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Grant ups PFD's response-ability

EDITOR

grant brings Pampa Fire Department's warfare. emergency response capability to state of the art, officials say.

wrote the grant request. "Pampa Fire Hall explained. Department's response capability increased a great deal."

money, intended to assist local agencies to afford this without the grant." with handling emergencies created by A \$46,000-plus Homeland Security terrorist attacks, chemical or biological ers, Jerry Tomaschik and Tim Roberts, nation shelters, 10-foot by 14-foot, are

funds through the Department of "Response capability just went up a Emergency Management to Texas the grant funds including three portable Each shelter is divided into four areas: a notch," said Ken Hall, Pampa emer- Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) gency management coordinator, who for distribution throughout the state, and 14 Level B hazardous material suits with shower spray, a second decontam-

went to state of the art," said Pampa Fire including eight long-range in-suit tion suits. A third mobile shelter is 10-

Powell commended Pampa firefight-Homeland Security funneled the needed for the grant application.

weapons of mass destruction grant. The proud. We would never have been able tion pillows to absorb hazardous materi-

The two blue and white decontamiwho helped with the intensive research made of rigid plastic and fold up into a triangle. These shelters can be erected PFD purchased numerous items with on site in approximately two minutes. decontamination shelters, 10 Level A disrobing room, a decontamination area with boots and gloves, nine negative ination area with shower spray, then a "Our decontamination capability just pressure respirators, radio equipment four area to put on clean decontamina-



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Assistant Fire Chief Randy Dunham wears a Level B hazardous material protective suit, one of 14 purchased for Pampa Fire Department through a \$46,149.97 Homeland Security-generated grant.

ater district on tap in Roberts County

BY DAVID BOWSER

STAFF WRITER

MIAMI -The Roberts County Commission was expected to meet this afterto form a fresh water district.

northern part of Roberts El Paso or San Antonio. County. The move was widely

noon concerning petitions here businessman, Roberts County missioners court asking for water from beneath Roberts

seen as an effort to export Roberts County landowners water district. They could ing water to metropolitan consider litigation.

acres, only 46,000 acres would In late January, a group of initially be in their proposed

build a 300-plus mile County Commission delays a pipeline capable of deliver- decision, then Mesa would

Security Council's Iraq vote follows frenzied diplomacy

By BEN FOX

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

The United States lobbied Security Council members to get the nine votes it needs for U.N. approval of an ulti-rule the Security Council, not bloodmatum giving Saddam Hussein until thirsty whims for a group of adventur-March 17 to prove Iraq has disarmed, ers in Washington," Babil said. but the threat of a French veto loomed and anti-war protests erupted around effort to secure a deadline. It dis-

Powell saying the Bush administration Guinea to grant Iraq more time to comwas within "striking distance" of per- ply with U.N. disarmament demands. suading at least nine Security Council . To be adopted by the 15-nation

Security Council members to stand up Britain. to Washington's "bloodthirsty whims" and block the ultimatum.

The influential daily Babil, owned

by Saddam's son Odai, also warned that the Bush administration was pushing the world toward "stupidity with grave consequences."

"The logic of justice and law should

France worked to undermine the patched Foreign Minister Dominique U.S. diplomacy appeared to be pay- de Villepin to lobby Security Council ing off, with Secretary of State Colin members Angola, Cameroon and

members to support the ultimatum in a Security Council, the resolution needs vote as early as Tuesday at the United nine votes in favor and no veto by a permanent member — the United On Monday, Iraq urged U.N. States, Russia, China, France and

Lobbying efforts are focused on the

(See VOTE, Page 3)

North Korea test-fires missile

North Korea test-fired a missile into dle the nuclear problem. the sea Monday in what was seen as negotiations.

from a base on North Korea's east other nations. coast fit a pattern of unusual military maneuvers in recent weeks, including ing to North Korea, but we're not the North's interception a week ago of a U.S. reconnaissance plane.

This is another show of North Korean brinkmanship," said Yoon ly, when it affects other nations in the Dong-min, an expert at the state-funded Institute of Foreign Affairs and

National Security in Seoul. They are trying to raise the stakes in the nuclear standoff and trying to Nations last week, he worked with

get the upper hand ahead of possible diplomats to develop a multinational talks with the United States," Your approach to North Korea.

sion treaty and economic aid from the immediately. United States, but Washington says

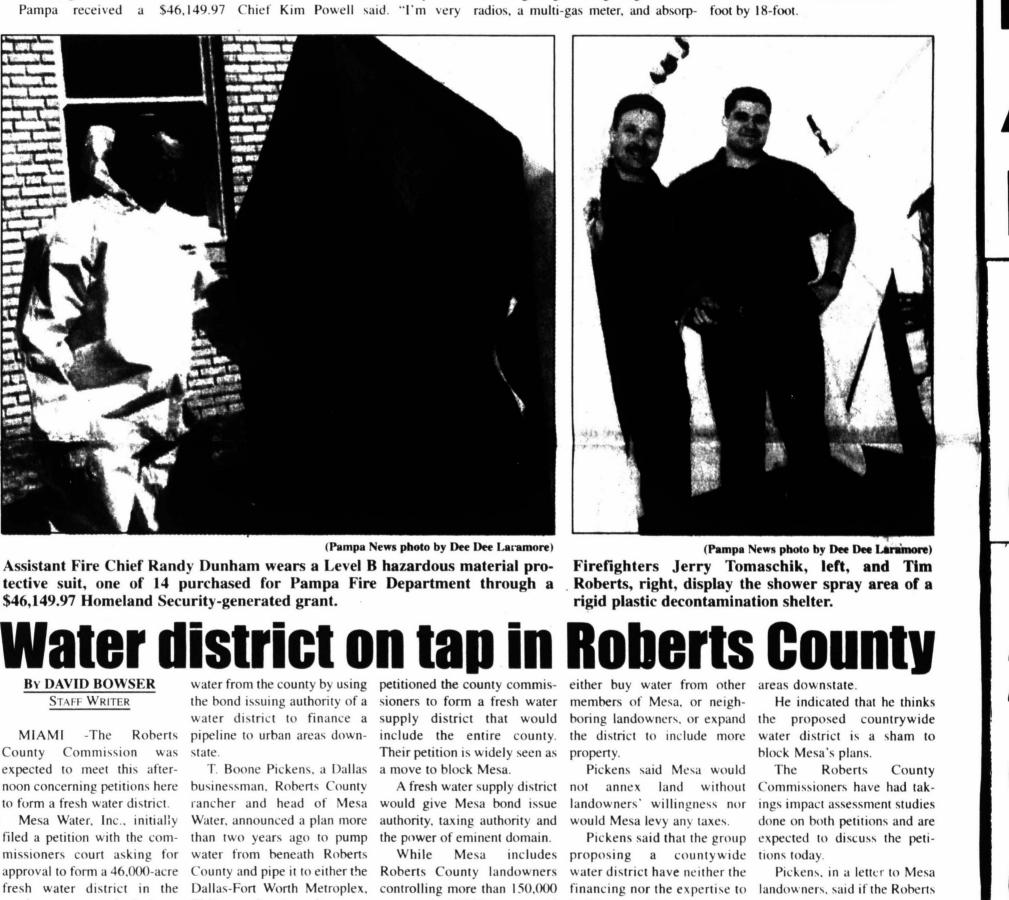
SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — the U.N. Security Council should han-

In Washington, top Bush adminisan attempt to raise tension further in tration officials said Sunday the time the standoff over its nuclear programs still isn't ripe for one-on-one talks and pressure the United States into with North Korea and any lasting solution to the nuclear dispute will The widely anticipated launch need the support of Russia, China and

"I think eventually we will be talkgoing to simply fall into what I believe is bad practice of saying the only way you can talk to us is directregion," Secretary of State Colin

Powell said on CNN's "Late Edition." Powell, on Fox News Sunday, said that during his visit to the United

Democrats are pressing the Bush North Korea wants a nonaggres- administration to begin direct talks



No obituaries were reported to The Pampa News by press time today. **INSIDE...**

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the lam Monday.

City Sunday night.

Monday's editions.

