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# Powell: Tug-of-war nears end

BY BARRY SCHWEID AP DIPLOMATIC WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is refusing to tip its hand on when it might go to war to disarm Iraq, although top officials are immersed in weeklong efforts to get the U.N. Security Council to endorse the use of force.

Secretary of State Colin Powell is suggesting that the tug-of-war with Saddam Hussein is nearing an end.

"What we can't do is just keep kick-

U.N. inspectors' report fails to slow U.S. march toward Iraq showdown

ing the can down the road in the President Bush consulted with Spanish absence of a change in policy and atti-Monday. "We will have our discussions and consultations this week, and then we will announce next steps at an appropriate time."

Following up on a weapons inspectors' report to the United Nations,

Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar and tude" in Baghdad, Powell said Dutch Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende on Monday and had meetings on tap later this week with prime ministers Silvio Berlusconi of Italy and Tony Blair of Britain, the closest U.S. ally.

The United States intends to pro-

vide U.N. inspectors with more evidence next week in support of its contention that Saddam has hidden thousands of chemical and biological weapons in palaces, mosques and private homes, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said.

A U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the administration might go along with inspections for about two weeks.

The U.N. inspectors credited Iraq in a report Monday with only limited (See IRAO, Page 3)

# **Pursuit** ends in **1 arrest**

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**Texas A&M freezes** 

hiring for mandate

COLLEGE STATION,

(AP) - A hiring freeze and

travel restrictions for

employees at Texas A&M

was effective Tuesday as uni-

versity administrators fol-

lowed a state mandate to trim

Cost cutting moves could

save about \$5 million this

fiscal year, according to an

early estimate provided by

A&M. University officials

warned that more cuts were

imminent, since the savings

estimate would only be one-

third of what they need to cut

The hiring freeze adopted

"It does leave the lions

share of the cut to be found

elsewhere," said A&M

President Robert Gates, who

made the announcement in a

Additional ecuts still to come could total another \$10

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Monday does not affect fac-

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By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor

Pete Vargas Perez, 24, Pampa, remained in Gray County Jail this morning awaiting arraignment on several charges, including evading arrest, after he refused to stop for a Gray County Sheriff's deputy Monday morning.

Deputy Robert Douglas attempted to stop Perez for a traffic violation between Pampa and Lefors, but he refused to pull over, said Chief Deputy Kelly Rushing.

Rushing said Douglas first attempted to pull over the Perez vehicle on south Loop 171, and then he traveled to Farm-to-Market Road 749 (Bowers City Highway). After he refused to stop, several other deputies joined Douglas and Perez made evasive moves, said Rushing.

He said Perez was travel-(See **PURSUIT**, Page 3)

# Now that's a hole!



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Kelly Presson of the Pampa Water Department looks down into a hole in the street in the 700 block of Russell. City workers closed the street after a 12-inch water line ruptured early this morning causing the street to collapse. As the water flowed into a dry creek in the park and near a residence, crews began their work to repair the line. Street department employees will repair the extensive damage to the

# Teacher free on PR bond

By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor

A former St. Mary's Catholic School teacher in Amarillo was released from Gray County Jail Sunday on a \$10,000 personal recognizance bond after being arrested the day before on a charge of indecency with a child.

Gregory Scott Bullard, 34, was arrested Saturday in Pampa by Gray County deputies on a Potter County warrant on the charge.

Cathy Lexa, media director of the Amarillo Catholic Diocese, said this morning that the second grade teacher was reportedly observed by a school staff member in one incident of improperly touching a student. She said the incident occurred in early December 2002.

Lexa said authorities were immediately notified, and Child Protective Servicesalso investigated. She said she did (See **BOND**, Page 3)

# **U.S. forces in battle with Afghan rebels**

BY MARK KENNEDY ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

DEATHS

BAGRAM, Afghanistan Don Michael Cobb, 55. (AP) — U.S. and Afghan forces battled rebels aligned Juanita Mae Dodds, 88. renegade leader Gulbuddin Hekmatyar on Angela "Angie" Esquivel. Tuesday in the largest-scale fighting in Afghanistan in 10 Edra Aubrey Hamrick.

95, farmer and homemaker. killed in the fighting, which INSIDE... began Monday in the southeastern mountains, the U.S. Classified .....11 Comics . . . . . . . . . 8

The military said 80 rebels were involved in the conflict, and — on the American side — up to 350 soldiers, including troops from the 82nd Airborne division, U.S. Special Forces, and allied Afghan militia troops.

"It's the largest concentration of enemy forces since At least 18 rebels were Operation Anaconda," U.S. military spokesman Roger King said from Bagram Air Base, referring to a fierce military said. There were no eight-day battle last March Afghan coalition casualties or against Taliban and al-Qaida

Afghanistan.

Fighters received aerial support from American B-1 bombers dropping 19 2,000pound bombs on enemy positions, including deep caves, King said.

F-16 fighters flown by European allies dropped a pair of 500-pound bombs, while AC-130 gunships and Apache AH-64 helicopter gunships pounded the enemy with rocket and cannon fire, King said.

"We've had reports of vari-

ous numbers of armed men, groups of people trying to gather in order to carry out attacks on the coalition," King said. "We've been actively engaged in trying to develop intelligence that would lead us to a precise location and yesterday we did."

The fighting — about 15 miles north of Spinboldak and near the border with Pakistan — was triggered by a small shootout pitting armed attackers against U.S. Special Forces and their Afghan government allies working to

clear a mud-walled com-

One attacker was killed, one injured and one detained, King said: The detained suspect told questioners that a large group of armed men had massed in mountains nearby. Apache helicopters sent to investigate came under small arms fire, and then fighter aircraft went to pound the area.

"Our intelligence leads us to believe that they are most closely aligned with the Hezbe-Islami movement, which is

(See **REBELS**, Page 3)

# Bush juggles war message, domestic issues

By SCOTT LINDLAW ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush has prepared a State of the Union speech encompassing a multitude of domestic proposals: tax cuts to spur the economy, drug-treatment dollars for church groups and more prescription drug coverage for the elderly.

Overshadowing it all was this imperative Tuesday night: Prepare the nation for possible war.

The president is trying to persuade Americans that Saddam Hussein poses a threat to the United States when most Americans say Bush has not explained clearly what is at stake. White House

State of the Union address to include tax cuts, drug-treatment dollars for church groups, more prescription drug coverage for the elderly.

spokesman Ari Fleischer said that "from the president's point of view, it remains a very grave threat" that Saddam will strike soon at American interests

Yet Bush plans neither a declaration of war nor an announcement on what Iraq's last-ditch deadline is for complying with demands to disarm.

Bush intended to reiterate his asser-

tion that Iraq has weapons of mass destruction and is linked to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network.

New evidence of those charges will be revealed next week by Secretary of State Colin Powell, perhaps at the United Nations, officials said. Bush himself has made charges in the past about relationships between Iraq and al-Qaida, but the administration has

provided scant evidence. Most of Bush's speech will focus on

domestic concerns, officials said.

Pushing a new plank in his "faithbased initiative," Bush is asking Congress to direct drug treatment dollars to religious organizations. His plan would give addicts treatment vouchers that would allow them to seek help at any center, including those with religious approaches, two senior White House officials said.

The plan is sure to be controversial because many religious drug treatment programs do not employ medical approaches and do not use staff that have been licensed for this work. It

(See SPEECH, Page 3)

Juanita Mae Dodds, 88, of Pampa, died Monday, Jan. 27, 2003, at Pampa, Texas. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of

Mrs. Dodds was born Aug. 24, 1914, to Dal and Jessie Fultz Trusty on the family farm in Wheeler County. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1935.

She married Hollis Bob Dodds on March 13, 1937, in Mobeetie. He preceded her in death on July 9, 1943.

She was a school secretary at Woodrow

#### **EDRA AUBREY HAMRICK**

1907-2003

QUANAH - Edra Aubrey Hamrick, 95, sister of a Pampa resident, died Monday, Jan. 27, 2003, at Denton. Services will be at 10 a.m., Thursday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Clinton Young officiating. Burial will be in Quanah Memorial Park under the direction of Smith Funeral Home of Quanah.

Mrs. Hamrick was born June 20, 1907, at Colbert, Okla., to the late Will and Mimia Scott Gooding. She married Roy Hamrick on June 2, 1929, at Goodlett; he died Feb. 17, 1996.

A retired farmer and homemaker, she lived in Hardeman County since 1924 and belonged to First Baptist Church.

Hamrick on Feb. 11, 1995; a sister, Alice Gates on Dec. 22, 2002; and a brother, Bill Gooding. Survivors include two daughters, Melba

She was preceded in death by a son, Nelson

Erwin of Aubrey and Frances Collins of Quanah; three sisters, Nancy Barbee of Rogers, Ark., Melveta Barnes of Quanah and Frances Lam of Pampa; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. The family requests memorials be to First

Baptist Church, P.O. Box 681, Quanah, TX

Visitation will be from 7-8 p.m., Wednesday at the funeral home

He was preceded in death by his parents,

Survivors include his wife, Dolores; his

Charles Stanley and Flora Lorene Cobb; and

a stepdaughter, Danette Mozisek; a sister, Sue

Holt of Grapevine; two brothers, Robert Cobb

of Houston and John Cobb of Austin; and three

University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer

Center, Bone Marrow Transplant Division at

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the lower 30s. Friday, mostly sunny. Highs in

the upper 50s. Friday night, mostly clear.

Lows in the mid 30s. Saturday, mostly sunny.

Highs in the mid 60s. Saturday night, mostly

clear. Lows in the mid 30s. Sunday, partly

cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s. Sunday night,

mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s.

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The family requests memorials be to The

two brothers, Joe and Billy Cobb.

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#### DON MICHAEL COBB

1947-2002

WEATHER FOCUS

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Today's forecast is calling for mostly in the lower 50s. Southwest winds 5 to 15

HOUSTON — Don Michael Cobb, 55, died Dec. 5, 2002. Funeral mass was held Dec. 9, 2002, at Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Houston with Father Don Neumann officiating. Burial was in Earthman Resthaven children, Marnie Bucklew and Brandon Cobb; Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Earthman Funeral Home.

Mr. Cobb was born March 25, 1947, at Pampa. He had lived in Houston for 34 years and was a bank examiner, banker and real estate broker.

