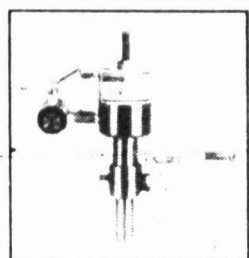


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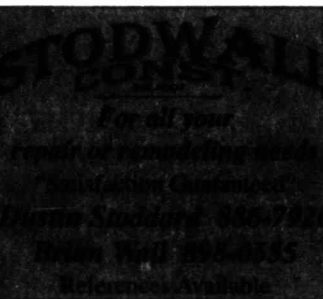


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Early voting opens in runoff election

By MARILYN POWERS
STAFF WRITER

The first day of early voting in the primary runoff elections ended yesterday with 17 Gray County voters casting their ballots, according to Susan Winborne, county clerk.

Early voting will continue daily from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Thursday. County offices will be closed Friday for Good Friday, and state election rules do not require county offices to conduct early voting on that day if they plan to be closed, according to a news release from Geoffrey S. Connor, Texas Secretary of State.

Registered voters who did not vote in a primary election may vote in either the Republican or Democratic runoff, but not in both runoffs.

Any registered voter who cast a ballot in the March 9 primary may vote in the runoff election for the same party, either during early voting or on the date of the runoff election.

Registered voters who did not vote in either the Republican or Democratic primary may choose to vote in either party's runoff election, but they cannot

vote in both runoffs, according to the news release.

All Gray County voters wishing to cast a ballot during early voting in the primary runoff election may do so at the county clerk's office on the second floor of the courthouse, 205 N. Russell. No Democratic runoff election will be held in Gray County. All runoff ballots

in the county are for Republican candidates.

Precincts 2 and 4 will each choose between two candidates in their respective constable races.

Incumbent Chris Lockridge faces Chris Didway for Precinct 2 constable. In the May 9 primary, Lockridge earned 91 votes, or 46.19 percent of votes cast, and Didway got 51 votes, or 25.88 percent.

A third candidate in the Precinct 2 constable race on March 9, Manny Holden, was eliminated from the runoff because he received 44 votes, or 22.33 percent.

In Precinct 4, incumbent Frank (See VOTING, Page 3)

Pampans face drug charges

By MARILYN POWERS
STAFF WRITER

Two Pampa residents were released on \$50,000 bond each yesterday after they were arrested by Gray County sheriff's deputies Sunday morning on drug charges.

Ricky Lynn Marsh, 43, and Melissa Ann Vanover, 31, were both at home at 126 S. Houston Sunday morning when deputies and Pampa police officers arrived about 9 a.m. to serve a search warrant. "We conducted a search of the premises and found some suspected methamphetamine in the living area. We found a container of anhydrous ammonia and other suspected meth lab components in the shop," said Chief Deputy Kelly Rushing.

The address is an auto mechanic's shop which includes living quarters.

Marsh and Vanover were

each charged with possession of certain chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance, a second-degree felony, and possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, a first-degree felony, Rushing said. The amount of controlled substance found was over four grams and under 200 grams, he said.

Bond was set at \$25,000 on each charge for each person, for a total of \$50,000 bond each.

Marsh has previously been arrested and placed in Gray County Jail on Aug. 18, Nov. 21, Dec. 14, Dec. 19, all in 2003; and March 8 and March 25, according to jail records. Vanover has previously been arrested and placed in Gray County Jail on Nov. 21, Dec. 3 and Dec. 14, 2003, jail records show.

"Other charges are pending," Rushing said of the two.

Rains drench state

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

At least six people have died in weather-related accidents in Texas, and flood warnings and the possibility of more rain continued across Central and South Texas on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, across the Mexican border, more than 30 people have died in the city of Piedras Negras as waters continued to rise.

A motorist was killed Tuesday before dawn in an accident in heavy rain north of Austin along U.S. Highway 183. On Monday, five people died in a four-vehicle wreck on U.S. Hwy. 285 in West Texas on a detour route forced by a bridge

(See RAINS, Page 3)



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)

Pampa Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner, far right, today awarded citations to, from left, Officer Tommy Pickering, Detective Connie Lockridge and Lt. Stephanie Raymond for their actions in helping a newborn and its mother, who had given birth at home.

Beyond the call of duty

By MARILYN POWERS
STAFF WRITER

Pampa Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner honored three officers today for their "quick thinking and devotion to duty" in helping a newborn baby and its mother while waiting for emergency services personnel.

Lt. Stephanie Raymond, Officer Tommy Pickering and Detective Connie Lockridge each received an award citation for their actions in response to a 911 call received at about 7:45 a.m. on Nov. 19, 2003.

Raymond was in dispatch and heard the woman say "she hit the baby," Raymond, Pickering and Lockridge responded to the call along with other officers.

When officers arrived at the home, they were met by a man whose hands were covered with blood. He directed them to a bedroom, where they found the 911 caller, who had just given birth.

Raymond took the newborn from the

woman, and as other officers called for an ambulance, Raymond noticed the child was not moving. She began to rub the baby's back to stimulate breathing.

Pickering cleaned the baby's mouth, and Raymond applied pressure to the umbilical cord to stop further bleeding. The cord had been torn during the birthing process.

Lockridge kept the mother calm and assisted her while waiting for emergency medical personnel to arrive.

"The emergency medical personnel later told the officers that the care given to the baby had been essential to the survival of the child, especially stopping the loss of blood," Pitner said in the award citation.

"What started out as a call that had our hearts in our throats, quickly turned to one that lifted our hearts," Lockridge said.

Raymond, Lockridge and Pickering are to be commended for their quick thinking and devotion to duty that brought this incident to a happy conclusion," Pitner said.

Coalition forces fighting on two fronts in Iraq

NAJAF, Iraq (AP) — Coalition forces fought on two fronts Tuesday, battling a Shiite-inspired uprising in southern Iraq and Sunni insurgents in the violent city of Fallujah in clashes that have killed 20 American troops and at least 100 Iraqis since the week end.

Backers of fiery anti-American Shiite Muslim cleric Muqtada al Sadr attacked coalition forces in three cities

Italians in Nasiriyah, Britons in Samawah and Ukrainians in Kut after a weekend of fighting that was especially intense in the poor Shiite neighborhood of Sadr City in Baghdad.

Among the dead Americans were five Marines killed near Fallujah on Monday and Tuesday as forces surrounded and then fought their way to the center of the city to crush an uprising by insurgents loyal to ousted leader

Saddam Hussein. Marines pulled back to the outskirts at nightfall Tuesday.

Al Sadr left his fortress-like complex Tuesday in Kut and moved to his office near a sacred shrine in this holy city, vowing to shed his own blood to oust the American occupation.

Al Sadr draws most of his support from a small segment of Iraq's majority Shiite population. He is backed mainly by the poor and primarily those

who live in the Sadr City neighborhood of east Baghdad. He has a history of confrontations with the U.S.-led coalition, which Monday disclosed what it said was a murder warrant for his arrest on charges he took part in the killing of a moderate Shiite rival shortly after the American invasion a year ago.

U.S. officials have suggested they will move soon to arrest al Sadr, who (See IRAQ, Page 3)

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ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Thursday, April 1

A welfare check was requested at multiple locations.

Monday, April 5

Harassment was reported in the 1000 block of Varmon Drive.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of Varmon Drive. Two tires on a vehicle were punctured. Estimated damage was \$120.

Tyrone Williams, 18, 936 S. Faulkner, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation on a charge of possession of marijuana.

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents.

Monday, April 5

12 a.m. — A 2000 Buick LeSabre, driven by Betty Green Clemmons, 71, Fritch, and a 2000 Oldsmobile Alero, driven by Robert Alex Chavarria, 45, 410 N. Gray, collided in the intersection of Kingsmill Avenue and Somerville Street. No injuries were reported, and no citations were issued.

