednesday, April 9
Two traffic stops were made.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 2300 block of Williston, and the intersection of Alcock and Nelson streets. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident at the intersection of Alcock and Nelson streets.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of Finley.

Sheriff

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

Monday, April 7
Oscar Benito Lopez, 31, of Wheeler was arrested by GCSO on a sentence for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense.

Shavonne Deven Manes, 26, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Marshall Clayton Johnson, 42, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a probation violation for burglary of a habitation.

Heather Alexis Elsass, 23, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a probation violation for theft over \$50 and under \$500.

Steven Ray Stone, 33, of Rush Springs, Okla., was arrested in the 200 block of North Russell by Pampa Police Department for assault, failure to appear and capias pro fines for displaying expired motor vehicle

registration and two counts of failure to appear.

Tuesday, April 8
Marcheri Renell Hughes, 22, of Pampa was arrested in the 500 block of Huff Road by PPD on capias pro fines for failure to display driver's license, two counts of no valid driver's license, failure to appear/bail jumping, displaying expired registration and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Benjamin Blanco Jr., 29, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO to serve a 60-day sentence for failure to identify.

Roger Juan Pineda, 26, of Pampa was arrested in the 400 block of Hill by PPD for theft by check.

Justin Wayne Sealman, 19, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for theft of property over \$1,500 and under \$20,000.

Wednesday, April 9
Ashley Lynn Cornish, 21, of Pampa was arrested in the 1300 block of Alcock by PPD on a capias pro fine for no valid driver's license.

Ambulance

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

Tuesday, April 8
10:24 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Parkview Hospital in Wheeler and transported a patient to BSA Hospital in Amarillo.

2:32 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

8:20 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Hobart. No transport.

Wednesday, April 9
4:52 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Alcock on a fire standby.

American cancels 850 more flights Wednesday

DALLAS (AP) — American Airlines canceled 850 flights Wednesday — more than one-third of its schedule — as it spent a second straight day inspecting the wiring on some of its jets, the same issue that caused the nation's biggest airline to scrub hundreds of flights two weeks ago.

American canceled nearly 500 flights on Tuesday,

stranding hundreds of passengers. Federal inspectors found problems with wiring work done two weeks ago, although the airline says safety was never jeopardized.

Tim Wagner, a spokesman for American, said cancellations could continue beyond Wednesday as the airline works on its MD-80 jets.

American uses the MD-80s mostly on mid-range flights, particularly from hub airports in Dallas and Chicago. Wagner said 208 of Wednesday's cancellations would occur at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport and 138 at Chicago O'Hare.

At New York's LaGuardia Airport, hundreds of passengers stood in a check-in line. The airline offered free doughnuts, coffee and orange juice, but there were few takers.

Bishop Bernard Jordan, a Harlem minister, was in a first-class line trying to catch a flight to Atlanta, where he was scheduled to preach Wednesday night.

"It would have been good to know in advance," said Jordan, who said he has 4 million frequent-flier miles with American and flies to Atlanta every other week. "I would have booked with another airline."

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BP PLC ADR	64.78	+0.93
Cabot Corp	30.03	-0.11
Celanese	41.88	-0.39
Cabot Oil Gas	58.13	+1.15
Coca Cola	60.63	+0.12
VLO	49.65	-0.28
HAL	41.97	+0.06
XCEL	20.81	+0.06

Anadarko	65.85	+0.62
XOM	89.73	+0.12
Nat'l Oilwell	68.53	+0.70
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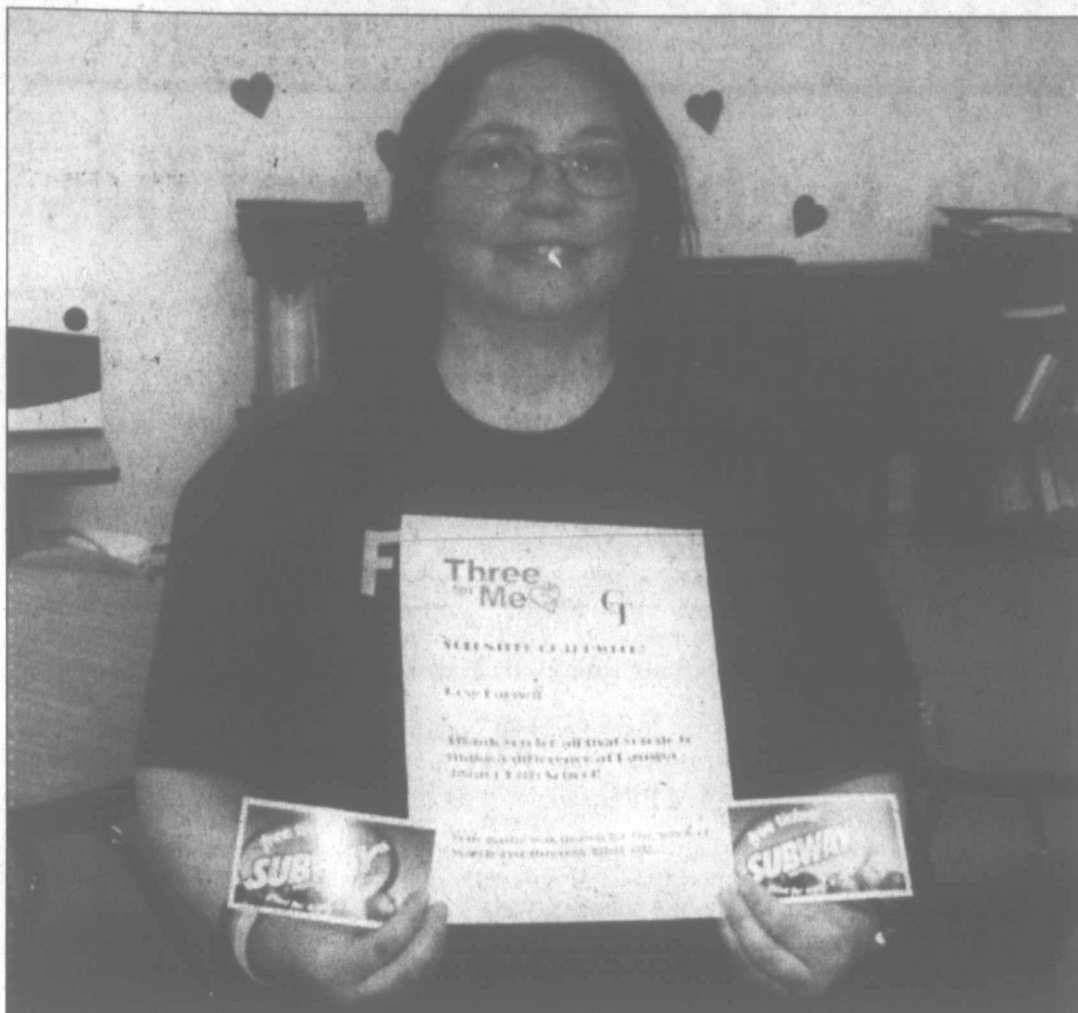
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Promise Keeper winner



Courtesy Photo

Promise Keeper for the Week for March 31 and April 4 was Rose Parnell. Her name was drawn from several names of volunteers at Pampa Junior High School. The prize was gift certificate(s) to Subway.

