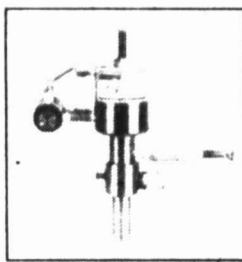


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Skate park meets with enthusiasm



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)

Falling snow, cold temperatures and an icy wind doesn't stop Rodee Barr, 10, 1817 N. Dwight, from working on his skateboarding techniques last Monday.

By MARILYN POWERS
STAFF WRITER

Pampa's Parks, Recreation and Auditorium Advisory Board will proceed with plans for a proposed skate park, due in part to a standing-room-only crowd at their last board meeting March 25.

The idea of a skate park was on the agenda for the meeting, and local skateboarding enthusiasts showed up to voice their support.

"About 50 kids, ages 8 to 19, showed up with their parents," said Recreation Superintendent Shane Stokes. "It was standing room only."

"The board gave everyone the opportunity to speak. About 30 did. They said they're tired of being chased off of parking lots and other areas where they've tried to practice their sport," Stokes said.

Brothers Roper Barr, 14, and Rodee Barr, 10, who have been skateboarding



(Pampa News photo)

**City Recreation Department
Superintendent Shane Stokes
compares plans for a proposed
Pampa skate park.**

for the last three years, were among those at the meeting who voiced their support of a skate park.

Pampa needs a skate park "so kids will stay out of trouble and off drugs,

and have something to do," Rodee said. Roper is in favor of the park "because there's nothing to do in this town" for youths and children.

"Every time we skate in public places, we can get in trouble. We can get a ticket and/or get our skateboard taken away," Rodee said. The brothers have been skateboarding at Coronado Center, Pampa Middle School and Pampa High School, as well as their own driveway, where they have bars on which they can practice some of their moves.

Some parents are also in favor of a city skate park, including Pam Hathcoat, Roper and Rodee's mother.

"As a mother, I don't think it's safe for them to skate down the streets and public places because of traffic. Almost any day of the week, you can find five, six or seven skateboarders in my driveway. I think they need to have a specific place to skate."

(See PARK, Page 3)

Five jailed on crack possession charges

By MARILYN POWERS
STAFF WRITER

Five persons remain in Gray County Jail today in lieu of bond as a result of a search warrant conducted at 1333 Garland last night.

Erika Doyle, 24, 1031 N. Sumner; Leonard Anthony Scott, 39, homeless; Leslie Gwen Horton, 39, Skellytown; Kelly Finger, 35, 125 S. Sumner; and Mary Ellen Scott, 51, 1333 N. Garland, were arrested after

Gray County sheriff's deputies and Pampa police officers executed the search warrant and found a quantity of a substance believed to be crack cocaine in the home, according to Chief Deputy Kelly Rushing.

Finger, Mary Ellen Scott and Doyle were charged with possession of a controlled substance. Leonard Anthony Scott and Horton were charged with possession of a controlled substance greater than one gram and less than

four grams, with intent to deliver.

Deputies Nicole Johnson, Vincent Marasco and Bruce Burrell arrested four of the five persons jailed. Pampa police arrested Doyle, who was also charged with two counts of failure to appear and two counts of criminal mischief.

The five had not been arraigned as of press time today, and no bond had yet been set, according to a Gray County Jail spokesperson.



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Carson County Judge Lewis Powers, left, talks with Virgil James and Roy Hodges, both of White Deer at opening ceremonies Thursday at the Carson County Cotton Gin near White Deer.

Now it's official Dignitaries join in Carson County gin groundbreaking

By DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

WHITE DEER — The Carson County Gin became official this week as state and local dignitaries gathered west of White Deer to dig symbolic shovelfuls of dirt in a Carson County cotton patch.

Although construction started on the project in February, area farmers, cotton experts and state and local officials gathered inside and in front of the almost finished office of the cotton gin to mark its official status as the newest business in Carson County.

State Rep. Warren Chisum, Gray County Judge Richard Peet and the Gray County Commissioners' Court and Carson County Judge Lewis Powers and the Carson County Commissioners' Court were among those present for the opening ceremonies.

The basement and foundation of the gin and warehouse

are almost complete. Randy Kennedy, the gin manager, said the ginning equipment should be arriving for installation soon.

"I told everyone that the project wasn't official until we had caps and a dog running around," grinned Tracy Brinkelbach, the man responsible for construction of the gin and one of the investors in the project.

Plenty of white ball caps bearing Carson County Gin were in evidence in the office building while Lucky, the black lab who serves as both guard dog and mascot, chewed on a piece of scrap wood that one of the construction workers had dropped as they scurried about amid the festivities, trying to finish the building.

The gin is expected to be in operation by mid-September, Kennedy said. The Carson County Gin will produce 50 to 60 bales of cotton per hour when complete.

'Kids Cafe' on summer menu

By SKYLA BRYANT
NEWS EDITOR

Debbie Middleton, nutrition director for Pampa Independent School District, and Carolyn Stroud, co-director of Harvest House, are excited about a new program they plan to introduce in Pampa starting the first of May.

According to Stroud, the new program is being initiated by High Plains Food Bank. The food bank, she said, contacted her and Middleton separately a little over a month ago about establishing a "Kids Cafe" in Pampa.

HPFB will be providing the food and other materials for Kids Cafe. The local school district will provide the building.

"The community," Middleton said, "will not bear any of the costs."

A program of America's Second Harvest, HPFB will provide the necessary materials and foodstuffs for a Kids Cafe in Pampa twice a week. The "cafe" will be open from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays in the cafeteria at Lamar Elementary School beginning May 4.

Though new to Pampa, the program is not new to the area. According to information provided by Stroud, three full-time kids cafes are currently operating in Amarillo.

The program was first established in Savannah, Ga., in 1989.

"We're just excited — totally, completely



(Pampa News photo by Skyla Bryant)

Carolyn Stroud of Harvest House, left, and Debbie Middleton of Pampa Independent School District go over paperwork concerning "Kids Cafe" child nutrition program.

excited — to feed children at night," said Middleton who hopes eventually to take the cafe from a twice weekly event to a full five-day a week program.

Middleton and Stroud are planning to operate Kids Cafe throughout the year.

With the number of economically disadvantaged increasing in Pampa, Middleton explained, "we feel like there's hungry children year round."

Stroud will coordinate volunteers while Middleton will oversee the nutritional aspects of the program which will be open to all.

(See CAFE, Page 3)

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OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

REEVES, Frances — Interment, 2 p.m., Newport Cemetery, Newport.
WINBORNE, C.L. "Dopey" — Memorial services, 10 a.m., Cornerstone Worship Center, Pampa.

FRANCES REEVES

ODESSA — Frances Reeves, 89, of Odessa, died Tuesday, April 13, 2004, at Hospice House. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Bill Heggemeier officiating. Interment will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Newport Cemetery at Newport. Arrangements are under the direction of Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

Mrs. Reeves was born Aug. 29, 1914, at Bowie. She was married to her husband Red Reeves for 61 years and had belonged to First United Methodist Church since 1939.

Survivors include a sister, Maurine Hickman of Bowie; two nephews, Don Hickman of Pampa and Joe Burchell of Odessa; and a niece, Joyce Hickman of Bowie.

GRACE B. RUMMERFIELD

CANADIAN — Grace B. Rummerfield, 89, of Canadian, died Saturday, April 10, 2004. Graveside services were held Monday, April 12, in Fairview Cemetery at Pampa with Pastor Michael Erickson, of Zion Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Stickley-Hill Funeral Home of Canadian.

Mrs. Rummerfield was born Sept. 9, 1914, at Rolla, Mo., to Leonard and Vina Short Dowell. She married Walter Glen Rummerfield on July 12, 1936, at Kansas City, Mo. The couple moved to Amarillo in 1939.

An accomplished seamstress, Mrs. Rummerfield owned-operated a custom window covering business for over 35 years, manufacturing quality custom draperies, shades and more for many interior designers throughout the region.

Survivors include a daughter, Judith Loyd of Pampa; a son, Mike Rummerfield of Pampa; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Zion Lutheran Church, 1200 Duncan St., Pampa, TX 79065.

C.L. "DOPEY" WINBORNE

C.L. "Dopey" Winborne, 68, of Pampa, died Wednesday, April 14, 2004, at Amarillo. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Cornerstone Worship Center with Paul Nachtigall, minister, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mr. Winborne, a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean Conflict, was born March 13, 1936, at Pampa.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by two brothers.

Survivors include two children, Christina Hoskins and Chester Winborne, both of Pampa; four brothers, Bob Winborne of Sherman, Johnny Winborne of Pampa, Chuck Winborne of Lima, Ohio, and LaRoy Winborne of Columbus, Ohio; six sisters, Beth Bates of Iowa Park, Virginia Patterson of Denton, June Ruthardt of White Deer, Judy Mitchell of Sadler, Phyllis Botford and Erma Reeves of Sadler; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family will be at the Clyde Carruth Building following the service.

