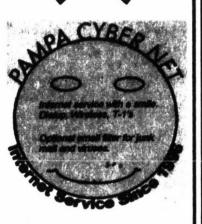
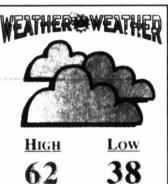
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LOCAL

United Way to look at changing charter

Pampa United Way Inc. will consider a change in its Charter or Articles of Incorporation at its regular meeting at 5 p.m., Tuesday, April 1, in the board room of the Chamber of Commerce Building.

"When the Pampa United Way was incorporated in 1953, it had to state a specific time for its duration," explained Katrina Bigham, executive director. "Our 50 years are up. Now the law permits non-profit corporations to have a charter perpetually. The amendment would change our duration from the original 50 years to make it perpetual."

Under the provisions of the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act, the measure will be considered only by the Board of Directors instead of the regular membership.

DEATHS

Jimmie Louise Jordan, 93, former store clerk.

Garland J. McPherson, 45, petroleum engineer.

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It's Tree **Planting** Season ... 120 S. HOBART 669-0158







(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

City employee Karen Price writes down items of concern to Pampa City Commissioners during a goal-setting meeting Thursday afternoon at the Pampa Country Club.

City officials identify community concerns

BY DAVID BOWSER STAFF WRITER

The collective concerns of the Pampa City reflect the individual priorities of the commis- al development and charter revision. sioners.

and promote the town," said Commissioner Faustina Curry, "it doesn't matter how good the streets are."

Three facilitators, led by John Hatchel, former temporary city manager of Pampa, were gies to deal with the commissioners' concerns.

spent almost four hours Thursday afternoon at upgraded. the Pampa Country Club with the three facilitators, all retired city managers from around would like to see better streets. the state, to identify and prioritize the commissions' goals for the coming year.

In his opening remarks, Hatchel recited the story of Alice in Wonderland and the Cheshire to see more streets paved. cat. Alice came to a fork in the road and asked the cat which road she should take.

The cat asked Alice where she wanted to go. "I don't know," replied Alice.

"Then it really doesn't matter," the cat said. "Goals are the guidelines for action,"

Hatchel said. They also provide a measuring stick and motivation, he added.

"Goals have to be something you really

p.m. at the Pampa Country

Cowboy." Much in demand as

'Cellular Cowboy' to speak

at 2003 Chamber banquet

Pampa Area Chamber of employed by the Texas

Commerce will hold its 74th Southwestern Cattle Raisers

annual banquet and Citizen of Association and is commis-

the Year Award presentation sioned as a Special Texas

on Thursday, March 27, at 7 Ranger by the State of Texas.

Feature speaker of the rustlers, weaving a combina-

evening will be Kenneth L. tion of humor, motivation and

Chambers, "The Cellular inspiration into his program.

want," Hatchel told the commission and staff. While their initial list consisted of almost 20

items, the facilitators, Hatchel, Don Davis and Kerry Sweatt, helped the city officials narrow Commission are, in order of priority, infra- the list to seven general categories; infrastrucstructure, financial stability and community ture, financial stability, community image, image, although that does not necessarily recreation, promotion of the city, organization-

Each of the categories consists of various "If you don't have a good community image concerns and goals city commissioners would like to see accomplished, ranging from street repair to upgrading 60-year-old water mains to providing more tennis courts to developing the tourist trade.

Curry, noting that a group of Pampa citizens meeting with city staff today to develop strate- were meeting this week with hotel officials in an effort to bring a new hostelry to the city, said The commission and department heads that M.K. Brown Auditorium needed to be

Commissioner Jeff McCormick said he

"We're constantly battling pot holes," said Public Works Director Richard Morris.

Commissioner Robert Dixon said he'd like

Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell voiced concerns about the younger generation and the need to interest them in staying in Pampa rather than moving away.

Curry suggested an indoor soccer facility. Mayor Lonny Robbins suggested building a skate board facility.

"We need to figure out a way, within our constraints, to promote Pampa," said

(See CITY, Page 4)

War sounds

Sirens, blasts echo through Iraqi capital

With the sound of air raid Mohammed Sa'eed al-Sahhaf sirens once again blaring, said at a news conference. rumblings of explosions could "But thank God, they are all be heard Friday as night safe." descended on the Iraqi capital.

sky over the west bank of the his gang." Tigris River, site of two presidential palaces and many gov- villains. They are superpower ernment buildings including of Al Capone," he said. "We the headquarters of the Baath will not allow them to get out Party and the intelligence of this quagmire which we service.

Intermittent volleys of anti- their end there." aircraft fire rattled the city.

A semblance of normalcy had returned to Baghdad earlier Friday after U.S.-led bombings Thursday morning and then again at night. There was traffic on the streets, many official Iraqi News Agency. shops were open and people

Iraq's information minister acknowledged Friday that one traffic on the streets, many of Saddam Hussein's homes was hit in the earlier U.S. bombardment, but said no one was hurt.

"They rocketed the resi-

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — dence of his household,"

Al-Sahhaf lashed out at the Tracers streaked into the "criminal George Bush and

"They are superpower of trapped them in. They will see

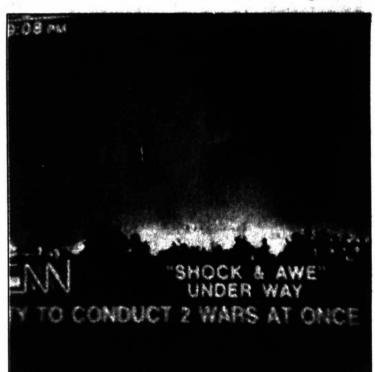
Saddam offered a reward of \$14,000 to any Iraqi who kills an enemy soldier, and \$28,000 to anyone who captures an enemy soldier alive, according to a decree reported by the

A semblance of normalcy were out during the daylight returned to Baghdad after Thursday night's bombing.

> There was a great deal of shops were open and many people were out on the street.

There was still a heavy security presence, including

(See WAR, Page 4)



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

This photo of U.S. allies bombing Baghdad was taken of a television screen moments before press time this morning.

Police arrest man for sexual assault

By NANCY YOUNG MANAGING EDITOR

sexual assault charges by of the Peace Kurt Curfman. Pampa Police Department and officers are continuing an Wednesday by Pampa Police investigation of a possible Department. kidnapping reported Thursday.

921 S. Wells, remained in assault at a residence in one of Gray County Jail today on the city's northeast neighborcharges of aggravated sexual hoods assault in connection with an

incident involving a 13 yearold-girl on March 5.

Bond was set on Nelson at One man was arrested on \$25,000 by Precinct 2 Justice

Nelson was arrested

PPD officials said there is no connection to this sexual James Michael Nelson, 33, assault case and the Feb. 20

(See ARREST, Page 4)



Kenneth L. Chambers

an after-dinner speaker, he is (See CHAMBER, Page 4) **74th Annual Pampa Chamber of Commerce Banquet and Citizen of the Year Award** Speaker Kenneth Chambers "The Cellular Cowboy"

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OBITUARIES

JIMMIE LOUISE JORDAN 1910-2003

Jimmie Louise Jordan, 93, of Pampa, went Reeves home to the Lord on March 19, 2003, in Odessa, Texas. Services will be at 10 a.m., both Saturday, March 22, 2003, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Dr. Randy White, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Jordan was born Jan. 14, 1910, in Electra, Texas, to Bill and Lula Smith. She married W.E. Jordan in 1926. She had been a resident of Pampa for 57 years.

She was employed by Bentley's and Margo's in downtown Pampa for many years. She was a member of the First Baptist

Church. She was preceded in death by her husband,

three grandsons and a great-grandson. Survivors include two daughters, Jean

and Jones, of Odessa; four granddaughters, Shana McGill and Gay Lynn Smith, both of Odessa, Brana Porche Houston and



Joanne York of Conroe; seven grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 4-5 p.m., on Friday at the funeral home and requests memorials be to Pampa Sheltered Workshop, 1301 W. Somerville, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

GARLAND J. McPHERSON

1958-2003

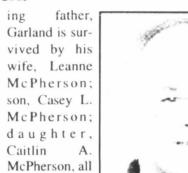
Garland J. McPherson, born Feb. 13, 1958, ing at Pampa, Texas, died March 19, 2003, in a tragic motorcycle accident in Bastrop, Texas.

A member of Forest Cove Baptist Church since moving to Kingwood four years ago, Garland was the Director of his adult Bible Study Class.

