

The mother of a 2-monthold baby, Joshua Mills, who was found dead early Thursday was the late Cheryl Mills who died Jan 23 of pneumonia, said her brotherin-law Lonnie Mills. Police had identifed the mother as Connie Delene Ballard who Mills identified as a friend. The baby's father is Willie D. Mills Jr, Lonnie Mills said Joshua was born on Jan. 15. Police were called to Bent Creek Apartments No. 1. 1400 W. Somerville, shortly after 5 a.m. after ambulance personnel answered a call and found the baby dead. police said. An autopsy has been ordered.



Center. Many more interesting people like Brent are featured in a special section

of today's paper, "There's No Place Like Pampa," celebrating all the good things

about living here. The section culminates months of work by The Pampa News

chairman of the committee at the suggestion of County Judge Richard Peet.

Greene said Luesday he has not called a meeting of the group because he said he

NPD announced during the summer of 2001 at a public meeting in Pampa they were planning to build the facility (See MEETING, Page 3)



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STATE

Bush to spend Easter at home on the ranch

CRAWFORD (AP) - The grass is green, the blue bonnets are making their seasonal appearance and President Bush and his wife, Laura, are settled in for the Easter weekend at the ranch they call home.

The president and first lady were being joined on Friday by his father and mother, former President George Bush and former first lady Barbara Bush. The elder Bushes plan to stay through Easter morning services on Sunday.

The president began his brief respite away Washington by raising nearly \$4 million for three Republican Senate candidates in three states, including Texas. Then he settled in at the ranch for serious rest and relaxation.

DEATHS

Harold Stone, 92, retired railroad employee.

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key to kids' lunch plan

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By KATE B. DICKSON ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

Volunteers.

That's going to be the key as to whether a new twist on the summer lunch program for needy children is going to be a success or not.

In past years, the Pampa Independent School District's summer program for youngsters who get free and reduced-price meals during the school year has been held at the school where the meals are prepared.

But this summer the aim is to branch out and make the food more available by serving the meals in as many as six parks in the Wilson and Lamar districts, according to Carolyn Stroud of The Harvest House.

The Harvest House will serve as volunteer coordinator working with PISD to assist the school district with the (See LUNCH, Page 3)

after raid By KATE B. DICKSON ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

Allegations of intent to deliver crack cocaine in a drug free zone resulted in the arrest of a 19-year-old Pampa nnan Thursday afternoon when law enforcement officers, armed with a search warrant, staged a raid at 1116 Prairie Drive.

Arrested at the scene was Tarig Sahir Carter of 544 Oklahoma, a police department press release said. He's charged with possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance over one gram in a drug free zone.

The drug free zone is a city park Prairie Village Park which police said is directly across the street from the Prairie Drive address. That designation enhances the felony charge and increases the penalty range upon con-(See ARREST, page 3)

(Courtesy photo)

Air, water top topics of symposium

Todd Carnagey, right, portrays Jesus as he prays for strength in the Garden of

Gethsemane while his disciples sleep in the dramatic musical, "Redeemer," being

presented at 7 p.m., tonight, and at 10:40 a.m., Sunday, at New Life Assembly of

God, Sumner and Randy Matson streets. Churches throughout the city are hosting

By DAVID BOWSER STAFF WRITER

Foundation Symposium here in April. Scheduled for April 1 through 3, at the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center, the symposium is to bring together scientists, legislators and government officials concerned with the region's ecosystem, according to Jan Scoggins-Waite, symposium coordinator.

The Great Plains Foundation was established in 1994. Symposiums have U. S. Geological Survey, who will disbeen held in each of the last seven years in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas or water quality assessment; Bill Nebraska.

The symposium begins with a reception at 6 p.m. Monday, April 1, at the Ambassador Hotel on Interstate 40

sions and technical presentations on AMARILLO - Air and water will and water resources. Speakers will be on the menu for the Great Plains cover water conservation, air and ground water quality assessment, irrigation, CAFO regulations, wind energy, odor and dust management.

Good Friday and Easter observances tonight and Sunday.

Tuesday's discussion will address water resources protection and utilization, moderated by Bill Payne, Jexas Agricultural Experiment Station crop stress physiologist. Panelists and their topics include Kevin Dennehy and Lynn Fahlquist, hydrologists with the cuss the High Plains regional ground-Hargrove, director of the Kansas Center for Agricultural Resources and the Environment, and Terry Howell, irrigation management engineer at the USDA-ARS Conservation and

The symposium will feature discus- Production Research Laboratory.

Ross Wilson with Texas Cattle protecting and using the region's air Feeders Association will serve as modcrator

> of a panel discussion on the new regulations for concentrated animal feeding operations. Panelists and topics include Jean-Mari Peltier, agricultural advisor to the administrator of the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, DC., and Tom McDonald. environmental manager with the Conti at Bushland. Group.

The afternoon program includes a tour of research facilities hosted by the USDA-ARS and Experiment Station officials at Bushland.

Tuesday night, there is a cookout on the rim of Palo Duro Canyon.

At 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, air resources protection and utilization discussion tops the agenda with moderator, John Sweeten, Texas

Agricultural Experiment Station resident director and agricultural engineer.

Panelists are Brent Auvermann, environmental systems engineer. Texas ? Cooperative Extension and the Experiment Station; Jacek Koziel, Experiment Station air quality engineer; Phyllis Woodford with the Colorado Public Health Department and Bill Purdy, veterinarian with the **USDA's Agricultural Research Service**

The luncheon keynote speaker Wednesday. Jarrett Atkinson, Regional Planning Panhandle Commission, will focus on ground water level changes predicted for the Ogallala Aquifer in southwest Kansas, Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle.

Wednesday afternoon sessions will run concurrently.

State perspectives will be addressed (See AIR, page 3)

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OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

HADDOCK, Don – 2 p.m, Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, Pampa. ROGERS, Betty — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa. **STONE**, Everett — 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, Miami.

EVERETT STONE 1909-2002

MIAMI — Everett Stone, 92, died Wednesday, March 27, 2002, at San Angelo, Texas. Services will be at 10 a.m., Saturday in Miami First Baptist Church with Jack Stone, minister of First Assembly of God Church in Muleshoe, and Lance Wood, minister of the church in Miami, officiating. Burial will be in Miami Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Stone was born Aug. 9, 1909, at Maxwell, Okla. He married Mable Irene Coots on Sept. 8, 1928, near Frisco, Okla.; she died Feb. 20, 1998. He moved to Miami in 1979

and to San Angelo in 1998. He was a retired Fort Worth and Denver Railroad employee,

He was a member of First Baptist Church of Miami and a U.S. Army veteran, serving during World War II.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Bobby Stone in 1979 and Billy Stone in 1993.

Survivors include a son, Harold Stone of Miami; a daughter, Floretta Henderson of San Angelo; 10 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church Sign Fund, 114 E. Wichita, Miami, TX 79059.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast calls for partly sunny skies with a 20 percent chance of afternoon thunderstorms and highs in the lower 70s. North winds 15 to 20 mph, becoming east. Tonight, cloudy with showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm. Lows in the mid-40s. East winds 15 to 20 mph. Chance of rain, 60 percent. Saturday, cloudy with a 60 percent chance of showers. Highs around 60. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Saturday night, cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Sunday, becoming mostly clear. Highs in the lower 70s. Sunday evening, mostly clear. Monday, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s and highs around 80. Tuesday and Wednesday, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. Highs in the upper 50s. Thursday, partly cloudy. Lows around 40. Highs in the upper 60s.

STATEWIDE

Showers and thunderstorms, some possibly severe, were expected across West and North Texas by Saturday as a cold front and storm system move into the regions.

Clouds increased early Friday as low-level winds brought moisture north from the Gulf of Mexico. High clouds moving eastward were 30s and 40s north to the 50s in the south.

the vanguard of an upper-level low pressure cell that was expected to collide with a cold front.

The front was moving into the extreme northwestern panhandle from Oklahoma. More cloudiness was building into the Big Bend and South Plains.

Early-morning temperatures ranged from the 40s to 70s.

Extremes were 48 degrees at Dalhart and 73 degrees at Fort Stockton.

Other readings included 64 at Paris and Gainesville and 70 at Fort Worth.

Winds were mostly from the south to southwest at 5 to 20 mph, with the panhandle reporting northwest winds at 5 to 20 mph.

A slight chance for afternoon showers and thunderstorms was forecast late Friday across the eastern panhandles, increasing across all of West Texas by Saturday.

The National Weather Service said rain will end across the panhandle by Saturday afternoon and across the remainder of West Texas Saturday night.

Daytime highs should range from the 60s in the north and mountains to the lower 80s in the south.

Lows overnight were expected from the

Panel urges steps to lower mold risk

reduced if insurance companies responded to water damage within 24 hours.

DALLAS (AP) — A state task force reports Related Claims was appointed by State that mold claims from homeowners could be Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor in January as mold damage losses in Texas soared costing insurance companies hundreds of millions of dollars. In response to the increasing losses, insurers have increased their premiums on homeowners' policies by up to 200 percent in recent months. The largest companies also have revised their policies to reduce or eliminate mold coverage.

ON RECORD

AMBULANCE

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motor vehicle accident in the 1700 block of Rural/Metro made the following calls North Hobart and transported one to PRMC during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. the 1500 block of Duncan and transported

Thursday, March 28

2:08 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of Lowry and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC). 3:15 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a

POLICE

The Pampa Police Department reported the ollowing incidents and arrests during the 24hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, March 25

Kermit Hartley, 33, 1133 S. Sumner, arrestd on a warrant for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Thursday, March 28

Tariq Sahir Carter, 19, 544 Oklahoma, posession of a controlled substance with intent to sell.

Donald Wayne Perry, 27, 1121 Neel. ssault causing bodily injury to a family member.

Burglary of a building was reported in the 1900 block of North Wells where a lawn mower valued at \$550 had been stolen someime between November and now.

Friday, March 29 Jonathan Lee White, 17, 636 Nelson, driing while intoxicated.

Federal biologists: Drilling could harm wildlife refuge

By H. JOSEF HEBERT ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) -Caribou and other wildlife are vulnerable and may face substantial risk if oil is developed in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska, according to a study by government scientists.

The findings by Interior Department biologists paint a more threatening picture to wildlife should Congress lift its long-standing ban on development of the refuge than drilling advocates have portrayed.

The report, being released Friday by the U.S. Geological Survey, acknowledges that in many cases the risks to a variety of wildlife, including musk-oxen, polar bears and migrating birds, could be reduced by restrictions and close management of oil exploration and production. Still the report, a copy of which was obtained late Thursday by The Associated Press, is likely to provide new ammunition to those vowing to block efforts in Congress next month to allow oil companies into the refuge. "Once again the administration has released a report undermining its own case," said Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., claiming the findings confirm "the environmental destruction that would occur" if the refuge were opened to oil development.

sensitive to development" because it has little quality habitat elsewhere and historically it has been shown that calf survival is linked to the animals' ability to move freely.