He enjoyed playing golf and dominoes and watching sports.

sunny skies with highs in the lower 70s and

west winds 10 to 20 mph with gusts to 30

mph. Tonight should be partly cloudy with

lows in the lower 30s and north winds 10 to

20 mph with gusts to 30 mph, decreasing late.

Wednesday should be mostly cloudy. Much

colder. Highs in the mid 40s. Northeast winds

5 to 15 mph. Wednesday night...Mostly

cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. South winds

10 to 20 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs

Survivors include two daughters and sonsin-law, Sue and David Wilson of Las Vegas, Nev., and Kathleen and Jim Greene of Pampa; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchil-

She was a member of the Central Baptist

Wilson Elementary School for 26 years.

The family requests memorials be to Fellowship of Christian Cowboys, P.O. Box 91, Pampa, TX 79066-0091.

-Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Santa Fe, N.M., under the direction of Romero Funeral Home of Belen. Mrs. Esquivel was a member of Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church.

BELEN, N.M. - Angela "Angie" Esquivel,

74, sister of several Pampa residents, died

Friday, Jan. 24, 2003. Funeral mass was held

Monday in Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church

in Belen with Father Tom Greeney officiating.

Burial was in Santa Fe National Cemetery in

She was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Leon Esquivel, on Feb. 19, 2001; her parents, Baltazar and Maria Hernandez; three sisters; and one brother.

Survivors include two sons, Tom Esquivel and Johnny Esquivel, both of Belen; a daughter, Martha Esquivel of Albuquerque, N.M.; six brothers, Frank Hernandez, Joe Hernandez, Raymond Hernandez, Tony Hernandez, and Guadalupe Hernandez, all of Pampa, and Joaquin Hernandez of Seattle, Wash.; four sisters, Mary Ellen Rodriguez of Pampa, Lucy Cobb of Houston, Becky Erickson of Moore, Okla., and Elizabeth Hernandez of California; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be in Mrs. Esquivel's name to American Heart Association, 6301 Forrest Hill, Albuquerque, NM 87109.

### On Record

ANGELA 'ANGIE' ESOUIVEL

### **POLICE**

Pampa Police today reported the following incidents. Monday, Jan. 27

Forgery was reported to Pampa Police Department.

Simple assault involving Estimated value is \$150. two 15-year-old minors was reported at Pampa High School.

A report of a lost cell phone was made to the PD.

Cable One reported an illegal cable hook-up to the PD.

Phone harassment was reported in the 900 block of North Hobart.

### **AMBULANCE**

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

Monday, Jan. 27

7:02 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing home. One patient was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center

10:36 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC; one patient was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. 1:49 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a

local nursing home; one patient was transport-

2:43 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Highway 60 6 miles west of town; one patient was transported to PRMC.

7:11 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 2600 block of Dogwood; one patient was transported to PRMC.

### **SHERIFF**

Gray County Sheriff's Department today reported the following arrest.

Monday, Jan. 27

Pete Vargas Perez, 24, homeless, Pampa, was arrested for evading with a vehicle, driving with license suspended and possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

### **FIRE**

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

Monday, Jan. 27

2:47 p.m. – One unit and two firefighters responded to a medical assist at the Cabot Carbon Black Plant, west of Pampa.

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### CARSON CO. SHERIFF

Carson County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests.

Dec. 9-15 Seven persons were booked into the Carson County Jail dur-

ing the week of Dec. 9-15.

Arrested during the week

Janet Harris, 46, Lax Cruces, N.M., was arrested for possession of marijuana more than 50 pounds, but less than 2,000 pounds.

Brett Turner, 42, Amarillo, was arrested on a bench warrant as a trial witness.

Sean Green, 30, Pampa, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, first offense.

Corey Pasley, 30, White Deer, was arrested for public intoxication.

Steven Kimbley, Skellytown, was arrested for

assault causing bodily injury. Kenneth Kelly, 50, Nash, Okla., was arrested for driving while intoxicated, first offense.

Dec. 16-22

Nine persons were booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of Dec. 16-22. Arrested during the week

Karl Tongish, 40, transient, was arrested for interference with railroad property.

Naomi Tolbert, 49, Stinnett, was arrested for Department of Public Safety traffic warrants

and a Donley County warrant. Jennifer Sain, 26, Amarillo, was arrested on warrants out of

Potter County. Kevin Gross, 34, Anderson, Calif., was arrested for fail to idenitify to a peace officer and

failure to secure seatbelt as required. Matthew Pflum, 33, Fond Du

Randall County. Obrecht, Adam Panhandle, was arrested for

public intoxication. William Obrecht, Panhandle, was arrested for driving while license suspended

and a Panhandle Police warrant. Christopher Parsons, 22, Colorado Springs, Colo., was arrested on warrants out of Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dec. 23-29 Six persons were booked into Carson County Jail during the

week of Dec. 23-29.

Arrested during the week Dustin Durrett, 20, Pampa,

was arrested for warrants out of Ellis County Douglas Watson, 35, White

Deer, was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

John Lowrance, 31, Sullivan, Ind., was arrested on a Potter County warrant.

Dustin Herrera, 18, Pampa, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance more than

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one gram but less than four grams.

Jarrod Rickles, 25, Pampa, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance more than one gram but less than four grams.

Mark Rendon, 22, Union, Tenn., was arrested on a warrant out of Hidalgo County for Dec. 31-Jan. 5.

Arrested during the week

Tiffany Knox, 21, Claude, was arrested for furnishing alcohol to a minor.

Corrina Liendo, 22, Panhandle, was arrested for furnishing alcohol to a minor. Rebecca Wurm,

Phoenix, Ariz., was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana less than two ounces

Charles Day, 24, Pleasant Valley, Mo., was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

Edwin Valenti, Phoenix, Ariz., was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana less than two ounces. Harry George, Jr., 58,

White Deer, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, second offense. Scott Maxwell, 28,

Panhandle, was arrested for assault causing bodily injury in family violence. Nicole Culwell, 23, Borger,

was arrested for possession of a controlled substance more than one gram but less than four grams. Cody Walesiak, 30, Borger,

was arrested for possession of a controlled substance more than one gram but less than four grams.

Jerry Prowell, 49, Marion, Ky., was arrested for possession of marijuana more than four ounces but less than five pounds. Stephen Sugar, 24, Pampa,

was arrested for driving while intoxicated, first offense.



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Preparing for the address,

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taining a tradition dating back

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warned in his first such

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1790, that the new United

States would "punish aggres-

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Tom Daschle challenged the

White House to show "proof

to the world" that Iraq has

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ing a "credibility gap" on a raft

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### **Pursuit**

ing south on FM 749 when he was observed throwing an object out the window. The 24-year-old traveled south on county roads and entered the Taylor Ranch property where he jumped from his vehicle, said Rushing. He fled on foot, but was soon apprehended by the law enforcement officers and taken into custody.

Rushing said the object thrown from the vehicle was obtained by officers and it is believed to be methamphetamine.

In addition to evading with a vehicle, Perez was charged with driving with a

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suspended drivers license and possession of a controlled substance with intent to

Rushing said the sheriff's department was assisted by Texas Department of

Public Safety Trooper Jessie Cerda.

"It went real well. No one was injured, and there was no damage to any public or private property," said Rushing. "That's the way it's supposed to go."

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### **BOND**

not know the results of the CPS investi-

"St. Mary's is cooperating fully with the authorities," she said.

Bullard began teaching at the parochial school at the beginning of the

2002-2003 school year, she said. She said she did not know where he had taught before being employed at St.

Bullard's contract has been terminated by the school.

The case is under investigation by Amarillo Police Department.

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## **IRAQ**

cooperation. "Inspections only work in the presence of cooperation, active cooperation," Powell said.

In an interview with the Canadian Broadcasting Corp., Iraq's deputy prime minister, Tariq Aziz, denied that Iraq has anthrax and insisted that the government had fully cooperated with inspectors.

In the meantime, Powell, Ambassador John ∪.N. Negroponte and other American diplomats will lobby the 14 other members of the Security Council to implement the "serious consequences" the council threatened Iraq with in November.

Asked Tuesday if the administration supports returning to the council for a second resolution before going to war, Fleischer said, "It's desirable but it is not mandatory.'

Germany opposes going to war under any circumstances. France, Russia and others have been skeptical that a case for war has been made.

But on Tuesday, Russian President Vladimir Putin said that Moscow could soften its insistence on a diplomatic solution if Baghdad hampers U.N. weapons inspectors.

"If Iraq begins to make problems for the work of the inspectors, then Russia may change its position and agree with the United States on the development of different, tougher U.N. Security Council decisions," Putin said during a visit to Ukraine.

Bush will try to prepare the nation for war in his State of the Union address Tuesday night, aides have said, but will withhold an announcement of an attack that many members of Congress object to and polls indicate does not have the support of the American people.

"What people want to hear is the comprehensive logic" of going after Saddam, Karen Hughes, an adviser to the president, said on NBC's

"Today" program Tuesday.

White House communications director Dan Bartlett, appearing on the same program, said Bush "will clearly state why Saddam Hussein is a threat to the American people, why he is a threat to the world."

Powell said the administration had "some basis" for assuming Iraq had links to the al-Qaida terror network, accused in the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States.

"The information that we can divulge in greater detail we will be divulging in the days ahead," he said.

Later, a senior Bush adviser, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Bush would cite U.S. claims of Iraqi links to al-Qaida in his speech and that Powell would reveal evidence of the ties and more about hidden Iraqi weapons next week.

Previous administration claims about Iraqi al-Qaida links proved inconclusive.

The Pentagon pushed ahead with war preparations that point to more than 150,000 troops and four aircraft carrier battle groups, each with more than 70 warplanes, in the Persian Gulf region by the end of February.

In a significant step, the Pentagon concluded an arrangement with the Turkish anticipated."

government to permit up to 20,000 U.S. troops to use bases in Turkey for a potential ground invasion into northern Iraq, a senior Defense Department official said.

Turkey, a valued ally in the 1991 U.S.-led war with Iraq to liberate Kuwait, had taken an ambivalent stance this time. Northern Iraq, with a large anti-Saddam Kurdish population, is not under Saddam's control.