STATE

Police seeking woman who ran over husband WEBSTER (AP) — A woman accused of slashing her husband with a knife and then hitting him with her car over the weekend remained on

Webster Police Department Capt. Ray Smiley said Miacona Dickerson's car was found abandoned in Texas

Her husband, Clifton Leroy Dickerson, 29, was listed in good condition at Memorial Hermann Hospital, Houston Chronicle reported in

Smiley said police believed

Miacona Dickerson was likely

holed up somewhere in Texas

City, which is about 15 miles away from the Webster apartment complex where police say she found her husband

When Dickerson tried to

talk with his estranged wife,

the pair began arguing. Police

say Miacona Dickerson pulled

out a knife and slashed her

husband's lower arm. When

he tried to run, she hit him

has been charged with aggra-

vated assault with a deadly

DEATHS

Miacona Dickerson, 29,

with her car, police said.

weapon.

early Sunday morning.

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ON RECORD

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the following calls during the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, March 7

7:18 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky; one patient was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

4:42 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells; one patient was transported to PRMC.

6:45 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC; one patient was transported to Baptist-St. Anthony's West in Amarillo.

8:10 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to PRMC; one patient was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Saturday, March 8

6:52 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of East Foster; one patient was transported to BSAW.

10:29 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of North Nelson; one patient was transported to PRMC.

12:33 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC; one patient was transported to

5:40 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Schneider; no patient was

10:36 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to PRMC; one patient was transported to NWTH.

Sunday, March 9

12:07 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block East Frederic; no patient was transported.

5:22 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC; one patient was transported to NWTH.

1:35 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of South Nelson; no patient was transported.

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, March 8

1:47 p.m. - An alarm call to Pampa Regional Medical Center was canceled before firefighters left the station. Someone had pulled a fire alarm at the hospital when there was no fire.

Sunday, March 9

2:01 a.m. - Two units and seven firefighters responded to an alarm in the 2100 block of Charles. The alarm had malfunctioned.

6:58 a.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to a dumpster fire at Ford and Cuyler streets. The dumpster was fully involved when firefighters arrived. Damage was limited to the lid of the container.

7:33 p.m. – Two units and six firefighters responded to a smoke alarm in the 1800 block of North Banks. The smoke was caused by a pot that had been left on the

11:16 p.m. - Two units and six firefighters responded to an alarm in the 2100 block of Charles. The alarm had malfunctioned.

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WEATHER FOCUS

Today's forecast is calling for partly cloudy skies today with highs in the lower 60s and southeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Tonight should be partly cloudy and warmer with lows in the lower 40s and southeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Tuesday should be partly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 70s. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 percent. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 40s. Southeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s. Northwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s. Thursday night, mostly clear. Lows in the upper 40s. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

STATEWIDE

handy across Texas this week. The National Weather Service said thundershowers are likely for most of the Texas beginning Tuesday and continuing through at least Thursday.

Skies were expected to be cloudy through Monday, with thunderstorms developing on Tuesday.

For North Texas, the outlook for Monday night was for partly cloudy skies with lows in the middle 40s and east winds around 10 mph. Tuesday, highs should be in

Umbrellas might come in the upper 60s with a chance of showers Tuesday night and low temperatures in the lower 50s, warmer than usual. Rain continue Wednesday and Thursday

with highs in the 70s and lows

in the 50s.

For West Texas, the outlook was for mostly clear skies Monday night, turning partly cloudy on Tuesday morning, then clearing again. Daytime highs should be in the lower 70s, with nighttime lows in the upper 30s.

through the weekend.

For South Texas, fog and drizzle are expected Monday night, with showers developing on Tuesday and continuthrough mid-week. Afternoon highs should be in the 60s and 70s, with lows at night in the 50s and 60s.

Temperatures Monday morning ranged from the 20s in the Panhandle to the 60s in East Texas and Southeast Texas. The coolest temperature at 5 a.m. was 23 at Amarillo and Dalhart. The warmest reading was 66 at Brownsville.

Pantex: Whistleblowers appeal dismissal

Showers are likely beginning

Thursday and continuing

AMARILLO (AP) — Attorneys representing six Pantex employees are appealing a recent Labor Department decision that dismissed claims by workers who raised nuclear safety concerns during a 1996 weapons program that dismantled nuclear depth charges.

An administrative law judge heard the case in 1997 and ruled against six workers who filed claims against former Pantex contractor Mason & Hanger Corp.

The workers alleged Mason & Hanger retaliated against them for reporting nuclear safety issues. One worker claimed he was effectively discharged, and other workers claimed they were reassigned or denied a promotion for raising safety complaints.

Throughout the trial, attorneys for Mason & Hanger attempted to show the company worked to correct nuclear safety issues raised by the workers and that the company had programs to handle safety complaints.

Attorneys representing the workers tried to document through testimony that the workers were harassed by co-workers and line management for reporting nuclear and high-explosives safety issues.

Workers testified they were unnecessarily exposed to radioactive dust and radiation during weapons work on the W-55, a type of nuclear depth charge that was dismantled at l'antex.

The case then was appealed to the Labor Department's Administrative Review Board, which determined the workers who raised nuclear safety issues were subjected to threats and hostile working conditions from co-workers and lower level supervi-

But the board said the workers failed to establish that Mason & Hanger Corp. was liable for a hostile working environment.

In its Nov. 13 ruling, the review board said it disagreed with a previous judge's determination that the whistleblowers' complaints and subsequent work place harassment were not related but concluded that Mason & Hanger was not liable for the hostile work environment that existed in the W 55 program.

Greg Wolk, an attorney for the Government Accountability Project, a group that represents the workers, said the group is appealing the case to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

CARSON CO. SHERIFF

Carson County Sheriff's Department today reported four persons were booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of March 3-7. Currently, there are 13 persons incarcerated in the jail and an additional 19 prisoners are held in other jurisdictions.

Lori Ahsan, 36, of Halstead, Kan., posses-

Arrested during the week were:

sion of marijuana more than five pounds.

Mary Ann Owens, 35, of White Deer, was arrested on a bond surrender on abandoning/endangering a child.

Lorren Roby, 40, of White Deer, was

Dana Derouaux, 47, of Westerville, Ohio, was arrested for criminal child non-support.

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following arrests and incidents.

Sunday, March 2

A sign was reported damaged at a church in the 300 block of North Ward. Damage estimate was \$300.

Wednesday, March 5

Harassment was reported in the 700 block of Brown. According to the police report, the complainant said a salesman threatened to pass false information on a business unless the business owner used him and his services.

Friday, March 7

A wallet was reported stolen in the 1100 block of East Foster. The wallet was recov-

A theft of two packages of cigarettes was reported to the police department.

Criminal mischief and burglary of a building was reported. Damage estimate was \$155.30. A back windshield of a vehicle was according to the police report.

An assault by threat complaint was taken at the police department lobby.

Burglary of a building was reported in a building in the 100 block of North Frost. Entry was reportedly made by kicking a hole in the door. Nothing was reported taken.

Assault by threat was reported to PPD. It block of East Francis. reportedly occurred in the 400 block of Wynne.

Saturday, March 8

Kathryn Hopson, 46, 201 W. Kingsmill was arrested on two warrants for theft.

Theft was reported in the 1900 block of North Hobart. Two cases of beer with an estimated value of \$38.55 was reported stolen.

Criminal mischef was reported in the 600 block of North Zimmers. A side window and passenger side window of a vehicle were broken out. Damage estimate was \$200.

Assault causing bodily injury by a family member was reported in the 500 block of Roberta. According to the police report, minor injures were reported.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1200 block of East Browning. A car window was broken. Estimate of loss was \$200.

An information report was taken in the 1100 block of Mary Ellen.

Theft of clothes was reported at a store in report.

arrested on assault by threat.

the 1200 block of North Hobart. The clothing was valued at \$112.

> A vehicle was reported missing in the 2400 block of Comanche Trail.

> Theft of services regarding a telephone was reported to PPD. Estimate of loss was \$509.28.

> An injury to a child complaint was taken at Pampa Regional Medical Center.

> Eggs were reported thrown at a carport in the 800 block of North Wells.

Sunday, March 9

Jay Kelly, 38, 900 S. Faulkner, was arrested on a capias pro fine warrant for public intoxication.

Morris Powell, 51, was arrested for no valid drivers license.

Eugene Hoyt Larue, 37, 731 N. Dwight, was arrested on a municipal warrant for dog at large and two warrants for no rabies vaccine.

A gas drive-off was reported in the 2100 damaged and two license plates stolen, block of North Hobart. Estimate of loss was

> Burglary of a residence was reported in the 1300 block of North Coffee. Reported missing was \$20 in change. Damage was reported to a door to enter the building, according to the police report.

> Harassment report was taken in the 1100

Theft under \$50 was reported in the 1400 block of East Browning. A chair was reported taken from the front porch.