The 78-page report is based on an examination of 12 years of research into wildlife activities and the ecology of the Arctic refuge's 1.5 million-acre coastal plain — the area that also may contain about 11.4 billion barrels of oil

As with the case of the caribou, the study found that development of the refuge's coastal plain may pose risks to other wildlife: -The musk-oxen described as particularly "vulnerable to disturbances" from oil and gas exploration because they live in the region year-round, including winter when exploration would be most intense. -Snow geese, among the millions of migratory birds on the coastal plain, may be displaced because of increased activity, including air traffic. It cannot be assumed the geese will find adequate feeding areas elsewhere, the study says. -Denning polar bears, another fixture on the coastal plain, also might be adversely affected, the assessment said, but added in this case "aggressive and proactive management" of the development could minimize - or even eliminate — most of the problem. As for the caribou, the report said "oil development will most likely result in restricting the location of concentrated calving areas" and lead to fewer calves being able to survive and, in turn, possibly a decline in the herd. In a memo to Interior Secretary Gale Norton, the director of the U.S. Geological Survey, Charles Groat, said he wanted to "clarify certain aspects" of the report, including that the research also showed "with mitigation the effect of human development ... could be minimal" where most wildlife are concerned.

But Groat acknowledged that adverse risks to the Porcupine caribou "would depend on the type of development and where the development occurred."

Norton repeatedly has said the refuge's oil can be extracted without harm to the environment or the region's wildlife, arguing that modern drilling techniques can minimize the intrusion into what environmentalists view as one of the world's most pristine and ecologically significant areas

Interior spokesman Mark Pfeifle said Norton believes the concerns raised in the report will be addressed by the limits that will be put on oi development should Congress lift its current ban on drilling. Those include limiting the "footprint" that development will have on the terrain and requiring the exploration be conducted only in winter. Oil production would be allowed year-round under legislation now in Congress. Kenneth Whitten, a retired Alaska state biologist who participated in writing the chapter on the caribou, said in a telephone interview that some of the mitigation proposals are unrealistic. In case of polar bears, Whitten said, "we don't know where all the dens are. Almost surely during winter we'll be disturbing bears" during oil exploration. "There's intense pressure within the Department of Interior to come up with findings of no impact," Whitten added. Bill Seiz, the regional director of the U.S. Geological Survey in Alaska, acknowledged "there are risks" to the wildlife, but those can be controlled depending on how development occurs. The report "doesn't make any judgment about development," said Seiz. "It looks at basic science, the things that ought to be looked at if the area is to be developed."

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The Gray County Sheriff's Department eported the following arrest during the 24 hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

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the 800 block of West 25th and transported

SHERIFF

ACCIDENTS

The Pampa Police Department filed the ollowing accident report.

Tuesday, March 26 A 1993 Oldsmobile driven at North Hobart and Randy Matson by Hal Douglas Peterson, 75, Clarendon, collided with a 1981 Mercedes driven by Camilla Kay Ludvicek, 46, 2001 Williston. Peterson reported a possible injury.

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The task force, which examined the widespread mold problem in Texas, called on insurers to voluntarily streamline their claims handling procedures so they can deal more quickly with water leaks in homes that could result in mold

The panel said homeowners need to be equally prompt in responding to water damage because mold can begin growing and spreading within 24 to 48 hours of a leak.

"Whether or not your water damage is a covered claim, you should take immediate action to stop the leak and dry the area to prevent mold growth that could cause further damage to your home and affect your family's health," the report said.

Jim Davis, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Insurance, said Friday the agency staff is finalizing the report and will start distributing it in early April.

"The goal is to distribute these recommendations as widely as possible so that insurance companies and consumers know what to do when a water claim is involved," Davis told The Dallas Morning News in Friday's editions.

'The idea is to have them follow the best practices available so that a water claim does not become a mold damage claim," he said.

The special Advisory Task Force for Mold-

Representatives of two consumer groups said the recommendations would have more impact if they were mandatory for insurance companies.

"Unless we can enforce these practices and make sure insurance companies are responding quickly to water claims, then the recommendations are just words on paper," said Dan Lambe of Texas Watch.

Jerry Johns, president of the industry group Southwestern Insurance Information Services, said Friday that insurers respond to these type of claims as quickly as possible but noted that the real problem lies with having a sufficient number of experience remediators and claim representatives.

"Circumstances beyond the control of insurers, such as having enough trained remediators in Texas can hinder quick response efforts," Johns said. "Insurers are not going to use remediators with little or no experience and take the chance of having a dissatisfied customer."

City Briefs

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Recently, an Energy Department report suggested that oil from the refuge would provide only modest reductions in U.S. oil imports.

Drilling in ANWR, as the refuge is called, is a top energy priority of the White House.

While the study makes no recommendation on whether the refuge should be developed, it concludes that the region's wildlife are especially vulnerable to the kinds of disturbances that development may bring.

For example, it concludes that the Porcupine caribou herd, which uses the coastal plain for calving each summer, "may be particularly

Associated Press writer John Heilprin contributed to this report.

Pistol squirt gun puts teacher in hot water

HOUSTON (AP) — What began as a school science lesson has evolved into a legal battle as a student's parents say a small water pistol was used to assault their son, not teach him.

Maria Ripke, who has taught for 10 years in Baytown's Goose Creek school district, pleaded innocent Thursday to an assault charge in municipal court. If convicted of the Class C misdemeanor, she could be fined up to \$500. Ripke's status remains unchanged.

"This whole thing is frivo-

lous harassment," her attorney, Frank Knight III of Baytown, told the Houston Chronicle in Friday's editions

Knight contends that the charge never would have been filed if the boy's parents -Bryan and Dana Adkins didn't work for the Baytown police and for the school system.

The charge arose from a Feb. 1 incident in Ripke's sixth-grade science class. She said she has used the plastic squirt gun for several years to demonstrate kinetic energy -

the energy that results from motion.

In a complaint filed Feb. 11, Dana Adkins — who teaches math at the school -told police that Ripke had surprised her son by shooting him in the chest with the water pistol during class. After the boy objected, Adkins reported, the teacher laughed and squirted water into his face.

Knight disputes the mother's account of the second shot from the water gun. Ripke said the boy had asked to be "squirted again," the attorney said.

PROM SHOES dyables

Patients tested after nurse HIV-positive

SAN ANTONIO (AP) -About 200 patients have been tested for the virus that causes AIDS at a South Texas hospital after it discovered that an exnurse, who is HIV-positive, had illegally taken intravenous narcotics from the hospital's drug dispensary.

The nurse, whose identity was not released, worked in the South Texas Regional Medical Center's intensive care and surgical units from June to January, and that she knew her HIV status during her employment, officials in Jourdanton said.

The hospital's chief execu-

tive, Allan Smith, has said that fewer than 200 patients were treated in those units while the woman worked there, but that the hospital has sent letters to all 1,100 patients who received the drug Demerol during those seven months to ask them to

get their blood tested. The nurse may have refilled single-dose vials of Demerol with saline to hide her tracks using the same syringe she used to inject herself with the drug. Those vials of saline, containing a small amount of the nurse's blood, may have been inadvertently given to patients.

Demerol, a brand name for the narcotic meperidine, is a potent and widely prescribed painkiller that can be addictive if used for a prolonged period.

Medical experts say the chance of contracting HIV from blood-tainted saline is less than one percent, but that a blood test is still warranted.

The hospital detected a problem with missing Demerol around the end of 2001, and all nurses in the ICU were given blood tests.

The nurse in question admitted Jan. 4 that she took the drugs, and also revealed her HIV status. She was fired .

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MEETING

which would eventually house up to 50,000 pigs. The facility is to be located about 11 miles east of Pampa on land recently purchased by NPD.

After discussion in several county commission meetings during the months of October, November and December of 2001, the county commission appointed the committee to determine if more stringent state rules and regulations should be implemented by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission regarding the swine industry.

Greene told commissioners in October he has talked to judges and commissioners in 11 counties who he said are interested in such a committee.

Many local residents have expressed concerns about environmental issues if hogs are located in the area. Hog waste lagoons have been an issue, and the guidelines of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission January, the commission asked for a report on have been questioned.

ty judges regarding the issue and said all he ings of the committee.

spoke with indicated an interest in working with Gray County to establish a resolution concerning the issue.

Each member of the Commissioners Court submitted three names to the committee.

Dr. Brent Auverman of the Texas A&M Research Center in Amarillo and C. E. Williams of the Panhandle Groundwater District in White Deer were suggested by Peet, and said he would like to be on the committee. Precinct One Commissioner Joe Wheeley appointed Charles Bowers, Rex McAnelly, . and Danny Nusser.

Greene, Precinct Two commissioner, appointed Dale Roth, Callens George and John Spearman, Jr.

Gerald Wright, commissioner of Precinct Three, appointed Bill Musser, Duane Smith. and Ronnie Goode.

Precinct Four Commissioner James Hefley appointed Steve Bowlin and Neal Odom.

When the committee was appointed in their findings in June. Peet said Thursday he Peet said he had talked to several area coun- has not been notified of any scheduled meet-

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LUNCH

lunch program, Stroud said.

"We're going to coordinate the volunteers out of the Harvest House;" Stroud said. "But this is not a church effort ... it is a citywide effort to feed hungry children."

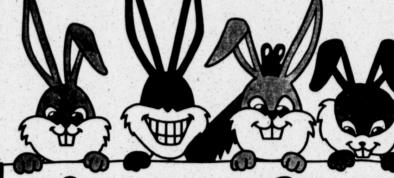
Stroud said the PISD food service director, Debbie Middleton, "really has a burden to feed these children ... she sees how hungry some of them are when they come back to school on Mondays after being used to getting breakfast and lunch at school ' No one was available to comment today from the school district due to the Good Friday

the project during June, July and the first week of August.

The volunteers will pick up the food at the school where it is prepared, take it to the parks, serve it and bring back materials and paperwork.

"It's kind of like Meals on Wheels," Stroud said.

Anyone who is willing to help should call The Harvest House at 665-4042 and talk with Stroud or Lisa Chisum. All the volunteers have to be lined up no later than April 10 in order for the school district to meet its paperwork



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holiday. To make the plan work, Stroud said there must be at least two adult volunteers at each site who are willing to give two hours a day to Stroud said, this plan was devised.

requirements.

Stroud quoted Middleton as saying 43 percent of the students in PISD qualify for free or reduced-price meals. Since few of them have taken part in past summer lunch programs,

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AIR

at Session A with Stephan Texas Water Schuster, Development Board; Hal Simpson, Colorado Natural Resources; Duane Smith, Oklahoma Water Resources Board; Hank Ernst with Kansas Water Office, and Jeff Vonk with Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

Session B will feature presentations by USGS hydrologists, Sharon Qi and Natalie Houston, who will cover a holistic approach to groundwater quality assessment in the High Plains and a ground water digital atlas for Texas. The event is sponsored in part by the Kansas/Nebraska and Oklahoma-Texas area offices of the Bureau of Reclamation, Texas Council

of the Soil and Water Conservation Society, Golden Spread Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society, USDA-Agricultural Research Texas A&M Service, Agriculture Program units Agricultural -Texas **Experiment Station and Texas** Cooperative Extension, and several regional commodity organizations and water districts, among others.

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ARREST

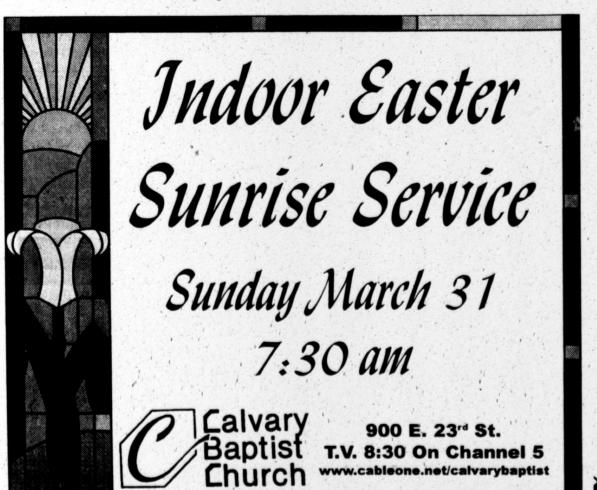
viction.

