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#### Snow could mask copter from searchers

AMARILLO (AP) - Winter weather, including snowfall, is a concern for crews continuing to search for a Texas Panhandle couple whose heliopter disappeared while they were returning home from their granddaughter's basketball game.

More than a week after Gene and Bobbie Sue Webb tailed to arrive home in their Robinson R-22 helicopter, the Civil Air Patrol was still pursuing their trail that led from Gruver to Randall County south of Amarillo.

The fact that the Webbs' helicopter was white with black markings has made the search tougher, said Maj. Rich. Simerson, Amarillo CAP squadron commander.

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PAMPA'S CINEMA 4 **MOVIE HOTLINE** 

## Water district tables Mesa request Panhandle Ground Water Conservation request until Mesa returned with the the intentions of Mesa Water was to get

## Officials say proposal is incomplete

By DAVID BOWSER **Staff Writer** 

WHITE DEER - T. Boone Pickens. Dallas oilman and Roberts County rancher, pondered his options today after the which passed unanimously, tabled the

District here tabled Pickens' permit request to pump water from beneath his ranch, and that of his neighbors, to sell to thirsty cities downstate.

Following two hours of sometimes contentious discussion, John McKissack, the district board member representing the newly annexed part of Potter County, moved to table pumping permit requests made by Pickens and his neighbors, operating at Mesa Water, Inc.

District officials said the permit request was incomplete. McKissack's motion,

name of a buyer for the water.

The board said they had required such information of Salem Abraham of Canadian when he sold water rights to Amarillo and of the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority when they had requested a pumping permit for water for the 11 member cities, including Pampa.

Mesa had requested a pumping permit to pump water from the Ogallala Aquiter, a huge underground water formation that extends from the Texas South Plains to the Dakotas. Pickens, in the past, said

water rights to some 200,000 acres in Roberts, Ochiltree, Lipscomb and Hemphill Counties; pump water from well fields there, and sell it to one of three areas downstate.

Pickens said, it allowed to pump one acre-toot of water per acre of water rights, Mesa planned on selling water to either El Paso, San Antonio or the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex. He has said in the past that Mesa would not be producing enough water to sell to more than one of the three urban areas. Communities along

(See WATER, Page 2)

# **Shrove Tuesday** pancake supper ushers in Lent

By NATALIE REEVE St. Matthew's publicity chair

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church with hold its 46th Annual Pancake Supper from 5-8 p.m. on Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 27, in the Parish Hall of the church, 727 W. Browning.

Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased at the church office or from

church members. Children five and under eat free. Father Jake Clemmens, rector of St. Matthew's, while discussing the Pancake Supper, said, "St. Matthew's has always appreciated the support given by the whole community of Pampa. It is a time to remind ourselves of the common nature of our faith."

This year's testivities will tollow the traditional theme of a Mardi Gras atmosphere - with candles and decorated tables - and patrons being served by church members.

All income from the supper is given toward the education of young children. The first Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at St. Matthew's, held in 1956, provided funds for St. Francis Boy's Home in Salina, Kan. This year, as in years since 1976, all proceeds from the supper go to St. Matthew's Episcopal Day School.

Lori Boyd, Day School administrator, explained that the Day School is able to provide scholarships to preschoolers and kindergartners through the proceeds of the Annual Pancake Supper.

"Many children in our surrounding area are allowed an excellent

(See SUPPER, Page 2)

(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

she had been named as

"Employee of the Year" for the

year 2000 and that her name

would be the first bronze plate

on a plaque to be hung in the

With this presentation,

Copeland says he is beginning

a quarterly employee recogni-

tion program that culminates

(See EMPLOYEE, Page 2)

with the naming of an

Sheritt's Office.

Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland, left, presents Sheri Worthington, his secretary, with the first Employee of the

Year for the year 2000. Under a new employee recognition

program begun by the Sheriff, employees will be recognized

with Employee of the Quarter and Employee of the Year

Sheriff begins staff

for Gray County Sheriff Don

Copeland, became the depart-

ment's the first Employee of

the Year in a special presenta-

the honor because of her spe-

integrity and strong work

Thinking she was attending

a staff meeting, Worthington

ethics," Copeland said.

Worthington was chosen for

"honesty,

tion this week

cial qualities

recognition program

Sheri Worthington, secretary was instead astonished to learn



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church with hold its 46th Annual Pancake Supper from 5-8 p.m. on Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 27, in the Parish Hall of the church, 727 W. Browning. Above: (back row, left-right) Fr. Jake Clemmens, Maggie Thomas, Hal Cree; (front row, I-r) Josie Aler. Cade Ferguson and Tyler Smith.

# White Deer ISD seeks input on cost-savings

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

WHITE DEER Danny Ferrell is looking for a few good ideas

With lagging enrollment and dropping property tax valuations, the White Deer school sys tem needs to cut costs, said Ferrell, superintendent of the White Deer Independent School

In a called school board meet " the White Deer elementary Skellytown school school cateteria for the meeting for suggestions in cutting Ferrell said. It something like

'We're going to have to figure out a way to save a minimum of \$240,000.

 Danny Ferrell Superintendent

expenses

Ferrell opened Thursday night's meeting by denying of superintendent only six ing Thursday night. Ferrell rumors that the special meeting months ago, said he visited difasked some 100 residents from of the board of trustees was ferent campuses and talked to the district who had gathered in called to shut down the

"That's an untrue rumor"

would have to be on the agen-

Ferrell said the meeting was called to go over the financial condition of the school district "Fight weeks ago " Ferrell

said. The school board asked me to provide them with some information, anything I could think of that might help the dis-Lerrell, who assumed the job

the teachers and statt in the district, searching for ideas on how to cut the budget.

(See WHITE DEER, Page 2)

# Shamrock official faces charges

By DEF DEF LARAMORE

Staff Writer

A Wheeler County grand jury has indicted a tormer municipal judge on felony theft charges. Sue Gallagher, Shamrock city magistrate and secretary to a justice of peace there, was indicted for theft over \$20,000 and under \$100,000, a third degree telony.

The indictment last week stems from discrepancies found in a routine audit of the Shamrock

justice of the peace office over a two year period from January 1996 through June 1998, District Attorney Rick Roach said

Texas Rangers were called in to conduct an extensive audit, followed by an audit by the lexas Comptroller's office to determine how much tine money that should have gone to the state "had gone somewhere else," the DA explained.

He said the majority of the fines were for traffic (See OFFICIAL, Page 2)

# Pampan dies in fiery head-on crash

Mills County, according to the

The crash also took the life of a who had just lett a firefighters meeting in Revdon.

Pronounced dead at the scene of the crash were Eleuterio dents died Wednesday night in a Cano, 1 , of Pampa; Justin Farl fiery head-on collision in Roger Folk, 21, of Canadian; and Kevin C. Bodkin, 28, Canadian. All were in a 1994 Ford crew-cab pickup which was westbound south of Reydon, according to scene

The crew-cab reportedly crossed into the other lane and struck an eastbound 1988 Ford flatbed pickup head-on, according to police reports.

Driver of the flatbed pickup, David Swope, 35, of Reydon was Revdon volunteer fire fighter on State Highway 47 1.4 miles also pronounced dead at the

(See CRASH, Page 2)

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### REYDON, Okla. A Pampa man and two Canadian resi-

Oklahoma Highway Patrol.

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Police report

speeding and failure to appear.

ending at 7 a.m. today.

1000 block of Prairie.

1000 block of Prairie.

is being investigated.

Correction

ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Ambulance** 

ending at 7 a.m. today.

transported one to PRMC.

Fires

7 a.m. today.

23rd and Navajo streets.

Crime Stoppers.....

Police (emergency)...

Police (non-emergency)..

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Water.

Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

Carson County.

Department.

was reported.

block of West Kentucky.

Pampa Police Department reported the follow-

ing arrests and calls during the 24-hour period

Thursday, February 22

bond surrender for burglary of a habitation.

Eric Herrera, 24, 329 Miami, was arrested on a

Clayton Shane Withers, 25, 412 Cuyler, was

Samuel Martinez, 41, Midland was arrested for

robbery in connection with an incident in the

Hipolito Martinez, 45, Midland, was arrested

A report of theft was investigated in the 1500

for robbery in connection with an incident in the

A simple assault causing minor injury was reported in the 1200 block of Darby.

Phone harassment in the 1000 block of Love

A report of theft in the 300 block of East Brown

Disorderly conduct - fighting at Pampa High

School is being investigated. The students were

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A report in Thursday's police report of three

video tapes being stolen from a motor vehicle at

Lamar Elementary School was incorrect. The

theft occurred in the 700 block of East Craven,

according to police reports. The Pampa News

Gray County Sheriff's Department reported

the following arrests during the 24-hour period

Thursday, February 22

ed on a blue warrant for burglary of a habitation.

was arrested on a theft by check warrant out of

arrested for assault and a warrant for minor in

possession - alcohol, out of Pampa Police

Rural Metro Ambulance Service responded to

the following calls during the 24-hour period

Thursday, Feb. 22

block of Alcock and transported one to Pampa

7:35 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 2300

7:53 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 700

1:42 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to PRMC

3:01 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 1500

block of North Hobart and transported one to

5:25 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to an area

east of 23rd Avenue on Red Deer Creek and

Friday, Feb. 23

Crawford and Huff streets. No one was trans-

1200 block of Darby. No one was transported.

12:34 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to

12:40 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the

Pampa Fire Department responded to the fol-

Thursday, Feb. 22

responded to a medical assist in the 700 block of

5:44 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters

.669-2222

.669-5700

..669-5830

..911

..1-888-Energas

.1-800-750-2520

responded to a medical assist a half mile east of

**Emergency numbers** 

block of Sloan and transported one to PRMC.

and transferred one to a local nursing facility.

Terry Wayne Carpenter, 36, Pampa, was arrest

George Thomas Reames, Jr., 29, 1314 Wynne,

Tasha Deloris Wilson, 22, 1144 Varnon, was

apologizes for any inconvenience.

Sheriff's Office

referred to the Juvenile Probation Office.

arrested on capias pro fine traffic warrants for

#### Services tomorrow

CISNEROS, Bettany Rochelle - Memorial services, 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

JONES, Ruby Z. — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

WILLIAMS, S.J. — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Lockney.

#### **Obituaries**

#### **BETTANY ROCHELLE CISNEROS**

Bettany Rochelle Cisneros, 50, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2001. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel. The body was cremated and consequently will not be available for viewing. Memorial graveside services will be scheduled in Miami Cemetery at Miami at a later time. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of

Mrs. Cisneros was born June 1, 1950, at Pampa. She was a beautician, an actress and a past board member of ACT I Community Theatre of Pampa. She was also a member of Jehovah's Witnesses. Her father, John Cunningham, preceded her in

Survivors include two daughters, Erika Lapka of Pampa and Meghan Guill of Amarillo; a son, Carlo Lapka of Dallas; her stepmother, Ivy Cunningham of Pampa; and six grandchildren. The family requests memorials be to a favorite

THE REV. RICK WADLEY

PARK HILLS, Mo. — The Rev. Rick Wadley, 56, died Saturday, Feb. 17, 2001, at San Diego, Calif. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Park Hills First Baptist Church with the Rev. Randy Fite and the Rev. Darrell Jauc officiating. Burial will be in G.A.R. Cemetery at Miami, Okla. Arrangements are under the direction of Horton-Wampler Funeral Home.

Rev. Wadley was born May 28, 1944, at Lawton, Okla., to the late Carl R. Wadley and Alma Jones Wadley.

Survivors include his wife, Carol Messenger Wadley of Park Hills; a daughter and son-in-law, Lesli and Jim Welch of Fort Worth; two sons and daughters-in-law, Ron and Jennifer Wadley of Fort Worth and Robert and Stephan Wadley of Port Orchard, Wash.; a sister and brother-in-law, Hope and Ken Overton of Horseshoe Bend, Ark.; his mother-in-law, Ruby Messenger of Miami, Okla.; an uncle, Herman Wadley of Redlands, Calif.; four grandchildren, Brittany and Braydon Welch, and Jacqueline Wadley and Landon Dick; a niece, Christina Overton of Horseshoe Bend; and a nephew, Adam Overton of Horseshoe Bend.

S.J. WILLIAMS

LOCKNEY — S.J. Williams, 87, father of a Pampa resident, died Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2001,

at Lockney Health and Rehab. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Ted Samples officiating and the Rev. Phillip Golden assisting. Burial will be in Lockney Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Lockney. Mr. Williams was born Sept.

5, 1913, at Dougherty, Texas, to the late Jody Williams and Ora Bynum Williams. A lifelong Lockney resident, he attended school at Lockney and married Nettie May Ledger. She died Feb. 14, 1989. He was a retired self-employed painter and a Mason.

He belonged to First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by two daughters, Betty Dipprey and Dorothy Frame; three brothers; and a sister.

Survivors include a daughter, Sherry Race of Pampa; a son, Robert J. Williams of Weatherford; a sister, Opal Porter of Russellville, Ark.; a brother, Jody Cecil Williams of Houston; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and two greatgreat-grandchildren.

#### **Stocks**

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#### **EMPLOYEE**

"Employee of the Year."

"I love my employees. They're good employees," the sheriff explained. "This is small reward for what they do and their loyalty.

Worthington was selected for the honor by a committee that was supposed to include the sher-secretary since January 1997. She received her iff, the chief deputy, the jail administrator, assistant training through the secretarial science program at jail administrator, and – the sheriff's secretary. The Clarendon College - Pampa Center.

committee, however, made the choice without Worthington knowing about it.

"I knew you had ordered the plaque because I had seen the invoice, but I never thought ...," she said. "I was so surprised. I thought it was a staff meeting. I was clueless!'

Worthington had been employed as the sheriff's

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#### SUPPER

early Christian education through the scholarship program," Boyd said.

"Currently morning classes are offered for 3- and 4-year-olds, Pre-K and Kindergarten. Day Care is also available on an hourly basis. Learning experi-

ences include daily chapel, music, gym and computer class, with manipulative activities centered around phonemic awareness," she said. "Classrooms and the computer lab will be open for viewing during the Pancake Supper."

St. Matthew's Day School Support Group will hold its Annual Book Fair to coincide with the supper.

#### WATER

the pipelines, he said, would be able to buy water from Mesa.