He worked for Hughes Christensen in Houston, a subsidiary of Baker Hughes Corp. His work in the oil industry for many years led him to be a member of Oil Field Christian Fellowship, the American Petroleum Institute, the American Association of Drilling Engineers, the International Association of Drilling Contractors, and the Society of Petroleum Engineers.

sport teams and was an outdoor enthusiast, especially golf.

mother, Martha Organ; son, Cameron McPherson; and brother, Wayland McPherson.



of Kingwood,

Texas; sister,

Marcel Splane and her husband, Bruce of Tulsa, Okla; stepfather, John Organ; and numerous other relatives.

Visitation will be 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday, He enjoyed coaching his children's various March 21, 2003, at Kingwood Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 22, 2003, at Forest Cove Baptist Mr. McPherson is preceded in death by his Church, 22770 Highway 59N in Kingwood, with the Rev. Fred Dallas officiating. Interment will be Monday at 10 a.m., in A devoted husband for 25 years and a lov- Memorial Park Cemetery in Edmond, Okla.

SERVICES TOMORROW

JORDAN, Jimmie Louise — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

McPHERSON, Garland J. — 11 a.m., Forest Cove Baptist Church, Kingwood.

Texas executes 300th convicted killer

but he becomes a capital pun- late. ishment history footnote as the

penalty state. er inmate, Delma Banks, got death chamber gurney. within 10 minutes of lethal reprieve.

Clay, however, had no similar good fortune.

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — The high court refused to He also told his mother he Condemned murderer Keith review his case a week ago, loved her and asked her to "let Clay said he wasn't even aware there were no last-ditch appeals everyone know that I love Texas had the death penalty filed on his behalf and the Texas them." She flashed him two when he was arrested for killing parole board wouldn't even thumbs up just before the drugs a convenience store clerk dur- consider his clemency request took effect. Eight minutes later, ing a robbery nine years ago, because it was filed 15 days too he was pronounced dead.

300th prisoner executed in the foremost to the Lord God punishments 20 years ago, on a nation's most active death Almighty that I am sorry and pace to surpass the record 40 Clay's execution Thursday tary sin I have committed these 2000. Another is scheduled for evening, the 11th this year in 35 years I have lived upon this next week and three more in Texas, came a week after another earth," he said strapped to the April.

injection before he was spared not a day that I have not prayed tions in the United States since by a U.S. Supreme Court for you," he added, looking at 1976 when the death penalty were watching through a win- Court ruling. Virginia is second dow a few feet away.

Clay's injection keeps Texas, "I would like to say first and which resumed carrying out forgive me of every single soli- lethal injections carried out in

Texas accounts for more "I am truly sorry, and there is than one-third of the 839 execurelatives of his victim, who resumed under a Supreme with 87.

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ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following arrests and incidents.

Wednesday, March 19 James Michael Nelson, 32, 921 S. Wells, was arrested for aggravated sexual assault.

A report of assault by contact was taken in the 200 block of West Brown. According to the police report, there were no injuries Thursday, March 20

Jennifer Rose Spikes, 19, of Skellytown, was arrested on numerous traffic warrants. They included three charges of failure to display drivers license, two charges of failure to appear, expired motor vehicle registration and speeding.

Nancy Free, 28, 1220 S. Hobart, was arrested for failure to stop at a stop sign right away. Police are investigating a kidnapping which was reported yesterday.

Theft under \$50 was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart. The report stated \$18.47 in gasoline was taken.

A weapons violation was reported in the 800 block of North Hobart.

Theft was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells. Estimated loss was \$23.76.

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AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the following calls for the period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, March 21

5 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of North Hobart; one patient was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

5:55 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 2800 block of Rosewood on a fire stand-by. 6:16 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Miami; one patient was transported to PRMC.

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents.

Thursday, March 20

4:59 p.m. — Alfonso Dominguez, 16, 2117 N. Christy, was driver of a 1998 GMC Suburban which was eastbound in the 700 block of Gwendolyn when, according to police reports, it stopped at the stop sign at the Hobart intersection and failed to yield the right of way, entering the intersection. The Suburban struck a 1996 Dodge Dakota pickup driven by Eli Samuel Stark, 28, 1012 E. Foster. Stark was traveling south on Hobart. Dominguez was issued a citation for failure to yield right of way at a stop sign. Stark was cited for an expired license plate.

5:52 p.m. - Bobby Lee Londagin, 76, of Borger, was driver of a 1990 Jeep Cherokee that was westbound in the 100 block of West Foster. Police reports state he proceeded through the "unclear intersection," causing a 1998 Dodge Sport pickup driven by David Kenneth Lili, Lewisville, to strike the Jeep Cherokee in the right passenger door. No citations were issued.

SHERIFF

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

Thursday, March 20

Deana Ramona Vargas, 23, homeless, was arrested on municipal traffic warrants for failure to appear, theft under \$50 and possession of drug paraphernalia.

FIRE

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

Thursday, March 20

4:59 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at Hobart and Gwendolyn streets. Firefighters assisted with one injury and cleaned up spilled hazardous

5:49 p.m. - Two units and six firefighters responded to a reported structure fire in the 2800 block of Rosewood. The residents had heard crackling above a wood stove and was afraid of a fire in the attic. None was found.

6:09 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a minor motor vehicle collision at Foster and Cuyler streets.

6:24 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 300 block of Miami.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is calling for mostly cloudy skies with slight chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon, highs in the lower 60s, southeast winds 5 to 10 mph and a 20 percent chance of rain. Tonight should be mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms, lows in the upper 30s, east winds 10 to 15 mph and a 30 percent chance of rain. Saturday should be mostly cloudy. Slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 60s. South winds 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 20 percent. Saturday night, partly cloudy in the evening then clearing. Lows in the lower 40s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday, mostly sunny. Breezy. Highs in the lower 70s. Southwest winds 15 to 20 mph. Sunday night, mostly clear. Breezy. Lows in the upper 30s. Monday, mostly sunny. Breezy. Highs in the lower 70s. Monday night, partly cloudy. Breezy. Lows in the lower 40s. Tuesday, mostly cloudy. Breezy. Slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s. Chance of rain 20 percent. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Breezy. Lows in the lower 40s. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the mid 50s. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Breezy. Lows in the upper 30s. Thursday, partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the mid 60s.

STATEWIDE

Some strong storms may cloudy south, with highs in the 60s and 70s. Scattered develop today in central West Texas, and spread through thunderstorms are possible central and north Texas through Saturday morning tonight and Saturday. Any over the region, with the best severe weather should be isochances in the southern lated. Temperatures will be Panhandle, South Plains, Permian Basin, lower Trans Pecos and Concho Valley. and Wednesday, a significant Severe weather is not expectstorm system is expected over ed. Sunday and Monday, skies will clear and temperatures will warm to the 70s and 80s. extremes Thursday and early Friday Tuesday, skies will be cloudimorning ranged from a high er and colder temperatures are

> South Texas today will be partly cloudy in central and southeast areas, sunnier deep south and west, with highs

expected, with chances of

temperatures mostly in the 70s. No rain is forecast today, but rain is possible tonight in central areas. On Saturday all but the deep south should see cloudy skies, and a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs will be in the 60s central, 70s deep south, and 60s to 70s southeast and west. Sunday and Monday should be dry, with partly cloudy skies and highs in the 70s. Tuesday, a significant storm system is predicted to move in, but high temperatures should remain in the 70s.

North Texas will be partly to mostly cloudy today and Saturday, with highs in the 60s. No rain is forecast today.

Authorities investigate apparent dragging death in Dallas

DALLAS (AP) - The dis-Traces of blood were found figured body of an unidenti- on nearby streets and a information about the investified man was discovered early Friday in what police think is the site where the body was a dragging death. Officers were responding

to a burglary call in East van was related to the death. Dallas when they found a body with tire tracks on it and a few other signs of an apparin his mid-30s and was wearing pajamas.

Sgt. Ross Salverino said burned-out van was close to gation would be released later in the day, but sought to ease found, police said. However, fears that the death was racepolice said, it's not clear if the related.

"If you're going to talk Police are still trying to about some rumor that this is identify the man who is black, some kind of hate crime, no, there's nothing to that," he told The Associated Press.

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CITY

Commissioner Jeff Andrews. Mayor Robbins woiced a concern about how the city appears to travelers driving

through Pampa on U.S. 60. City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers said that subject has been talked about for the 19 years that she has worked for the city, but nothing has ever been done.

City Manager Mitch Grant said the city needed to capitalize on its open space, particularly the parks.