Burglary of a habitation in the 1000 block of North Dwight was reported as occurring in the evening hours of March 7. Entrance was gained through an unsecured interior door of garage. Reported taken was a Playstation, video games, several tools, cameras and an assortment of jewelry. Loss was estimated to be \$3,895.

Simple assault with minor injuries was reported to PPD.

Found property was reported in the 700 block of North Zimmers. Twelve boxes of ammunition was reported found.

A felony criminal mischief was reported in the Pampa High School parking lot on Harvester. Each panel of the driver's side of a vehicle was keyed, resulting in \$1,500 to \$2,000 damage, according to the police

Local governments finding wind power more affordable, environment-friendly

BY BILL BERGSTROM

AP BUSINESS WRITER

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Clean-air conscious Radnor Township is switching to wind power for the bulk of its municipal electricity needs.

Radnor is joining communities like nearby Media and Swarthmore, and larger cities from Austin, Texas, to Seattle and Los Angeles, that are finding the cost of wind-generated power has dropped enough to make economic as well as environmental sense.

"Two years ago we looked at it and it was significantly more. (The cost) came down significantly from two years ago and we felt it was something we should do," said Enrique Hervada, a township commissioner and Finance

669-6110.

and Audit Committee chairman.

Wind power has sailed under more favorable breezes in recent years as improved technology and government support have shrunk its cost.

The federal government provides a 1.5 cent-per-kilowatt production tax credit to developers of wind energy, a subsidy backers hope to get renewed after its scheduled expiration at the end of this year. Alternative energy projects also get a sales-tax break on equipment and services.

U.S. Department of Energy grants of \$40 million in seed money to private companies to develop low-cost, utilityscale wind turbines provided a big push, according to January's Mechanical Engineering magazine.

"Wind turbines could be ready to break into the mainstream of electrical generation before the end of the decade," the American Society of Mechanical Engineers publication report-

The cost of wind energy has dropped from 38 cents a kilowatt in 1980 to less than 10 cents in 1990 and less than five cents at some wind farms today, according to the American Wind Energy Association. Costs without the produc-

tion tax credit now range from 4 to 6 cents per kilowatt, and with the credit from 3.3 to 5.3 cents per kilowatt hour — very close to the 3cent cost using traditional fuels, according to the group.

Wind power is subject to variables. Wind speeds ehange, and calm days idle even the most advanced wind turbines. But - especially significant to local officials juggling budgets in a harsh winter that has seen natural gas prices triple — cost isn't one of the variables.

"We're locked in at a fixed rate," Vince Cerniglia, chairman of Radnor Township's Environmental Advisory Committee, said happily. Unlike power from oil- or gas-fired plants, he said, "The wind power isn't going to increase in price. Once the turbine is built and the wind is generating electricity, the costs are in place."

City Briefs

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MISSILE

National security adviser Condoleezza Rice said on ABC's "This Week" that the United States isn't afraid to talk, "but we need to do so in a way that will bring maximum pressure on North Korea to actually this time not just freeze its weapons of mass destruction, but begin to dismantle them."

There had been indications that North Korea was planning to fire a missile. The Pentagon earlier cited a North Korean warning to ships to stay out of a sector off the east coast from Saturday to Tuesday.

Maj. Kim Ki-Beom, a spokesman at the South Korean Defense Ministry, said the missile was believed to be an anti-ship missile similar to one that North Korea test-fired on Feb. 24, the eve of the inauguration of South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun.

South Korean officials said the second missile was launched from a pad at Sinsang-ri and flew 68 miles. It had a range of 160 kilome-[⊥] ters 99 miles.

South Korea was trying to determine whether the new test was successful. It had said the earlier one was a failure since it appeared to have exploded in midair due to defects.

The United States had sought to minimize the significance of the earlier missile test, saying it involved a small weapon and not one of North

Korea's stockpile of longrange ballistic missiles.

U.S. and South Korean officials are more concerned about a possible North Korean test of a Taepodong-2 missile, which analysts believe is capable of reaching parts of the United States, though there are widespread doubts about its reach and accuracy. In 1998, North Korea test-fired a Taepodong-1 missile over Japan and into

North Korea has repeatedly accused the United States of plotting an attack, and says its military maneuvers are defen-

the Pacific.

In its first public comment on the March 2 plane interception, a state-run North Korean newspaper criticized the South Korean military for objecting to the maneuver off the North's east coast, South Korea's Yonhap news agency said.

Yonhap cited a North Korean newspaper, Rodong Sinmun, as saying that the dispatch of fighter jets to intercept the U.S. plane was a "just act of the right to selfdefense."

Citing a senior defense official, The New York Times has reported that a North Korean pilot made the internationally recognized hand signals to follow him in an apparent attempt to take the U.S. crew hostage.

North Korean fighters illuminated the U.S. plane with targeting radar, but there was no hostile fire. The U.S. plane broke off its mission and returned to its base in Japan.

Rodong Sinmun also noted statement by the South Korean Defense Ministry on Friday that expressed deep concern about the North Korean action and urged its neighbor's military to act with restraint.

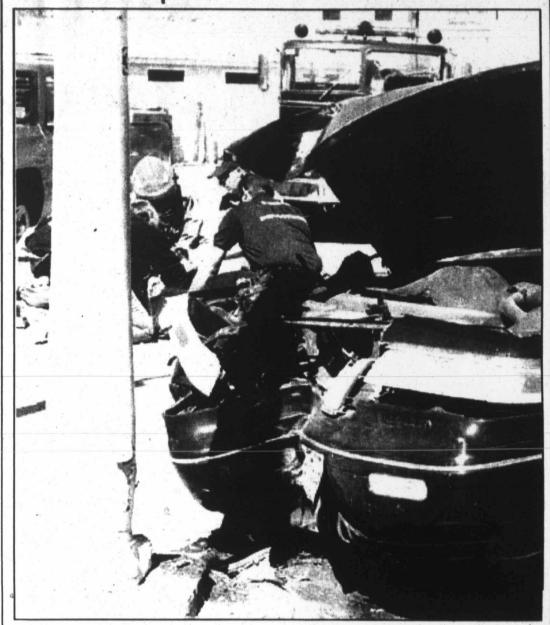
"If South Korean authorities are at all interested in peace, they should speak out to the foreign power, the United States, which is threatening peace," the newspaper said.

For decades, North Korea has tried to undermine the alliance between Washington and Seoul with appeals for Korean solidarity in the face of what it calls foreign interfer-Washington keeps 37,000 troops in South Korea, a legacy of the 1950-53 Korean War.

The two Koreas embarked on a host of reconciliation projects after a summit of their leaders in 2000, but the process has been overshadowed by tension over the nuclear dispute.

In October, U.S. officials said Pyongyang admitted having a covert nuclear program in violation of a 1994 deal. Washington and its allies suspended fuel shipments; the North retaliated by expelling U.N. monitors, withdrawing from the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty and restarting a nuclear reactor.

Car versus pole



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

A Pampa man was injured Thursday when he swerved his 1995 Mercury Marquis to miss a cat on South Cuyler and struck a light pole. Martin Avila, 40, 1057 Huff, was traveling south in the 700 block of South Cuyler, said police. His car received extensive damage and the lightpole received an estimated \$1,500 in damage. He was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center by Rural Metro Ambulance.

Possible attempt to override Columbia's

autopilot may have been unintentional

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VOTE

undecided nations among the 10 elected members who serve two-year terms — Mexico, Chile, Pakistan, Cameroon, Angola and Guinea.

Powell, speaking on "Fox News Sunday," said he would not be surpassed if France used its veto power to thwart deployment of troops and tors outside the Capitol. the ultimatum while he couldn't be certain how veto-bearing Russia and China would vote on the measure.

"We'll be in intense negotiations over the next couple of days," he said. "A lot of diplomacy will be taking place."

Also over the weekend, a senior Iraqi official, Maj. Gen. Hossam Mohamed Amin, said he was convinced the United States planned to attack Iraq regardless of its efforts to rid itself of weapons of mass destruction and he dismissed the proposed March 17 dead-

line. "We are working hard to meet our obligations," he said. "Whether that takes a week, 10 days, or a month, we are doing everything we can. We are not interested in dates and times."

In Turkey, governing party leader Recep Tayyip Erdogan swept elections that paved the way for him to become prime minister and said a decision on allowing in U.S. troops for a possible Iraq war could Iraq. come after the Security Council has met and a new Turkish government is formed.

hinted that he would seek a "I pray for President Bush, fresh vote after parliament last week rejected a resolution allowing 62,000 U.S. troops that could open a northern front against Iraq.

