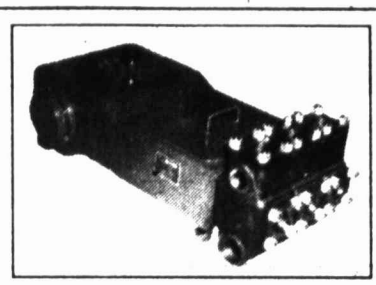


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DPS: Drinking, fighting factor in wreck

By MARILYN POWERS
STAFF WRITER

Intoxication and an earlier altercation between persons in two pickups are listed as possible contributing factors to a two-vehicle accident which occurred just after midnight on Sunday, according to a Texas Department of Public Safety spokesperson.

Gabriel Hernandez, 27, 502 Short, was arrested by DPS troopers and booked into Gray County Jail at 12:33 a.m. Sunday, on charges of driving

while intoxicated, second offense, leaving the scene of an accident, and driving while license is suspended.

The accident occurred on FM 749 in Gray County. Hernandez was driving southbound in a black Ford pickup, model year unavailable, and appeared to be following a gray 2001 Chevrolet pickup driven by Norma Miranda of Pampa, according to the DPS spokesperson.

After apparently following Miranda's vehicle for several miles, Hernandez allegedly pulled up alongside Miranda's pickup as if to pass.

Next, he drove off the east side of the roadway, then skidded back across the roadway, making a 180-degree turn, and stopped facing northeast.

Miranda attempted to stop by veering west, according to the DPS spokesperson, but struck Hernandez' pickup in the area of the driver's door. Miranda's pickup then spun to the west and stopped facing north in the bar ditch.

Hernandez had no passengers in his pickup. Miranda had one passenger, identified by the DPS as Enrique Miranda, also of Pampa. None of the

three reported injuries or were transported by ambulance.

Hernandez remained in Gray County Jail as of press time today in lieu of \$5,000 total bond on the three charges. Bond was set at \$3,000 for the driving while intoxicated, second offense charge, and \$2,000 each was set on the other two charges.

Both vehicles in the accident had to be towed by wrecker service.

Details on the alleged dispute between Hernandez and the Mirandas were not available from DPS officials.

Pampa ISD board to eye changing school name

Pampa Independent School District's Board of Education will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert.

Among the items listed on the agenda for Tuesday's meeting will be discussion of changing the school name for Pampa Middle School. The middle school will also be the "Campus Spotlight."

A health insurance plan for the school district is slated for action. Details of the plan are to be presented at the meeting.

Less than annual appraisal of teachers for Pampa ISD is listed, however, Superintendent Barry Haensch noted in information given to the board prior to the meeting that he has sent

information about the appraisals for a legal opinion. Haensch recommends the board wait to take action until the May meeting.

"(The attorney) and I have an appointment later in the month to discuss his opinion and any concerns, if any, that he may have about possible pitfalls it may present in the

(See PISD, Page 3)

City to host public meeting on U.S. Highway 60 clean-up

A highway clean-up program will be the topic of discussion next week at a public meeting at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

The City of Pampa will host a meeting at 5:30 p.m. Monday, May 4, in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Auditorium and Civic Center to discuss ways and means of cleaning up the U.S.

Highway 60 corridor as it goes through Pampa.

Pampa City Manager Mitch Grant said the city sent out more than 100 letters to property owners along U.S. 60 and put notes on doors of residents and buildings notifying people of the meeting.

Grant said he would have short presentation on the cleanup project and suggest-

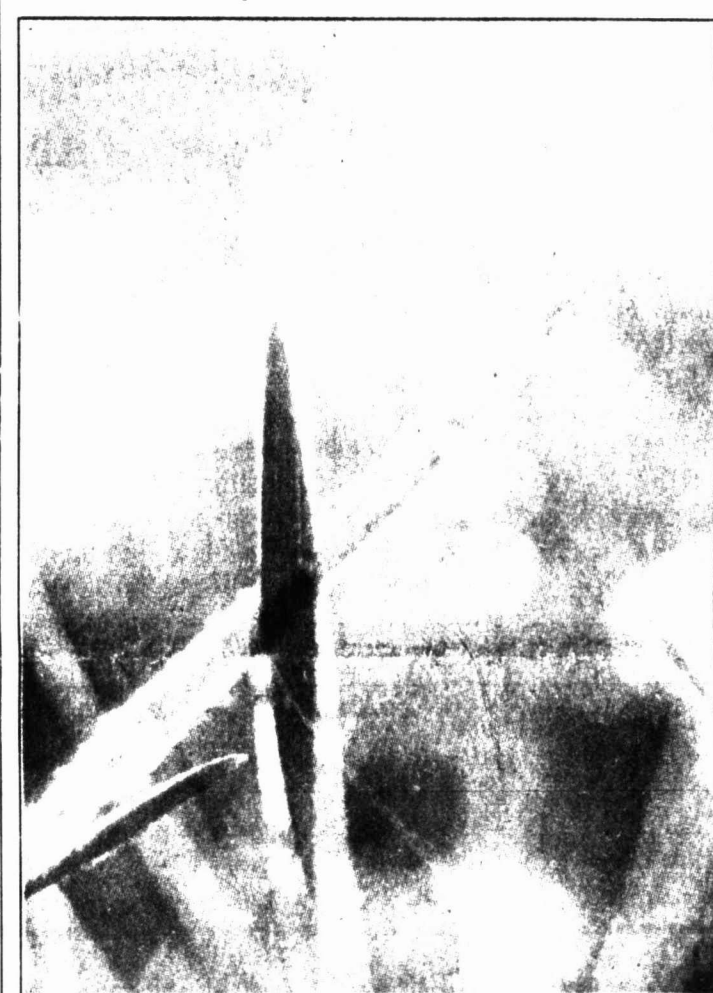
tions concerning city ordinances that might be passed to encourage and enforce such a clean up.

"We're mostly going to listen," Grant said.

There have been complaints about the appearance of the corridor in recent years. City commissioners noted that

(See CLEAN-UP, Page 3)

Dew drop in



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Drops of dew cling to blades of grass early today, remnants from the Sunday evening storms that passed through the area dropping hail and almost a half-inch of rain.

Community concern motivates Boring

Editor's note: This is another in a series of articles highlighting candidates in the May 15 city/school elections.

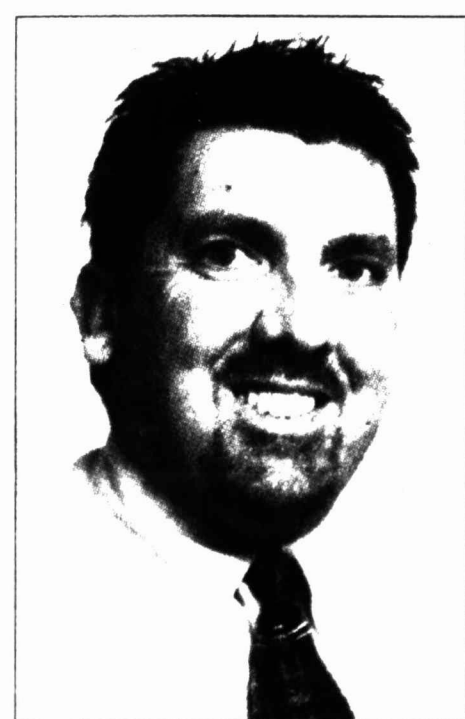
By DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

Pampa's newest city commissioner takes his chair for the first time Thursday.

The Pampa City Commission usually meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, but several of the commissioners were expected to be out of town Tuesday, so the final meeting this month was rescheduled for 4 p.m. Thursday, in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Ray Boring was appointed commissioner for Ward 2, after Commissioner Jeff Andrews resigned and urged the commission to appoint Boring in his stead as early as possible as Pampa's governing body begins discussing the next fiscal year's budget.

Boring first became involved with city government through former Pampa City Manager Bob Eskridge. The former city manager encouraged Boring to become involved



Ray Boring

He served on the Planning and Zoning Commission two different times, Boring said.