Presently, Mesa has rights to 150,000 acres and is continuing to solicit more.

The area ranchers who have contracted with Mesa to sell their water said they are faced with either selling their water or having it pumped from beneath their land by CRMWA or the City of Amarillo.

CRMWA has a well field north of Pampa in Roberts County.

The City of Amarillo also has water rights in Roberts County, but they said they do not plan to pump any water for 25 years.

Both entities have permits to pump one acre-foot of water for each acre of rights they hold. Pickens said he wants the same terms that CRMWA and Amarillo have, one acre-foot of water for each acre held.

that there were provisions in the observe.

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permits where the amount of water the entities pump can be adjusted if the depletion is higher that expected.

District officials said the permits for CRMWA and Amarillo were approved before there were any requests for high volume pumping. Since Mesa requested a permit to pump, the district had an hydrological survey done of the region and determined that only one-half acre-foot can be pumped without depleting the underground water at a rate faster than the regional water plan would

Pickens rejected the one-half acre-foot proposal, district officials

The Panhandle Regional Water said. Plan set forth the standard of taking no more than 50 percent of the water that was in the aquifer in 1998 over the next 50 years. It is a ranch, Harold Courson and a pubstandard that the Panhandle lic utility who had contracted with Ground Water Conservation Mesa to sell water on their proper-District also adopted, and one ty. Officials with the district said which Pickens' said Mesa will

Pickens said Thursday afternoon, following the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District's decision to table his request, that Mesa would reconsider their options. He said Mesa didn't have too much time to make a decision because CRMWA is scheduled to begin pumping from their well field in May.

District officials indicated that they had tried to negotiate the terms of a permit with Mesa, but the company insisted on the one acre-foot standard written into the CRMWA and Amarillo permits.

Pickens Thursday indicated that the disagreement could end up in court, but that he hoped it didn't. "I don't threaten litigation," he

The water district's board also tabled pumping permit requests by Wanda Adams of the Adams

All three hold water rights in Roberts County.

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# WHITE DEER

The new superintendent said the school system would start the new school year next September with about \$450,000 in the bank.

"Our monthly expenditures are generally between \$240,000 and \$260,000," Ferrell said.

The state recommends having three times that amount available. That means the district should have between \$720,000 to \$780,000 on hand instead

"We're going to have to figure out a way to save a minimum of \$240,000," Ferrell said.

He explained that the White Deer school system is not alone in such a

crunch. Ferrell said that a check of half a dozen school districts within 90 miles of White Deer were experiencing similar difficulties.

Ferrell said a decline in property values and in enrollment has hit a number of school districts.

"I know about four or five years ago at the high school we had 179 kids," Ferrell said. "I believe we're down to 136 today."

Ferrell said he came to the school district nine and a half years ago.

"At one time, I believe we had 527 students in the district," he said. "We are down to 418 as of right

The property values in the district have dropped from \$445,899,752 in1986 to \$195,440,540 as of last

"We've had a drastic drop in value of property," he

Ferrell said in the past the White Deer Independent School District was considered a wealthy district by the state. Last year, the district sent some \$60,000 to vide in an effort to cut benefit costs.

Groom as part of the state's education rules.

It would help, he said, if the state did not classify the school system as wealthy so the district wouldn't have to send money to other districts, but it would be April before the state makes that decision.

We don't know where we're going to stand,", he

Ferrell said the district's payroll is \$217,000. They spend another \$53,000 on the band program and another \$41,000 on FCCLA (what used to be Home Economics). They spend \$85,400 on athletics. Another \$108,000 is being spent on the vocational agriculture program. The district spends \$64,000 on the library. The cafeteria is about \$45,000 in the red. He said the district loses about \$4,000 annual on the high school yearbook.

Additional funds are spent on stipends and sup-

In addition to the costs Ferrell enumerated Thursday night, he warned his audience that the district would soon need to begin replacing school buses and other vehicles and that roofs on several buildings

If the local homestead exemption on property was repealed, Ferrell said, it would increase income to the district about \$57,000.

Throughout his presentation, Ferrell said the problems being outlined were a White Deer ISD problem. "It's not a White Deer problem," he stressed. "It not

Skellytown problem. It's a White Deer ISD prob-One hour and 19 transparencies later, only one sug-

gestion was made. A janitor in the school system, who said she enjoys her job, suggested having janitors at schools only when students are not there. She also suggested using contract labor for janitorial ser-

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#### CRASH According to the OHP, Swope, a volunteer firefighter, had just

left a meeting of firefighters held in Reydon Wednesday night.

Numerous emergency personnel leaving the meeting were in vehicles which drove up on the wreck scene. The firemen and rescue the trapped men from

their vehicles, officials said. Reports state the vehicles came ma and hip injuries. to an almost immediate stop and the crew cab caught fire.

the crew-cab were seriously down, a fractured pelvis, a fracinjured and transported to tured left femur and chest trau-University Hospital in Oklahoma ma. in serious condition.

Robert Everett, ambulance personnel worked to Lipscomb, received burns, multi- speed. It is unknown who was ple fractures of arms and legs, driver of the crew-cab.

broken ribs, head and chest trau-

Danny Matthews, 41, of Canadian, received second-Two additional passengers in degree burns from the waist

OHP reported the crew-cab 29, of was traveling at a high rate of

# City Briefs

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Foster, Fri. 5-8 p.m. catfish, ch. fr Pinion, Oak. Call 868-2671. steak, turkey & dressing

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CHILDREN'S CRAFTS & Bilowing fires during the 24-hour period ending at ble Class, Saturdays, 3:30-5:30 All ages, 422 N. West, 669-1956. 8 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters

> CUT GAS cost by 75% with a woodburning stove. Fireside Comfort, 725 W. Brown.

DANCE, MCLEAN Country Club, Sat. Feb. 24th, to The Schneiders, 8-11:30 p.m. Members & guests.

**FIREWOOD** MESQUITE,

FOR COMPUTER Repair call

FOR SALE, in good condition 2 end tables, 1 coffee table, 2 bar stools, washer, dryer, freezer. Barbara 669-3361.

KNIGHTS OF Columbus Sausage Dinner will be held on Sunday, March 4th, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the K of C Hall, corner of Cuyler & Browning. Adults \$6 (\$7 at door), children 6-11, \$3. 669-7356 or 665-3569 for tickets.

FRIENDS AND Family are invited to a 50th Anniversary Reception honoring Chris and Jacque Lowe, Sat. Feb. 24, 1-3 p.m. Central Baptist Church Parlor.

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Sat. & Sun. from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., & 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. ref. req. Karen 669-3514 2-5 p.m.

NEW SHIPMENT of fire logs, fire starter & kindling, Fireside Comfort, 725 W. Brown.

NO SENIOR Citizen's Dance.

#### Weather focus PAMPA - Today, cloudy and

breezy with numerous showers and thunderstorms. Areas of fog. Highs 55 to 60. South winds 15 to 25 mph and gusty. Area coverage of rain 60 percent. Caution rainfall could accumulate advised on area lakes through Saturday Tonight, mostly cloudy with a 70 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows 45 to 50. South winds 15 to 25 mph and gusty. Saturday, partly cloudy and very windy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 50. West to northwest winds 25 to 35 mph with higher gusts. Saturday night, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent of light rain. Lows around 35. Sunday, mostly clear. STATEWIDE -

of fronts began marching through Texas on Friday, triggering showers and thunderstorms. Some rainfall in North Texas was expected to be heavy by

early Saturday, with the possibility of damaging winds and flooding problems in areas already saturated with moisture from precipitation earlier in the week.

through Saturday, the National Weather Service said. Showers and a few thunder-

storms were located between Gainesville, Dallas and Tyler. Fog developed in parts of West

and South Texas, especially along the middle and upper coasts. Light rain and drizzle fell from Hondo and Del Rio to Burnet Scattered showers and thun-

derstorms also developed across the South Plains and Permian

Early-morning temperatures A series range from the 30s to 60s. Extremes were 38 degrees at

Amarillo and 68 degrees at Laredo and Brownsville.

50 at Killeen, Temple, Burnet and San Antonio.

Winds were mostly southeasterly to southerly at 5 to 20 mph. Only parts of the Rio Grande Valley had clear skies. From one to three inches of

Chances for rain and thunderstorms were expected to increase through Saturday in North Texas. Along with rain and drizzle, residents of West and South Texas faced more morning fog.

A warm front extending from

El Paso to just north of Brownsville will be pushed eastward as a Pacific front approaches Texas, with a line of storms developing and moving through North and East Texas overnight with possible high winds.

A chance of freezing rain or sleet was forecast for the

Daytime highs should range from the 50s to 80s.

Lows overnight were expected Other readings were 43 at from the 20s in the north and Paris, 53 degrees at El Paso and west to near 70 in the south

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**EXTENS** On March 2 Center in B Agricultura will conduc and Leade workshop in youth d and natura ment. Cost

# Calendar of events

#### PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literary Council of ice is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP If interested in the ADHD/ADD Support Group call Connie at

669-9364. ST. MARK CME CHURCH St. Mark will host a monthly breakfast the first Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Donations will be accepted.

MACEDONIA CHURCH Macedonia Church will host a monthly breakfast the third Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at 441 Elm Street rubella, with the Rev. I.L. Patrick. Donations will be accepted and the public is invited.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRIS-**TIAN COWBOYS** 

The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys potluck will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Clyde Greene at 665-8067.

PAMPA FINE ARTS ASSOCI-**ATION** 

Pampa Fine Arts Association Board of Directors will met at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Pampa Community Building.

**GED TESTING** 

Clarendon Center will conduct GED testing at 9 a.m. Feb. 26 and March 26. Test-takers must bring a government-issued picture ID such as a driver's license and a Social Security card. Pre-registration is for each re-test.

SHRINE CLUB

Pampa Shrine Club holds a covered dish meeting at 7 p.m. every Sportsman's Club on South Barnes

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR Lovett Memorial Library will sponsor a pre-school story hour at 10 a.m. every Tuesday this spring beginning Jan. 9. The free program is open to children 18 months to 5 years of age and will call the library at 669-5780.

Cerebral Palsy Foundation is seeking families with children (birth to age 12) affected by cerebral palsy in an effort to establish a chapter in the area. CPF offers financial and emotional support as well as many free services. For more information, call 1-888-872-7966 toll-free.

CLASS OF 1961

Pampa High School Class of 1961 will hold its 40th class reunion this year. Anyone interested in helping plan and organize the event should contact Zip Swaney at 665-5532.

**GCGS MEETING** 

Gray County Genealogical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 26 in the Education Classroom of the Gray County Sheriff's Office. The program will be the Genealogy/History Video Connection Sweetwater Story." The facilitator will be Bobbie Hill of Old Mobeetie Jail Museum.

PAS VALENTINE DANCE Pampa Area Christian Singles will host a Valentine's dance from 8-11 p.m., Feb. 24 at M.K. Auditorium. Brown Entertainment will be by Mike Porter. Cost is \$6 per person. Please bring your own snack. The event will be alcohol and

smoke free. For more information, call 665-7059. **EXTENSION WORKSHOP** On March 23 and 25 at Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service will conduct a two-day "Wildlife and Leadership Development" workshop for adults interested in youth development, wildlife

and natural resource manage-

ment. Cost of the workshop is

PAMPA'S AVE THE LAST DANCE ... Friday & Saturday 3:45 - 7:30 - 10:25 Sunday 1:15 - 3:45 - 7:30 day thru Thursday 4:30 - 7:30 CHOCOLATE SAME POLICE Iday & Saturday 4:00 • 7:45 • 10:15 Sunday 1:00 • 4:00 • 7:45 Tonday thru Thursday 4:45 • 7:45 FINDING FORRESTER Rated POLI Friday & Saturday 3:15 - 7:00 Sunday 12:30 - 3:15 - 7:00 HANNIBAL Retod R day & Saturday 3:30 • 7:15 • 10:05 Sunday 12:45 • 3:30 • 7:15 onday thru Thursday 4:15 • 7:15

iday & Saturday 9:50 Only Sunday No Showing

\$50. Topics will include: Quail behavior, ecosystem, management, deer aging and evaluating predation. Attendees will particihunter safety skills course and trivia activities. Registration deadline is March 9.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC The Texas Department of Health individuals who wish to learn apparel, art, doll houses, home clinics for vaccines that give pro- e-mail account. All classes are pet store, sports, recreation, toys diseases including polio, diph- Class size is limited to 10, so more. theria, lock jaw (tetanus), whoop- space is limited. For information, ing cough (pertussis), measles, contact the library at 669-5780. mumps, (haemophilus influenzae Type B) monthly through the spring. and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines will also be offered at Texas Historical Commission is lowing upcoming breast cancer designated clinics. The TDH will seeking nominations for individuscreening clinics: March 12, First and the ability to pay. The follow- eral program areas and will be Carruth Pavilion. For more ing clinics will be offered: 9:30 presented at the statewide Annual Hemphill County Hospital, information, contact Keven a.m.-12 noon and 1-4 p.m., Feb. 7 Historic Preservation conference Canadian; Feb. 12, Lovett Romines at 665-8547 or Jim and 21, Pampa Family Clinic, 700 slated April 19-21 in Austin. To Memorial Library, McLean; Feb. Shamrock School Shamrock; 9-11 a.m., Feb. 16, deadline is Feb. 28.