Election

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Of that total cost, \$3,366 will be passed on to the Democratic Party, said Lewis. The remaining \$1,000 are costs which cannot be passed on to others by the county because of rules established by the Texas Secretary of State, she said.

Estimated costs adding up to the \$4,366 include \$1,484 for precinct judges and clerks, \$105 for delivery of equipment by each voting judge to the courthouse, \$540 for pick up and set up of equipment and mileage to do so, \$500 for ballots, \$10 for postage concerning mail-

in ballots, \$36 for a public test, \$55 for machine usage fees, \$24 for a central return person, \$40 for required public notices in the press, \$306 for an election fee and the \$1,000 which Gray County must pay for offering early voting for the election.

"I wish there was a way to make such runoffs less expensive," Lewis said.

The low turnout for Tuesday's runoff was not especially surprising since a local race was not involved and the runoff did not involve a highly publicized race, Lewis said.

"A lot of people told me that they did not know anything about either of the candidates, so the felt they should not cast a ballot for either one," she said.

Study

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compared with richer Americans. From 1983 to 2004, the median net worth of upper-income families — defined as households with annual incomes above 150 percent of the median — grew by 123 percent, while the median net worth of middle-income families rose by just 29 percent.

At the same time, most middle-class people remained upbeat when asked to measure their progress over a longer timeframe, although their level of optimism lagged behind their richer counterparts. Two-thirds, or 67 percent, of middle-class Americans say their standard of living is better than the one their parents had at the age they are now.

In contrast, 80 percent of richer people said they exceeded their parents' standard of living. Among the lower class, only 49 percent reported better conditions.

"It's been a lousy run for the American economy and people feel it," said Paul Taylor, director of Pew's Social & Demographic Trends project and lead author of the study. He noted that people's pessimism largely tracks annual median household income, which has seen little gain in recent years. Middle-class people also may be disproportionately feeling the pinch because they tend to borrow more heavily against their homes to support their lifestyles, Taylor said.

"Still, over a span of a generation, it's been a pretty good run, even as there are some recent pressures that I think people are feeling," he said.

The Pew poll involved telephone interviews with 2,413 adults, conducted from Jan. 24 to Feb. 19. The margin of sampling error was 3 percentage points.

Among the other findings: —Nearly eight in 10 of all people, or 79 percent, said they believe it has become more difficult compared with five

years ago for the middle class to maintain their standard of living, up from 65 percent in 1986.

—Among the middle class, no consensus existed on who was to blame for their economic problems. Twenty-six percent blamed the government, while 15 percent faulted the price of oil and 11 percent said the people themselves were responsible. Others faulted foreign competition and private corporations for economic woes.

Drive

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type and O negative is a universal donor, used in emergency situations for patients of unknown type.

"We appreciate everything your community does to help," Talley said.

STATE NEWS

Sect allegedly forced four girls to marry at puberty

ELDORADO, Texas (AP) — The scared girl, already a mother at 16, whispered into a cell phone: she wanted out. She'd been forced to spiritually marry a man more than three times her age, becoming his seventh wife.

Her husband sexually assaulted her, and when he was angry, he would beat her while other women held her infant, she told a family violence shelter in a series of secret calls that triggered an investigation of the polygamist sect here.

The girl had looked for opportunities to escape before, but she was warned that outside the double-gates blocking entry to the Yearning For Zion Ranch, in a world completely foreign to her, she would be forced to cut her hair and wear makeup, and to have sex with many men — all damning transgressions in a faith where modesty calls for women to wear long

underwear year-round under pioneer-style dresses.

At the end of one call she began to cry; she wanted to take it all back.

But child welfare officials allege in court documents released Tuesday that the compound built by leaders of the Fundamental Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints was rife with sexual abuse, with girls spiritually married to much older men as soon as they reached puberty and boys groomed to perpetuate the cycle.

The documents detail the hushed phone calls, but days after raiding the West Texas compound, officials still aren't sure where the girl is. She is not named among the children in initial custody petitions by the state.

Texas authorities have legal custody of 416 children, all of those believed to have lived at the ranch,

Child Protective Services spokeswoman Marleigh Meisner told reporters in San Angelo, about 40 miles from the compound in Eldorado.

Court documents said a number of teen girls at the 1,700-acre compound were pregnant, and all the children were removed on the grounds that they were in danger of "emotional, physical, and-or sexual abuse." Nearly 140 women left on their own.

"Investigators determined that there is a widespread pattern and practice of the (YFZ) Ranch in which young, minor female residents are conditioned to expect and accept sexual activity with adult men at the ranch upon being spiritually married to them," read the affidavit signed by Lynn McFadden, a Department of Family and Protective Services investigative supervisor.

Guthrie

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Saturday's program is the relating of memories of people who lived in the Texas Panhandle at that time. Quotes from "Black Sunday," a book by Pampa native Frank Stallings, will be read. The book includes the memories of relatives, friends and neighbors. The day the storm occurred was Palm Sunday for that year, and the day has been referred to as "Black Sunday."

Newspaper clippings of the era will also be part of Saturday's event, and photos of the dust storms in Pampa will be on display. An exhibit will be on display Thursday

and Friday during the folk music center's regular hours, 1 to 4 p.m. The exhibit includes photos from the 1930s and several pieces of Schneider Hotel memorabilia from the collection of Christine Campaigne, a member of the Schneider family. One item is a lace curtain panel from the hotel which was removed and laundered after the dust storms, Cooley said.