But in an interview following his massive electoral victory in Sunday's by-elections, Erdogan appeared to be in no hurry to resubmit a motion on troop deployment.

"We have the U.N. Security Council before us, we have the process of forming a new government," Erdogan told CNN-Turk television when asked about a new resolution. "We need to assess all these very carefully, and then we will take a deci-

Meanwhile, opponents of the war staged protests around the world.

Hundreds of thousands of people in Pakistan, Indonesia and India — the nations with the three largest Muslim populations in the world - ral-

lied Sunday against war in

Demonstrators also called for peace at marches in Los Angeles, Oklahoma City and in Washington D.C., where Erdogan has backed the police arrested 23 demonstra-

> I pray for the U.N. Security Council, I pray for the people of Baghdad," said Sister Miriam Schnoebelen, a Benedictine nun at a silent procession for peace around the site of the bombed Murrah Building in Oklahoma City on

In Columbia, S.C., more than 200 people rallied to show support for U.S. troops at the Statehouse, which has been a gathering ground lately anti-war groups. Participants insisted it wasn't a pro-war rally. "We need to let our guys and girls know we're here for them," said Sheryll Lawson, who handed

out more than 200 U.S. flags. Meanwhilε, the U.S. military said coalition aircraft enforcing a "no-fly zone" over southern Iraq bombed five underground military communication sites some 60 miles southeast of Baghdad.

HOUSTON (AP) — In the official noted, possibly because forces, the official said. moments before Columbia there was not enough time for it broke apart over Texas, an astro- to do so — or perhaps because naut may have tried to override there was no attempt by the crew the shuttle's autopilot, according to override it.

they're saying may be inaccu-

to officials familiar with an

rate or misinterpreted." A NASA spokeswoman, attempted override could have been unintentional; in other words, one of the pilots may

have bumped the control stick.

The new information was presented to the Columbia accident investigation board Sunday. ABC News reported the data showed one of the crew may have tried to take over the spaceship before its destruction dur-

ing its Feb. 1 re-entry. For weeks, in an attempt to reconstruct what went wrong, NASA and other experts have been analyzing data transmitted in the last 32 seconds of flight. The final two seconds of data, which follow 25 seconds of nothing, indicate there was an input to disengage the autopilot no longer able to counteract the system, the official said.

computer-operated The autopilot never went off, the

"Had you had more data after analysis of the final bits of data. two seconds, you might know But one official close to the whether it would have gone off investigation stressed: "The data or not," the official said, It is difare really suspect. They can't ficult if not impossible to know ensure the integrity of any of the "whether that was unintentional data, and some of the stuff that or whether it was intentional or whether it even occurred at all," the official said.

Hawley pointed out that even Eileen Hawley, also said any before Columbia started reentering the atmosphere, commander Rick Husband accidentally bumped the stick but quickly corrected for it. Under normal conditions, moving the stick turns off the autopilot.

> Minutes later, "there is some evidence that the stick may have been bumped" again, Hawley said. But she added that part of the problem is that the data are intermittent, with a high error rate, "and to draw any conclusions from it would be really

> wrong." The data also suggest the four steering jets that automatically began firing to try to compensate for increased drag on the left side of the spacecraft were

"It kind of indicates the orbiter was out of control, basically," the official said.

Investigators suspect a breach in the left wing allowed the searing gases of atmospheric re-entry to penetrate the shuttle and set off the cascade of catastrophic events.

The data suggest there were no readings coming from Columbia's left orbital maneuvering system in the final two seconds, which could mean it broke off or was badly damaged along with the left wing, said the official close to the investiga-



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Friday, March 7

11:32 a.m. — No citations were issued in an accident in the 1900 block of North Hobart. A 2003 Lincoln Town Car driven by Marlene Griggs Riddle, 65, 1825 Lea, was southbound and was attempting to turn into a private drive from the left hand lane. According to the report, it caused a 1999 Chevrolet 1500 pickup driven by Alberto V. Copado, 32, 436 Pitts, to strike the Town Car's front left quarter panel.

Saturday, March 8

3:01 a.m. — Jose Felix Garcia, 27, 1005 S. Faulkner, was southbound in the 200 block of South Cuyler in a 1989 Chevy Silverado pickup when he said his brakes failed. According to the report, he then swerved right and hit the concrete walkway in the 200 block of East Atchison. No citations were issued.



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DEAR ABBY: After reading about doctors getting asked for free

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Poor Health Is Heavy Price Paid By Uninsured Americans

DEAR ABBY: Your readers often express concerns about ongoing debate between me and a America's health-care system. However, one problem doesn't get enough attention: More than 41 million Americans are without lights go down and the screen lights health insurance. This includes up, or is it OK to talk through the more than 8 million children. In March, hundreds of national organizations will work together to spotlight this problem.

often live with prolonged illness and skip lifesaving medical screenings. Their children do not get adequate medical care.

Please urge your readers to join me during "Cover the Uninsured Week," March 10-16, 2003. During this time, a series of national and local activities to increase discussion of the issue will be featured.

To learn more about this, to find resources to help the uninsured and discover simple ways to get involved, visit: www.covertheuninsured.org.

Abby, thank you for informing your readers about this unprecedented awareness campaign.

RISA LAVIZZO-MOUREY, M.D., PRESIDENT, THE ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION

DEAR DR. LAVIZZO-MOUREY: You're welcome. I am pleased to promote your awareness campaign in the hope that concerned readers will get involved. It's a disgrace that in a country as wealthy and powerful as ours, millions of people are without access to medical care.

DEAR ABBY: Please settle an friend: When is the appropriate time to end conversations at the movie theater? Should they end when the previews until the feature begins? MOVIE-MANNERS SEEKER

DEAR MOVIE-MANNERS The uninsured pay a high price for not having health coverage. They cease when the lights go down and the previews begin. (Sometimes they are better than the

> full-length movies.) Silence is considered a sign of respect for those seated around you and will be appreciated.

P.S. Cell phones and pagers should also be turned off.

DEAR ABBY: After reading the letters about doctors who dislike being asked medical questions in social settings, I had to write.

Anytime you include a job description such as doctor or lawyer with your name, you can expect questions regarding your profession. It happens to everyone.

Speaking as a real estate investment adviser, I can assure you that even doctors try to get free advice. The same thing happens to accountants, carpenters, painters, police personnel, nurses and just about everybody else.

It should come as a surprise to no one. It is called conversation. HAPPY TALK

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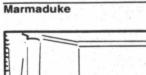
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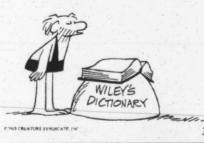
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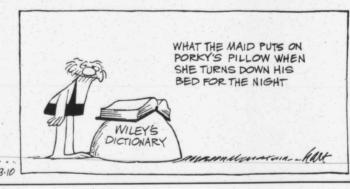


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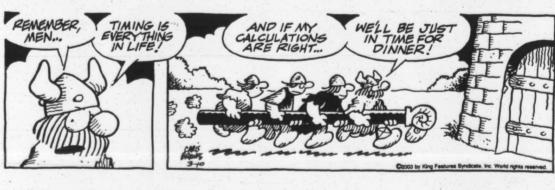


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BASEBALL

PAMPA - There will be a Optimist baseball coaches meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 17, at the Optimist Club.

Baseball signups and tryouts are scheduled for: Tuesday (March 18), 5:30-7; Wednesday 19), (March 5:30-7; Thursday (March 20), 5:30-7 at Optimist Park.

During tryouts, persons needing information can call the club at 665-4361.

Fees are \$35 for 5-6 year olds; \$35 for 7-8 year olds; \$45 for 9-10 year olds; \$45 for 11-12 year olds; \$60 for 13-15 year olds.

Practice starts on Monday, March 31.

BASKETBALL

PAMPA Harvester Boys Basketball Booster Club will meet at 5 p.m. Monday, March 17, at the home of Jana Martin.

Plans will be made for the annual basketball banquet. All club members are urged to attend.

FOOTBALL

WASHINGTON (AP) The Washington

Redskins made an offer to yet another New York Jets player: wide receiver Laveranues Coles.

Coles was offered a deal worth about \$35 million over seven years with a \$13 million signing bonus, a source familiar with the negotiations, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Monday.

Coles said he was disappointed by the Jets' initial contract offer believed to include a \$6 million signing bonus.