Groom School, Groom; 10 a.m.-

Miami School, Miami. LAD N' LASSIE PAGEANT College-Pampa A new Pre-Teen Pageant is 18 at Amarillo Civic Center instruction by a registered nurse planned in conjunction with the Grand Plaza in Amarillo. The in breast self-examination. competitions are open to candidates Ninth Annual Lad n' Lassie annual fine art sale will feature Funding is available through the Pageant to be held at 1:30 p.m. in artwork in many different medi- Texas Department of Health for assistance for undergraduate study. Overcoming Depression and Shamrock High Auditorium at Shamrock during artists. For more information, call assistance. All exams are by not required. Cost is \$45 or \$10 Celebration. The Lad n' Lassie will get under way at 6 p.m., information, call (806) 356-1905 pageant is open to boys between Friday, March 16 followed by the or 1-800-377-4673. 0-9 years of age and girls between live art auction at 7:30 p.m. Show 0-13. The boys may come dressed hours are: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. The Don and Sybil Harrington in either casual wear or Sunday Saturday, March 17, and 12-4 third Friday of each month at the best. The Pre-Teen Pageant is p.m., Sunday, March 18. open to young ladies between the ages of 10 and 13. These contes- New York Poetry Alliance is tants will compete in both Casual sponsoring Poetry 2001 contest. Wear and Sunday best as well as A \$1,000 cash prize will be Thursdays from 12 noon-1:30 photo judging, short interview awarded the grand-prize winner. p.m. this month. For more inforand public speaking. All partici- Deadline for entry is March 3. To mation, call Gerry Kelly at (806) pants must submit an entry form enter, send one poem, 21 lines or 359-4673, ext. 235 or Stan along with two photos and a \$10 less, to: New York Poetry McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. entry fee. The photos will be pub- Alliance, Box 1588, New York, 141 or toll-free at 1-800-274-4673. include stories, crafts and other lished in the local paper. Late NY 10116-1588; or enter on-line at activities. No registration is entries will pay an additional \$5. www.freecontest.com. Deadline for entry is March 1. For more information or to obtain an entry form, contact Betty Lee at Green Thumb, Inc., the nation's Seventh Annual Artist and Song

(806) 256-5337 or Lynette Kidd at (806) 256-3044.

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MEMORIAL LIBRARY pate in a tacky deer survey, a During January, Lovett Memorial service featuring the handiwork tection against several childhood free but registration is required. and games, yard and garden and HIB The workshops will continue The Women's Center of the Don

THC PRESERVATION AWARD Center has announced the folcharge money to help with the als, groups or organizations merit- United Methodist Church cost of keeping the clinic open. ing recognition for outstanding Educational Building, and, The amount charged will be contributions to historic preservabased on family income and size, tion. Awards are divided into sev-W. Kentucky; 2-4:30 p.m., Feb. 5, request an awards packet, write: 15, McLean Clinic, McLean; 9:30 THC History Programs Division, Shamrock; Feb. 16, United a.m.-12 noon and 1-3 p.m., Feb. 8, P.O. Box 12276, Austin, TX 78711- Methodist Church, Miami; Feb. Clinic, 2276; or call (512) 463-5853. The 20, Lefors Civic Center, 103 N.

HPEA FUND-RAISER 12 noon and 1-3 p.m., Feb. 26, High Plains Epilepsy Association will receive a low-cost self-exam Art Soiree' fund-raiser March 16-School ums created by a variety of Texas residents who qualify for Saint Patrick's Day (806) 352-5426. A cocktail buffet appointment only. For more

POETRY CONTEST

**GREEN THUMB** INTERNET SITE

oldest and largest provider of Talent Search. The contest will training and employment for mature workers, now offers consumers Geezer.com, an on-line Library will offer four introduc- of seniors from across the countory hands-on computer work- try. The site is a must for shopshops: "Computer Comfort I" for pers looking for distinctive, often To obtain a registration form or beginners; "Computer Comfort one-of-a-kind gifts. Geezer.com for more information, contact II" for individuals who can open includes scores of artisans and Helen Holdsworth at (210) 467- and close files and use the mouse; craftspeople with more than "What is the Internet?"; and 2,000 hand-wrought products in "Introduction to E-Mail," for more than a dozen categories will be offering immunization how to establish a free web-based and hearth, music and videos,

**HARRINGTON** 

CANCER CENTER and Sybil Harrington Cancer March 23, Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, both in Pampa; Feb. 7, 14, 21, 22, Family Care Center, Court, Lefors; Feb. 28, Parkview Hospital, Wheeler. Participants will hold its 18th Annual Spring mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual

DIALOGUE Cancer Center will hold "Dialogue," a patient/family education support group sponsored by the cancer center and the American Cancer Society,

> **CHRISTIAN MUSIC CONTEST**

offer over \$50,000 in prizes including a publishing contract for the grand prize winning song. will receive a recording which will be distributed nationally to Christian radio stations. information, visit www.embassymusic.com or call the Ultimate Hotline at (615) 345-

**FPS CONTEST** 

Hollywood's Famous Poets Society is sponsoring a poetry contest. The contest is free and open to anyone. The winner will receive a \$1,000 grand prize. To enter, send one poem, 21 lines or less, to: Free Poetry Congest, PMB126, 1626 N. Wilcox Ave., on-line

www.famouspoets.com. Deadline for entry is Feb. 24.

FIFTH AKMY TOUR United States 5th Army will tour 60848, Washington, DC 20039-2001. For more information, con- available tact: Sy Canton, executive direc- www.FinancialAssistanceNetwor tor, 5th Army Association, 465 k.org. Shore Rd., Ste 7P, Long Beach, NY 11561 or call (516) 432-3022. PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE

**SCHOLARSHIPS** President's Committee Employment of People with Disabilities is hosting three scholarship competitions for post-sec- drugs to treat depression and ondary students with disabilities for anxiety. Consumers can obtain a the 2000-01 academic year. Two copy by sending \$5 to cover the with disabilities seeking financial at a four-year college or university.

female candidates with disabilities information, visit the Council's seeking financial assistance for website graduate study. For more informa- www.FamilyHealthResearch.org tion, visit the President's Committee website at www.pcepd.gov and American International Youth click the "Scholarships" link on the Student Exchange Program is home page

A wide range of free, direct support services is available to local residents suffering from multiple

**FAN BOOKLET** 

The Financial Assistance Network in Washington, D.C., is offering the following booklets, "Free & The grand prize winning artist Low Cost Medical Care" and "How to Get Government Help To Pay Your Energy Bills." The first booklet includes information Deadline for entry is Feb. 28. For on how and where to get free and low-cost medical care under the Federal Hill-Burton program. The second booklet gives information on how and where to get government help to pay your heating bills. Consumers can obtain a copy of "Free & Low Cost Medical Care" by sending \$5 to cover printing, postage and handling to: Financial Assistance Network -Free & Low Cost Medical Care Booklet, Dept. MCB-0725, P.O. Box 60848, Washington, DC Hollywood, CA 90028; or enter 20039-0848. To get a copy of "How to Get Government Help To Pay Your Energy Bills" send \$5 to: Financial Assistance Network -Government Help for Energy World War II veterans of the Bills, Dept. GHEB-1219, P.O. Box battlefield sites in Italy in June 0848. The information is also

\* FHRC BOOKLET

Family Health Research Council recently published the booklet Overcoming Depression and Anxiety." The booklet gives information on how and where to get free and low cost prescription cost of printing, postage and handling to: Fulfillment Center East, Anxiety, P.O. Box 3176, Elmira, The third competition is open to NY 14905-3176. For additional

seeking American high school students, ages 15-19, to participate in its foreign exchange program. Students will spend a semester o year with an sclerosis through Multiple European family or participate in Sclerosis Association of America. a 4- to 6-week family stay abroad Services include general informa- in the summer. Students are tion, therapeutic equipment, edu- screened by AIYSEP school councational literature, national lend- selors and educators in local ing library, no-cost MRIs, cool schools. To qualify, students must suits, wheelchairs and scooters, have evidence of maturity, supe-Embassy Music of Nashville, support groups and more. For rior character and knowledge of Tenn., is currently conducting its more information, contact MSAA English and a foreign language at 1-800-LEARN-MS or access For more information, call 1-800www.msaa.com. on the Internet. 347-7575.

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## 'Support a Buff' program helps new students settle in at West Texas A&M

ticular campus. That's why the Student Advising Registration and Retention (STARR) Center is doing its part to speed up that process for new students at West Texas A&M University.

The STARR Center, located in Room 112 of the Classroom Center, makes it a point to contact all incoming freshmen and transfer students during the early stages of WTAMU's fall and spring semesters. The program is called "Support a Buff," and student employees who make the calls and e-mails remind new students about important deadlines such as the last day to drop a class and about campus services such as tutoring, medical services and student employment services.

"We want all of our new students to have the information they need to succeed here at WTAMU," Sammie Artho, assistant director of the STARR Center, said. "It is especially important during the spring for students who were not here for fall orientation. New students do not always know the campus basics, and this is a way that we can provide general information in a personal

The program was established to help the contact the STARR Center at 806-651-5300.

CANYON — It takes a little time for new uni- University retain new students. About 850 stuversity students to learn the ins and outs of a par- dents are attending WTAMU for the first time during the 2001 spring semester, and the STARR Center has already begun making those calls.

Tanner Robertson, a junior mass communications major from Petersburg, is a STARR Center caller who enjoys helping new students increase their comfort level on the WTAMU campus.

"Most people seem surprised that we even have this service," Robertson said. "But before you know it, they're asking you questions about the campus. People might be aware that we offer things like medical services and supplemental tutoring, but they aren't always aware of how to access them.

"This is such an easy campus to know, yet we get a lot of transfer students from the larger schools that didn't think they would ever get to know their professors or that someone would care enough about them to call. This is all about personal contact," Robertson said. "I think a lot of the people we call really appreciate the service."

STARR Center callers usually work the phones between 1-5 p.m. weekdays. For more information about "Support a Buff,"

new for 100% Silk **Animal Print B**lazer

**Clinique Bonus Time** Through March 6

The Family Healthcare Clinic of Pampa Located at 600 W. Kentucky Ave. will close its Pediatric Clinic effective February 23, 2001

"Well Child" Healthcare & Immunizations will be provided by Planned Parenthood located at 408 W. Kingsmill Ave. Suite 173A 806/665-2291

Medical Records are available by calling 806/665-0746

## Sub captain reportedly was aware other ship nearby before collision

WASHINGTON (AP) — The captain of a U.S. submarine that collided with and sank a Japanese fishing trawler two weeks ago told Navy investigators he was aware of sonar soundings indicating that a ship was in the vicinity before the accident, a newspaper reported.

But the sub's skipper, Cmdr. Scott Waddle, maintained that when he looked for a ship through his periscope before ordering a rapid ascent to the surface, he didn't see anything and was not warned of any danger by a sailor whose job it was to plot positions of nearby ships, The Washington Post said in Friday's editions.

The Washington Times, meanwhile, said a confidential Navy report outlines a series of errors made by the crew of the USS Greeneville, stating that the periscope sweep was too brief and not high enough to detect the Japanese vessel. The report also blamed the presence of civilians inside the sub's control room for disrupting communications between Waddle and a technician tracking the fishing vessel in busy waters near Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

A less crowded area around the periscope "could have dramatically improved this situation," the Times quoted the report as saying. The newspaper said excerpts of the report were read to it Thursday

The Greeneville, a nuclear-powered attack submarine, had 16 civilians aboard when it collided with the fishing vessel Ehime Maru on Feb. 9. The Japanese boat, on a cruise to teach commercial fishing to high school students, sank, and nine people were lost at sea. Two civilians were at control positions aboard the Greeneville at the time as the sub made an emergency-surfacing training maneuver from 400 feet depth, although the Navy says the civilians did not cause the

Nonetheless, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld is going to order a moratorium on allowing civilians at the controls of any military ship, aircraft or vehicle, officials said Thursday. Rumsfeld's spokesman, Rear Adm. Craig Quigley, said the order is a "work in

'All the services know this is coming," Quigley said.

On Feb. 14, Rumsfeld was asked whether there was evidence that the civilians played a role in the Greeneville accident. "None what-

The Times said the report of a preliminary investigation conducted by Rear Adm. Charles Griffiths Jr. said his findings "suggest a significant departure from the expected level of professionalism and performance of the ship's key watchstanders and senior leadership" just before the accident.

The report said there were a "significant number" of crew and guests pushed together on the periscope stand when Waddle and the

## Bush tries to nurture 'special relationship' in Blair summit

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair are going into their first meeting facing plenty of issues that could test the "special relationship" between their

Bush and Blair were holding their first face-to-face session Friday in bucolic mountains at the Camp David presidential retreat in Maryland. The hope was that the face time would help them establish a solid friendship "before they have to address issues as they come up," said Bush's national security adviser Condoleezza Rice.

The issues already have come up. The two leaders are getting together after their recent joint action to contain Iraq's military and amid questions on how they should view Russia's sketchy plan for a missile defense system and whether a possible European defense force will ruffle feathers in NATO.

Beyond that are the political contrasts between Bush, a conseryative Republican, and Blair, head of Britain's Labor Party who patterned himself after Bush's predecessor, Bill Clinton.

The White House insisted that having such a tall order in a first meeting will not rock the "special relationship" cultivated by President Reagan and his fellow conservative, Margaret Thatcher; nurtured during the Persian Gulf crisis by Bush's father and Thatcher and, in midcrisis, John Major; then built up even more by Clinton and Blair.

"Those words really do mean something," Rice said. "Our relations with the British are broad, they are deep, they are of common culture and common history, not to mention common language."

The two leaders planned to talk about the idea of forming a defense force for Europe and worries in the United States that such a force would undermine the North Atlantic Treaty Organization alliance that has endured since early in the Cold War.

Rice said the United States and Britain are "on common footing" about the force. "It really, now, will come down to implementa-

"We believe this is a good thing, as long as it is consistent with the enhancement of NATO," Rice said. "We believe that we share that goal with the British.'

Like Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien, Blair has not taken a firm position on the national missile defense system that Bush has made a priority for his administration. The British want Bush to consult more with Russia before deciding.

Blair told Forbes magazine in a recent interview that missile defense "is definitely in the box marked 'handle with care' on all sides." But he held open the prospect of finding a solution that meets America's objectives and other people's concerns," suggesting Britain might serve as a bridge between the United States and other nations on the question.

Rice said Bush envisions that Blair can provide vital assistance in shaping European Union policies on defense or trade or other issues. But, she said, Bush does not expect Blair to serve as "some sort of intermediary" between the United States and Europe.

"I don't think the British would want to be put in that position," Rice said.

officer of the deck, Lt. j.g. Michael J. Coen, were trying to locate the the area clear, the Post said. The sailor then arbitrarily plotted the ship associated with the sonar readings.

The location and number of civilian visitors did interfere with the ability of the OOD (officer of the deck) and commanding officer to use the fire-control system and converse with the (technician) in ascertaining the contact picture from the time the ship was preparing for periscope depth until the (rapid ascent) was conducted," the Times quoted the report as saying.