With that experience in Pampa government and the experience of working in the private sector and owning his own business, Boring takes his seat in the Pampa City Commission chambers

on April 29.

He said it was concern for his adopted hometown that led him to run for a spot on the commission.

"I'm just really interested in where Pampa is headed," Boring said.

He said things seem to be changing for the better. Wal-Mart is establishing a Super Center in Pampa and there are other things that he sees as positive.

While he admitted that Pampa has experienced some tough times, Boring said he wants to participate in making Pampa a better place in which to live instead of complaining about the problems the city faces.

Boring said he wants to look for opportunities for growth. Pampa has been declining, he said, and he wants to turn that around.

His primary interest, he said, is improving city services and quality of life, but not of the backs of city employees. They, too, he said, are citizens of the community.

He said he wants to improve the quality of life in the city without cutting experienced people from the city payroll if possible.

"They're here for a reason," Boring said. "They have homes here, kids

They are valuable assets to the city. If we can protect them, we need to."

Despite his wish that Pampa would grow, Boring admitted that he sees no specific opportunities.

"I wish there were," he said.

For now, Boring wants to let the process of being a city commissioner. He looks forward to working with the mayor and the other city commissioners.

"I hope in time to make decisions that will benefit Pampa," Boring said.

Born May 14, 1961, and raised in Kermit, Boring came to Pampa in 1988 to work for Garth-Whitley Funeral Directors. A licensed funeral director, he worked for them for nine years before buying and operating Diamond G Pest Control.

Three years after buying the pest control company, however, his mother-in-law died in Abilene. Boring and his wife, Cathy, moved to Abilene for several months to help his father-in-law.

Returning to Pampa, Boring said he was buying a house from a friend, James Race, at Farm Bureau Insurance. Race had an opening and offered

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OBITUARIES

MARY HARRAH

WHITE DEER — Mary Harrah, 91, died Monday, April 26, 2004, in Amarillo. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday, April 27, 2004, at the White Deer Cemetery with the Rev. Tom Bailey, pastor of the United Methodist Church of White Deer, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael Whatley, Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Born Dec. 29, 1912, in Roosevelt, Okla., she married Voett U. Harrah in 1931 in Clovis, N.M. He preceded her in death in 1952. She had been a resident of White Deer for the past

56 years. She was a homemaker and a member of the United Methodist Church of White Deer.

Survivors include one son, David Harrah of White Deer; two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Donald Mooney.

The body will not be available for viewing. Memorials may be made to White Deer EMS, P.O. Box 98, White Deer, Texas 79097 or BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX, 79176.

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DARRELL E. NORTON

Darrell E. "Daddy" Norton, 70, died Saturday, April 24, 2004, at his home in Pampa. Services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 27, 2004, First Baptist Church of Farwell with the Rev. Gene Hawkins and the Rev. J.L. Bass officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Terrace in Farwell. Arrangements are by Muttley Funeral Home of Clovis, NM.

Mr. Norton was born on June 20, 1933, in Farwell to Lester and LaVysa Frances Sheets Norton. His mother died when he was 2 years old and he was raised by Frances Norton. He was a Korean War veteran serving in the U.S. Air Force as a crew chief on B-47s and B-52s. He married Bernice Christian on Sept. 6, 1953, in Oklahoma Lane. He was a farmer, charter member of the First Baptist church in Farwell and past member of Jaycees. He helped build

and was an active member of the Farwell Arena Association.

Survivors include his wife Bernice of the home; his mother, Frances Norton of Farwell; a son, Ray Norton of White Deer; a daughter, Lori Hartley of Texico, N.M.; three brothers, Gerald Norton of Farwell, David Norton of Farwell and Charles Wade Norton of Artesia; two sisters, Alta Geries of Farwell and Wilma Jamison of Marble Falls; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Jimmy Norton and a daughter, Leslie Norton Lunsford.

Memorial contributions may be made to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, Texas 79065 or Farwell Education Foundation, Box E, Farwell, Texas 79325.

The family will be at the Hartley Barn.

CECIL CARLTON RUSSELL

PANHANDLE — Cecil Carlton Russell, 88, died Saturday, April 24, 2004, in Panhandle. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday, at Panhandle Cemetery with the Rev. Jeff Matsler, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Panhandle.

Mr. Russell was born Nov. 29, 1915, in Nacogdoches County, Texas. He moved to Panhandle when he was 6 years old. He was employed by C.C. Camp during World War II. He retired as a truck driver for Panhandle Butane and Oil in the late 1980s where he worked for several years. He was raised as a

Master Mason on Dec. 10, 1947, serving 57 years in Lodge #1167. During this time he was Worshipful Master in 1971-1972 and 1996-1998. He was awarded the Golden Trowel Award in 2002. He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Helen Leona Russell, and two sons, Joe Russell and David Russell.

Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Don Snider of Pampa; 11 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

The family will be at 310 E. 10th St. in Panhandle following the graveside service.

BOBBIE RUTH SILCOTT

LUBBOCK — Bobbie Ruth Silcott, 75, of Lubbock died Thursday, April 22, 2004. Graveside services are set for 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 28, 2004, in the cemetery in Panhandle. Arrangements are by Resthaven Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mrs. Silcott was born June 15, 1928 in Memphis, Texas, to the late John and Eula Mae Killian. She married Jim Silcott on June 15, 1946. She was preceded in death by a son,

Robert Bruce Silcott.

She is survived by her husband Jim; one son, James Silcott of Mesquite; two daughters, Lizabeth Privitt of Albuquerque, N.M., and Pat Cox of Canadian; four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be to the American Diabetes Association, 8008 Slide Rd., Lubbock, Texas 79424.

SERVICES TOMORROW

HARRAH, Mary — Graveside, 2 p.m., White Deer Cemetery.

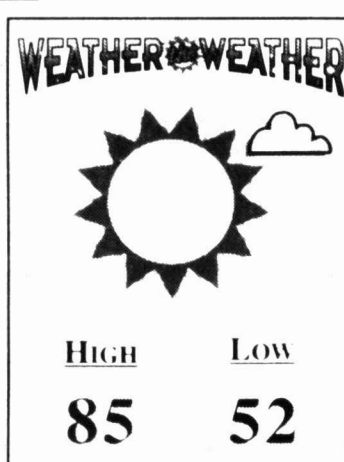
NORTON, Darrell E. — 10:30 a.m., First Baptist Church, Farwell.

RUSSELL, Cecil Carlton — Graveside, 2 p.m., Panhandle Cemetery, Panhandle.

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Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Tuesday night, mostly clear. Lows in the lower 50s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the lower 80s. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s. Thursday, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s. Thursday night, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s. Friday, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s. Friday night, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows near 50. Saturday,



partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s. Saturday night, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 40s. Sunday, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s.

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ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests as of 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, April 22

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of South Faulkner. A window on a house was broken, and damage was done to a vehicle and a grill. Estimated damage was \$1,850.

Friday, April 23

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville. The driver's side window of a vehicle was broken out. Estimated damage was \$100.

Two juveniles were involved in an incident reported by Pampa Middle School, 2401 N. Charles. The report was forwarded to School Resource Officer Brett Watson.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 300 block of Gray. No forced entry was found. A wallet and contents was taken, for an estimated loss of \$170.

Domestic assault with bodily injury was reported in the 500 block of North Lefors. Minor injuries were reported.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 800 block of North Wells. Method of entry was unknown.

A stereo, compact disc player and Oakley sunglasses were taken, and a dashboard was damaged. Estimated loss was \$440.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2500 block of Chestnut. The back window on a vehicle was broken out. Estimated loss was \$450.

Saturday, April 24

Theft was reported at Onie's, 1222 Price Road. Two 30-packs of beer were taken, for a loss of \$37.70. The beer was recovered.

Possession of drug paraphernalia was reported in the 400 block of North Dwight.

Indecency with a child was reported in the 1000 block of Prairie.

A runaway child was reported in the 1400 block of West Somerville.