The raid was conducted at 3:30 p.m. by officers of the Pampa Police Department, the Gray County Sheriff's Office and Panhandle Regional Narcotics Trafficking Task Force.

It was the result of investigations into

reports of high traffic at the house, suspicious activity and reports of drug sales, the news release said. More raids and arrests are expected especially since the warmer weather seems

to increase the street sales of narcotics. One officer reported overhearing a resident say, "It's time to take back our neighborhood." The news release said the local police department is committed to helping do this.





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JESUS CHRIST, THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER HEBREWS 13:8



RELIGION



(Courtesy photo)

Todd Carnagey portrays the risen Christ in "Redeemer," a dramatized musical being presented by the New Life Assembly of God, Sumner and Randy Matson, tonight at 7 p.m., and again at 10:40 a.m., Easter Sunday.

New Life Assembly presents Easter musical dramatization

"Redeemer" a dramatized musical with 30 cast and crew is to be presented in two performances at New Life Assembly of God, Sumner and Randy Matson streets.

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The first performance of the musical written by David T. Clydesdale is scheduled for 7 p.m., tonight, Good Friday, March 29. A second presentation is set for 10:40 a.m., Easter Sunday. A nursery will be provided.

The Rev. Wendy Eggert, music minister, will direct the event with Todd Carnagey portraying Jesus and Sue Thornton as narrator.

Other cast members include Ray Thornton, Nathan Carnagey, Bobby Sparks, the Rev. Harold Eggert, Elmer Whitson, as the disciples with Joe Bob Kinneman as Judas. Soldiers are Ray Asencio, Daniel Baucom and Joe Murray.

Terri Frazier, Monica Johnson and Joy Hart

Pontius Pilate. Mother Mary is Sherry Cox and Michelle Cox performs the part of Mary Magdeline.

Other soloists include Norma Sloan, Monica Johnson, RuthAnne Schlewitz, Sarah Schlewitz, and Wendy Eggert.

Tera Murray, Mozetta Johnson, Jennifer Cox, Sherri Murray, Judy Hart, Mary Frazier, Donna Carnagey, Norma Sloan, Ryan Carnagey, and Courtney Echols comprise the choir.

The children are played by Dustin Frazier, Nicholas Johnson, Jonathan cox and Zack Murray.

Technicians for the production are Dwayne Johnson - sound, Joe Murray - backstage director; and the sound-tech crew - Elmer Whitson, Marlon Echols, Katrina Kinneman, Roy

Banks Street churches host joint Easter Sunrise Service

Three of Pampa's churches will jointly host an "Outdoor Sunrise Easter Service" on Sunday, March 31, at 6 a.m. that is open to all of Pampa.

"Hiland Church, Highland Baptist Church, and Hi-Land Christian Church will be gathering together to celebrate the most awesome day and event in the entire history of humanity - the day Jesus Christ literally arose from the dead," said Mike Sublett, pastor at Hi-Land Christian.

It will be a brief service lasting only about 30 minutes and will take place in the front

yard at Hi-Land Christian Church, 1615 N Banks.

Nathan Hopson, pastor at Hiland Church commented, "We are encouraging anyone and everyone who would like to come to dress warmly since the outdoor temperature could be in the mid- to high 30s. But we promise a much warmer temperature in the hearts of those who come."

Those participating in the service will be: Jack Sutherland (prayer), Pat Youngquist and Brent Williamson (music), Mike Sublett (reading) and Paul Nachtigal (comments, prayer).

CHURCH BRIEFS

Briarwood youth raising funds for summer camp

Members of Briarwood Full Gospel Church youth group will be selling Krispy Kreme Donuts for \$6 a dozen from 7 a.m.-12 noon, Saturday, April 13, in the parking lot of Sweet Dreams located on the corner of Somerville and North Hobart. To pre-order, call Briarwood at 665-7201. Proceeds will go towards summer camp and

Macedonia Baptist plans bake sale on Saturday

Macedonia Baptist Church will host a bake sale Saturday, March 30, in front of Rheam's Diamond Shop, 111 N. Cuyler, starting at 10 a.m.

Baked goods such as cakes, cookies and pies available for Easter. Donations accepted. **Trinity Fellowship's** Easter services set

Fellowship Trinity Church's annual Easter service is to be at 10 a.m. Sunday, March 31, at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium.

A nursery for birth through age 3 and achildren's church will also be provided at 10 a.m. The public is invited.

Calvary Baptist Sunrise Easter Service is Sunday Calvary Baptist Church's

annual Sunrise Easter Service is set for 7:30 a.m., Sunday, March 31.

The indoor service is designed to help worshipers. celebrate Easter, when Jesus' followers discovery that He had risen and the tomb was empty.

The 50-minute service includes candlelighting, music and scripture reading instead of a sermon.

The service will end with the Lord's Supper (communion)

The public is welcome to attend at Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd.

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Word Fest Revival continues tonight

Hi-Land Church, 18th and Banks, continues it's Word, Fest Revival Services tonight at 7 p.m., with Willy Adams, longtime pastor and evangelist.

Adams has pastored churches in Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico and is presently in Borger.

On Saturday, March 30, the revival will conclude with "Youth Night" beginning at 7 p.m., featuring Patrick Estrada.

At age 24, Estrada was saved and delivered from alcohol. He has been a Married for Life Leader with his wife **Debbie for Marriage Ministries** International.

The public is invited.



other youth activities.

have been cast as Angels. Troy Newton plays Frazier, and Donna Carnagey.

Mission accomplished

In the gospel of John there is an account of a multitude that had heard that Jesus was coming into Jerusalem. They took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him and began to cry out: "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! The King of Israel." (John 12:13)

From here on through the rest of the book, every passage in the gospel of John is packed with tension. John himself recalls this incident with tension. All the actors in this true-life drama keenly felt the gravity of every moment. Ever since the wedding in Cana, Jesus had said, "My hour has not yet come." And now in this chapter, He says, "The hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified." The disciples were con- ment.



fused. They did not understand what was going on. The Pharisees were getting desperate. They said to one another, "You see that you can do nothing; look, the whole world has gone after Him." (vs. 19) The crowds were divided into three groups: His enemies who were trying to destroy Him, the people who had seen the miracle in Bethany, and the ever present spectators who were looking for some excite-

Yet, Jesus ignored these three groups. He knew where he was headed. His time had now come. He was not interested in becoming the King of Israel, He was already the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. He knew that ... but He also knew that He must complete His mission. And, His mission was to become the Sacrificial Lamb. He was to hang on a cross and give His sinless life for sinners.

I'm glad that He completed His mission, aren't you?

Convert hopes to become country's first black woman rabbi

DENVER (AP) — Alysa Stanton's spiritual journey started in her childhood, when she and her family attended a Pentecostal church. As a young adult, she explored other religions, eventually choosing Judaism. .

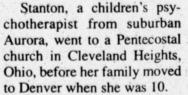
Now, at age 38, she is poised to take her faith another step by studying to become a rabbi — the first black woman rabbi in the United States, according to experts.

"I want to be a rabbi who breaks barriers, inspires dreams and builds bridges," said Stanton, who is preparing to start the five-year course of study leading to ordination.

There are black rabbis in the Ethiopian Jewish community. But if Stanton completes the program at Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles, the Reform movement's seminary, she will be the first black woman rabbi in this country, Jewish authorities believe. "It's a reminder that Jews

come in all colors and all ethnic groups," said Rabbi Richard Levy, director of rabbinic studies at Hebrew Union College.

Officials the at Conservative movement's Jewish Theological Seminary York, in New Reconstructionist Rabbinical College outside Philadelphia, and Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America said they knew of no black women rabbis.



For two years, she studied Hebrew and Jewish thought as a psychology undergraduate at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, then sought out an Orthodox rabbi in Denver for intensive study. She made the 140-mile round trip each week in a gasoline-guzzling car, sometimes paying for fuel with quarters.

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You are invited to attend Easter,

Service Easter Sunday Services for Trinity Fellowship Church will be at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium as follows:

> Children's Church at 10:00 a.m. in the Main Auditorium

Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. in the Heritage Room

Nursery (birth - age 3) will be provided at M.K. Brown



Hamm to be featured speaker at singles spiritual conference

Angela Hamm, Single Adult Minister at First Baptist Church, Lewisville, Texas, will be the featured speaker at an area-wide spiritual conference for single adults, entitled "Living on the Edge", being planned and sponsored by the Single Adult Ministry of First Baptist Church, Pampa. The conference will be at the First Baptist Church of Pampa, 203 N. West Street.

Angela has been the speaker for the Single Adult Ministers National Conference, the Single Adult Labor Day Weekend at Glorieta Conference Center, and several retreats and conferences for individual churches. She also serves on the steering committee for the Texas Single Adult Conference and The National Association of Single Adult Ministers.

The dates for the conference are April 19-20, 2002. Angela will lead a Friday evening conference especially for people. who serve leadership positions in single adult ministry. On Saturday, beginning at 8:30 with a Continental Breakfast and registration, there will be two general sessions/worship times, with Angela the featured speaker. Also throughout the day there will be smaller group breakfast



Angela Hamm

sessions on topics of special interest and needs of single adults.

All single adults in the area are invited to attend. Conference fee is \$10.00 per person. Contact Jerry Arrington, First Baptist Church, Pampa, 669-1155, for additional information.

David Patillo to perform in Borger

BORGER - Country gospel singer, David Patillo, will appear at Borger Church of God, 700 Franklin, at 7 p.m., Sunday, March 31.

Musician, singer, songwriter, Patillo has more than 450 songs to his credit. However, his full-time music ministry began in 1992.

One of his songs, "Ten Thousand Angels Cried" was recorded by LeAnn Rimes and Karen Peck and New River, he said in an interview in the February 2002 "U.S. Gospel News."

Rimes also recorded, "The Middle Man," one of Patillo's most popular songs which eventually hit number 33 on the national charts.

Patillo prefers to sing in churches, he said.

"I like the closeness of singing in a church. I like the intimacy and I like to share that intimacy with the people," he said in the magazine interview.

His newest album, "The Way Home," features the title song, "He Knows the Way Home." Patillo describes the song as "talking in tune."

Patillo says he intends to make mark for the Lord in his music ministry.

"We need to leave something behind when we're through down here, and I hope the music will live a longtime," he said.

He and his wife Cheryl have two children, Haley and Andrew. The family travels together while Patillo fills an average of 140 dates a year. His mother-in-law Betty travels with the family to help with the product table and with the children.

The public is invited to hear Patillo sing Sunday evening, March 31, at Borger Church of God.



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joy to my husband and me. But your

description of toddlerhood is kind of

scary. It's just around the corner. Are

I think the toddler years are delightful.

It is a period of dynamic blossoming and

unfolding. New words are being learned

daily, and the cute verbal expressions of

that age will be remembered for half a

century. It is a time of excitement over

fairy stories and Santa Claus and furry

puppy dogs. And most important, it is a precious time of

frustrations is the negativism of that period of development.