The Post, quoting an unidentified person close to the investigation, said Waddle told investigators he checked the compass bearings of the nearby ship indicated by sonar readings. He then increased the periscope's magnification and ordered his sub to ascend 2 feet closer to the surface so he could peer over the waves, but he still didn't see anything.

A sailor in the sub's control room had calculated that the Greenville and the Japanese ship were only 2,000 yards apart, but concluded that he must have been mistaken because the captain had just pronounced

position of the Japanese vessel as 9,000 yards away from the Greenville, the Post said.

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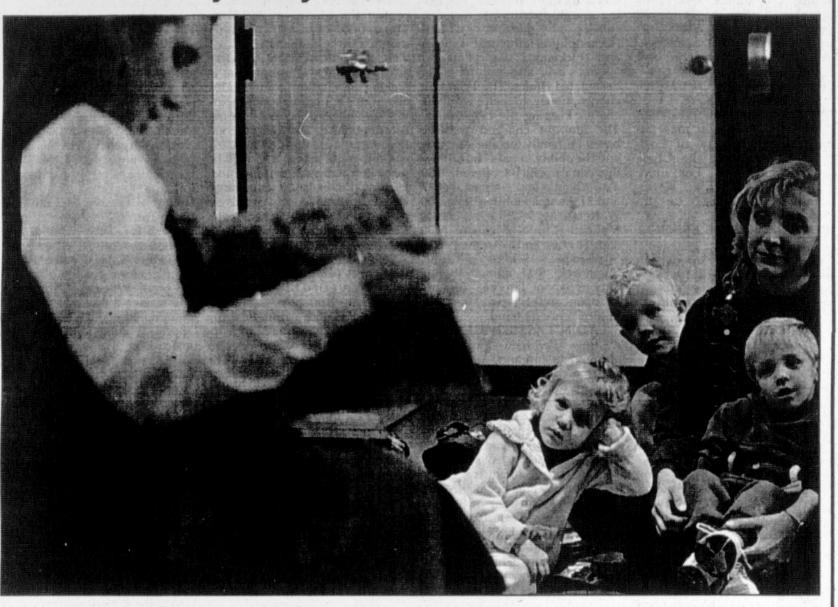
Shortly after the accident, the Navy stopped allowing civilians in the control rooms of submarines.

Rumsfeld wants the military services to review their safety guidelines on civilian participation in military activities. He supports involving civilians in military exercises and maneuvers, Quigley said, but wants to ensure that relevant policies are reviewed considering what happened aboard the Greeneville.

The possibility that the presence of civilians aboard the sub could have contributed to the accident is one of the subjects to be examined in a formal Navy court of inquiry scheduled to convene in Hawaii

The inquiry also will seek to determine whether the Greeneville undertook the emergency-surfacing drill only as a demonstration for the civilians aboard, officials said.

## Lovett Library story hour



Thomas Lusk peeks out from behind his mother, Amy Lusk, as she holds younger son Ryan and provides support for daughter Sarah as Children's Librarian Shanla Brookshire reads about a boy and a tiger.

#### to mark anniversary of has so far claimed at least 143 **Gulf War**

(AP) — On the 10th anniversary port ships were speeding to the of the start of the ground offen- Sampit river port to pick up sive in the Gulf War, former refugees from the fighting President Bush, retired Gen. between native Dayak people Norman Schwarzkopf and other and immigrants from Madura top principals from the war island. The refugees, mostly planned to recount their experi- Madurese and other non-native ences. Former British Prime groups, were to be evacuated to Minister John Major, former the port of Surabaya on Java Deputy National Security island. Other refugees were head-Adviser Robert Gates and former ing overland to other parts of the press secretary Marlin Fitzwater province to flee the fighting. In were joining Bush and Schwarzkopf at Texas A&M hunting down and killing any University to share their recollections of the ground assault that began Feb. 23, 1991. After initial Sharon calling for shift in air strikes early in 1991, Bush U.S.-Israel relations approved a plan that would start. civilians.

refugees flee fighting

lives and was getting worse. A COLLEGE STATION, Texas navy landing craft and two trans-Sampit, meanwhile, mobs were Madurese remaining in town.

JERUSALEM the assault by forces of a 28-mem- Palestinians fired mortar shells at ber coalition he put together to two Jewish settlements and set eject Iraqi troops who had invad- off roadside bombs in the Gaza ed Kuwait. The American death Strip overnight, causing angry toll for the six-week war was 79, settlers to protest that the army is including 28 in the ground bat- not doing enough to stop tles. Iraq put its losses at nearly Palestinian violence. The attacks bers bus "Boycott" 100,000, plus as many as 45,000 came after Israeli's Prime Minister-elect Ariel Sharon said Israel and the United States Death toll hits 143 in should shift the focus of their he wore on television's Indonesian town as relations away from the SAMPIT, Indonesia (AP) —, of State Colin Powell is sched- cap. "Boycott" re-creates the 1955 Thousands of people were flee- uled to meet with him this week- bus boycott in Montgomery, Ala., ing brutal ethnic clashes on the end. Four mortar shells landed when Rosa Parks refused to give

the northern part of the Gaza Strip. There were no casualties.

Russia opens first new nuclear plant since Soviet ROSTOV-ON-DON, Russia

(AP) — Russia officially opened its first new nuclear power plant Friday since the Soviet era, with officials calling it a breakthrough for the industry after years of financial troubles and public opposition. More than 20 years after construction began, the first reactor at the Rostov Atomic Energy Station in southern Russia has been turned on to minimal output. It will gradually be cranked up to full power over the next several months, said spokesman Yegor Obukhov. It will provide electricity to the Rostov province and elsewhere in the North Caucasus

Clark Johnson remem- and in her late teens.

LOS ANGELES (AP) - For the HBO movie "Boycott," Clark Johnson took off the porkpie hat "Homicide: Life on the Street" Palestinian issue. U.S. Secretary and replaced it with a director's Indonesian part of Borneo island late Thursday near Alei Sinai and up her seat on a segregated bus to

Elder Bush, Schwarzkopf Friday. Police said the violence Dugit, two Jewish settlements in a white man. The movie premieres Saturday (8 p.m. EST) as part of HBO's tribute to Black History Month. Jeffrey Wright stars as the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., with Terrence Howard as the Rev. Ralph David Abernathy. Johnson said that his goal was to show King and Abernathy as "real human beings as opposed to he icons that they became in other people's eyes." Johnson played police Detective Meldrick Lewis on "Homicide" for six seasons.

#### Partial ID made on Mission remains

McALLEN (AP) - Skeletal remains found in an isolated field are those of a young woman, anthropology professors participating in a police investigation have deter-

Professors from the University of Texas-Pan American said Thursday the woman was about 5 feet 4 inches

A rancher working came across bones in a field Saturday.

He contacted sheriff's deputies, who later found more remains strewn over several acres. Deputies said animals probably scattered them.

Sheriff's deputies also found a pair of boxer shorts near the bones, but were not sure if the clothing belonged to the woman.

Detectives have not been able to find out her name or cause of death, Hidalgo County Department spokeswoman Priscilla Lopez said in The (McAllen) Monitor's online editions Friday.

A surgical wire also was found

the eye socket.

Anthropologist Shelia Pozorski helped examine the bones. She said the surgical pin indicated the woman had undergone surgery to repair some "pretty serious head injuries" at some time in her life

Pozorski said that these injuries probably were not related to the cause of death.

The skull had retained most of the upper teeth, and Pozorski said the woman had a number of fillings. She said that the woman could be identified through dental records, but that it would be unreasonable to begin searching until detectives can narrow the scope of the search by determining where she was from.

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# There are two types of planners

How quickly the snow fell. Much too quickly it disappeared. The ever-needed moisture tempered the irritation of digging out. There are rumors that more snow is on the way. Bring it on!

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Cold, snowy weather interrupts a gardener from chores. As the seed catalogues arrive, planning for the new season commences in the comfort of the easy chair while drinking hot cocoa.

Abundant choices for new plants and old favorites leap from the pages. The increasing hybrids for improved this or taller that scream to be purchased. A word of caution: Total the bill *before* you give Burpbee your Visa number. The figure could be shocking.

Each year I scrutinize the new geranium colors. I want maroon. Kings' robe purple. window boxes packed with me, so do my garden plans.



**Kathy Davis** Morris **GARDEN WISE** (Watson's **Garden Center)** 

purple. Not lavender. Not Visualized in my mind are Since my wallet travels with

purple and red geraniums with a hint of sweet alyssum and asparagus sprengeri.

Purple zinnias, a relative newcomer, are stunning planted in front of the shorter sunflower varieties. Nothing beats tall cosmos for airy mass plantings. Layer masses of these three flowers for a shock wave of color.

Oh, the planning we gardeners do. Planning and execution are frequently different matters. I make hefty plans in January. My creaky bones often limit the accomplishment. It is that salad bar men-

There are two types of planners. The meticulous person who uses graph paper. (They also write gardening books.) am the sketch-in-on-the-backof-the-checkbook variety.

# Arbor Day Foundation Hosts Vote for America's National Tree

Now, for the first time, you can help choose a national symbol

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb. - The National Arbor Day Foundation is hosting a process that makes it possible for people to vote for America's National Tree, either by visiting the Foundation's Web site, arborday.org, or through the mail.

"America has the grandest trees on earth — the largest, the oldest, and, we think, the most beautiful," John Rosenow, president of The National Arbor Day Foundation, said. "It's time for the American people to select a national tree as an enduring symbol of all of our magnificent trees, and of our natural heritage.

The United States has a national emblem, the bald eagle, a national anthem, the "Star Spangled Banner," a national motto, "In God We Trust," a national flower, the rose, even a national march, "The Stars and Stripes Forever'

But a national tree has not yet been designated.

The voting process hosted by the Arbor Day Foundation will make it possible for Americans of all walks of life to help select the tree that will best serve as this important national

You can vote directly on the Arbor Day Foundation's Web site, arborday.org, which contains educational material on the list of tree candidates. You are invited to visit arborday.org, learn more about each broad tree type or genus, and then cast

#### **Vote Before National Arbor Day**

Online voting will take place from January 1, 2001, through midnight before National Arbor Day, the last Friday in April, April 27, 2001.

If you don't have Internet access, you can mail your vote to National Tree. The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by April 1, 2001. Include your the tree of your choice. The Founda- local hardiness zone, and soil, sun, tion will add these votes to those made and moisture conditions. Arborday.org

Tree is important for many reasons," and other important aspects of tree Rosenow said. "For one, school- care. children will have their first opportunity to vote for something of national announced on National Arbor Day, the significance. Our arborday.org Web last Friday in April, at Arbor Day Farm site includes classroom activities re- in Nebraska City, Nebraska and tional Tree, and a special voting pro- National Tree can take its place with

with a wealth of tree species, twice the people select the right tree for plant- arborday.org.

visitors also learn how to plant trees "Voting for America's National correctly, to prune them as they grow,

The results of the vote will be lating to the Vote for America's Na- throughout the nation. Then America's those which have been designated in "The United States is blessed other countries around the world.

The National Arbor Day Founspecies as in all of Europe. It is im- dation is a nonprofit education orgaportant that we plant the right tree in nization which helps people plant and the right place, if they are to have their care for trees. More information on the greatest environmental and economic Foundation and the Vote for America's value. Our arborday.org Web site helps National Tree is available at

## Activists continuing to back slave reparations, support federal study

should do to make amends for slavery.

Fisk University's Race Relations Institute is effort to get Congress to study the impact slavery has had on generations of blacks.

"Some believe the institution of slavery is long gone, and we shouldn't be considering reparation tered around African-Americans — even more so lawsuit in pursuit of reparations. than when the same issue is raised by other races like American-Indians and the Japanese.'

The government issued formal letters of apology and \$20,000 in reparations to Japanese-Americans interred during World War II, but Congress has repeatedly balked at proposals for Johnson went back on the pledge. reparations to blacks whose ancestors were kept in slavery.

commission to examine slavery's legacy and possible compensation during each of the last 12 congressional sessions. Nashville is among about a dozen cities, includ-

ing Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, Dallas, Washington and Baltimore, that have urged Congress to pass Convers' bill this year.

We're certainly not putting forth any dollar money."

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - From the campus of amount," said Black. "We're asking for a study. one of the nation's oldest historically black univer- And if the results of that proposed study indicate sities, politicians and activists are preparing anoth- the necessity of some form of reparation — those er call for a government study on what the country reparations could possibly come not in dollar amounts, but through some other program."

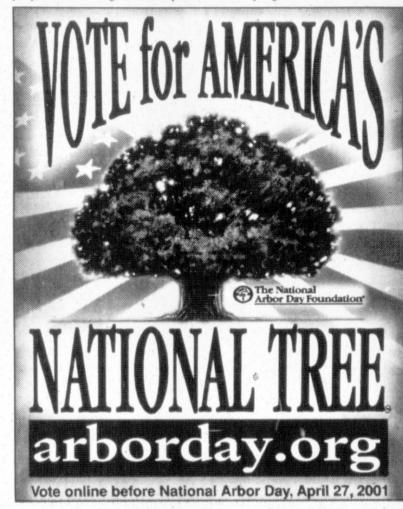
The Fisk conference follows the first National holding a conference that is part of an ongoing Reparations Convention that was held two weeks

ago in Chicago. Some activists there called for reparations in the form of free financial aid, education and medical care with no taxes for the next half century. One for it," said Melvin Black, a Nashville city council- suggested million-dollar payments for blacks who man and panelist at the conference, which starts want to leave the country. A high-powered group Friday. "It's an uncomfortable issue when it's cen- of attorneys also discussed plans for a class-action

> Enslavement of Africans in America began in the early 1600s and continued until the 13th Amendment was ratified in 1865. Newly freed slaves were promised 40-acre parcels and the loan. of a federal mule in 1865, but President Andrew

Theeda Murphy, a spokeswoman for the Fisk University Race Relations Institute, said monetary Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich. has called for a compensation wouldn't be the only positive thing to come of a reparations study.

