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Four arrested on drug, weapons charges

3 members of same family charged

by David Bowser
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A woman, a father and his two sons are free on bond today after being arrested on drug charges Friday.

Rebecca Carpenter, 36; Jesus Manuel Santacruz, 45; Jesus Manuel Santacruz Jr., 24, all of 835 Malone; and Andrew Santacruz, 21, of Oklahoma City, were arrested about 2:30 p.m., Friday, after Gray County deputies ran a search warrant on the Malone street address.

Carpenter was charged with possession of a controlled substance more than one gram but less than four grams and tampering with physical evidence. She was free today on \$25,000 bond on each charge.

The senior Santacruz was charged with possession of a controlled substance more than one gram

but less than four grams and illegal possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. He was free today on a \$5,000 bond on each charge.

Jesus Santacruz Jr. was charged with possession of a controlled substance more than one gram but less than four grams and possession of a prohibited weapon, a sawed-off shotgun. He was free today on \$2,000 bond on each charge.

Andrew Santacruz was charged with possession of a controlled substance more than one gram but less than four grams. He was free today on a \$10,000 bond.

Gray County Justice of the Peace Joe Martinez set bond for the quartet.

Chief Deputy Kelly Rushing of the Gray County Sheriff's office said today that the four bonded out Saturday.

Rushing said the four were arrested after deputies served a search

warrant on the residence at 835 Malone.

"We have suspected methamphetamine and some illegal weapons," Rushing said today. "That the bulk of the search warrant."

Jesus Santacruz Sr. and Jesus Santacruz Jr. were arrested earlier last week during a traffic stop.

Lt. Joe Hoard of the Gray County Sheriff's office said that a deputy had recognized the senior Santacruz

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submitted photo
 The Fourth Cavalry reenactment group from left on horseback includes Jimmy Northcutt of Miami; Frank Willmon, Amarillo; Mike Cradduck, Pampa, and Button Criswell, Skellytown. Standing are James Coverdale, Perryton, Ed Benz, Borger and Billy Turpin, Amarillo.

4th Cavalry to ride again

by David Bowser
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It's been more than a century since the Fourth United States Cavalry rode this land, but next weekend, they'll be in the saddle again.

"We are a reenactment and living history group that is dedicated to accurately portraying the 1870s Indian Wars era," said Col. Jimmy Northcutt of Miami.

Specifically, he said their interest lies in the U.S. Army that operated in and around the Texas Panhandle during the Red River War of 1874-75.

Known as the Frontier Regiment of the High Plains, the Fourth Cavalry reenactment group, non-profit organization, will be on hand for opening of an exhibition about the Red River War in the newly

renovated White Deer Land Museum annex at the corner of Cuyler and Atchison.

They will give various demonstrations Friday morning for Pampa school students and then give demonstrations for the public Saturday beginning at noon.

Anne Davidson, curator of the museum, said seven new exhibit cases in the annex will be filled with items from the Red River Wars era. Most of them were excavated from nearby battle sites.

Beginning with a raid of combined tribal warriors on Adobe Walls in the summer of 1874 north of present day Borger and lasting through 1875 as roaming bands were still being rounded up by the cavalry, the Southern

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CASA activities bring awareness of child abuse

by Marilyn Powers
 Special to The Pampa News

Springtime brings blossoms to some trees, but those located in the 1400 block of North Hobart Street will be ornamented by children's shoes this week.

Volunteers for CASA of the High Plains plan to hang the shoes today from branches of trees at United Supermarket, 1420 N. Hobart, as part of the organization's observance of Child Abuse Awareness Month, according to Ofelia Marszal, CASA volunteer coordinator.

CASA, or Court Appointed Special Advocates, is a non-profit organization which recruits, trains and supervises volunteers to be advocates for children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse and neglect. The volunteers work with the children, foster families and other foster care

sources, the court system and others involved in child abuse and neglect to help seek the best care and permanent solution for the children. The Pampa chapter is CASA of the High Plains, housed in The Brown Alliance at 315 N. Ballard.

A banner showing the number of child abuse and neglect victims served by CASA this year will be displayed along with the shoes.

"This year, 690 were provided services by our agency," said Janet Watts, local CASA executive director.

Three events are scheduled for Tuesday. Pampa schools are participating in "Wear Blue Day" Tuesday in recognition of Child Abuse Awareness Month, Watts said. "We hope the entire community will participate," she said.

Also on Tuesday are the Don't Walk

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Oil falls below \$49 a barrel

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP)— Oil prices fell below \$49 a barrel Monday as investors reacted to slipping stock markets and an International Energy Agency report forecasting a drop in global crude demand.

In late morning trading benchmark crude for May delivery dropped \$3.24 to \$49 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, as U.S. stock markets began the week lower. Crude dipped as low as \$48.84 earlier in the day. Traders were able to ignore weak demand last

week, "but that was only when the stock market was doing as well as it did," said Phil Flynn, an analyst at Alaron Trading Corp.

Oil had last settled at \$52.24 on Thursday, finishing the week early because of the Good Friday holiday.

The Paris-based IEA, an energy policy adviser comprised of 28 countries, said Friday that demand this year will likely fall by 2.4 million barrels a day to 83.4 million barrels, or 2.8 percent lower than last year.