With anxious U.S. allies intensifying demands for proof that Saddam has weapons of mass destruction, Powell acknowledged that "there are disagree-

"There are some who are satisfied with passive cooperation at this point," he said. But the U.N. resolution unanimously approved November was not about passive cooperation and chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix on Monday "made it rather clear that he is not get-

ting the kind of cooperation, and Iraq has not made the fundamental choice it has to make that it is going to be disarmed," Powell said. And so, he said, "We are

getting closer and closer to the point where the Security Council is going to have to look at the options that it

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### **SPEECH**

would cost \$200 million in the next fiscal year.

The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Bush also planned to propose a significant increase in spending on research of hydrogen fuelcell cars, part of an expansion of a program he announced in November.

Bush's self-proclaimed "compassionate agenda" also will include money to expand mentoring programs for prisoners' children and for middleschool students from lowincome families, officials said.

His domestic agenda also includes new tax cuts, prescription drug assistance for the elderly, health insurance for people employed by small businesses and other new initiatives that help religious groups provide federally funded community services.

Balancing domestic and international issues in the speech will be like forcing "10 pounds of stuff into a fivepound bag," said Ken Khachigian, who wrote speeches for presidents Nixon and Reagan.

"He's got a lot on the agenda, but I think there are two things that are pressing, so there are two things you focus on -Iraq-homeland security and the economy," Khachigian said. "What I think he has to do is keep it simple and keep it focused."

Leading Republicans across the country received White House memos designed to guide their interviews with

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Hekmatyar's military arm," King said. "We've had reports over several months that he's been attempting to consolidate with remnants of al-Qaida and Taliban."

Hekmatyar was a key guerrilla commander during the 1980s Soviet war in Afghanistan. Later, in the civil war that paved the way for the Taliban takeover, Hekmatyar's men pounded the capital, Kabul, with daily rocket barrages. He lived in exile in Iran during the five years of Taliban rule, and returned after U.S.-led forces ousted the hardline militia. Western intelligence agencies suspect he is getting money

His following among ethnic Pashtuns is considered fairly significant.

Reports that Hekmatyar was training suicide squads to target American and government forces surfaced in September, when one of Hekmatyar's military commanders, Salauddin Safi, told The Associated Press that some Taliban had formed an alliance with Hekmatyar's followers called Lashkar Fedayan-e-Islami, or the Islamic Martyrs Brigade.

King would not speculate on what the guerrillas were planning, but said the largest contingent of coalition forces was stationed in nearby Spinboldak. "That's an obvious target," he said.

King said the latest battle might last some time.

"It's a relatively large area ... There are some caves, there may be more that we don't know about, so it could take a considerable period of time," King said. He said fighting was centered on rocky and rough terrain in an unpopulated around the Adi Ghar mountain.

King said it is believed the rebel fighters, while loyal to Hekmatyar, may have links to the ousted Taliban and al-Qaida. Because the fighting was near the border, it was possible that fighters of other nationalities were involved, he

Many Taliban and al-Qaida suspects fled into Pakistan following U.S. bombardment in late 2001. U.N. and American forces have expressed concern about renewed training by al-Qaida and Taliban militants in southeastern Aghan mountains, near the border.

There have been a series of attacks along the border in recent months, including one in December that left one U.S. army sergeant dead. Rockets frequently are fired at U.S. bases in that region but rarely hit their targets.

King wouldn't say whether U.S. troops might pursue rebels into Pakistan if they fled over the border.

"I have no indication that it would come to that. Entry into Pakistan should not come up with this action," King said. Pakistan has said U.S. troops won't be permitted to pursue the enemy into Pakistan.



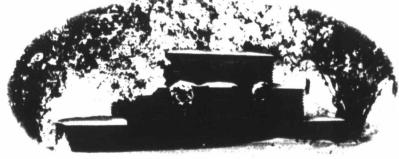
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BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 28, the 28th day of 2003. There are 337 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 28, 1973, a cease-fire officially went into effect in

the Vietnam War. On this date: In 1853, Cuban revolutionary Jose Marti was born in

Havana. In 1878, the first commercial telephone switchboard went into operation, in New Haven, Conn.

In 1878, the first daily college newspaper, the "Yale

News," began publication in New Haven, Conn. In 1909, the United States ended direct control over Cuba.

In 1915, the Coast Guard was created by an act of Congress. In 1916, Louis D. Brandeis was appointed by President Wilson to the Supreme Court, becoming its first Jewish mem-

In 1945, during World War II, Allied supplies began reaching China over the newly reopened Burma Road.

In 1980, six U.S. diplomats who had avoided being taken hostage at their embassy in Tehran flew out of Iran with the help of Canadian diplomats.

In 1982, Italian anti-terrorism forces rescued U.S. Brig. Gen. James L. Dozier, 42 days after he had been kidnapped by the Red Brigades.

In 1986, the space shuttle Challenger exploded 73 seconds after liftoff from Cape Canaveral, killing all seven crew mem-

Ten years ago: The Israeli Supreme Court unanimously upheld the deportations of 400 Palestinians from the occupied territories to Lebanon. Funeral services were held in Washington for former Supreme Court Justice Thurgood

Five years ago: The day after his State of the Union address, President Clinton barnstormed in the nation's heartland, where he was warmly received; accompanying him was Vice President Al Gore, who urged Americans to "join me in supporting him and standing by his side."

One year ago: Hamid Karzai became the first Afghan leader to visit Washington in 39 years; President George W. Bush promised a "lasting partnership" with Afghanistan. Afghan troops backed by U.S. Special Forces stormed a hospital ward in Kandahar, killing six al-Qaida gunmen who had repeatedly refused to surrender. An Ecuadorean jetliner crashes in the Andes across the border in Colombia, killing all 92 aboard. "Pippi Longstocking" creator Astrid Lindgren died in Stockholm, Sweden, at age 84.

Today's Birthdays: Musician-composer Acker Bilk is 74. Author Susan Sontag is 70. Actor Nicholas Pryor is 68. Actor Alan Alda is 67. Actress Susan Howard is 61. Actress Marthe Keller is 58. Actress-singer Barbi Benton is 53. Actress Harley Jane Kozak is 46. Rock musician Dave Sharp is 44. Rock singer Sam Phillips is 41. Country musician Greg Cook (Ricochet) is 38. Singer Sarah McLachlan is 35. Rapper Rakim is 35. DJ Muggs (Cypress Hill) is 35. Singer Joey Fatone Jr. ('N Sync) is 26. Singer Nick Carter (Backstreet Boys) is 23. Actor Elijah Wood is 22.

Thought for Today: "A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops." — Henry Brooks Adams, American historian-author (1838-1918).

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Last week, the news analyst Paul Harvey told about police being called to a home in California where a man clad only in his underwear was standing in the door way screaming.

Neighbors said he appeared to be looking at someone in the room, hollering "I want to kill you! I want to kill you!" He also held what looked like a gun in his

Fortunately for that man's sake, the police had the presence of mind to find out the whole situation before they stormed the house and killed the man.

Investigation revealed the distraught man was angry at his computer and he was threatening to shoot it with a pellet

I knew exactly how he felt. I've wanted to throw a computer out a window so many times, I can't count them. I've wanted to shoot them or pulverize them with a mallet - especially when they talk back to me and say things like, "You've committed a fatal error."

At the newspaper, we've been working with a hodge-podge of computers, some dating back a decade, which in technology terms is like going to the dark ages. Our news software program was so old, the support people didn't know how to help us with it. We've since learned that some of our tech support people were



just entering high school when it was

Events these past two weeks culminate months of planning and fulfillment of a dream I've had since I returned to The Pampa News almost three years ago.

There's a sign on my desk that I've carried around since my Hospice of the Panhandle days. It reads, "O God of second chances and new beginnings, here I am again." I think that's going to be my epitaph, because it seems to be the story of my life.

This latest new beginning centers on new computers, a new network server and up-to-the-minute software for the newspaper. Although most of it relates to the editorial end of this business, the new equipment streamlines other areas in the newspaper as well.

To tell you the truth, it's been a lot like having a baby. First it was the time to discuss "having a baby," when I offered the idea to the newspaper's owner Philip

Smith, about a year ago.

"Conception" occurred when we put the plan together with actual costs and we received approval. The gestation period began with the months of ordering and receiving of equipment, programs and setting up installation and training.

Then we came to last week - the time for "hard labor" and "transition."

One mother described hard labor like this: "Take your bottom lip and squeeze it as hard as you can. Then pull it over the top of your head."

Transition is the hardest part of the labor, the period just before birth. This is the time when the mother grabs her husband around the neck and threatens to choke the life out of him if he ever touches her again.

Minutes later, that same woman will be crying softly, looking adoringly at her husband and their new baby - totally the opposite of the shrewish screamer she had become during transition. Like magic, the earlier pain and suffering is forgotten.

That's what it's been like around here. Please accept my apology if you've been caught in this transition period. We are beginning to settle back down, although there's still some kinks to work out and fine tuning to do.

In the end though, I think we'll all be happy with this new baby.



# Affirmative action - G.W. Carver style

JOPLIN, Mo. -- Peanut Butter, Peanut Brittle, Peanut Sausage, Peanut Punch, Peanut Powder, Peanut Wafers, Peanut Oil, Peanut Chili, Peanut Cream, Peanut Malt, Peanut Coke, Peanut Cutlet, Peanut Flour, Peanut Cake, Peanut Wine, Peanut Loaf, Peanut Relish ...

If George Washington Carver, born near Joplin, is remembered at all during February's Black History Month, it will be largely for his favoring of one food. Carver gained a national reputation in 1921 when he gave the House Ways and Means Committee a Washington showand-tell by pulling out products he had developed, like peanut cereal, chocolatecovered peanuts, peanut milk and peanut syrup.

With the publicity that followed, Carver became probably the most famous African-American of the 1920s and 1930s. Born a slave in 1860, his scientific investigations led him to make significant contributions to mycology (the study of fungi) and to improved production of pigments, paints and stains. As a professor at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama for over four decades, he challenged thousands of black students to rise above racial prejudice and not just complain

But Carver is not as well known now as contemporaries like W.E.B. DuBois, who demanded radical societal change. To those on the left, Carver's creativity in making the growing of peanuts and other crops economical and popular seems like



MARVIN OLASKY COLUMNIST

small sweet potatoes (another of his highnutrition, low-cost recommendations). The 60th anniversary of Carver's death (Jan. 5, 1943) engendered no articles about him in the nation's major newspa-

Carver is also politically incorrect because he believed God inspired him to come up with creative ideas. "I didn't make these discoveries," he told interviewers. "God has only worked through me to reveal to his children some of his wonderful providence." Under a headline, "Men of Science Never Talk That Way," The New York Times lambasted him in 1924 for his "complete lack of scientific spirit" in saying that religious belief was essential to his work.