"If you've going to attract people to your town," he said, "you've got to look attrac-

He also said the city needed to develop an identity.

Commissioner Dixon said the city had a reputation in other parts of the state as being against economic growth and taxes.

Pampa Police Chief Trevlyn Pittner said the city needs to work on its core values, respect, service, productivity, integrity, responsibility, innovation and teamwork.

Community Services Director Bill Hildebrandt suggested more emphasis on

hospitality.

Andrews expressed concerns about the financial stability of the city.

Dixon said Pampa is the most heavily-taxed city in the panhandle.

City Attorney Don Lane said the city, which now has a population of less than 17,000, needs to streamline services that were designed for a city of 30,000 while acknowledging the possibility of increasing them should the city begin to grow again.

Andrews pointed out that each dumpster in the city used to serve four people. Now they are more likely to serve two.

That, Hatchel said, means half the revenue from fees for garbage collection.

Grant said he would like to look into a low cost housing program and do something about dilapidated buildings that dot the city.

"Some or all of this," Robbins said, "is going to require a connection of the private sector and the city."

The city staff is expected to have an outline for the commissioners at their meeting Tuesday evening.

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WAR

armed members of the ruling Baath Party, security forces and police, and pickup trucks mounted with heavy machine guns.

The official Iraqi News Agency said 37 people were injured in Thursday night's raid at heart of Baghdad and in other locations in and around the city.

Standing next to Al-Sahhaf at the news conference was Interior Minister Mahmoud Diab al-Ahmed, carrying a Kalashnikov rifle and ammunition and wearing a military uniform and flak jacket with a knife in the pocket and a pistol on

"Some of you might may be wondering why do I have a Kalashnikov in my hand and wearing a flak jacket," he said. "Because we have all in Iraq pledged never to relinquish our weapons until the day of victory.'

Sahhaf also denied any U.S.-led advance into Iraq and argued that TV images of Iraqis surrendering were fabricated.

Those are not Iraqi soldiers at all," he said. "Where did they bring them from?"

Al-Sahhaf suggested that any captured U.S. and British soldiers may not be treated as prisoners of war under the Geneva Conventions. Al-Sahhaf said Iraq was considering how to treat them.

"Those are mercenaries. Most probably they will be treated as mercenaries, hirelings and as war criminals. ... For sure, international law does not apply to those," he said.

A busload of journalists was taken to the main Al-Douri power plant, which was damaged in the 1991 Gulf War, where at least 12 human shields from Switzerland, Turkey, France and the United States are staying.





Just doing their jobs



Pampa Police Officer Keith Morris investigates a 5 p.m. collision Thursday at the intersection of 800 North Hobart and Gwendolyn as Officer Aaron McWilliams directs traffic at the scene. Eli Samuel Stark, 28, 1012 East Foster, was transported by Rural Metro Ambulance to Pampa Regional Medical Center for injuries received in the wreck. A condition report on Stark was unavailable today.

Coalition suffers 14 casualties

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As the United States and Britain pushed into Iraq, the allies also suffered their first casualties - including a dozen American and British Marines killed in a helicopter crash that appeared to be accidental.

A U.S. Marine was the first to die in combat. His company was advancing on a burning oil pump station when he was shot in the stomach, a comrade said.

President Bush informed of the death early Friday and expressed his regrets.

The Marine was from the U.S. 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, said Lt. Col. Neal Peckham, a British military spokesman in Kuwait. He died in the sweep on the Rumeila oil field in southern Iraq, where acrid smoke blackened the sky.

U.S. Central Command gave no other details.

Senate votes to shave new tax cuts

BY MARY DALRYMPLE ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) take \$100 billion over the next cuts during the war. 10 years from President to pay for the war with Iraq.

"We cannot blithely go business as usual," said Sen. Russell Feingold, D-Wis.

budget resolution before the cut plan. Senate was the first setback billion over the next decade.

liamentary procedure that will allow the Senate to reconsider the vote later.

passed a \$2.2 trillion budget that kept Bush's tax proposals

The Senate also voted 54-45 Friday against an amendment by Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., to increase by \$88 billion Bush's 10-year budget for homeland security. That set the stage for the key showdown on whether to cap the tax cuts at \$350 billion, less than half of what Bush wants.

The two senators who hold the pivotal votes - John McCain, R-Ariz., and Ernest

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against the amendment trim-The Senate voted Friday to because they oppose any tax tax cut proposal made a longrejecting any new tax cuts.

Bush's proposed new tax cuts defeat Hollings' amendment ing their plan offered the best Affairs Committee Chairman "We cannot cut taxes and

along as if this were a time for raise spending until we know The 52-47 vote on overall budget because it John B. Breaux, D-La. Feingold's amendment to a includes the \$726 billion tax

Republican leaders used a par- creating jobs and strengthen- Hollings. ing growth at home."

Hollings, D-S.C. — on Friday and lower dividend taxes that for next year. reiterated their intent to vote he seeks.

dent's momentum.

"I would prefer no tax cut what the cost of the war is," at this time, but that is not opposition from moderates said McCain, who opposes the politically popular," said Sen. who disliked their budget's tax

paying for the war in Iraq, pro- culture. The centrists closed Praising the House action, tecting the nation against ter- ranks and voted for the budget Bush has encountered in seek- Bush said in a statement rorist attacks and reversing a blueprint only after intensive ing new tax cuts totaling \$726 Friday: "As we engage in growing deficit remained lobbying by Vice President action to ensure freedom and unconvinced. "This is playing Dick Cheney, Treasury The package includes elim-security, it is imperative that for the needs of the campaign Secretary John Snow and ination of the taxes that we stay focused on important next year. And I'm for the other administration officials. investors pay on dividends. domestic priorities, including needs of the country," said

The GOP-run House passed cemented the last few votes in Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., to supthe final tax bill will give automatic benefits payments sion to emerge from negotiaaccelerated income tax cuts lion to the president's budget Senate.

"It will allow us to fully Moderates leading the meet our commitments to ming the tax cut in half, Senate fight to halve the Bush more than 2.6 million disabled veterans and widows who rely shot plea to lawmakers on VA benefit checks every The Senate voted 77-22 to opposed to all tax cuts, argumonth," said House Veterans' opportunity to stop the presi- Christopher H. Smith, R-N.J. "It's a major win."

GOP leaders also overcame reductions and cuts in pro-Senators worried about grams like Medicaid and agri-

The wavering centrists heeded the orders delivered by In the House, GOP leaders the White House and Speaker the \$2.2 trillion budget 215- favor of their budget when port the president while he The House earlier Friday 212. It provides broad outlines they made a late-night con- waged war in Iraq. They made of tax and spending policies cession and matched the it clear they voted for the for other committees to fol- Senate's spending on veter- budget only because they low, and there is no guarantee ans' programs, exempting expect a more acceptable ver-Bush the combination of from cuts and adding \$1.8 bil- tions between the House and

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everyone in Pampa and the surrounding area to welcome Kenneth Chambers, enjoy a great meal prepared by the Pampa Country Club, and be on hand for the presentation of the prestigious Citizen of the Year Award," said Clay Rice, executive director of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

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ARREST

Police issued a statement following that incident stating a male dressed in a black ski mask, black shirt and pants broke into a home and assaulted a woman.

The suspect was described as possibly white, tall and had a thin, but muscular, build.

The investigation into that incident is continuing, officials

Police continue to urge residents to be aware of their surroundings and to properly secure their doors and windows.

Anyone with information on the Feb. 20 incident is asked to contact Det. Connie Lockridge with the Pampa PD Crimifal Investigation Division at 669-5700.

Police also continue to their investigation into what was reported to them Thursday as a kidnapping.

Officials said local residents reported their daughter and husband had been living in Pampa until the couple recently separated and he left Pampa. The family told police that he returned to Pampa, forcing his wife and three children to leave with him. Police have not been able to determine if a weapon was used or if threats were made.

PPD said the woman and children have been located in another state unharmed. It is being investigated as a possible domestic situation.

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RELIGION

American churches' clergy-laity split on Iraq war shows a frequent pattern

BY RICHARD N. OSTLING AP RELIGION WRITER

The nation's ranking Christian clergy have formed their strongest anti-war ers," said the Rev. Wesley Granbergalliance in at least a generation, but the Michaelson, the anti-war chief executive people in the pews don't necessarily agree of the Reformed Church in America. "If with their leaders.

There is opposition to the war among leaders of the Roman Catholic hierarchy, almost all the leaders of white, mainline tary of the National Council of Churches Protestant denominations, and the heads of and a peace activist, said religious leaders black Protestant groups.