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Rain brings wildfire relief, gives hope on Easter

ANGELA K. BROWN
 Associated Press Writer
 STONEBURG, Texas (AP)— In a white-clapboard church spared by wildfires that ravaged this tiny rural community last week, a pastor offered words of hope to his congregation on Easter Sunday.

"Out of the destruction

comes something good," the Rev. Larry Kennedy told about 40 people, including some children in pink and green Easter dresses, at Stoneburg Baptist Church. "It's devastating to see, but hope springs eternal."

Stoneburg was among the hardest hit areas of Montague County when

eight fires sprang up Thursday and, fueled by high winds, quickly engulfed 75,000 acres of parched pastures and up to 100 homes. Three people died and two were injured in the county near the Oklahoma border.

As the fire raced through Stoneburg, it jumped across the street onto the

Baptist church lawn, but firefighters put out the flames and saved the building built in the 1940s. The odor of burned debris lingered in the air Sunday from the blackened fields and heaps of ashes and charred cars in town.

"It's hard to see," said church member Marilyn Rater, wiping away tears as she looked across the street at the debris that had been her childhood home, "but it could have been worse." The couple who lived there had escaped unharmed.

The blazes were finally contained Sunday after early morning rainfall, said Montague County Sheriff Paul Cunningham.

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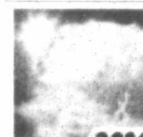
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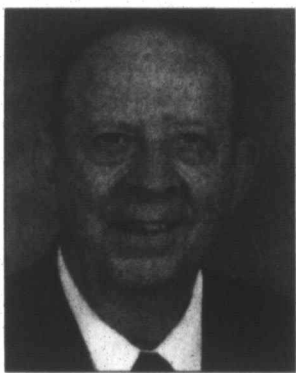
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Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 52. Windy, with a south southeast wind between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.
Thursday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 69. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.
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Ralph Bynum, 68

Ralph Bynum, 68, passed away Thursday, April 9, 2009 in Amarillo. Services will be held at 10:00 AM, Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at First Baptist Church with Rev. Brad Foster, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Rev. Darrell Wait, pastor of First Christian Church, Rev. Lawrence D. Yerger, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Frank Gordo, pastor of Cornerstone Church officiating. Graveside services will be at 3:00 PM at Hansford County Cemetery, Spearman. Arrangements are by Morrison Funeral Directors.



Bynum

Dumas. He worked for the Conoco Phillips plant at Borger for twenty years before his retirement. Ralph was known for his "Ralph Dawgs" at Phillips where he cooked for everyone. Some even said he was a "Hot Dawg Technician."

Ralph was a member of First Presbyterian Church where he was an Elder. He was affiliated with KDDDD 95.3 radio station and was a funeral assistant for Morrison Funeral Directors. He was active in the community he loved and volunteered for many things. He was the founder of the Multiple Sclerosis Society Walk in Dumas. He volunteered at the Window on the Plains Museum, The Art Center, Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, Reader's Advisory Council, and the Chamber of Commerce. Ralph was a member of Dumas Lion's Club where he had served as president.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Phillip, Elmer, Dick and John Bynum and sister, Rose Ellen.

Survivors include; his wife, Clo Ann of the home; daughters, Tammy Stegall and husband, Darrell of Lubbock, Terry Merendino and husband, Todd of Bay City, Ginger Lewis and husband, Tim of Guymon; sons, Rick Kerr and wife, Josie of Guymon and Mike Kerr and wife Tressa of Lubbock; brothers, Gene Bynum of Pampa, Joe Bynum of Spearman and Paul Bynum of Silsbee; sister Beth Westberry of Adel, GA; 13 wonderful, perfect, grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Multiple Sclerosis Society, Panhandle Chapter, 6222 Canyon Dr, Amarillo, TX 79109.

The family will be at 206 Carson in Dumas.

For the Record

Obituaries

Mearl A. Guthrie, 68

Pampa— Mearl A. Guthrie, 68, died Saturday, April 11, 2009 in Pampa.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, 2009, in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Carl Hamilton and Matt Hill officiating.

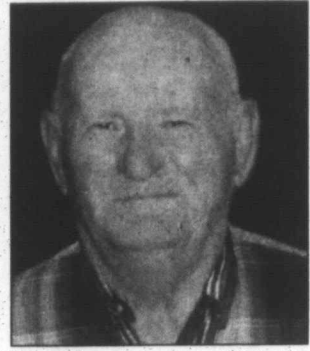
Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery with military honors courtesy U.S. Army, Fort Hood, Texas. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Guthrie was born on June 30, 1940 in Andrex, Colorado and graduated from Kim High School in Kim, Colorado. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army. Mearl married Frances

Patterson on June 9, 1967 in Clayton, New Mexico, and they have lived in the Pampa area since 1978. He worked as an engineering technician for Energas for 27 years, retiring in 1995. After retiring from Energas, he worked for Bob Douthit Wrecker Service until his death. Mearl enjoyed working and tinkering with his car collection. He will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, and a kind and generous man who will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Frances Guthrie of the home; a son, James Guthrie and wife Kelli of

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Fairplay, CO; a sister, Bertha Bradford of Leadville, CO; a brother, Les Guthrie and wife Mary of Pritchett, CO; a granddaughter, Codi Guthrie of Fairplay, CO and a grandson, Khale Guthrie of Fairplay, CO; numerous nieces, nephews, and friends. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Teresa Guthrie, by three brothers, Earl, Ezra, and Raymond, and by his parents, Levi and Eva Guthrie.