He is a restricted free agent, meaning the Jets would have one week to match Washington's offer sheet. Last season, he had 89 receptions for 1,264 yards and five touchdowns.

The Redskins already signed former Jets guard Randy Thomas and kicker John Hall as unrestricted free agents and have an offer sheet pending with New York kick returner Chad Morton.

Coles' agents, Eugene Parker and Roosevelt Barnes, could not be reached for comment. The Jets said they would have no comment until they were officially informed of an offer.

In signing Coles, the Redskins would be forced to give up their first-round draft pick, 13th overall, if the Jets don't match the offer sheet. While New York has enough money under the salary cap it also must match the offer to Morton by Thursday.

The Redskins told Morton he would get an opportunity to play running back for them, and he signed a five-year, \$8 million deal, with a \$2.5 million signing bonus.

Lady Harvesters defeat visiting Plainview



(Pampa News photo by Tess Kingcade)

Pampa pitcher Dusti Wilson sends a fastball toward the plate in Friday's District 3-4A softball contest against Plainview.

PAMPA — Senior pitcher error. Dusti Wilson got the start Friday for Pampa when Plainview came visiting for a District 3-4A softball game. Wilson responded with seven complete innings as Pampa rolled to a 6-2 win at Recreation Park.

Wilson (1-0, 8-0) had good control of her pitches throughout the contest while the Pampa defense was solid side. behind her.

Wilson ran into trouble only once and that came in the third inning when Plainview cranked out three consecutive hits, including a two-run double by Jennifer Cerda that gave the Lady Bulldogs a 2-0 lead. Wilson settled down by getting the next two batters on routine flyballs. After Cerda's double, Wilson returned 14 of the next 15 batters, walking the only runner to reach

For the contest, Wilson allowed two runs on four hits while walking two and striking out seven. The Lady

Pampa (2-0, 15-5) threatened to score first in its half of the first after two were

out. Abbi Covalt, Stacey Johnson and Whitney Roden each drew walks from Plainview hurler Vanessa Rodriquez, but were left stranded when Rodriquez snagged a hard liner off the bat of Wilson to retire the

The Lady Harvesters, held scoreless through the first three innings, started the fourth with Teryn Garner's leadoff double igniting a rally. Callie Cobb single, scoring Garner, then April Amador singled to put two on with no outs. Jennie Rogers, next up, walked to load the bases. That brought up Amy Youree, who hit a groundball that forced two Plainview errors, allowing three runs to score. Youree advanced to third as Pampa went on top 4-2. Johnson's sacrifice fly to left scored Youree to make it 5-2.

Pampa added one more Harvesters didn't commit an run in the fifth. Garner sin-

gled and moved to second on Cobb's sacrifice. Amador drove her home with another hit and the final run of the

"April had an outstanding game for us," said coach Bobbi Gill.

Amador went three for three, scored a run and had

Rogers and Roden had Pampa's other two hits. Roden moved from third to first for the game and collected 10 putouts.

Pampa travels to Hereford on Tuesday for more district action. Varsity and junior varsity contests are scheduled to start at 4:30.

Plainview 002000- 2 4 2 Pampa 000510-680 Pln. - Vanessa Rodriguez and Valerie Garza; P - Dusti Wilson and Jennie Rogers; WP -Wilson (8-0); LP -Rodriguez (0-1); 2B - Pln. -Jennifer Cerda; P - Teryn Garner.

Records: Plainview - 0-2, overall unavailable; Pampa -2-0, 15-5.

One school year, two state titles for 3A

school year, two state titles for Everman.

Bobby Joshua scored 16 points and Everman forced 33 turnovers as Everman won the Class 3A basketchampionship ball Saturday with a 72-44 win over Tatum.

and the Bulldogs' first boys' basketball championship made it just the fourth school in Texas history to win both in the academic year. same (1961-62),Dumas Southlake Carroll ('92-93) and Duncanville ('98-99) were the others.

through its final three play- next six

average of 31 points, including an 86-58 semifinal win over Aransas Pass.

The Bulldogs' furious defensive pressure held Tatum (30-7) to just 26 percent shooting from the floor and produced 23

Everman led 31-29 at Everman won the 3A the half before the defenfootball title in December sive pressure turned the game in the third quarter.

> After pounding the ball inside to Joshua for 11 points in the first half, the Bulldogs went to a smaller, quicker lineup after he picked up his third foul.

Victor Freeman swished a 3-pointer from the left corner and Everman forced Everman (33-6) blazed five turnovers on Tatum's

AUSTIN (AP) - One off games, winning by an Jonatham Harrell and Darius Washington each scored four points in a 14-0 run that opened up a 50-35

the deficit under 13.

Marcus Hill scored 21 points and Jayme Bradley added 12, all on 3-pointers, for Tatum, which reached the final in its first state Tatum never again cut tournament appearance.

Casey Forge added 12 pints and Joshua grabbed eight rebounds Everman.

Joshua was named the game's most valuable play-

Win over A&M ends OSU losing streak

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) while Tony Allen added 12 and Ivan McFarlin had 17 points and 14 rebounds as No. 20 Oklahoma State ended a three-game losing streak with a 77-52 victory over Texas A&M on Saturday.

The Cowboys (21-8, 10-6 Big 12) held on to an early lead and wore down the Aggies (14-13, 6-10) with their defense. Oklahoma State had 34 defensive rebounds to Texas A&M's

Melvin Sanders also scored 17 points for the Cowboys,

Andre Williams and Victor 10. Williams each had 10.

Oklahoma State the No. 4 seed and a first-round bye in next week's Big 12 tournament.

The Aggies trailed 32-17 at halftime, the fewest first-half points allowed by Oklahoma State this season.

Shut down on the inside, Texas A&M shot 31 percent from the field and was only 3of-18 from 3-point range.

Bernard King led the Aggies with 17 points, fol-

lowed by Andy Slocum with

Oklahoma State took the The victory ensured lead for good 4 1/2 minutes into the game and used runs of 6-0, 7-0 and 8-0 to go up by as many as 17 points in the first

> Texas A&M got within 14 points in the second half when Tomas Ress made two free throws after officials called a technical foul on Oklahoma State coach Eddie Sutton.

But Allen scored the Cowboys' next six points and Oklahoma State pulled away.

Stars are back in charge after victory over Sharks

DALLAS (AP) - The Dallas Stars had won five straight division titles, three in the Pacific, until the San Jose Sharks ended that streak last

That made Sunday night's 3-0 victory over the Sharks even sweeter.

The Stars remained unbeaten in four games against their division rival, which has fallen to last in the Pacific Division and was eliminated for the division championship after winning the Pacific last season. The first-place Stars, who'd won three straight Pacific titles, are back in charge with a 15point lead over second-place Anaheim.

"It feels pretty good to knock them out," said Stars left wing Brenden Morrow. "We want to win every night, but if it happens to be us, that's even better."

The Stars got a strong effort from goaltender Ron Tugnutt, back on the rise in his inconsistent run as the replacement for injured Stars goaltender Marty

Tugnutt stopped 23 shots for his third shutout of the season, making goals by Stephane Robidas, Morrow and Jason Arnott hold up.

"I haven't been around for as long as I have because I'm some stiff," said Tugnutt, who had been 4-4-3 with a 2.50 goals-against entering Sunday's game since taking over while Turco recovers from a sprained ankle.

Tugnutt, who registered his 24th career shutout, has been under scrutiny after allowing some soft goals, fueling doubts over his ability to handle the load in the playoffs if Turco can't return at full strength.

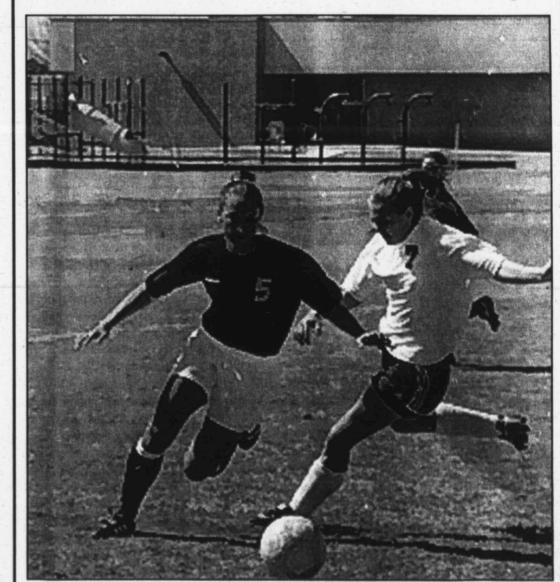
In his 12 games as the fill-in for Turco, Tugnutt has given up five goals twice, and four in two other games. He's also had two shutouts and allowed one goal in three other games during the 12-game stretch.