9:02 a.m. — An unknown vehicle with unknown driver collided with a legally parked 1986 GMC Vandura in the 1100 block of Mary Ellen Street. The unknown vehicle and driver left the scene. No injuries were reported and no citations were issued.

AMBULANCE

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

Monday, April 5

10:43 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

4:06 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Faulkner and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

8:27 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of Craven and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

8:58 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Jordan prison unit and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

STOCKS

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

IBM	63.44	0.19	KMI	17.76	0.09
GE	20.82	+0.05	Wells	20.82	+0.05
Microsoft	40.08	+0.04	United	20.82	+0.05
Oracle	29.02	0.34	Walmart	40.08	+0.04
Yahoo	42.12	0.13	McD	29.02	0.34
Amazon	26.07	+0.02	NOM	42.12	0.13
Google	31.85	NC	Amos	26.07	+0.02
JP	34.58	0.19	Pioneer Nat	31.85	NC
COP	69.73	+0.25	JCP	34.58	0.19
SLB	61.41	0.19	COP	69.73	+0.25
Exxon	13.90	0.18	SLB	61.41	0.19
BP	31.35	+0.30	Exxon	13.90	0.18
Shell	40.82	+0.17	BP	31.35	+0.30
Valero	43.73	0.23	Shell	40.82	+0.17
Conoco	30.90	0.10	Valero	43.73	0.23
Marathon	30.71	+0.13	Conoco	30.90	0.10
AMCO	29.50	+0.21	Marathon	30.71	+0.13
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Trinidad	38.45	+0.42	FEAL	11.22	0.41
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FIRE

Pampa Fire Department received no emergency calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Office today reported the following arrests.
Monday, April 5
Luis Mata Dominguez, 46, 701 N. Wells, was arrested on a 223rd District Court sentence on a charge of driving while intoxicated, second offense.

OBITUARIES

LINDA PORTER

AMARILLO — Linda Porter, 52, of Amarillo, died Saturday, April 3, 2004, in Amarillo. Services were to be at 10 a.m. today, April 6, 2004, at the United Methodist Church of White Deer with the Rev. Toni Bailey, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa, under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Porter was born March 2, 1952, in Dumas, Texas, to Wesley and Barbara Longan. She has lived in Amarillo most of her life. She was a member of Hunt Memorial United Methodist Church in Dumas and a member of B.C.A. She was preceded in death by her brother, Robert Longan, in 1990.

Survivors include two sons, Scott Porter

and Brian Porter, both of Amarillo; her parents, Wesley and Barbara Longan of Pampa; two grandchildren; her fiancé, Wally Griffin, of Amarillo; and special friend L.C.C.

Memorials may be made to Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, Texas, 79106.

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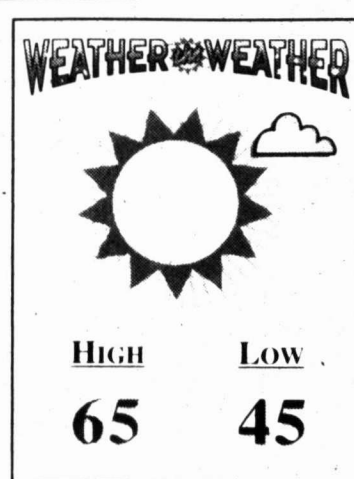
WEATHER FOCUS

LOCAL FORECAST

Today's forecast is calling for a 60 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, highs in the lower 60s and south winds 5 to 15 mph. Tonight should fall on mostly cloudy skies with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, lows in the mid 40s and south winds 5 to 15 mph.

Wednesday should be mostly cloudy. Highs around 70. Northwest winds 5 to 10 mph. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. East winds around 5 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s. Southeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Thursday night, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Lows in the mid 40s.

Friday, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Highs in the mid 60s.



Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Saturday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s. Saturday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Sunday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s. Sunday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Monday, partly cloudy. Highs around 60.

Task force reports blackout showed need for grid rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — A seven-month investigation into the nation's worst blackout is putting new pressure on Congress to boost the reliability of power grids — but legislation addressing the problem remains in limbo.

Nearly eight months after all or parts of eight states and sections of Canada went dark, a U.S.-Canadian task force on Monday called for urgent approval of mandatory reliability rules to govern the electric transmission industry.

Many of the voluntary rules, managed by a private, industry-sponsored group, were largely ignored by the Ohio power company and others whose failures led to the blackout, the task force said in a 228-page report.

Most of the causes for the massive outage that cascaded from Michigan to New York on Aug. 14, 2003, were detailed in a preliminary report last November. On Monday the task force issued 46 recommendations, the first of which was to "make reliability standards mandatory and enforceable with penalties for noncompliance."

It's something the White House, a bipartisan array of lawmakers and industry representatives demanded within days after the lights went out last summer.

However, provisions to establish mandatory rules on the electricity industry, along with measures to make it easier to build transmission lines, have been caught up in a partisan fight over broader energy legislation.

As the task force report was being released Monday, Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., took another stab at trying to get his energy bill out of the Senate, announcing he would attach it to a popular jobs bill.

Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas, chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, also cited the blackout findings as a fresh reason to pass energy legislation. But Barton also has said he won't go along with an energy bill that doesn't provide liability protection to the makers of a gasoline additive, MTBE. That issue helped kill the energy bill — and its electricity section — late last year.

Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., whose state was hit by the blackout, has argued for a stand-alone electricity bill for months.

"Each day this legislation is not considered is another day consumers remain unnecessarily at risk of another blackout," Dingell said after Monday's report was released.

Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., co-sponsor of a separate bill that would address only electricity matters, said, "There's no good reason (for) ... letting this legislation get stuck in a political quagmire" of the broader energy bill.

Kennedy calls conflict 'Bush's Vietnam' war

WASHINGTON (AP) — Iraq has become "George Bush's Vietnam," Sen. Edward M. Kennedy said Monday, calling the president deceitful and for the first time comparing him to former President Nixon, who resigned in disgrace.

Saying that truth has become the biggest casualty of the Bush administration, Kennedy said Bush misled the public about the war, the economy, health care and education, eroding the nation's reputation at home and abroad.

"As a result, this president has now created the largest credibility gap since Richard Nixon," Kennedy said in a speech at the Brookings Institution, a think tank. "He has broken the basic bond of trust with the American people."

Terry Holt, a spokesman for the Bush campaign, called Kennedy a "hatchet man" for John Kerry, the Massachusetts senator who is the presumptive Democratic nominee for president.

"I don't think Kerry and Kennedy understand that this is a nation at war," said Holt. "Kerry and Kennedy act as if the war on terror is more akin to crime fighting, and that's just fundamentally out of touch with the reality we face."

Kennedy said the Bush administration has cut unemployment benefits, failed to pay for education overhaul and is spending \$134 billion more than expected on a Medicare plan.

Kennedy is a strong Kerry supporter. And his criticism of the administration's domestic agenda comes after several high-profile speeches in which Kennedy called the war in Iraq a fraud and said the plan to oust Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein was devised to help Republicans in the 2002 and 2004 elections.

Bush "is the problem, not the solution. Iraq is George Bush's Vietnam, and this country needs a new president," Kennedy said.

He said the military campaign also diverted attention from "the administration's deceptions here at home."

An administration pattern of deception and efforts to dismiss any critics, he said, have polarized and paralyzed Congress and are undermining the public's trust in government.

Federal aid for poor students to drop in some states, rise in several others

By BEN FELLER
AP EDUCATION WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eleven states will get less federal money for poor students next school year, while the 39 other states and the District of Columbia will get more, new figures show.

The dollar changes come about for two reasons: the use of new estimates of where poor students live, and overall spending increases in the federal aid program known as Title I.

Under law, the Education Department is supposed to use the most current, reliable population data available in determining how to distribute more than \$12 billion. So the agency has plugged in census data released last year, reflecting family incomes in 2000.

Lawmakers in some states have objected, saying that the estimates don't accurately reflect their school districts, and that poor schools will suffer as demands on them grow. Senators of both parties have asked the department to reconsider. It does not plan to do so.