But with war imminent, polls indicate a if some church members disagree. majority of the faithful support President

In the past, says historian Martin E. Marty, clergy successfully prodded parishioners' opinions on major social issues like when it comes to war, lay Christians have their own people. gone along with the prevailing public sentiment, regardless of what they hear in the clergy-laity political divide first won zen."

been roughly where the public is as long as Churches Are Growing" warned that I've known them," said Marty, 75, a for- churches decline when they overemphamer University of Chicago professor size politics and neglect spiritual sub-nouncements on world peace. It's very regarded as the dean of American church stance. historians.

"Barring some special factor, the laity is indistinguishable from the larger culture."

The Gallup Poll said in early March that 63 percent of those who said they attend church almost weekly favored a U.S. military invasion to end Saddam Hussein's rule, compared with 59 percent of the general public in the survey. The margin of error was 3 percentage points. A Pew Research Center poll question last month produced similar results.

Clergy opposition to the Vietnam War eventually grew even more intense than oped gradually after the conflict began, Marty says.

The clergy have not been so visibly

"Religious leaders are called to be leadthey know how to lead well, people will be influenced — not all, but certainly some."

The Rev. Robert Edgar, general secremust say what they believe is right — even

"It's interesting to see how far apart we are from some of the laity," said Edgar, a clergyman in President Bush's United

wide notice in the late 1960s. By 1972,

Catholic clergy — sensitive to criticism opposed to the outbreak of hostilities since that the faithful might follow the pope the pre-Pearl Harbor days of 1941, he says. rather than the president — once sought to prove their patriotism and rarely questioned national policy.

> But the U.S. bishops' made a statement against Vietnam policy in 1971, and that was a turning point. Since then, the hierarchy has made many pronouncements on foreign and domestic policy.

> Judging from past conflicts, however, the current war debate won't be a make-orbreak issue that will drive hawkish Christians from their denomination. Most simply accept they have a difference of opinion with their spiritual leaders.

Episcopalian Jim Oakes, a medical Methodist Church. "But that's not unlike technology consultant in Washington, the prophets and apostles of the Old and D.C., with a son in the Marine Corps, alcohol prohibition and civil rights. But New Testaments" who were rejected by says his church's presiding bishop, Frank Griswold, can believe whatever In mainline Protestant denominations, he likes about war "as a private citi-

But "I strongly object to his claiming to "The mainstream Protestant laity has Dean Kelley's book "Why Conservative represent the body of the Episcopal Church, because he doesn't," Oakes said. "It's similar to a rock star making prointeresting but what do they know?"

Evangelists to come to New Life Assembly

Reaching into communities throughout the United States and Canada, Emil and Jane Solbrekken, a husband and wife evangelistic team, bring a clear message of hope and healing for hurting people. Their travels have taken them to 30 states and five provinces. North America is their mission field.

The Solbrekkens will be guest speakers at New Life Assembly of God, March 30-April 2. On Sunday they will speak at the 10:40 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. services. Monday through Wednesday, services are set at 7 p.m. New Life Assembly of God is located at the corner of Randy Matson attend.



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Trinity to begin Saturday service

Trinity Fellowship Church, 1200 S. Sumner, will begin weekly Saturday night services at 5:30 p.m., March 22.

Saturday evening and Sunday morning services will be the same with all ministries, including nursery and children's church, says Pastor Lonny Robbins.

Sunday School meets on Sunday mornings only at 9:30 a.m. he said, and Sunday morning services will continue at 10:30

North Korea rejects U.S. concern over religious freedom

Korea rejected U.S. concern about religious freedom in the communist country, calling American criticism a slur campaign.

In an annual report March 5, the U.S. State Department named North Korea as a country of concern for religious persecution, along with China, Iran, Iraq, Myanmar and Sudan.

Telling Washington to "mind its own business," North Korea's foreign news outlet KCNA said Monday that U.S.

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North censure was meant to "stifle and isolate" North Korea. It accused the United States of oppressing Muslims.

> The U.S. assertion is "nothing but sophism intended to invent a pretext for impairing the image of (North Korea's) system and stifle and isolate it at any cost," KCNA said.

U.S. State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said the designation "countries of particular concern" is used to pressure governments to end religious persecution.

RELIGION IN BRIEF

National Association of Evangelicals to be led by the Rev. Ted Haggard

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Association of Evangelicals announced Monday that its new president will be the Rev. Ted Haggard, who leads Colorado's largest Protestant church.

The evangelical body lists a constituency of 51 conservative denominations with 43,000 congregations, individual congregations from 27 other denominations, and various 'para-church' ministries.

Haggard, 46, will serve part time and continue as pastor of the non-denominational New Life Church in Colorado Springs, which was founded in 1985, now has 8,700 members and is building a 12,000-seat facility near the Air Force Academy.

Haggard succeeds the Rev. Leith Anderson of Wooddale Church in Eden Prairie, Minn. Anderson took over in 1991 when the Rev. Kevin Mannoia resigned after board members turned against his plan to cooperate with groups affiliated with the more liberal National Council of Churches.

Someone to understand us as we are

Bob Weber, former president of Kiwanis International, tells this story: Bob had spoken to a club in a small town and was spending the night with a farmer on the outskirts of the town. He had just gotten comfortable on the front porch when a newsboy delivered the evening paper. The boy noticed the sign, "Puppies for sale." He got off his bike and asked the farmer, "How much do you want for the pups, mis-

"Twenty-five dollars, son." Bob Weber said the boy's face dropped. "Well, sir, could I at least see them anyway?"

The farmer whistled and in a moment the mother dog came bounding around the corner of the house, tagged by



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tails and yipping happily. and took out a 50-cent piece. Finally another pup, a straggler, came around the house, pleaded, "I want to buy that dragging one hind leg.

that puppy, mister?" the boy paid. Honest I will, mister."

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The boy paused for a moment, then reached down and pulled up his pant's leg, exposing that all-too-familiar iron brace and leather knee strap. The boy answered, "Mister, that pup is going to need someone who understands her to help her in life!"

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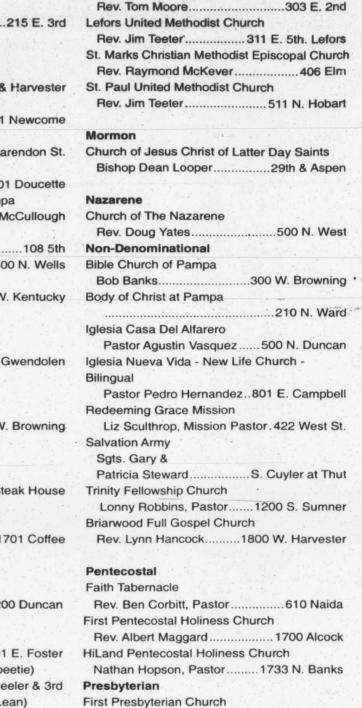
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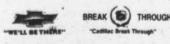




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WHO to send team to Beijing to investigate mystery illness

Organization said Friday it will send a team to Beijing to investigate whether the outbreak of a flu-like illness that has spread to three continents and killed at least 10 people started in China.

Hong Kong health officials say they have traced the outbreak there to a visitor from the Chinese mainland who died of the disease March 4. The man, a professor, arrived in Hong Kong from Guangdong province where the disease erupted in November.

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Henk Bekedam, the WHO representative in Beijing, said it now seems "more likely" the outbreaks are linked but added there are still many questions. The disease clearly needs "very close contact" to spread between people, he said.

"We are globally worried, and we're worried about what's happening in China as well," he said. "We know there are cases still here."

Bekedam also said reports of cases in Beijing are being investigated and that WHO has asked the Health Ministry about them but has "not heard anything back."

The U.N. agency said it will send a team of five people to China for five days beginning Sunday.

The WHO has declared the disease a worldwide health threat. The cause has not been confirmed, but health investigators are focusing on paramyxovirus, a family of virus that includes mumps and measles. German doctors and their Hong Kong counterparts reported finding it in case specimens there.

"It's very likely (the virus) is the cause Kong concerns. of what is happening now. We still have to do a few laboratory tests to confirm that," Bekedam said.

ple who have died recently of the disease, cases of the illness.

BEIJING (AP) — The World Health called SARS, or severe acute respiratory syndrome — six in Hong Kong, two in Vietnam and two in Canada. Five other deaths have been reported in China but have not been included in the WHO's official figures.

> Six other guests at the hotel where the man stayed became infected and two died. Some were suspected of carrying the disease into Vietnam, Singapore and Canada.