It has been said that all human beings can be classified into

'two broad categories: those who would vote "yes" to the

various propositions of life, and those who would be

inclined to vote "no". I can tell you with confidence that

each toddler around the world would definitely cast a

doesn't want to eat his cereal. No, he doesn't want to play

with his dump truck. No, he doesn't want to get to bed anytime at all. It is easy to see why this period of life has

been called "the first adolescence," because of the

negatives, conflict and independence of age.

If there is one word that characterizes the period between 15 and 24 months of age, it is "No!" No, he

Admittedly, the toddler years can also be quite

never return.

negative vote!

the "terrible twos" really so terrible?



ON THE FAMILY



DR. JAMES DOBSON is a psychologist, author and president of Focus on the Family, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home.

embarrassing things, like sneezing on a nearby man at a lunch counter. During these toddler years, any unexplained silence of more than 30 seconds can throw an adult into a go past this line," he instructed her. sudden state of panic.

bedroom to find Tony Tornado covered with lipstick from Wouldn't it be interesting to hold a national convention loving and warmth that will scurry by all too quickly and sometime, bringing together all the mothers who have experienced that exact trauma?

challenging to a busy mother. Not the least of her wonderful time of life. It will last but a brief moment in 80903; or www.family.org Questions and answers are time. There are millions of older parents today with grown excepted from "Solid Answers," published by Tyndale children who would give all they possess to relive those House.

> bubbly days with their toddlers. Enjoy these years to the fullest.

How early in life is a child capable of making a willful challenge to parental authority?

Depending, on the temperament of the individual, defiant behavior can be displayed by very young children. A father once told me of taking his 3-yearold daughter to a basketball game. The child was, of course, interested in

Perhaps the most irritating aspect of the "terrible twos" everything in the gym except the athletic contest. The

" is the tendency of kids to spill things, destroy father permitted her to roam free and climb on the bleachers, My baby is only a year old and she is a things, eat horrible things, fall of things, flush things, kill but he set up definite limits regarding how she could stray. things and get into things. They also have a knack for doing He took her by the hand and walked with her to a stripe painted on the gym floor.

"You can play all around the building, Janie, but don't

Dad had no sooner returned to his seat than the toddler What mother has not had the shock of opening the scurried in the direction of the forbidden territory. She stopped at the border for a moment, then flashed a grin over the top of his head to the carpet on which he stands? One her shoulder to her father, and deliberately placed one foot the wall is his own artistic creation with a red handprint in over the line as if to say, "Whacha gonna do about it?" the center, and throughout the room is the aroma of Ghanel Virtually every parent the world over has been asked the No. 5 with which he has anointed his baby brother. same question at one time or another. That's the way some kids are made.

Dr. Dobson is president of the nonprofit organization Yes, toddlerhood is challenging, but it is also a Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, CO.

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Israel declares Arafat its 'enemy,' enters West Bank compound

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RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) - Israel declared Yasser Arafat an enemy Friday and seized this West Bank town, including parts of the Palestinian leader's headquarters, as part of a large-scale military operation launched in response to Palestinian terror attacks. Five Palestinians and an Israeli soldier were killed in the fighting.

The unprecedented raid came as Israel's Cabinet approved an extended, large-scale military operation and agreed to call up thousands of reserve troops. Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Israel had sought a cease-fire in good faith, "but all Israel got in return was terrorism, terrorism and more terrorism."

Later Friday, a woman suicide bomber blew herself up at the entrance of a Jerusalem supermarket, killing herself and wounding at least 19 shoppers. Initial reports said an Israeli was also killed in the attack, claimed by a militia linked to Arafat's Fatah movement.

Police also stormed the Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the city, using stun grenades to disperse stone-throwing Muslim worshippers.

In Arafat's sprawling Ramallah compound, Israeli soldiers exchanged fire with the Palestinian leader's guards, killing one and wounding 25. Israeli snipers took over two buildings and set up positions on rooftops, giving them a clear view of Arafat's third-floor

office, while tank shells punched holes into the walls of the compound.

A defiant Arafat, who moved into a windowless room on the ground floor, said he did not fear death and would not be cowed. "They want me under arrest or in exile or dead, but I am telling them. I prefer to be martyred," Arafat said in a telephone interview with Al Jazeera, the Arab satellite television channel. "May God make us martyrs."

Israel said it would not harm Arafat, but the heavy shooting made the situation very volatile. The raid was the closest Israeli forces have come to the Palestinian leader in 18 months of fighting. Israel has confined Arafat to the headquarters for four months, barring him from traveling

The violence appeared to doom the latest U.S. truce mission, though U.S. envoy Anthony Zinni was to remain in the region for the time being. The fighting came as an Arab summit in Beirut, Lebanon, on Thursday approved a plan that calls on Arab nations to develop normal relations with Israel in exchange for its withdrawal from territory captured in the 1967 Mideast war.

The plan marked the first time in more than a half-century of Mideast conflict that Arab states have made such an offer. Israel said it would study the plan, but its top priority was responding to Palestinian attacks.

The latest escalation began with a suicide bombing by the Islamic militant group Hamas on Wednesday in a hotel in the Israeli resort of

Netanya. The bomber blew himself up in the hotel's banquet hall, among 250 Israelis gathered for the Passover Seder, the ritual meal ushering in the Jewish holiday. Twenty-two diners were killed - one died of wounds Friday and more than 130 were hurt, putting the attack on par with a suicide bombing outside a Tel Aviv disco last June that also killed 22 Israelis.

The bombing was widely seen as a turning point in 18 months of fighting. It was followed by more attacks — an infiltration into a Jewish settlement in the West Bank on Thursday that killed four Israelis, another settlement attack in the Gaza Strip on Friday that killed two Israelis and the supermarket suicide bombing Friday.

In response, Israel's Cabinet met for an allnight session. Sharon announced Friday that Israel now considered Arafat an enemy and would completely isolate him. The Cabinet also approved a large-scale military operation in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and the call for thousands of reserve soldiers, the largest mobilization in a decade.

Sharon did not explain what branding Arafat an enemy would mean in practical terms, but left open the possibility that the Palestinian leader could be expelled from the Palestinian territories at a later time, as several Israeli Cabinet ministers have demanded,

Israeli Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer said that no Palestinian engaged in terror activity against Israel was immune from Israeli reprisals. Asked whether that also applied to Arafat, the defense minister said the Palestinian leader would not be harmed physically.

Ben-Eliezer said there was no intention to capture territory; rather, "to fight against the terrorist infrastructure."

Arafat has accused Israel of scuttling peace efforts. "This brutal aggression is a response to the Arab summit in Beirut," Arafat told Abu Dhabi television. "This is the Israeli response to any peace attempt. Because they don't want peace, they don't want peace."

Early Friday, as the Cabinet was still meeting, tanks rolled into Ramallah, and soldiers exchanged fire with Palestinian gunmen. Four Palestinians and an Israeli soldier were killed in the fighting.

Tanks also surrounded Arafat's compound, and fired shells into the walls. Troops seized two buildings in the complex. "The Israeli forces are surrounding my office with tanks," Arafat said. "They are shelling the headquarters and we have some people who are injured, and can't move them to the hospitals.'

Arafat moved from his third-floor office into a windowless room on the ground floor, said adviser Ahmed Abdel Rahman. Arafat followed events on television and spoke by phone to several foreign leaders, demanding immediate. international intervention.

Earlier this month, the Israeli military had carried out an extensive operation in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, sending 20,000 soldiers into towns, villages and refugee camps in a hunt for Palestinian militants. That operation was the biggest since Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon.

Trial date set in kidnapping-slaying case of Wall Street Journal reporter

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) - A court in Pakistan on Friday set a trial date for four men accused in the kidnapslaving of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl - a case widely seen as a test of Pakistan's commitment to combat religious extremism.

Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh, the alleged mastermind of the Jan. 23 kidnapping, and three accomplices will face trial April 5 before an anti-terrorism court on charges of murder, kidnapping and terrorism, chief prosecutor Raja Quereshi said. The trial will be held at a jail for security reasons.

Saeed appealed that his case be heard before a religious court based on Islamic law, but the Judge Shabir Ahmad refused. Islamic courts in Pakistan do not deal with murder cases, focusing instead on adultery or civil disputes.

Family and friends of the

Pampa man graduates from trooper academy

AUSTIN - Dale A. Tanem of Pampa recently completed Texas Department of Public



the judges chambers, and some shouted Quranic verses that the men should read for encouragement. Saeed attempted to scream a message to the crowd after leaving the courthouse, but police pushed him into an armored personnel carrier and whisked

him back to jail. Security for the brief hearing had been extremely tight, with police ringing the colonial-era courthouse amid concerns that Saeed's accomplices might launch an attack to try to free him.

A second defendant, Sheikh Mohammed Adeel, also appeared at the courthouse in this southern port city. on Friday. Two others in custody did not attend the hearbeen accused in the case

defendants gathered outside the death penalty.

U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft said Saeed "methodically set a death trap for. Daniel Pearl, lured him into it with lies and savagely ended his life."

U.S. authorities also unsealed an indictment that had charged Saeed last year in a 1994 kidnapping of an

American in India. Pearl, the Journal's South Asian bureau chief, was researching links between Pakistani extremists and Richard C. Reid, who was arrested in December on a flight from Paris to Miami with explosives in his shoes.

Pakistan has said it would prosecute Saeed first before deciding whether to hand him over to the United States. The ing. A total of 11 people have two countries have no extradition treaty A senior investigator, The case is widely seen as a barometer of President Gen. Pervez Musharraf's commitment to combat Islamic extremism in Pakistan, which had cultivated ties to militant groups, including those fighting Indian rule in the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir. Pakistan had also been the closest ally of the Afghan Taliban until the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the United States. After that, Musharraf abandoned the Taliban and their al-Qaida allies and threw his support behind the U.S.led war against terrorism. Under pressure from the United States and India,

Musharraf in January banned five Islamic extremist groups, two of them accused by India of the Dec. 13 attack on the Indian parliament in New Delhi.

Saeed is believed to have links to one of those groups Jaish-e-Mohammed, or Army of Mohammed.

Last month, Saeed admitted during a court hearing that he was involved in the Pearl kidnapping but later with-

drew the statement, which was not made under oath.

Much of the government's case rests on the testimony of two key witnesses, including co-defendant Fahad Naseem. Police arrested Naseem after tracing e-mails sent to Pakistani and U.S. news organizations to his laptop. Naseem told police he sent the e-mails, which included pictures of Pearl in captivity, on Saeed's orders.



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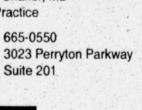
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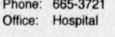


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(6) EAST TEXAS	83	5	53
(7B) WEST CENTRAL TX	64	18	8
(7C) SAN ANGELO AREA	122	29	48
(8) MIDLAND	142	61	3 . *
(8A) LUBBOCK AREA	77	35	2
(9) NORTH TEXAS	100	25	29
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TABLE 2 – JANUARY TEXAS TOP TEN OIL AND GAS PRODUCING COUNTIES RANKED BY PRELIMINARY PRODUCTION

COUNTY	CRUDE OIL (BBLS)	COUNTY	TOTAL GAS (MCF)
1. GAINES	2,750,129	1. ZAPATA	23,741,854
2. ANDREWS	2,215,390	2. WEBB	23,299,459
3. YOAKUM	2,089,531	3. HILDAGO	22,541,643
4. HOCKLEY	1,906,724	4. PANOLA	20,660,595
S. ECTOR	1,820,848	S. PECOS	17,717,123
6. MIDLAND	935,668	6. FREESTONE	15,272,859
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8. PECOS	832,533	8. BROOKS	10,192,733
9. UPTON	722,089	9. WISE	10,022,765
10. SCURRY	667,088	10. CROCKETT	9,296,179
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Texas Railroad Commission posts monthly oil/gas statistics

AUSTIN — The Texas Railroad Commission issued a total of 1,081 original drilling permits in February 2002 compared to 1,082 in February 2001.