Photos include those provided by Rochelle Smith Lacy from her parents' photo studio; Jo Sikes, children's librarian at Lovett Memorial Library; Velma and Kenneth Lard; Harriet Smiley; and Anne Davidson, executive director of White Deer Land Museum.

Saturday's event is free and open to the public.

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Viewpoints

Haditha: The collapse of a web of liberal lies

You'd hardly know it if you relied on the mainstream media, but the government's case against the Haditha Marines took another body blow that may be the beginning of the end for this whole sorry attempt to severely punish eight heroic United States Marines for doing what they are trained to do.

In a surprise development on the day Lance Cpl. Stephen Tatum's court martial was scheduled to begin, all charges against him were dropped without explanation.

Tatum, facing charges of reckless endangerment and aggravated assault that could have sent him to prison for 18 years, was the fifth

Marine — and the second of three enlisted men — to be exonerated, leaving only one enlisted Marine still facing court martial.

Tatum's exoneration should come as no surprise to anyone familiar with the real facts in the case. During an ambush by insurgent forces in Haditha, 15 civilians and nine insurgents were killed by Marines of Kilo Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines. The incident began when an IED explosion killed a Marine and wounded two others. In the wake of that explosion, a squad of Marines came under insurgent gunfire.

The 15 civilian deaths, which came during house-clearing operations, were the

result of a time-honored insurgent tactic of hiding themselves among civilians when ambushing U.S. forces, hoping to score a propaganda coup when the civilian shields are killed in the ensuing crossfire.

Full details of the incident on Nov. 19, 2005, were supplied in great detail to the entire command structure the very night of the engagement, and the incident was regarded for what it was — a tragic result of an enemy ambush. No further action was required or taken.

Months later, however, Time magazine published a story reporting that the



Michael Reagan
Columnist

Marines had gone on a rampage, wantonly killing innocent civilians to avenge the death of their fellow Marine killed in the IED explosion.

Using Time magazine's fallacious account of the civilian deaths, Pennsylvania's Democratic Rep. John Murtha went on a rampage of his own, telling every media outlet that would listen that the Marines had committed "cold-blooded murder." He first claimed

that his information came from a briefing from the Marine Corps Commandant, but when that claim was disproved he admitted that his source was Time magazine.

Murtha's charges were broadcast far and wide, and before any investigation of the incident could get underway, the media joined Murtha in finding the Marines guilty of a massacre.

In the ensuing media firestorm that broke out, many news reports here and abroad compared the Haditha deaths to the infamous My Lai massacre during the Vietnam War.

Neither Murtha nor the mainstream media bothered to check Time's sources —

two known insurgent propagandists and insurgent-friendly Haditha residents living under the guns of insurgent killers who were the only authority in town.

It wasn't because the real facts were not available to any reporter willing to investigate the Haditha case, yet only one news source bothered to look into the case.

As early as May 31, 2006, NewsMax.com had begun to poke holes in the case, and from that time down to the present, NewsMax continued to report the truth about Haditha and defend the Marines who were innocent of the charges eventually leveled against them.

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, April 9, the 100th day of 2008. There are 266 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 9, 1865, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered his army to Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House in Virginia.

On this date:

In 1682, French explorer Robert de La Salle claimed the Mississippi River Basin for France.

In 1939, singer Marian Anderson performed a concert at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington after she was denied the use of Constitution Hall by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

In 1940, during World War II, Germany invaded Denmark and Norway.

In 1942, American and Philippine defenders on Bataan capitulated to Japanese forces; the surrender was followed by the notorious Bataan Death March which claimed thousands of lives.

In 1947, a series of tornadoes in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas claimed 181 lives.

Our readers write

Foundation Service to compliment other services ...

Dear Editor,
I'm writing in regards to the EMS service being brought to the panhandle.

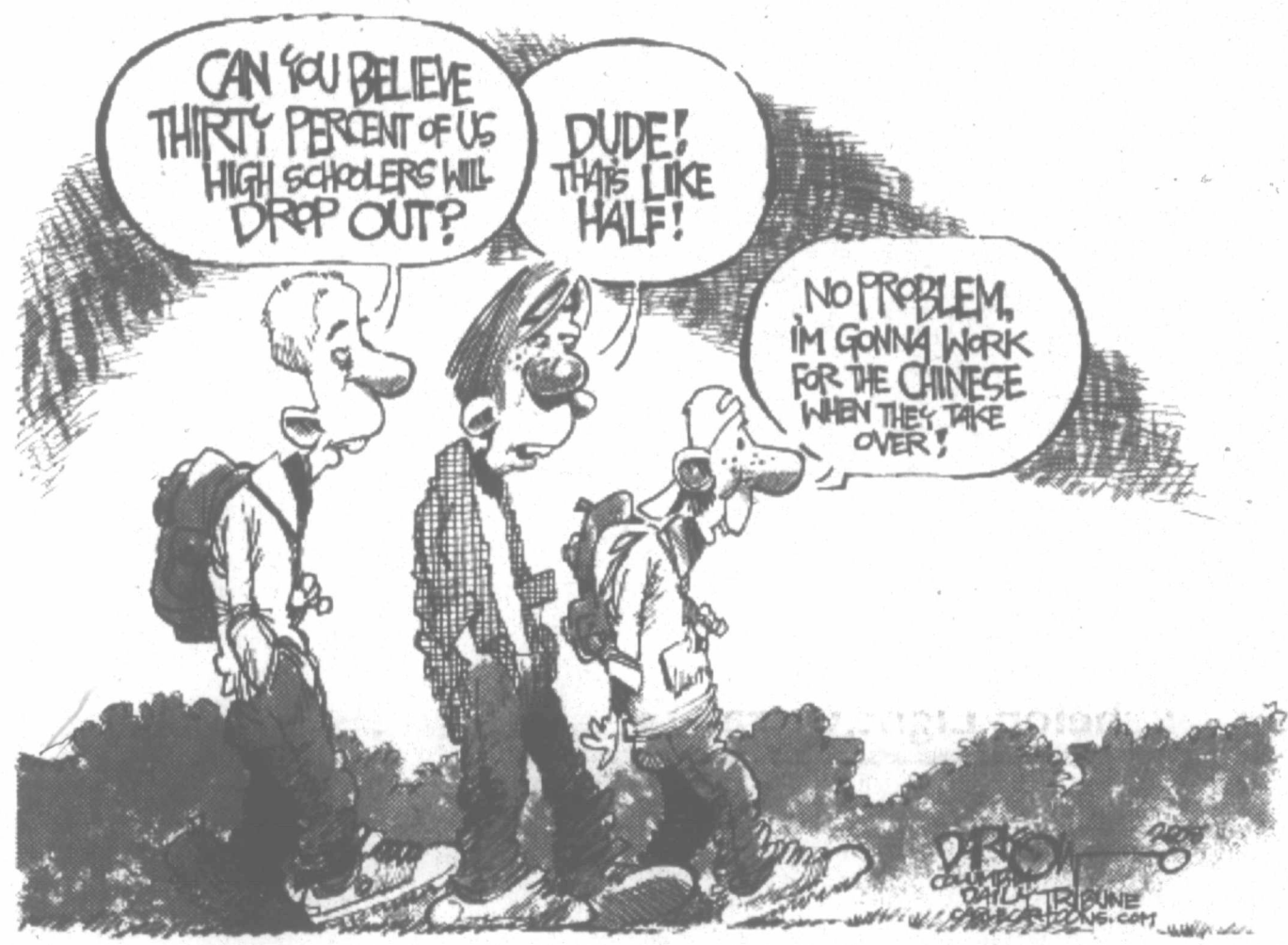
It is my understanding that the Foundation Service is meant to compliment the services that are already available. There have been times that patients have needed to be transferred from this facility to another one and there has not been service available locally or in the surrounding area to do that for us. Air ambulances have been called in from as far away as San Antonio because of the lack of availability. The helicopters in Amarillo and Lubbock cover a large area and are very busy.