MEMORIALS: American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, TX

Palestine Gething Drum, 105

Pampa, Texas — Palestine Gething Drum, 105, died April 12, 2009 in McLean, Texas.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Drum was born December 1, 1903 in Colorado City, Texas, and was a lifelong resident of Wheeler, Roberts and Gray Counties. She was a long-time member of First

Christian Church in Miami, and later joined First Presbyterian Church in Pampa. Mrs. Drum was a member of Miami Chapter #98 Order of the Eastern Star, VFW Post #1657 in Pampa, and she was one of four women who started the Pampa Army Airfield Reunion. Mrs. Drum loved her family and was a wonderful grandmother to her grand-

children. She loved to take them fishing and picnicking, and she also loved to work in her garden.

Survivors include a daughter: Mary Ellen Gething Jones of Pampa; son: W. E. "Bill" Gething and wife Grace of Pampa; 2 grandsons: Mark E. Gething and wife Marna of Amarillo and Grant Gething and wife Joyce of Pampa; 8 great-grandchil-

dren and 5 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by 2 grandsons: John William Lilly and George Edward Lilly.

MEMORIALS: Book of Remembrance, First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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

Mozelle Durrett Fox, 91

Pampa— Mozelle Durrett Fox, 91, died Sunday, April 12, 2009 in Amarillo.

Services will be held at 10:00 AM Thursday, April 16, 2009, at Swanson Hill Community Church in Palestine with Bro. Bill Rodgers officiating. Burial will be in Land of Memory Cemetery in Palestine under the direction of Bailey-Foster Funeral Home of Palestine. Local arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Fox was born May 16, 1917 in Palestine, Texas. She married Hobart G. Durrett on Dec. 28, 1940 in Palestine. He preceded her in death in 1981. She later married Grady L. Fox on March 20, 1984 in Vega. He preceded her in death in 1988. Mrs. Fox had been a resident of Pampa since 1998, and she had previously lived in Amarillo and Sulphur, Oklahoma for many years. She was a former secretary and insurance agent for Panhandle Insurance

Agency in Amarillo for 13 years. She was a member of First Baptist Church. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, and sister, and she was an excellent cook. Christian values were very important in her life, and she raised her children in a loving Christian home.

Survivors include her daughter: Carol Hannah and husband Larry of Pampa; two sisters: Olive Hinson and Ezelle Conaway, both of Palestine; four grandchildren: Dustin Durrett of Wichita Falls, Sarah Jobe of Odessa, Mary Catherine Scobey of Amarillo, and Kerry Salas of Seattle, Washington; and four great grandchildren: Zachary Scobey, Lola Salas, and Justin and Andrew Durrett. She was preceded in death by a son, Hobart G. Durrett, Jr., in 1997. After his death, she raised two grandchildren, Dustin Durrett and Sarah Jobe.

MEMORIALS: American Heart Association, 6605 W. I-40, Suite A-6, Amarillo, TX

79106, National Kidney Foundation, 801 S. Fillmore, Amarillo, TX 79101, or Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, 600 SW 11th Ave., Amarillo, TX 79101.

SPECIAL NOTICE: Mrs. Fox will lie in state at Carmichael-Whitley until 8:00 PM Monday.

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East Texas man banks same place 80-plus years

FRANKSTON, Texas (AP)— An East Texas man who's been married for 81 years has banked at the same place longer than that.

First State Bank of Frankston on Tuesday will hold ceremonies recognizing its 100-year anniversary and some longtime customers, including James "Heavy" Scott.

Scott, at 102, told the Tyler Morning Telegraph that he guesses he knows the bank "as good as anybody."

The retired trucker and Neches River Authority worker said he has kept his money in First State Bank of Frankston since he was a teenager.

The newspaper reported Monday that First State Bank of Frankston was chartered Jan. 20, 1909. Deposits the following year reached nearly \$71,000, with about \$48,000 in loans.

Frankston is a town of about 1,300, located 95 miles southeast of Dallas.

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CASA events this week

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Away and Shine the Light on Child Abuse events, both to be held at United Supermarket.

The shoes festooning the trees will serve as an illustration for the Don't Walk Away theme. Each pair of shoes represents a confirmed victim in Gray County or the surrounding area.

Don't Walk Away will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday. Free activities will be offered for children, including popcorn, face painting and Pampa Police Department offering their Kid Print kits. An

ambulance from Guardian Ambulance Service and a fire truck from Pampa Fire Department will be available for viewing. Information will be available about the types of services offered for local children, along with volunteer opportunities.

Shine the Light on Child Abuse will be from 8 to 9 p.m. A Junior CASA volunteer will read the story of Mary Ellen, who as a child in 1874 was regarded the first documented case of child abuse and neglect.