"We have not heard from anyone who has provided a substantive explanation for why the numbers shouldn't be adopted," Todd Jones, a department budget official, said Monday.

The eleven states that will get less money are Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Dakota, Ohio and Pennsylvania, based on preliminary estimates. The final spending numbers are expected within a few weeks.

Within all states, some school districts will gain federal money and some will lose, as intended to reflect shifts in population. But fewer districts would take such a big hit if the Bush administration had met its

promise to help needy schools, said Judd Legum, deputy research director at the Center for American Progress, a Democrat-affiliated think tank.

Federal spending on Title I hit a record \$12.3 billion for the next school year, up more than \$650 million in one year. But \$18.5 billion was authorized under Bush's education law.

"It's going to be very hard for a lot of these districts to live up to the federal standards they must now live up to," Legum said. Schools that receive federal poverty aid and fail to meet progress goals for at least two years get assistance, but they also face sanctions.

The federal money is meant to help disadvantaged kids in reading, math and other subjects.

Said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., whose state will lose an estimated \$26.5 million: "I, for one, am going to fight this latest Bush education cut at every opportunity."

Bush officials say that

authorized spending levels were meant to be caps, not promises, and that the federal government has never put greater emphasis on helping poor students.

Sen. Norm Coleman, R-Minn., said that his state's reduction in money is the product of inaccurate population data. He said he will keep pushing Education Secretary Rod Paige and his team "to understand that they need to change their policy on this matter... I am determined to work with my colleagues to find a way to remedy this situation."

Minnesota's total stands to drop from \$117.7 million to \$105.6 million. Other states will see sizable gains in funding, including Arizona, California, Florida, New York and Texas.

Puerto Rico also is affected by use of the new estimates, gaining \$83.5 million.

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is surrounded by his al-Mahdi Army militia. Members of the group were thought to have been behind violence Sunday in which seven American soldiers were killed.

"I have pledged not to allow a drop of blood to be shed except my own," al-Sadr said in a statement. "I'm prepared to have my own blood shed for what is holy to me."

He said he was moving to avoid bloodshed in a mosque. "I feared that the sanctity of a glorious and esteemed mosque would be violated by scum and evil people," he said. The Americans "will have no qualms to embark on such actions."

In Fallujah, 35 miles west of Baghdad, Marines exchanged heavy gunfire with the insurgents, said Associated Press reporter Lourdes Navarro, who was with the troops on the northeast edge of the city. Loud explosions also could be heard from the center of the city, when troops

engaged guerrillas before withdrawing at nightfall.

The battle began when a foot patrol that entered a few blocks into the city came under a barrage of fire from a house, wounding two Marines, said Cpl. Christopher Ebert, of Forest City, N.C., who was on the patrol.

Trapped in an alley, they put up red smoke to summon help, and a tank and a Humvee moved in to extract the patrol.

"Insurgents usually fire and run. This time they're digging in, which is the first time we've seen them do that," Ebert said.

Fallujah General Hospital reported receiving five dead and seven wounded Iraqis.

American commanders have vowed to root out insurgents after last week's slaying and mutilation of four American civilians. Scenes of Iraqis dragging charred bodies through the streets and hanging two of them from a bridge Wednesday raised revulsion in the United States and showed the depth of anti-U.S. senti-

ment in the city.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said U.S. troops have captured a number of people in Fallujah in the last 36 hours.

"They have photographs of a good many people who were involved in the attacks against the individuals and they have been conducting raids in the city against high-value targets," Rumsfeld said.

Top U.S. administrator L. Paul Bremer conceded not all was going smoothly as the coalition approached a June 30 handover of sovereignty to the Iraqis. Bremer canceled a trip to Washington this week because of the mounting violence.

"We have problems, there's no hiding that. But basically Iraq is on track to realize the kind of Iraq that Iraqis want and Americans want, which is a democratic Iraq," Bremer said on ABC's "Good Morning America."

But he said continuing disturbances would not affect the American handover schedule.

In Nasiriyah, 15 Iraqis were killed and 35 wounded when al-Sadr backers attacked Italian troops. Eleven Italians troops were wounded, said Maj. Schiazoni-Simone, spokesman for the Italian forces.

The Apcom agency quoted U.S.-led coalition spokeswoman Paola Della Casa as saying the Iraqi attackers used civilians as human shields during the attack. She said a woman and two children were among the dead.

According to the Defense Ministry in Rome, gunmen opened fire on Italian forces patrolling the streets and bridges over the Euphrates after violent protests in the area. The Italians returned fire, and at the end of the gunbattle regained control of the main bridges, said a statement by the Defense Ministry.

The ministry said the coalition headquarters building in Nasiriyah also came under attack.

Fighting overnight in Amarah in the south between

al-Sadr's followers and British troops killed 15 Iraqis and wounded eight, said coalition spokesman Wun Hornbyckle.

In the eastern Shiite city of Kut, a Ukrainian soldier was killed and five were wounded when al-Sadr militants attacked an armored personnel carrier, the Defense Ministry said. Two of the Iraqis were killed and 10 were wounded, according to al-Sadr's office in Kut. Ukraine has about 1,650 troops in Iraq, the third-largest contingent among countries that did not take part in last year's major combat operations.

About 500 Japanese soldiers stationed in Samawah in the far south have been ordered to halt work on repairing roads and other humanitarian activities outside the safety of their camp until after festivities for the Shiite holy day of Arb'een on April 11. Kyodo

News reported.

A U.S. official in Washington, speaking on condition of anonymity, said all American officials in Iraq, including those working for the Coalition Provisional Authority, had been told to remain inside their compounds since Monday because of security worries. It was not clear how long the rule would remain in place.

Rumsfeld said American military commanders in Iraq will get additional troops if they request more soldiers. No request has been made.

At the moment, about 135,000 U.S. troops are in Iraq — "an unusually high level," Rumsfeld said. American officials had expected to go down to about 115,000 troops when a series of rotations of new troops into and older troops out of the country was complete, Rumsfeld said.

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VOTING

William Sparling is challenged by Don Fletcher for constable. On March 9, Fletcher received 143 votes, or 26.23 percent, while Sparling got 106 votes, or 19.44 percent.

Three other candidates had been on the March 9 ballot for Precinct 4 constable. They were Johnnie Carpenter, 99 votes, 18.16 percent; Michael "Mike" Nicholson, 90 votes, 16.51 percent; and Randy Stubblefield, 82 votes, 15.04 percent. All three earned fewer votes than Sparling or Fletcher and were not included on the runoff ballot.

All Republican voters in Gray County will vote on their choice of two candidates engaged in a runoff race for state railroad commissioner. The winner between Victor G. Carrillo and Robert Butler will be included as Republican candidate for the office in the November general elections.

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RAINS

washout on Interstate 20 near Pecos.

The National Weather Service had flood warnings in effect Tuesday in a triangle roughly formed by San Antonio, Corpus Christi and Laredo.

In the Hill Country and Austin area, storms in the early morning hours brought heavy rain, hail and wind, causing some street flooding and power outages.

In Pflugerville, a woman and her daughter were pulled from their car after it became trapped in high water. Several other vehicle water rescues were reported in the area.

About 5,000 residents woke up to power outages in Round Rock, where golf-ball size hail was reported around 4:30 a.m. Some of the power was restored, but other residents were having to wait several hours for electricity to return.

At the Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park in Stonewall, bus tours of the LBJ Ranch were canceled Tuesday because of flooding.

In South Texas, flooding forced closure of U.S. 377 at the U.S. 277 intersection early Tuesday and roads into two Del Rio subdivisions were becoming impassable, said Jennifer Norton, a Val Verde County sheriff's dispatcher.

Flooding was also reported at Loma Alta.

Those killed in West Texas on Monday included tractor-trailer rig driver Melinda O'Brien, 43, of Spring. Passengers Marielena Martinez Garcia, 18, Emilio Maya Lujan and Marco Antonio Camacho. All three were from Mexico, said DPS Trooper Richard Crum.