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Pathologist: Colonel didn't fake abduction, take own life

SAN ANTONIO — A pathologist is disputing a finding that an Air Force officer's death was a suicide, theorizing in an autopsy report that the man died in a car crash while escaping from abductors who apparently tortured him.

The FBI has been investigating the death of Col. Philip M. Shue, a Wilford Hall Medical Center staff psychiatrist. The Bexar County medical examiner had theorized that Shue faked his own abduction and committed suicide in the Kendall County wreck one year ago Friday.

"I do not agree that this death can be simply labeled as

a suicide," Cyril Wecht, the forensic pathologist, said in an autopsy report released Thursday. "It is more likely that another person(s) played a role in his death."

Shue's widow, Tracy Shue, filed claims Thursday against two insurers that carried policies totaling \$1 million on the 54-year-old officer, who died on April 16, 2003 in the crash near Boerne, about 30 miles northwest of San Antonio.

Wecht, who was hired by Tracy Shue after she rejected the possibility that her husband took his own life, theorized that the psychiatrist was abducted and tortured, then died in the

crash after escaping.

After Shue crashed into trees on Interstate 10, rescuers who pulled his body from the wreckage said he had strands of duct tape hanging from his hands and ankles. His nipples had been cut off, part of his left pinkie was missing and there was a large surgical wound on his chest.

The crash, which resulted in lethal head injuries, had been ruled a suicide by the medical examiner's office.

"It's still an active case," Kendall County Sheriff's Lt. Roger Anderson told the San Antonio Express-News in Friday's editions.

ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Thursday, April 15

Stolen property was reported in the 1200 block of East Kingsmill. Total loss was \$900 in cash.

Found property was reported in the 1600 block of North Hamilton. Drug paraphernalia was found.

Rick Marsh, 43, no address given, was arrested for no insurance and violation of a promise to appear.

Rebecca Mullen, 44, 418 N. Wynne, was arrested at her residence for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

Jana Turlington, 29, 1041 Prairie Drive, was arrested at her residence for violation of a promise to appear and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Erika Doyle, 24, 1031 N. Sumner, was arrested at 1333 Garland for two counts each of failure to appear and criminal mischief, and for possession of a controlled substance.

Christina Mullen Dills, 22, 419 Wynne, was arrested at 418 Wynne for animal at large and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Friday, April 16

Theft under \$50 was reported at Allsup's, 1900 N. Hobart. Beer was taken, for an estimated loss of \$21.

Disorderly conduct/language was reported in the 900 block of Wilcox.

FIRE

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

Thursday, April 15

2:45 p.m. — Two units and four firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 900 block of Llano. Firefighters found a man lying unconscious on the ground, gave him oxygen and helped prepare him for ambulance transport.

8:07 p.m. — To units and four firefighters responded to a fire alarm in the 600 block of West Buckler. The call was canceled before firefighters arrived.

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents.

Thursday, April 15

1:22 p.m. — A 2004 Ford F150XL, pickup, driven by Jason Russell Scott, 20, 1709 N. Russell, and a 1994 Oldsmobile Bravada, driven by Ronald Ray Gordon, 53, Amarillo, collided in the 300 block of North Hobart. No injuries were reported. Scott was cited for failure to control speed.

SHERIFF

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

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Leonard Anthony Scott, 39, homeless, was arrested at 1333 Garland for possession of a controlled substance more than one gram and less than four grams, with intent to deliver.

Leslie Gwen Horton, 39, Skellytown, was arrested at 1333 Garland for possession of a controlled substance more than one gram and less than four grams, with intent to deliver.

Kelly Finger, 35, 125 S. Sumner, was arrested at 1333 Garland for possession of a controlled substance.

Mary Ellen Scott, 51, 1333 N. Garland, was arrested at her residence for possession of a controlled substance.

AMBULANCE

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

Thursday, April 15

11:15 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred a patient(s) to Baptist-St. Anthony's, Amarillo.

2:45 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Llano and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

3:50 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo, and transferred a patient to a local nursing facility.

6:11 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Juniper. No transport.

10:15 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Neel Road and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Friday, April 16

3:20 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

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Fox, federal prosecutors strike back at Mexico City's mayor

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico City's

leftist mayor has accused the United States and President Vicente Fox of conspiring to publicize unseemly behavior by members of his administration.

The U.S. Embassy denied the allegations by Mayor Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, while Fox called the charges "grave, serious and unfounded."

Lopez Obrador, a fiery populist, has insinuated the two governments were behind videotapes that aired in April showing his finance secretary gambling in Las Vegas and his former personal secretary accepting stacks of cash from a fugitive businessman.

On Thursday he went even further, waving pieces of paper in front of television cameras, claiming they proved that the U.S. Treasury Department worked with Fox to embarrass his administration.

Lopez Obrador said the records showed that Mexican investigators sought the help of the Treasury Department in looking into corruption charges against Gustavo Ponce, the finance secretary shown playing blackjack and spending lavishly in Las Vegas.

Lopez Obrador fired Ponce after investigators said he could be connected to a \$3 million fraud investigation. Ponce has since disappeared.

The mayor said that with U.S. help, Mexican federal authorities were able to collect enough evidence to bring charges

against Ponce.

But they refused to proceed until Mexico's largest television network aired the Ponce video and displayed hotel bills indicating he gave thousands of dollars in tips.

The U.S. Embassy said the government was not involved in taping Ponce gambling in Las Vegas. "Nor were we involved in the release of that video to the public," embassy spokesman Jim Dickmeyer said.

"We regret the continued false allusions to U.S. involvement in this matter, as it diverts attention from the real issues of crime and corruption," Dickmeyer said.

Federal officials "knew about Gustavo Ponce's presumably illegal acts before the video became public and they didn't act," the mayor said. He said the Fox administration waited to press charges until after the video had made his city government appear corrupt.

Mexico's federal Treasury Department countered that Mexico City officials had "inexplicably" failed to arrest Ponce, even after accusations against him were known.

Previously, Lopez Obrador had accused the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration of being involved in the video.

He also has accused the Las Vegas casino of using its surveillance cameras to tape Ponce, a claim experts have discounted, saying the video was apparently made with a small, hand-held camera.

Bush signals OK to U.N. plan for interim Iraqi government

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush signaled support Friday for an interim government to take power in Iraq on June 30, saying the plan under development by a U.N. envoy is "broadly acceptable to the Iraqi people."

The authority of the coalition backed by the United States will expire on the June 30 deadline previously set, Bush said, adding that "coalition forces will remain in Iraq to help the new government succeed."

The president called on Palestinian leaders to "rise to the challenge" of accepting permanent Israeli possession of certain portions of the West Bank seized in the 1967 Mideast war.

"It gives all sides a chance to reinvigorate" the peace process, said Bush, who signed off earlier this week on a fundamental shift in American policy in response to a request from Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

Bush made his comments at a news conference in the White House Rose Garden, standing shoulder by shoulder with British Prime Minister Tony Blair, his principal ally in the effort to topple Saddam Hussein and restore democracy in Iraq.

"It was never going to be easy and it isn't now" in Iraq, said Blair.

"We will not waver in the face of fear and intimidation," said the president.

Bush opened by saying the June 30 deadline for a turnover of political power was firm, and expressing support for the work of United Nations diplomat Lakhdar Brahimi.

"No citizen of America or Britain would want their government in the hands of others and neither do the Iraqis and this is why the June 30th date for the transfer of sovereignty will be kept," he said.

Bush added that the turnover will show Iraqis the United States has "no interest in

President Bush spoke at a White House news conference today with British Prime Minister Tony Blair, his principal ally in toppling Saddam Hussein and restoring democracy in Iraq, at his side.

occupation. On that date the Coalition Provisional Authority will cease to exist. But coalition forces will remain in Iraq to help the new government succeed."

Bush said Brahimi has "identified a way forward to establishing an interim government that is broadly acceptable to the Iraqi people. Our coalition will continue to work with the United Nations to prepare for nationwide elections that will choose a new government in January of 2005."

The president expressed gratitude that Brahimi "will soon return to Iraq and continue his important work."

Bush said that his embrace of Sharon's proposal for Israel to withdraw from all of Gaza but retain parts of the West Bank, where thousands of Israeli settlers live, marks an opportunity for a final agreement leading to a Palestinian state.

Blair added, "Let's not look this particular opportunity in the eye and then turn away." He added there was now an agreement "that a Palestinian state should be viable."

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PARK

ic place to skate for their safety and the safety of the public," Hathcoat said.

"The kids do not have anywhere to go. There's nothing for them to do," she said.

A subcommittee was formed at the March 25 meeting to investigate possible funding and locations for a skate park.

The voluntary \$1 donation that some city residents contribute along with their monthly water bills is one potential source of funding, Stokes said.

"It goes toward special projects in the Parks and Recreation Department. It goes toward projects like this," he said. Past uses of the \$1 donation fund include building an arbor at the city swimming pool and refurbishing the city's sprinkler systems.