"He might have had some struggles, but I think we're at fault for that too," Arnott said.

Robidas scored just over two minutes into the game, then Morrow connected from close range in the final minute of the second period as the Stars improved to 93 points, the Western in best Conference.

The Stars killed off seven power plays, including a double-minor for highsticking against Manny Malhotra that began at 10:12 of the final period.

Soccer battle



(Pampa News photo by L.D. Strate)

Pampa's Heather Balay (7) battles a Randall player for the ball in a District 3-4A soccer match Saturday. Randall won 4-0. Goalkeeper Leslie McWilliams did have 10 saves for the Lady Harvesters, who still qualified for the playoffs despite the loss.

AP Photos PJK107

By The Associated Press

Jeff Weaver is solidifying the

Jeff Weaver is solidifying the fifth spot in the New York Yankees' rotation.

Weaver pitched four sharp

weaver pitched four sharp innings Sunday in New York's 8-3 loss to the Tampa Bay Devil Rays on Sunday in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Weaver allowed one run and five hits with three strikeouts to lower his spring ERA to 2.00. Weaver, the opening day starter for Detroit last year, spent much of his time in the bullpen after being traded to New York in July.

"Hopefully, I'll make the decision easier for Joe (Torre) and be where I want to be for a long time," Weaver said. "All I can do is keep throwing like I am."

Weaver came into spring competing with Cuban defector Jose Contreras and Sterling Hitchcock for the fifth spot.

Contreras, who signed a \$32 million, four-year contract with New York during the off-season, struggled again. He allowed seven runs and seven hits in three innings.

"He has a lot of things going

"Hopefully, I'll make the on in his life right now," Torre lecision easier for Joe (Torre) said.

Contreras' 80-year-old father, Florentino, was moved into the intensive care unit of a Cuban hospital Saturday after having a stroke on the left side of his body.

"That's not the reason for the results today," Contreras said. "My last few outings you haven't seen the pitcher that I am. I expect to get out of this rut that I'm in. I've never been through something like this in my career and I feel in the near future you will see."

Contreras will probably start

the season in the bullpen. He has given up 15 runs in eight innings.

Elsewhere, Cubs phenom Mark Prior pitched four shutout innings for his first victory of the spring as Chicago beat Oakland 8-6 in a split-squad game.

The 22-year-old right-hander yielded five hits and struck out three, while Oakland aces Mark Mulder and Tim Hudson allowed four runs apiece.

"There was a lot of good pitching out there," Cubs manager Dusty Baker said. "I think our guy, had the best day, but all three guys pitched like they're ready for the season."

Alex Gonzalez had two hits and an RBI for Chicago, while Sammy Sosa went 2for-3 with a double. In other games:

Marlins 5, Orioles 2

At Fort Lauderdale, Fla., A.J. Burnett struck out seven in four scoreless innings and Al Martin had four hits and two RBIs for Florida.

Red Sox 5, Blue Jays 4
At Fort Myers, Fla., Benny

Agbayani hit a two-run homer and Shea Hillenbrand went 3-for-3 for Boston.

Hillenbrand is 12-for-19 this spring.

Twins (ss) 14, Indians (ss) 3
At Winter Haven, Fla., Torii
Hunter and Jacque Jones
homered as Minnesota scored
10 runs in the third inning.
Rookie Justin Morneau had
four hits and four RBIs for the
Twins.

Tigers 9, Twins (ss) 6

At Lakeland, Fla., Carlos Pena's first home run of the spring helped lift Detroit past Minnesota.

Singles match



Katie Barnes of Lefors sends a forehand smash across the net during the recent Clarendon Tennis Tournament. Barnes won two of three singles matches.

Hoch makes the wait worthwhile

MIAMI (AP) — Scott Hoch made the wait worthwhile Monday, holing two birdie putts to defeat Jim Furyk on the third playoff hole and win the Ford Championship at Doral.

"I guarantee I wouldn't have done that last night," Hoch said.

Hoch had a 9-foot birdie on the second playoff hole Sunday evening when he decided to stop playing, saying it was too dark to read the green. The suspension angered thousands of fans, who chanted and booed as Hoch and Furyk left the course.

Hoch played his ball just inside the left edge, hit it softly and it curled in the right side for a birdie on the par-5 first hole.

"I wouldn't have read that right," he said to his caddie.

Furyk made his 6-footer for birdie to extend the playoff, as about 300 fans trampled through the dew-covered rough and followed along.

Hoch made sure it wasn't a long

day.

He hit his approach into 10 feet on No. 18, the most difficult hole on the Blue Monster, and pumped his fist when it dropped in the middle.

"Scott played great," Furyk said.
"There's not much I could do."

Hoch won for the 11th time in a career that is only now getting its due. He earned \$900,000 and went past \$1 million in earnings for the eighth straight year.

And just think, Hoch was on the verge of pulling out of the tournament five days ago because of a sore left weight.

Hoch has dealt with a number of nagging injuries during his career, and he has had eye surgery five times. That's one reason he wanted to wait Sunday evening, instead of trying to hit an important putt that he couldn't see.

Hoch and Furyk finished at 17under 271, two shots ahead of Bob Tway.

Both made par on the first extra

hole (No. 18), and both hit wedges for their third shots into the green on the 529-yard first hole — Hoch from 9 feet, Furyk from 6 feet.

The last time Hoch tried to finish in the dark, he had a three-putt bogey that cost him precious strokes in the 2001 U.S. Open. With a PGA Tour title on the line at Doral, he wasn't about to make the same mistake.

The decision wasn't popular with the thousands of fans who wanted to see a winner.

"I don't have night vision to read greens," Hoch said.

Hoch has good hearing, though, and he listened to the catcalls and chants as he and Furyk marked their balls, jumped into a cart and drove toward the clubhouse.

"I've got no problem with the decision," Furyk said. "I feel bad for the fans. They watched a whole day of golf and wanted finality. But winning a golf tournament is very important."

Villanova almost pulls out short-handed upset over Pitt

By The Associated Press

Villanova's shortened roster gave such an accounting of itself against No. 7 Pittsburgh that even Wildcats coach Jay Wright was able to forget about his team's problems for a few

With staggered suspensions to 12 players for allegedly making unauthorized telephone calls allowing Villanova to dress just seven players Sunday, no one expected much against the Panthers.

But the Wildcats had the ball and a chance to win before Pittsburgh finally came away with a 56-54 victory.

but all we had left was to play for pride," Wright said. "It really wasn't until late in the second half that I forgot about everything and got into the game."

That's when the Panthers (23-4, 13-3 Big East) allowed Villanova (15-14, 8-8) to stay close by missing seven straight free throws, five by senior point guard Brandin Knight.

"I knew it would be tough,"
Pitt coach Ben Howland said.
"An adverse situation would probably inspire them. ... We made some mistakes, got a little cute and it backfired."

In other games involving ranked teams Sunday, it was: No. 6 Kansas 79, Missouri 74; North Carolina 82, No. 10 Duke 79; No. 12 Syracuse 83, Rutgers 74; Virginia 80, No. 13 Maryland 78 in OT; No. 14 Illinois 84, Minnesota 60; No. 19 Creighton 70, Wichita State 69; and No. 25 Georgia 60, South Carolina 55 in overtime.

Villanova scoring leaders
Gary Buchanan and Ricky
Wright, along with Andreas
Bloch, Chris Charles, Jason
Fraser, Lou Ruskey and
Andrew Sullivan, watched in
street clothes from the bench.
Randy Foye, Marcus Austin,
Allan Ray, Derrick Snowden
Louris Sumpter suited up
despite being among the 12

"It was tough on all of us,"

Snowden said. "A lot of teams

players affected.

go through adversity. Hopefully we can learn from this."

Foye and Ray each had 15

points and Sumpter added 14 for Villanova, which has lost four straight.

"I just wanted to play for the

upperclassmen," Sumpter said.
"I felt bad for the way they had to end their careers."

Knight had 15 points and Jaron Brown added 14 for Pitt, which has won six in a row.

Knight missed two free throws and Sumpter got the rebound with 2.4 seconds left. Foye's inbounds pass then nearly forced Ray out of bounds. Ray caught it and threw wildly to Sumpter, who took a desperation shot after the buzzer.