Three others from Mexico were hospitalized Monday at Reeves County Hospital: Marcelo Castillo Reyes, 23, Jose Canizal Padilla, 28, and Jessica Guerara Cruz, 16.

Pickup driver Paul Wesley "Wes" Wilkins, 26, of Kermit, also died at the scene.

Meanwhile, residents in the

tiny town of Toyah were returning Monday to assess flood damage. A Saturday night thunderstorm dropped about 8 inches of rain on the city of 100 in two hours.

"This is a poor little town, and unless we get help, I don't know what we'll do," Mayor pro tem Diana Tollett said in Tuesday editions of the Odessa American.

In Piedras Negras, across the Rio Grande from Eagle Pass, at least 30 people were killed when the Escondido River swelled by 25 feet early Monday and swept through a working-class neighborhood of tin-roofed shacks in the city of 200,000.

First of twin Mars rovers completes primary mission

By ANDREW BRIDGES
AP SCIENCE WRITER

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — NASA's Spirit rover has completed its primary mission to Mars yet continues to roll along, moving toward a cluster of hills that could yield more evidence that the planet had a wet past.

By Monday, Spirit's 90th full day on Mars, the unmanned robot and its twin, Opportunity, had accomplished nearly all of the assigned tasks that would make their joint mission a full success.

"Spirit has completed its part of the bargain and Opportunity doesn't have much left to do," said Mark Adler, manager of the \$820 million double mission.

NASA already has extended the joint mission through September.

The rovers' chores includ-

ed a requirement that one of them travel at least 1,980 feet — a milestone Spirit passed on Saturday.

Between the two of them, the rovers also had to take stereo and color panoramas of their surroundings, drive to at least eight different locations and operate simultaneously for a minimum of 30 days.

NASA assumed technical and other problems would idle the rovers fully one-third of the time they operated on Mars. Despite computer memory problems that sidelined Spirit for 2 1/2 weeks, it's already spent more days at work than expected, Adler said.

Opportunity still must function for another 20 martian days — nearly 40 minutes longer than Earth days — before it meets all of its targets, Adler said.

"It's better than we could

have possibly imagined," he said.

Beginning Thursday, NASA will update the rovers' software. The new programming should allow Spirit to travel farther each day while navigating on its own and help Opportunity conserve battery power at night.

Spirit landed Jan. 3 in Gusev Crater, a 90-mile-diameter depression scientists believed once contained a lake. Spirit has found traces of limited past water activity in rocks it has examined, but none of the lake deposits scientists hoped it would uncover.

Spirit is several days into a trek toward a cluster of hills that may contain geologic evidence of a more substantially wet environment, perhaps including layered rocks formed in standing water.

Opportunity has found such rocks at its landing site,

halfway around the now frozen and dry planet, since it landed Jan. 24. Scientists believe a salty sea or swamp once covered that site, called Meridiani Planum.

On the Net: Mars Rover:
<http://marsrovers.jpl.nasa.gov/home/index.html>

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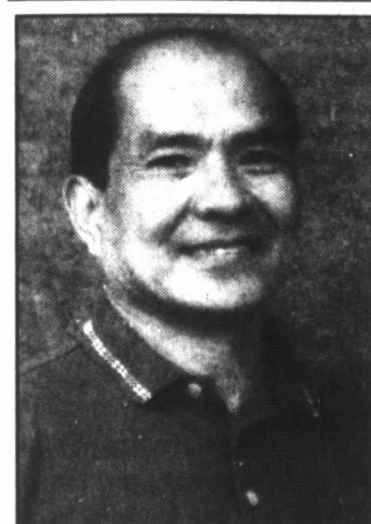
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Here's to an anti-trash revival

To the editor:

I would like to thank the individual(s) who sent me the prayer book. The book didn't work as I still encounter the loads of trash present throughout our city. Has the Lord smitten Pampa over our trash problem? Only He knows; although, Pampa's trash is probably quite low on His to-do list.

I will pray for a trash revival to come to Pampa, complete with carnival tent and a hellfire and brimstone, anti-trash preacher. Why, I will even be found in attendance sitting in the first row waiting to be overcome with anti-trash proselytization. Pampa can be saved.

I'll pray not to hear, "Paper or plastic?" I'll pray not to see that rolled up footballsque diaper in some gutter. I'll pray not to see flotsam on the banks of Red Deer Creek. I've this dream, Lord, of a trash-free Pampa. Bring on that revival.

And, in closing, I thank the flock of Calvary Baptist Church for seeing to the removal of their revival signs from Pampa's streets and telephone poles, once their function had ended. If only others within our community would follow with Calvary Baptist's example. Hence, the anti-trash revival cometh.

Dennis Palmitier
Pampa

TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, April 6, the 97th day of 2004. There are 269 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 6, 1909, explorers Robert E. Peary and Matthew A. Henson became the first men to reach the North Pole. (The claim, disputed by skeptics, was upheld in 1989 by the Navigation Foundation.)

On this date:

In 1830, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints was organized by Joseph Smith in Fayette, N.Y.

In 1862, the Civil War Battle of Shiloh began in Tennessee.

In 1892, author, journalist, broadcaster and world traveler Lowell Thomas was born in Woodington, Ohio.

In 1896, the first modern Olympic games formally opened in Athens, Greece.

In 1917, Congress approved a declaration of war against Germany.

In 1954, four weeks after being attacked on the air by Edward R. Murrow, Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R-Wis., delivered a filmed response on CBS' "See It Now" in which he charged that Murrow had, in the past, "engaged in propaganda for Communist causes."

In 1965, the United States launched the Early Bird communications satellite.

In 1971, Russian-born composer Igor Stravinsky died in New York City.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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If it's bad news, then it's news

One often hears that the news media are distorting the situation in Iraq by reporting only the bad things that happen there. That's true. But what you have to realize is that the news media report the bad things everywhere, including in the United States.

Unfortunately, news is generally defined as bad news for somebody. Most journalists see news as scandal, misfortune, controversy, tragedy or calamity.

I once made a speech to a group and as a prop had picked a front page of my own newspaper at random. I clipped out all of the negative stories on Page One. What I had left to hold up to the audience were the name of the newspaper and the weather report. That's all that was left of the front page. Every story on that particular page had been about crime, controversy and tragedy.

Of course, you do find positive news stories, especially in the long run. In my opinion, the best newspapers today are to be found in small to medium-size towns and cities. Newspapers in smaller places tend to be what I think newspapers ought to be — an unbiased record of the day in the life of the community.

In a normal community, there will be occasional tragedies and crimes, but for the most part, good things happen. Government works as it is supposed to work. People do good things for each



CHARLEY REESE
COLUMNIST

other. Couples are married. Children are born. People go to concerts and plays. They celebrate important events in their lives. All of these have, in my opinion, a place in the newspaper. A person should not have to suffer death, injury or scandal to get his or her name in the local newspaper.

In recent years, however, there has been a trend, especially in the larger cities, toward sensationalism. Another disturbing trend has been a concentration on the commercial entertainment industry. Too many journalists come out of the university system not only poorly educated but with a built-in cynicism. What is lost is that wonderful thing, perspective, because if you report only the bad and leave out the good, you've distorted reality.

It's hard, however, to convince most journalists that soldiers painting a school, delivering school supplies or playing soccer with a group of children is news. That's automatically rejected as not news. It's news, however, when one or more of the soldiers are killed. It

should, of course, all be considered news, but the problem for the reporter is that the editor back home isn't going to devote much space to news from Iraq unless it's sensational.

The basic problem is that news is by nature fragmentary. It's very hard to keep perspective in one news story. For example, draw a line and say that's the life of the community on a particular day. Now pick out 10 points on that line and say that's the news of the day. Obviously, far more is unwritten about than is written about. What is called news happened, but a great deal more happened that goes unreported. Hence, there is the loss of perspective.