No one has tried to diminish the care provided by Basic EMTs but there is only so much they can do. There

are multiple levels of EMTs so that more advanced care can be provided when required.

We have multiple levels of care throughout all the medical field and we are a team that is to provide the best care available. Sometimes our best is not enough. Basic EMTs cannot do what Paramedics can do just as Medication Techs cannot do what Registered Nurses can do. If you were in ICU would you rather an experienced Medication Tech or a Registered Nurse care for you. They are both valuable in their setting just as Basic EMTs and Paramedics are. We have wonderful general surgeons here but I don't want them doing heart surgery on me.

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Bloviating can cause bad things to happen

Coffee sippers who think it might be a good idea to free Tibet from China are about 58 years too late. China is not going to free Tibet, and Western encouragement of Tibetan resistance will only get people killed needlessly.

Tibet was part of China for centuries. In 1913, when China seemed to be falling apart, the British Empire encouraged Tibet to declare its independence. It did, and that lasted until 1950, when, at the end of the Chinese civil war, China invaded and reclaimed the area. By then, the impotent British Empire was in no position to help anyone even if it had been so inclined. America chose to do nothing.

If you are not willing to make your way to the Tibetan plateau and face Chinese guns and prisons, then you certainly should not

sit around some coffee shop and urge Tibetans to do so. Tibet is a strategic area of China, and the Chinese government is not going to give it up or grant it independence or even autonomy. To paraphrase a famous outlaw, it is enough that we know that China will do what it has to do.

As for us, we should do nothing. Tibet is part of China, and what happens there is an internal affair of China. The rest of the world has no right to interfere, and other than bloviating for a while, I seriously doubt that it will. Unfortunately, in this age of global communications even bloviating can cause bad things to happen to people.

Boycotting the Olympics is a foolish idea by a tiny minority of fanatics. The

Olympics have nothing to do with Tibet, just as they had nothing to do with the Russian invasion of

Afghanistan. Boycotting the games would be a cruel blow to athletes who have been sweating and training for four years. It would accomplish nothing. It would further politicize the games, which should be encouraged to return to their amateur status.

China was awarded the Summer Games in a fair international competition and has spent a lot of money getting ready for them. Any attempt to spoil the games will do a great disservice to

the athletes, the Chinese government and the Chinese people. It will do nothing positive and will only harden attitudes and end up making the world even more dangerous than it already is.

Americans in particular should keep in mind that we are currently engaged in mismanaging two occupations of two countries that we illegally invaded. Neither enterprise is going well. Neither is our economy. In short, we have enough on our own plate without trying to steal a bite off of China's plate. We should make sure that Afghanistan and Iran are the last wheezes of the sick American Empire and shut it down and return to our republic.

I don't know why some Americans seem to have trouble realizing that the

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ March 27
Houston Chronicle on bringing wireless Internet to needy areas:

The sudden collapse of EarthLink's deal to provide all of Houston with wireless Internet access is actually a lucky break. Houston made out nicely in the final settlement: EarthLink paid \$5 million for defaulting on the deal.

Houston's plan B free Internet service "bubbles" in 10 underserved areas instead offers a laboratory in which to test the practicality of citywide Internet service. At the same time, the bubbles will bring online many residents whose lives can be improved dramatically by

the free access.

It's an exciting opportunity, and Houston should take full advantage. Starting with Gulfton the dense, low-income location of the first "bubble" the city needs to provide hardware, training and marketing so neighborhood residents can hit the online landscape at a run.

Citywide wireless is an attractive notion. Fortunately, its flaws surfaced before the Houston build-out began. As other cities also discovered, universal access includes many more costs than EarthLink and other companies calculated. Who pays for maintenance and infrastructure if the operator later backs out? Whose service standards should be met? And while it seemed egalitarian, Houston's goal of wiring nearly the

entire city was impractical, involving service to vacant lots and other dead zones.

The Internet "bubbles" will give Houston the chance to analyze these and other issues. The project should also prompt serious thinking about problems that will become pressing several years from now. Among them: the impact of unlimited computer access on residents' lives; how to keep unsupervised children from downloading improper content; how to relieve workers stressed by being accessible and on call virtually 24 hours per day.