Josh Pearce, 23, Amarillo, was arrested in the 600 block of Davis for fictitious registration of a vehicle.

A set of keys was found at Bank of America and turned in to the police department.

Cruelty to animals was reported in the 500 block of Doucette.

Steve Lawson, 47, Borger, was arrested at Russell Street and Brown Avenue for a parole violation on a Dallas County charge of possession of

methamphetamine.

Lloyd Morris, 35, Lefors, was arrested in the 600 block of Davis for capias pro fines for no insurance, defective signal light, operating unlawful vehicle, no rear mirror, running a stop sign, failure to appear and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Rod Donnell, 27, 1052 Varnon, was arrested in the 1100 block of East Tyng for no valid driver's license, expired motor vehicle registration and running a stop sign.

Marcy Hink, 34, 709 E. 14th, was arrested at Harvester Avenue and Terrace Street for violation of a promise to appear and two counts of no driver's license.

Sunday, April 25

Theft of a wheelchair was reported at Pampa Regional Medical Center. The suspect is known and charges are pending, according to the police report. The property was returned.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1700 block of North Chestnut. Nothing was reported taken.

Monday, April 26

Tim Remington, 27, 931 Cinderella, was arrested in the 1100 block of Prairie for no valid driver's license, no insurance and failure to appear.

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents as of 7 a.m. today.

Friday, April 23

12:01 a.m. — A 1994 Chevrolet Silverado, driven by Scotty Wynell Willett, 19, Route 1 Box 1-H, and a 1994 Chevrolet C-1500, driven by Charles Dwane Rand, 71, 2217 N. Lynn, collided in the intersection of Somerville Street and Kingsmill Avenue. No injuries were reported. Willett was cited for disregarding a stop sign.

1:31 p.m. — A 1997 Chevrolet Venture, driven by Jonathan Lee White, 19, 636 N. Nelson, and a 1988 Chevrolet 1500, driven by Edward Keith Hopson, 46, 1518 N. Williston, collided at the intersection of Hobart Street and Kentucky Avenue. No injuries were reported. White was cited for failure to yield right of way before making a right turn.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance Service responded to the following call during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Sunday, April 25

1:12 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Charles and transported one patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests as of 7 a.m. today.

Sunday, April 25

Gabriel Hernandez, 27, 502 Short, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated, second offense; leaving the scene of an accident; and driving while license is suspended.

Donald William Wilson, 19, 1341 Duncan, was arrested by deputies and Pampa police officers for theft by check.

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department received no emergency calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

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Legislators to consider cigarette tax increase to fund schools

By KELLEY SHANNON
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

AUSTIN (AP) — It takes smoker Linda Martinez only a split second to voice her opinion about the governor's proposed \$1-per-pack cigarette tax increase.

"I'll pay it," said Martinez, a 54-year-old Austin woman who has smoked for 35 years. "Plain and simple — nicotine is an addictive drug, and just like any addict on the street, we are addicted."

"I'd rather pay it on the cigarettes than on the house taxes," Martinez added.

Those views may resonate with some Texas legislators who returned to the Capitol last week for a special legislative session. Republican Gov. Rick Perry called the session, he said, to reduce Texans' property taxes while eliminating the state's share-the-wealth education funding system, known to some as Robin Hood.

One Perry proposal to replace lost property tax revenue is a \$1 increase in the state's cigarette tax, to \$1.41 per pack.

Health advocates applauded the plan. Along with generating revenue, they say, it could help control health care costs by reducing smoking.

"People don't like taxes, but this is one that does have a good public health benefit and certainly fits well with some of the state's goals, certainly on education and on health," said Kelly Headrick, a lobbyist for the American Cancer Society's Texas division.

But the tobacco industry claims raising the tax would send smokers to neighboring states, Mexico or onto the Internet, or lead to illegal cigarette smuggling.

"That obviously threatens legitimate retailers and wholesalers in the state of Texas," said Jamie Drogin, spokeswoman for Philip Morris USA. "As the cigarettes get more expensive, consumers seek out alternative venues from which to buy cigarettes."

Opponents say the increase would impose a larger burden on the poor. They also say it would be a dwindling and unpredictable revenue source because of continuing declines in the number of smokers, even as education costs rise.

Texas Investing in Healthy Families, a coalition pushing for the cigarette tax increase, contends the higher prices would convince an estimated 179,000 adult smokers to quit and would decrease youth smoking by almost 20 percent.

As part of the proposed tax increase, the coalition wants a nickel of the increase dedicated to anti-smoking programs.

Perry estimates his cigarette-tax proposal would generate \$2.4 billion over the coming three fiscal years. He says the tax would be a reliable money source because his estimate factors in the probability that some people will stop smoking.

"I think we'd start spending a whole lot less money in our health and human services side of things if people quit smoking," he said. "I'd love to see people quit smoking."

The increase would give Texas one of the highest cigarette taxes in the nation. Texas is currently 37th, according to the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids.

New Jersey has the highest state tax at \$2.05 per pack. In New York City, smokers must pay \$3 a pack because the state and city each tax at \$1.50 per pack. Tobacco-producing states, like Virginia, Kentucky and North Carolina have the lowest taxes, at a nickel or less per pack.

Already several bills calling for a cigarette tax have been filed by Texas legislators of both political parties.

The state comptroller's office has estimated

the tax would generate \$1.5 billion over a two-year budget period, close to the estimate by Perry's office.

That projection factors in some "tax avoidance," a reference to smokers who would try to buy cigarettes out of state, said Headrick of the American Cancer Society.

Tax avoidance, or quitting smoking, isn't an option for Martinez, she said as she prepared to sit down with a "cheapo" cigarette at her teenage son's baseball game.

"You'll have some people who'll say it's not worth it — not me," she said.

Martinez, who works as a parent support specialist at an elementary school, said she knows the money is needed for schools. But she would rather see the funding come from an increased sales tax because it would more evenly distribute the burden.

"Everybody would pay," she said.

On the Net:
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<http://www.tobaccofreekids.org>

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Explosion levels building in Baghdad; fighting erupts in Fallujah

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — An explosion leveled part of a building as U.S. troops searched it for suspected "chemical munitions" on Monday, an American general said.

Two soldiers were killed and five wounded, and a cheering mob of Iraqis looted their wrecked Humvees, taking away weapons, a helmet and a bandolier.

Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt did not say what sort of chemical munitions were believed to be produced at the site. After the blast, there was no

sign in the area of precautions against chemicals.

"Chemical munitions could mean any number of things," including smoke grenades, he said.

In Fallujah, U.S. troops and insurgents battled around a mosque in fighting that killed one Marine and eight militants. The area shook with heavy explosions a day after U.S. officials announced a fragile cease-fire in the besieged city was being extended.

The deaths of the two sol-

diers in Baghdad and the Marine in Fallujah brought to 114 the number of U.S. troops killed in combat this month. During the two-month invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein a year ago, 115 Americans were killed.

In the south, U.S. troops rolled into a base in Najaf to replace Spanish forces who are withdrawing and to increase pressure on the militia of anti-U.S. Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. The Americans were three miles from the city's holy sites.

The top U.S. administrator, L. Paul Bremer, said weapons were being stockpiled in mosques, shrines and schools in Najaf and, in a message directed to residents, warned, "The coalition certainly will not tolerate this situation."

Bremer's spokesman, Dan Senior, said the mosques must

be "made safe immediately" but would not elaborate on what the coalition would do. He noted that in the case of military action, "those places of worship are not protected under the Geneva Convention" if they are used to store weapons.

The Baghdad explosion occurred as U.S. troops broke into the building in the northern Waziriya district. The front half of the one-story building was leveled, setting ablaze four Humvees parked outside.

Two soldiers were killed and five were wounded, Kimmitt said. He said the cause of the blast was being investigated, but added, "it had quite an amount of explosives there."

Some residents said the building was a perfume facto-

ry, while others said it had once been a scrap metal workshop that repaired weapons and recycled old ammunition.

Asked about reports that the raid team included members of the Iraq Survey Group, Kimmitt said only: "The inspection was by a number of coalition forces."