The February total included 841 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 37 to re-enter existing well bores, and 202 for re-completions. Permits issued in February 2002 included 283 oil, 316 gas, 442 oil and gas, 29 injection, and 10 other permits.

Texas preliminary January 2002 crude oil production averaged 990,057 barrels daily, down from the 1,029,367 barrels daily average of January 2001.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for January 2002 is 30,691,768 barrels, a decrease from 31,910,379 barrels reported during January 2001. n February 2002, operators reported 243 oil, 471 gas, 12 injection, and five other completion, compared to 207 oil, 363 gas, 6 injection and one other completions during February 2001.

Pentagon inspector general looking into U.S. Army secretary's travel

BY SUSANNE M. SCHAFER ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Army Secretary Thomas White's use of an executive military jet on a trip to Colorado in early March will be investigated by the Pentagon's inspector general, defense officials said.

White completed a house sale in Aspen during his trip, raising questions as to whether he used the plane for personal business.

The inspector general, Joseph E. Schmitz, has informed Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld's office that he is looking into the travel portion of White's affairs, one official said.

A second Pentagon official who confirmed the inspector general's investigation said it

doesn't mean the Army secretary did anything wrong. Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity. White said he was traveling as part of the Bush administra-

tion's "continuity of government" plan, which requires some senior leaders to be outside Washington to ensure the

government's survival should Arm a major terror attack occur. In During the trip, White went mer

to Dallas and Seattle on official Army business. He said Colorado was a convenient weekend stopover in between. "I had to be in Seattle on Monday for a meeting with Microsoft. I had official duties in Dallas on Friday. And if you draw a straight line between Dallas and Seattle, it probably crosses over Colorado, so that's the way I did it," White said.

White was made aware of the inspector general's intentions to conduct the investigation several days ago, an Army spokeswoman said.

"He will be cooperating with the investigative commit-" tee and he welcomes the investigation," said Col. Stephanie Hoehne.

The plane White and his wife used for the trip was a Gulfstream jet, an Army version of those used by corporate executives, that costs between \$1,200 an hour and \$6,000 an hour to fly.

White also has been the subject of attention in connection with his sale of Enron Corp. stock after taking over as the

Army's top civilian last year.

In his first extensive comments on the matter, White said Wednesday he would resign if the investigation into the Enron bankruptcy distracts him too much from his military duties.

A top Enron executive until he took over as Army secretary in May, White denied any wrongdoing in his dealings with the company. He said he was as surprised as the rest of the country by the Houstonbased energy trading company's collapse in December, and the subsequent allegations of massive fraud.

White said he has sold all of his interests in Enron, as required by his Army post.

He said he remains part of an annuity fund for Enron retirees. However, that fund has not paid any money since Enron's collapse, and he has joined other retirees in filing a claim in the company's bankruptcy.

He said he was turning over "a bunch" of military and personal documents relating to Enron to the Defense Department, which would supply them to the Justice Department investigation.

Diluting existing doses may increase vaccines

WASHINGTON (AP) — Doctors can safely dilute the nation's 15.4 million doses of smallpox vaccine to make up to 10 times more inoculations, according to new research that comes as the government attempts to buy still millions more doses discovered in a drug company's freezers.

That means there could be a bigger inventory of vaccine in case of a bioterrorist attack than previously realized. And that's before some 200 million brandnew doses ordered from a British manufacturer roll off the production line later this year.

"We hope our smallpox vaccine stockpile will serve as a deterrent to those who may consider using smallpox as a weapon," said Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson. "We will have the necessary medicine to save and protect every American should there be an outbreak."

some severe, even fatal, side effects. Scientists believe if everyone were vaccinated, anywhere from 180 to 400 people would die.

"If we could vaccinate people with virtually no incidence of any serious toxicity ... we tomorrow could eliminate the threat of a smallpox bioterrorist attack. Unfortunately that is not the case," Fauci said.

But he welcomed public debate on the issue, particularly about whether emergency workers who might be first exposed in a smallpox attack should be vaccinated.

The nation quit routine released Thursday by The New smallpox vaccination in 1972, and the disease was declared The studies of more than 700

could fall into terrorists' hands and be used as a weapon, although Thompson stressed Thursday the risk is low.

Still, the government is buying up vaccine as a precaution. If an attack occurred, doctors would quickly vaccinate people in the vicinity, because inoculations up ⁴to four days after exposure still offer protection.

Already stockpiled are 15.4 million doses left over from the 1970s. That vaccine could be diluted, turning each dose into five to 10 additional doses, and still protect, say two studies released Thursday by The New England Journal of Medicine. The studies of more than 200 SO Mis Play with Lop Dist Tea 0 Ster Coa T join dist Lad Mc' Gol - V S War and Par men Т ishe stan into TR and Dee at th last H jum (20and Coll 57.3 Rey 24.9 behi plac T

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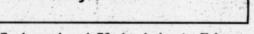
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In February 2002, operators reported 243 oil, 471 gas, 12 injection, and five other completion, compared to 207 oil, 363 gas, 6 injection and one other completions during February 2001. Total well completions for 2002 year to date are 2,886 up from 1,382 recorded during the same period in 2001. Operators reported 398 holes plugged and 115 dry holes in February 2002 compared to



417 plugged and 73 dry holes in February 2001.

Texas oil and gas wells produced 443,321,898 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for January 2002, down from the January 2001 preliminary gas production total of 450,793,160 Mcf. Texas production in January 2002 came from 141,777 oil and 60,313 gas wells.

But that doesn't mean it's nearing time for mass vaccinations, cautioned Dr. Anthony Fauci, infectious disease chief at the National Institutes of Health. The vaccine can cause

eradicated worldwide in 1980. But the U.S. and Russian governments hold stocks of the deadly virus, and bioterrorism experts worry that samples

previously unvaccinated young adults found about 97 percent responded to diluted or undiluted inoculations, although some required two doses.

California governor orders HMOs to cover cost of morning after pills

CARMICHAEL, Calif. (AP) — Saying "a woman's right to choose must never be held up by red tape," Gov. Gray Davis ordered HMOs to pay for women's "morning-after" contraceptives. The move makes California the first state in the nation to cover the pills.

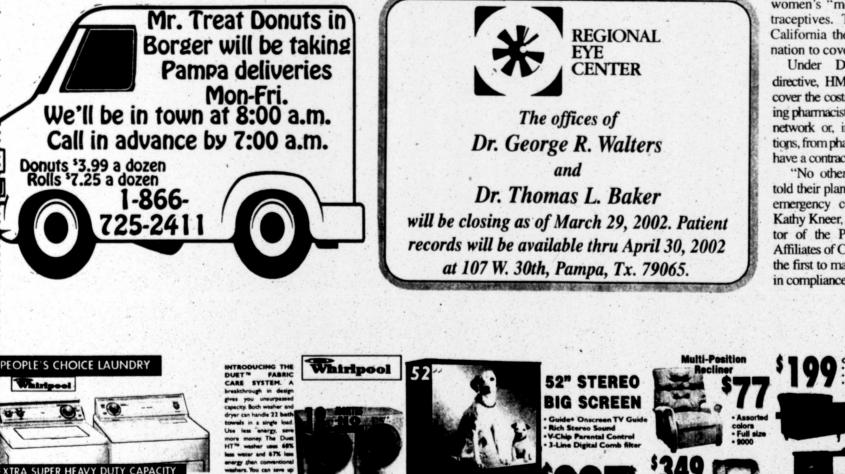
Under Davis' Wednesday directive, HMOs are required to cover the costs through participating pharmacists within the HMO's network or, in emergency situations, from pharmacists who do not have a contract with their HMO.

"No other state has actively told their plans they must include emergency contraception," said Kathy Kneer, president and director of the Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California. "They are the first to make sure everyone is in compliance with the law."

The morning-after pill can prevent ovulation or fertilization when taken within 72 hours of unprotected sex.

Nationwide, Planned Parenthood said use of the drugs by its patients rose to 310,000 prescriptions in 2000, from 48,000 two years earlier. About 100 Planned Parenthood clinics in California filled 24,495 prescriptions in 2000, up from 3,419 in 1998.

Davis, a Democrat, has been trumpeting his support for abortion rights and increased access to contraceptives in his re-election fight against gubernatorial nominee Bill Simon. Simon's spokesman wouldn't say whether the Republican candidate, an abortion opponent, supported the increased access to emergency contraceptives.

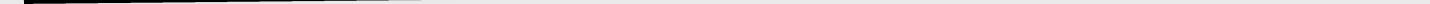




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Sports

Final 4 will be historic event for minority coaches

ATLANTA (AP) - Maybe this is a sign of progress.

Indiana's Mike Davis was asked about his role in the first Final Four game matching two minority coaches. He paused for a second, then replied, "Well, I really haven't even thought about it."

Less than a week after Halle Berry and Denzel Washington made history at the Academy Awards, college basketball will break through its own glass ceiling Saturday night.

Davis, who is black, will coaching against be Oklahoma's Kelvin Sampson, a Lumbee Indian, in the opening semifinal game. Kansas and Maryland, both coached by white men named Williams, are paired in the other semifinal.

Until this season, only four minority coaches had reached the Final Four: Georgetown's John Thompson, Arkansas' Richardson, Nolan Minnesota's Clem Haskins and Kentucky's Tubby Smith.

Davis downplayed the sig-

nificance of the moment. He wants to create more opportunities for assistants - no matter the color of their skin - to move up to the head coaching jobs.

"At one point, I would have taken the Alcorn State job if it was offered, just because I wanted to prove myself," said Davis, who spent 11 years as an assistant before succeeding Bob Knight. "What I've done proves you can do it."

Others have taken note of his accomplishment. After clinching a spot in the Final Four, Davis returned home to find 55 messages of his answering machine.

One of them was from the Rev. Jesse Jackson, who called after the Hoosiers upset defending national champion Duke in the South Regional semifinal.

Sampson is more outspoken when discussing the social relevance of two minorities matching strategy

be hope," Sampson told The Daily Oklahoman. "There's got to be hope. And I would hope that minority coaches

would look at Mike and myself and say, 'I can do that."

Sampson started his coaching career at lowly Montana Tech, but he quickly moved through the ranks. At 31, he became the youngest coach in the Pac-10 Conference, taking over at Washington State.

All along, he was inspired by black coaches such as Thompson, Richardson and George Raveling.

"They gave me hope. I thought, 'I can do this one day," said Sampson, who led Oklahoma to its first Final Four berth since 1988. "You can work hard and do things the right way, have some integrity and character about you and one day you'll be rewarded. So I do think that

it's significant." Sampson was one of the few coaches who contacted Davis two years ago to congratulate him on becoming 'The greatest word in a Indiana's first black coach.

minority's vocabulary should That gave Davis his own role. model.