To understand the roots of Carver's biblical faith, it's good to come to the George Washington Carver National Monument near Joplin. Here, a visitor's center plaque quotes Carver recalling that, as a child, "my body was very feeble, and it was a constant warfare between life and death to see who would gain the mastery. ... I trusted to God and pressed on." Here, reared by Moses and Susan Carver, a white couple, Carver grew up on the land that now makes up

the National Monument. Today, it's pleasant to see Moses Carver's house, the walnut trees he planted, and the fields and creeks where George came to see God's revelation in nature's order. It wasn't always pleasant for Carver as he sought to get an education. He-applied by mail to Highland College, a small institution north of Kansas City, and gained acceptance. When he arrived, the university president said: "You didn't tell me you were a Negro. Highland College does not take

At age 30, Carver was finally able to enroll at Simpson College, a Methodist school, and then move on to become the first black graduate student at Iowa State. Prejudice dogged him, but Carver fought it by demonstrating not just equality but superiority. Carver's Iowa State professors described him as "the ablest student we have here." The freshmen he taught in an introductory biology course began calling him "Dr. Carver" out of respect, even though he had yet to earn a master's

Many black students today yearn for such honoring. The prejudice that Carver faced was terribly wrong. A counter-bias today tells some bright students that they don't have to work to their utmost to get ahead, and leaves many not knowing what they have earned and what has merely been given them. That's also

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# Congolese tells shocking story of cannibaliza

By RODRIOUE NGOWI ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

es. Amuzati Nzoli watched as rebel soldiers turned from killers into cannibals: his 6-year-old nephew was their victim.

dle-aged Pygmy are sweeping through northeastern Congo.

Human rights activists and investigators from the United Nations say rebels cooked and ate at least a dozen Pygmies and an undetermined number of people from other tribes during recent fighting with rival insurgents.

Pygmies have no calendar, so Nzoli miles northwest of Beni. can't say exactly when the rebels from the Congolese Liberation Movement invaded his forest camp. But he remembers what he saw.

The rebels slaughtered the dozen peohad been hunting, arrived during the path," Kighoma said. attack and hid.

Rebel fighters butchered the man's nephew, Kebe Musika, and roasted his body parts over an open fire, grabbing pieces from the smoldering embers.

"They even sprinkled salt on the flesh town about 70 miles northwest of Beni. as they ate, as if cannibalism was all very natural to them," Nzoli said. He had previously lost the town to a rival fled as the rebels were eating his nephew and can't say what happened to Democracy-Liberation the bodies of the others.

It is not the first time cannibalism has fighters. been reported in Congo; it generally occurs during great upheaval, like the Simba rebellion in 1964.

The latest upheaval is the country's 4year civil war, which has left an estimated 2.5 million people dead, the vast BENI, Congo (AP) - Hiding in bush- majority from starvation. It set the stage for this latest round of cannibal-

As in the past, the attacks are fueled Accounts like the one told by the mid- by a mix of tribal animosities and a desire to spread fear in the region. There is also a belief among some that eating one's foes is a source of power.

The rebels used cannibalism "to provoke terrible fear in their foes and pave the way to dramatic success in the battlefield," said Apollinaire Kighoma, a Roman Catholic priest in Mangina, 19

The priest has heard accounts about the practice from hundreds of people displaced by fighting who have taken refuge at his church.

"Once you develop a reputation as a ple they found at the camp. Nzoli, who cannibal, no one wants to stay in your

Most of the reported acts of cannibalism took place between November and December when the Congolese Liberation Movement launched a successful offensive to retake Mambasa, a

The Congolese Liberation Movement rebel group, the Congolese Rally for Movement, which was allied with Mayi-Mayi tribal

The Mayi-Mayi believe witchcraft endows them with supernatural power to transform bullets into water.

# Brazil forum ends in protests

PORTO ALEGRE, Brazil (AP) - A weeklong gather- Area of the Americas claim that has been killing ing of social activists ended the agreement would boost Indians for 500 years," said with a boisterous street the economies of all the Sergio Muxi Tenbe an protest against possible members but opponents at Indian from Brazil who military action in Iraq and a the World Social Forum wore a headdress made of proposal to create a hemi- fear it will allow large corspheric free trade zone that porations to bypass labor would stretch from Canada and environmental laws and Fukushima said his counto Argentina.

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Carnival parades, some the Americas will strangle and he predicted the Free 30,000 participants in the Latin America, which is Trade Area of the Americas World Social Forum ended why we cannot let it be would be a benefit only for a week of discussion and born," said Patricio Robles, the United States at the protest intended as a coun- a civil engineer from expense of Latin American terpoint to the gathering of Uruguay who attended the nations. business leaders at the forum held in the southern

Throughout the six-day Many waved red commu- forum, activists condemned what they call neoliberalgans against the proposed ism — or the perceived Americas, an effort to unite and other wealthy nations the economies of 34 nations over the world through in the Western hemisphere free-market economics, libsimilar to European Union eral trade and the breakand the North American down of national borders.

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Backers of the Free Trade the poor, and it's a concept parrot feathers.

Japanese activist Koshin try's workers and farmers have been severely hurt by "The Free Trade Area of Asian trade agreements -

> "It's just another way for the United States to impose itself on Latin America," Fukushima said.

Also attending the forum was Tom Hayden, longtime left-wing activist and member of the California Legislature, who said the proposed free trade zone could also weaken U.S. environmental and labor

# Senior Saturday in offing at WTAMU

West Texas A&M University will get a onestop chance to learn about resumés; job interviews and business lunch etiquette during Senior Saturday from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 1 in Cornette Library on the WTAMU campus.

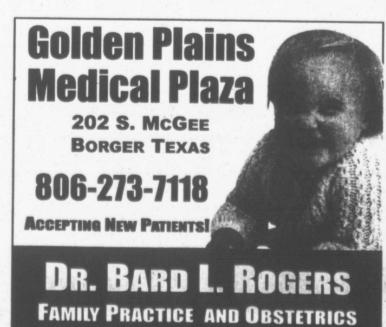
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At noon, the students will attend an etiquette lunch with Natrelle Long, wife of WTAMU president Russell Long. She will teach students how to conduct themselves during a business luncheon. They will learn silverware use, eating do's and don'ts and professional conversation.

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# **Business Review**

# B & B Pharmacy: Hometown business

A small town pharmacy offers services a larger pharmacy cannot provide. Homeowned and operated, B & B Pharmacy is dedicated to providing personal service to all of its customers. Dennis Roark and his wife Donna have owned the local pharmacy since 1988.

The pharmacy offers a full line of medical needs, including ostomy supplies. Special orders can be obtained in one day. Crutches, canes, braces and wraps are always in stock. Medical needs for sports related injuries can also be found.

Customers at B & B Pharmacy receive personal service from the Roarks. "We try to make our customers feel comfortable and free to ask any questions they might have," said Roark. The staff at B & B Pharmacy strive to provide the personal service a big chain cannot provide. "We try to stay away from the impersonality's of a big chain where you are just a number," he said.

"Drugs have some interactions that can cause serious medical problems. We welcome our customers to come to us with any concerns about interactions with their medications. It is important to us to know them and their needs," he said.

"If any person has questions about the over-the-counter medications and possible reactions with their prescriptions, I would be more than happy to assist them."

Long time customers know that the staff at B & B Pharmacy will do all they can to meet the needs of their customers. New customers will find the personal service appealing to them.

"We want to provide our customers with their needs," Roark. "New customers are always welcome."

The store covers almost all insurance plans.

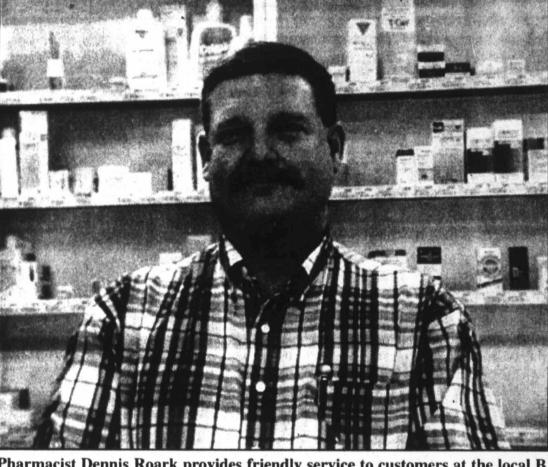
B & B also provides free prescription delivery service.

The pharmacy is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. The business is closed on Sundays and holidays.

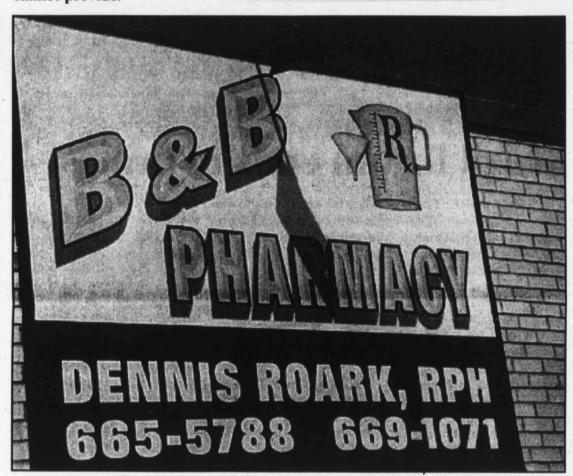
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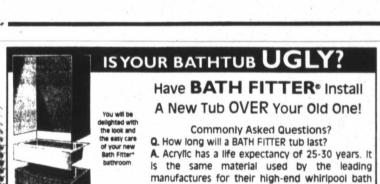


Located at 300 N. Ballard, B & B Pharmacy has been owned by Roark and his wife Donna since 1988. Customers at B & B Pharmacy receive personal service receive personal service from the couple and their staff that a large company cannot provide.