"Her case is generally regarded as the beginning

of public concern for the plight of abused and neglected children," Watts said. In 1874, there were no public services for such children, and Mary Ellen's case was championed in court by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

A moment of silence in recognition of child victims around the world will be observed following the reading of Mary Ellen's story. Attendees will also shine a light upwards, and are asked to bring a light source such as a flashlight or cell phone. Participants

are asked to not use cigarette lighters, candles or other flammable light sources.

Collision, a Pampa Christian band, will play from 8 p.m. until dusk.

The shoes and banner will remain on display all week as reminders and in recognition of child abuse awareness.

For more information on CASA or on the Child Abuse Awareness Month events, call CASA at 669-7638.

Rains help

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Because the storms drenched most of North Texas, firefighters were close to containing several large blazes that have burned for days. Including a 27,900-acre fire in Young, 20,000-acre fire in Archer, 18,300-acre fire in Eastland, 16,500-acre fire in Jack and 16,000-acre fire in Shackelford counties, Texas Forest Service officials said.

Wildfires have burned more than 192,000 acres across the state the past several days.

"The rainfall is a tremendous relief for us," said David Abernathy, a Texas Forest Service operations section chief. "Mother Nature created the problem, and Mother Nature helped put it out."

The rain also allows weary firefighters, many who traveled long distances to help other communities, to rest or return home, he said.

On Sunday some attended a brief Easter prayer service in the Emergency Operations Center in Montague led by chaplains with Victim Relief Ministries, a Dallas-based nondenominational group that provides support to crime and disaster victims.

The group's counselors spent most of their time the past few days giving fire victims water and information about services, and also listening to their stories.

"Where would Jesus be on Easter? With people that are hurting," said Pat Thorpe, a deputy commander for victim relief.

The news wasn't all good on Sunday, however. Firefighters in Jeff Davis County in West Texas were battling a 2,000-acre fire in the Davis Mountains, started Saturday night by a lightning strike, and a 100-acre fire in Hidalgo County in the Rio Grande Valley that threatened several homes, Abernathy said.

Re-enactors ride again

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Plains Indians made one last stand across their traditional hunting grounds in the Texas Panhandle before being forced back on to reservations in Oklahoma.

As many as 20 engagements between the U.S. Army and the Cheyenne, Arapaho, Kiowa and Comanche, Northcutt said. Several were in sight of present day Pampa.

"Promoting the historical significance of the Red River War in the panhandle region is an important part of the Frontier Regiment of the High Plains," Northcutt said. "We do this through historical re-enactment, commemorations, living history displays and

participation in local events such as history shows or parades."

Northcutt said they also participate in school presentations and museum demonstrations like the one at the White Deer Museum next weekend.

Davidson said the Frontier Regiment will be giving demonstrations at the museum annex Saturday, April 18.

"These men are coming in full uniform," she said.

"All our uniforms, equipment, weapons and saddle gear are period replicas," Northcutt said.

Some are authentic originals.

"We pride ourselves in

recreating the Indian Wars fighters, both U.S. Army and Indian," Northcutt said, "as they actually were. Not how they have been portrayed by typical Hollywood movies."

He said they strive for authenticity in their drills, horsemanship, marksmanship and camp life.

The members of the Fourth Cavalry reenactment group include Northcutt, Mark Craddock of Pampa, Button Criswell of Skellytown, Ken Fields of Pampa and Maxie Lisman of Panhandle.

Like the modern day Army, Northcutt said the Fourth Cavalry reenactment group is always recruiting. He said they are

always looking for new members who are interested in frontier history.

"Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month," he said, "and there are several practices throughout the year."

Membership dues are \$30 a year and include a monthly mailer listing upcoming events.

Following the Red River War exhibition, Davidson said the White Deer Land Museum will open a new exhibition entitled "The Old West Revisited" on May 3.

The White Deer Land Museum, 112-116 S. Cuyler, is open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday.

Oil prices drop after report

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"In other words, the IEA lowered its estimate the equivalent of the daily output of Iraq," analyst and trader Stephen Schork said in his daily Schork Report.

Flynn said the IEA report put a damper on the mood because the agency usually underestimates demand. The report hails from a consuming nation, so the agency tends to err to the slower-demand side to pressure producing countries and keep prices in check.

"So when they come out with such a bearish number, it really puts pressure on the market," he said.

Oil prices have rallied from below \$35 a barrel in February, mirroring a jump in stock markets, as investors anticipate massive global stimulus packages may spark a recovery in the second half.

Traders will be watching a slew of quarterly corporate earnings reports this week for signs the worst of

the economic downturn is over. Banks such as Goldman Sachs Group Inc., Citigroup Inc. and JPMorgan Chase & Co. will report this week along with Intel Corp., Johnson & Johnson, Mattel Inc.

All of the major stock indexes were down in early trading Monday, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average off more than 1 percent.

Retail gasoline prices fell overnight to a national average of \$2.051 for a gallon of regular unleaded, down a tenth of a cent from Sunday, according to auto club AAA, Wright Express and Oil Price Information Service. Gasoline is 13.5 cents a gallon higher than a month ago but about \$1.32 a gallon cheaper than it was last year this time.

Meanwhile, natural gas futures on the Nymex fell 7.81 cents to \$3.539 per 1,000 cubic feet, down from a July peak of \$13.69. That could mean

savings for consumers next winter, as distributors are already signing contracts to lock in current low rates.