> "I like him a lot. I do," Davis said of Sampson. "I always followed him because of the letter he wrote."

That letter helped comfort Davis during some trying times. The Hoosier Nation was up in arms over Knight's ouster, and his successor admits that he thought of quitting when the criticism got especially nasty.

"At the same time, I just felt like I was meant to be here and whatever happened, happened," said Davis, who led Indiana to its first Final Four since 1992. "Everything has worked out."

Minorities occupy 26 percent of the head coaching jobs in NCAA Division I basketball — not enough to satisfy many people, but better than most team sports.

Last weekend, that progress was apparent as five teams with minority coaches reached the round of 16. Four of those — Sampson, Davis, Kent State's Stan Heath and Oregon's Ernie Kent — made it to the regional final.

Indiana knocked out Heath's team, while Kansas beat Oregon to prevent minorities from taking three spots in the Final Four.

Heath was rewarded for Kent's run in the NCAA tournament Thursday when Arkansas picked him to " replace Richardson. He made a point to acknowledge his predecessor.

"I'd like to thank coach ! Richardson," Heath said. "He's opened up barriers. He's a leader."

Sampson is doing his part to ensure that more coaches of color are given a chance to lead their own programs.

Two of his assistants -Ray Lopes and Bennie Seltzer - are black, as is director of basketball operations Terry Evans.

"It's amazing how many people want a black assistant coach on their staff because they think it will help them recruit," Sampson said. "My goal is for all three of these young men to become head coaches one day."

Now that would be a sign of progress.

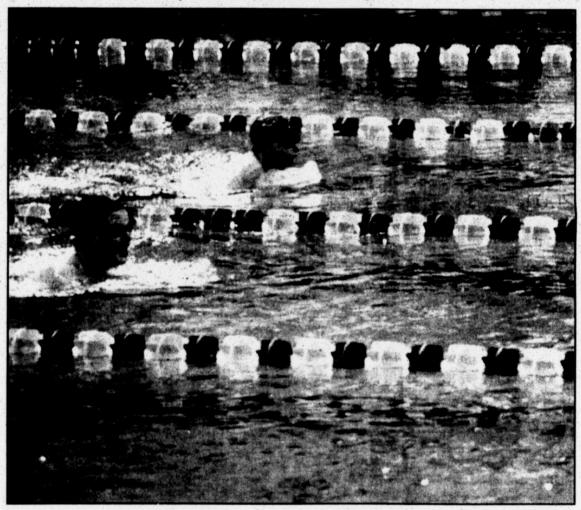
PAC swimmers set personal best times at Midland meet

MIDLAND — Pampa Aquatic Club recently competed in the City of Midland Aquatics ABC Invitational.

"There were 12 swim-

Pampa and what a representation they did. The swimmers put out an amazing effort in all of their races.

this was their first and second meet to compete 'in. They did a tremendous job and swam very well as did



mers there to represent For some of the swimmers all of the swimmers at the stroke, 54.16; 1. 50 buttermeet," coach Amy Howard said.

> PAC swimmers had several personal best times.

"There were also new PAC records set by a few swimmers," coach Howard noted.

If anyone is interested in becoming a part of the Pampa Aquatic Club, call coach Howard at 669-4800. PAMPA RESULTS

Girls

11-12 Division Telissa Sealy: 10. 50 yard stroke, 45.22. freestyle, 39.23; 9. 50 yard 13 & Over Division backstroke, 7. 50-yard. Thomas Wilson: 7. 100 breaststroke, 49.76. 13 & Over Division Samantha Pereira: 4. 100 freestyle, 1:09.81; 6. 100 backstroke, 1:24.49; 3. 200 breaststroke, 6:00.00; 6. 200 individual medley, 3:15.82. Jessica Palmateer: 4. 200 freestyle, 2:51.39; 4. 200 backstroke, 3:19.23; 8. 100 breaststroke, 1:52.40; 9. 200 individual medley,

fly, 45.90; 1, 100 individual medley, 1:37.05. Ryan Stoffle: 6. 50 freestyle, 51.70; 3. 50 backstroke, 56.09.

10 & Under Division Kelly Stoffle: 2. 50 freestyle, 36.68; 5. 50 backstroke, 51.12; 3. 50 breast-' stroke, 51.20; 4. 50 butterfly, 56.76; 5. 100 individual medley, 1:49.96. 11-12 Division

Gavin Eggleston: 5. 50 freestyle, 34.91; 4. 50 back-

Teammate Katlin Passini joined Northcutt on the alldistrict first team. Three Lady Harvesters - Leslie

Coach of the Year honors.

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McWilliams, Stefani Goldsmith and Kori Dunn - were second-team picks. Sarah Porter, Mary Alice

Warner, Sabrina Johnson and Allison Earl, all of Pampa, made the honorable mention list.

The Lady Harvesters finished third in the district standings and advanced into the playoffs.

TRACK

CLAUDE - Nick Ball and Dustin Harper of White Deer each won two events at the North Plains Relays last weekend.

Harper won the triple jump (40-7) and long jump (20-2). Ball won the discus and 100-meter dash.

White Deer's Trey Collins won the 400 in 57.31 and teammate Issac Reyes captured the 200, 24.91. Ball finished right behind Reyes in second place at 24.98.

The Bucks' 400-meter

from opposite ends of the court on college basketball's biggest stage.

relay team came in first with a 45.80 time.

Joe Salas of Wheeler won the shot put with a 42.8 toss.

In the girls' division, Cassi Brown of Wheeler won both the 400 (64.53) and 800 (2:40.70).

White Deer's 800-meter relay was clocked at 1:55.42 to take first place.

GOLF

THE WOODLANDS, Texas (AP) - Jim Carter had a plan. Don't do anything stupid.

Carter kept to that idea from the start, and his 7under-par 65 was good enough for a one-shot lead Thursday over Mexico's Esteban Toledo after the first round of the \$4 million Shell Houston Open.

"I've had good first rounds before, and this was nice," Carter said. "It was just a good, solid round. I didn't seem to do anything real spectacular. It's always nice to get a good solid round under your belt.

"Hopefully, I can build on this and keep this momentum going for three days."

Carter, with his best round of the year, played steady golf throughout with no bogeys and seven birdies.

"I'm really playing great golf and I'm just waiting to bust out," Carter said. "Everything seems to be in order. Seems like every round, I've had a couple of, 'Man, I shouldn't have done that.' I didn't do that today, and hopefully I'm done doing that for the year."

Toledo rolled in a 40foot birdie putt halfway through his round that really got him going. He started thinking about Craig Perks. who came from obscurity win The Players Championship last week for his first tour victory.

Gavin Eggleston competes for Pampa in the boys 11-12 division the Aquatics **ABC** Invitational in Midland.

Pampa rallies past Randall in seventh

RANDALL — Their run in the fifth.

hitting attack came alive in the seventh inning as Pampa's Lady Harvesters downed Randall 2-1 in District 3-4A softball action Thursday.

evened The win Pampa's district record at 3-3.

For the season, the Lady Harvesters are 8-10. Randall falls to 0-5 in district and 5-10 overall.

Pampa was trailing 1-0 when Stephanie Clark got things started with a leadoff single in the top of the seventh.

Next up, Morgan White sacrificed pinch runner Brittany Adams to second, and Ashley Derington reached first when she was hit by a pitch. April Amador followed with a single up the middle that scored Adams with the tying run. Lindsey Narron's groundball to the shortstop brought home Derington with the winning run.

Randall scored its lone

"The game developed into a pitching duel. It just went back and forth," said Pampa coach Rod Porter.

The Lady Harvesters finished with four hits. They were charged with one error.

"We were hitting the ball, but we just weren't hitting it hard," coach Porter said. "I think a lot of it was the fact that we've played three days in a row."

Clark, the winning pitcher, gave up four hits while striking out six and walking one. She hit one batter.

'She's just been amazing. In the last 48 hours, Stephanie's thrown over 300 pitches. We're playing with a lot of heart right now. I'm really proud of these girls," Porter said. "They've been giving a tremendous effort."

Pampa hosts district leader Borger at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday at Optimist Park.

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Tyler Wishon: 7. 100 freestyle, 1:10.87; 7. 100 breaststroke, 1:42.23; 6. 200 individual medley; 3:24.71.

Derek Wishon: 11. 100 freestyle, 1:14.87; 2. 200 breaststroke, 3:39.15; 5. 200 individual medley, 3:24.24.

D.J. Elliott: 10. 100 freestyle, 1:13.77. 200 freestyle relay: 2. D.J. Elliott, Derek Wishon, Tyler Wishon and Thomas Wilson.

No runs, no hits, 2 shoves

said.

By The Associated Press

Mike Piazza got no hits against Los Angeles in his final Grapefruit League game. Instead, he got in plenty of shoves against Guillermo Mota.

The Mets' star and Mota tangled and the benches emptied Thursday in New York's 5-1 win over the Dodgers' split squad.

Mota, acquired from Montreal last week, hit Piazza in the backside with a 3-0 pitch in the seventh inning in Vero Beach, Fla.

Piazza gave the reliever an angry look and was replaced by a pinch runner. Piazza remained on the Mets' bench rather than head to the clubhouse.

When Mota passed the Mets' bench on his way to the clubhouse in the middle of the eighth, Piazza confronted him, grabbed him by the shirt and the shoving started. "Right now, I can't say anything," Piazza said after being hit by a pitch for the fourth time this spring. "Give me a day or two and I'll talk about it."

The episode continued a turbulent start to Mota's career with the Dodgers. A day earlier, he faced the Expos and gave up six runs without retiring a batter.

"I don't want to talk about it," Mota said. "These last couple of days here have been unbelievable."

Dodgers pitching coach Jim Colborn said Mota told him he was trying to apologize to Piazza when the altercation began. "It's absolutely impossible to interpret that as something intentional," Colborn

Mets general manager Steve Phillips supported Piazza, and he didn't expect anyone to get suspended.

"It was just a little chat," Phillips said. "It wasn't overly aggressive."

Piazza finished 0-for-3. The Mets play a pair of exhibitions in Texas against the Rangers before opening the season Monday at home against Pittsburgh.

The other team of Dodgers got hit a three-run homer from Brian Jordan in a 7-5 victory over an Arizona Diamondbacks split-squad in Las Vegas.

Hideo Nomo (3-1) pitched six scoreless innings, allowing four hits, striking out five and walking four. Miguel Batista (1-2) went three innings for Arizona, allowing five earned runs on six hits.

In other spring training games: Rangers 17, Red Sox 2

At Fort Myers, Fla., Carl Everett, booed during his first appearance at his old spring training park, homered in the first inning to send Texas over Boston.

Everett, seen by many as a disruptive player during his time in Boston, also had an RBI double.

Texas starting pitcher Kenny Rogers was scratched because of tightness in his left hamstring.

Indians 8, Braves 4

At Winter Haven, Fla., Ellis Burks hit two home runs and went 5-for-5 to lead Cleveland over Atlanta.

Burks had five RBIs. Andruw Jones hit a three-run homer for the Braves.

Raptors win again, pull within two of Pacers

By The Associated Press

All those folks who wrote off the Toronto Raptors a week ago might want to consider a rewrite. Vince Carter's team isn't dead yet, even though Carter is finished for the season.

The resurgent Raptors won their fourth straight game and pulled within two of Indiana for eighth place in the East, defeating the Atlanta Hawks 85-83 Thursday night.