Pharmacist Dennis Roark provides friendly service to customers at the local B & B Pharmacy at 300 N. Ballard. The pharmacy is located at 300 N. Ballard and the business phone number is 665-5788.





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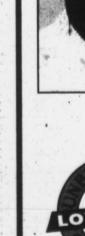
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# Internet attack more serious than many thought possible

WASHINGTON (AP) -Disruptions from the weekend attack on the Internet are shaking popular perceptions that vital national services, including banking operations and 911 centers, are largely immune to such attacks.

Damage in some of these areas was worse than many experts had believed possible.

The nation's largest residential mortgage firm, Countrywide Financial Corp., told customers who called Monday that its systems were still suffering. Its Web site, where customers can make payments and check their loans, was closed most of the day.

Countrywide predicted it would be early Tuesday before all its computers were fully repaired and its systems validated for security, spokesman Rick Simon said.

Police and fire dispatchers outside Seattle resorted to paper and pencil for hours after the virus-like attack on the weekend disrupted operations for the 911 center that serves two suburban police departments and at least 14 fire departments.

American Express Co. confirmed that customers couldn't reach its Web site to check credit statements and account balances during parts of the weekend. The attack prevented many customers of Bank of America Corp., one of the largest U.S. banks, and some large Canadian banks from withdrawing money from automatic teller machines

President Bush's No. 2 cybersecurity adviser, Howard Schmidt, acknowledged that what he called "collateral damage" stunned even the experts who have warned about uncertain effects on the nation's most important electronic systems from mass-scale Internet disrup-

This is one of the things we've been talking about for a long time, getting a handle on interdependencies and cascading effects," he said.

#### NEWS CLUB

Club news is published strictly on a first come, first serve basis due to space limitations. The deadline each week for Sunday's paper is Wednesday at 5 p.m., (Tuesday at 12 noon on holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas.) The deadline does not guarantee publication that week. Thank you.

20th Century Club

Twentieth Century Club met Jan. 14 at the home of Adelaide Colwell with Colwell and Fay Harvey serving as hostesses and President Louise Bailey presiding.

The following business was conducted and announcements

-Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as

Miles McNamee, a top official with the technology industry's Internet early warning center, said the attack was "comparable to the worst of previous denial of service attacks."

The White House and Canadian defense officials confirmed they were investigating how the attack, which started about 12:30 a.m. EST Saturday, could have affected ATM banking and other important networks that should remain immune from traditional Internet outages.

read by Secretary Billie Dixon. —Among correspondence reviewed by the membership was a letter of appreciation from Tralee Crisis Center and two letters of resignation, one from Colwell and another

both moving out-of-state. -New officer installation was postponed until Jan. 28 due to absences from the nominating committee.

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—The program was delivered by Harvey. Her subject was Iran. Sandra Mullenax loaned pieces and materials for display during the presenta-

The next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m., Jan. 28 at 1829 N. Russell. The program will be presented by Mildred Laycock on Brazil.

"Slammer" or "Sapphire," sought vulnerable computers to infect using a known flaw in popular database software from Microsoft Corp. called "SQL

Server 2000." Microsoft said it has sold 1 million copies of the software, but the flawed code was also included in some popular consumer products from Microsoft,

The attack, alternately dubbed Office XP collection of business programs.

> The attacking software scanned for victim computers so randomly and aggressively that it saturated many of the Internet largest data pipelines, slowing email and Web surfing globally.

Congestion from the Internet attack is almost completely cleared. That has left investigators poring over the blueprints

about its origin and the identity of its author.

Complicating the investigation was how quickly the attack spread across the globe, making it nearly impossible for researchers to find the electronic equivalent of "patient zero," the earliest-infected computers.

"Basically within one minute, the game was over," said Johannes Ullrich of Boston, who including the latest version of its for the Internet worm for clues runs the D-Shield network of

computer monitors.

Experts said blueprints of the attack software were similar to a program published on the Web months ago by David Litchfield of NGS Software Inc., a respected British security expert who last year discovered the flaw in Microsoft's database software that made the attack possible. NGS Software sells a program to improve security for such data-

# Police say 'Sopranos' inspired decapitation

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — Two brothers accused in to say exactly where it happened or how it was done. the slaying of their mother allegedly told police that the idea to chop off her head and hands in order to hide the crime came from the popular TV show "The Sopranos."

Jason V. Bautista, 20, and his 15-year-old half brother, who was not identified because he is a juvenile, were arrested Friday for investigation of murder in the death of Jane M. Bautista, 41. They were to be arraigned Tuesday afternoon in Santa Ana.

It had not been determined whether the 15-year-old would be charged as an adult.

"Jason told investigators that he and his brother had been involved in the killing and dismemberment of his mother," Orange County Sheriff Michael S. Carona said at a news conference Monday. "Bautista also told investigators he had seen an episode of 'The Sopranos' where he saw the same type of dismemberment that had been done before dumping a body."

In a "Sopranos" espisode last season, fictional mob boss Tony Soprano killed one of his gangsters in a brutal fight, then had his head and hands cut off before dumping the

HBO, which broadcasts the Emmy-winning program, declined comment.

The sheriff told reporters the killing took place Jan. 14 in Riverside, where the three recently had moved, but refused

Preliminary autopsy results showed the cause of death was strangulation.

When investigators first spoke with Jason Bautista on Friday, Carona said, he told them he and his brother hadn't seen their mother for weeks. After he agreed to let them search the apartment and his car, Carona said, he changed his story.

Authorities didn't reveal a motive.

"I don't know what motive you could possibly give for killing your mother, cutting off her head, cutting of her hands," Carona said.

A day after Jane Bautista was killed and dismembered, her sons tried to put the body in a trash bin in Oceanside around 2 a.m., Carona said, but were spotted by a security guard who saw the victim's foot.

As the security guard approached, the sons put the body. which was inside a blanket or sleeping bag, back in the car trunk, drove to Ortega Highway in Orange County and threw their mother's remains in a ravine.

The remains, clad only in underwear, were spotted there the next morning by passers-by who initially thought they were looking at a mannequin. The head and hands were found in the family's apartment. The security guard had provided authorities with the license of Jason Bautista's

# Advocate: Poor left behind as IRS upgrades systems

WASHINGTON (AP) - The system is causing those who Internal Revenue Service's efforts to upgrade services are hurting the nation's poor, a taxpayer advocate says, with many losing the ability to because they don't have computers at home.

Janet Spragens, director of the American University Federal Tax Clinic, told an IRS oversight board that a move to decentralize and

can least afford it to pay more taxes than they should.

"Many taxpayers would rather give up than fight the system," she said. "The result challenge incorrect audits is that they are paying taxes they do not owe, losing refunds to which they are entitled and incurring penalties that should not be imposed."

The IRS has spent billions in trying to update its antiquated computer systems and modernize the tax collection in the process, closed many of

its walk-in offices people could visit to sort out problems with a tax officer in per-

Instead, the agency created call-in centers and upgraded computerized services that enable many more taxpayers to deal with the IRS online.

"Low income taxpayers to a very large extent are not part of the new electronic age which is the centerpiece of modernization," Spragens said. Many also don't have regular phone service.

Steve Nickles, a Wake Forest University professor and member of the oversight board, said it would hard for the board to argue against because modernization Congress mandated those efficiency goals.

Board members were told the IRS should have toll-free phone and fax numbers for the poor and do more to spread the word about 140 offices for low-income taxpayers.



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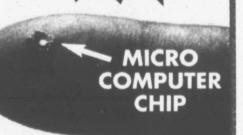
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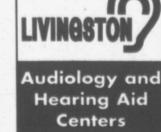
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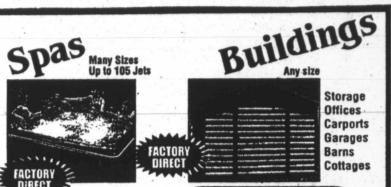
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# DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanna Phillips

# **Doctor's Wit Helps Seperate Her Person From Profession**

DEAR ABBY: I sympathize with "Harassed M.D. in Des Moines,"who asked how to handle people who ask for professional advice in social situ-choosing my "victim" carefully, I'll ations. I suspect this problem goes along with the prestige of saying, off all your clothes, and let me know "I'm a physician.

My most memorable request came from a 60-year-old woman who asked me to look at her bunions during my friend's wedding. Fortunately, my pediatric population doesn't suffer from bunions, so I couldn't provide her with any remedies.

When I'm at social gatherings and am introduced as "Doctor," I jokingly say, "The doctor is not in her office at this time." Then I ask people to call me by my first name. In this way I let them know I am a person, not a doctor on duty. I also find this to be an ice-breaker for those who might feel intimidated meeting an M.D.

IN CALIFORNIA

#### DEAR H.C.C.: That's a good solution. Here's another:

DEAR ABBY: I, too, am a surgeon. Frequently people — usually women - approach me at parties to ask about some medical problem they're having. The "problem" is usually minor and most often dermatologic, though knowing I'm a thoracic surgeon, they'll occasional-Such questions never bother me, help me with my interior complex-

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> DEAR ABBY: I can't resist telling you about my French mother-in-law's comments at a party I threw to introduce her to my

> American friends.
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> Upon meeting Dr. A., she began reciting all her health problems. I interrupted her, explaining that his specialty was psychiatry. After digesting this for a moment, she caught his sleeve. "Then you must

AVID READER, WALNUT CREEK, CALIF.

DEAR READER: Your m-i-l tell her, "Go into the bedroom, take wasn't so far off base. In a sense, psychiatry is focused on the department of the interior."

DEAR ABBY: The letter from take my drink along?" and "Who "Harassed M.D." reminded me of a

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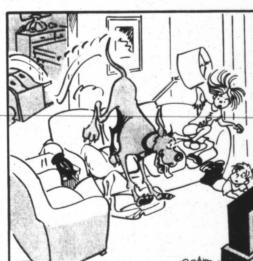
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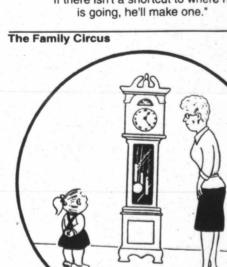
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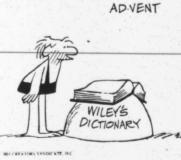


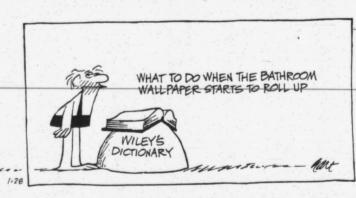












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#### BASKETBALL

NEW YORK (AP) -Arizona's comeback victory at Kansas helped the Wildcats stay atop the AP men's college basketball poll, while Alabama dropped further from the top spot it held just a month ago.