Ideas for locating the proposed skate park include Central Park and Recreation Park, Stokes said. A third option, mentioned at the March 25 meeting by hopeful skateboarders, is an indoor

facility that could be used year round.

"I think it would be used year round" whether or not the skate park was indoors, Hathcoat said.

A city skate park could be free to the public, and if located in a city park, would be available during park hours, 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily, Stokes said.

Rick Hall of Hall's Auto Sound said he never realized just how popular skateboarding was in Pampa until he started selling skateboard equipment last fall.

"I think this town would be shocked at how many skateboarders there are. We've sold several racks of boards just through word of mouth," Hall said. He said he has not advertised the availability of the boards in his store, but has relied only on word of mouth to attract customers. One rack of boards is about 11 complete skateboards, he said.

"There's a lot of kids out there fueling this. They all just want to ride their boards. We don't have a movie theater or a

skating rink. There's nothing for these kids to do. They're going to skate anyway," Hall said.

Skate park components under scrutiny by the subcommittee include a variety of combinations starting at \$24,000 and costing as much as \$90,000. A paved bowl is not currently under consideration as part of a proposed skate park due to cost, Stokes said. Instead, the park would be a flat surface with ramps and other components mounted on it.

Anyone wishing to donate \$1 per water bill to the Parks and Recreation Department to help pay for the skate park may contact the water department and ask that the donation be added to their monthly bill, Stokes said.

The next meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Auditorium Advisory Board is at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22, on the third floor of City Hall.

"It probably will include a skate park as an agenda item," Stokes said.

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CAFE

school-aged children in Pampa, from pre-K through 12th grade.

Right now, Middleton and Stroud are focusing on attaining enough volunteers to man the cafe once it opens. The women said two to four volunteers a night are necessary to make the program work.

"The more people we have involved," Middleton said, "the more nights we can offer it (the program)."

Stroud said a meeting is scheduled at 6 p.m. Monday, April 19 in Lamar cafeteria to gauge community interest.

"If we don't have some volunteers come forth," Stroud said, "the program just won't go."

All interested in helping with the program are encouraged to attend the Monday meeting. Volunteers can sign-up to help out once a week or once a month.

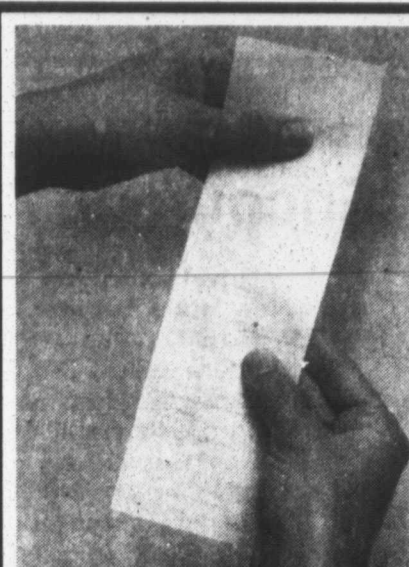
Middleton said they really need volunteers "to commit" to a certain time each week or each month. A trained person will be hired to cook the meals.

Middleton has served as nutrition director with PISD since 1991. Stroud has been co-director of Harvest House since it was established in 1998.

Stroud said she believes there are more than 1,500 kids cafes operating nationwide today. Quoting from a "Kids Cafe Fact Sheet" provided by America's Second Harvest, the mission/goal of the program is to "provide nutritious meals to children in need";

"provide enrichment activities such as nutrition education, homework assistance, cultural activities and recreation"; "locate programs in safe, accessible sites" with "supervision of trustworthy staff"; "secure the support of resources and partners to assure program sustainability"; and "generate public awareness and support for problems and solutions to the issue of child hunger in America."

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(Pampa News photo)

Disciple Women's Ministry members, Chleo Worley and Carolyn Smith, check out a mini-chopper as they unpack boxes of items to be included in the DWM's benefit garage sale from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday and 7 a.m. until about 3 p.m., Saturday, at the Family Life Center of First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson. Proceeds from the sale will be divided between the Youth Minister

CHURCH BRIEFS

Calvary Baptist to present Easter Pageant on Sunday

The Calvary Easter Pageant is this Sunday, April 18, at Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd.

This dramatic portrayal of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ will bring the Easter story alive, as the audience watches Jesus perform miracles, suffer through beatings, die on the cross, and gain victory through the resurrection. Calvary's sanctuary will be transformed into the Jerusalem of Jesus' lifetime. A costumed choir, cast and crew of more than 70 people will relive the greatest story ever told.

Two performances are scheduled: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. A nursery is provided and seating will be on a "first come basis." The church is located at 900 E. 23rd street, one mile east of Wal-Mart.

FUMC choristers to perform 'Evidence of Grace' cantata

First United Methodist Church of Pampa's Chancel Choir will present its 2004 Spring Musical, on Sunday, April 18, at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

The cantata, "Evidence of Grace" features soloists, narration, and moving choruses directed by Suzanne Wood.

The public is invited to attend.

Palermo to speak at Calvary Assembly

Ron Palermo will be ministering at Calvary Assembly of God, 1031 Love, at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., Sunday, April 18.

Polls track voting patterns by belief

WASHINGTON (AP) — A survey released Monday found that U.S. Roman Catholic voters are about evenly split between President Bush and presumed Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry.

The poll by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University found 45 percent of likely Catholic voters supported Kerry, while 41 percent backed Bush. The margin of error is 3.5 percentage points.

The split is similar to that found by the same survey in 2000, when Bush faced Democrat Al Gore.

This year's poll of 1,001 adults was conducted March 15-21. About 23 percent of voting age adults identify themselves as Catholic.

A separate survey on U.S.

evangelicals released Tuesday found that 74 percent of white evangelicals said they favored Bush, while 23 percent said they would vote for Kerry.

Sixty-nine percent of white evangelicals identify themselves as Republican, while 84 percent of black evangelicals say they're Democrats.

And while white evangelicals overwhelmingly oppose gay marriage and civil unions for homosexual couples, about half said in the poll that they would prefer that state laws be changed to ban gay marriage instead of amending the U.S. Constitution.

The survey of 1,610 adults was conducted between March 16 and April 4 for U.S. News & World Report and PBS' "Religion & Ethics Newsweekly." It has a margin of error of plus or minus 2.5 percentage points.

'Left Behind' and 'The Da Vinci Code': Facts through fiction or fictional facts?

By RICHARD N. OSTLING
AP RELIGION WRITER

The lesson from this week's best-seller list is simple: God sells. But what worries some scholars is that the hottest religious books depart from traditional Christian teaching or distort the faith's origins.

The latest pulse-pounder in the "Left Behind" series about the end of the world — "Glorious Appearing" — couldn't have appeared more gloriously, at No. 1 among Publishers Weekly's fiction best sellers. It edges out another religion-themed novel, "The Da Vinci Code," which has ranked among the top three for 54 straight weeks.

American's fiction market has never seen such a juxtaposition, says Publishers Weekly religion editor Lynn Garrett. Combined with the success of Mel Gibson's film "The Passion of the Christ" — now eighth on the U.S. all-time box office list — it makes an obvious statement.

"Whether they feel negatively or positively about religion, people in American culture think about and care about it," Garrett says.

Jerry Jenkins, co-author of "Glorious Appearing" with Tim LaHaye, calls the phenomenon "God hunger — people looking for something beyond themselves."

Yet the success of the books troubles some critics, largely because the authors have made unusual claims that — though they employ fiction — what

they're writing is true.

Dan Brown's "Da Vinci Code" is a thriller whose characters malign traditional Christianity as fraudulent. But both liberal and conservative writers say it's rife with errors.

Among inaccuracies they list: The characters' claims that belief in Jesus' divinity appeared in the 4th century rather than the 1st century; that the four New Testament Gospels became authoritative in the 4th century rather than the 2nd century; and that the Dead Sea Scrolls and Gnostic writings (deemed heretical by the church) contain the earliest Christian records — though one Gnostic text does have some scholarly promoters.

"Da Vinci" also supposes that Jesus married Mary Magdalene and sired a royal Judeo-French bloodline that still exists — and that sinister Christians suppressed this. That plot comes from the 1982 book "Holy Blood, Holy Grail," which a New York Times reviewer called "rank nonsense."

At first, "Da Vinci" drew little religious opposition because people "didn't subject it to the same kind of scrutiny they would a nonfiction book," Garrett says. But when Brown told NBC that "absolutely all of it" is true, the Rev. Darrell Bock of Dallas Theological Seminary decided the novelist wasn't just having fun but was undermining Christianity.

Bock wrote the first of several Protestant attack books, "Breaking the Da Vinci Code,"

Roman Catholics will soon pile on with "The Da Vinci Hoax." In the foreword, Chicago's Cardinal Francis George says Brown's history is "preposterous" but must be countered because it misleads credulous readers. Brown is declining interviews.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has issued an adult education guide warning against Brown's plot about Christianity founded upon "lies, cover-ups and political intrigues." But one of that denomination's Bible professors, the Rev. Barbara Rossing, believes the "Left Behind" novels are a far worse threat, and explains why in "The Rapture Exposed."