The government's Energy Information Association says the 1.67 trillion cubic feet of gas in storage around the country is 35 percent more than it was last year, and the glut comes as a global recession has pinched demand, especially in the manufacturing sector.

"The natural gas glut is another sign of what's been happening with the slowing economy, Flynn said.

On Sunday, Iran's oil minister Gholam Hossein Nozari told state television that a price of between \$75 and \$80 dollars a barrel is desirable for both Tehran and oil consumers.

Iran is a member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, which has announced production cuts of 4.2 million barrels a day since

September.

In other Nymex trading, gasoline for May delivery fell 6.45 cents to \$1.4165 a gallon and heating oil dropped 7.81 cents to \$1.3507 a gallon.

In London, Brent prices fell \$3.12 to \$50.94 a barrel on the ICE Futures

Cars set on fire

TYLER, Texas (AP) —

Investigators in Tyler say seven cars were set on fire at several locations early Easter morning.

The first call came in around 4:30 a.m. A fire in a Chevy Cobalt also damaged a car sitting next to it in the driveway of a home. The house's garage also sustained damage.

Other sites included an apartment complex, where three cars were set on fire.

Authorities say they have not uncovered a link between the victims of the arsons and don't know how many suspects may have been involved. At least some of the cars were

unlocked.

All seven cars were taken to a police impound lot where investigators say they will search them for more clues.

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Four arrested

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at the intersection of Barnes and Frederic shortly before 9 p.m. Tuesday and knew that there was a traffic warrant out for his arrest.

A search of the vehicle Tuesday night, Hoard said, turned up a substance believed to be metham-

phetamine and the senior Santacruz was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

Hoard said Jesus Santacruz Jr. was arrested on charges of possession

of drug paraphernalia.

The senior Santacruz was released on a \$5,300 bond Wednesday. The junior Santacruz was released on a \$400 bond.

Deputy, driver injured in chase

EDINBURG, Texas (AP)— A Hidalgo County sheriff's deputy and a motorist he was chasing were injured Sunday after their vehicles collided.

The Texas Department of Public Safety is investigating the Sunday afternoon crash.

DPS Trooper Johnny Hernandez said in Sunday's online edition of The Monitor that the driver of the car being pursued by the deputy suffered a collapsed lung. Hernandez said the driver was in intensive care at a McAllen hospital and the deputy was treated and released.

The vehicles collided east of Edinburg.

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Today in History

Today is Monday, April 13, the 103rd day of 2009. There are 262 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 13, 1743, the third president of the United States, Thomas Jefferson, was born in Shadwell, Va.

On this date:

In 1598, King Henry IV of France endorsed the Edict of Nantes, which granted rights to the Protestant Huguenots. (The edict was abrogated in 1685 by King Louis XIV, who declared France entirely Catholic again.)

In 1742, Handel's "Messiah" was first performed publicly in Dublin, Ireland.

In 1870, the Metropolitan Museum of Art was incorporated in New York. (The original museum opened in 1872.)

In 1909, author Eudora Welty was born in Jackson, Miss.

'The excursion is the same when you go looking for your sorrow as when you go looking for your joy.'

— Eudora Welty, American author

In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt dedicated the Jefferson Memorial.

In 1958, American pianist Van Cliburn, 23, won the first International Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow.

In 1964, Sidney Poitier became the first black performer in a leading role to win an Academy Award, for "Lilies of the Field."