Already, the Menninger Clinic in Houston has identified patients suffering from "technology overload" people

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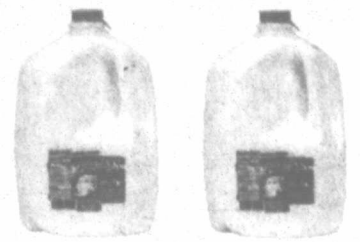
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My 13-year-old twin daughters were very close, considered each other their "best friend" and got along beautifully sharing a room. Disagreements and arguments were rare and nearly always minor. However, during the last few months, out of the blue, they have begun fighting and arguing frequently. They scream and yell at each other over the pettiest of things. Instead of being constant companions, they no longer want to do anything together. Now they spend time separately with friends. They are even asking us to get a bigger house so they can have separate rooms. They refuse to share the bathroom in the morning -- which had never been a problem before -- claiming to need privacy from each other. This makes things very difficult during the morning rush because we also have a 15-year-old son who needs to get ready for school. I am at my wit's end trying to deal with this. I have no idea what caused this sudden rift, and the girls don't seem to understand it either. Please help. -- **LOUISIANA MOM OF 3**

DEAR LOUISIANA MOM: What's causing the rift is that your daughters are maturing. Their hormones are changing, and they are trying to become individuals. This is a healthy thing, and you should not worry. As to the scheduling problem in the bathroom -- if the girls won't cooperate and share the facilities, then they will have to alternate. And your job as mother and referee is to see that they do.

DEAR ABBY: I recently visited my favorite brother and his family for a few days. My sister-in-law invited me to go out for coffee with her -- just the two of us -- then proceeded to tell me in great detail about an affair she had about a year ago. I was floored. My brother doesn't know

about this, and now this information is haunting me. If my brother knew my husband had cheated and didn't tell me, I'd be furious. On the other hand, telling my brother will hurt him. What should I do? -- **BURDENED IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR BURDENED: Ask yourself this question -- if you wanted to keep an infidelity from your spouse, would you confide "in great detail" in his sibling? If the answer is no, then consider that your sister-in-law is either completely lacking in judgment or subconsciously aching to get caught. Then follow your conscience.

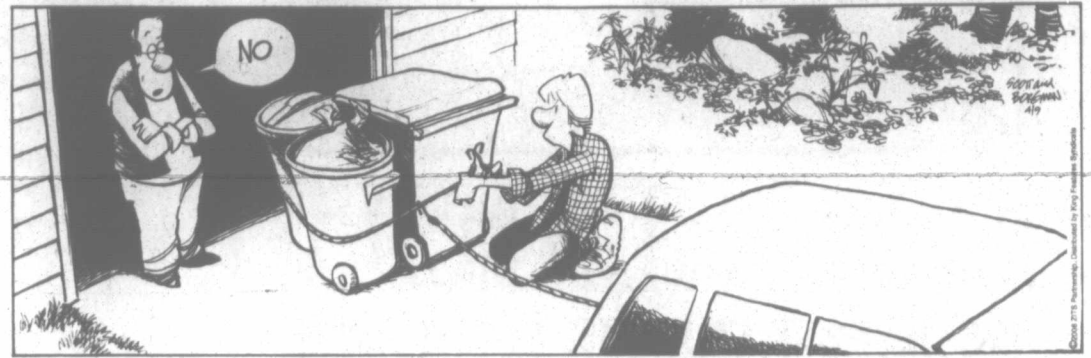
DEAR ABBY: I would appreciate your opinion on a matter that has me concerned. My son and his wife have gone on a trip to Africa. I am watching the grandchildren part of the time while their parents are gone. The night before my son left, I said, "To be prudent and prepared in case of emergency, in the event you have an accident, who will be the permanent guardians for these children?" His reply was, "That is none of your business. It is a personal matter." Was I out of bounds to ask that question? -- **GUILT-RIDDEN IN REDMOND, WASH.**

DEAR GUILT-RIDDEN: Absolutely not. Your question was a timely and intelligent one. A more pertinent question would now be why your son became defensive that you asked. Could it be that he feels guilty because the answer is you will not be named as guardian? If that's the case, then some written provision should be made specifying that if anything happens to him and your daughter-in-law, you will have visitation with your grandchildren -- because unless it is on paper, there is no guarantee you will.

For Better Or Worse



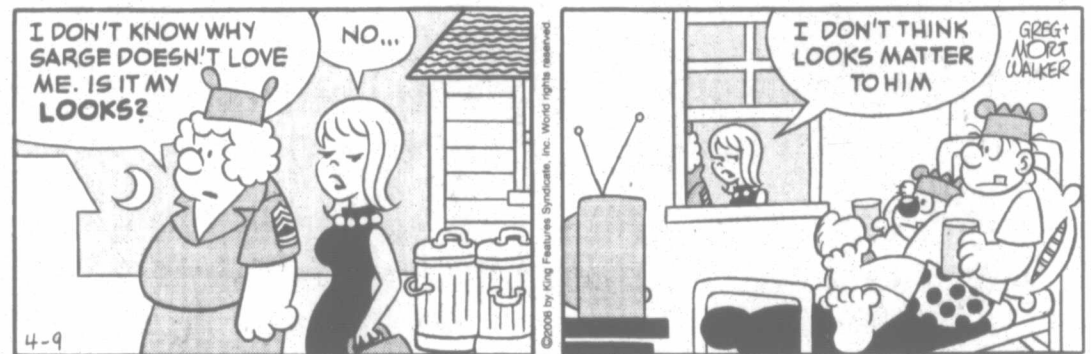
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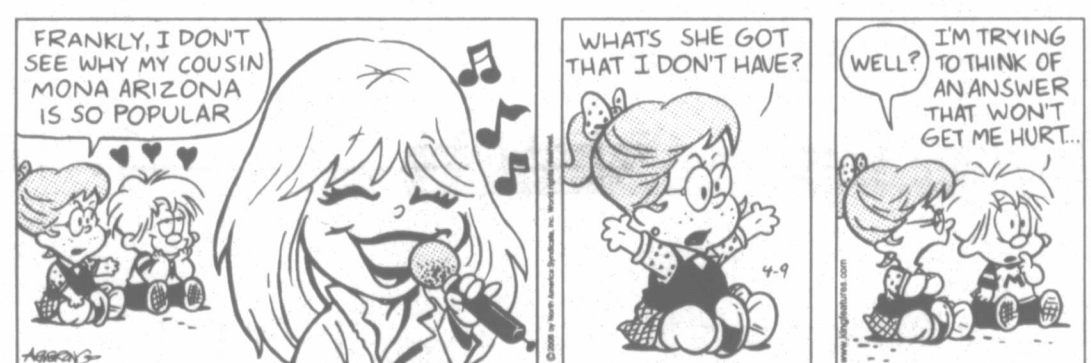
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Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