Brown's assertions are easily checked and refuted, Rossing says.

Meanwhile, the "Left Behind" authors think their 12-book series depicts events of the sort predicted in the Bible for Jesus' Second Coming in the near future. ("Glorious Appearing" centers on Jesus' return.)

Rossing charges that the series preaches despair, and distorts biblical teaching about the future, Mideast politics and social responsibility. To her, it "glorifies violence and war," exploits "Americans' love for disaster films and survivalist plot lines" and in general "attacks the heart of Christianity."

Rossing notes that the "Left Behind" books rely on what's called Dispensationalist theology, which links prophecies

from various biblical books into a complex sequence of End Times events. It's a modern innovation rejected by many Protestant denominations, Eastern Orthodoxy and Catholicism, whose U.S. hierarchy just issued a publication that assails the novels as "subtly and overtly anti-Catholic."

Jenkins, however, dismisses the criticism. He reports some "Left Behind" readers have become new followers of Jesus based on the books.

"A lot of people know this story, believe it and are encouraged by it," he says.

Philip Jenkins, a Penn State University historian (and no relation to Jerry) thinks the "Left Behind" series affects mostly readers who already hold apocalyptic beliefs, while "Da Vinci" has considerable potential to alter and subvert Americans' faith in Christianity.

His own book, "Hidden Gospels," says radical efforts to rewrite early church history play upon Americans' ignorance and gullibility.

To him, such books provide little solid history but reveal much about mass media sensationalism, the yearnings of present-day writers and what they "would like to find about the first Christian ages."

On the Net:

"Da Vinci Code":

<http://www.danbrown.com/novels/davinci>

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Could Pampa churches pass muster?

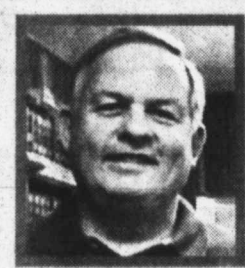
Are you familiar with the old saying, "If you can't say something good about someone, then just don't say anything at all?" Chances are you think it's a pretty good saying, certainly one that should be observed by every Christian, huh? There's only one problem with that idea. Jesus paid no attention to it. In fact, Jesus Christ said a ton of hard words to religious snobs and to his disciples when they strayed.

One of the best examples is in Revelation, Chapters 2 and 3. Jesus inspects seven churches and gives a written report on each church and then posts the reports for the whole world to see. Doesn't sound very nice, huh?

Where in the world did we ever get the idea that Jesus majored in nice? With unbelievers He was the most loving person imaginable. With His disciples — who should know better, He was hard.

Out of seven inspection reports, He has hard words for five of the churches, 72 percent critical. In fact, Jesus has nothing good at all to say about two of those churches, 100 percent critical. It is true that two of the churches, Smyrna and Philadelphia, received only praise on their inspection report, 100 percent positive. Can you tell where this article is going?

So what would the inspection report on your church say? Isn't it funny that we human beings seem to think that we are always going to be the exception to whatever rule is under consideration?



Minister's Musings

MIKE SUBLETT
HI-LAND CHRISTIAN CHURCH

tion report on your church say? Isn't it funny that we human beings seem to think that we are always going to be the exception to whatever rule is under consideration?

If our churches today are anything like those seven churches in Asia, 72 percent of the churches in Pampa would have to get ready for some hard words that we probably wouldn't enjoy very much. That 72 percent translates to 40 of the 55 churches here in Pampa. And 16 of our churches wouldn't have anything positive on the report and would get nothing but hard words from the inspector. No warm

fuzzies, just prickly barbs. However, there would also be 16 churches that heard nothing but sweet words of praise from Jesus.

Wouldn't it be awesome to be one of those 16? Probably every church in town thinks it is one of that 16. Well, that would be wrong.

Did you notice what wasn't a big deal to Jesus in the reports? Did you notice that He didn't mention church attendance in a single report? Didn't mention budgets or tithing even once. He also failed to point to buildings, property, bank accounts and a host of other things that we

seem to talk a whole lot about at church board meetings. Maybe we'd better read those two chapters in Revelation again and get our priorities straight. I think that would definitely put a grin on Jesus' face. Don't you? After all, who better deserves to have His heart warmed by His churches repenting and being faithful?

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Teenager's Presidential Dream Wins Many Votes of Confidence

DEAR READERS: Yesterday, I printed some of the responses I have received from people offering encouragement to the 13-year-old girl who dreams of becoming president of the United States. My office has been flooded with terrific messages of support for her, and I am printing more of them today. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I am a 14-year-old girl writing in response to "I Have a Dream." I was enraged when I read her letter. Tell her to NEVER let the fact that she is female get in her way and to hold her head high. She is an avant-garde thinker ready for the future, surrounded by a bunch of backward, out-of-date idiots.

Eleanor Roosevelt once said, "No one can make you feel inferior without your consent." Be strong, stubborn and positive that you'll get there, and you WILL accomplish your dream. You go, girl! -- ENRAGED TEEN FEMINIST, ROCHESTER, N.Y.

DEAR ENRAGED: And I have no doubt that you will also achieve YOUR dreams. Thanks for a great letter.

DEAR ABBY: I was taken aback by the fact that "I Have a Dream" teacher laughed at her when she said she wants to be president of the United States. His inappropriate response was merely a demonstration of his own lack of ability. To say a 13-year-old woman cannot aspire to be president is as absurd as telling Arnold Schwarzenegger, a poor immigrant weightlifter, that he cannot become governor of California. -- JIM DONOVAN, AUTHOR OF "HANDBOOK TO A HAPPIER LIFE"

DEAR JIM: Well said!

DEAR ABBY: I am 60 years old. When I was her age, a woman had four choices: office worker, wife, nurse, teacher. That was it. My sister was told she couldn't go into computers because that was "a man's job." My daughter is extremely good with computers and uses them at her job in finance, another field that was closed to women in the past.

A woman certainly will be president. A woman has already run a major country. To name a few: Golda Meir, Israel; Indira Gandhi, India; and Margaret Thatcher, England. "I Have a Dream" should run for president of her class and

the student council. She should seek office in her town, her state and her country. If she's not elected, she should analyze her defeat and run again. She will succeed. -- CAROLYN AUGUSTINE, LAKEWOOD, WASH.

DEAR CAROLYN: She'd get my vote.

DEAR ABBY: I am an over-40 member of the U.S. military. That young girl should hold her head high and use either national security adviser Condoleezza Rice or Sen. Hillary Clinton as examples of women who could easily be their party's candidates for president in four years. In America, anyone can dream of being president. -- LT. COL. JEFFREY A. THOMPSON, MIDWEST CITY, OKLA.

DEAR LT. COL. THOMPSON: Yes, and the realization of that dream could be close at hand.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter expressed the desire to be president in second grade; no one laughed. She was her high school class valedictorian and is graduating from a difficult engineering college "magna cum laude." She had a full military scholarship, so she'll be commissioned as an officer to serve for the next five years. I have faith that she could become a great president one day. I will never discourage her. The teacher who laughed at "I Have a Dream" should be fired, and the tormenting students should be punished. -- PROUD MOM IN BEDFORD, N.H.

DEAR PROUD MOM: I'm sure that part of your daughter's success is because she was lucky enough to have parents who encouraged and supported her. My congratulations to your daughter, and to you.

Readers, stay tuned. I'll print more on this subject next week.

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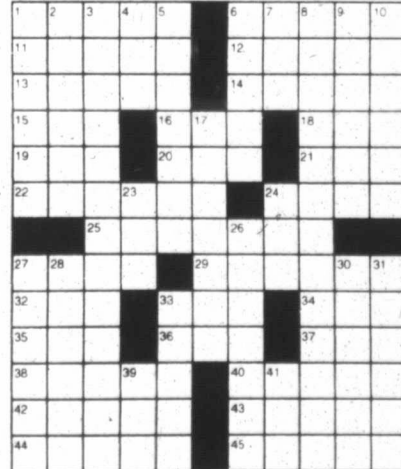
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SPORTS

Venus wins, Serena withdraws, Capriati loses

By BRUCE SMITH
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — The top three seeds at the Family Circle Cup are no longer playing. And none of them lost on the court.

Venus Williams, seeded fourth, is the highest remaining seed after her sister Serena, seeded second, withdrew Thursday citing a sore left knee.

Justine Henin-Hardenne and Amelie Mauresmo also withdrew earlier for health reasons.

Still, Venus Williams didn't consider herself the favorite going into Friday's quarterfinals.

"I don't know. I'm just a lone warrior," she laughed after she notched an easy 6-4, 6-1 victory over Marie-Gayenay in the third round Thursday night.

Her sister withdrew earlier in the day before her match with Conchita Martinez.