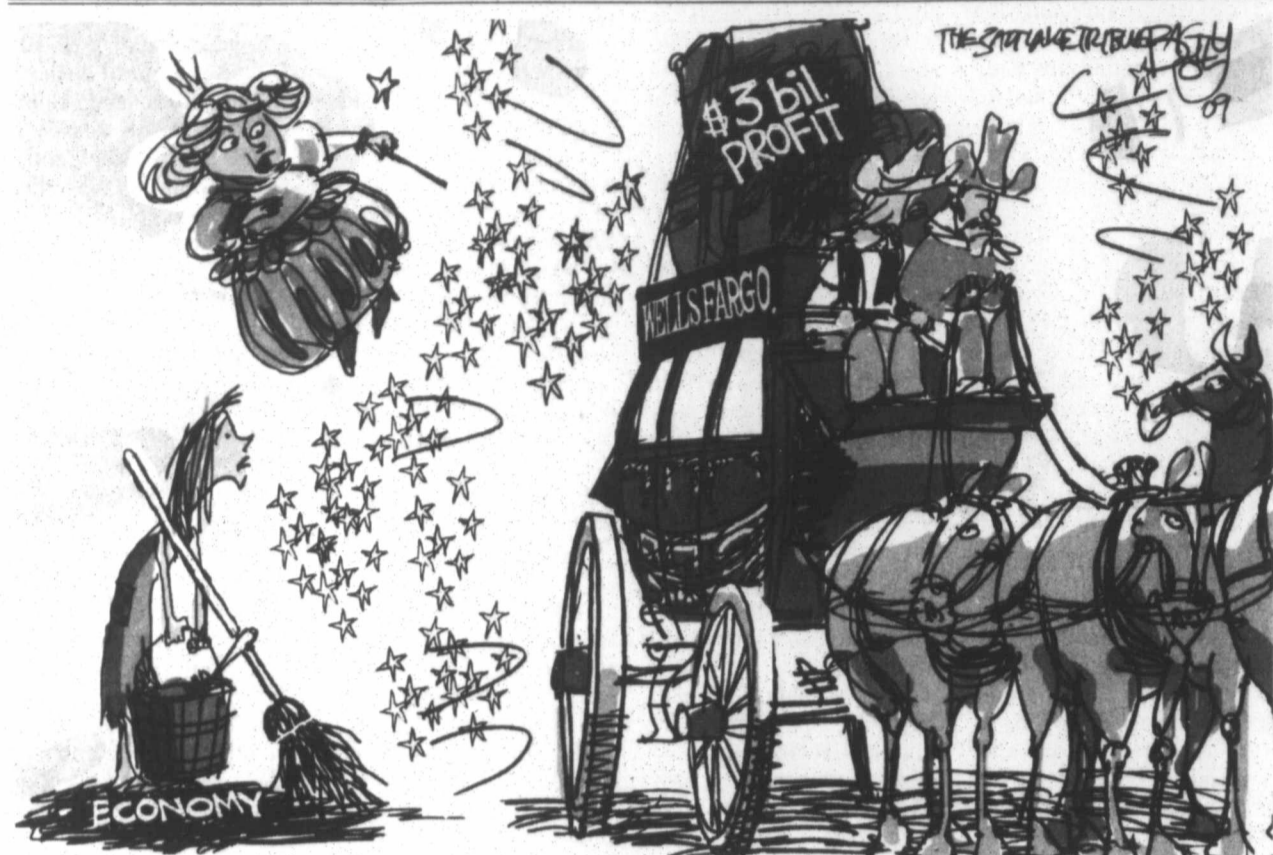
In 1970, Apollo 13, four-fifths of the way to the moon, was crippled when a tank containing liquid oxygen burst. (The astronauts managed to return safely.)

In 1986, Pope John Paul II visited the Great Synagogue of Rome in the first recorded papal visit of its kind to a Jewish house of worship.

In 1992, the Great Chicago Flood took place as the city's century-old tunnel system and adjacent basements filled with water from the Chicago River.

Ten years ago: Right-to-die advocate Dr. Jack Kevorkian was sentenced in Pontiac, Mich., to 10 to 25 years in prison for second-degree murder in the lethal injection of a Lou Gehrig's disease patient. (Kevorkian ended up serving eight years.)

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Stanley Donen is 85. Former Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, R-Colo., is 76. Actor Lyle Waggoner is 74. Actor Edward Fox is 72. Playwright Lanford Wilson is 72. Actor Paul Sorvino is 70. Movie and TV composer Bill Conti is 67. Rock musician Jack Casady is 65. Actor Tony Dow is 64. Singer Al Green is 63. Actor Ron Perlman is 59. Actor William Sadler is 59. Singer Peabo Bryson is 58. Rock musician Max Weinberg is 58. Bluegrass singer-musician Sam Bush is 57. Rock musician Jimmy Destri is 55. Comedian Gary Kroeger is 52. Actress Sandra Santiago is 52. Chess grandmaster Garry Kasparov is 46. Actress Page Hannah is 45. Actress-comedian Caroline Rhea is 45. Rock musician Lisa Umbarger is 44. Rock musician Marc Ford is 43. Reggae singer Capleton is 42. Actor Ricky Schroder is 39. Singer Lou Bega is 34. Actor-producer Glenn Howerton is 33. Basketball player Baron Davis is 30. Actress Courtney Peldon is 28. Pop singer Nellie McKay is 27.



"NOT REALLY WHAT I WAS EXPECTING EITHER, HONEY, BUT GRAB IT BEFORE IT TURNS INTO A BUNCH OF RATS AND TOXIC ASSETS!"

Obama beats first national security test

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. economy is showing only glimmers of life and two costly wars remain in the balance, but President Barack Obama's "no drama" handling of the Indian Ocean hostage crisis proved a big win for his administration in one of its first critical national security tests.

Obama's two quiet backstage decisions to authorize the Defense Department to take necessary action if Capt. Richard Phillips' life was in imminent danger gave a Navy commander the go-ahead to order snipers to fire on the pirates holding the cargo ship captain at gunpoint.

For Obama, the benefits were instantly clear: an American life saved and a major victory notched against an increasingly worrisome scourge of the seas off the Horn of Africa.

Obama's handling of the crisis showed a president who was comfortable in relying on the U.S. military, much as his predecessor, George W. Bush, did.

But it also showed a new commander in chief who was willing to use all the tools at his disposal, bringing in federal law enforcement officials to handle the judicial elements of the crisis.

The rescue appeared to vindicate Obama's muted but determined handling of the incident. What won't be known for some time is whether Obama will benefit politically.

When Obama campaigns for reelection, he may take Bush's approach of turning any such incident into evidence of his leadership

acumen. On the other hand, Obama didn't go before the cameras Sunday to trumpet the success, instead releasing a written statement that saluted the bravery of the military and Phillips but claimed no credit for himself.

Also, this crisis, while topping the news now, may fade into distant memory by the time voters get a chance to take any new measure of Obama and his party.