He said the owner of the site was "suspected of supplying chemical agents" to Iraqi insurgents, but did not elaborate.

A U.S. soldier was seen taken away on a stretcher, her chest and face severely burned. Witnesses reported other U.S. casualties removed in ambulances. Several Iraqis were pulled from the wreckage, including a woman who wept as she was carried over a man's shoulder.

Afterward, dozens of cheering teenagers started to smash the abandoned Humvees. One child climbed on a hood and beat it with a stick. Iraqis stripped the vehicles of equipment, one carrying a heavy machine gun, another waving a U.S. helmet. One man sported military headphones.

"This is for the madman Bush, for the madman Bremer!" said one youth, waving a rifle.

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non-renewal of employees and in accurately tracking the appraisal status of our personnel," Haenish said.

The board plans to hear a budget report, Pampa High School quarterly report, food services report, and a facilities report.

Board members will be asked to take action on a summer maintenance plan for the district.

Other topics listed for consideration on the agenda include sale of delinquent tax property at 632 and 634 S. Somerville, March financial reports, a budget amendment to reflect increase tax revenue and additional government grant in the food service budget, application designation certification for federal programs, status of the school calendar waiver and discussion of HB 1130, education aide exemption program.

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CLEAN-UP

often motorists passing through town see only the buildings and homes along the highway.

"It seems to me that some people are already doing some cleaning up," Grant said.

Others, however, don't appear to be keeping their property clean.

Grant said that since the area along U.S. 60 as it goes through Pampa is zoned for industrial use, there is only so much the city can do, but he said he would like to hear suggestions from the public before any action is taken.

"We'd like to get some public sentiment behind the project," Grant said.

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BORING

Boring a job.

"I've been here three years with Farm Bureau," Boring said.

He said he wants to be in Pampa for years to come and hopes that his actions on the city commission will make that possible.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Woman In Love With Liar is Ready to Face the Truth

DEAR ABBY: I am helplessly in love with a man who treats me like dirt. I'll call him "Brad." We have been together for eight years.

During that time, he has told me he was married (he has been divorced for the past five years), and lied about having cancer. Everything that comes out of his mouth is pretty much a lie.

Last year, Brad and I had a baby girl. He wanted no part of having a baby and avoided me during the entire pregnancy. To top it off, when I was in my ninth month, I found out he was seeing someone else. He swears nothing happened. He says he just needed someone to talk to.

For the baby's sake, I placed her for adoption, and she is with a good family. Now that the baby is gone, Brad has come around acting sweet and caring. Yet he still excludes me from family functions and cares more about his ex-wife's feelings than mine.

Am I sick in the head to be in love with Brad? How do I stop loving him and find a normal relationship? -- HELPLESSLY IN LOVE

DEAR HELPLESS: Are you sick in the head? If galloping masochism is a classifiable illness, the answer is yes. Somehow you have confused pain and anxiety with love. How do you stop loving him and find a normal relationship? A psychotherapist can help you understand why you have tolerated the abuse, and help you rebuild your self-esteem and learn to form healthy relationships. Your physician can refer you.

Fill your time with worthwhile activities to distract you from loneliness while you're getting your head straight. One rewarding activity is to volunteer your spare time to a worthy cause -- working with animals, the elderly or a charity of your choice. It's also a way to meet constructive people.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 22-year-old woman. When I was 11, my parents divorced. Because Mom was an alcoholic and a drug addict, my brother and I lived with our dad.

I know a 16-year-old boy named "Sam" who is experiencing the same thing. His parents are divorced and he lives with his mother. She, her boyfriend and his friends smoke a lot of weed in the home and are stoned most of the time. Sam has tried to talk to her about it, but she only yells that he can't tell her what to do because he's the kid, not the mother. He wants to move out, but his brother is only 9, and Sam can't support them both.

Sam has thought about telling his father what his mother is doing, but he's afraid his mother will never forgive him.

Abby, I care for both the boys. I don't want to sit idly by and do nothing. Should I tell someone, or keep my trap shut? -- ON THE FENCE IN RHODE ISLAND

DEAR ON THE FENCE: Get off the fence. Contact Sam's father and fill him in on what's going on. It will give him a chance to intervene and take custody of his children -- which could be a step in the right direction for all concerned. If his father is a responsible adult, Sam and his brother will have a more normal home environment, and the mother will be put on notice that there are consequences for her actions. Let's hope it helps her clear her head.

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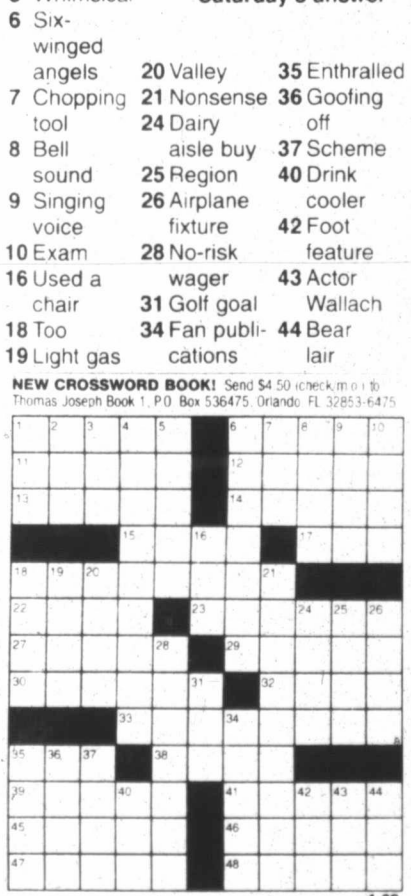
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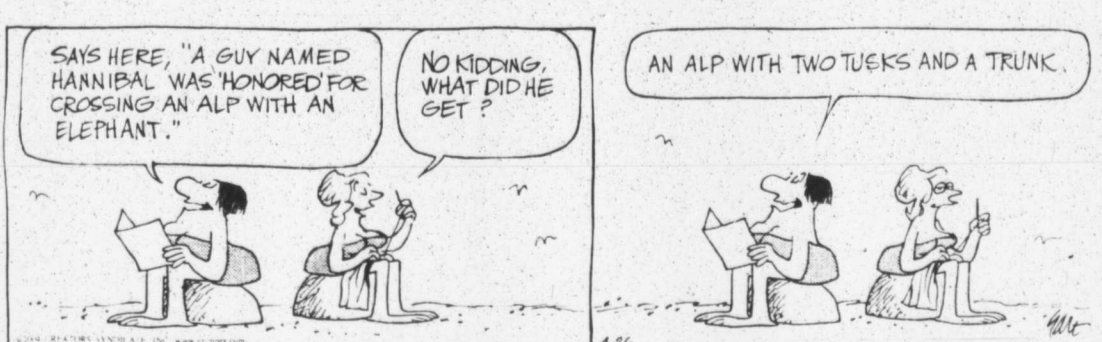
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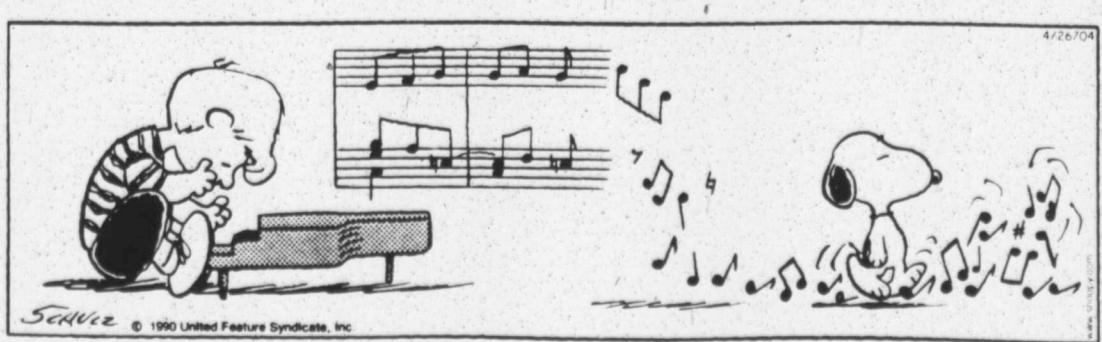
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SPORTS

Lady Harvesters rally to defeat Caprock

PAMPA — At stake for Pampa and Caprock on Saturday was District 3-4A's No. 2 playoff seed in the softball playoffs. It started out ugly for the hometown Lady Harvesters, but Pampa rallied to defeat Caprock 11-7. Pampa is the No. 2 seed and Caprock is No. 3.