Serena Williams had surgery on the knee last August and said sliding on the green clay "was giving my leg a lot of problems." She said she planned to be back playing in the Rome tournament next month.

Other seeded players left the tournament a more conventional way. They lost their matches.

Jennifer Capriati, the No. 7 seed who won the tournament three years ago, was upset by Petra Mandula of Hungary 7-6 (3), 3-6, 7-5 in Thursday's third round.

"It's not that she was not that good or I was lucky or whatever," said Mandula,

who is ranked 42nd in the world. "I played good, I think."

Capriati, who has pulled out of three tournaments this year because of back pain, said her physical condition wasn't the problem.

"I felt fine physically. I wasn't getting fatigued at all," she said. "She played really well and was teeing off. I had a good rhythm — just didn't step up and win those, you know, key points."

Mandula plays in one quarterfinal against Jelena Kostanic, a 6-3, 6-1 winner over Dally Randriantefy.

Vera Zvonareva, a 6-4, 6-0 winner over Anna Smashnova-Pistolesi, meets the winner of Thursday night's match between Venus Williams and Marie-Gayenay Mikaelian in the same side of

the draw.

In other matches, fifth-seeded Lindsay Davenport beat Nicole Pratt 6-1, 6-1 and improved her season record to 22-2.

Despite the loss of Serena Williams and other top seeds, Davenport said the tournament will still be tough.

"It maybe would have lit up my eyes if I was supposed to play her today, but we were still many, many rounds from playing," Davenport said. "And, regardless if the draw has opened up a bit, my next round, I believe, is going to be very difficult."

She was to meet Patty Schnyder in the quarterfinals. Schnyder was a 6-3, 6-1 winner over Elena Dementieva.

No. 8 Nadia Petrova defeated Alina Jidkova 6-1, 6-1, and will face Martinez, who won the tournament in 1994-95.

Family Circle Cup

Pacers complete best season

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — After the Indiana Pacers completed the best regular season in franchise history, coach Rick Carlisle was asked if he thought the team would accomplish so much when he was first hired.

"It didn't look like it coming out of the exhibition season," Carlisle said. "There really were a lot of questions."

A franchise-record 61 wins and a Central Division title later, Indiana enters Saturday's playoff opener against Boston with home-court advantage throughout the postseason for the first time in the team's NBA history.

"We got off to a good start and were able to get some momentum early and were able to figure it out," Carlisle said. "Our players deserve all the credit. It was tough for our players to adapt to different personnel on the court and on the staff."

Carlisle was hired to replace the fired Isiah Thomas less than a month before the regular season began. While players and coaches worked to come together and overcome injuries, the Pacers went 3-5 in the preseason.

Jermaine O'Neal, Jonathan Bender, Kenny Anderson, Anthony Johnson and Al Harrington missed time with minor injuries early, preventing the team from jelling under Carlisle's new, more structured system.

But the Pacers opened the regular season 14-2, led the Eastern Conference from start to finish, and ended with the best record in the league (61-21).

Through it all, they have been reluctant to acknowledge their milestones.

PHS softball team shuts out Plainview; win ensures berth in district play-offs

Pampa's Lady Harvesters softball team clinches a spot in District 3-4A playoffs Thursday with a 20-0 win against Plainview.

Twice the match between the two teams had been rescheduled due to the weather, but when they finally met on Pampa's new softball field Thursday afternoon, the home team emerged the victor.

Freshman pitcher Nicole Clark gave up one hit, Plainview's only hit, for the run-rule win. Stephanie McVay pitched for two innings, allowing nothing but three up and three down.

Pampa played error-free defense. Senior centerfielder Abbi Covalt (leadoff hitter) led the way on base five times. Logan Winkelman, catcher, did a great job behind the plate as well.

Leadoff hitter:
1. Abbi Covalt: 3 singles, 2 walks, 3 of 3;

2. Amy Youree: 3 singles, 1 double, 4 of 4;

3. Callie Cobb: single, sac fly, 4 RBI;

4. Stacey Johnson: double, single, 2 RBI, 2 of 3;

5. Nicole Clark: allowed no runs on 1 hit, 2 walks and recorded 4 K's (12-5-9-1)

6. Brittany Adams: 2 hits, 2 RBI; 2 of 4

7. Whitney Roden: 2 bases on balls;

8. T. Garner: single and a triple; 2 of 3

9. Haley Bowen: 2 doubles, 2 BB, 3 RBI; 2 of

10. Logan Winkelman: FLEX/ Catcher, no at bats

Bench players 4th inning substitutions:

Left field, Ashley Parker: 2 run single, Pitcher, Stephanie McVay (up from JV

for game): walk, run scored — (2 IP, no hits, no runs, relieved Clark in 4th.)
2nd base Raeanna Cowan: walk;

1st base: Whitney Wichert: flew out, 3 for 3 on put outs at first.

Right field Cobb played shortstop in 4th & 5th innings.

Short stop Johnson caught McVay in 4th & 5th, only 13 pitches. She caught the last out on a pop-up at home to end game.

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LP: Torres; 2B: PLN - Almanza

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Records: Pampa (16-8-1; 9-1): PD (0-8)

Next game for the varsity and JV girls will be against Dumas at Dumas on Saturday, April 17.

Pavano helps extend Marlins scoreless-innings streak

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Carl Pavano had no choice but to take the ribbing from Brad Penny on the Marlins' bus. After all, his teammate already had a share of Florida's shutout streak.

"No pressure," Penny said, pointing out that the Marlins' run of 21 scoreless innings was now in Pavano's hands.

Pavano was up to the challenge, combining with two relievers to beat the Montreal Expos 3-0 Thursday night and extend the Marlins' scoreless string to a team-record 30 innings.

The World Series champions shut out the Expos in all three games of the series played in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Montreal was held to three hits Thursday as its scoreless stretch reached a club-record 33 innings.

The last time a team swept a three-game series with shutouts was 1995, when Baltimore did it against Detroit.

Pavano (1-0) gave up three hits in seven innings, and Chad

Fox and Armando Benitez finished. The previous shutout record for the Marlins was 27 innings, compiled in four games between July 29-Aug. 1, 1997.

"I wasn't going to be the one to go out there and mess up our rhythm," Pavano said.

In other games, it was: Philadelphia 6, Cincinnati 4; Chicago Cubs 10, Pittsburgh 5; Arizona 11, Colorado 10; N.Y. Mets 4, Atlanta 0; Milwaukee 6, Houston 2; and Los Angeles 7, San Diego 5.

Pavano retired the first 10 batters before Jamey Carroll hit a one-out triple in the fourth. Jose Vidro walked, and advanced to second on Orlando Cabrera's groundout. Brad Wilkerson flied out to end the inning.

Fox struck out the side in the eighth, and Benitez pitched the ninth for his sixth save of the season.

The Marlins scored three in the fourth off Zach Day (0-1).

Luis Castillo led off with a walk. Miguel Cabrera singled and

Mike Lowell had a sacrifice fly.

One out later, Hee Seop Choi homered for the second consecutive game. The two-run shot was Choi's fifth homer of the season.

Montreal, the worst offensive team in the majors, has been blanked four times overall this season by the Marlins. Florida shut out the Expos in the final game of their recent series at Pro Player Stadium.

Darren Oliver, who gets Florida's next start Friday in Atlanta, does not want to be the guy to allow a run.

"I hope I can keep it going. We're just hot right now," Oliver said.

Phillies 6, Reds 4

At Philadelphia, Mike Lieberthal hit a three-run homer in the eighth inning, rallying the Phillies for their first win at Citizens Bank Park.

Rheal Cormier (2-2) pitched a scoreless eighth for the win. Billy Wagner worked the ninth for his second save.

Ryan Wagner (0-1) gave up a bloop RBI single to Pat Burrell

in the eighth before Lieberthal homered.

Cubs 10, Pirates 5

At Chicago, Michael Barrett connected twice in the first multi-homer game of his career. Aramis Ramirez homered for a second straight day and the Cubs roughed up Josh Fogg (0-2).

Moises Alou also homered for the Cubs, who won two straight for the first time this year. Carlos Zambrano (1-0) scattered six hits and one run over six innings.

Craig Wilson, Jack Wilson, Humberto Cota homered for Pittsburgh. It was Cota's first career home run.

Diamondbacks 11, Rockies 10

At Denver, Richie Sexson and Shea Hillenbrand each homered and drove in three runs, helping Arizona end a five-game losing streak.

Matt Mantei got the final four outs, striking out the side in the ninth for his second save.

Mike Koplove (1-1) worked out of a bases-loaded jam in the fifth to earn the win.

Ruiz defends title in a heavyweight division suffering identity problems

NEW YORK (AP) — The heavyweight division has problems, and no one knows it better than John Ruiz.

There are too many champions, and too many titles. With Lennox Lewis retired, even the most ardent boxing fan would be hard-pressed to name the top fighters.