Arizona is No. 1 for the second straight week and for the eighth poll this season.

Alabama (12-5) took over the No. 1 ranking for the first time in school history on Dec. 23 and held it for another week. But it dropped from 15th to No. 23 this week after losses to Mississippi and Kentucky.

NEW YORK (AP) -The scene is set. It'll be No. 1 against No. 2 when Duke and Connecticut meet this weekend.

The Blue Devils and Huskies remained the top two teams in the AP women's basketball poll five days before they square off at Duke's Cameron Indoor Stadium in one of the most anticipated games of the season.

HEDLEY — Groom dropped a 49-36 decision to Hedley in District 4-1A action last weekend.

Bradley Conatser led the Hedley attack with 22 points. Cody Babcock had 14 points and Lance Ollinger 11 for Groom.

In the girls' game, Groom lost by an 86-53 score.

Hedley's top scorer was Haley Bennett with 28 points.

Groom's scoring leaders were Amanda Conrad and Staci Britten with 14 points

### HORSE RACING

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Azeri became the first female in 16 years to win the Eclipse Award for thoroughbred racing's Horse of the Year, garnering support despite never running against male competition.

Laura de Seroux, the first woman to train a Horse of the Year winner, defended her decision to keep Azeri away from the boys in 2002. The 4-year-old filly won eight of nine starts, including a decisive victory in the Breeders' Cup Distaff.

East Coast-based Jerry Bailey won a record sixth Eclipse as jockey of the year: He broke his own record for single-season earnings with \$22,871,814.

Bobby Frankel, who had earnings of \$17,748,340, was chosen trainer of the year for the fourth time.

### **FOOTBALL**

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) -More than 65,000 chargedup fans filled chilly Raymond James Stadium with camera flashes and deafening noise as the Super Bowl champion Tampa Bay Buccaneers came home.

Players were led to a stage on the field at 9 p.m. by team owner Malcolm Glazer, who hoisted the Super Bowl trophy over his head as the cannons on the end zone pirate ship blasted away.

### Pass play



(Photo by Jerry Heasley)

Pampa's Chance Bowers (35) gets set to take a pass from Ryan Zemanek (32) in District 3-4A activity last weekend against Palo Duro. The Harvesters host Dumas at 7:30 tonight in McNeely Fieldhouse. The Harvesters hold down third place in the district standings with a 5-3 record.

### All-state Tech to lower football ticket prices LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Texas Tech players officials unveiled a plan Monday they hope

will lift flat season ticket sales by lowering Club. the cost for most stadium seats. Only the price of the least expensive season ticket - \$99 - will remain the same for the 2003 season.

Tickets that cost \$220 last year will now be \$195. The tickets also come with option and range in price from \$75 to \$250.

Three of four of the \$195 ticket locations also require fans to join the Red Raider

Tech sold fewer than 13,000 season tickets to fans other than students.

"I don't think there's a better bargain for any seat in any stadium in the Big 12," Tech athletic director Gerald Myers said at a news conference Monday. "We think we'll costs that are unchanged from last season sell a lot more. We're hopeful we'll sell more."

# **Bucs** bound to get better

SAN DIEGO (AP) -Here's the scariest part about the Tampa Bay Buccaneers after what they did in the playoffs and Super Bowl: They are bound to get better.

So much better, in fact, that quarter-century of nonachievement could be erased by several years of championships.

The Bucs are not old on either side of the ball. Their very best players — Derrick Brooks, Warren Sapp, Simeon Rice, Ronde Barber, John Mike Alstott, Lynch, Keyshawn Johnson — are in their primes. In Jon Gruden, they have an innovative mind who likely will make more huge strides with the offense. In Monte Kiffin, they have a resourceful coordinator who perfectly utilizes each of his defenders, the stars as well as the role players.

The salary cap is not a major issue, either.

"This is just the start," top receiver Johnson said. "Now all I have to do is get another one, because when you get it once, you want it twice. And when you get it twice, you want it three times.

"I'm already figuring out what we're going to do next year and who we're going to bring in to help us try to get back in the same position again."

The key addition this year was, of course, Gruden. He cost the Bucs two first-round draft choices, two secondrounders and \$8 million. What he brought, aside from his offensive prowess, was a fiery demeanor that, it turns out, was the missing ingredient.



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Ryan Zemanek and wide

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pound senior, threw for

2,857 yards and 23 touch-

Zemanek, a 6-3, 190-

pound senior, caught 22

passes for 384 yards and 5

Moore, a 5-10, 170-

pound junior, caught 93

passes for 843 yards and 6

yards on 7 touchdowns.

He also rushed for 876

The Harvesters finished

with a 9-4 record during

the 2002 season and won

bi-district and regional

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receiver Johnny Moore.

Pampa wrestlers travel to Amarillo High tonight for dual to close the regular season.

The Harvesters enter the district tournament next weekend in Dumas. Last week, Pampa had one of its better performances of the season in a 67-18 loss to Tascosa.

"We wrestled real well," said Pampa head coach Justin Turner. "We sent seven freshmen against a more experienced team and they showed a lot of aggressiveness."

Shawn Brown (119pound class), Chance Henley (140-pound class) and Dusty Langley (152pound class) won their matches for Pampa.

Brown won by a pin over Andrew Vasquez in 5:54. Henley won with an 18-9 decision over Wes Smith. Langley pinned Nathan Douthit in 0:39.



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# Slammers push record to 4-0 in Amarillo basketball league

AMARILLO — The Pampa Slammers improved to 4-0 the Slammers to only five with two more victories over the weekend in the Amarillo Kids Inc. Basketball League.

For the second week in a row, the Slammers played outstanding defense.

On Saturday, the Slammers Jacinto. defeated Landergrin Elementary 46-2.

Slammers by the score of 34- 3:30 p.m. against Canyon.

San Jacinto's defense held sist of fifth-grade players. points in the first quarter, but San Jacinto was held scoreless. By halftime, Pampa had built an 18-0 lead.

All nine players scored at least two points against San Next week's games are at

Travis Junior High on On Sunday, San Jacinto Saturday at 11 a.m. against Academy lost to the Canyon, and on Sunday at

The Amarillo league con- Brooklyn Barker

Pampa's individual statistics from the last two games are as

follows:			
Player	<b>Points</b>		
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Serina Wagner	3	3	4
Kelsey Watson	2	4	0
Shelbie Watson	8	2	0
Kara Stephens	6	4	2
Carlyn Teichma	nn 16	7	3
Ashley Schroed	er 18	5	-1
<b>Emilie Troxell</b>	10	8	1
Ashley Facio	14	10	0

# Kansas holds on against No. 3 Texas

three-game losing streak in could dance a little bit." nine years occur on his watch.

the best game of his college career, scoring 24 points and grabbing 23 rebounds as No. 12 Kansas held on for a wild 90-87 victory over No. 3 Texas Monday night.

"I just made up my mind that I was going to be very aggressive," said Collison, who fouled out with a little more than I minute left. "We really needed a win. We really needed a lot of rebounds against a big, physical Texas team. I think it might be my best game.'

Coach Roy Williams was sure that it was.

"I don't know if I've ever seen a person be so as Nick Collison was," Williams said. "If those that single-handedly." NBA scouts sitting over just blind."

court, stomping and yelling after the Jayhawks (14-5, 4-1 Big 12) halted the eightgame winning streak of the Longhorns (13-3, 4-1).

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Nick Collison was not said. "I just wanted to get about to let Kansas' first to the locker room so I

Michael Lee made two free throws with 29 seconds So the senior center had left and Texas missed two 3-pointers in the final seconds, including one by point guard T.J. Ford who had 25 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists.

> His 3-pointer at the buzzer was barely short. - It looked like it was going in," he said. "I thought it was going to go into overtime.

> Kirk Hinrich points for the Jayhawks. Kansas Langford missed two free throws with 10 seconds to go. Texas hurried down the court for the ill-fated 3's.

Texas coach Rick Barnes said the Longhorns did not do a good job on Collison.

relentless on the backboard that is huge coming from Hinrich fed Miles for a one guy," he said. "He did fast-break layup that made

During the final minutes there tonight say there's of the back-and-forth conanybody in the world with test. Brandon Mouton's half, had a career-high 20 a bigger heart, then they're short jumper brought Texas points for the Longhorns. to 84-82. Then, with 2:05 Mouton had 14 and Students stormed the to go, Aaron Miles hit from Thomas 10. the outside before Ford drove the lane with 1:37 hard as I could," Collison left.

When Collison fouled

PAMPA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

GOVERMENTAL FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR END AUGUST 31, 2002

General

\$ 11,205,284

9,019,479

114,275

20,339.038

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535.689

305:909

248.917

777,563

45.106

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18,088

19,269

386,714

108,052

269,889

19,523,736

815,302

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(4,735)

(1,735)

813,567

1,505,881

\$ 2,319,448

1,896,116

1,056,723

Fund

Debt Service

\$ 342,556

253,280

595,836

195,000

418,225

(17.389)

4,735

4,735

(12,654)

\$ 35,423

48,077

Fund

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) pletely crazy," Williams Jayhawks clinging to an 88-

Then after a Kansas miss, Mouton turned the ball over to the Jayhawks, who inbounded with 29 seconds left.

Lee was fouled immediately and sank both foul

"They made tough shots," Ford said. "This is how it is every time against Kansas. Tonight, the game was really up and down."

After Jeff Graves picked up his fifth foul, Thomas hit two free throws that made it 90-87 with 16 sec-

After getting to within one or two points four times, the Jayhawks finally took a 79-78 lead when Collison canned a long 3pointer with 6:07 to go.

A moment later, he grabbed a Texas miss for "Twenty-three rebounds, his 20th rebound and it 81-78.

Brian Boddicker, in foul trouble much of the second

"I just wanted to play as said. "If I got tired, I was going to come out for a out, James Thomas made while and come back and "They didn't go com- one free throw that left the play as hard again."