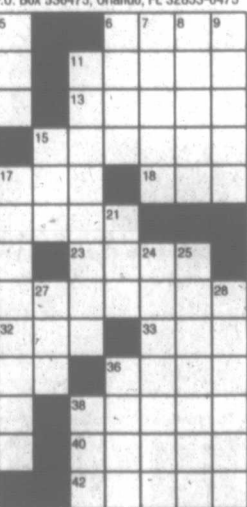
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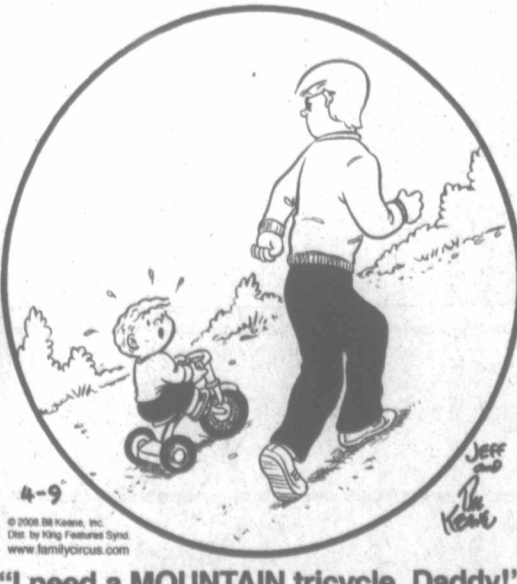
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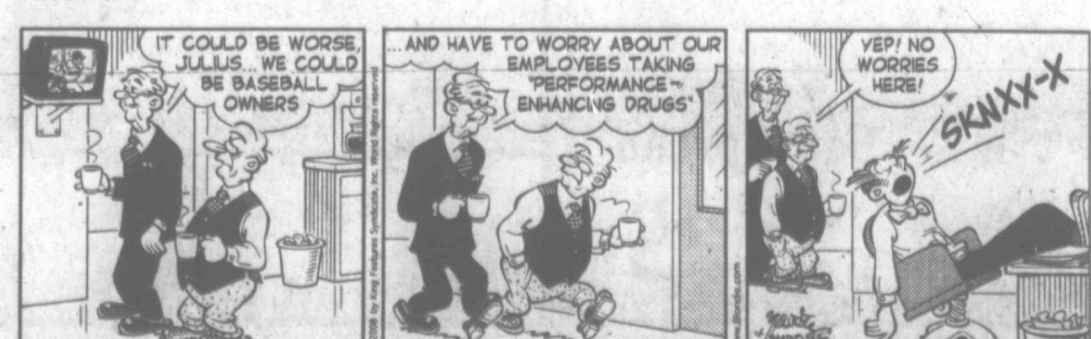
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Sports



Courtesy Photos
Clockwise from top, Jeremy Sprouse competes in high jump, Timbra Overstreet in shot put and Dustin Forsyth in discus.



Lefors competes in area track meet, top four finishers qualify for Regional Meet

The Lefors track team (28.03) competed in the Area I-A Track Meet yesterday, April 8 in Panhandle. The girls placed second out of 16 teams with only five girls competing and the boys placed fourth. The top four finishers in each event will compete at the Regional Meet to be held in Levelland April 25 and 26.

Results are as follows: For the girls team in discus, Timbra Overstreet placed third (91'9") and also placed first in shot put (32'10 1/2"). In long jump, Valerie Miller placed first (14'8 1/4") and Emily Jackson placed second (14'6 1/2"). In pole vault, Valerie Miller placed first (31'2 1/4"). In triple jump, Emily Jackson placed first (31'2 1/4"). In 400 meter relay, Lacie Johnston, Emily Jackson, Monica Pairsh and Valerie Miller placed fifth (56.58). In 100 meter dash, Valerie Miller placed second (13.38) and Emily Jackson placed fifth (13.78). In 200 meter dash, Valerie Miller placed first (27.74) and Emily Jackson placed second (28.03).

For the boys team in discus, Dustin Forsyth placed second (131'6"). In shot put, Dustin Forsyth placed fourth (38'7 1/2") and J.D. Pairsh placed sixth (35'8 1/4"). In high jump, Jeremy Sprouse placed third (5'10"). In pole vault, Nick Hess placed second (10'0") and Keenan Lott placed fourth (8'6"). In 400 meter relay, Payton Johnson, Jeremy Sprouse, Nick Hess and Brandon McBee placed fifth (47.51). In 800 meter run, Trever Czubinski placed sixth (2:20.07). In 110 meter hurdles, Jeremy Sprouse placed fourth (17.96). In 100 meter dash, Payton Johnson placed sixth (11.71). In 400 meter dash, Trever Czubinski placed third (55.62). In 300 meter hurdles, Jeremy Sprouse placed third (45.06). In 200 meter dash, Nick Hess placed seventh. In 1600 meter run, Gabriel Miller placed seventh. In 1600 meter relay, Robert Wallen, J.D. Pairsh, Dustin Forsyth and Trever Czubinski placed seventh.

Do you have sports tips, story ideas or photographs? Would you like to see your information in the newspaper? If so, contact Julie Thompson at the Pampa News: 806-669-2525 or e-mail at sports@thepampanews.com

Mavericks pull away late for 99-83 win

DALLAS (AP) — After a rousing come-from-behind victory in their last game, the Dallas Mavericks avoided a misstep against the struggling Seattle SuperSonics.

Jason Terry scored 22 points, Josh Howard added 17, and Dallas crept closer to a playoff berth with a 99-83 victory over Seattle on Tuesday night.

Dallas rallied from a 13-point deficit in the fourth quarter to beat Phoenix on Sunday. The Mavericks again responded with a late spurt Tuesday to shake the lowly Sonics and solidify their standing in the competitive Western Conference postseason chase.

The Mavericks came into the game with a two-game lead over Denver and Golden State in the race for seventh place in the West.

"All these games are big for us," Terry said. "We can't afford to slip up, especially at home. We were playing a team with nothing to lose. You know they're going to play hard. We just have to play harder than them."

The Sonics — who lost their club-record 60th game — kept the game close until the fourth quarter. Seattle was within six before Dallas went on an 18-4 run to put the contest out of reach.

Brandon Bass scored 13 off the bench for the Mavericks, and Dirk Nowitzki chipped in with 11 points and 12 rebounds in his fourth game since returning from knee and ankle injuries.