"The situation right now is that there is not really a big name out there in the heavyweight division," Ruiz said. "Everybody was focusing (on) Lennox Lewis, Lennox Lewis and (Mike) Tyson was out there. But the thing is right now everyone is saying 'Who the heck is in the heavyweight division?'"

That's certainly a legitimate question. Another one for those outside of boxing might be "Who the heck is John Ruiz?"

He's the WBA heavyweight champion, for one, and he defends his title Saturday night at Madison Square Garden against Fres Oquendo. Also on the card is

an IBF heavyweight title fight between another champion of sorts, Chris Byrd, and the once disgraced Andrew Golota.

Promoter Don King calls it "Night of the Title Fights," presumably because "Night of the Journeyman Unknowns" wouldn't fit. In typical King fashion, he has loaded the card with other title fights, to get fans to pay \$39.95 to see it on pay-per-view (9 p.m. EDT).

That King has to bundle two heavyweight title fights on the same card says something about the state of the division. Lewis was generally recognized as the real champion before he retired earlier this year, and now there are a handful of fighters all with big question marks wanting to take his place.

Among them is Ruiz, who first won the WBA title by going 1-1-1 in three fights with an aging Evander Holyfield, only to lose it with a desultory performance in his biggest fight last year against

Roy Jones Jr.

Jones decided to go back to light heavyweight, and Ruiz (39-5-1, 27 knockouts) was promoted again to champion based on his win in a December fight against Hasim Rahman so filled with clinching and holding that it was difficult to watch.

"It was disappointing for me to receive the belt without fighting for it, but it was something that I have to accept," said Ruiz, who had campaigned for a rematch with Jones. "I have to accept the fact that he (Jones) doesn't want to fight me again."

Instead, Ruiz will fight Oquendo, who got the fight following a good performance in a disputed loss to Byrd last year. To give the fight some flavor, it is being billed as the first all-Latino heavyweight title fight (Oquendo is Puerto Rican, while Ruiz's parents are from Puerto Rico).

Ruiz, whose style usually leads to ugly fights filled with holding, knows he must look better against Oquendo (24-2, 15 knockouts) if he is to be given credit as a true champion. Many in boxing believe the winner of the April 24 fight between Vitali Klitschko and Corrie Sanders for the WBC title left vacant by the retirement of Lewis will be given the most legitimacy.

"It's a great chance and a great opportunity," Ruiz said. "The heavyweight division is wide open, basically. It is out there waiting to be grabbed. Someone is going to be the top guy, especially after Lennox Lewis' retirement."

Byrd, the other champion on the card, sees himself as that guy. The 1992 Olympic silver medalist at 168 pounds doesn't hit hard enough to make anyone pay attention, but his slick moves and superior boxing skills make him a fighter most contenders like to avoid.

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Baseball seeks return of African-Americans to sport

By JIM LITKE
AP SPORTS COLUMNIST

The commissioner calls it the "most powerful moment in baseball history" and anybody would be hard-pressed to argue otherwise.

On April 15, 1947, Jackie Robinson of the Brooklyn Dodgers broke the game's color barrier. He went 0-for-3 in his debut before a home crowd, but scored the deciding run in a 5-3 win over the Boston Braves. That simple oh-fer changed more than just baseball and sport. After it, America was a different country.

What no one could have known at the time was how much more lasting its effect would be on history than baseball. And perhaps Robinson's legacy will always be bigger outside the game than inside it.

Whether baseball can recapture some of that pioneering spirit, and convince Robinson's heirs to return, remains anyone's guess. The good news is that Bud Selig & Co. are finally trying.

On Thursday, major league baseball staged the first of what will be an

annual celebration of Jackie Robinson Day. There were video tributes to Robinson and a few surviving Negro League stars at ballparks across the land. Selig flew from his Milwaukee office earlier in the day so he could drop in at Forest Hills High in New York to see the finishing touches put on a baseball diamond that MLB paid \$1 million to refurbish. Later, he joined Rachel Robinson, Jackie's widow, for a tribute at Shea Stadium.

For all the progress baseball has made, and all the opportunities Selig will point to on the horizon, a constant worry gnaws at him.

"Somehow, the kids in the inner-city got away from us," he said. "Basketball and football became much more popular, and now we've got a giant task in front of us. Winning back those kids is not going to be easy."

The numbers bear that out at just about every level. The strange thing is that even as more African-Americans move into the front offices, fewer are turning up on the diamond. And the stands appear to have suffered the most dramatic losses of all, though reputable figures are hard to come by.

"I went to the first game Jackie played in Wrigley Field," Selig recalled. He was a teenager and living in Milwaukee at the time.

"I sat with a friend of mine, a cousin who taught at the University of Chicago and we were the only white people in the upper deck. Now when I think back on it, I think of the great era that was about to begin: Campanella, Aaron, Mays, McCovey and Banks. And when you think that it predated the civil-rights movement in this country — by what, 17, 18 years? — it's an even more remarkable story."

There still isn't a single African-American owner, president or chairman in charge of a club, and only 3 percent of the people directing day-to-day operations in baseball are black. At the next level down, that of vice presidents, the percentage climbs to 5 percent.

Maybe the best thing that can be said about those numbers, compiled by the Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport at the University of Central Florida, is that each subsequent level shows more and more participation by African-Americans.

The diamond, though, is a different story.

In 1980, the percentage of African-Americans playing the game peaked at 24 percent and eight of the ballplayers who appeared in the All-Star Game for each league were black. Last season, blacks comprised just 9 percent of the players on opening-day rosters and only seven ballplayers total played for the National and American League squads.

Though few ballplayers today know much about Robinson's contributions, two of the three African-American managers in the game underscored the significance of celebrating it.

"Not to sound smart," the Cubs' Dusty Baker said, "but he changed the complexion and the face of the game. ... Not just as a ballplayer, but as a man."

Added Pittsburgh's Lloyd McClendon, whose Pirates were in Chicago: "Generations of fans have changed, and knowledge slips away a little bit. But baseball has done a nice job to remember and commemorate. We ought to keep that up."

Robinson's pioneering efforts have had a significant effect on minority participation, but most of the gains have been registered by Latinos. Last season, Latin ballplayers made up exactly a quarter of the opening-day rosters, nearly double the number at the start of the 1990s.

At least that has not gone unnoticed. Some of the successes behind that story are now being employed by baseball in a belated attempt to win back black ballplayers and fans. A \$3 million baseball academy similar to those established by clubs in such fertile recruiting ground as the Dominican Republic is about to come online in Compton, Calif.

"We need to provide fields and facilities where kids can play," Selig said. "We need to provide some equipment and instruction. We need to provide a lot of things."

And while providing a history lesson about Robinson might seem a small way to start a big task, every journey starts with a single step.

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Texas League					West Division				
First Half					W L Pct GB				
At A Glance					Los Angeles				
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Eastern Division					Colorado				
W L Pct GB					San Diego				
Arkansas (Angels)					Arizona				
Tulsa (Rockies)					Houston 11, St. Louis 1				
Frisco (Rangers)					Chicago Cubs 8, Pittsburgh 3				
Wichita (Royals)					Milwaukee 3, San Francisco 0				
Western Division					Florida 9, Montreal 0				
W L Pct GB					Cincinnati at Philadelphia, ppd., rain				
Round Rock (Astros)					Atlanta 6, N.Y. Mets 1				
San Antonio (Mariners)					Colorado 14, Arizona 4				
Midland (Athletics)					Los Angeles 11, San Diego 4				
El Paso (Diamondbacks)					Thursday's Games				
W L Pct GB					Philadelphia 6, Cincinnati 4				
Arkansas 7, Tulsa 2					Chicago Cubs 10, Pittsburgh 5				
Frisco 2, Wichita 1					Florida 3, Montreal 0				
Round Rock 4, Midland 2					Arizona 11, Colorado 10				
San Antonio 2, El Paso 1					N.Y. Mets 4, Atlanta 0				
Friday's Games					Milwaukee 6, Houston 2				
Arkansas at Tulsa					Los Angeles 7, San Diego 5				
Frisco at Wichita					Friday's Games				
Round Rock at Midland					Cincinnati (Harang 1-0) at Chicago Cubs (Mitre 0-0), 3:20 p.m.				
San Antonio at El Paso					Montreal (L.Hernandez 0-1) at Philadelphia (Milton 0-0), 7:05 p.m.				
Saturday's Games					Pittsburgh (K.Wells 1-1) at N.Y. Mets (Glasvine 2-0), 7:10 p.m.				
Arkansas at Tulsa					Florida (Oliver 1-0) at Atlanta (Wright 0-0), 7:35 p.m.				
Frisco at Wichita					Milwaukee (D.Davis 1-1) at Houston (Oswalt 1-0), 8:05 p.m.				
Round Rock at Midland					Colorado (Stark 0-1) at St. Louis (Morris 1-1), 8:10 p.m.				
San Antonio at El Paso					Arizona (Johnson 0-1) at San Diego (Peay 0-0), 10:05 p.m.				
Sunday's Games					Los Angeles (Od.Perez 0-1) at San Francisco (Schmidt 0-0), 10:15 p.m.				
El Paso at Round Rock					Saturday's Games				
Midland at San Antonio					Montreal (L.Hernandez 0-1) at Philadelphia (Myers 0-0), 1:05 p.m.				
Tulsa at Frisco					Pittsburgh (OLPerez 1-0) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 1-1), 1:10 p.m.				
Wichita at Arkansas					Colorado (Estes 2-0) at St. Louis (Marquis 0-1), 2:15 p.m.				
National League					Cincinnati (Haynes 0-1) at Chicago Cubs (Wood 2-0), 2:20 p.m.				
At A Glance					Los Angeles (Lima 1-0) at San Francisco (Rueter 0-0), 4:05 p.m.				
By The Associated Press					Florida (Beckett 1-0) at Atlanta (Ru.Ortiz 0-2), 7:05 p.m.				
All Times EDT					Milwaukee (Kinney 0-1) at Houston (Duckworth 0-0), 7:05 p.m.				
East Division					Arizona (Webb 1-0) at San Diego (Valdes 0-0), 10:05 p.m.				
W L Pct GB					Sunday's Games				
Florida					Florida at Atlanta, 1:05 p.m.				
New York					Pittsburgh at N.Y. Mets, 1:10 p.m.				
Atlanta					Montreal at Philadelphia, 1:35 p.m.				
Philadelphia					Milwaukee at Houston, 2:05 p.m.				
Montreal					Colorado at St. Louis, 2:15 p.m.				
Central Division					Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.				
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, April 17, 2004:

You express unusual energy and enthusiasm this year. All the attention tumbles onto you, whether you like it or not. Your charisma, wit and energy merge, making you hard to resist. Nevertheless, an issue on the home front or a personal insecurity plagues you frequently. You might need to handle this issue before it becomes a problem. A house bought this year might cost more in the long run than you want. If you are single, people surround you left and right. Avoid moving in with someone this year. If you are attached, the two of you need to work more together to give each other mutual support. ARIES can push your buttons.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Though you hit your power days of the month, you might need to slow down some and take a snooze or deal with a difficult roommate or family member. You jump past problems with ease if you relax. Tonight: Your time to do what you want.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★ Back off, especially when you find a conversation or heated discussion impossible to win, or when the other party or you are unreasonable. Do something just for you right now, taking your well-being into your own hands. Tonight: Make a choice for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Finally, you are able to toss away thoughts of work and/or responsibilities and simply enjoy yourself to

the max. Others or a specific friend delights in your company: the more people around you, the better right now. Tonight: Where you are, the fun is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Acknowledge that you might be a bit off or out of sorts. You might want to talk about a problem in a more direct manner with a respected friend. Take your time, because the right moment could make all the difference. Tonight: Out on the town.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Don't allow a sinking feeling or uneasiness to change your plans. Find a favorite person with whom you can be free or let your inner child out. Curb a tendency to be introverted or self-involved. Be there for others. Tonight: Opt for a movie or concert. Let your mind wander.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Plan on spending quality time with someone you really do care about. Understand that friends don't like not having you around. In the long run, you value this person and connect on a very deep level right now. Tonight: Add more spice to your life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Defer to others, as you might be interested in what they choose. Don't worry about a work project right now. You need some time off to gain perspective. Lighten up with others' companionship. Let loose finally. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You might want to complete a project or two right now. You need to do this so that you can relax and enjoy yourself more. You also might want to schedule a long weekend or a visit with a friend in the near future. Tonight:

Make it easy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ A close friend or partner easily could rain on your parade, if you let him or her. Allow yourself to look at life from the sunny side, permitting yourself to enjoy those around you. A flirtation builds. A relationship opens up. Tonight: Romp the night away.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Family does demand your attention. If attached, you might have a problem with your partner, or with a special person in your life if you are single. He or she might be down, looking at the glass as half-empty rather than half-filled. Tonight: Barbecue at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ If you are tired, do something about it! Take a nap rather than ruin a fun day or not enjoy those around you. Schedule a checkup or a visit with the dentist, if need be. Hang with friends and catch up on others' news. Tonight: At a preferred haunt.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★ You might want to slow down your spending right now. If you are trying to impress someone close, forget it. He or she will either like you as you really are or not. Be authentic. You will develop a stronger bond. Tonight: Learn that fun doesn't need to cost a lot.

BORN TODAY

Reporter Harry Reasoner (1923), actress Jennifer Garner (1972), Spice Girl Victoria "Posh" Addams (1974)

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Paul Tracy ready to start campaign for second straight Champ Car title

By MIKE HARRIS
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LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — It took Paul Tracy 14 years to win his first Champ Car title. Now, he has the opportunity to do something no one in the series has done in six years — win two in a row.

Tracy, in his second year driving for Forsythe Racing, gets started on defending his championship Friday when practice and qualifying begin for the Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach.

The narrow, twisting downtown street circuit is one that often brings out the best in Tracy. He earned the first of his 26 victories here in 1993 and has added two more, including last April.

"Long Beach is certainly one of my favorite racetracks for a lot of reasons," Tracy said. "We've had some success here and winning here was a big part of my winning the championship last year."

In 2003, Long Beach was the third event of the season and Tracy left here unbeaten and well on the way to the title. He wound up winning seven races and beat runner-up

Bruno Junqueira for the championship by 27 points.

Last year's win by Tracy had an element of luck, too.

Michel Jourdain Jr., then driving for Team Rahal, led a race-high 48 laps, but gave up the top spot to Tracy with just seven laps remaining when his gearbox seized up as he attempted to leave the pits following a fast stop.

Jourdain went on to win his first Champ Car race in June in Milwaukee and later added a victory in Montreal. But the failure in Long Beach after such a dominating performance left the Mexican driver with tears of frustration.

"Hopefully, I can take care of some unfinished business here," said Jourdain, who finished third in the standings in 2003.

It won't be easy, though.

Bobby Rahal pulled his team out of Champ Car last month, moving to the rival Indy Racing League and leaving Jourdain looking for a new ride. He found it with the RuSport team, which is moving up from the steppingstone Toyota-Atlantic series.

Jourdain joins rookie teammate A.J. Allmendinger, last

year's Toyota-Atlantic champion, on the new Champ Car team.

"I'm really looking forward to the start of the season and working with a new team," Jourdain said. "This could be something really big with RuSport."

"It won't be easy because of the short time we have had to get ready, but everyone is working very hard to have it right."

All 18 drivers in Champ Car were eager to get started on the 1.968-mile temporary road course after a frustrating and uncertain offseason.

"Nobody knew what was going to happen," Junqueira said. "We didn't even get our testing started until just a few weeks ago. I think everybody just wants to start racing."

CART, the former sanctioning body of the series, went bankrupt. The new Open Wheel Racing Series, LLC, bought its assets and renewed a commitment to the series.

Junqueira, teamed with Sebast

1 Public Notice

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION
(ADVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)
To the Registered Voters of the City of Pampa, Texas:
(A los votantes registrados de la Ciudad de Pampa, Texas.)
Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 15, 2004 for voting in a general election to elect a City Commissioner Ward 2 and City Commissioner Ward 4.

(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 15 de Mayo de 2004 para votar en la Elección General para elegir Comisionado Distrito 2, Comisionado Distrito 4.)
LOCATION OF POLLING PLACE (DIRECCIONES DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)
Lovett Auditorium
Kingsmill Street
Lovett Sala
Commemorativa Biblioteca la calle Kingsmill

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at: (La votación en ausencia en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en:)
Main Floor, City Hall (Location) (Sítio)
between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. begin-

1 Public Notice

ning on April 28, 2004, (entre las ocho de la mañana y las cinco de la tarde empezando el 28 Abril, 2004 and ending on May 11, 2004. (Y terminando el 11 Mayo, 2004.)
La Oficina de la Secretaría de la Ciudad de Pampa Localizada en el Edificio Municipal de Pampa. Issued this 10th day of February, 2004.
Lonny Robbins
Signature of Mayor (Firma del Alcalde)
E-28 Apr. 16, 2004

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

To the Registered Voters of Lefors, Texas:
(A los votantes registrados del Lfors, Texas.)
Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 15, 2004, for voting in a general election to elect 3 full term Board Members. (Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 15 de Mayo de 2004 para votar en la Elección General para elegir 3 llenar un asiento vacío.)
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LEFORS CITY HALL.

1 Public Notice

103 N. CLURT, LEFORS, TX.
Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at 209 E. 5th St. School Business Office. (La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en) 209 E. 5th Oficina de Profesión de la Escuela.
Between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on April 28, 2004 (entre las 8:30 de la mañana y las 4:00 de la tarde empezando el 4-28-04) and ending on May 11, 2004. (y terminando el 5-11-04.)
Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: (Las solicitudes para boletines que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:)
Pat Seely: Name of Early Voting Clerk (Nombre del Secretario(a) de la Votación Adelantada)
PO Box 390, Address (Dirección) Lefors, TX. 79054.