No. 6 Kansas 79, Missouri 74

At Columbia, Mo., Aaron Miles and Kirk Hinrich hit long 3-pointers that barely beat the shot clock in the final 1:20 and Kansas (24-6, 14-2) wrapped up its second straight Big 12 title.

Hinrich and Nick Collison each had 20 points as Kansas denied Missouri its first unbeaten home schedule since 1993-94 and won in consecutive years at Missouri for the first time since 1992-93.

Rickey Paulding and Ricky Clemons each had 21 points for the Tigers (18-9, 9-7), 14-1 at home.

North Carolina 82, No. 10 Duke 79

At Chapel Hill, N.C., Rashad McCants scored 26 points and Raymond Felton added 18 points, eight rebounds and 10 assists as the Tar Heels (16-14, 6-10 Atlantic Coast Conference) snapped a six-game losing streak to their rival.

Dahntay Jones, who led Duke (21-6, 11-5) with 22 points, hit a 30-footer that would have tied the game just after the buzzer.

With 8:17 left and the score tied at 63, Felton was bloodied when he took an elbow on a follow shot by Jones. A shout-

ing and shoving match involving North Carolina coach Matt
Doherty, Blue Devils assistant
coach Chris Collins and Duke
reserve guard Andre Buckner
ensued.

No. 12 Syracuse 83

No. 12 Syracuse 83, Rutgers 74

At Syracuse, N.Y., freshman Carmelo Anthony had 30 points, 14 rebounds and six assists as the Orangemen (23-4, 13-3 Big East) completed their first unbeaten season in the Carrier Dome.

Syracuse went 17-0 in the building that opened in 1980. The game, which was not televised locally, attracted a Carrier Dome-record crowd of 33,071, also an NCAA on-campus record.

Kareem Wright had 20 points for Rutgers (12-16, 4-12). Virginia 80, No. 13 Maryland 78, OT

At Charlottesville, Va., Travis Watson had 26 points and 15 rebounds in what may have been his last home game at Virginia.

Virginia (15-14, 6-10 ACC) snapped a seven-game losing streak in dramatic fashion. Maryland (19-8, 11-5) had a chance to tie with 3.7 seconds left, but Steve Blake's desperate heave from the corner was off the mark and Ryan Randle's rebound and putback bounced on the rim before dropping off.

Drew Nicholas had 27 points for Maryland.

No. 14 Illinois 84, Minnesota 60

At Champaign, Ill., Brian Cook had 22 points for the Illini and finished as the Big Ten's leading scorer.

Illinois (21-6, 11-5) won its 17th straight home game and beat Minnesota (16-11, 8-8) for the 10th consecutive time. Rick Rickert and Jerry Holman each had 12 points for the Gophers.

No. 19 Creighton 70, Wichita St. 69

At St. Louis, Kyle Korver had 19 points and the Bluejays escaped with a one-point win for the second straight day in the Missouri Valley Conference

SCOREBOARD

National Hockey League At A Glance

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Atlantic Division

Atlanta

38	17	6	5	87	174	138
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St. Louis	35	19	8	6	84	214	178
Nashville	27	25	10	5	69	165	165
Chicago	24	29	10	5	63	160	174
Columbus	24	33	7	2	57	173	211
Northwest Divis	sion						
	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	39	18	10	1	89	215	172
Colorado	33	16	11	7	84	199	164
Minnesota	33	24	9	1	76	160	144
Edmonton	29	23	8	8	74	182	187
Calgary	22	31	10	4	58	151	193
Pacific Division							
	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	37	14	15	2	91	207	140
Anaheim	32	25	8	4	76	164	166
Phoenix	26	28	8	4	64	169	180
Los Angeles	28	31	4	4	64	173	183
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Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.

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Friday's Games Carolina 1, Minnesota 0 N.Y. Rangers 5, Philadelphia 1 Detroit 7, St. Louis 2 Florida 2, Atlanta 1 Tampa Bay 4, Colorado 3 Calgary 2, Chicago 0 Nashville 2, Dallas 1 Edmonton 4, Anaheim Saturday's Games Boston 5, Washington 4, OT Calgary at Columbus, 7 p.m. Vancouver at Toronto, 7 p.m. New Jersey at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m. Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m. Buffalo at Florida, 7:30 p.m. Colorado at Philadelphia, 8 p.m. San Jose at Phoenix, 9 p.m. Montreal at Los Angeles, 10 p.m. Sunday's Games Boston at Chicago, 3 p.m. Minnesota at Atlanta, 3 p.m. Buffalo at Tampa Bay, 5 p.m. Detroit at Anaheim, 6 p.m. Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 7 p.m. San Jose at Dallas, 7 p.m. Monday's Game Columbus at Carolina, 7 p.m. Philadelphia at Washington, 7 p.m.

Florida at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.

Montreal at Nashville, 8 p.m.

Toronto at Edmonton, 9 p.m.

Phoenix at Colorado, 10 p.m.

Detroit at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

Friday's Sports Transactions
BASEBALL

American League

BOSTON RED SOX—Agreed to terms with 3B Shea Hillenbrand, LHP Casey Fossum, LHP Javie Lopez, LHP Juan De La Rosa, RHP Brandon Lyon, RHP Andy Shibilo, RHP Anastacio Martinez, INF Ceasor Crespo, INF Earl Snyder, INF Angel Santos and INF Freddy Garcia. Released RHP Juan Pena.

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with OF Coco Crisp, INF John McDonald, 1B Travis Hafner, LHP Cliff Lee, RHP Jake Westbrook, RHP Chad Paronto and RHP David Riske.

NEW YORK YANKEES—Released RHP Ben Rivera.
Assigned LHP Charlie Manning to their minor league camp.

TEXAS RANGERS—Named Andy Silverman vice president of ticket sales.

National Leagu

CINCINNATI REDS—Signed INF-OF Russell Branyan to a one-year contract. Returned RHP Jerome Gamble to the Boston Red Sox.
FLORIDA MARLINS—Optioned RHP Jose Cueto to

FLORIDA MARLINS—Optioned RHP Jose Cueto to Carolina of the Southern League and RHP Wes Anderson to Jupiter of the Florida State League. Assigned LHP Geoff Goetz outright to Albuquerque of the PCL. Released OF-INF Sherman Obando. Assigned RHP Ryan Rekar to their minor league camp.

MONTREAL EXPOS—Agreed to terms with RHP Rocky Biddle on a one-year contract. Sent LHP Eric Good outright to Harrisburg of the Eastern League. Assigned RHP Ron Chiavacci and RHP Clint Everts to their minor league complex.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Optioned RHP Gavin

Floyd, RHP Ryan Madson, RHP Brad Baisley, RHP Cary

Hiles, RHP Franklin Perez, RHP Frank Brooks, C Russ Jacobson, SS Anderson Machado, 3B Juan Richardson and OF Jorge Padilla to the minor leagues.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Agreed to terms with RHP Brian Lawrence on a four-year contract.

National Basketball Association

LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS—Placed F Elton Brand on the injured list. Activated F Tremaine Fowlkes from the injured list. LOS ANGELES LAKERS—Placed F Tracy Murray on

the injured list. Activated G Jannero Pargo from the injured list.

NEW JERSEY NETS—Waived G Chris Childs.

NEW YORK KNICKS—Placed G Lavor Postell on the injured list. Activated G Charlie Ward from the injured list.

FOOTBALL
National Foot

National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS—Acquired WR Peerless Price
from the Buffalo Bills for a first-round draft pick. Agreed
to terms with Price on a seven-year contract.

BUFFALO BILLS—Re-signed WR Charles Johnson.

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Re-signed DT Alvin
McKinley to a four-year contract.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Signed P Mitch Berger and

K John Carney to five-year contracts.

NEW YORK GIANTS—Signed P Jeff Feagles to a five-year contract. Released CB Jason Sehorn.

NEW YORK JETS—Released P Matt Turk. Agreed to

terms with G Tom Nutten on a four-year contract.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Signed FB Jon Ritchie to a two-year contract.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League
ATLANTA THRASHERS—Recalled F Simon Gamache
from Chicago of the AHL. Reassigned F Brad Tapper to

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Recalled D Duvie Westcott from Syracuse of the AHL. FLORIDA PANTHERS—Recalled LW Pierre Dagenais from San Antonio of the AHL. Assigned D Kyle Rossiter to San Antonio.

NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Assigned D Brandon Smith and D Sven Butenschon to Bridgeport of the AHL.