Still, it goes some way toward dispelling the notion that a liberal Democrat with a known distaste for war, Obama campaigned on his consistent opposition to the Iraq invasion, doesn't have the chops to call on U.S. military power.

The sniper operation Sunday, with pirate guns aimed at Phillips, was a daring, high-stakes gambit, and it could have easily gone awry. If it had, the fallout would have probably landed hardest on Obama.

Indeed, the last Democratic president to unleash American military might against Somalis suffered miserably from the failure of that operation. Portrayed in the book and movie "Black Hawk Down," a U.S. peacekeeping mission in Somalia ended with a deadly clash in the capital of Mogadishu and former President Bill Clinton's humiliating withdrawal of troops.

The outcome this time was vastly different. Since the standoff began last Tuesday, Obama made no public, in-person remarks on the topic, even declining to answer when questions were shouted at him during a press

availability.

He didn't call in his Cabinet for a high-profile command meeting. He let military and top administration officials do the talking, but even they kept saber rattling out of the equation.

White House chief of staff Rahm Emanuel said Obama's silence does not mean he wasn't deeply involved. The president's public posture was calculated to not raise the temperature or give the hostage-takers anything to exploit.

"Let's not confuse a public role with being on top of the situation," Emanuel said. "If you'd interjected yourself, you would make the discussions that were happening more difficult."

So what Obama did was receive regular briefings, sometimes as often as half a dozen times a day. He weighed in with two critical decisions allowing the military to take action to save Phillips' life. And he laid the groundwork for a federal criminal law enforcement response.

White House officials said the Justice Department is already reviewing evidence to determine whether to file criminal charges against the captured Somali pirate. The U.S. is treating the matter as a criminal case because officials have found no direct ties between East African pirates and terror groups.

Obama doesn't like labels for himself or catch phrases for policy. So it's notable that in an administration that has virtually banned the phrase "war on terror," no one called the pirates "terrorists."

A weak gov't troubles Afghanistan

WASHINGTON (AP)—Presidential emissary Richard Holbrooke soaked up a lot of advice during three days of private meetings in Afghanistan and Pakistan this week. The lament of an Afghan lawmaker crystallized the problems facing the U.S. and its ally.

"The Taliban are not strong, we are weak," the lawmaker said, referring to the radical Islamic movement that has stalemated U.S. forces and the frail Afghan government. "That's why they look strong."

The remark by the parliamentarian, who asked for anonymity because of concern over Taliban retribution, reflected a central paradox of the war: The insurgents cannot defeat the U.S. and NATO on the battlefield, yet they have drawn tens of thousands more American troops into the conflict and inflicted a growing toll in blood and disaffection.

Ordinary Afghans are deeply disappointed in a government sapped by corruption and unable to pro-

vide basic services. And now it is about to enter a perilous period led by a holdover president.

Many Afghans view the Taliban, which brutally ruled the country from the mid-1990s until U.S. forces drove it from power in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, as a more tolerable alternative.

It was clear from Holbrooke's trip that the Obama administration feels a sense of urgency. It worries not only about losing the patience of the American public but also about Afghan disillusionment.

Administration officials hope that a presidential

election scheduled for August will lay the groundwork for a turnaround. Their way out of the Afghan conflict is pinned to getting the government on a more solid footing so that the country's army and police can grow strong enough to secure the nation without foreign troops.

Gen. David McKiernan, the top U.S. and NATO commander in Afghanistan, believes that the Taliban's strength is easily overstated. Yet he predicts that even as 21,000 additional U.S. troops flow into the country in coming months, progress will not be immediate.

"I think we're going to see another violent year," he told several reporters who accompanied Holbrooke and Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, on their trip. Why is the violence still rising?

"It's going up," McKiernan said, "not because the Taliban are stronger. It's going up because the insurgency is very resilient and very adaptive." Echoing the warning from the Afghan legislator, McKiernan expressed concern that already-low Afghan support for the government is declining further.

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Randall sneaks past Pampa

by Kevin Hunt

Close games are becoming the norm for the Pampa baseball team these days, and so is being on the short end of score. For the third time in district 3-4A play, Pampa lost in the bottom of the last inning. On Friday against first place Randall, Pampa led the entire game until Randall scored 2 runs in the bottom of the 7th to defeat the Harvesters by a score of 4-3.

Pampa scored in the top of the first after Brett Powell drew a 1-out walk. Ryan Funderburg followed with single to right field and Powell took 3rd after the right fielder misplayed the ball. With Powell at 3rd and Funderburg at 1st, the Randall catcher tried to pick off Funderburg but the throw went to right field, allowing Powell to score and allowing Funderburg to go to 2nd. With 2 outs, Jeremy Maxwell would single to left field, and Funderburg scored after the left fielder misplayed the ball.

In the top of the third, and hanging on to a 2-1 lead, Blake Sieck led off the inning with his 4th home run of the season to give Pampa a 3-1 lead.

Randall added a run in the fifth, bringing the score to 3-2. The score would stay that way until the 7th



Harvester short stop Brett Powell tags a runner sliding into second during the Pampa-Randall game Friday afternoon at Randall High. Randall won 4-3.

staff photo by David Bowser

inning, when Randall would score 2 runs to win the game by the final score of 4-3.