> Hundreds of people have come down with the disease. The vast majority are in Asia, but 13 cases are suspected in the United States

> The illness can be difficult to confirm because the symptoms, mainly fever and congestion, are similar to those for other many other diseases.

> Chinese health officials say about 300 cases have been discovered in Guangdong, which borders Hong Kong. The official Xinhua News Agency said Friday the illness has hit seven cities in the province but that more than 70 percent of patients had

> Alan Schnur, team leader of communicable disease control for WHO in Beijing, said China's provinces need to begin compiling more detailed and accurate health reports.

> "The disease-reporting system needs to be looked at and brought up to times," he

Hong Kong health officials complained China was not cooperating fully in the fight to stop SARS from spreading. China was sending its health minister to Hong Kong on Friday in response to Hong

"Both sides should be more sensitive and act quickly to any crisis," said Dr. Leung Ping-chung at Hong Kong's Prince The professor was one of at least 10 peo- of Wales Hospital, the site of most local

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Disagreement over use of Turkish air space delays U.S. overflights to Iraq

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) - Turkey on demands that the U.S. military provide inforinsisting the United States agree to its demands to move troops into northern Iraq, officials said.

U.S. and Turkish officials held overnight talks until early Friday, but failed to work out an agreement on the conditions of the overflights, Western diplomats said. Talks were expected to continue.

"The military and diplomatic basis must be prepared," said Deputy Prime Minister Abdullatif Sener. "The fact that the authorization was approved doesn't mean it is automatically put into effect."

When asked how long an agreement would take, Sener said: "It isn't an issue of time."

Turkey's parliament voted Thursday to allow the United States to use the airspace, a measure that would allow strike aircraft on carriers in the Mediterranean to fly more directly into Iraq. The United States could also use Turkish airspace to ferry troops into northern Iraq.

Parliament's resolution also allows Turkey to move its own forces into northern Iraq, where Turkey fears instability. Officials said Turkish insistence on sending troops there has preventéd a final airspace agreement.

The United States opposes any unilateral move by Turkey into northern Iraq. Washington has warned a Turkish incursion could lead to friendly fire incidents with U.S. forces. Iraqi Kurdish groups say the move could lead to clashes.

Negotiations are also locked over Turkish units.

Friday delayed opening its airspace to U.S. mation on the type of planes, their mission, warplanes for strikes against Iraq despite par- and their destination ahead of the overflights, liamentary approval for the overflights, a Turkish military official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. The United States wants to be able to use the airspace without prior notification.

> The United States hopes to see the agreement "implemented in the most immediate fashion," said a Western diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity.

> The United States also wants to use refueling aircraft at Incirlik air base in southern Turkey, but Turkey is balking, saying it is not part of the airspace agreement.

U.S. warplanes based in Incirlik have been used to patrol a no-fly zone over northern Iraq, and the refuelers were used as part of

Thursday's vote granting overflight rights followed intense lobbying by the United States, but fell far short of Washington's original request to send 62,000 soldiers to Turkey to open up a northern front against Iraq.

Polls show up to 94 percent of Turks are against a war, opposition that contributed to months of delays by Turkey's government. Parliament earlier this month failed to pass a resolution that would have let in U.S. ground troops for an Iraq invasion.

The United States had offered Turkey a package of \$15 billion in loans and grants in exchange for letting in U.S. troops for a ground war. The United States withdrew the aid package as war drew closer and it became clear that even if Turkey voted in favor, the military would not have time to bring in the

Suspected Tamil rebels sink vessel near Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — A suspected Tamil Tiger rebel boat attacked and sank a vessel carrying Chinese fishermen off eastern Sri Lanka, killing 17 people on board, the navy said Friday.

The Chinese government said it was "extremely concerned" by the sinking, which appeared to be a case of mistaken identity.

The attack came as government and Tamil Tiger negotiators wrapped up a sixth round of peace talks in Japan aimed at resolving the 19-year civil war.

Both sides agreed to convene naval and political representatives within three weeks to try to prevent future clashes at sea, a Norwegian statement said.

The two sides have been under a Norwegian-brokered cease-fire since February 2002, but the truce is vague in rela-

tion to sea movement and people have been warned not to fish in the area.

The sunken vessel was carrying 23 Chinese and three Sri Lankans. Nine people were rescued by another Chinese vessel nearby, navy spokesman Jayantha Perera said.

"We believe other than those rescued, the rest have been killed," Perera said.

The rebels denied involvement in a message posted on their Web site, saying they told international cease-fire monitors that none of their gunboats were in the area.

The monitors said survivors reported being fired at with machine guns by eight boats of civilian-clothed Tigers.

Two survivors had gunshot wounds on their face and knees, said Teitur Torkelsson, a spokesman for the Norwegian-led moni-



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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Special Day Highlights Efforts To Give Abused Children Hope

April 2, people across the country will observe the National Day of Hope for abused children, part of National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Its goal is to raise public awareness so that each of us will have the power to help an abused child if we so choose.

On a typical day, three children in the ! nited States will die as a result of child abuse in the home. A report of known or suspected child abuse or neglect will be made to the authorities every 10 seconds. However, most people who witness an actual incident of child abuse will not report it.

We urge everyone: If you see something or hear something - do something. Suspicion of neglect or abuse is sufficient to make a report.

For information or local reporting numbers, call the Childhelp USA National Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-4-A-CHILD (1-800-422-4453), 24 hours a day. All calls are anonymous and confidential.

You can also help by keeping abused children in your thoughts and prayers. Learn the signs and symptoms of child abuse and neglect so you can recognize the red flags when you see them. For additional ways to participate, visit www.childhelpusa.org.

Please join us as we share the light of hope for abused children.
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DEAR SARA AND YVONNE: I hope your letter generates the attention it deserves. Children are some of our most vulnera-DEAR ABBY: On Wednesday, ble citizens. Here are some of the signs and symptoms of

Physical abuse: unexplained burns, cuts, bruises or welts in the shape of an object; problems in school; fear of adults.

Emotional abuse: apathy; depression; lack of concentration. Sexual abuse: inappropriate interest or knowledge of sexual acts; overcompliance or excessive aggression; fear of a particular person or family member.

Neglect: unsuitable clothing for weather; extreme hunger; apparent lack of supervision.

I caution readers to be aware that these are only indicators, and if people see them they should check into the situation more thoroughly. One should not immediately jump to conclusions based on one or two general symptoms.

DEAR ABBY: My girlfriend, "Kit," has been living with me for almost four years, and our love for each other is stronger than ever. Kit has asked me to marry her many times, but I always divert her attention or change the subject.

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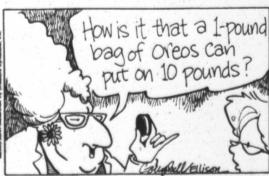
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PAMPA — There will be a Pampa High Soccer Booster Club meeting at 8 Sunday night in the athletic fieldhouse.

Boosters will be making plans for a fundraiser.

HORSE RACING

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP) — The mastermind behind the betting scam that nearly produced a \$3 million payoff at the Breeders' Cup ended up with the least amount of jail time possible — a year and a day.

Computer programmer Chris Harn, who worked for a company that processes horse racing bets, could have received more than seven years in prison if he had not helped authorities, Judge Charles Brieant said.

Glen Co-defendant DaSilva was sentenced to two years in prison and Derrick Davis received three years.

BASEBALL

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP)

- Mike Sweeney continued his torrid spring pace, hitting two home runs and driving in five runs as Kansas City defeated the Texas Rangers 9-5 in an exhibition game Thursday.

Sweeney opened the spring 0-for-5, but came into the game on a 19-for-37 tear with three homers and nine

"The key to good hitting is getting a good pitch to hit and not missing it when you get it," Sweeney said. "Barry Bonds hit .370 last season and had 198 walks. That tells me you have to be selective to be a good hitter. That's what I have to continue to do."

The three-time All-Star went 3 for 3, spoiling the performance of Rangers starter Joaquin Benoit. The 25-year-old right-hander struck out five and gave up four hits in 3.2 innings. One of the hits was Sweeney's three-run homer in the third inning that put Kansas City ahead 3-1.

Hank Blalock's solo homer had given Texas a 1-0 lead in the second inning.