OTTAWA SENATORS—Recalled C Jason Spezza from Binghamton of the AHL. Assigned RW Josh Langfeld to

ST. LOUIS BLUES—Assigned F Eric Nickulas, F Justin Papineau and D Matt Walker to Worcester of the AHL.



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vour time. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

4-Positive: *** Realize what might be going on with someone in the office. Realize when you don't have control. Sit back and be an observer. Flex with a changeable work arrangement. You find that you're heading in the right direction. Tonight: Where

dence in your abilities. Air out a problem too. Tonight: A must appearance. with someone who could make a differ- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ence. Give up frustration, and understand *** Revise your thinking after a more of what you expect and desire. most lively discussion with an associate. With increased insight, you see many new possibilities. Consider how you can

Treat yourself on the way home. ways of handling your life. Emphasize CANCER (June 21-July 22) * * You see what a difference a posi-

ship flourishes if you don't get bogged path. You might be resistant to somegown in your daily routine. Add more one's suggestion. Others act in an unexfun to your life. CANCER makes a fine pected manner. Know that you need to flex rather than judge. Tonight: Take

your friends are LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) * * * You seek answers, but might be which will be soon enough. Screen your blocked from getting the precise facts. Think carefully about your potential. Consider signing up for a course or sem-** * Deal with a financially difficult inar. Others admire your willingness to situation or decision. Have more confi- get to the core of an issue. Use ingenuity,

*** Use the daylight hours to the open the door, especially professionally.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, max — within your limits — and espe- Might more training be appropriate? cially get all the facts. Empower yourself Tonight: Find answers. Surf the Web. by acknowledging your faults more SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

you have coming your way. Think in directly. Others pitch in as a result. Look ★★★ Let others seek you out, rather terms of success and gain. Let go of inef- to effectiveness and efficiency. Tonight: than you seeking them out. As a result, you remain in control and find new ways Ravenswood, Granbury, to handle a problem. Flow with the Tx 76049. unusual, understanding your limits. tive attitude can make with those in your Know what is important for others. Tonight: Get feedback from a trusted

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Be more aware of your decisions and long-term goals. Postpone an 421.8 a.m.-8 p.m. important money talk till later in the day, FULL-time Teller/Office or even tomorrow, if possible. New beginnings become possible by allowing for highly motivated perothers more rope. Hear what someone son. computer skills rehas to say. Tonight: Accept an invitation. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** * You might want to examine someone's idea more carefully, even if your immediate reaction is no. You have LONG Term Front Desk a lot to learn, though you might not be exactly sure of what you want. Express your multiple thoughts. Seek feedback. Tonight: Easy does it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

* * * Take your time making a decision. You might be taken aback by someone else's approach. Process more of what is happening. Flow with your thoughts more carefully. Don't allow a sense of being down to pervade your well-being. Tonight: Lighten up.

BORN TODAY Actress Tricia O'Neil (1945), actor Peter accepting applications for Berg (1964), orchestra leader Lawrence a Teacher's Aide position Welk (1903)

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PEC unlikely to cover crude shortfalls

BY BRUCE STANLEY AP BUSINESS WRITER

VIENNA, Austria (AP) If war erupts in the Persian Gulf, OPEC will be hard-pressed to boost its oil production further to cover a simultaneous shortfall in crude exports from Iraq and

northern Kuwait, an oil minister from one of the group's key members said Monday.

The United Arab already Emirates is approaching its limits, said the country's oil minister, Obaid bin Saif Al-Nasseri.

The Organization of

Petroleum Countries must somehow weigh the impact of a possible U.S.-led war on Iraq when its representatives review their output quotas Tuesday at OPEC's headquarters in Vienna. Al-Nasseri's comments suggested that the United States and other major oil-importing countries would need to rely on their own strategic petroleum reserves as a cushion against a serious disruption in supply. OPEC raised its output

target by 6.5 percent to 24.5 million barrels in January, in an effort to keep a lid on rising prices. Since then, worsening fears of a conflict have pushed prices to 12-year highs.

A war would almost certainly cut off Iraq's crude exports, currently totaling about 2 million barrels a day. With Venezuela's oil exports still recovering from a strike, OPEC would some estimates is pumping

Exporting have to stretch to cover an interruption in Iraqi ship-

Kuwait has said that in the event of war it would shut down its northern oil fields as a precaution against a possible Iraqi counterstrike. Such a step would reduce Kuwait's output by around 700,000 barrels a day, or about a third of its current production.

"It (would be) very difficult, I think," for OPEC to make up for lost barrels from both Iraq and Kuwait, Al-Nasseri told reporters as he arrived at a hotel in the Austrian capital. The United Arab Emirates' capacity of about 2.5 million barrels a day is already "about full," he added.

Aside from Saudi Arabia and perhaps Nigeria, most other OPEC members are already believed to be producing at their limits.

OPEC heavyweight Saudi Arabia, which by

at a rate of 9 million barrels a day, could raise its output to 9.5 million barrels a day within a month and 10.5 million barrels a day within three months.

Importing countries have publicly expressed their desire for OPEC to maximize production if a war threatens supplies and causes prices to spike. U.S. Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham, due this week in Vienna on separate business, said last week that he might meet here with oil ministers from leading OPEC producers.

Some analysts have suggested that large importing countries and OPEC might be aiming to coordinate an increase in OPEC output with a release of crude from importers' strategic reserves in an effort to head off a war-induced disruption.

Iran's oil minister, Bijan Namdar Zangeneh, warned Monday that OPEC shouldn't make any decision that \$34.16 in London.

would look appear to support a U.S. invasion of Iraq, Iran's state-run IRNA news agency reported.

"OPEC must refrain from taking political measures," Zangeneh said, adding that "as far as the market fundamentals are concerned, there is no oil shortage in the market currently."

OPEC's biggest fear is that it might gear up to boost production just as seasonal demand starts to decline in the second quarter of the year. It worries that if Iraq were to resume exporting quickly after a war, the combination of surging supply and falling demand could trigger a price collapse.

April contracts of U.S. light, sweet crude were trading Monday at \$37.80 a barrel in New York, up 2 cents. from Friday's close. Brent crude futures for April delivery were up 6 cents at



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The Strouds will appear in authentic Civil War attire as they discuss medicine as practiced during the Civil War period.

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FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) - Four Algerians accused of plotting to bomb a French Christmas market were convicted Monday of conspiring to murder and sentenced to prison terms of between 10 and 12 years.

The four were also convicted of conspiring to plant a bomb and of weapons violations, capping a trial that opened under intense scrutiny last year but failed to establish solid links to al-Qaida.

Prosecutors claimed the defendants were part of a network of predominantly North African extremists called the Nonaligned Mujahideen, with ties to al-Qaida. But the government dropped charges of belonging to a terrorist organization in January to speed the trial.

Salim Boukari received the highest sentence, 12 years, followed by Fouhad Sabour, 11 1/2 years. Both had denied intent to kill, insisting the group had planned to target an empty synagogue in Strasbourg, France.

Alleged co-organizer Aeroubi Beandalis - the only one to admit to charges that the cell intended to bomb holiday revelers outside the Strasbourg Cathedral on New Year's Eve 2000 — received 10 years.

Lamine Maroni, who remained silent throughout the trial, was sentenced to 11

Prosecutors had demanded 12 1/2 years for Boukari, 11 1/2 years for Sabour and 10 years for Maroni and Beandalis. They did not explain why they sought less than the maximum sentence of 15 years for all defendants.

A fifth suspect was dropped from the trial in August due to lack of evidence.

The trial opened April 16 amid extremely tight security and hopes that the suspects' testimony would reveal the inner workings of al-Qaida's network in Europe.

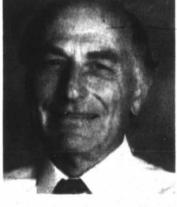
Yet while three of the men admitted training in Afghan camps from 1999 to 2000 and detailed to authorities how they were recruited by other extremists while living in Europe, their statements provided no substantially new information.

Prosecutors based their case largely on a homemade videotape of the brightly lit Christmas market and Strasbourg cathedral made by Boukari and Sabour weeks before the attack allegedly was to take place.

On the tape, Boukari's voice can be heard saying: "These are the enemies of

Prosecutors also cited the discovery of several pressure cookers and about 66 pounds of chemicals that could be used to make explosives, as well as a notebook full of jottings about how to mix homemade bombs, seized at one of the two Frankfurt apartments used by the group after their arrest on Christmas Day 2000.

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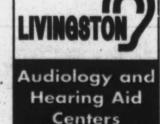


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