Blake Sieck pitched the entire game for Pampa giving up 4 runs on 12 hits. He walked 2, hit one batter and struck out 8.

Pampa did manage 7 hits but could not string

anything together after the first inning.

It was the same song and dance for Pampa as they led the game throughout but were unable to finish the game. In 4 of Pampa's 5 district losses, Pampa has led during the game. Caprock, Canyon and Randall all scored in the

bottom of the last inning to defeat the Harvesters. The loss drops Pampa's district record to 2-5 and leaves them searching for some much needed momentum as the 2nd half of district gets underway.

Pampa will take on Palo Duro on Tuesday at 5:00 at Harvester Field.

2 firefighters die

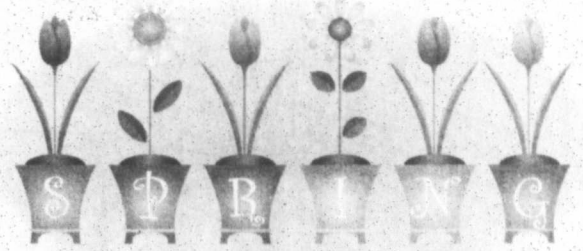
HOUSTON (AP)— A veteran firefighter and a rookie who had served in Iraq died battling a Houston house fire.

The Houston Fire Department identified the victims as 50-year-old Capt. James Harlow of Pasadena and 29-year-old probationary firefighter Damien Hobbs, who grew up in Alvin.

Harlow had worked for the department since August 1979. Hobbs graduated from firefighter training in March.

A news release from the department said the cause of the house fire, reported early Sunday, is under investigation.

Hobbs returned from a 14-month tour of duty in Iraq in July 2007. His sister, Janice DeShazer, said Hobbs was in the reserves with the Texas Air National Guard at Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base in Houston.



Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Zubia, Ramirez engagement announced

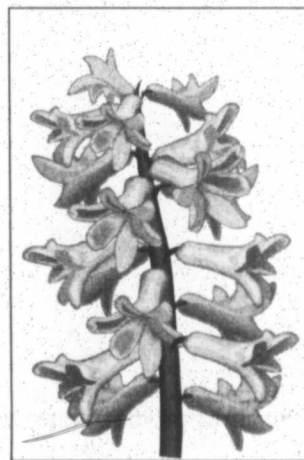


Fernando and Antonia Neri of Pampa are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Melissa Zubia to Andrew Ramirez of Pampa.

Melissa and Andrew will exchange vows Saturday, May 2, at the Pampa Knights of Columbus Hall in Pampa. The bride elect is a graduate of Pampa High School. She is employed by Frank's Hardward in Pampa.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Pampa High School and is employed at the Jordan Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in Pampa.

The groom's parents are Chico and Liz Ramirez of Pampa.



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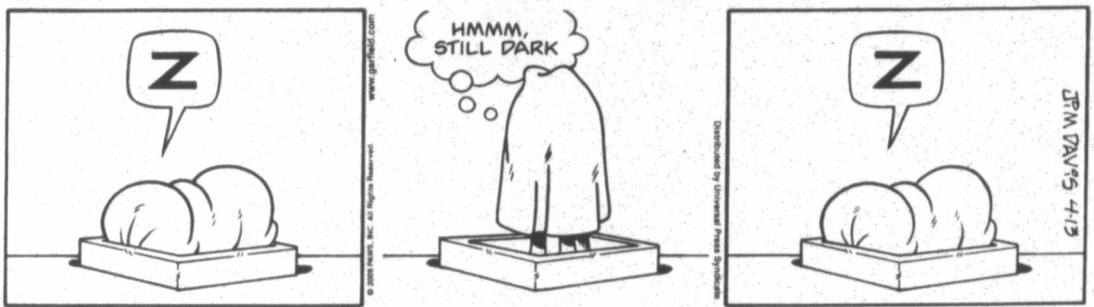
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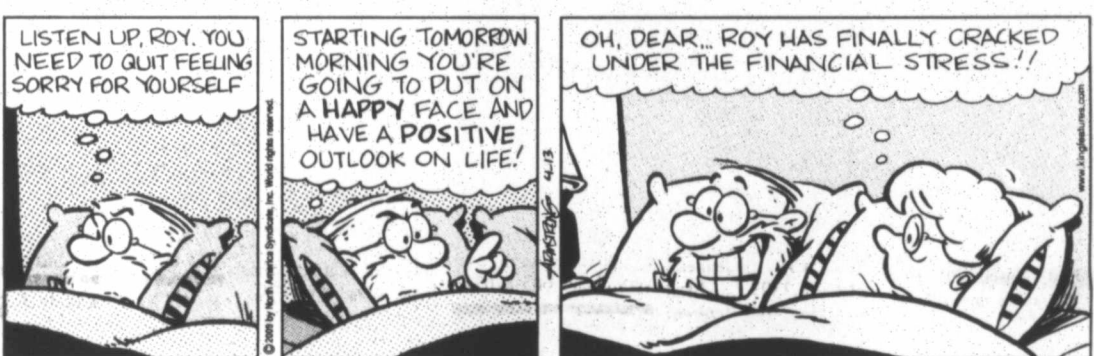
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"There better still be 17 jellybeans in my basket when I get back!"

Daily Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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