"Even if there is never a cent paid, if the discussion is undertaken seriously and thoroughly it will play a large part in the healing this nation needs," Murphy said. "Don't get me wrong, I would like to be paid as much as any other African-American, but the healing is much more important than any



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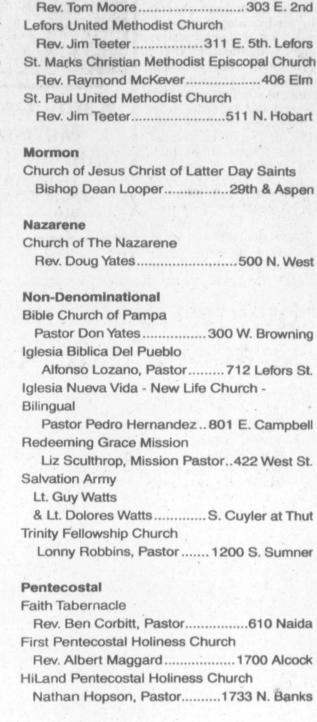
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# RELIGION

# Don't miss the joy of the journey

privilege to spend some time on camping trip with several other Christian men. Most of these men were giving their time and lives to work with boys in the RA programs of their churches. They were men committed to helping boys become the kind of men who accept and live out their Christian faith and call. I was blessed by being allowed to be with them.



By Pastor **Derrell Monday** 

Central **Baptist Church** 

sonal clothes and items needed, sleeping bag, water bottle and carry more did, but all carried a There were so many life rain gear. Then there was food, share of the load. Together we 'lessons illustrated in the activi- cooking utensils and tents that were able to carry everything we ties of the week. A lesson of were for the whole group. These needed. shared burdens stands out in my items were divided among the group so no one carried more about. All of us have burdens to your load without trouble, make Part of our trip involved back- than he was able. It was all nec- carry in life. God has provided packing up a mountain. Each essary but more than just a few us with a wondrous group of er carry theirs. Together we can member of the group had their could handle. The distribution of people (the church) to help carry accomplish far more than sepa-

able by all. Those who could

own pack containing their per- the items made the burden bear- one another's burden. If I insist rate.

on being a loner and carrying life's burdens by myself, I will miss the joy of the journey. However, if I will allow my brothers and sisters to share that burden I find it can be carried and life can be made more rich.

The Bible says "Cast all your burdens on Him because He cares for you." (I Peter 5:7). God uses His children to embody His presence and help be burden-

A shared burden is a lighter burden. If you are burdened, share your load with your That's what the Church is church family. If you're carrying yourself available to help anoth-

Romero, who moved to New

York in 1979, found other outlets

for her devotion. A wrong num-

ber dialed by a woman in tears

led her to turn her home phone

into a prayer line. She counsels

unwed mothers to reject abor-

"People walk up to me and talk

Romero, who would not reveal

her age, works at an investment

bank in Manhattan near St.

Patrick's Cathedral, where she

prays daily. But much of her spir-

itual life revolves around her

parish church, St. Jerome's,

where she teaches first commu-

reading Biblical passages during

On a recent Sunday, St.

Sansaricq, congratulated Romero

"There are many young ladies

and held her up as an example.

can also offer his or her life and

The St. Jerome children's choir

followed with a hymn containing

the line: "Who will bear my light

the same hymn was sung during

the consecration ceremony.

Smiling, she recalled, "I would

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to them, whom shall I send?' Hearing it, Romero noted that

scream out, 'Send ME!""

Consecrated

body and soul to Jesus.'

to me and I find myself spread-

ing the word of God," she said. "I

## Women become consecrated virgins in rare Catholic rite

nally ill.

By BETH J. HARPAZ **Associated Press Writer** 

were puzzled.

women were buying dresses, but happen with their marriages. not for a regular wedding.

American women have gone through it: The Solemn Rite of Consecration of Virgins for Women Living in the World.

The rite formally affirms the do not want to become nuns.

"The woman in the shop says, 'OK, she doesn't want spangles, she doesn't want sparkles, she doesn't want a train. She's not secrated," Scannapieco recalled by Pope Paul VI in 1970. with a laugh. "The people in the tunity to tell everybody."

"I said, 'Lord, the way these

around here and pray that God be the center of their weddings - not the party, not the dress, NEW YORK (AP) - At the but the actual church part of it," bridal shop, the saleswomen she said. "I was calling the holy spirit to enlighten these young Angela Scannapieco didn't girls' minds. I said, 'Lord, my want to register. Junette Romero marriage to you is going to last, didn't want a consultant. Both but who knows what's going to

The two women wore their Instead, they needed gowns for dresses for the ceremony, which an ancient Roman Catholic rite so was performed Jan. 28 by Bishop rare that fewer than 100 Thomas Daily of the Brooklyn Diocese. And both now wear gold bands on their ring fingers to symbolize their marriage to Christ.

"Their calling is not to live in a chastity of women who are convent or live a cloistered type devoted to the church, but who of life, or wear a habit or be known as sister," Daily said. "Their calling is to remain in the world as lay people, but at the same time make this dedication."

The rite can be traced back to getting married, she's being con- the year 500, but it was revived

The U.S. Association of store may not have understood Consecrated Virgins, based in what was going on, but I decided Oregon, has 45 official members I was going to use every oppor- and estimates another 1,000 live around the world. Consecrated Romero walked around the virgins have no formal obligabridal shop for four hours pray- tions other than daily prayer, but most also have lay ministries.

Scannapieco works for an orgayoung girls are fussing about nization that sponsors Catholic \$1,500 dresses, I'm going to walk youth retreats; Romero offers a

prayer telephone line from her home. Both women teach Sunday school and are deeply involved in their parish church-

As children, both flirted with

the idea of joining a convent. Growing up in Brooklyn, tion, and prays with the termi-Scannapieco, 43, was taught by nuns, so the convent life was "attractive to me." But when she was in her 20s — the age most women enter convents — "I was always say, 'Carry yourself propaway from the church a little bit. erly because sometimes you I did the bar scene. I went might be the only Bible a person through that stage - 'I'm free reads.' now, I'm 21!""

Still, there were limits to her partying. "I grew up with the idea that you didn't have sex until you got married," she said. "I wasn't planning on being a consecrated virgin when I was 20, 21. I thought, 'OK, it'll happen eventually when Mr. Right nion classes and serves as lector, comes along.

Then a friend asked her to teach Sunday school, and she loved it. She now works for Jerome's pastor, Monsignor Guy Youth 2000 New York, organizing retreats for young Catholics. The wall over her desk is covered with photos of what she calls her and men who marry and give "spiritual children" - girls who themselves to each other," he call her "Ma," send her their col- told the congregation. "But one lege graduation photos, and drop by to join her for Mass. Her relationship with them, she says, was a "big motivating factor" in consecrating her virginity.

"Things like this tell them that it's OK not to sleep around, it's OK that sex is not a recreation," Scannapieco said. "They're discovering now there are other people out there trying to be chaste. ... Not that I want everyone to be consecrated virgins! We have to have babies, too. We need good Catholic families."

Romero wanted to be a nun growing up in Trinidad, but her mother forbade it.

"I have a maid!" she told Junette. "Why would I let you go to a convent and scrub floors?

## Harmony Music Outreach seeks community support

Pampan Paul Searl hopes to turn a vision he's held for 10 years into a reality.

For years he's dreamed of sponsoring a series of non-denominational Christian music concerts for Pampa and area citizens.

"This is something I've had on my heart for 10 years," Searl

Searl, a longtime member of the Harvesters Four a cappella gospel quartet, said he wants to bring top name Christian musicians to Pampa once a quarter in a free or low-cost concert for the

"I don't intend for it to be associated with any one church," he said. "I'd like to think of it as a morale booster for the whole com-

Searl said the musicians would be paid through a free will offer-

ing taken at the concert. It would be no cost or a bare minimum cost to attend," he said.

"It's my vision to never have to turn anyone away." Searl and a group of Pampans who share his dream have begun planning the project with informal meetings at The Coffee Shop in downtown Pampa. They've chosen a name for the project

Harmony Music Outreach based on Psalms 133. "I call it HMO for the soul," he said with a smile

They've also established a board of directors and selected officers, Searl said. Searl has been elected as the first president, with Alan Snapp as the vice president and Phyllis Jeffers as secretary-

"We've filed for a tax number and we are going to try to get a 501(c)3," Searl added. A 501(c)3 is federal designation as a nonprofit organization, eligible for tax exemption.

Pampa Ministerial Alliance members seemed receptive after he outlined his plan to them, Searl said.

"I'm speaking to the pastors of different churches around town, also," he added. "One has already offered \$1,000 to help get us started."

Searl said the group is working on, but haven't finalized, plans for a gospel concert in early June at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

"We're still getting organized," he said. The group will next meet at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 1, at The

Coffee Shop. All interested persons are welcome to attend. Anyone interested in being a part of Harmony Music Outreach or who would like more information can contact Searl at 669-3535.

# Religion briefs...

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church of Pampa, will have a Lenten Preaching Mission with the Reverend Charles Cook, professor at The Episcopal Theological Seminary, Austin, Texas. Services are to be held on Sunday, March 4 at 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 6 p.m. and on Monday, March 5 at 12:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. A meal will follow the 10:30 a.m. service Sunday and a reception will follow the 7 p.m. service Monday.

Trinity Fellowship Church will be having their Women's Conference 2001, on March 2 at 7:00 p.m. The speaker will be Irma Diaz of Upon This Rock Ministries. She comes from a twenty year tenure in American Politics. She has served as a Congressional Aide in the United States House of Representatives, National Public Relations Liaison for Pat Robertson in 1988, and Political Consultant for the Republican National Committee during the Bush/Quayle quest for Presidency. She serves as President and Founder of Upon This Rock Ministies, an Apostolic, Prophetic and Evangelistic International Outreach. She is also the author of The Breath Of God and is currently writing a new book to be released this year.

Larry Mills, pastor of Buchanan Street Chapel, is pleased to announce the upcoming revival with brother Bob Harrington, known as "The Chaplin of Bourbon Street." The revival will be a three-day event to be held on March 4, 5, and 6. He will be sharing his story on Sunday March 4 at the 11 a.m. service and again at the 7 p.m. service. Services will also be held on Monday March 5 at 7 p.m. and on March On the 'Net: Association of 6 at 7 p.m. Buchanan Street Chapel is at 1515 S. Buchanan, Amarillo, Texas. For more infromation call 806-374-1252.

## to tell everybody." Pampa native to minister during preaching mission

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what was going on, but I decided I

was going to use every opportunity

The Rev. Charles Cook, Pampa native, will minister during St. Matthew's Episcopal Church annual preaching mission March 4-5. The theme of this year's event is "Downward Mobility: Reflections on the Temptations in the Wilderness."

The program is as follows: -Sunday. 8 a.m., and 10:30 a.m., "The Three Temptations"; 6 p.m., "Temptation One: Revelance."

-Monday. "Temptation Two: Power"; 7 p.m., "Temptation Three: Performance.

Cook was ordained to the diaconate at St. Matthew's and later to the priesthood at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Lubbock. Since 1984, he has been a professor at The **Episcopal Theological Seminary** of The Southwest in Austin.

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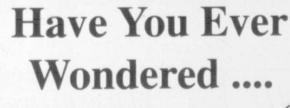
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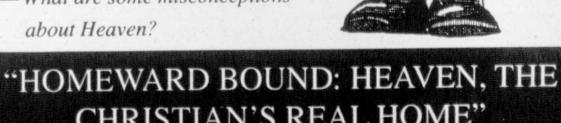
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born 50 years ago, and only learned the truth about his birth in the last

The woman he always believed was his mother was, in fact, his grandmother. His older "sister" was really his mother. She was 16 when she became pregnant by a young soldier who denied responsibility.

His grandmother, a strong-willed woman, took his mother to another state and pretended she had given birth. She was deeply ashamed of her daughter, and went to great lengths to carry out the plan. She wrote letters home to relatives informing them of her "surprise" pregnancy - even describing her terrible morning sickness.

Abby, my father has been estranged from both women since learning the truth. My great-grandmother is 88 years old. I pray that our family can be healed before it's

Horoscope

SUNDAY, FEB. 25, 2001

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR



SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

too late. Dad is angry, betrayed and bitter. He refuses to discuss the matter, much less forgive. The saddest part is that some family members have told me they knew the truth all along, but kept silent.

His grandmother felt the charade was the only thing she could do under the circumstances. However, this kind of deception reverberates through several generations.

This week: Stand your ground on

Monday. Another's immediate reaction

might not be final. Watch what happens

for the remainder of the week.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

SECRETS ARE DANGEROUS IN NEW YORK

for everyone involved in this fiasco. Your grandmother was trying to protect her daughter's reputation, because in 1950 being unmarried and a mother was considered a disgrace to the girl and her family. She was trying to protect your father, too, by bringing him up when her daughter couldn't, and from the knowledge that he was born out of wedlock.

He should have been told the truth more than 30 years ago. But family secrets sometimes have a life of their own, and she probably couldn't find the words by the time he was an

That your father is bitter and hurt because he was lied to about his history is understand-

neous; you have been mulling this over in your sleep. Talk to a partner, loved one or friend. Clear the air, and good feelings will abound. Seal a bond with a meal.

This week: Your budding imagination \* \* \* Listen to a friend or loved one, even if he blurts out his feelings. Focus takes you in new directions. Test your ideas on others before acting on them. You draw another toward you.

\*\*\* Build on established ground. Anything is possible if you open up to a friend or loved one. Excitement surrounds your home. Make a call to someone at a distance and catch up on news. Prepare to make strong decisions from Discuss a purchase, especially if you feel it will improve the quality of your life. Enjoy your family. Tonight: Have a favorite dinner.

others admire the way you handle this Unless you shore up the foundations, all

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\* \* Your dreams finally develop

into realities. You might want to pinch remind you of this day for a long time.

others on Monday and Tuesday. Openly discuss decisions on Wednesday with those who care.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

something special — a present or an item. Browse through a flea market or several favorite stores. You just might find it. Make an extra effort toward a

least discussing a vacation. Half the fun is in the planning. Tonight: Let another know how you feel about him.

dom on Monday and Tuesday. Others seek your advice on Wednesday and Thursday. Share.

**BORN TODAY** 

Painter Pierre Auguste Renoir (1841), If you have what seems like an impulsive rocker George Harrison (1943), TV host Sally Jessy Raphael (1943)

able.