"We're showing we have what it 'takes," said Antonio Davis, who blocked a shot by Toni Kukoc with 1.3 seconds left to preserve the win. The Raptors play the Pacers twice in the season's final 10 games. Toronto won both its games against Indiana earlier this season.

Elsewhere Friday, Minnesota outlasted Dallas 113-111, Sacramento crushed Houston 101-74, Milwaukee beat Denver 95-88, Utah topped Cleveland 112-91 and Philadelphia defeated Chicago 99-79.

Jerome Williams' putback with 6.1 seconds left gave the Raptors the lead for good.

Davis and Morris Peterson scored 15 points apiece, and Alvin Williams added 14 as the Raptors won their fourth straight since learning that Carter will undergo knee surgery and miss the rest of the season.

The Raptors improved to 3-0 against the Hawks, whom they beat for the fifth straight time. The three wins this season have been by a combined six points.

"They're playing together now, and that's a huge difference,' Toronto coach Lenny Wilkens said. We're on the same page, and we know what we want to do defensive-

Shareef Abdur-Rahim scored 23 points and Jason Terry added 16 for Atlanta, which fell to 29-42 and is assured of a third straight losing season.

Timberwolves 113, Mavericks 111

At Minneapolis, Kevin Garnett took 12 stitches to the back of his head and had 20 points - including seven of his team's final nine - and 18 rebounds.

Wally Szczerbiak scored 26 points and Chauncey Billups had 23 points and a career-high 17 assists for the Timberwolves, who held a playersonly meeting the day before to address their monthlong slump.

Minnesota, which lost 10 of its first 13 in March, dropped seven of its previous eight at home.

Steve Nash nearly tied it at the buzzer, but his off-balance shot with one foot on the 3-point line went off the back of the rim.

Garnett was hurt with five minutes left in the third quarter when he lunged at the Mavericks' Wang Zhizhi, who gave him a ball fake and sent Garnett falling to the floor as he tried avoid a collision.

While Garnett was getting stitches, Dallas crept back from a 19-point

deficit.

"I knew it wasn't major," Garnett said. "I still had my wits about me. It wasn't like I couldn't remember my name or anything."

Bucks 95, Nuggets 88

At Milwaukee, Sam Cassell scored 29 points despite a painful toe injury, and Glenn Robinson had 19 points and 15 rebounds.

Cassell's biggest basket was a 3pointer with 1:09 left for an 89-83 lead as the Bucks won for just the fifth time in 14 games.

Voshon Lenard scored 25 points for the Nuggets, who trailed 53-44 at halftime.

Kings 101, Rockets 74

Chris Webber scored 19 points and Doug Christie added 17 as Sacramento won at Houston and defeated the Rockets for the eighth straight time.

The Rockets, mathematically eliminated from the playoffs Tuesday, were led by 20 points from Kenny Thomas, and Cuttino Mobley

added 19. Houston shot just 29.9 percent, the worst in franchise history.

Sacramento scored the first 11 points of the fourth quarter to stretch its lead to 89-61. The lead crested at 32 with 3:25 to play.

Jazz 112, Cavaliers 91

Andrei Kirilenko and Scott Padgett each scored 17 points filling in for the ailing Donyell Marshall.

Utah has won 12 straight at home against the Cavaliers, who lost all three games on their Western Conference road-swing.

The Jazz solidified their hold on the eighth playoff spot in the Western Conference, moving four games ahead of the Los Angeles Clippers. Utah trails Seattle by one game for the seventh spot.76ers 99, Bulls 79

Eric Snow scored 24 points and Speedy Claxton 17 in Philadelphia's win at Chicago.

The Sixers went on a 37-11 second-quarter run, an 11-0 spurt made it 49-26, and Philadelphia went up by 29 points early in the third.

Houston team claims National Women's Basketball League title

UNCASVILLE, Conn. (AP) — The Houston Stealth got 26 points from Tamicha Jackson to win the National Women's Basketball League championship Thursday with a 68-59 victory over the Chicago Blaze.

Jackson was named the Most Valuable Player of the NWBL Pro Cup playoffs, averaging 25 points over the three-game tournament at the Mohegan Sun Arena. The Stealth finished just 9-11 after the regular season, but won all three tournament games.

"We peaked at the right time," said coach John Chancellor."We turned it up a notch defensively."

The team also had to find as way without former Olympian Sheryl Swoopes, who left in mid season to join the U.S. National Team.

play without her. We knew we could win without her," Jackson said. "This is the team here." Jackson, who plays for the Portland Fire in the WNBA, hit a key 3-pointer with 2:59 left to give Houston a 5-point

lead at 60-55. Kina Brown sank two free throws for Chicago on the next possession to pull Chicago to within three. But it was Jackson again who answered for Houston with a jumper with 54.8 seconds remaining.

The Stealth iced the game hitting 6 of 6 from the line down the stretch.

'We started out kind of slow," Jackson said. "We lost a lot of games in the beginning, but we kind of got in groove, got good chemistry. It worked out for us.'

Jackson had 10 first-half points to help Houston rally from an early eight-point deficit. Her 3-pointer with 5:29 left pulled the Stealth to win a bucket at 24-22.

Jackie Washington pulled Houston even at 31-all with a 3-pointer with 44.8 seconds "She's a great player, but left. After a Chicago turnover we knew we were going to on the next possession, Jackson dished off to Trisha first-round draft picks. Kelly Stafford Odom for a transition plays for the Charlotte Sting layup and the Stealth took a-33-31 lead at the break. Odom finished with 15 points for the Stealth and Tynesha Lewis added 10. Camille Cooper had 12

points for Chicago, the regular season champs. Felicity Willis and E.C. Hill, a former New England Blizzard guard, finished with 11 points apiece for Chicago.

In the consolation game played earlier Thursday, the Birmingham Power routed the Atlanta Justice 82-55. Karyn Karlin led the Power with 20 points. Former Georgia All-Americans Kelly and Coco Miller chipped in with 15 and 16 points, respectively.

We thought a little about playing overseas, but it's good to stay here and play," Kelly said. "I think this league is good competition to get ready for the WNBA season."

The Miller twins, who both scored more than 2,000 points at Georgia, were reunited in the NWBL this season. Last year's WNBA draft split the duo for the first time in their basketball careers. Both were



and Coco suits up for Washington.

"Hopefully someday in the WNBA we're hoping to eventually be on the same team," Coco said.

The Orange Team (above) was one of seven teams playing in the Optimist Volleyball League this season. Team members are (front, from left) Erika Schepp, Rikki Beesley, Idali Solis, Chelsie Douglas and Calee Henley; (back, from left) assistant coach Donna Smith, Krystal Voyles, Texi Schaeffer, Haili Kotara, Kathryn Cree-Stevens and coach Laura Green. The league is for girls in the 5th and sixth grades.

Horoscope

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2002 BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

 $\star \star \star \star$ Don't get upset with someone. especially since you feel that this person could be a bit wasteful or not thoughtful. Resist losing your temper, remembering charge some of this happiness into your the nature of the day. Accept a loved one's suggestion and go along with the program! Tonight: Early to bed.

This Week: Forge ahead in a new direction, and before you know it, others will follow. It appears you have become a role model!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

* * * * Use caution with your temper. You might want to think before you express your rage. Another doesn't have with another who could upset your plans. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) to agree with you, so don't look for a consensus right now. Let go of problems This Week: Keep your opinions to your- own thing and head in a direction that and enjoy those around you. Tonight: self. Play an offer low-key, though your feels comfortable for you. If you have a

Enjoy the one you're with. This Week: Someone wants to "talk turkey" on Monday. What do you have to

see later in the week.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

could toss you into chaos. Understand could be at the center of this controversy, days than Wednesday and Thursday. your limits within a particular situation. Tonight: Make dinner easy.

Get into the moment, realizing that soon you will need to have a talk! Tonight: Take your leave as soon as possible. This Week: Others run with the ball. You might want to peek over your spectacles to see what is going on. Don't worry, you'll hear soon enough!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** Play along with another's request. You might know a secret that could run interference with this person's wish. Express your fun side with a child or loved one. Others surround you. Join This Week: Spending might go off the Play rabbit.

This Week: Plunge into work, despite SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) distraction. By Wednesday, your popu- **** If you're not careful, careless-

others reveal their true colors. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

 $\star \star \star \star$ Deal with family head-on. You might not be able to make the change you want, as someone "in power" might oppose you. Deal with different issues, but be prepared for someone to act as stubborn as a bull! Don't lose sight of This Week: Your personality draws what priorities in the middle of a tizzy. Tonight: Happy to be at home. This Week: You are ever-playful. Try to Buy doughnuts. workday. Wednesday, you settle in for some hard together. You might enjoy making a meal work

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

another. How you feel in the company of tude. ed move. Curb your temper when dealing rounds you from Wednesday on. Tonight: Dinner with the family.

imagination could go hog wild! LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

or her up. You cannot sit on an impend- Tonight: Visit a loved one. ing confrontation, though you might buy This Week: Quickly zero in on what you

lated on Wednesday and Thursday. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Though you might be sparkling Easter Bunny in the wrong place. and full of fun, another seems destined to Tonight: Take a drive in the country.

frame a needed discussion in a key slot. Wednesday on. Don't have turmoil all day long. Tonight:

larity speak's for itself. Play it cool. Let ness could get you into trouble. Stay

even when dealing with another who sometimes gets your ire. Getting angry here might not be helpful. Cut off a difficult conversation, for now. Let this person know that you will make time for this talk soon. Tonight: Vanish as fast as you can

you want. Your magic falls apart on Wednesday. Oh, dear. Think practical. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Make the most of this family On day by bringing friends and family or inviting others over for an Easter-egg hunt. In any case, do what works for you *** Don't stand on ceremony; Allow more sunshine into your life. instead, make calls and reach out for Tonight: Assume a devil-may-care atti-

someone else could change considerably. This Week: Listen and observe until you as this person could make an unanticipat- feel free to step out. Good news sur-

*** You might decide to do your much-needed discussion, what might be a problem right now could change. *** You might be tempted to spend Choose a calm atmosphere. Be ready to. lose? Discussions open doors, as you will money on someone in order to hush him say that you might be a little wrong!

** * Nurture those in your day-to-day yourself a little time. Be reasonable with want, or else you could be caught with environment. News from a distance vour requests. A child or key relationship egg on your face. You've seen better PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

This Week: Speak your mind - careful- *** Though you understand another ly. Not everyone sees matters as you do, clearly, something within says informaas you will find out. You might feel iso- tion could be incorrect. With a-smile and a touch of diplomacy, check out plans

and facts. You don't want to look for the

put on his or her war paint and let you This Week: You're in the thick of things. know how very upset he or she is. Organize and take the lead on Monday, Acknowledge this person and, if you can, Enjoy resting on your laurels from

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High game: Diane Sims 204; High series: Diane Sims 514; High handicap game: Diane Sims 248; High handicap series: Jennifer Fischer 676.

High scratch game: Andy

Top-ranked Stanford slips past No. 11 Longhorns, 7-6

PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP) -Chris O'Riordan delivered a game-tying grand slam in the ninth inning to ignite a Stanford comeback as the top-ranked Cardinals came from behind to edge No. 11 Texas 7-6 on Thursday night.