Benoit was tabbed for his second loss of the spring. He was 4-5 in 17 games with Texas in 2002 and is in the hunt for one of the two remaining spots in the Rangers' five-man starting rotation. Benoit is hoping to join Chan Ho Park, Ismael

Valdes and Jon Thompson. "He had two good innings and then he got in trouble," manager Buck Showalter said. "We've had a lot of guys whove struggled like that. I can't say he hurt his chances to be a starter. There are a lot of factors well have to look

at." After Ruben Sierra extended his hitting streak to 12 games with a solo homer in the fourth that cut the lead to

3-2. Sweeney connected on a two-run homer in the fifth off reliever Ron Mahay. Dee Brown added a two-run double to cap a four-run outburst that put Kansas City ahead to stay.

Kansas, Notre Dame hold on for victories

Kansas 64, Utah St. 61

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — One year after surviving a scare against 16thseeded Holy Cross, Kansas held on to beat No. 15 seed Utah State.

The second-seeded Jayhawks (26-7) questioned their seeding after winning the Big 12 regular-season title, but got more than just a tuneup from Utah State (24-9).

They found a way to win, though — Utah State missed two 3-point tries in the final 10 seconds — and will play 10th-seeded Arizona State in the second round Saturday.

Keith Langford scored 22 points and Nick Collison had 18 for the Jayhawks. Desmond Penigar had 25 points for Utah Notre Dame 70, UW-Milwaukee 69

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - A day after shaving the heads of his Fighting Irish teammates as a show of team unity, Chris Thomas scored 27 points in his hometown to lead them past Wisconsin-Milwaukee,

The 12th-seeded Panthers had a great chance to pull off the upset, but Dylan Page missed a layup just before the buzzer after getting a terrific pass from Clay Tucker.

Torin Francis, who had 23 points and 14 rebounds, scored the winning points on a putback with 32.8 seconds left after grabbing a loose ball in the lane.

The fifth-seeded Irish (23-9) are in the second round for the third straight year, though they haven't advanced to the round of the 16 during that stretch.

They'll play Illinois on Saturday.

The Panthers (24-8), making their first appearance in the NCAA tournament in their 107-year history, got 18 points from Tucker and Ronnie Jones.

Duke 67, Colorado St. 57

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Freshman Shelden Williams scored on an offensive rebound with 1:21 to play, then sank two free throws with 44.2 seconds left and the third-seeded Blue Devils barely got past Colorado State.

Duke scored the last eight points after the 14th-seeded Rams (19-14), the sixthplace team in the Mountain West Conference during the regular season, cut the lead to 59-57 on Brian Greene's 16-footer with 2:59 to play.

After Williams' four big points, J.J prised No. 4 Dayton.

Reddick, who scored 16, made four consecutive free throws in the final 26 seconds to send Duke (25-6) into a secondround matchup against 11th-seeded Central Michigan.

Matt Nelson, Colorado State's 7-foot sophomore center, scored 21 points. Dahntay Jones had 23 for Duke.

Midwest

Tulsa 84, Dayton 71

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Jason Parker, Kevin Johnson and Dante Swanson shot the Dayton Fiyers right out of the NCAA tournament.

Parker scored 24 points on 10-of-13 shooting, Swanson was 8-of-15 for 24 points and Johnson added 16 points on a 7of-10 effort as 13th-seeded Tulsa sur-

Harvesters host Plainview

PAMPA — Pampa hosts Plainview in the second game of the District 3-4A baseball season at Saturday lp.m. Harvester Field.

Both teams opened district with victories on Tuesday. Pampa downed Dennis Doughty Randall 8-3 and Plainview beat Dumas 4-1.

The Harvesters improved to 9-6 for the season while the Bulldogs are 6-11 overall.

Pampa used the 5-hit pitching of senior righthander Max Simon to hand Randall its first district loss in 28 games. Simon struck out 10 and walked three to go 4-0 for the season.

The Harvesters backed up Simon with 11 hits. Outfielder Tyson Moree, second baseman Tyler Doughty and shortstop Hunter Craig led the attack with two singles each.

"That was an exciting win for us. Our strength right now is our pitching, especially from Max Simon and Ryan Zemanek. "We're also playing real good defense," said Pampa head coach Dennis Doughty.

The Harvesters committed only one error and turned a double play against Randall.

"We're playing with a lot of confidence right now," Doughty said. "As a coach I hope there won't be a letdown. I don't think there will be. These kids are pretty level-headed."

considered the No. 1 contender for the district

Doughty looks for Plainview to be a worthy opponent.

"I expect Plainview to be a lot better than their record shows. They've been beaten by some good teams. "I look for them to throw a lefty against us. Fortunately for us, we faced some left-handed pitching in pre-district and hit them pretty good," he said.

Zemanek (2-1) will start on the mound for the Harvesters. Pampa's batting order looks like this: Tyson Moree, center field; Tyler Doughty, second base; Shea Brown, catcher; Ryan Zemanek, pitcher; Jed Martin, left field; Johnny Moore, right field; Max Simon, first base; Hunter Craig, shortstop; Jered Snelgrooes, third base.

Doughty enters his 10th season as Harvester head coach. He guided Pampa to bidistrict and area titles a year ago after the Harvesters placed third in the district stand-

Hereford slipped by Palo Duro 9-8 in Pampa, with the win over Randall, could be Tuesday's other district opener.

Astros to honor Astronauts

memory of the seven astronauts who died when the space shuttle Columbia disintegrated over Texas will weigh heavy on the Astros' opening day ceremonies in Houston, home of the manned space program.

Prior to the club's first game of the season April 1 exactly two months after the shuttle disaster an all-day street festival and midday pep rally will be followed by more somber events: a blood drive and a 45-minute pregame tribute to NASA.

The Astros will wear the STS-107 mission patch for the entire 2003 season in memory of the seven astronauts, who were killed when the shuttle broke up during re-entry on Feb. 1 after a successful scientific

Representatives of the in the community.

HOUSTON (AP) - The seven Columbia astronauts' families will throw seven ceremonial first pitches. Members of the current astronaut program will be recognized on the field.

> The actual first pitch against the Colorado Rockies is scheduled for 6:05 p.m.

Darius Rucker, lead singer of Hootie and the Blowfish, will sing the national anthem, accompanied by a giant American flag carried onto the field by 107 NASA employees. A trained bald eagle will circle Minute Maid Park.

All seven astronauts lived near and trained at the Johnson Space Center in far southeast Houston. The team's name, adopted for the 1965 season in the space program's infancy, is a nod to NASA's presence

venues around the country, and

fans were learning to cope

with lines and extra screen-

Athletic events continue as war goes on in Iraq

By The Associated Press

Montreal hockey fans voiced their displeasure over the war in Iraq by booing the U.S. national anthem, while many athletes and coaches said the military action made their pursuits seem almost trivial by comparison.

Before the New York Islanders played the Canadiens on Thursday night, the crowd was asked to "show your support and respect for two great nations" before the anthems. But a significant portion of the crowd booed throughout "The Star-Spangled Banner."

"I came to the game pretty pumped up, but once I heard that it really got me going," said Islanders forward Mark Parrish, from Bloomington, Minn. "So I guess I can thank them a little bit for getting me more pumped up."

For the first round of the NCAA basketball tournament

Thursday, large decals of red, white and blue ribbons were put on the courts. Moments of silence were held at various venues, and spectators tried to get updates on the war during breaks in play.

"A lot of people sometimes compare playing out on the basketball court to a war. Then you suddenly realize it's a bad Manhattan's comparison," Justin Jackette said as his team prepared to face Syracuse on Friday in Boston.

"There are some kids overseas who are younger than us. It's not a game over there. They are risking their lives to protect our freedom."

Pittsburgh forward Donatas Zavackas didn't need a reminder. The 22-year-old senior from Lithuania said he remembers being 11 and watching footage of unarmed countrymen trying to defend a television transmitter from tanks when Lithuania gained its independence from the Soviet Union in 1991.

He said he initially thought the tournament should be canceled because of the war. After hearing that members of the military were filling out brackets and following the tournament from overseas, though, he changed his mind.

"I didn't feel right to be playing and the same time a war is going on," he said. "I didn't think anybody should be having fun while they're fight-

Many athletes saw the games differently, saying they can inspire the troops in the Middle East. After leading Marquette to a first-round victory, guard Travis Diener said he hoped word of the win gives a boost to his cousin, Army Lt. Derek Diener, who's serving as an officer in a Patriot missile unit in Iraq.

"Hopefully for a moment I can give him that pleasure, saying my cousin did this, they won and they're moving on,"

said Diener, who scored a career-high 29 points in Marquette's win over Holy Cross in Indianapolis. "So I dedicated this victory to him."

Detroit Pistons star Richard Hamilton expressed hope that games might provide a welcome distraction from the tense developments.