Tonight: Be your ever-frisky self.

is forthcoming, but understand a family CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

This week: Fundamental issues need to longer. Speak your mind. Recognize that be handled on Monday and Tuesday.

yourself. Your playful, childlike side draws others toward you. Invite a loved one to the movies or browse a favorite store. An article you purchase will Tonight: Stop at a favorite spot for din-

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#### The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll on the long-term objectives and what 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; might be important. A special invitation 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult member's or roommate's strong reaction ARIES (March 21-April 19)

\*\*\* \* You feel renewed. You gain if you put yourself on the line. Use your high energy to help others get going. Your ability to communicate draws friends and loved ones closer. Get together with friends and do something that you love to do as a group. Tonight: All you need to do is smile.

This week: Maximize your energy on Monday, and you'll be on cruise control for the remainder of the week. Clarify all money matters. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\* \* \* You want to discuss a key mat-

ter with an older relative or an authority figure. You might not be sure about your choices until you hear other points of view. Remember, a strong response is better than no response. Your instincts lead you in a new direction. Tonight: Slow and easy This week: Do whatever you need to do

behind the scenes on Monday and Tuesday. Doing your homework pays off is going on with others. Treat another to on Wednesday and Thursday. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) \*\*\* Tou make waves where it everyone's perspective. Tonight: Where

counts. You help energize others as well as yourself. You might have been think ing about taking up a new sport or hobby with friends. Why put it off? You will draw a new friend soon, and someone quite different will enter your life. Just be yourself. Tonight: Wish upon a star.

This week: Ride the waves of success on Monday. Late on Tuesday, the effect slows down. Think carefully about taking a stand.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\* \* \* You instinctively know which way to go. Share more of yourself with an older friend or relative. You know what this person wants to hear, but be true to yourself. Allow a partner to have greater say in family plans. A discussion about a money matter can now have most positive results. Tonight: Start thinking

#### Tonight: Try a new restaurant. This week: Read between the lines. Check out some of the facts yourself.

- he wants to be included more often.

Wednesday on. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\* Deal with someone head-on.

You cannot stall or hem and haw any matter and that they will be observing. A your work could be meaningless. partner's suggestion comes from a caring place. Tonight: Say yes to a loved one. This week: Honor an associate and get plenty of input. Two minds do work better than one this week. If need be, seek out other opinions on Wednesday.

\* \* \* \* Defer to a friend or loved one for the sake of peace. Sometimes not everything has to be said. Work on your understanding and discover more of what a day out to clear the air and renew your friendship. A different setting recharges

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

relationships. Do your share of wining and dining if need be. Play "the game." SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ A project has been on the back burner for way too long. Listen to what a family member whispers in your ear; otherwise, the next time you might find this person yelling. Work with a loved one, not against him. Sometimes you come off much stronger than you realize. Tonight: Complete your errands. This week: Plunge into your work. You

get a lot done, quickly. Save Wednesday and Thursday for networking. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\*\* Dreams infiltrate your actions. You feel renewed and restored.

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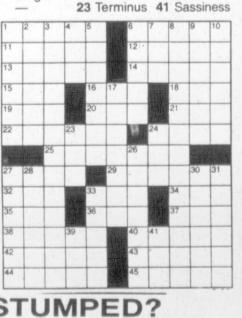
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For answers to today's crossword, call 1-900-454-7377! 99¢ per minute, touch-tone/rotary phones. (18+only.) A King Features service, NYC.

#### Marmaduke



"I don't think he's impressed with how tough you had it when you were younger."

The Family Circus



"All 'cept the one that came out

yesterday."

# SPORTS

# SOFTBALL

PAMPA - The City of Pampa Recreation Department will be offering the following leagues for Spring Softball: Men's Open, Men's Church, Women's Open, Mixed Church and

The entry fees or sponsor's fees for teams are \$200 per

The player's fee is \$12 per player with a minimum of 11 persons for Men's Open, Women's Open and Men's Church, and 12 persons for Mixed Open and Mixed Church.

The entry deadline is March 21 at 5 p.m.

There will be no teams added after this date. Schedules will be available

after 1 p.m. on March 28 at the Recreation Office. Play will begin the week of

April 2. Roster Forms, fact sheets and by-laws are available at the Recreation Office at 816 S. Hobart between the hours of 8

through Friday. If you have any questions or would like more information about the Spring Softball Leagues, please contact Shane Stokes at 669-5770 during business hours.

a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday

#### BASEBALL

RIVER ROAD — River Road rallied for a 6-5 victory over Pampa in a high school baseball opener Thursday.

The game was called after six innings on account of darkness.

Pampa's Adam Jones and River Road's Seth Hall went the distance on the mound for both teams. Jones was the Harvesters leading hitter with a triple and single. Travis Lancaster's double was the only other extra-base hit for Pampa.

Others with base hits for Pampa were Randy Tice, Wes Martin, Adam Wright, Kyle Keith and Evan Miller.

#### **RODEO**

FORT WORTH - Robbie Salzbrenner of White Deer was a member of the championship team in the penning event at the Fort Worth Stock Show. Other team members were Greg Nash of Melrose, N.M. and Nancy Pierce of Canyon.

#### BASKETBALL

BRISCOE — Fort Elliott senior Kyleigh Trimble was named District 2-!A's most valuable player this season.

Ashley Estes, Kirby Kinnamon and Julie Zybach of Fort Elliott were named to the all-district team.

The Lady Cougars won the district championship this

Jessica Cates, Aaron Howard, Leah Cates and Kylee Freeman of Follett; Katie Donaldson and Alicia Lonnberger of Allison, and Jessica Waite of Higgins were all-district picks.

Fort Elliott's Russell Schaub earned coach of the year honors.

#### **AUTO RACING**

ROCKINGHAM, N.C. (AP) — Dale Earnhardt's lap belt was found to be broken after the stock car racing champion was fatally injured in a crash at the Daytona 500, NASCAR officials said Friday.

A broken left lap seat belt came apart," NASCAR president Mike Helton said. "We don't know how, when or where, yet. We will continue

our investigation." Dr. Steve Bohannon, the head of emergency medical Daytona services International Speedway, speculated that with the broken belt, Earnhardt's body could have been thrown forward and to the right, sending him flying into the steering wheel.

# Notebook Pampa boxers floor regional foes

## Survival Club members claim 7 championships

the trip to Lubbock and the out-pointed by Rodriguez. Regional Golden Gloves Tournament.

By 4 a.m., nine boys and three state title. girls had loaded up their boxthe Pampa boxers was fully packed with gear, coaches and

"The kids have been working out very hard for this tournament," said Youth, Survival Club founder J.R. Moreno. "Trainer Abel Rios and coach Chaney have been working extra hard to prepare the boxers for the tough competition in Lubbock. This was the day they had all been waiting for. They knew they had a tough day ahead of them."

Moreno said the team members knew this for the championship and boxers would be coming from all over the state to compete for first place in the different divisions.

"But they knew they were be in the ring for the first time, ready for the next day. especially the girls," he said.

weigh-ins at that morning at the ringside. Lubbock Civic Center. Coaches Chaney and Kevin Harris then Morales of Levelland. took the boxers to a light break- "Ivan knew he was going to matches began.

the Youth Survival Club in the Gloves title," Moreno said. 65-pound division, stepped into Perez, who stunned Morales the ring first to face Zachary with a left hook and a mean

PAMPA - It was very cold Rodriguez of the Lubbock that February 16th morning Warriors. Rodriguez, an experiwhen coach Michael Chaney enced fighter, was knocked was telephoning his boxers to down by Sanchez, who dazzled be on time at the Youth Survival him with his fancy footwork. However, after his first-round He didn't want to be late for knockdown, Sanchez would be

Sanchez would take the runner-up spot for the regional

Jerry Ruiz, another Pampa ing gear and were ready to go. boxer with a Muhammad Ali The blue van that Bill Allison style, slipped twice during his Auto Sales always provided for three-round bout. That cost him the runner-up spot.

Next came Joshua Perez, a board of director member Chris classic little fighter that knows how to use the ring. Perez faced Nicklas Rendon, another Lubbock Warrior, in the semifinals. Perez was able to take the runner-up spot in the regional tournament.

Next came the moment the whole Pampa team was waiting for, the appearance of "Poison" Ivan Perez.

"This boxer is not only their hero, he's also the best boxer in the club. It was time for the big boys to compete," Moreno said. Perez was ready as he stepped into the ring, but his

coaches were nervous. Perez was to face Ryan Boeka of the Amarillo Mavericks in the 156-pound division.

Boeka was a taller, bigger ready for anything Lubbock opponent, but Perez used his had. On the way some were skill and technique to out-point sleeping and some were won- his opponent all three rounds. dering what it would be like to He won the semi-finals and was

Going for the championship After checking in at their Perez stepped into the ring as motel, the boxers left for the his teammates looked on at

Across from him was Rito

fast. Later in the day, they need all of his skills and fancy underwent physicals and the footwork to win this match. This was going to be for the Bobby Sanchez, representing Texas State Regional Golden

"Perez knew he had won the championship title. He's a very skillful boxer," Moreno said. "He again came to me and said the same thing he told me after ment: 'This is for you."

Moreno said Perez has been said. with the Youth Survival program from the beginning.

around," Moreno said. "He stuck with the program."

Larry Clark, another first-

boxer," Moreno added.

members of the Pampa team.

right cross, won the title with a compete against each other He's moving to Lubbock and third-round knockout. Morales because the opposition didn't joining the Warriors. was left hanging on the ropes show up. As they stepped into and the referee had to pull the ring for the first time, the boxer, went into the ring for crowd cheered them on.

championship and Hood was of Amarillo. the runner-up.

"We're the first in this area to Moreno said. he TKO'd a boxer in a have a girls' boxing team. Now, Woodward, Oklahoma tourna- we've got other towns wanting 139-pound division, was boxing to have girl boxers," Moreno for the first time.

Celia Mora, another of the championship. local female boxers, wasn't able "This kid has turned his life to be matched up.

Plainview's Enrigue Melendez bouts. time boxer from Pampa, took with Aguilar coming out the 'He's another promising straight left in the second in Midland and Odessa. round. The fight lasted three Next up were the female rounds and Aguilar became the al and Texas state titles, and four regional champion.

Hood, both of Pampa, had to representing Pampa anymore. kids," Moreno said.

Sam Gamble, another Pampa only his second time. He Moreno said the girls put on a brought home the regional title good show as Medley took the by defeating Ronnie Gonzales

'Sam is another tough boxer,"

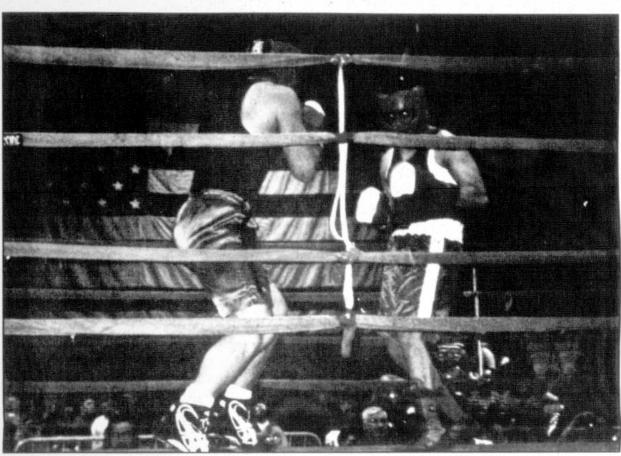
Chris Perez, entered in the

He also claimed the regional

Michael Wilkinson wasn't able to box because his oppo-Back in the boys' division, nent failed to show up, but he Pampa's Luis Aguilar took on will represent Pampa in future

The Pampa team will be fightrunner-up honors in his divi- winner. Aguilar knocked down ing in Amarillo on Saturday. his opponent with a mean Their next big bout is March 24

"Our boxers won seven regionrunner-up titles (at Lubbock). Nikki Medley and Amanda However, Aguilar won't be Everyone is very proud of these



"Posion" Ivan Perez (right) of Pampa faces Rito Morales of Levelland in the championship finals. Perez, competing in the 156-pound division, knocked out Morales in the third round.

# Illinois' loss To Ohio State opens up Big Ten race

By The Associated Press

ning 3-pointer for Ohio State onds left wasn't close. made a lot of people at Michigan State happy.

63-61 upset of No. 3 Illinois on to," Williams said. Thursday night and tightened the race for the Big Ten title.

a share of the title by beating time, Michigan State. Iowa and Minnesota in its final two games.

McClain said. "We still control our own destiny."

ranked teams, it was No. 1 Stanford 75, Washington State 64; No. 2 North Carolina 95, Florida State 67; No. 15 UCLA 88, Oregon 73; and No. 25 Providence 119, Binghamton have won five straight Big

With Illinois on top 61-60, the Buckeyes' Brent Darby was guarded by Sergio McClain in the backcourt and couldn't find an open man. points as host Stanford over-But he was able to toss a pass to Connolly, who broke open along the baseline. He turned State. and hit the 3-pointer to put Ohio State ahead 63-61.

"I came off a couple of screens and just came open," said Connolly, a transfer from Collins. Providence in his first year with the Buckeyes. "It felt like it was going in when it left my (11-13, 4-10).

Brian Cook missed a 3-point Florida St. 67 attempt with 9 seconds rebounded and was fouled, 21/2 months. but missed both free throws.

Williams, who beat Ohio 1 Atlantic Coast Conference) State in the Big Ten opener a saw their 18-game winning year ago with a 3-pointer at streak broken at Clemson on

"They did a good job of Connolly's 3-pointer with 30 good job of making it so I State (7-19, 2-11) with 12 seconds left gave Ohio State a couldn't see anyone to pass

Ohio State (18-9, 9-5) lost its first four games against The Illini (21-6, 11-3), who ranked teams this season, but had a five-game winning has now knocked off four streak snapped, lead Michigan ranked teams in the last State by a half-game in the month — including another conference. Illinois can clinch team that was No. 3 at the

"How about our kids?" Buckeyes coach Jim O'Brien "This will just make us more said. "They hung in there, hungry," Illinois' Sergio they didn't lose their composure and they just toughed it out. We had to play like we In other games involving did against Michigan State anything else and we lose."

Brian Brown led Ohio State with 18 points, while Ken Johnson had 16 points and Darby had 14. The Buckeyes conference games.