I don't know the answer, except to remind you that news is greatly overrated and is inherently a distortion of reality due to limits of space and time. You should be careful not to become a news junkie. Really important things don't happen on a daily basis, much less on an hourly basis.

I had a conversation years ago with novelist Andrew Lytle. He said he had moved into a cabin in the mountains, subscribed to no newspapers or magazines and had neither a radio nor a television set.

"If anything important happens," he said, "I'll hear about it by rumor."

As strange as that might sound, it's really good advice.

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Write from the heart, not for beer

Evocative images, provocative thoughts, tension without pretension — that's what makes for good writing. I've seen so much poor writing lately that, as a public service, I'll offer some advice from great authors who also became fed up with pretentious prose.

Let's start with Mark Twain: "When you catch adjectives, kill most of them — then the rest will be valuable. They weaken when they are close together; they give strength when they are wide apart."

Novelist John Gardner: "The abstract is seldom as effective as the concrete. 'She was distressed' is not as good as, even, 'She looked away.'"

And Jacques Barzun: "Look for all fancy wordings, and get rid of them."

William Strunk Jr. (co-author of a great little book, "The Elements of Style") writes: "Vigorous writing is concise. A sentence should contain no unnecessary words, a paragraph no unnecessary sentences."

Specific detail is vital, as the other co-author, E.B. White, once advised: "Don't write about Man, write about a man."

Note this from writing teacher William Zinsser: "Look for the clutter in your writing, and prune it ruthlessly. Be grateful for everything you can throw away. Re-examine each sentence that you put on paper. Is every word doing new work? ... Simplify. Simplify."

Here's good advice from George Orwell: "Never use a metaphor, simile or other figure of speech which you are used



MARVIN OLASKY
COLUMNIST

to seeing in print. Never use a long word where a short word will do. If it is possible to cut a word out, always cut it out. Never use the passive where you can use the active."

Essayist Sheridan Baker noted similarly, "Never use a long word when you can find a short one. ... Pick up every sentence in turn, asking ourselves if we can possibly make it shorter."

Overall, it's important to emphasize quality rather than quantity: Better to have one telling bit of specific detail than 12 nothings. (Cervantes' worst nightmare: "Let every man ... not set down at random, higgledy-piggledy, whatever comes into his noddle.") Content and style need to go together. Look what happens to this romantic image when we couch it in math book prose: "The long-separated lovers raced across the grassy field toward each other like two freight trains, one having left Cleveland at 7 p.m. traveling at 50 mph, the other from Topeka at 4 p.m. at a speed of 40 mph."

If you're thinking about becoming a professional writer, assess your temperament as well as your talent. Novelist Isaac Asimov, commenting on a classic

editor's statement — "We don't reject writers; we reject pieces of paper with typing on them" — added: "Don't stay mad and decide you are the victim of incompetence and stupidity. If you do, you'll learn nothing and you'll never become a writer. ... Don't make the opposite mistake and decide the story is worthless. Editors differ, and so do tastes, and so do magazines' needs. Try the story somewhere else."

The way not to learn is to assume that friends who say "you're great" have good judgment. Young writers need true friends, teachers and editors who are willing to make them cry. All are hard to find in this age of emphasizing self-esteem rather than offering tough honesty.

So maybe Mark Twain's way of discerning a calling is best: "Write without pay until somebody offers pay. If nobody offers within three years, the candidate may look upon his circumstances with the most implicit confidence as the sign that sawing wood is what he was intended for."

Finally, for those who persevere, what Pthahotep wrote in ancient Egypt can be true: "Be a scribe! You sit grandly in your house, beer is poured copiously. All who see you rejoice in good cheer." Yes, but you must be prepared to give it up.

Pthahotep noted, "Happy is the heart of him who writes; he is young each day." Yes, but only if he writes from the heart, and not just for copious beer."

A Newspaper Activity Page for Young People

Kid Scoop.com

This Week: **Bunny Buddies**

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The Bunny Buddies and the MYSTERIOUS MESSAGE!

This Easter, Buzz and Beeper didn't find eggs in their baskets. They found a mysterious message!

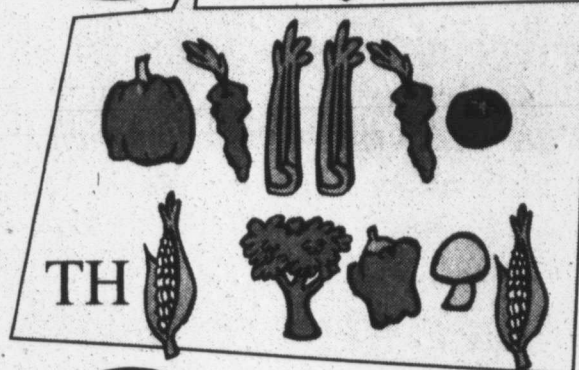
Every bunny needs a buddy and these bunnies need YOUR help to discover how to read the message.



Find the eight vegetables I have hidden in the meadow. Next to each one is a letter. Match the letter to each of the vegetables in the coded message below and you will find out how to get to your baskets full of goodies!

Happy Easter!
E.B.

Find some bunny to be your buddy and do this page together! If this page looks easy to do, share it with somebunny younger than you. If it looks hard, share it with somebunny older!



The baskets that belong to Buzz and Beeper are identical.

Standards Links: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Extra! Extra!

Trust

Whom do you trust? Do you know why? Can you find a picture in the newspaper of someone you trust? Can you find a picture of someone you would not trust?

Standards Links: Health: Students recognize and identify positive character traits in themselves and others.



Crack Up!

The secret code to crack the answer to this riddle is hidden in this egg border.

is the letter A.

To find out what letter each egg stands for, find

The alphabet follows in order by going clockwise around the border. Each egg stands for one letter of the alphabet.

Q: What's the greatest use of chicken feathers in the world?



Crack Up! Answer: TO COVER CHICKENS

Standards Links: Decoding: Recognize letters of the alphabet. Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Color It!

Beeper didn't finish coloring her egg. Do the rest for her.

Have more fun with your buddy! Draw an egg and color half of it. Then let your buddy finish your design.



Egg Timer

How many eggs can you find on this page in 60 seconds? Race your buddy!

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Eye-hand coordination.

Egg Search

How many times can you find the word EGG in the puzzle?

Hint: The word EGG is spelled forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. You may use the same letter more than once.

0-5 Great Beginner
6-10 Eggstra-Special
11-15 Egg-citing
15+ Eggstra-ordinary!

Standards Link: Letter Sequencing
Sight and sound reading



Weekly Writing Corner

Chocolate Bunny

What part of the chocolate bunny do you eat first?
I eat the head of the bunny first so that the bunny can't look at me.

Drake,
3rd Grade

First I would eat the ears because they just stick out and they are so cute.

Allie,
5th Grade

I eat the body first because I like the cute head and so I save the head for last. But all the chocolate is delicious.

Sydney,
5th Grade

I eat the legs first so that the bunny doesn't run away from my mouth.

Eric,
5th Grade

I eat the stomach of the chocolate bunny first because it is the biggest part.

Devon,
4th Grade

I eat the tail first because that just makes a little hole. I pour milk in the hole and then I can drink chocolate milk before I eat the chocolate.

Ariana,
6th Grade

The part of the bunny I eat the first is the ears because they taste the best.

Jessica,
6th Grade

I usually eat the ears first because they are solid chocolate and not hollow like the rest of the bunny. They taste the best!

Andrew,
6th Grade

I do not care what part of the chocolate bunny I eat first. I never really think about it. All I care about is that I get a chocolate bunny.

Christopher,
4th Grade

I love chocolate bunnies. I start with the big ears and then I work my way down. Actually, just thinking about it makes me want one.

Candace,
4th Grade

I would eat the feet first, because it is the smallest piece and that way, I would have the big part left.

Kelsey,
4th Grade

Write On!