Caprock scored six times in the first inning by way of three walks, three errors and one hit.

Pampa, down 6-0, came right back with four runs in the bottom of the first. Senior Abbi Covalt led off with a hit, stole second and went to third on the over-throw. She scored when the ball went into the dugout on a throw to third. With two outs, senior shortstop Stacey

Johnson came up big with a hit. Nicole Clark doubled, driving in a run, and Teryn Garner followed with a run-scoring single. Whitney Roden walked, then Haley Bowen delivered an RBI hit to make it 6-4.

Caprock added its final run in the third on hits by Jessica Terry and Valerie Griego. Terry and Griego each had two of Caprock's five hits.

Pampa picked up a single run in the second and another one in the third to trail 7-6 after three innings. Clark blanked Caprock the rest of the way while her teammates kept chipping away to take the lead in the fourth starting with another Covalt leadoff hit. Amy

Youree followed with an RBI double and Callie Cobb's sacrifice fly scored Youree. Johnson tripled and scored when Clark's second



Senior Abbi Covalt had 2 hits and scored three runs against Caprock.

of three hits put the Lady Harvesters up 9-7.

In the fifth, Bowen led off with her third hit of the game, a double. She advanced on a passed ball and scored on catcher Logan Winkleman's sacrifice fly to center.

In the sixth, Clark led off with another hit. Garner grounded into a fielder's choice to force Clark at second.

Winkleman's RBI single brought Garner in to push the score to 11-7.

Clark, the winning pitcher, improved to 13-6 for the season and 10-2 in district. She gave five hits while striking out four and walking six against Caprock.

Fluentes (13-7) was the losing pitcher.

Pampa finished the regular season at 10-2 in district and 17-9-1 overall. Caprock is 8-8 in district and 14-10 overall.

Pampa's playoff opponent has not been determined yet.

It was Senior Day and they had a big day against Caprock.

The Pampa seniors went seven of 12 hits, including six runs, a double and triple. Senior statistics were Abbi Covalt (2 of 3, 3 runs), Stacey Johnson (2 of 4, triple, 2 runs), Haley Bowen (3 of 4, double, 2 RBI) and Raeanne Cowan (pinch hitter, walk).

Texans select CB Robinson, LB Babin

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Texans believe they filled three defensive positions with two first-round draft picks Saturday.

Houston took South Carolina cornerback Dunta Robinson with the 10th pick, then traded a second-, third- and fourth-round pick to the Tennessee Titans for the rights to Western Michigan defensive end Jason Babin, who will move to outside linebacker in the Texans' 3-4 scheme.

Robinson pushes veteran Marcus Coleman to free safety, where the Texans were vulnerable last year.

"The thing I feel really good about with our first two picks is I think we've added coverage and added pass rush. Those are two things you look for in upgrading a defense," coach Dom Capers said. "I couldn't feel better about our first two picks."

Houston's only two selections on the first day of the draft are expected to improve the league's worst-rated pass defense in 2003.

General manager Charley Casserly weighed offers on the first pick, but he didn't like what he was hearing once he went on the clock at No. 10.

"When we got to the pick, Dunta Robinson was the highest rated player on our board and he was there, so it was an easy pick," Casserly said. "We felt Robinson was a natural fit for the franchise."

Robinson, who watched the draft from his family's home in Athens, Ga., said he wasn't discouraged that his home-state Atlanta Falcons

chose another cornerback, DeAngelo Hall from Virginia Tech.

"The same thing happened coming out of high school. I didn't get recruited hard by the Georgia Bulldogs," Robinson said. "That's fine with me. Everybody who passed, they will pay for it."

Robinson began at South Carolina as a strong safety before moving to cornerback as a junior. Coleman, a nine-year veteran, was a safety in high school and college before the New York Jets drafted him in 1996 and moved him to cornerback.

A move back to safety has been rumored for months, and Capers said he approached Coleman about it two weeks ago when it became more likely the Texans would take a cornerback.

"He's played some there before, and I think the experience he's gained would benefit him," Capers said. "Marcus' response to me is he's going to do what's best for the football team."

Such a move would break up one of the league's most successful cornerback tandems over the last eight years. Aaron Glenn and Coleman were paired with the Jets for six seasons and moved in the expansion draft to Houston, where they've played the last two years.

The Texans' biggest hole was considered free safety. Matt Stevens started there in 2002, the franchise's inaugural season. He was benched last year, then was injured and released after the season.

Houston had coveted safety Sean Taylor of Miami, but

as expected he went much earlier, to the Washington Redskins at No. 5. So the next best option at safety, according to the Texans, was Coleman.

"I think he'll be one of the top safeties in the league. I really do," Glenn said after the Robinson pick. "He's one of the most talented guys, not just on the team but in the league. I think we've addressed two positions, if you ask me."

Babin, based on the current depth chart, appears set to compete with second-year player Antwan Peek and veteran Charlie Clemons.

The trade for him, which gave the Texans the 27th pick and also called for Houston and Tennessee to swap fifth-round picks, meant the Texans were done for the day before the second round began.

Capers was OK with that. "I've always believed in quality over quantity," said Capers, whose Texans have six selections Sunday.

The Texans were second-to-last in the league with only 19 sacks last year. They see Babin, a 260-pound defensive end in college, as the prototypical pass-rushing linebacker in Capers' system.

"I don't think it'll be too much of a stretch," Babin said, noting he'd played a little linebacker in 2002.

"Our inability to rush the passer was probably the thing that jumped out the most at you," Capers said. "This really was the top guy that we felt would fit into our scheme and give us what we looked for in terms of rushing the passer."

Harvesters beat Dumas to clinch final playoff seed

DUMAS — Pampa is in the playoffs, but earning District 3-4A's third-place seed didn't come easy against a fiery Dumas squad.

Pampa scored the winning run in the seventh inning to edge Dumas 8-7 Saturday to take third place behind Plainview and Randall in the district standings.

The Harvesters had jumped out to a 7-0 lead after two innings, but the Demons nibbled away at the lead and tied the score at 7-7 in the fifth.

Dusty Lenderman got things started for Pampa with a leadoff single in the seventh. Courtesy runner Weston Teichmann moved to third on Tyson Hickman's sacrifice bunt and a wild pitch. He scored when Dumas second baseman made a throwing error on Seth Foster's groundball.

Dumas threatened in the bottom of the seventh by putting two runners on first and second with two outs.

Gerardo Reyes singled to right and Daniel Quevas tried to score from second on the hit. But outfield Derek Lewis and first baseman Jake Craig combined on a relay throw to catcher Shea Brown, who put the tag on Quevas.

Lenderman had a big day for Pampa. He knocked in five runs with two doubles and a single, besides picking up the mound win relief of Tyler Doughty in the fifth.

Lenderman is the Harvesters leading hitter with a .423 average.

Jed Martin and Doughty had two hits each while Lewis had one.

Pampa closes the regular season Saturday against Caprock at Harvester Field.

Pampa is 7-4 in district and 14-10 for the season. Dumas is 5-5 in district and 8-13 overall.