#### 1 Stanford Washington State 64

Casey Jacobsen scored 21 came an eight-point halftime deficit to beat Washington

Stanford (24-1, 12-1 Pac-10), which returned to No. 1 this week, also got 13 points and six rebounds from Jarron

Jerry McNair scored 29 points for Washington State No. 2 North Carolina 95,

Joseph Forte scored 36 remaining for Illinois. The points as North Carolina Tim Martin rebounded from its first loss in

The host Tar Heels (22-3, 12-

the buzzer, took the inbounds Sunday, but led by 10 at half- UCLA held off a second-half 17 points in 15 minutes as pass. Pressured by three time this time around and comeback by Oregon. Sean Connolly's game-win-defenders, his shot with 2 sec-shot 57 percent to win going

> Adrian Crawford and trapping me and they did a Delvon Arrington led Florida who have won 14 of 16 games. points each.

No. 15 UCLA 88, Oregon 73 Matt Barnes scored 21 points and Jason Kapono had 20 points and 13 rebounds as

points and eight rebounds for 12). the Bruins (18-6, 11-2 Pac-10), Bryan Bracey led Oregon (13-11, 4-10) with 21 points

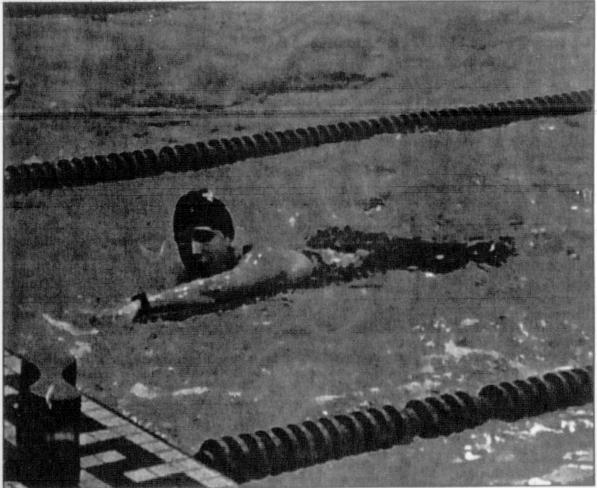
and 10 rebounds. No. 25 Providence 119,

Binghamton 58 Romuald Augustin scored take a 61-22 lead.

host Providence routed Dan Gadzuric added 16 Division II Binghamton (14-

The Friars, who entered the Top 25 this week for the first time since Jan. 24, 1989, were in control throughout. Providence (20-7, 10-4 Big East) shot 80.6 percent from the field in the first half to

## Swimmers in Austin



Pampa's Megan David finishes up a practice lap last week at the Pampa Youth Center. David is a member of the 200-medley relay team which is in Austin this weekend for the Class 4A swimming and diving meet. Nine PHS swimmers qualified for the state meet, which concludes Saturday with the finals at the Joe and Lee Jamail Swimming Center on the University of Texas campus.

# Saying goodbye to The Intimidator

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) -They came to celebrate the life of of the Daytona 500. Dale Earnhardt the race driver, and instead heard about the man.

Dale Beaver, a chaplain with the Motor Racing Outreach ministry, eulogized Earnhardt during Thursday's memorial service.

Drivers, crew members dressed in black, friends and sponsors gathered with Earnhardt's family to say goodbye to The Intimidator, but Beaver talked about a different side of the stock car racing icon.

Beaver described his anxiety when he first met him, interrupting Earnhardt's lunch to get permission for the driver's youngest daughter, Taylor, to go on a camp-

"I thought, 'He's eating bear and I'm going to be dessert," Beaver said. But, he recalled, "I didn't come into the presence of a racing icon or an intimidating figure. came into the presence of a dad, a father who was concerned about his daughter."

It drew the only laughter and smiles of a service marked by long faces, but few tears a day after Earnhardt was buried in his hometown of Kannapolis, about 25 miles from Charlotte.

Maybe this is the way Earnhardt would have wanted it.

A simple, solemn, brief memorial. And when it was over, everybody got ready for the next race at prepare for Sunday's race. Rockingham.

going to Rockingham to race as ribly," Wallace said. "God only crehard as he knew how," driver and ated one Dale Earnhardt and no friend Rusty Wallace said. "That's one will ever replace him, neither what racers do.'

The nationally televised service at cavernous Calvary Church lasted 22 minutes and extolled the racing great, who was killed at 49

Sunday in a wreck on the final turn

Tthere was almost nothing connecting the service to a seven-time

Perhaps the greatest connection for so many years. was the sight of his son, Dale Jr., walking into church with Michael Waltrip, who won Daytona while driving one of Earnhardt's cars. Little E, as his youngest son is known, has been mostly silent since his father's death, but had a at the Rockingham track.

The only speakers to address the 2,500 invited guests were two ministers. Longtime friend Randy Alabama, sang and played his acoustic guitar.

walked to the front of the church, most fish. turned toward the crowd and blew two kisses.

"Thank you, thank you," she whispered before she and 12-yearold Taylor were escorted out.

Wallace said he attended the service to properly say goodbye to his friend and rival. Like the rest of the NASCAR community, Wallace left for Rockingham after the service to

"None of us were ready to let "If Dale was still here, he'd be Dale go, and we will miss him ter- do?"

in our sport or in our hearts." published Friday by USA Today. "It would be easy at this time to life."

get lost in the sadness of losing a oving husband, father and grandfather," she wrote. "However, I and our family, as well as everyone Winston Cup champion. No pic- at Dale Earnhardt Inc., have chotures, memorabilia or references to sen to take this time to reflect not his storied career save for a red, on the sadness we feel today, but white and black floral arrange- on the joy Dale Earnhardt the man ment in the shape of "3" near the brought to us and Dale Earnhardt the driver brought to so many fans

"It is a joy that will carry us through the sadness and grief of this day and many days to come. For his fans, there simply was no one more sensational and with that I agree.

She called herself "blessed" to scheduled press conference Friday have known both the public and private Earnhardt.

"The public Dale Earnhardt wanted to be the best," she said. "The competitive drive that Owen, from the country band burned inside of him gave him the passion to win. If he was racing, he wanted to win the most races At the end of the service, and championships. If he was Earnhardt's widow, Teresa, fishing, he wanted to catch the

> "The private Dale Earnhardt, the husband and father and son and brother, wanted to be the best as well. He struggled with that at times. Emotions didn't come as easy to this man who stirred so much emotion in other people. But as his children grew and began making decisions of their own, he saw that most of the time, they made the decision by asking themselves, What would Dad

> She thinks she knows what The Intimidator would want to be remembered for.

"Remember the things about Teresa Earnhardt expressed her him that made you happy that gratitude to fans in an open letter you were his fan," she said. Remember the man who loved

## Scoreboard

#### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Thursday's Major College **Basketball Scores** 

By The Associated Press EAST Delaware 91, Vermont 68 Fairleigh Dickinson 67, Mount St. Mary's, Md.

Hartford at Towson, ppd. Manhattan 69, Loyola, Md. 46 Providence 119, Binghamton 58

Rider 65, Iona 61
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Christi 92, OT Campbell 83, Florida Atlantic 80 Charleston Southern 64, N.C.-Asheville 60 Georgia St. 90, UCF 85 Liberty 60, Elon 52 Marshall 81, N. Illinois 65

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NOTE: Two points are awarded for a victory; shootout losses earn one point and are referred to as ties. Thursday's Game
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Thursday's Sports Transactions By The Associated Press BASEBALL American League
TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with

RHP Jovanny Cedeno and RHP David Elder on one-year contracts. National League
CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with
RHP Brian Reith, INF Brandon Larson, OF

year contracts.
FLORIDA MARLINS—Agreed to terms with INF Pablo Ozuna, INF Nate Rolison, OF Abraham Nunez and RHP Brad Penny on

Jackson Melian and OF Brady Clark on one-

one-year contracts.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Paul Rigdon, RHP Brandon Kolb,

RHP Mike Buddie and RHP Kane Davis on one-year contracts.

NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with
RHP Dicky Gonzalez, RHP Nick Maness,
RHP Grant Roberts, RHP Jerrod Riggan,
RHP Jae Weong Seo, RHP Tyler Walker, C
Vance Wilson and INF Jorge Toca on one-

BASKETBALL National Basketball Association NBA—Fined Indiana G Reggie Miller \$5,000 for making an obscene gesture in a game against the Los Angeles Lakers on Feb. 18. CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—Signed F Chucky Brown for the remainder of the sea

NEW YORK KNICKS-Acquired G Mark Jackson and G Muggsy Bogues from Toronto for G Chris Childs and a first-round draft pick. Placed C Travis Knight on the Injured list. PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Traded F-C Theo Ratliff, F Toni Kukoc, C Nazr Mohammed and G Pepe Sanchez to Atlanta for C Dikembe Mutombo and F Roshown McLeod. PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS—Activated F Scottie Pippen from the injured list. Placed C Will Perdue on the injured list.

TORONTO RAPTORS—Traded F Corliss
Williamson, F Tyrone Corbin, F Kornel David
and a future first-round pick to Detroit for F
Jerome Williams and C Eric Montross. WASHINGTON WIZARDS—Traded F Juwan Howard, C Calvin Booth and F-C Obinna Ekezie to Dallas for F-C Christian Laettner, G Courtney Alexander, F Lov Yaught, G Hubert Davis, F Etan Thomas and \$3 million.

FOOTBALL National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS—Designated CB
Aeneas Williams as their franchise player. BUFFALO BILLS—Released NT Ted Washington, P Chris Mohr and OL Joe CLEVELAND BROWNS—Released Q Doug

Pederson and RB Madre Hill. GREEN BAY PACKERS—Re-signed S. Darren Sharper to a six-year contract. Named Brad Miller defensive assistant-quali-NDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Designated TE

Marcus Pollard as their franchise player. MIAMI DOLPHINS—Released WR Tony Martin and RB Thurman Thomas ST. LOUIS RAMS—Designated DE Kevin Carter as their franchise player. TENNESSEE TITANS—Named Everett Withers defensive backs coach. WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Released RT Andrew Heck.

National Hockey League
COLORADO AVALANCHE—Assigned C
Joel Proic to Hershey of the AHL.
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Reassigned
LW Mathieu Darche to Syracuse of the AHL.
MONTREAL CANADIENS—Sent D Andrei
Markov and D Francis Bouillon to Quebec of

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Called up D Sven Butenschon and D Josef Melicha Wilkes-Barre-Scranton of the AHL.

# Wizards trade Howard to Mavericks in eight-player deal

WASHINGTON (AP) last-second moves left.

With the clock ticking toward the NBA trade deadline, Jordan pulled off an improbable deal to get his Washington Wizards on the road to salary cap solvency. Juwan Howard, thought to be untradeable because of his huge contract, was sent to the Dallas Mavericks on Thursday in an eight-player swap.

We've still got a long ways to go. I'm pretty sure you guys are going to stay on (me) until we contract. start winning," said Jordan, who year as the Wizards president of basketball operations. "We've over. It doesn't really matter." just made a step in the right

Howard, Calvin Booth and Obinna Ekezie were exchanged for Christian Laettner, Courtney Davis, Etan Thomas and \$3 million. The Mavericks get a forward who's been playing like an tering of boos at a recent home All-Star recently to help their game, had been working frantidrive to the playoffs, while the cally to trade one of the three vet-

 Wizards get younger and cheap- erans — Howard, Strickland or Michael Jordan still has some er with room to pursue big name Mitch Richmond — whose huge free agents possibly this summer salaries and long-term contracts and definitely next summer.

> 'It puts us in a good situation ability to acquire free agents. year after next from a cap standpoint, which is what we were was an untradeable situation," looking for — to pursue free said Jordan, who was swinging a agency a year and half from baseball bat in his office as he now," Jordan said.

> cap wasn't a concern for him, never know — when you get to a which made him the perfect situation where a team needs a owner to assume the two full particular player. ... He played seasons — worth about \$40 million — remaining on Howard's himself.

"It was not a consideration in has endured a tumultuous first trying to save cap room," Cuban "When you're over, you're

To make room on the roster for their new players, the Wizards released Gerard King, rookie Mike Smith and Felipe Lopez and placed Rod Strickland on the Alexander, Loy Vaught, Hubert injured list. Laron Profit was activated from the injured list.

Jordan, who received a smat-

were paralyzing the Wizards'

"Sure, everyone said Juwan negotiated on a speaker phone Dallas' Mark Cuban said the hours before the trade. "But you well enough to create interest for

> Howard had been a disappointment since signing a sevenyear, \$105 million contract in 1996, often showered with boos by home fans who felt he wasn't earning the money. However, he recently stepped up his game and was a rare bright spot for a losing team. He was leading the team in scoring with an average of 18.2 points and was second in rebounding with 7.0 per game.

all the booing I've experienced," Howard said. "It's a test of option. strength. I've shown a lot of peo-

ple that know me personally that very leery of Strickland," Jordan the eyes of his peers. I'll remain strong through those said tough times. Hopefully, no other professional athlete will ever have to experience something like I've lived through the last couple of years."

heading for a playoff-bound

"They could have put me in a situation that is totally different Laettner, and hopefully he can from Dallas," Howard said. "It come in with a positive attitude," could have been a bad situation said Jordan, trying to suppress a where a team does not win. Dallas is a team that's on the rise. As we all know, Mark Cuban, he's a guy who's proven he wants to turn his franchise into a winning team."

Strickland, by contrast, did turn out to be untradeable, having lowered his value with a suspension for missing a road trip and a drunken driving arrest in the last two months. He's now suffering from sore hamstrings, and the Wizards will probably "I would say it's a relief from cut him at the end of the season by exercising a \$5 million buyout

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Laettner is averaging 7.5 points and 4.0 rebounds, but he comes with a prickly reputation and likely won't figure into the Wizards' plans when his contract And, as a bonus, Howard is expires at the end of the season.

"In all honesty, Laettner is the only way we could make the deal work. We know Christian

Alexander, the 13th overall pick of the 2000 draft, is averaging 4.2 points and 1.7 rebounds. He and Thomas, who is out for the season with a toe injury, are the only two players in the trade who would appear to figure in the Wizards' long-term plans.

Booth has been a pleasant surprise with his gritty play this season, and at one point displaced Jahidi White as a starter. He is averaging 4.5 points and 4.3 rebounds in 22 starts.