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on (Las solicitudes para boletines que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el) May 7, 2004.
Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows: (La votación adelantada además se llevará a cabo en el mismo sitio de tal manera.)
Issued this 15 day of March, 2004. (Emítida este día 15 de March, 2004, Ken Miller Signature of Presiding Officer (Oficial que Preside)
E-31 16 April, 2004

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Heating/Air Conditioning Borger Hwy. 665-4392

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European nations reject purported truce offer from bin Laden

LONDON (AP) — A purported truce offer from Osama bin Laden met with flat rejections from key European nations, including Iraq war opponents France and Germany, and condemnations of his al-Qaida terrorist network.

European leaders said there could be no negotiating with bin Laden and the audiotaped truce offer was widely seen as an attempt to drive a wedge between the United States and its European allies by exploiting their differences over Iraq.

The offer, broadcast Thursday on Arab TV stations, suggested a subtle shift in strategy by the al-Qaida chief, who in the past has directed his bloody campaign against the West in general.

Security analyst Kai Hirschmann in Germany said the message should not be taken seriously.

"It was all about driving a wedge between governments

and people inside Europe," said Hirschmann, deputy head of the Institute on Terrorism Research and Security Policy.

"It's like a bank robber saying, 'Give me a million euros and I won't rob any more banks' — it's laughable. I would have liked (governments) not to comment so extensively," he said.

The message also served to inform the world that bin Laden is alive amid a heightened military hunt for him.

One British newspaper suggested the proposal indicated

that bin Laden may be in a weakened position.

"Terrorist leaders traditionally resort to this either when they have lost control of their own forces, or when they believe that they are losing," The Daily Telegraph wrote in its Friday editorial.

CIA analysts said the tape was likely an authentic recording of the al-Qaida chief. It was the first since January attributed to bin Laden, believed to be hiding in mountains along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border.

The recording was apparently made in recent weeks, the CIA said, because it includes a reference to Israel's killing on March 22 of Hamas founder Sheik Ahmed Yassin.

It offered "a truce ... to any country which does not carry out an onslaught against Muslims or interfere in their affairs."

Russia also called the tape a bid to pit the opponents of terrorism against one another.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Alexander Yakovenko said the offer

reflected "simply a desire to create a schism in the anti-terrorist coalition, in which Russia participates actively," the Interfax news agency reported.

Russia opposed the U.S.-led war in Iraq but has supported the war against terrorism and casts its war against militant separatists in the Chechnya region as part of the international struggle against global terrorism.

French President Jacques Chirac, one of the firmest opponents of the U.S.-led war that ousted Saddam Hussein, rejected the truce offer. "No dealings are possible with terrorists," he said.

Germany was equally clear. "Any attempt to split Europe will fail," said German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder.

In Italy, a nation shocked by the killing of an Italian civilian captured by militants in Iraq, Foreign Minister Franco Frattini said it was "unthinkable that we may open a negotiation with bin Laden, everybody understands this."

Britain rejected the notion it would remove its soldiers in

return for immunity from attack.

"You know I don't think we need Osama bin Laden to start telling us how to handle our political affairs," Prime Minister Tony Blair said.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said that he was pleased by the reaction and that Europeans are saying they "will not be terrorized by these terrorists."

"I am offering a truce to European countries," the speaker on the tape said. "Its core is our commitment to cease operations against any country which does not carry out an onslaught against Muslims or interfere in their affairs."

The message said "the door to a truce is open for three months," but the period could be extended. "The truce will begin when the last soldier leaves our countries," the speaker said without elaborating.

Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer dismissed bin Laden's offer as "a propaganda maneuver ... that should be roundly rejected by the international community."

Cable One offers family values 'pak'

Cable One is expanding television programming available to digital customers in response to customer feedback for faith, family and wholesome programming alternatives. As of April 13, five channels are available to Cable One digital customers at no additional cost.

The Faith & Family Pak will consist of the following channels:

- TBN, Channel 390, is the world's largest religious network and America's most watched faith channel. TBN offers 24 hours of commercial-free inspirational programming that appeals to people in a wide variety of denominations in addition to uplifting worship services from America's premier churches (www.tbn.org).

- INSP, Channel 391, is a 24-hour-a-day cable television network that targets the millions of Americans who embrace inspirational values.

INSP seeks to serve the diverse inspirational community by providing a wide-range of programs from many denominations and faith groups. INSP targets the entire family, with specific program blocks each weekday for children. INSP also has programming that targets minorities (www.insp.com).

- BYU Television, Channel 392, is an international programming service for alumni and friends of Brigham Young University, members and friends of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and others interested in educational, values-oriented, and religiously based programming. The programs aired on BYU Television come from the three campuses of BYU, the LDS Church, Bonneville International, and other independent producers and distributors (www.byutv.org).
- 3ABN or Three Angels

Broadcasting Network, Channel 393, is the "Mending Broken People Network," a 24-hour Christian television network. 3ABN's focus is to present programming which will reach people right where they are hurting. 3ABN offers divorce recovery programs, drug and alcohol rehabilitation, cooking and health programs, stop smoking and weight loss, programs that deal with children and family issues, organic gardening, natural home remedies, gospel music programs as well as a variety of inspirational themes from the Bible for children and adults (www.3abn.org).

- FamilyNet, Channel 394, is the entertainment and information television network dedicated to providing a reliable, safe viewing destination for today's family. Owned and operated by North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, FamilyNet has award-winning programs for the entire family (www.familynet.org).

"Our customer focus continues to be on quality, choice and value," Harris said, "we continue to strive to add programming to satisfy our customers and are happy to be able to offer family and values oriented programming as part of our digital line-up."

Cable One, the cable division of The Washington Post Company, operates 52 cable systems, serving 720,000 subscribers in 19 states.

WTAMU to assist with RARE Expo

CANYON — West Texas A&M University, a member of the Rural Alliance for Renewable Energy (RARE), will assist RARE with the planning and presentation of its first in a series of expos around the state titled "How Renewable Energy Can Benefit You, Your Business and Your Community."

A combination of forums, workshops and exhibits, the expo is set for Friday, April 30 and Saturday, May 1 at the Amarillo Civic Center.

Ken Starcher, director of WTAMU's Alternative Energy Institute, will be working in concert with Russel E. Smith, executive director of the Texas Renewable Energy Industries Association, as preparations for the expo go forward.

To obtain a registration form or to see a complete rundown of expo activities, go to <http://www.treia.org> or, to download a pdf file, click on RARE expo.

Altrusa Awareness Day



(Courtesy photo)

Mayor Lonnie Robbins proclaimed April 11 "Altrusa Awareness Day." Present were Altrusans, (left-right) Billie Dixon, Anne Stobbe, Terri Williams, Brenda Tucker and Billie Sue Evans.

HIV scare shuts down some California porn productions

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An AIDS scare prompted adult movie companies to halt production and bar dozens of performers from the set after two actors tested HIV-positive.

At least 45 actors and actresses were under a voluntary work quarantine and about a dozen companies were adhering to a voluntary two-month moratorium until new HIV tests are completed, industry experts said.

"It's very scary," said Mary Carey, a porn star who ran for governor of California last fall. "This is kind of a wake-up call for everybody."

Carey said she had not worked with the infected actor but as a precaution, she was canceling a lesbian porn shoot.

The last industry HIV scare was in 1999, when a male actor tested positive for the disease. He no longer performs and no other actors were infected. Before that, a male actor infected five women in 1998.

A nonprofit health group was trying to identify performers who had sex with the two HIV-infected actors as well as a "second generation" who slept with their movie sex partners.

Dr. Jonathan Fielding, director of public health and health

officer for Los Angeles County, said the agency did not consider the HIV case a threat to public health "at this point."

"I think in general, they've done an appropriate job in terms of the quarantine measures taken," he said.

However, he said, the discovery shows that screening programs are not perfect and the only way to prevent AIDS "is not to have unprotected sex."

Sharon Mitchell of the non-profit Adult Industry Medical Healthcare Foundation said the male performer apparently contracted HIV last month while filming in Brazil. He tested positive for HIV on Friday and a follow-up test on Monday confirmed it.

On Thursday, Mitchell confirmed that one of about a dozen women the man had sex with in U.S. films also had tested HIV-positive.

The industry news magazine AVN said she was a Canadian woman who had been in a scene involving unprotected sex, and had been in the adult film industry for only three months.

It was unclear how much impact the work stoppage would have on the \$4 billion to \$13 billion-a-year industry, which is centered in the San Fernando Valley and cranks out 4,000 movies annually.

The porn industry's largest company, Vivid Entertainment, told The Associated Press in a statement that it would continue production, arguing that they already have safety measures in place. However, late Thursday Adult Video News posted a statement from Vivid spokeswoman Ellie Reeve on its Web site, saying the company had decided to cease production.

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