Total

Funds

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3,049,974

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983,344

1.934,419

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581,714

526,277

275,939

441,611

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1,747,831

\$ 2,695,940

January 28, 2003

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23,718,194

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Chicago

Nashville

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Funds

\$ 514,256 \$

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2,935,699

3,728,429

1,443,378

40,284

201,157

18,729

13,295

88,446

42,756

989,594

1,451

38,303

34,097

221,146

6,050

441,611

3,581,233

147,196

193,873

\$ 341,069

678

258

BASKETBALL **National Basketball Association** At A Glance By The Associated Press **All Times EST** EASTERN CONFERENCE **Atlantic Divisio** 

New Jersey 30 14 18 .591 26 Boston Philadelphia 23 21 .523 Orlando 23 23 .500 Washington 23 8 1/2 18 24 .429 11 New York 15 29 .341 Miami 15 Central Division GB 12 .733 Detroit 28 15 .651 Milwaukee 22 21 .512 10 23 22 New Orleans .511 10 Chicago 17 27 15 1/2 16 1/2 11 33 .250 Toronto 21 1/2 36 Cleveland .200 WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	34	9	.791	
San Antonio	28	16	.636	6 1/
Minnesota	27	18	.600	8
Utah	25	18	.581	9
Houston	24	19	.558	10
Memphis	13	31	.295	21 1
Denver	10	34	.227	24 1
<b>Pacific Division</b>				
	W	L	Pet	GB
Sacramento	32	13	.711	_
Portland	27	15	.643	3.1/
Phoenix	26	20	.565	6 1/
Golden State	20	23	.465	- 11
L.A. Lakers	19	23	.452	11.1
Seattle	19	23	.452	11.1
I A Climana	16	20	264	15 1

Sunday's Games Toronto 101, Sacramento 97 Boston 91, Orlando 83 Chicago 100, Houston 98 New York 106, Phoenix 98 Indiana 108, L.A. Clippers 101 Portland 100, Dallas 93 Monday's Games Washington 98, Phoenix 93 Cleveland 104, L.A. Clippers 100 Indiana 102, Miami 95 Houston 100, Memphis 95 Minnesota 106, San Antonio 95 Milwaukee 108, New Orleans 93 New Jersey 92, Denver 66 **Tuesday's Games** Atlanta at New York, 7:30 p.m. Boston at Detroit, 7:30 p.m. Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 8 p.m Utah at Sacramento, 10 p.m. Denver at Portland, 10 p.m. Golden State at Seattle, 10 p.m. Wednesday's Games San Antonio at Indiana, 7 p.m. Atlanta at Philadelphia, 7 p.m. Cleveland at Orlando, 7 p.m. New York at Miami, 7:30 p.m.

Washington at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m. Toronto at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m. Portland at Utah, 9 p.m. Dallas at Houston, 9 p.m. L.A. Lakers at Phoenix, 9 p.m. Chicago at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m. HOCKEY

National Hockey League At A Glance By The Associated Press

All Times EST EASTERN CONFERENCE **Atlantic Division** L T OL Pts GF GA

New Jersey	29	12	3	4	65 124	95
Philadelphia	27	12	. 8	2	64 121	103
N.Y. Islanders	22	20	5	2	51135	145
Pittsburgh	21	20	4	5	51 135	144
N.Y. Rangers	21	25	6	1	49 1341	.60
Northeast Di	visio	n				
	W	L	T	OL	Pts GF	GA
Ottawa	32	12	6	1	71 170	115
Boston	25	18	5	1	56 148	129
Toronto	25	20	4	.1	55 136	126
Montreal	20	.19	7	5	52 134	148
Buffalo	15	24	7	3	40 108	128
Southeast Di	visio	n				
	W	L	T	OL	Pts GF	GA
Washington	23	18	7	3	56 147	139
Tampa Bay	20	19	7	4	51 139	143
Florida	15	18	9	8	47 113	146
Carolina	17	23	6	5	45 112	141
Atlanta	16	26	3	4	39 132	176
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Central Divis	sion					
	W	L	T	OL	Pts GF	GA
Detroit	27	14	7	2	63 147	124

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### SCOREBOARD

	W	L	T	OL	Pts GF	GA
Vancouver	29	16	5	. 0	63 154	130
Minnesota	25	17	7	1	58 123	109
Edmonton	23	16	5	6	57 138	130
Colorado	19	14	10	5	53 138	122
Calgary	17	23	.7	3	44 108	139
Pacific Divi	sion					
	W	L	T	OL	Pts GF	GA
Dallas	29	11.	11	1	70 161	100
Anaheim	20	18	7	4	51 119	12
San Jose	18	20	6	. 5	47 131	14
Phoenix	18	21	7	4	47 124	135

**Northwest Division** 

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.

Los Angeles 19 23 4 4 46 124 141

Sunday's Games Washington 7, N.Y. Rangers 2 Montreal 4, Chicago 3-Vancouver 1, Phoenix 0 **Monday's Games** Nashville 5, Buffalo 1 Dallas 5, Ottawa 3 San Jose 3, Los Angeles 0 **Tuesday's Games** Nashville at Boston, 7 p.m. St. Louis at Washington, 7 p.m. Colorado at Columbus, 7 p.m.

Pittsburgh at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m. Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 7 p.m. Florida at Montreal, 7:30 p.m. N.Y. Rangers at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m. Detroit at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m. Calgary at Phoenix, 9 p.m. Minnesota at Vancouver, 10 p.m. Los Angeles at San Jose, 10:30 p.m. Wednesday's Games Toronto at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.

Calgary at Dallas, 8:30 p.m. Minnesota at Edmonton, 9 p.m. Ottawa at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.

#### **TRANSACTIONS Monday's Sports Transactions** By The Associated Press BASEBALL

American League BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Named Gary Allenson manager, Steve McCatty pitching coach, Dave Cash field coach, and Homer Zulaica trainer for Ottawa of the IL; Dave Trembley manager, Dave Schuler pitching coach, and Butch Davis field coach for Bowie of the Eastern League; Tom Lawless manager and Scott McGregor pitching coach for Frederick of the Carolina League; Stan Hough manager, Larry McCall pitching coach, and Don Werner field coach for Delmarva of the South Atlantic League; Doc Watson pitching coach and Cedric Landrum field coach for Aberdeen of the New York-Penn League; Andre Rabouin pitching coach, Hensley

Meulens coach, and Jake Ryan trainer for Bluefield of the Appalachian League; Larry Jaster pitching coach and Spencer Eliott trainer for the Gulf Coast Orioles; Dave Stockstill minor league hitting coordinator, in addition to his duties as minor league field coordinator; Bien Figueroa roving minor league infield instructor; Andy Etchebarren roving minor league catching instructor; and Dave Walker minor league medical coordinator.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX-Agreed to terms with INF-OF Brian Daubach, RHP Gil Heredia, RHP Esteban Loaiza, RHP Brian Cooper, C Jamie Burke, C Steven Morales and OF Clifford Brumbaugh'on minor league contracts. MINNESOTA TWINS—Agreed to terms with

RHP Mike Fetters on a minor league contract. NEW YORK YANKEES-Agreed to terms with RHP Juan Acevedo on a minor league contract. TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with OF Ruben Sierra on a minor league contract.

National League LOS ANGELES DODGERS-Traded OF Luke Allen to Colorado for INF-OF Jason Romano. NEW YORK METS-Agreed to terms with RHP Dan Wheeler on a minor league contract. PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Agreed to terms with RHP Pat Mahomes on a minor league contract. SAN DIEGO PADRES-Named Gary Jones manager for Fort Wayne of the Midwest League.

BASKETBALL National Basketball Association DENVER NUGGETS-Activated G Chris Whitney from the injured list. Waived G John Crotty. NEW ORLEANS HORNETS-Placed G Baron Davis on the injured list. Signed G Randy

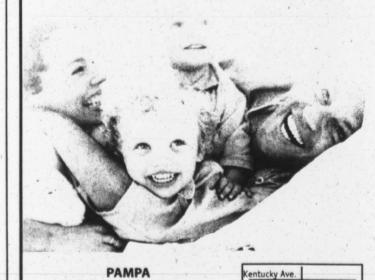
Livingston to a 10-day contract. Waived F Matt TORONTO RAPTORS—Signed F Zendon Hamilton to a 10-day contract. Waived F Art Long.

FOOTBALL National Football League

DETROIT LIONS-Fired Marty Mornhinweg, GREEN BAY PACKERS—Named John Bonamego special teams coordinator

HOUSTON TEXANS—Claimed CB Brandon Jennings off waivers from Oakland. Signed WR LaVell Boyd, OT Jelani Hawkins, S Glenn Sumter and OT Gannon Shepherd.

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## HOTOSCODE BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

Jan. 29, 2003: and use your self-discipline. The end actually have a good time as well. what someone wants. Deal with spending results could ultimately make you very Tonight: Go for a duo. happy. You will empower yourself. You CANCER (June 21-July 22) of relationship. If you're attached, your thing. Tonight: The only answer is "yes." Your energy soars. Tonight: Whatever relationship will benefit from plenty of LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

CORN adores you. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll You will prosper, and so will others. understand what is on your mind. Listen 5-Dynamic; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

against your ideas. You will be much together and share. Tonight: Play away. ideas. Tonight: Do only what you want. happier when what you say counts. Pick LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

late as need be. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

overview. Do just that. You get addition- Think security. Tonight: Happy at home. al information from sources at a distance. Put your feet up. Explore your options through discus- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) sions and surfing the Net. You might be \*\*\* \* Keep conversations moving, amazed at what you come up with, even if you hit a roadblock. You might be Tonight: Rent a movie on the way home. surprised by what you hear from others.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, You need some mental R and R. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

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Often you will need to step back and get \*\*\* Your volatile energy needs helpful. A talk proves to be healing. another's impression. How you feel focus. Allow a partner to help you with Tonight: At a favorite spot. about a loved one or a dear friend could this task. "Success" becomes your mid- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) impulsive Aquarian you are. Slow down matter. Teamwork pays off, and you know much more than you realize about

gain understanding. If you are single, \*\*\*\* Others run with the ball. If CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) you might tend to hook up with those you have any thoughts of stopping a run- \*\*\* \* Understand more of what who are emotionally unavailable. You away train, you will have to throw your- you want and expect from a loved one. will have the opportunity to meet some- self right in front of it. Why do that to You might have many questions. Simply one quite special if you let yourself. Ask yourself? Let others show off their stuff. start asking them. You could be surprised yourself what you want, as in what type You'll have plenty of time to do your at the news you hear, if you just listen.

time alone together. You will grow as a \*\* All work and no play will never AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\* Play away. You might want to \*\*\* A meeting could prove more \*\*\* Finally, what you say counts, carefully think through a decision that explosive than not. You might want to which creates a sense of relief. No one involves someone close. Bring up a ques- watch what happens, though you could likes a mutiny on his or her hands, but tionable topic. Let a friend or loved one decide that you do need to take a leaderyou above all signs dislike rebellion express his or her needs more fully. Talk ship role. Others respond to you and your

something ultimately relaxing.

and choose your words with care. Check \*\*\* Discussions revolve around a BORN TODAY on an older relative. Tonight: Work as domestic matter. Think through a deci- Talk-show host Oprah Winfrey (1954), sion that could ultimately impact your actor W.C. Fields (1880), actor Tom personal life. You might want some feed- Selleck (1945) \*\*\*\* You know how to take an back from those in your life who count.

change substantially. Think rather than dle name. Carefully review a decision \*\*\* Realize what is needed to make act, which might be difficult for the that involves a partnership or a money a personal or financial matter work. You

Knowing and understanding where those

around you come from could be quite

in a more conservative but direct manner with this person. Tonight: Budget night!

knocks your socks off.

Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

result and become much closer. CAPRI- make the Lion happy. Pace yourself dur- ★★★ You might want to listen more. ing a heavy few days of work. Learn to What others are saying subtly could be delegate and rely more on associates. hard to hear. You need to clear out and 4-Positive; Teamwork beats overwork. Tonight: Do to your sixth sense. Follow through.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

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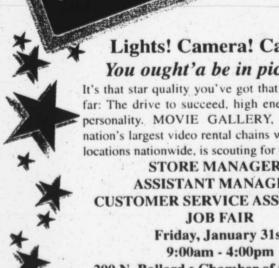
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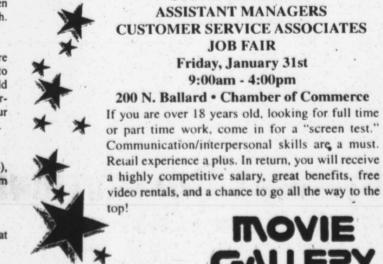
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# FAA wants some passengers weighed on smaller planes

BY LESLIE MILLER ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some airline passengers just getting used to baggage inspections and patdowns at airports soon may have to reveal how much they weigh before boarding small commuter and regional planes.

The Federal Aviation Administration announced the temporary weigh-in policy Monday for planes with 10 to 19 seats as part of a monthlong survey to determine whether current weight estimates are accurate.

It's a question of safety for the smaller planes, and passengers who refuse to go along with the request could be barred from a flight.

The FAA also issued an order requiring inspections of elevators on all Beech 1900 series planes. The elevator is a flap on the tail that moves up and down and causes the plane to climb or dive.

Investigators are looking at excess weight and elevator malfunction as possible contributing causes of the Jan. 8 crash of a 19-seat Beech 1900

aboard died.

Debby McElroy, president of the Regional Airlines Association, which is working with the FAA, said airlines are being asked to weigh passengers and bags over three days within the next month at about a third of the airports used by aircraft carrying 10 to 19 passengers.

The survey will affect passengers on about 200 Jetstream 31s, Metro 23s and Beech 1900s, McElroy said.

All bags will be weighed, but the FAA is letting the airlines decide whether to require passengers to step on scales or simply ask them how much they weigh.

The agency will allow airlines to add 10 pounds to each passenger who is not weighed, because some people might underestimate their

Airlines can refuse to board passengers who refuse to divulge their weight, the FAA said.

The FAA lets airlines estimate that an adult passenger flying in winter averages 185 pounds, including clothing and carry-ons, said Lou Cusimano, FAA's deputy director of flight stanturboprop in Charlotte, N.C. All 21 people dards service. The same passenger is calculated

at five pounds lighter during summer travel.

Children ages 2 to 12 are estimated to weigh 80 pounds in winter and summer, he said, and each checked bag is calculated to weigh an average of 25 pounds for a domestic flight and 30 pounds for international travel.

Some believe those estimates may be too low because Americans and their carry-on bags have gotten larger, and checked bags often weigh more than 25 pounds.

Adult men averaged 180.7 pounds in 1994, the most recent year in which statistics from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention are available.

Cusimano said the FAA still believes weight estimates are valid but wants to conduct the survey to make sure.

David Stempler, president of the Air Travelers Association, thinks the agency will find the estimates are far too low.

"People go out with these roll bags that weigh 40 to 50 pounds," he said.

The maximum takeoff weight for the Beech 1900 that crashed in Charlotte was just over 17,000 pounds. The National Transportation Safety Board said the plane's documentation shows it was within 100 pounds of that weight.

Investigators also are looking at weight distribution, which is as important as total weight because it affects an aircraft's center of gravity. Too many bags in the rear compartment or a few large people in the back could change a small plane's center of gravity and make it more much difficult to fly.

For that reason, FAA inspectors are checking each 10- to 19-seat plane to make sure bags are properly restrained and cannot shift during flight.

The elevator inspections must be completed by Friday and will affect 368 planes in the United States, said Ron Wojner, deputy director of FAA's aircraft certification service. Worldwide, 688 Beech 1900s are in operation, he said.

Wojner stressed nothing that turned up during the investigation of the Charlotte crash indicates the planes are dangerous.

"These aircraft are safe," he said. "We've had 20 years of safe operation."

On the Net: Federal Aviation Administration:

# Scores of doctors in Florida, Mississippi protesting

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Hospitals in the Palm Beach County area added to their emergency room staffs and rescheduled elective surgeries as hundreds of doctors protested rising malpractice insurance costs by staying off the job.

More than 800 Florida doctors stayed away from work in protest Monday, as did a dozen doctors in Mississippi.

Organizers of the protest in Florida said the doctors were staying off the job to attend a two-day conference looking at the problem of insurance costs. No immediate problems were reported at hospitals in their absence.

"We want the patients to understand that there's a major crisis and something has to be done soon," said Dr. Stephen Babic, a Delray Beach cardiologist.

Complaints about higher insurance rates, driven in part by big jury awards for malpractice, are being heard from doctors around the country. About two dozen surgeons walked off the job in West Virginia earlier this month, and doctors in New Jersey are considering a similar protest in February.

A task force appointed by Florida Gov. Jeb Bush recently voted to recommend that jury awards for punitive damages and pain-and-suffering awards in medical malpractice cases be capped at \$250,000.

"The quality of care for Floridians will be diminished if we don't deal with medical malpractice reform. In the long run, that's the issue," Bush said Monday.

Dr. Robert Cline, president of the Florida Medical Association, said that 130 patients received malpractice awards worth more than \$1 million last year.

"So we're jeopardizing care for 16 million people in the state of Florida because of these 130 claims?" Cline said. "We're approaching Third World medicine where people are traveling 100 miles to get specialized care.'

Since 1975, rates for professional liability insurance have increased fivefold across the nation. In comparison, rates for doctors in California, where reforms were passed in 1975, rose only 167 percent during the same period, Cline

Victims of medical malpractice, however, say the industry cannot put a cap on the value of someone's health or life.

Wayne Portch, 56, said he lost both legs below the knee and parts of four fingers after two doctors failed to diagnose an infection over four days. He and his wife said they are looking for accountability.

"We know a lot of good doctors. This isn't about the good doctors. This is about the bad doctors," Paula Portch said. "Our whole life has changed. Should this be

allowed to go on?"

Rep. Mark Foley, R-Fla., said patients will continue to suffer if more doctors are forced to leave the state or retire early because high insurance rates make it impossible to continue their practices. Foley said he plans to push a House bill that would limit malpractice costs to doctors and cap some awards.

Also Monday, a dozen surgeons took leaves of absence from four Gulf Coast hospitals

in Mississippi.

Harrison and Hancock counties and the city of Gulfport declared a state of emergency, clearing the way for ambulances to take patients to hospitals in neighboring Louisiana or Alabama.

At least five patients were redirected to other hospitals, said Chris Cirillo, director of operations for American Medical Response ambulance service.

# Preceptor Chi officers



(Courtesy photo)

Preceptor Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi recently installed the following officers for 2003: (left-right, sitting) Norine Greer, president; Teresa Curfman, treasurer; (1-r, standing) Sue Garner, vice president; and Crystal Fillion, recording secretary.

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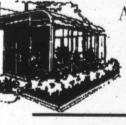
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# Shuttle, station in sight of one another

By JUAN A. LOZANO AP WRITER

CENTER. SPACE (AP) Houston Although they are not set to rendezvous, the crews of space shuttle Columbia and the international space station are keeping tabs on each other as they both orbit Earth.

"It's been great to hear all the good science you're doing," space station commander Kenneth Bowersox radioed Monday to the crew of Columbia, which is in the middle of a 16-day science mission.

At the time of the call, Columbia was flying over Brazil and space station Alpha was over Ukraine.

Shuttle-astronaut Laurel Clark asked station crew member Donald Pettit how his twin 2-year-old sons were doing.

"I'm doing the best job I can to maintain contact with them as they go through the terrible twos," said Pettit, who has been aboard Alpha with two crewmates since late November. Pettit was informed that

shuttle pilot William McCool had e-mailed him his next move in their long-distance chess game. "It's my move," Pettit said. "Tell him 'en garde."

The shuttle crew spent most of Monday continuing its scientific research. The start of one experiment, examining how fine water mists can be used to fight fires, was delayed while a leak in some of the equipment used with a combustion chamber was

sealed. The temperature in Columbia's lab was back to a comfortable level in the mid-70s after problems associated with the breakdown of a pair of dehumidifiers was mostly fixed over the weekend, flight director Phil Engelauf said. The problems had caused the temperature to rise to near 80

degrees. Columbia's crew also took time Monday to wish NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe a happy 47th birthday and to watch Super Bowl high-

lights. The shuttle is scheduled to return to Earth on Saturday.

On the Net: NASA: http://spaceflight.nasa.gov