But the big winner is Jordan, whose stock as a front office 'Quite naturally, teams are executive has surely shot up in 10. Happy improves to 17-12.

"Michael Jordan has made a good deal for his team. He got a bunch of good guys and he's cut his payroll," Mavericks coach Don Nelson said.

# Groom falls to Happy

Groom's basketball season, defeating the Tigers 63-49 in a boys bi-district game Tuesday night.

Happy's scoring leader was Bobby Parish with 19 points. Reece Hartman and Tyler Hargrave added 13 each. Hartman is a transfer from

Pampa. Dewayne Gray poured in 32 points for the Tigers. Three of Gray's 11 field goals were from beyond the 3-point line.

Russell Conrad followed with 9 points for the Tigers. Doug Fields and Garrett Britten each had 4

Happy jumped out to a 32-19 lead The Tigers end their season at 10-

# Wells shows up, Gonzalez is hurt

By The Associated Press

David Wells finally showed up with his new team, and Juan Gonzalez didn't take long to fit in

Gonzalez, signed by injuryplagued Cleveland this winter to help replace Manny Ramirez, reworked bruised his right elbow after being hit with a foul ball during here now and I'm not going to the team's first full-squad workout Thursday.

"It scared me a little bit," said Gonzalez, who three hours later because I don't think I'm going still had the elbow wrapped in ice. "The doctor checked it and said it was on the muscle, not the bone."

Because of injuries last year, the traction so far for the White Sox, Indians set a major league record complaining that his \$9.9 million by using 32 pitchers, and they were without Ramirez for 40 games because of a hamstring injury.

This one doesn't appear serious. The Indians did not think any Xrays were needed. Gonzalez because of the deals that are out thinks the elbow will be OK, but there. didn't know if he'd participate in Friday's workout.

for a while, but he'll be OK," Indians manager Charlie Manuel said from Winter Haven, Fla. "I'm not worried."

Wells, whose attempt to gain an extension from Toronto led to a trade to the White Sox, reported to Chicago's camp in Tucson, Ariz., a week past the voluntary date, but well before next Tuesday's mandatory date.

Toronto has asked the commissioner's office to review the controversial trade that brought him

### **Spring Training**

to the White Sox for injured lefthander Mike Sirotka, with the Blue Jays asking that the deal be

even worry about it," Wells said. "It's not a distraction and it's not going to make any difference

anywhere. I think this is where I'm going to lay my hat. Right Frank Thomas has been a dis-

salary is unjust. "He's a little upset," teammate Ray Durham said. "All around baseball guys are upset about their contracts. It filters down. A lot of guys are wanting new deals

Thomas used to be one of baseball's highest-paid players. Then, "His arm might be a little sore Alex Rodriguez got a \$252 million, 10-year contract from Texas in December.

> Now, Thomas isn't even in the top 30. He unpacked his bags Wednesday, left the clubhouse before a team meeting and vented during dinner with some team-

> He joined a lengthening list of stars upset over money. Sammy Sosa, Gary Sheffield, Barry Bonds and Omar Vizquel all have asked for extensions.

"You see the pay scale is getting

out of whack," Thomas said. "You can't have A-Rod making 25 million and we're coming in at 7, 8, 9 million. It's a business. It's just like Hollywood. You can't have the top actor making 25 million and the rest making 10 million."

Pedro Martinez, winner of the

last two AL Cy Young Awards, also reported Thursday. He That's out of my hands. I'm looked beefier when he arrived at Boston's training camp in Fort Myers, Fla. Martinez said the extra pounds

> on his usually skinny frame came from dining on healthier fare in the Dominican Republic. "Rice, beans, vegetables and

some chicken," he said. "I want-

ed to feel stronger.' The Red Sox had even more uplifting news when Bryce Florie threw batting practice for the first time since suffering serious eye damage when he was struck by a liner hit by Ryan Thompson of the New York Yankees last Sept.

But he doesn't expect his vision will ever be as sharp as it was.

"A few months ago I didn't know if I'd ever do this again, and here I am doing it," Florie said. "It's kind of a big weight off my shoulders."

In Melbourne, Fla., the Marlins found out pitcher A.J. Burnett again will spend much of spring training sidelined by an injury. Burnett has a broken right foot

that will prevent him from pitching for up to a month. Last year, he fell during a fielding drill, hurt his right thumb and missed the first 3 1/2 months of his rook-



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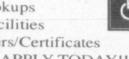
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# Hilary decries brother's taking money for pardon work

By JESSE J. HOLLAND **Associated Press Writer** 

WASHINGTON (AP) - Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton called her brother's decision to take money to lobby for pardons a "terrible misjudgment" as a House committee began investigating whether President Clinton's brother, Roger, influenced the last-minute exec-

Mrs. Clinton said Thursday she "did not have any involvement" in the pardons her husband granted on his way out of the White House. However, she said she was "very disappointed" with her brother, lawyer Hugh Rodham, and the \$400,000 he received for his work on behalf of a prison commutation request of Carlos Vignali and the pardon of Almon Glenn Braswell.

"I was just heartbroken and shocked by it and, you know, immediately said it was a terrible misjudgment and the money had to be returned," the former first lady said.

Rodham returned the money to the families of the men.

As Mrs. Clinton, D-N.Y., was expressing her dismay, the House Government Reform Committee was sending a letter to the former president's brother asking him whether he was involved in any of

"The committee has received reports that you were involved in representing individuals seeking pardons from President Clinton," the committee's chairman, Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., wrote.

Burton asked specifically for Roger Clinton to explain whether he was involved in the pardons or commutations of Vignali, Braswell, Phillip Young and Mitchell Couey Wood before the committee holds its next hearing March 1.

Committee spokesman Mark Corallo refused to comment on the

The former president's office confirmed late Thursday that Roger Clinton lobbied the president on behalf of several friends and associates who were seeking pardons. The president turned down all of them, a Clinton spokeswoman said.

Roger did ask the president to consider a list of less than 10 names of friends and acquaintances," the spokeswoman, Julia Payne, said. "None of those pardons were granted nor did he receive any money.

Young, of Little Rock, Ark., was convicted of interstate transportation and sale of fish and wildlife, while Wood, of Sherwood, Ark., was convicted of conspiracy to possess and distribute cocaine.

Vignali, the son of a major campaign contributor in Los Angeles, was serving a 15-year sentence on a drug conviction; Braswell was convicted for fraud and other crimes stemming from false claims in 1983 about the effectiveness of a treatment for baldness

Roger Clinton, a singer, got his own pardon — one of 140 the president made on his final day in office — for a 1985 drug charge. Roger Clinton was arrested Monday for investigation of drunken driving in Los Angeles. His personal manager, Vickie Crawford, refused to

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President Bush said he believes Congress has a right to investigate the pardons granted by his predecessor, and Burton insisted on "full compliance" with a subpoena for records from the William J. Clinton Presidential Foundation.

The group, chartered to establish Clinton's presidential library, received \$450,000 in donations from Denise Rich, the ex-wife of fugitive financier Marc Rich, who was one of Clinton's pardon recipi-

In addition, there was a fresh disclosure Thursday that Mrs. Clinton's campaign treasurer was paid \$4,000 in legal fees to prepare two pardon applications that were sent to the Justice Department. William Cunningham III said he had never contacted the White House about the cases, or spoken with either of the Clintons about them. Cunningham's law partner is Clinton adviser Harold Ickes, but he, too, said he never spoke to the couple about the cases. Cunningham said Ickes referred two Arkansas pardon-seekers, both Republicans, to him about a week before Clinton left office.

The two men, Robert Clinton Fain and James Lowell Manning,

were convicted in the 1980s on tax charges.

The former first lady described Cunningham as a "fine lawyer and a fine man. ... Lawyers from all over the country were involved in these matters.'

Mrs. Clinton is struggling with an issue that has contributed to a drop in her popularity as well as her husband's, and has overshadowed the beginning of her Senate career.

She refused to answer questions about the pardons themselves, or whether her husband should appear voluntarily before Congress to

respond to questions about them. Bush commented somewhat gingerly, telling reporters he had other issues to attend to. Asked what advice he would offer his own relatives - who include a former president and a sitting governor -

the president replied sharply, "My guidance to them is behave your-

self - and they will." Apart from the pardons, the Clintons felt compelled to return furniture they moved out of the White House after questions arose about ownership. And one reporter asked Mrs. Clinton whether there was any connection between furniture delivered to her Washington home during the day and Ms. Rich.

"Nothing to do — not at all," she said.

# Co-workers say spy suspect left trail of clues

Veteran FBI figure Robert Philip Hanssen left a trail of clues that led authorities to arrest him and charge him with spying for

and intelligence experts.

Russian documents and letters using the name of his hometown Post reported. Chicago as a signal, these former associates said in interviews.

FBI officials would not publicly discuss how they came to pinpoint Hanssen as the agent whose ments they obtained.

But two former FBI counterintel-

provided many clues about what had transpired.

"He increased his chances of getting caught" said Paul Moore, a former FBI counterintelligence Moscow, say former co-workers analyst who has known Hanssen for 20 years.

Until Hanssen was targeted by that Hanssen allegedly sent to his the FBI last year, federal investiga-Soviet handlers contained hints of tors focused on a CIA agent who his identity — from his code name may now be cleared because of "B" (Hanssen went by Bob) to Hanssen's arrest, The Washington

The CIA official has been suspended on paid leave for the past 18 months, the newspaper said in a report for its Friday editions. He had passed several polygraph alleged spying activities were tests and some officials told the detailed in internal Russian docu- Post the evidence against him was marginal.

An intensive search for spies ligence agents who worked with began in 1994 when CIA officer Hanssen said his letters and other Aldrich Ames pleaded guilty of bits of evidence made public in the spying for the KGB, the newspa-100-page affidavit filed in the case per said. But there may have been

loopholes in the investigation.

declined to comment on whether arrest of Hanssen. Hanssen took the test. Not only bureau was aware of his activities, FBI officials have said.

FBI officials have said that Hanssen's identity was not known led directly to the charges against to the Soviets. The letters and doc- Hanssen. Substantial resources him as "B". But these documents had details about the information that Hanssen was accused of leak- Hanssen's spying went undetecting, which the FBI could then use to narrow its search.

"They had a lot to work with," counterintelligence agent who

documents, and other improvements recommended after the Aldrich Ames spy case, helped it about espionage in America," to apprehend Hanssen, a 20-year Bush said, responding to ques-FBI countintelligence agent tions about the spy case at his first accused of passing top-secret news conference since his inauguinformation to the Soviets and Russian for 15 years.

Ames leaked sensitive informa- and to me. tion to the Soviet Union. Ames pleaded guilty in 1994.

tions made in the inspector gener-Moore said Hanssen was never al's 1997 report were implemented polygraphed. The FBI has and had a direct bearing on the

"The IG's recommendations that, Hanssen was meticulous were constructive and incorporatabout checking to see whether the ed into the FBI's counterespionage program," Collingwood said. The post-Ames focus on the possibility of additional compromises uments about Hanssen refer to and expertise are being afforded to this effort."

Despite the improvements, ed for 15 years.

Meanwhile, President Bush said he was "deeply concerned" about said Richard Alu, a retired FBI the Hanssen case and said he would wait for an independent worked with Hanssen for several review of internal FBI security procedures to be completed before The FBI said Thursday that considering whether FBI agents tighter controls over top-secret should be given routine polygraph tests.

We ought to be concerned

He said he has confidence in FBI Bureau management had been Director Louis Freeh and praised cautioned four years ago by the him for asking former FBI and Justice Department inspector gen- CIA Director William Webster to eral to enhance training and com- head the review. "I look forward munications. The FBI was criti- to seeing what Judge Webster has cized at the time by the Justice to say. I presume he's going to Department inspector general for review that issue and will make a not doing enough to find out how, recommendation to the director

Bush sidestepped a question about whether he believed U.S.-Russian relations were damaged Collingwood said recommenda- by the Hanssen case.

#### Insurance companies to raise rates despite state effort to lower them

Texas' largest auto insurance es. companies have opted to raise rates this year despite a move by ance companies have been makthe state's top insurance regula-

tor to force rates down slightly. ance companies last month indicate that seven are raising premiums statewide in 2001.

slightly, but not as much as the Dallas Morning News. 1.3 percent reduction recommended by state Insurance

The increases have prompted the Texas Department of some of the companies are justi- higher rates," he said.

The commissioner can direct companies to revise their premiums if he feels they are excessive.

Insurers are given some leeway in setting their premiums, which under state law may be as much standard — or "benchmark" —

rates set by the commissioner. nies in Texas charge more than set losses in Texas. the state benchmarks, which are allow them to earn a reasonable

Consumer groups said they are Bob Huxel.

DALLAS (AP) — Many of not surprised by the rate increas-

"For the past five years, insuring hundreds of millions of dollars in excess profits in Texas," Filings by the 10 largest insur- D.J. Powers, a lawyer for the Center for Economic Justice and former general counsel for the Texas Department of Insurance, Three companies lowered rates said in Friday's editions of The

The center represents lowincome consumers and small Commissioner Jose Montemayor. businesses in insurance matters.

"We are seeing the largest profits that insurance companies Insurance to examine whether have ever made in Texas, and yet the higher rates being charged by every year we see them charge

Farmers Insurance, for example, raised rates at two of the top

10 companies it owns. Its preferred-customer company, Mid-Century Auto Insurance, had one of the largest statewide rate increases this year — 9.5 peras 30 percent above or below the cent. Texas Farmers raised rates 1.3 percent.

A spokesman for Farmers said But the vast majority of compa- the higher rates are needed to off-

"The increase was attributed to supposed to reflect rates that the higher costs for repairing damage to cars as well as rising medical costs," said spokesman

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Cam Moore, former Pampan and current weatherman for KVII-TV Channel 7 in Amarillo, recently addressed a

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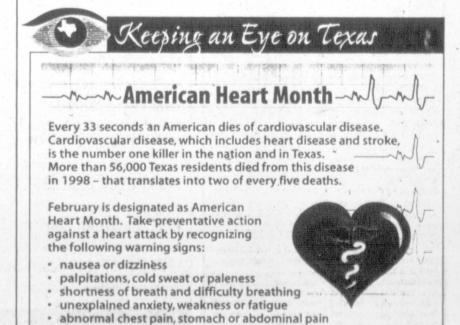
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