Mavericks point guard Jason Kidd believes his team is headed in the right direction as the season moves toward the final week.

"This is not a bad time to be playing your best basketball with the playoffs right around the corner," Kidd said. "We've had our tough spells. But we've bent but didn't break. We're getting confident and playing at a high level."

Earl Watson had 22 points and eight assists for Seattle.

"We can't afford to slip up, especially at home. We were playing a team with nothing to lose."

— Jason Terry
Maverick Player

Kevin Durant added 16 points, and Jeff Green and Nick Collison each had 11.

Seattle scored 151 points in a double-overtime win against Denver on Sunday. But the Sonics shot 38 percent from the floor and failed to generate a consistent offensive attack against the Mavericks.

"I just didn't think we played very smart," Sonics coach P.J. Carlesimo said. "It was more of the offensive shot selection. We had too many possessions where we didn't get good shots. That hurt us more than anything else."

Watson hit a jumper that brought Seattle within 73-67 early in the fourth quarter. But Nowitzki started Dallas' fourth-quarter surge with a 3-pointer and a jumper to extend the lead to 78-67.

The Sonics inched within 80-71 when Watson connected on another jumper before the Mavericks scored the next 11 points. Terry capped the run with a pair of layups as the Mavericks beat the Sonics for the 13th straight time, dating to Dec. 9, 2004.

"Once we got our defense rolling, we were able to get in transition for some easy baskets," Terry said.

Terry, who shot 9-of-11, scored 12 points in the first half as the Mavericks led 46-44 at halftime. The Sonics got within one early in the second half before the Mavericks started building their lead.

Howard's three-point play gave the Mavericks a 70-60 cushion before Durant answered with one of his own to cut the lead to seven after three quarters.

Notes: Mavericks coach Avery Johnson expects F Jerry Stackhouse (right groin strain) to return to full-contact practice by the end of the week. Stackhouse participated in the team shootaround Tuesday morning and has had some non-contact practice. "He did OK," Johnson said. "I hope he can return to full-contact by Friday." Dallas was also without F Malik Allen (back spasms), who missed his second straight game. ... Seattle F Donyell Marshall (right knee soreness) missed the game. He had an MRI Tuesday, and Carlesimo said Marshall's status is day-to-day. ... Seattle's previous record for losses in a season was 59 its inaugural campaign, 1967-68.

Lion's Club Dodgeball

The Lion's Club Second Annual Dodgeball Tournament has been moved to May 1 at 6 p.m. in the McNeely Fieldhouse. The format is 16 teams, double elimination and teams are still needed for the competition. The sign-up fee is \$80 per team with eight players maximum per team. Tickets will be \$5 at the door and a concession stand will be open. To sign up, call Greg Brown at 440-2535.

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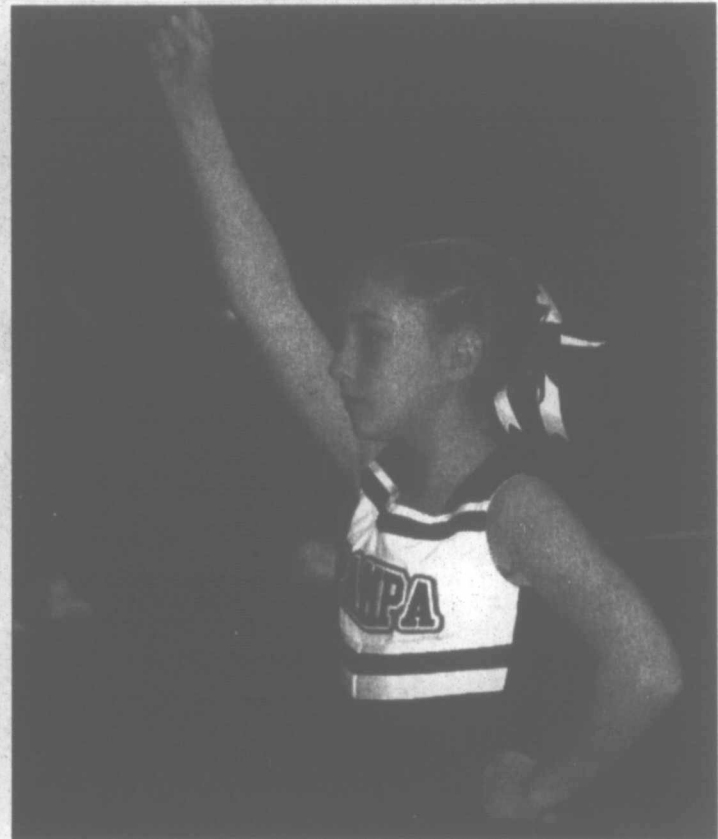


Kayla Turner and Mariah Doyle work together while they compete in their first competition.



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Gymnastics of Pampa's junior competitive cheerleading squad, House of Cheer, warms up before their first-ever competition. The girls were rewarded with a first place trophy for their efforts. First row: Jaycee Devoll, Danikka Resendiz, Calista Bolin and Madison Doyle. Second row: Mariah Doyle, Samantha Clancy, Kala Turner and Macy Nitzel.



Left, Macy Nitzel and Calista Bolin practice for the competition. Above, Jaycee Devoll strikes a pose.

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Security tightens as San Francisco girds for protests along Olympic torch route

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The Olympic torch's round-the-world trip is the longest in Olympic history, and is meant to highlight China's rising economic and political power. But on its sole North American stop, activists are also calling attention to the Olympic host's human rights record.

As runners carry the torch on its six-mile route Wednesday, they will compete not only with people protesting China's grip on Tibet and its support for the governments of Myanmar and Sudan, but also with more obscure activists. They include nudists calling for a return to the way the ancient Greek games were played.

Local officials say they support the diversity of viewpoints, but have heightened security following chaotic protests during the torch's stops in London and Paris and a demonstration Monday in which activists hung banners from the Golden Gate bridge.

"We are trying to accomplish two goals here. One is to protect the right to free speech and the other is to ensure public safety, and here in San Francisco we are good at both of those things," said Nathan Ballard, a spokesman for Mayor Gavin Newsom.

The torch is scheduled to travel a route hugging San Francisco Bay, but security concerns could prompt a last-minute change. Already, one runner who planned to carry the torch dropped out because of safety concerns, officials said.