Pampa Harvester Sports Schedule

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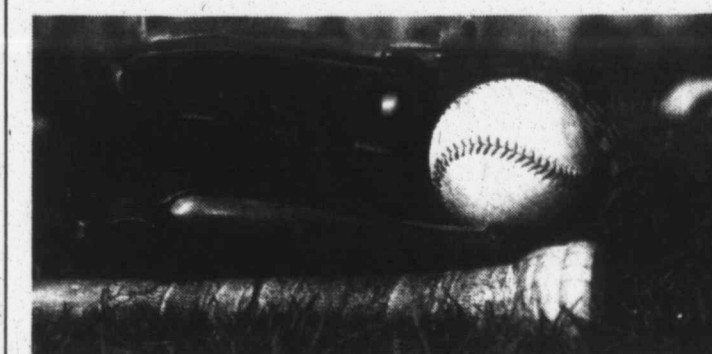
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AUTO RACING

TALLADEGA, Ala.

(AP) — Jeff Gordon seized the lead from Dale Earnhardt Jr. with six laps remaining and barely beat him in a controversial finish Sunday at Talladega Superspeedway. With Earnhardt making a strong move to pass for the lead coming off turn four on lap 184 of the 188-lap Aaron's 499, rookie Brian Vickers and Casey Mears collided, sending Vickers sliding and bringing out the 11th caution flag of the race.

Under NASCAR's rule change from last fall, freezing the field when the yellow comes out rather than letting the competitors race to the flagstand, Gordon got his first Nextel Cup victory of the season.

At first, Earnhardt was posted in front, but replays appeared to show Gordon's No. 24 Chevrolet was about three-quarters of a car length ahead of Earnhardt's No. 8 Monte Carlo when the caution waved.

BASEBALL

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP)

— Ryan Andrews had an RBI single to right field in the bottom of the 10th to give Texas Tech a 6-5 victory over Oklahoma on Sunday.

Texas Tech (27-13, 8-6 Big 12) had a 4-1 lead before the Sooners (26-16, 13-5) rallied to tie the game with three runs in the top of the eighth. Jeff Scuderi scored on an error and Ryan Mottern scored on a single by Ole Sheldon. Russell Raley scored on a single by Matt Bose.

Catcher Josh Stinson's solo home run gave Oklahoma a 5-4 lead at the top of the ninth. Pinch runner Marcus Lewis scored on a double by Josh Brady to tie the game at the end of nine.

Senior third baseman Josh Haney set things in motion for the Red Raiders when he singled to right field to start the bottom of the 10th. He scored on Andrews' single.

Corey Gerstner (4-0) picked up the win for Texas Tech in relief.

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Pampa junior varsity competes in District Tennis Tournament

AMARILLO — The Pampa junior varsity tennis team traveled to Amarillo last week to compete in the District 3-4A JV Tournament.

Steve Smith won the boys singles title and Shawna Friend came in second in girls singles.

In girls doubles, Maegan Patterson and Haley Acker placed second for Pampa.

District JV Tournament Pampa results

Girls Singles

Shawna Friend: def. Sasha Gutierrez (H), 6-4, 6-3; def. Tracy Mendoza (C), 6-4, 6-4; def. Christy Phommasek

(PD), 6-4, 6-3; lost to Jennifer Wells (R), 6-4, 6-1.

Jacklyn Cargill: def. Barbara Ahern (R), 6-1, 6-3; lost to Christy Phommasek (PD), 5-7, 6-3, 6-3.

Sammy Periera: bye first round; def. Diana Hernandez (C), 6-1, 6-1; lost to Jennifer Wells (R), 7-6, 7-5.

Boys Singles

Steve Smith: bye first round; def. Clint Mack (R), 6-2, 6-2; def. Tri Lee (PD), 6-1, 6-0; def. Keegan Bain (D), 6-2, 7-6 (7-2).

Roger Barr: won by default first round; lost to Cho Trinh (PD).

Boys Doubles

Olson-Fortenberry: def. Phillips-Morales (C), 6-1, 6-1; lost to Westmoreland-Perez (PD), 6-0, 3-6, 6-0.

McNeely-Gonzales: bye first round; lost to Vincent-Elzner (D), 6-1, 6-2.

Girls Doubles

Knowles-Stowers: bye first round; lost to Armijo-Mairs (R), 6-4, 6-2.

Patterson-Acker: def. Estep-Jackson (H), 6-2, 6-0; def. Garcia-Campos (C), 6-3, 0-6, 6-2; def. Garcia-Mountain (R), 6-1, 6-0; lost to Armijo-Mairs (R), 6-3, 6-2.

Spurs sweep first round of playoffs

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs swept through the first round of the playoffs. Now the defending champions' only worry is staying fresh during their playoff before the second round.

The Spurs needed only four games to end the Memphis Grizzlies' breakthrough season, sweeping them from the playoffs Sunday night with a 110-97 victory. San Antonio shot a season-best 58.7 percent, including 11-of-17 from 3-point range.

Tony Parker matched his career high with 29 points and had a postseason-best 13 assists. Tim Duncan celebrated his 28th birthday with 26 points. Robert Horry had 14 off

the bench, and Bruce Bowen and Manu Ginobili each added 10.

"We are playing well, but we can't be satisfied," Parker said. "We have to keep working hard. We were here last year, so we know we have to work hard."

The Spurs won their 15th straight game, and they couldn't have been more sharp against a Memphis team making its postseason debut after a franchise-best 50-32 record in the regular season.

Pau Gasol led the Grizzlies with 22 points, but had only two rebounds. James Posey added 20 points, and Earl Watson and Jason Williams each had 13.

San Antonio beat the Grizzlies by an average of 14 points in this series, and the Spurs were at their best Sunday night with the chance to clinch. They hit a season-best 11 3s, never trailed after taking the lead at 14-12 and made it look easy by knocking down open shot after open shot.

"The thing that surprised me is the way we played," Ginobili said. "It's not easy to stick in there for four games with the concentration for 48 minutes. I think we did a great job."

Memphis coach Hubie Brown said being swept by the Spurs made it more acceptable.

"We just got taken out by a team that's at the height of their game," Brown said.

On defense



Taylor Giles (left) of the Bobcats defends against Ashlee Kieth of the Cheetahs in an Under 8 Girls Soccer Match.

Castilla delivers to lead Rockies by Astros

DENVER (AP) — Vinny Castilla was more excited about the timing of his big hit than the record he established.

Castilla set a franchise record with an RBI in his 10th straight game and the Colorado Rockies avoided a three-game sweep by beating the Houston Astros 4-1 Sunday.

"I was aware of the record after the last game, so when I did it today I knew I had it," said

Castilla, who was given a day off Saturday. "It was nice, but the most important thing was that the hit came at a time to make the lead 4-1."

Castilla had two hits and two RBIs to pass Todd Helton, who drove in a run in nine straight May 6-15, 2001.

Joe Kennedy (3/0) allowed a run and five hits, struck out four and walked two in 6 1-3 innings. It was the second time in his

career that he's won three consecutive starts.

"Joe was effective with the same recipe: a two-seam fastball, a tight fastball in his changeup, and he gave them some sliders against a very good right-handed lineup," Colorado manager Clint Hurdle said. "I think he's pitching at the top of his game."

Mark Sweeney hit his first home run since June 13 for the Rockies.

Chargers make Manning their top pick; deal him to Giants

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Eli Manning is quickly becoming a man about town in New York City.

The New York Giants' quarterback of the future was courtside for the Knicks-Nets playoff game at Madison Square Garden on Sunday night, and he has a television appearance with David Letterman lined up for Monday.

The Big Apple is his, for now.

To make Manning theirs, the Giants had to have patience, perseverance and the willingness to sweeten the pot for the San Diego Chargers with a first-round draft pick in 2005.

"When I see a player that I believe that strongly in, I'm going to do everything I can to get him," New York general

manager Ernie Accorsi said Sunday night. "I'm just that way. I think it's a once-in-a-generation opportunity to get somebody you feel that strongly about."

While the Chargers had the same feelings about the Mississippi quarterback with the NFL pedigree, Manning didn't like them.

Last week, the Chargers made public what they had been told by Manning's family through their agent, Tom Condon — that Eli didn't want to play in San Diego.

Despite the warning, the Chargers made him the No. 1 pick. There followed an awkward nationally televised photo session with Manning reluctantly holding a Chargers jersey.