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BEYOND Kid Scoop Reporter Game

With a partner, read a newspaper article. One of you must choose to be a person in the article and the other should be the reporter. Decide what questions were asked to get the relevant information and then role-play the interview.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Ask clarifying questions about essential textual elements, restate facts and details, clarify and organize ideas.



Why did the Easter Bunny have to fire the duck?

ANSWER: Because he kept quacking the eggs.

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SPORTS

"Voice of the Harvesters" hired by Dusters

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Editor

PAMPA — Veteran KGRO-radio sports announcer Donny Hooper is trading in his Green & Gold colors for Black and Gold this summer.

Hooper, known as the "Voice of the Harvesters," has been named as the play-by-play announcer for the Amarillo Dusters of the newly-formed Intense Football League.

Hooper will be joined by fellow Pampan Ray Boring, who will do sideline reports. Hooper and Boring work together on Harvester baseball and football broadcasts.

"I won't be leaving the radio station here," Hooper emphasized. "This is something I'll be doing during the summertime on Saturdays and Sundays."

Hooper, a Borger native, has been broadcasting Pampa High sports for the past 11 years.

"I'm excited about it (Dusters' job) and so is Ray. It's going to kind of neat, doing some professional football for awhile," Hooper said. "It's going to be different. It's a shorter field and different rules."

Hooper's hiring was announced by Warren McCarty, the club's director of operations.

"Coach (Don) Carthel and I listened to audition tapes from about 12 local broadcasters and Donnie was just what we were looking for," McCarty said.

"He brings enthusiasm and professionalism to the job. That was also very obvious after a personal interview."

The Dusters will be playing their home games at Amarillo Civic Center.

"In this business image is everything, especially in our first year. From our players to our dancers, and other personnel, we want to be professional," added

McCarty.

McCarty will also be part of the broadcast crew. Other teams in the IFL include the San Angelo

Stampede.

Odessa Roughnecks, Lubbock Lone Stars, Corpus Christi Hammerheads and El Paso Rumble.

Tickets for the Dusters eight regular-season home games can be purchased by calling 331-PASS (7277).



Dressed in the Black & Gold colors of the Amarillo Dusters of the Intense Football League are (from left) Donny Hooper, Ray Boring and Warren McCarty.

Only Tennessee can stop UConn from three straight titles

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Ashley Robinson and Diana Taurasi defy the commonly held notion about the basketball rivalry between Tennessee and Connecticut.

Two teams that can't stand each other, right? The traditional women's basketball power (Tennessee) and the usurper (Connecticut). Two coaches whose relationship is icy, at best.

So what happened the last time Robinson and Taurasi saw each other?

"I gave her a hug and talked to her a little bit," said Robinson, who starts at center for Tennessee and has known the UConn star since she was 13.

The next time they embrace,

one of their teams will be the national champion. Connecticut and Tennessee will meet for the title Tuesday night, the fourth time they've faced each other in the championship game, and what an interesting twist to this one.

Connecticut is trying to win its third straight title and fourth in five years. It will also try to make it an unprecedented double for the school. After the men's team beat Georgia Tech on Monday night, a win by the women would make Connecticut the first school to sweep both championships.

Standing in the Huskies' way is the only school that has won three in a row.

"It's kind of fitting, but I don't think it's something we're worried about," UConn's Barbara Turner said. "Not to avoid the question, but we're just worried about playing harder and smarter than them for 40 minutes."

Another title for UConn would make it even more clear that the Huskies have supplanted Tennessee as the pre-eminent program in the women's game.

Tennessee has won six titles, but none since 1998. Even Tennessee's Shanna Zolman said this is "Geno's era," a reference to UConn's brash, successful coach, Geno Auriemma.

That's what gives this rival-

ry a buzz, no matter how many times they meet in the finals. Connecticut won the three previous title games against Tennessee and also beat the Lady Vols in the semifinals en route to the 2002 championship.

Yes, there's a pattern here. And after all the talk this season about parity and balance in women's basketball, the two giants again are the last ones standing.

"That's just the way it seems to work out, doesn't it?" Auriemma said. "I feel real good that three out of the four (championship games), we have beat the team that everybody associates with the best

team, the best program over the last 20-some years.

"So it's only fitting that if you want to win, that's who you've got to beat. And if they want to win, they've got to beat us."

The Lady Vols are looking to do just that. They've got some turf to protect, after all. They like being the only program with three straight titles, which Tennessee accomplished from 1996-98.

"We don't want UConn at all up there in the ranks with us," Zolman said. "We would love nothing more than to be able to not only get a ring ourselves, but also not allow them to get three in a row."

NOTEBOOK

GOLF

PAMPA — Hereford has taken a commanding lead Monday after two rounds in the District 3-4A Girls Golf Tournament.

The Lady Whitefaces had a two-round total of 743 to lead second-place Randall by 18 strokes.

Pampa is fifth at 806. Individually, Krissy Holman leads the Lady Harvesters with a 188, followed by Carissa Snelgroves (190), Brittany Taylor (211), Telissa Sealy (218), and Stacy Pepper (219).

BASEBALL

PAMPA — There will be a Harvester Baseball Booster Club meeting at 7 tonight in the Ready Room in the PHS athletic building.

All baseball parents are urged to attend.

BASKETBALL

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — With his team down by 25, Isma'il Muhammad got loose under the basket and slammed home a dunk.

Finally, Georgia Tech had found its range.

The team that seemed to win every close contest in the NCAA tournament got overwhelmed by Connecticut in the championship game, the season ending with a bevy of missed shots.

"For that to happen in the biggest game, on the biggest stage, is tough to swallow," said Jarrett Jack, who epitomized his team's struggles with 1-of-8 shooting.

Georgia Tech made only 38 percent in an 82-73 loss to the Huskies on Monday night. It wasn't really that close — the Yellow Jackets trailed 60-35 with just over 12 minutes left, needing a late flourish to make things respectable.

Still, this was a season to savor.

Georgia Tech had never made it this far, reeling off five straight wins in the tournament by an average of less than five points. Not bad for a team that was picked to finish seventh in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

"We can hold our heads up," senior Marvin Lewis said. "We fought as hard as we could."

Bonds hits home run No. 659; Giants defeat Astros, 5-4

HOUSTON (AP) — Barry Bonds has always been close to Willie Mays.

He's never been closer to his godfather on baseball's career home run list than he is now.

Bonds hit his 659th home run Monday night — one behind Mays for third all time — in helping the San Francisco Giants begin the season with a 5-4 comeback victory over the Houston Astros.

Bonds said he feels no pressure as he bears down on his beloved godfather.

"I don't understand the word 'pressure,'" Bonds said. "How can you have pressure when you're doing something you love?"

If Bonds can perform through the pressure of losing his father Bobby last year and dealing with an offseason filled with questions about steroids, catching Mays should be a piece of cake.

Bonds went 3-for-3 with a homer and two doubles against one of the NL's top pitchers in Roy Oswalt.

His sixth opening day homer came in the eighth

inning with two on and the Giants down 4-1.

Oswalt, chosen over ex-Yankees Roger Clemens and Andy Pettitte to start the Astros' first game, stayed in after assuring manager Jimmy Williams he was fine.

One low-and-away fastball later, Bonds was trotting and Oswalt was leaving.

"It was just a dumb pitch," Oswalt said. "You can't get beat that late in the game when you're a starter."

In other NL games, it was: Milwaukee 8, St. Louis 6; Chicago 7, Cincinnati 4; Pittsburgh 2, Philadelphia 1; and San Diego 8, Los Angeles 2.

None of the Astros were down on Oswalt after the game. After all, many of them have seen this before from Bonds.

"You're talking about maybe the greatest player of all time," Jeff Bagwell said. "I would say he amazes me, but I've seen this for a long time. I've always said he's the best I've ever seen and he's the last guy you would want to see in

that situation."

One factor leading to Williams' decision: The club broke camp without a left-hander in the bullpen to face a lefty like Bonds, so it was either Oswalt or another righty.