The Cardinals, who rallied for five runs in the bottom of the ninth inning for the tie, then plated another two-out run in the 10th to snap the Longhorns' eight-game winning streak.

Darin Naatjes picked up the win for Stanford (18-5) in relief while Longhorns reliever Alan Bomer shouldered the loss.

The Longhorns (24-7) led 1-0 in the top of the second as Dustin Majewski reached second on a two-base error, coming home on a Jeff Ontiveros sacrifice fly to center field. The lead increased to 2-0 in the fifth on a one-out double from Ontiveros, a wild pitch and a RBI-base hit from Michael Hollimon.

But the Cardinals ended UT's scoreless innings streak at 41 consecutive frames in the bottom of the fifth as O'Riordan drove in Andy Topham, who reached on a two-base error, with a groundout to third. Texas again led 3-1 as Brandon Fahey batted his first career home run with one out in the top of the sixth.

The Longhorns took advantage of two Cardinal errors in the eighth to plate three runs, with Fahey's RBI-double and Ryan Hubele's RBI-groundout to give Texas a 6-1 lead.

The Cardinals' rally included a run on three straight singles and O'Riordan's grand slam homer for the 6-6 tie. Hubele's deep drive was snagged with a running catch at the center field wall by Sam Fuld. The Cardinals' leadoff hitter reached on an error, moved to second on a sacrifice and then come home with the winning run.

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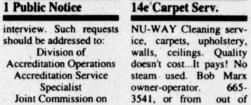
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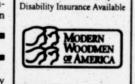
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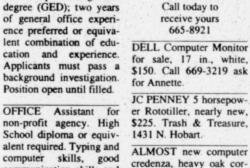
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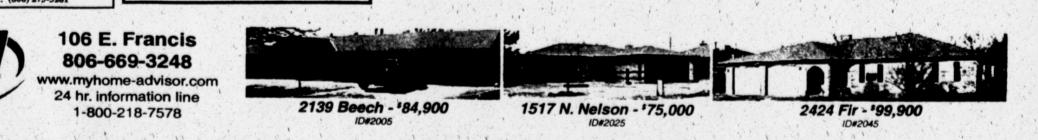
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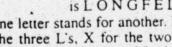
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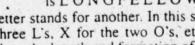
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Hollywood great Billy Wilder dies at age 95

LOS ANGELES (AP) -Ever the contrarian, Oscarwinning filmmaker Billy Wilder made a career of romanticizing cynicism.

Whether creating comedies, dramas, thrillers or mysteries, the Austrian-born writer-director, who died Wednesday night at 95, examined the ways that otherwise. good people sacrifice their humanity for fame, money or

The result was some of the finest movies ever made, "Sunset including Boulevard,", "Some Like It Hot" and "The Apartment."

"His characters ran the spectrum as far as their moral standards were concerned, but they were all human beings and therefore relatable," said director Ron Howard. "And that made the movies very, very entertaining."

Wilder's obsession with the dark side of human nature perhaps reflected his experiences as a Jew fleeing Europe during. Hitler's rise to power. He escaped to Paris in 1933, but his mother, grandmother and stepfather died at Auschwitz.

His career flourished in the United States, and as cowriter, director and producer. of the 1960 film "The Apartment," Wilder collected three Oscars, the only person to do so for one film until Frances Ford Coppola won. three for 1974's "The Godfather Part II." James L. Brooks later did it for "Terms. of Endearment" and James Cameron for "Titanic."

Wilder had also won an Oscar in 1951 for co-writing "Sunset Boulevard" and collected two others in 1946 for co-writing and directing "The Lost Weekend." Other hits "Double included Indemnity," "Stalag 17," "The Seven Year Itch" and "Witness for the Prosecution."

dies, "The Seven Year Itch" and "Some Like It Hot," he said he would never again work with the chronically tardy star.

. "I have discussed this with my doctor and my psychiatrist and my accountant, and they tell me I am too old and too rich to go through this again," he said.

Wilder, who began his film career in Europe, arrived in Hollywood in 1934, knowing only 100 words of English. His breakthrough came in 1938 when he teamed with Charles Brackett, a polished, erudite member of New York's literary establishment.

The pair collaborated for 12 years, producing such scripts as "Midnight," "Hold Dawn," Back the "Bluebeard's Eighth Wife" and the Greta Garbo comedy "Ninotchka." Wilder also wrote for 30 years with I.A.L. "Izzy" Diamond.

Unsure of his English - he spoke with an accent after six decades in America - Wilder always used a writing partner.

Unhappy with the way other directors treated his scripts, he began directing his own movies with "The Major and the Minor," a 1942 comedy starring Ginger Rogers and Milland.

Then came 1944's "Double Indemnity." The film noir classic cast Fred McMurray against type as an insurance agent who schemes with a rich. woman, played by Barbara Stanwyck, to kill her elderly husband.

The movie was a significant hit for Paramount Pictures and is notable for being a crime film whose protagonists were actually the villains. Notorious bad-guy actor Edward G. Robinson, also playing against type, was the investigator who unraveled the plot.

Wilder followed that with The Lost Weekend in 1945,

Production cuts pushing up gas prices

SAN DIEGO (AP) - Caps on oil production and the traditional spring rise in gasoline demand have pushed up prices at the pump 23 cents per gallon over the last month - the most dramatic change in more than a decade.

The jump also is attributed to the bargain gas prices that prevailed in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks, which hampered travel and slowed the economy. In some areas, gas was selling for less than \$1 a gallon after the attacks.

"Now that the economy has started to recover, and we're starting to head into the summer driving season, the industry is really having to come from behind a little bit," AAA spokesman Geoff Sundstrom said in Orlando, Fla.

The average price for unleaded gas on Thursday was \$1.35, according to a AAA national survey.

Crude oil prices have risen to about \$25 a gallon since December, when OPEC decided the \$20-a-barrel price they were earning then was too low, said Douglas MacIntyre, senior oil market analyst with the Energy Information Administration.

Every \$1 increase in the price of a barrel of crude oil translates into a per-gallon hike of about 2.5 cents, he said. Based on current trends, motorists should expect to see per-gallon prices rise another 5 cents to 15 cents over the next several weeks, he said

"It hits the pocket book," 36-year-old Cindy Trujillo said as she pumped gas Thursday in Denver, adding she recently switched from a pickup truck to a fuelfriendly Geo Metro. "\$20 to \$10 makes a big difference.

The four-week leap in gas prices is the sharpest seen by the Energy Information Administration, the statistical branch of the Department of Energy, since it began keeping records in 1990.

Prices still are below the average of March 2001, when it was \$1.43 due largely to the then-strong economy.

"It went down so low, we had a bonus there for awhile," said Vesper Gibbs Barnes, a Boston attorney who dropped her car off at a Mobile station. "I guess I'll keep driving everywhere. I have to deal with it.

Californians, who shoulder the added costs of reformulated gasoline mandated by pollution restrictions, are facing the highest prices in the continental United States. Bay Area motorists have seen average prices rise to \$1.68 from \$1.42 a month ago.

Lisa Alcantara of Pacifica pumped. \$1.89-per-gallon premium gas into her Lexus SUV in San Francisco.

in my car and go and not think about it. There is not a whole lot you can do. We all need gas.

David Underwood, an Atlanta electrician who puts about 24,000 miles on his pickup truck each year, passes the added costs on to his customers.

"It seems like it was less than a dollar a gallon not that long ago," he said. "It seems like it's gone up real fast."

But cab drivers in many areas are unable to pass on the costs due to government control of their rates. "It's very difficult for us," Yellow Cab General Manager Rebecca Escobar said in El Paso. Rising prices "cut directly into their gross profit." Said one San Diego taxi driver who gave only his last name, Contreras: "\$5 less for me is five less hamburgers for my kids.

Exactly how far prices will climb is uncertain, said Carol Thorp, spokeswoman for the Auto Club of Southern California. Perhaps Americans who canceled travel plans last year due to high gas prices or Sept. 11 will feel the urge to hit the highways this year, she noted.

"This summer is a question mark at the moment." Thorp said. "Anyone who tells you they can predict that is not correct."

John Young of St. Louis grumbled about the climbing prices as he filled up his mini-"It's crazy," she said. "I just have to get van in Chicago after a family vacation.



His movies are a worldwide language of love, intelligence and sparkling wit. To any fan of film, or any student of how a great life is lived, all roads lead to Billy Wilder." said Cameron Crowe, director of ""Jerry Maguire" and "Vanilla Sky" and author of the 2001 book "Conversations with Wilder."

Wilder's actors also frequently won Oscars for their hard-bitten portrayals: Ray Milland as the unremitting alcoholic in "The Lost Weekend," William Holden as the suspected prison-camp traitor in "Stalag 17," Walter Matthau as an insurance cheater in "The Fortune Cookie.'

always easy to work with, go out with," said George Wilder learned.

After directing Marilyn Monroe in her two best come- "Viva Las Vegas."

a bleak portrait of a man plagued by alcoholism? Then came 1950's "Sunset Boulevard," a dark tale of a fading silent-film star played by Gloria Swanson who begins an affair with a poor. young writer, played by Holden, who is after her money. Their painful relationship culminates in murder.

Wilder films also became known for their quotable closing lines. In "Some Like It Hot," for example, when Joe E. Brown learns the woman he has been courting - Jack Lemmon in drag - is actually a man, he says, "Well, nobody's perfect!"

"He always wanted to give Some of the stars weren't you a little piece of candy to Sidney, 89, director of 1951's "Showboat" and 1964's

Historic 1940s passanger plane makes crash landing in bay

SEATTLE (AP) - A 1940s passenger plane owned by the Smithsonian Institution and once used by Haitian dictator Papa Doc Duvalier crash-landed in Puget Sound near Seattle. All four people aboard were rescued.

The four-engine plane - the only Boeing 307 Stratoliner still in existence - crash-landed Thursday in West Seattle, across Elliott Bay from downtown near a barge and a waterside restaurant.

The pilot and passengers were standing on the plane's wings when rescuers arrived from a nearby Coast Guard station.

The plane began to sink, though rescue boats towed it closer to shore. It came to rest in 60 feet of water, with its nose and wings underwater and its tail in the air, a fire department spokeswoman said.

After rescue boats towed it closer to shore, the plane was secured so it could not drift. Crews were set to begin recovery efforts Friday, said Debra Eckrote of the National Transportation Safety Board, which is investigating the crash.

Cranes were to be used to pull the plane from the water, Eckrote said. A truck will transport it to nearby Boeing Field, where workers will assess whether it was too damaged to fly again.

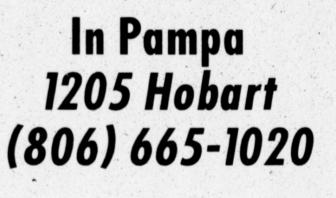
The plane took off Thursday afternoon from Boeing Field and was in flight for about 30 minutes when the pilot requested clearance to return to the air-Federal port. **Aviation** Administration spokesman Mike Fergus said.

The pilot reported having problems with his landing gear before he radioed a mayday.

Eckrote said three Boeing test pilots and an observer had taken the plane up for a pilot proficiency test. All four were checked at Harborview Medical Center and released.

West Seattle residents Cathy and Bob Horton said they had walked out onto their deck when Bob heard the plane's engine sputter. The plane had its landing gear down, they said.

"At one point we were wondering if he was going to get us," Bob Horton said. "He was sputtering and kept getting lower."



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