"The strategy was simple," Chargers coach Marty

Schottenheimer said. "Take the player who had the most value. He had the most value in a trade."

As the Giants brain trust watched the scene on television, they also had a belief that "It's not over yet," coach Tom Coughlin recalled of their chances to get Manning.

After Oakland picked tackle Robert Gallery and Arizona receiver Larry Fitzgerald, the Giants were on the clock for 15 minutes.

In that frenzied span, Accorsi spoke with one club — supposedly Cleveland — about possibly moving down in the draft. He turned it down.

The longtime NFL executive also remembered a rumor — he wouldn't say how he heard — that the Chargers might be interested in a trade for Manning if they could get

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Atlanta	10	8	.556	2	Baltimore	10	7	.588	1 1/2
Philadelphia	7	10	.412	4 1/2	New York	8	11	.421	4 1/2
New York	7	12	.368	5 1/2	Tampa Bay	7	10	.412	4 1/2
Montreal	5	14	.263	7 1/2	Toronto	6	12	.333	6
Central Division					Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	12	6	.667	—	Minnesota	12	6	.667	—
Cincinnati	11	7	.611	1	Chicago	11	7	.611	1
Houston	11	8	.579	1 1/2	Detroit	11	8	.579	1 1/2
St. Louis	10	9	.526	2 1/2	Cleveland	7	12	.368	5 1/2
Milwaukee	10	10	.500	3	Kansas City	6	11	.353	5 1/2
Pittsburgh	8	9	.471	3 1/2	West Division				
West Division						W	L	Pct	GB
	W	L	Pct	GB	Anaheim	11	8	.579	—
Los Angeles	12	6	.667	—	Texas	11	8	.579	—
San Diego	10	9	.526	2 1/2	Oakland	10	9	.526	1
Colorado	8	10	.444	4	Seattle	6	13	.316	5
Arizona	7	11	.389	5					
San Francisco	7	12	.368	5 1/2					
Saturday's Games									
Philadelphia 7, Montreal 0					Saturday's Games				
Milwaukee 3, St. Louis 1					Boston 3, N.Y. Yankees 2, 12 innings				
Chicago Cubs 3, N.Y. Mets 0					Detroit 5, Cleveland 2				
Houston 8, Colorado 5					Tampa Bay 4, Chicago White Sox 1				
Florida 7, Atlanta 4					Anaheim 6, Oakland 3				
Cincinnati 9, Pittsburgh 7					Toronto 5, Baltimore 4, 12 innings				
San Diego 4, Arizona 2					Kansas City 10, Minnesota 1				
San Francisco 5, Los Angeles 3					Texas 3, Seattle 0				
Sunday's Games									
Montreal 2, Philadelphia 0					Sunday's Games				
Pittsburgh 6, Cincinnati 0					Boston 2, N.Y. Yankees 0				
St. Louis 5, Milwaukee 2					Cleveland 3, Detroit 2				
Chicago Cubs 4, N.Y. Mets 1					Toronto 15, Baltimore 3				
Colorado 4, Houston 1					Texas 14, Seattle 6				
Los Angeles 9, San Francisco 0					Minnesota 4, Kansas City 2				
Arizona 12, San Diego 7					Chicago White Sox 6, Tampa Bay 5				
Atlanta 7, Florida 2					Anaheim 4, Oakland 3				
Monday's Games									
Cincinnati (Harang 1-0) at Pittsburgh (Vogelsong 1-2), 7:05 p.m.					Monday's Games				
Florida (Pavano 1-0) at Colorado (Elarton 0-3), 9:05 p.m.					Seattle (Meche 0-2) at Baltimore (Riley 1-1), 7:05 p.m.				
Chicago Cubs (Zambrano 2-0) at Arizona (Johnson 1-2), 9:35 p.m.					Toronto (Lilly 0-2) at Minnesota (Radke 2-1), 8:10 p.m.				
Montreal (L.Hernandez 1-2) at San Diego (Peavy 1-1), 10:05 p.m.					Tuesday's Games				
Atlanta (Ramirez 0-1) at San Francisco (Schmidt 0-2), 10:15 p.m.					Houston at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.				
					Cincinnati at Milwaukee, 7:35 p.m.				
					Philadelphia at St. Louis, 8:10 p.m.				
					Florida at Colorado, 9:05 p.m.				

Cowboys active on second day

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys had just five picks and plenty of needs when the NFL draft started.

When they finished Sunday after an active second day, the Cowboys had added nine players — eight draft choices and a fullback acquired in one of four week-end trades — and an extra No. 1 pick next year.

"Our goal was to get more than the five picks, and we did accomplish that," owner Jerry Jones said. "We think we've been able to have a chance to really improve our roster and address our needs."

Without a starter opposite last year's No. 1 pick, Terence Newman, the Cowboys took three cornerbacks among their five picks Sunday. Mario Edwards started every game for Dallas last season, but signed with Tampa Bay earlier this month.

Dallas got cornerbacks Bruce Thornton of Georgia (fourth round), Nathan Jones of Rutgers (seventh round) and Jacques Reeves of Purdue (seventh round) among their five picks Sunday.

The Cowboys also added Boston College tight end Sean Ryan (fifth round) and Northwestern Oklahoma quarterback Patrick Crayton (seventh round), who they list as a receiver and see as a kick returner.

Coach Bill Parcells has had success throughout his career

with late-round picks.

On Saturday, Dallas had filled more pressing needs by picking Notre Dame running back Julius Jones and two offensive linemen: Southern California tackle Jacob Rogers and LSU guard Stephen Peterman.

No running backs were gone when the Cowboys came up in the first round. They instead traded the No. 22 overall pick to Buffalo for a fifth-round Sunday and a No. 1 next year, then dropped 21 spots for Jones.

Parcells didn't talk to reporters Sunday, a day after speaking in a public forum for the first time in more than three months.

"I'm just looking for solid guys that will come in and compete and do what they're told, like the ones we had last year," Parcells said Saturday night. "I'll take that class we had last year, the type of kid, the type of character, the type of work habits. I'll take that every year and be happy."

Last year's class included Newman and tight end Jason Witten, another key player for a playoff team. Second-round pick Al Johnson seemed set as the starting center before a knee injury in training camp.

Before Jerry Jones and Parcells started dealing, they got Thornton in the fourth round and Ryan with the pick they got from Buffalo.

Thornton had 54 tackles

and two interceptions last season for Georgia. Ryan arrived at Boston College a defensive end, but the 6-foot-4, 266-pounder was moved to tight end and became an exceptional blocker who also caught 35 passes for 447 yards and six touchdowns last season.

Ryan is a Buffalo native who grew up a Bills fan and suffered through four Super Bowl losses, two straight to the Cowboys. At age 13, he won tickets in a radio contest and was in Atlanta in January 1994 when Dallas won 30-13.

"At halftime, I was on top of the world. By the end of the game, I was ready to go find somewhere to cry," he said.

Now he's looking forward to playing for the Cowboys and Parcells.

"He likes tough guys. I play with a mean streak and leave it on the field," Ryan said.

Dallas traded its second fifth-round pick to New Orleans for sixth- and seventh-rounders, then sent those picks to other teams.

The sixth-round pick went to Oakland for the seventh-round slots that got Nathan Jones and Reeves. The seventh-rounder from the Saints went to Tampa Bay for another pick and fullback Darian Barnes.

Barnes played 20 games for Tampa Bay over the last two seasons, primarily on special teams.

respond to the Giants' trade proposal until the day before the draft.

"Their proposal was quite different," Accorsi said. "It involved a player who we were not going to give up."

A source with the Giants, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said the Chargers wanted second-year defensive end Osi Umenyiora.

A second-round pick last year from Troy State, Umenyiora had 19 tackles and a sack in a backup role.

The Chargers also wanted the Giants second-round pick this year, something Accorsi flat out refused.

Smith refused to comment on the details leading to the trade.

"If New York wants to give out their strategy, that's their business," he said Sunday.