The eventual loser was closer Octavio Dotel, who started the ninth inning of the 4-4

game and gave up the decisive run on a hit batsman, a bunt, a wild pitch and a sacrifice fly.

But this night belonged to Bonds, who can return to making headlines with his bat and not because his personal trainer was among four men indicted last month on charges of illegally supplying performance-

enhancing drugs from a laboratory in the San Francisco area.

All four have pleaded innocent, and Bonds has denied using the substances.

"I just wanted to play baseball," Bonds said. "I didn't have any fun hearing things about me when I know it's not right."

8th grade boys take 4th at Westover

Pampa placed fourth with 73 points in the 8th Grade Division at last weekend's Westover Middle School Boys Track Meet.

Pampa was fifth in the 7th Grade Division with 83 points.

Westover Track Meet
8th Grade Division
Pampa results

Discus: 5. Eddie Miranda, 101-1/2.
High jump: 2. Jerrod Bivins, 5-6.
Triple jump: 4. Taylor Smith, 34-6 1/2.
Long jump: 2. Jerrod Bivins, 18-2; 5. Adam Estrada, 16-10 1/4.
2400: 4. Rafael Bocanegra, 9:08.9.

400 relay: 3. (Adam Estrada, Kenny Hightower, Ryne Malone and Jerrod Bivins), 49.9.

800: 4. Rusty Snider, 2:32.7.
100: 4. Jerrod Bivins, 12.00.
400: 5. Josh Mulkey, 60.48.

800 relay: 4. (Adam Estrada, Kenny Hightower, Taylor Busse and Jerrod Bivins), 1:49.1.

300 hurdles: 4. Greg Warner, 48.4; 6. Taylor Smith, 50.5.
200: 5. Chance Judkins, 25.98.

1600: 2. Rusty Snider, 5:32.

7th Grade Division
Pampa results

Discus: 3. Daniel Kirkland, 100-5.
Shot put: 1. Daniel

Kirkland, 39-2.

Pole vault: 3. Jack Ware, 8-0; 5. Darren Parker, 7-6.

Long jump: 2. Matt Smith, 15-11 1/2; 3. Darren Parker, 15-7.

400 relay: 4. (Casey Trimble, John Luke Covalt, Darren Parker and Matt Smith), 53.5.

110 hurdles: 1. Matt Smith, 19.1; 5. Chase Herriman, 20.62.

800 relay: 4. (Chase Herriman, John Luke Covalt, Jeremy Busse and Casey Trimble), 1:59.

300 hurdles: 5. Darren Parker, 52.6; 6. Chase Herriman, 52.98.

200: 1. Matt Smith, 25.0.
1600: 4. Paul Soria, 6:02.

Athletics rally past Rangers in season opener

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Rookie Bobby Crosby may still be hitless in the majors, but it hardly mattered after he scored the winning run on opening day.

Pinch-hitter Eric Byrnes hit a two-run double with two outs in the eighth and the Oakland Athletics rallied for a 5-4 victory over the Texas Rangers in their season opener Monday night.

Erubiel Durazo and Crosby came home on Byrnes' big hit — a sign that these A's still have a flair for

the dramatic, even without departed MVP Miguel Tejada.

"I didn't get any hits, but when I scored that run I felt like I had five," Crosby said. "My heart's still pounding. ... I was telling the guys I don't need this my first night. I almost had a heart attack."

Crosby, the son of former major leaguer Ed Crosby, has big shoes to fill as Tejada's replacement. He's handling everything well so far, though he'll certainly be

relieved once he gets a hit. Crosby is 0-for-16 with the A's after appearing in 11 games last season.

Golden Spread Games tip off Thursday

CANYON — Three Pampa basketball players will compete in the Golden Spread All-Star Games set to begin Thursday at the West Texas A&M Event Center.

Collin Bowers and Chance Bowers of Pampa will suit up for the East boys team. The Lady Harvesters' Abbi Covalt will be on the East girls team.

Schedule

Golden Spread
All-Star Games

Thursday: North girls vs. East girls, 6 p.m.; North boys vs. East boys, 8 p.m.

Friday: South girls vs. West girls, 6 p.m.; South girls vs. West girls, 8 p.m.

Saturday: Girls consolation, 1 p.m.; boys consolation, 3 p.m.; girls championship, 6 p.m.; boys championship, 8 p.m.

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4-6 CRYPTOQUOTE

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1 Public Notice

THE STATE OF TEXAS
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TO: UNKNOWN FATHER, Respondent(s)
GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY
COMMANDER to appear before the Honorable District Court, 223rd Judicial District, Gray County, Texas at the Courthouse thereof, in Pampa, Texas, by filing a written answer, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of twenty days from the date of service of this citation then and there to answer the Petition of CATHYMARIE A. CLOUD AND STEPHEN D. CLOUD filed in said Court on the 30th day of March, 2004, against UNKNOWN FATHER. Respondent(s) and suit being numbered 33432 on the docket of said Court, and entitled: IN THE INTEREST OF CALIB LEVESEYNE JINKS, A CHILD the nature of which suit is a request to ADOPT CHILD.

Said child CALEB LEVESEYNE JINKS was born on the 19th day of August, 1994, in PAMPA, TEXAS. The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity and the appointment of a conservator with the authority to consent to the child's adoption, which will be binding on you.

ISSUED AND GIVEN under my hand and seal of said Court at Pampa, Texas, this 31st day of March 2004.

GAYE HONDERICH,
Clerk
223rd District Court
Gray County, Texas

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Pampa, TX 79066-1139
By: JO MAYS

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Often, you might be confused by those around you and their ideas. Meetings prove to be inspirational, but not always practical. Learn to get the best out of whatever situation you are in. Often, interactions are much more confusing than they need to be. Learn to clarify communication and ask for feedback if need be. Some of you might want to take a class or workshop in effective communicating. You gain professionally this year, with a strong chance for a pay raise. Relationships evolve and become more and more important. If you are single, try as hard as you can not to put your current passion on a pedestal, as he or she can only tumble off. Remember, you created this situation. If attached, the two of you work together to realize a key goal. SCORPIO reads you clearly.

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)

★★★★ After yesterday, you might be so confused that you would prefer to lie back and listen to others. A meeting highlights the chaos that surrounds you. A partner or an associate thinks he or she has the answers. Let this person find out if he or she does. Tonight: Be a duo.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Others come to you, but you get mixed messages at best. A boss could be irascible, and confusing as well. Now is the time to be diplomatic. Just see where everything goes. Don't try to push anyone. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ You might be confused about news, but know that you aren't the only one. Investigate rather than react, and you will draw positive results. In fact, information could change radically. What seems too good to be true is. Tonight: Choose a stress-buster.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ A friend might not be able to come through for you as you would like. There is little you can do but understand that the intent was there. Use extreme caution with risks and finances. Both areas could cause a problem. Tonight: Dance the night away.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Anchor in. If you can work from home, do so. How you see someone could change substantially in the next few weeks. Be careful with bosses and those in charge; they are most unpredictable right now. Someone you care about weaves quite a tale. Tonight: Stay close to home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Investigate what is going on. Do not push someone too hard to achieve your goals. Though you mean well, others could become confused and accident-prone. Also, think before you leap into action. Tonight: Wind down with a pal.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ You might want to slow down some and handle a problem that comes forward at this point. Any radical action could backfire and cause you a problem. Cut risking, and think in terms of chilling out and letting hot situations sit. Tonight: Pay bills.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You mean well, but somehow the best of intentions backfire. How you see others might not be exactly as they

are. You could be surprised by what comes out in the next few weeks. Avoid making any judgments, if possible. Tonight: Play away.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Take your time and make as few commitments as possible. Right now, your intuition and what you are hearing could be way off. Understand that others have good intentions, but they're not necessarily grounded. Tonight: Get some extra sleep.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Understand what your financial obligations are in a certain agreement, that might be discussed. Do you want this? You might hate to be the one who rains on others' parades, but on the other hand, it might be absolutely necessary. Tonight: Where your friends are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You might not be as clear as you would like to be. Realize where someone is coming from. Imagine how he or she might be interpreting your words. Take special care with a boss or someone who is in charge. Tonight: Paint the town red.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Taking an overview demands an effort, but it's the best way to go. Others around you mean well but have their hands full. Don't push too hard to have things your way. Use more of your imagination in whatever you do. Tonight: Rent a movie.