The flame was whisked to a secret location shortly after its pre-dawn arrival in San Francisco on Tuesday. It began its 85,000-mile journey from Ancient Olympia in Greece to Beijing on March 24, and was the focus of protests from the start.

On Tuesday, hundreds of activists carrying Tibetan flags gathered in United Nations Plaza, a pedestrian area near City Hall, to denounce China's policy toward Tibet and the recent crackdown on protesters there. They then marched to the Chinese Consulate.

"This is not about us battling the torchbearers," Lhadom Tethong, executive director of Students for a Free Tibet, told the crowd outside the consulate. "This is about the Chinese government using the torch for political purposes. And we're going to use it right back."

The day of protests culminated in an evening candlelight vigil for Tibet, with speeches by actor Richard Gere and human rights activist Desmond Tutu, who called on President Bush and other heads of state to boycott the opening ceremonies in Beijing.

San Francisco was chosen to host the relay in part because of its large Chinese-American population. Many residents spoke out Tuesday to ask for calm and express their pride that China was chosen to host the summer games.

"We are begging for five hours of peace," said Sam Ng, president of the Chinese Six Companies, a prominent benevolent association.

Ling Li, 29, who immigrated from China's Guangdong Province eight years ago, said she was disappointed that this pivotal moment in her country's history was being marred by demonstrations. She said Tibet is a rightful part of China and its quest for independence should not be part of the Olympics.

"If I support the Olympics, of course I don't support the protests. This is the first time China has had the Olympics.

We should be proud of this," she said.

In Beijing, International Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge said the body's executive board would discuss Friday whether to end the international leg of the torch relay because of the demonstrations. He said he was "deeply saddened" by the previous protests and was concerned about the relay in San Francisco.

"We recognize the right for people to protest and express their views, but it should be nonviolent. We are very sad for all the athletes and the people who expected so much from the run and have been spoiled of their joy," Rogge said.

Pro-Tibet activists and other human rights groups said they had encouraged their supporters to protest peacefully.

"We can be effective without (disruption)," said Allyn Brooks-LaSure, a spokesman for Save Darfur. "Disrupting tomorrow's ceremonies couldn't possibly embarrass Beijing any more than their disastrous Darfur policy already has."

Still, law enforcement agencies prepared for the worst. The Fire Department will have ambulances along the torch's route, the San Francisco Sheriff's Department will have 50 or more extra deputies on patrol, and vans will be available to haul away arrested protesters.

The FAA has restricted flights over the city to media helicopters, medical emergency carriers and law enforcement helicopters and airplanes, such as those the California Highway Patrol will use to monitor the torch's route. The CHP has also increased the number of officers on the ground.

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Kiwanis

Jeff Bonner, a biologist with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, was the guest speaker last week at the Pampa Kiwanis Club. Bonner is holding an antler from a Pronghorn Antelope during a talk about the animal and the challenges in managing its population.

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days of the European empires are over. Part of the problem is that we have way too many vocational intellectuals and way too few real intellectuals. A vocational intellectual is someone who makes a living writing

or talking. Such people tend to live inside their heads. Delusions of grandeur and fantasies about the real world are constant occupational hazards for such people.

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—Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.

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Yet all this time, the media and Rep. Murtha continued to peddle the insurgent lie that a massacre had taken place in Haditha, even though all murder charges had long ago been dropped in favor of lesser charges.

There was a crime, but it was the media and Rep. Murtha who committed it against heroic Marines whose careers have been destroyed and some of whose families were bought to the edge of bankruptcy defending their sons.

Thanks to NewsMax readers, who contributed over \$500,000 for their defense, some of that burden was lifted.

And thanks to John Murtha and the liberal media, these Marines can now join my Dad's wrongly accused Secretary of Labor Ray Donovan in asking where they go to get their reputations back,

—Mike Reagan, the elder son of the late President Ronald Reagan, is heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally as part of the Radio America Network.

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As a health care team we need to all recognize our limitations and work together providing the best care we can for the citizens of the rural Texas panhandle. They all deserve the best we have to offer and the best can always get better.

Sincerely,
Bettie Lou Crouch,
R.N.
Pampa

All-Night Party



Courtesy Photo

Sgt. Lynn Holland with Texas Department of Public Safety Officers recently made a \$300 donation to organizers of the alcohol/drug-free All-Night Graduation Party held annually for graduating seniors at Pampa High. Parents of the seniors are working hard to plan the party which allows the graduates to celebrate at a chemical-free party the night of graduation. The next party planning meeting is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. April 14 in the PHS cafeteria. Donations from the community are still being sought for the party. Individuals wishing to make a contribution may send it to P.O. Box 1134, Pampa, TX 79065. For more information, contact Lois at 665-4922 or e-mail lois.parker@pampaisd.net. Above: (Front row, left-right) Kayla Mendoza, JaCee Villarreal, Kathryn Cree, Lidia Salazar, Marli Street, Kristen Dunn, Kourtney Farmer; (back row, l-r) Jad McGuire, Ryne Malone, Jennifer Cox, Garnet Schafer, Wayne Parker, Lois Parker (teacher), LaTeasa Wheat, Sergeant Lynn Holland, Haili Kotara, Monica Schepp and Anna Julian.

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whose Internet addiction harms their relationships and ability to concentrate on work.

Right now these problems afflict mainly the affluent. You need expensive cell phone service to access the so-called ubiquitous coverage, say in parks or roadways. But in a few years, when hand-held devices and cell service become cheaper, 24/7 Internet access will require most people to develop new time and impulse management skills, noted Glenn Fleishman, editor of the online WiFi Networking News.

These are authentic quality-of-life issues, but they don't outweigh the promise of unlimited, free Internet access for poor neighborhoods. As Mayor Bill White noted, most new jobs demand computer literacy. A frightening percentage of Houston's low-income residents are cut off from this economy.

Internet access in underserved neighborhoods can function as virtual library branches, offering unlimited information and education possibilities for free. Low-income residents who might never venture from their neighborhoods can use the Internet to find jobs, file taxes, take classes, even form businesses. By wiring these areas, Houston also signals that it values all the city's residents.

For all these reasons, Houston can't squander this technological windfall. But Internet access requires more than a signal. Houston will need to apply EarthLink's dollars not only toward localized WiFi, but also for training, affordable computers and a publicity campaign that explains where this information highway can lead. URL: <http://www.chron.com>

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