"It's weird, but we're giving fans and people around the world a source of entertainment," Hamilton said before the Pistons' victory over Philadelphia in Detroit, "If we can take people's minds off of the very important things going on for a couple of hours, I think that helps everybody."

Woods Tiger approached the 18th green in the Bay Hill Invitational in Orlando, Fla., a young girl ran out to the fairway and handed him a small U.S. flag. In previous years, the girl has given Woods flowers. "She's just a little sweetheart," Woods said.

"I feel safe," said Todd Martin, competing in the Nasdaq-100 tennis tournament in Key Biscayne, Fla. "I feel

> like our country has done what they have been able to prepare for whatever might come next - if anything does come next on our soil." The D.C. Marathon, scheduled for Saturday in Washington, was canceled because of the war and securi-

ty concerns, and Japan's soc-

cer team called off two exhibition games in the United States. However, Japan's top female figure skaters, Yoshie Onda and Fumie Suguri, left Friday for the World Figure Skating Championships next

week in Washington, D.C. "There is no way I'm going to let the war stop me from Security was stepped up at competing," Onda said.

Pitino, Louisville back in NCAA tournament

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) - It's not as if Rick Pitino ever really had NCAA tournament withdrawal while he coached the Boston Celtics.

He just became a fan instead of a participant.

"We all had our brackets out," the Louisville coach said Thursday on the eve of his return to the tournament he once ruled. "We were all kidding each other, whether you were a Kentucky grad or a Kansas grad.

"Everybody follows it so closely, but I did miss the feel-

ing." Pitino finally has that feeling again, accomplishing his charge to lead the once-mighty Cardinals (24-6) back to

national prominence and to their first Conference USA tournament title in his second season.

Fourth-seeded Louisville, which missed the tournament the past two seasons, faces No. 13 Austin Peay (23-7) in the first round of the East Regional Friday night.

No. 5 Mississippi State plays No. 12 Butler in the other East Regional game at Birmingham-Jefferson Civic

The South Regional games pitted top-seeded Texas against No. 16 UNC-Asheville and No. 8 LSU against No. 9 Purdue.

The marquee name in the group isn't on the back of a jersey - not Texas guard T.J. Ford or Louisville's Reece Gaines.

It's Pitino, back where he belongs. In the process, he has joined Lefty Driesell, Jim Harrick and Eddie Sutton as the only coaches to lead four teams to the NCAA tournament.

His tournament pedigree he led Kentucky to three Final Four trips and the 1996 national title — doesn't wipe out the

"At age 50, you wouldn't think that you'd have butterflies in being in it so much, but you do more than ever," said Pitino, who's won 26 of his 33 NCAA tournament games.

Perhaps past history has something to do with his

Pitino's Providence team — on at Kentucky. its way to the Final Four — into overtime before losing 90-87 in to 29 NCAA tournaments and Birmingham.

"With one second to go, they got two foul shots," Pitino recalled. "The score's tied, they miss both. We win in over-

The Cardinals weren't looking too stressed Thursday, dividing up for a 3-point shootout in their afternoon practice session followed by a dunk-a-thon at the arena.

and together as a team," Gaines

"We're definitely relaxed

Besides Pitino, only Gaines and center Marvin Stone have tournament experience for

In 1987, Austin Peay took Louisville — and Stone's was

Still the Cardinals have been seven Final Fours.

Then there's Austin Peay. As the team media guide helpfully points out on Page 1, it's not located in Austin, Texas, and Peay is pronounced "like the Southern vegetable" blackeyed pea.

Total NCAA tournament wins: Two, in four appearances.

The Governors earned their first NCAA trip since 1996 by winning the Ohio Valley Conference tournament.

"This is a really big moment for us. It's a really big moment for our school," center Josh Lewis said.

Wednesday's Games Toronto 87, Atlanta 86 Orlando 109, Miami 93 Indiana 102, Boston 72 Milwaukee 104, New Jersey 85 Memphis 128, Cleveland 101 New Orleans 101, New York 96 Utah 99, Phoenix 86 Portland 94. Houston 83 Golden State 105, Seattle 99 L.A. Clippers 91, Denver 78 Thursday's Games Detroit 113, Philadelphia 85 San Antonio 112, Dallas 110, OT Sacramento 107, L.A. Lakers 99 Friday's Games Memphis at Indiana, 7 p.m.

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after first game At St. Pete Times Forum

Tampa, Fla. Saint Joseph's (23-6) vs. Auburn (20-11), 12:25 p.m Wake Forest (24-5) vs. East Tennessee State (20-10), 30

minutes after first game

At Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center

Birmingham, Ala. Louisville (24-6) vs. Austin Peay (23-7), 7:20 p.m.

Mississippi State (21-9) vs. Butler (25-5), 30 minutes after first game SOUTH REGIONAL

First Round

Thursday, March 20

At Spokane Arena Spokane, Wash. Connecticut 58, Brigham Young 53 Stanford 77, San Diego 69 Friday, March 21 At The Gaylord Entertainment Center Nashville, Tenn. Xavier (25-5) vs. Troy State (26-5), 7:25 p.m. Maryland (19-9) vs. North Carolina-Wilmington (24-6), 30 minutes after first game At Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center Birmingham, Ala.

Texas (22-6) vs. North Carolina-Asheville (15-16), 12:30

SACRAMENTO, Calif.

(AP) — Chris Webber had

26 points and 11 rebounds,

and Mike Bibby hit two big.

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In the regular season's

third chapter of the NBA's

most entertaining rivalry,

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LSU (21-10) vs. Purdue (18-10), 30 minutes after first game At St. Pete Times Forum Tampa, Fla

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At The Fleet Center

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St. Louis at Dallas, 7 p.m Detroit at Minnesota, 8 p.m. Pittsburgh at Chicago, 8 p.m. Nashville at Edmonton, 8 p.m. Washington at Vancouver, 10 p.m

final period.

scored nine of his 23 points

in the fourth quarter, while

Webber got 10 points in the

with an upset stomach,

became the 28th player in

NBA history to score 20,000

points. He finished with 28

points and 13 rebounds.

Shaquille O'Neal, playing

Kobe Bryant scored 26 of his minutes. Peja Stojakovic

Six tied for lead at Bay Hill

Tiger one stroke back at 2-under

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) -The Bay Hill Invitational didn't produce a clear-cut leader after the first round, only a unanimous opinion about the golf course.

"If these greens get baked out, if the wind stays up like this, it could be one of the tougher golf courses we'll face, except for the majors," Tiger Woods said after two birdies on his final three holes gave him a 2-under 70.

That kind of score is usually good enough to be in the middle of the pack. On his occasion, it left him only one stroke out of the lead and licking his chops about what the rest of the week might hold in his bid to win Bay Hill for the fourth straight year.

"If we get no rain, it should be awesome by the weekend,"

Not many felt that way, only the guys at the top.

The list ran a half-dozen deep - Stewart Cink and Jonathan Kaye, in the first group out Thursday morning, were later joined by J.L. Lewis, Jeff Maggert and a couple of foreign younsters, Aaron Baddeley of Australia and Trevor Immelman of South Africa.

Immelman, 23, was the only one at 69 who teed off in the afternoon.

"Every time I hit my bad shots, I managed to find a way to get away with it save my par," Immelman said. "And every time I hit a good shot, I converted. All in all, it was an extremely pleasing round for me."

Not everyone felt that way. Nine players failed to break 80, and David Duval was on the verge of joining that group until he made good pars on the final two holes to salvage his 79. Duval sat on the tailgate of summed up the scoring.

A good round Friday, and he might wind up in the mix.

That's a far cry from last week at the Honda Classic, where the cut tied a PGA Tour record at 6 under, and the winning score was a tournamentrecord 24-under par.

"I don't think 6 under is making the cut this week," Steve Williams, Woods' caddie, said as he waited for his boss to launch his tee shot on the 16th, leading to birdie.

Woods, Nick Faldo and Brad Faxon were among six players at 70, while the large group at 71 included John Daly, Peter Lonard and Scott Verplank.

No one else broke par, which was just fine with Arnold Palmer.

Told that some of the players were complaining about the course being set up too difficult - tough pins, greens that sounds like they had a layer of concrete beneath them — the 73-year-old tournament host made mock frown.

"Aaahhh, that's too bad," Palmer said. "What the hell? It was the same for everybody. What do they do when they play the national Open? Or the TPC? Or the Masters?

"I had the worst score on the board, and I thought the golf course was fair."

Palmer had an 87, his worst score at Bay Hill, but he wasn't bringing up the rear. Club pro Charlie Meade had an 89.