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Actor Russell Crowe (1964), actor Jackie Chan (1954), actor James Garner (1928)

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LIONS CLUB SWEETHEARTS



Stephanie Nelson

The February 2004 Pampa Lions Club Sweethearts of the Month are Stephanie Nelson, Katlin Passini and Shelley Smith.

Stephanie is the daughter of Ron and Robin Nelson. Her honors, activities and accomplishments include PHS choir (four years); PHS Show Choir (two years); and National Honor Society. She has participated in PHS productions of "Grease," "The Wiz" and "Once Upon A Mattress" and ranks 15th in her PHS senior class.

Stephanie attends First Baptist Church and plans to pursue a major in radiology and a minor in music at Texas Tech University.

Katlin is the daughter of Kathy and Mike Shipp of Pampa and is the granddaughter of Florence and the late Thomas Kepper of Peru, Ill. Her honors, activities and accomplish-



Katlin Passini

ments include varsity soccer (four years, lettering freshman year); cheerleader (three years); peer tutor; PHS yearbook staff member; first team all-district soccer team; cheerleader co-captain; soccer team co-captain; and PHS Fighting Heart Ward (sophomore year).

Katlin is active in Trinity Fellowship Church youth group and attends Briarwood Full Gospel Church. Her future plans include pursuing a degree in special education at West Texas A&M University where she hopes to play college soccer.

Shelley is the daughter of Duane and Evan Smith. Her honors, activities and accomplishments include PHS Symphonic Band (four years); PHS Marching Band (four years); basketball band (three years); PHS Concert Choir (two years); Latin Club (two years); PHS Student Council; Amarillo Symphony



Shelley Smith

Youth Orchestra (three years); First Baptist Church Orchestra and Girls Ensemble; ASTRA Club (two years); National Honor Roll (four years); National Honor Society (two years); Distinguished Achievement Program.

"Who's Who Among American High School Students" honoree (four years); Texas Music Educators Association All-Area Band (four years); TMEA All-Region Orchestra (two years); TMEA All-State Band (three years); high-scoring UIL Solo and Ensemble competitor; PHS Homecoming Court; Pampa High School Band Sweetheart; PHS Band president; drum major/PHS Marching Band (two years); Latin Club president; Student Council parliamentarian; National Honor Society vice president; and ASTRA Club president.

Shelley's future plans are to pursue a degree in nursing and a minor in music at McMurry University in Abilene.

Iran to stop constructing centrifuges

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran will stop building and assembling centrifuges for uranium enrichment this week, the country's nuclear chief said Tuesday after a meeting with the chief U.N. weapons inspector.

Gholamreza Aghazadeh, head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, said the country would "voluntarily" suspend its centrifuge work starting April 9.

Iran "is interested as quickly as possible to bring this case to a close," he said.

Mohamed ElBaradei, director-general of the International Atomic Energy Agency, welcomed the announcement and said a new team of inspectors would come to Tehran on April 12 to verify that all uranium enrichment activities had stopped.

ElBaradei arrived in Tehran earlier Tuesday to meet with Iran's president and top Iranian officials in an effort to press the regime for greater openness with its suspect nuclear programs.

"We agreed that we need to accelerate the process of cooperation," ElBaradei said. "Mr. Aghazadeh committed that Iran will do everything possible to accelerate the process of resolving the outstanding issues. I hope during the course of my visit that we can develop an action plan that can have a timeline."

Aghazadeh said he expected Iran's nuclear dossier would be closed by June, at the next meeting of the IAEA's board of governors.

"We will do our best (for) ... our relationship with the agency to be normalized," he said.

High court to rule on limits on use of drug dogs in traffic stops

WASHINGTON (AP) — Roy Caballes was pulled over for speeding and was just about to get off with a warning when another Illinois trooper pulled up with a drug-sniffing dog.

The dog indicated drugs were in the trunk of Caballes' car. Police searched it and found \$250,000 worth of marijuana, transforming a run-of-the-mill traffic stop into what Monday became a Supreme Court case.

The high court said it will use Caballes' case to clarify when police can use drug-sniffing dogs to check stopped cars whose drivers have given police no particular reason to suspect illegal activity.

Lower courts have been divided over whether police must have such specific suspicions before allowing a dog to

sniff around a car during an ordinary traffic stop.

The case is another in a long line of Supreme Court cases involving cars, traffic stops and the Constitution's ban on unreasonable searches or seizures, but it deals with a situation more common than many the high court has reviewed recently.

"It happens every day as we're speaking, all over the country," said Ralph Meczyk, one of Caballes' lawyers.

Police often look for a way to turn a traffic stop into an all-out search, and drug dogs can be a convenient pretext, he said.

In Illinois, in traffic stops where a dog indicates drugs or other contraband in a car, eight out of nine searches turn up nothing, Meczyk said.

On the other side, the Illinois attorney general and law enforcement groups argued that drug dogs are highly effective, work quickly and pose little or no inconvenience for drivers.

A quick scan of a car's exterior or by a drug dog is not the same as a more intrusive search of the interior or the driver himself, big-city police chiefs said in a friend of the court filing.

If a police officer's nose was good enough to smell marijuana in the car trunk, the officer would have plenty of reason to suspect illegal activity and all the cause needed to search the trunk, police groups said.

"When properly trained, the dogs' heightened sense of smell allows them to detect specified narcotics without entering or rummaging through the vehi-

cle," the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police and the national Major Cities Chiefs Association told the court.

Limiting police ability to use drug dogs could harm anti-drug efforts at airports and borders as well as on the streets and could affect the hunt for other contraband or for terrorists, the police chiefs said.

The court previously has allowed police considerable leeway to stop and search cars but also has refused to allow random roadblocks to look for drugs.

The court ruled four years ago that police were out of bounds when they used drug dogs to check out cars at roadblocks set up in a high-crime Indianapolis neighborhood, because they lacked any special reason to suspect any individual car or driver.

The latest case arose from a 1998 traffic stop along Interstate 80, a major drug corridor.

A state trooper pulled over Caballes for driving 71 mph in a 65-mph zone. Caballes, of Las Vegas, produced his driver's license and other paperwork but refused permission for the officer to search his car trunk.

The trooper told Caballes he would issue only a warning for speeding. While the trooper and Caballes spoke, the second officer arrived with the dog. After the dog signaled drugs, officers found packages of marijuana.

Caballes was arrested and charged with drug trafficking. He was convicted and sentenced to 12 years in prison, but has been out on bond pending appeals. The case will be argued at the Supreme Court next fall.

Gray wolf now officially a big game animal in Idaho; move anticipates like change by federal government

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — The gray wolf is now officially a big game animal in Idaho, but no one is going to be taking shots at the endangered species anytime soon.

The designation was made unanimously last month by the state Fish and Game Commission in anticipation of a similar movement by the federal government, which still lists the wolf as endangered.

About 30 wolves from the Canadian Rockies were reintroduced in Idaho, Montana and Wyoming starting in 1995. Today, there are an estimated 760 wolves in

the three states, including 360 in Idaho.

The wolves will be removed from federal protection, according to U.S. wildlife officials, when the three states have all adopted management plans for the predator. The plans of Idaho and Montana have been accepted; Wyoming's has been rejected, stalling the process.

Any wolf hunting season in Idaho would be tightly regulated and might even be a once-in-a-lifetime experience, said game commissioner Cameron Wheeler. It would likely attract trophy hunters, he said.

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