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\$50 bill gets colorful makeover

WASHINGTON (AP) — The \$50 bill is getting splash- es of red and blue, the second of the nation's paper currencies to sport new hues beyond the traditional black-ink fronts and green-ink backs.

The makeover, unveiled Monday, is part of an effort to make U.S. bills harder to counterfeit.

The extra color is subtle, similar to the look of the new \$20 bill, which went into circulation last fall with a color treatment featuring touches of peach, blue and yellow.

"The new design is more secure than ever before. We believe it will be extremely effective in discouraging counterfeiters," said Treasury Secretary John Snow. "It's also a lovely piece of currency, maintaining the historic look and feel of a greenback while incorporating the elements of other colors that are very important to us in this country: red, white and blue."

The redesigned \$50 is the same size and still features Ulysses S. Grant on the front and the U.S. Capitol on the

back. But the borders around both Grant and the Capitol have been removed.

The new \$50 features subtle background colors of red and blue. The stars and stripes of the U.S. flag are printed in blue and red behind the portrait of Grant on the front. A field of blue stars is located to the left of the portrait, while three red stripes are located to the right of Grant. A small metallic silver-blue star is located on the lower right side of Grant.

Like the new \$20, the redesigned \$50 includes tiny yellow number "50s" scattered in the background on the back of the note.

Security features include embedded thread that glows when exposed to an ultraviolet light, color-shifting ink that looks green when viewed straight on and black when viewed at an angle, and watermarks visible when held up to light. Some of those features included in the last redesign, in 1997, were enhanced.

Events to take the wrappers

off the new \$50 notes took place in Washington and in Fort Worth, Texas, where the Bureau of Engraving and Printing expanded its existing production facility and built a tour and visitors center. The new center will allow people to view the production of U.S. greenbacks west of the Mississippi River for the first time, the agency said.

"Adding color is a good idea. It kicks it up a notch and makes it more difficult to counterfeit and adds interest to the bill," said Len Glazer, director of Heritage Currency Auctions in Dallas. "Other countries have been doing it for a very long time."

The bureau expects to print 76.8 million new \$50s this year. New bills aren't likely to go into circulation and start showing up in cash registers until fall. Old \$50s will continue to be accepted and recirculated until they wear out; they average five years in use.

The bureau also plans to add color to the \$100 bill, the most knocked-off note outside the United States. It has not been determined when the new \$100 will be unveiled. Officials are still considering whether to redesign \$5s and \$10s. But \$1s and \$2s will stay the same because they aren't of much interest to counterfeiters.

Over the years, counterfeiters have graduated from off-set printing to increasingly sophisticated color copiers, computer scanners, color ink jet printers and publishing-grade software. Trying to stay a step ahead of the counterfeiters is a challenge, experts said.

"Sophisticated counterfeiting is always going to exist. Whenever there is a way to make money illegally some people will grab for it," Glazer said.

ABWA Woman of the Year



(Courtesy photo)

Donna Swindle, left, is seen here presenting the American Business Women's Association's Woman of the Year Award to Jan Allen recently during ABWA's annual Business Associates Banquet. Also pictured are (left-right) Evelyn Boyd, Virginia Dewey and Carrie Williams.

Estee Lauder dies at age 97

NEW YORK (AP) — Cosmetics pioneer Estee Lauder, whose pots of potions and tubs of moisturizers have turned the clock back for millions of faces across the globe, has died. She was 97.

Lauder, who helped launch product lines that included Estee Lauder, Clinique, Aramis, Prescriptives and Origins, died of cardiopulmonary arrest Saturday at her Manhattan home, said Sally Susman, a company spokeswoman.

In 1998, Lauder was the only woman on Time magazine's list of the 20 most influential business geniuses of the century. Her company placed No. 349 in the 2003 ranking in the Fortune 500 list of the nation's largest companies, with revenue at \$4.744 billion.

In explaining her success, the cosmetics queen once said: "I have never worked a day in my life without selling. If I believe in something, I sell it, and I sell it hard."

Born Josephine Esther Mentzer in the working-class Corona section of Queens, she was the daughter of Max and Rose Schotz Mentzer. Lauder never disclosed her birth date, but a company spokeswoman said she was 97.

During the 1930s, she began selling face creams that her uncle John Schotz, a chemist, mixed in a makeshift laboratory in a stable behind the family house. And she began experimenting with mixes herself.

Lauder went to beauty salons where she gave free demonstrations to women waiting under hair dryers. More often than not, they became customers. Sometimes she stopped women on Fifth Avenue to try her products.

"If you put the product into the customer's hands, it will speak for itself if it's something of quality," she declared.

Lauder sold her products primarily through department stores — Saks Fifth Avenue, Bloomingdale's, Marshall Field's, Neiman-Marcus, Harrods in London, Galeries Lafayette in Paris — the tonier the better.

A favorite selling tool was offering a gift with a purchase — a giveaway that began out of necessity. Lauder started off without enough of an advertising budget to attract an agency, so she used the money instead for free samples.

In 1930, Lauder married a garment center businessman named Joseph Lauder (later changed to Lauder), and they had their first son, Leonard, three years later.

In 1939 she got a divorce and moved to Florida. Years later, she explained why: "I was married very young. You think you missed something out of life. But I found out that I had the sweetest husband in the world."

She and Joseph remarried in 1942, had a second son, Ronald, and went into business together. Her persistence in selling paid off in 1948, when she persuaded a buyer at Saks to place a sizable order.

She and her husband filled the order themselves, cooking up the creams in their factory, a converted restaurant, and bottling them in attractive jars. In two days, Saks sold out and the company was on its way.

While her husband handled the business at home, she traveled to each new store that took her line and personally selected and trained the new saleswomen.

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Lauder in a delicate shade of greenish blue — chosen because it complemented virtually any bathroom décor — became a trademark.

Estee Lauder became a household name in 1953, when the company debuted Youth Dew, a bath oil and perfume. Over the years she added new lines and new products, fragrances such as White Linen and Cinnabar, the Aramis line of men's toiletries and the Clinique line of fragrance-free, allergy-tested products.

She duelled with archrival Charles Revson, who built the Revlon empire. "She was the one competitor he set out to beat but couldn't," wrote Revson biographer Andrew Tobias.

After being vague about her background for years, Lauder rushed her autobiography, "Estee: A Success Story," into print in 1985. Typically, she was out to beat the competition; in this case Lee Israel's unauthorized biography, "Estee Lauder: Beyond the Magic."

As her privately held company grew, Lauder and her husband involved their sons in the decision making. Leonard Lauder took over as chief executive officer in 1982, the year before Joseph Lauder died, and nearly quadrupled annual sales by 1995. Ronald Lauder left the business for several years in the '80s, serving posts in the Reagan administration and making a failed bid for mayor of New York. He then returned to the company.

In 1995, the company, long tightly held by family members, announced plans to raise \$335 million in an initial public stock offering.

Supreme Court refuses to hear case of banned prayers at military school

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court said Monday it will not consider reinstating mealtime prayers at a state-funded military college, turning aside an appeal from Virginia officials who wanted to preserve the tradition.

Justice Antonin Scalia

blasted his colleagues for refusing to hear the case, arguing that it raised important church-state and other questions. Leaving those issues unresolved is unfair to Virginia Military Institute, Scalia wrote in a dissent joined by fellow conservative Chief Justice William H.

Rehnquist.

A lower federal court had found VMI's mealtime prayers violate the Constitution, and the high court's action means that ruling will stand.

VMI, part of the state university system in Virginia, lost a previous Supreme Court battle over its all-male admissions policy. The high court forced VMI to admit women in 1996, as Scalia noted dryly in his dissent Monday.

"VMI has previously seen another of its traditions abolished by this court," he wrote. "This time, however, its cause has been ignored rather than rejected — though the consequences will be just the same."

VMI's nightly prayers were recited by a student chaplain after cadets marched into the mess hall. The prayers, one for each night of the week except Saturday, mentioned God but not Jesus or other religious figures. All the prayers concluded with the phrase, "Now, O God, we receive this food and share this meal together with thanksgiving. Amen."

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