"This golf course doesn't let up, which is good," Baddeley said. "You're going to find out who's playing the best this

Ernie Els might have been closer to the lead if not for one hole. He three-putted from 4 feet on the par-3 14th and took triple bogey, giving him a 74. Then again, his approach to the 18th caromed off the rocks and onto dry land, and Els made a 20-footer for par.

"I think it's the toughest golf course I've played this year,' Hawaii and twice in Australia.

Palmer, playing what likely will be his final PGA Tour event. Sure, the 87 was his worst at Bay Hill, but he did manage to make pars on Nos. 2 and 17, the par 3s that played as the toughest two holes on Thursday.

"For some reason, I look forward to tomorrow," Palmer said, sipping a tall can of beer as he relaxed in a golf cart. "I wasn't miserable out there."

Jack Nicklaus seemed as though he was.

The Golden Bear, trying to decide whether he wants to play in the Masters, blasted out of a bunker, across the green and into the hazard on the 18th. He took triple bogey, finished with an 82 and left the course without talking to reporters.

"Give the golf course its due," Palmer said. "Even par is a good round. I like to have a competitive golf course."

Els was in the middle of the fairway on No. 11 with a wedge in his hands, and hit an approach that landed next to the hole. The ball hopped high and finally stopped 30 feet away, as Els slumped his shoulders in disbelief.

That was a common sight at Bay Hill.

Woods biggest mistake of the round led to a birdie. He blistered a 2-iron down the fairway on No. 18 and had 156 yards over the water and to the flag. The ball narrowly cleared the hazard and stopped 10 feet behind the hole.

"I didn't mean to land it there," Woods said sheepishly. "I tried to hit it flag-high and get to the back of the green."

The 69 matched the highest opening-round score by a leader in the 25-year history of the Bay Hill Invitational. The other time was in 1993.

"Anything under 70 today is going to be an excellent, and par or better is very sensible," Cink said after he finished his

Turns out that anything a jeep in the parking lot and said Els, who has won twice in under 70 was good enough for

Spurs whip Mavericks in overtime

Tony Parker keeps showing so much poise and ability at such a young age, the San Antonio might even think twice about pursuing Jason Kidd as a free agent this summer.

Parker nailed a twisting fadeaway with 29.3 seconds left in regulation to put the Spurs ahead, then came up big again in overtime with a spectacular shot over two 7footers with 1.2 seconds left that gave the Spurs a 112-110 victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Thursday night.

It's tough for anyone to come through like that. For a 20-year-old to do it is even more impressive. And to do it in a game with major playoff ramifications?

"That's why he's going to have a great career in this league," said Dirk Nowitzki, Dallas' own young rising star, who had 34 points and 12 rebounds.

Tim Duncan had 25 points and 18 rebounds, and Parker and Malik Rose each had 22 as San Antonio moved within 2 1/2 games of Dallas in the race for the NBA's best record and, just as importantly, the Midwest Division.

The Spurs, who have won seven of eight, are guaranteed of no worse than tying the season series, which is important because that's the first tiebreaker. San Antonio also has two more conference wins than Dallas, putting it ahead in the next tiebreaker. The teams meet

DALLAS (AP) - If again in the season finale ness, let him make that April 16.

"We had a chance to put a cushion between us and said Mavericks guard Nick Van Exel, who had a season-high 35 points to help make up for the absence of Michael Finley, out with a strained hamstring. "We just have to stay

In the only other games Thursday night, Sacramento beat the Los Angeles Lakers 107-99, and Detroit defeated Philadelphia 113-85.

The Kings have a 3 1/2game lead over Portland in the Pacific, a race that likely will settle the second seed in the West. The Dallas-San Antonio runner-up is almost a lock for the third seed.

"The Mavericks control their own destiny," Duncan • said. "What we're worried about is our end of it. Whatever happens, happens."

The description Parker's winning basket sounds more like a tricky H-O-R-S-E shot than anything a coach would design in a huddle: Drive by the defensive specialist, flip the ball over two onrushing 7-footers and swish it into the net.

Starting on the right wing, the French star dribbled past Raja Bell and into the lane, then lofted the ball on a high arc from about 5 feet as 7-foot-6 Bradley and 7-foot Nowitzki charged at

"I knew it was going in," said the confident secondyear point guard.

Experience, not cocki-

"Tony's been using that shot all year long," Rose said. "He seems to miss it in warmups, but then he knocks it down in the

For their last try the Mavericks went to their hottest hand, Van Exel, but he aired out an off-balance 3-pointer at the buzzer. At the end of regulation, his halfcourt heave hit the front of the rim, but it might not have got off in time.

"That was the toughest loss of the year," said Dallas point guard Steve Nash, who had 18 points and seven assists. "It hurts a lot, and it makes you feel sick."

Mays coach Don Nelson marveled at Parker.

"I put my best defender in there and he was able to get right around him," Nelson said. "That young man definitely has something special to his game."

Pistons 113, 76ers 85

At Auburn Hills, Mich., Chauncey Billups scored 29 points to help the Pistons win for the sixth time in seven games.

Philadelphia's Iverson scored just five points - snapping a 186game streak of scoring in double figures. Iverson was 2-for-11 before sitting out the fourth quarter.

It was his lowest output since scoring five points on March 2, 2000, against Washington. Detroit held him to a career-low four points on March 23, 1998.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday,

March 22, 2003: Do your research and explore your options, making firm decisions. Others respect your mental acumen and ability to process ideas. Your jovial side emerges with friends, though you might find that a key associate will let you down. Stay focused on what you want this year, or you could easily be sidetracked. Work with the changes around you. If you are single, you will encounter many new friends. You will naturally draw people to you left and right. You could meet someone you might want to stop and take your time with. If you are attached, you will develop a greater closeness because of your willingness to play and try different things. You might be the most open you have been in years. SAGITTARIUS presents a different point of view.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** * Keep reaching out to those around you. Unexpected news heads you in a new direction. Let your inventive, intellectual capacities emerge. Hop into the car. Opt for an adventure. Listen more often to what others whisper in your ear. Tonight: Try something new.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) * * * * Deal with a loved one as if he or she is the most important person in the world. This person might very well be. Treat someone to a delightful adventure, something quite out of the ordinary. Reveal more of your personality. Tonight: Where the action is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** * Others seek you out, which you find refreshing and different. affection between you and a special

Lighten up about what you want from friend. Tonight: Make it easy. others. You'll find that humor might be SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) the most effective manner of asking. Partake in the happiness of the moment. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) * * Perhaps you have pushed a bit too hard in recent days. Taking a break might be just what the doc ordered. A friend might want you to pitch in and try something different. You know how to say "no" nicely. Take care of yourself.

Tonight: Get plenty of R and R. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) *** You have high energy, You might want to hear from a loved one. though it could be squelched by a partner's or friend's behavior. Listen and lighten up right now. Give others the low-key. benefit of the doubt. Let your hair down and share more of your fun personality. Bring friends together as a group.

Tonight: Make the most of the moment. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) * * * Family and/or a domestic matter needs to take a higher priority. Learn then go off and do something the two of to understand an associate. This person might cry wolf one time too many. Investigate a potential investment. Get PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) feedback from someone who might have had a similar experience. Tonight: Relax or loved one. Nevertheless, you might

at home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** * Defer to others. Make the most of a friendship with a close associate. You could be uncomfortable with a friend who might be pushing you a bit too hard. This person wants what he or **BORN TODAY** she wants. Discussions reveal yet anoth-Author Louis L'Amour (1908), er perspective. Tonight: Talk up a storm.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ** * You often think you have to do more than you really need to. Don't go overboard with a child or loved one. Caring can be expressed in many ways. Put your feet up, making the most of an

*** The Moon in your sign helps you radiate and express the depth of your caring. You also seem to have a good time naturally, no matter where you are. Hang out with your pals, go to a game or take off for the movies. Give up your couch-potato status. Tonight: Your smile attracts many.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** Take your time. You can be sure you're not getting the whole story.

Be careful when dealing with finances.

Don't stand on ceremony. Make the first

call. Catch up on news. Tonight: Play it AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** Your lively manner comes out with friends. You seem to have a good time no matter where you are. Get together with others and swap news. Schedule a late lunch or get-together and

** Take charge and listen to a child

you really enjoy. Tonight: Where the

need to go in to work or take over some responsibility. You enjoy yourself wherever you are. Financial matters drive you right now. Say "yes" to a boss or parent. Tonight: Play away.

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mime Marcel Marceau (1923)

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