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## U.S. troops meet setbacks

Saddam urges Iraqis to fight

**BY MEG RICHARDS** ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Coalition troops pressed toward Baghdad with new wariness on Monday, as militiamen loyal to Saddam Hussein proved they were not a beaten force and sandstorms snarled the Americans were killed or captured.

Facing a pattern of deadly ambushes tics in the south.

and have been operating there for about wounded or killed last week. 24 hours. Coalition warplanes bombed a military barracks near the Kurdish- that U.S. and British officials were not copter.

held town of Chamchamal, not far from convinced. A senior U.S. official speakthe Iraqi oil center of Kirkuk.

advance. Iraq claimed to have shot Monday with a televised speech. Saddam's speech was recorded but that down two U.S. helicopters and taken. Speaking on Iraqi TV before a white it was unclear when it was taped. pilots prisoner, a day after more than 20 backdrop, he appeared relaxed and

and ruses, and with many of Saddam's ours soon," and mentioned the defiant supporters discarding their uniforms in resistance of Iraqi forces in Umm Qasr, favor of civilian clothes, coalition which U.S. and British forces have forces responded with tough new tac- struggled to hold since Saturday. The reference seemed designed to allay any U.S. officials also confirmed their suspicion that the address had been forces have arrived in northern Iraq, taped earlier, or that Saddam had been

The language was general enough

SPC Ira W. Potter

ing on condition of anonymity said Saddam sought to rally his people U.S. intelligence had determined that also have met sporadic resistance.

what appeared to be a downed U.S. as smoke from fires set to conceal tar-He assured Iraqis "victory will be Apache attack helicopter sitting largely undamaged in a grassy field. Information Minister Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf claimed peasants had on side streets and Iraqis walked the shot down two Apaches and that pilots city despite the tension from days of were in custody.

U.S. Gen. Tommy Franks confirmed that one helicopter and two pilots were sandstorm with howling winds stalled missing in action but he rejected the U.S. troops near Karbala, a city holy to idea that farmers had brought down the Iraq's majority Shiite Muslims. As the

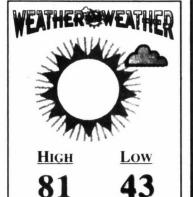
Speaking at a briefing in Qatar, he said Saddam's command and control network was still working but was

Franks said that U.S.-led coalition forces were making "rapid and in some cases dramatic" progress in Iraq but

In Baghdad, security and police officers dug more trenches around military Iraqi TV later showed images of offices in the heart of the Iraqi capital, gets from bombing hung over the city Monday. Daytime traffic was heavy in some areas, youngsters played soccer bombing by coalition forces.

Fifty miles to the south, a brutal

(See WAR, Page 3)



#### LOCAL

#### Police investigating report of park brawl

Pampa Police officers responded to Prairie village Park shortly before 6 p.m. Sunday in reference to an alleged aggravated assault.

Officers identified Frederick Demond Gray, 24, 809 S. Gray, as a victim of an assault. He was transported by Rural Metro Ambulance to Pampa Regional Medical Center for a possible head injury as well as abrasions and cuts.

PPD reported there were approximately 15 to 20 persons in the area of the alleged crime. However, the report stated that no one remembered seeing anything nor were any suspects identified.

#### DEATHS

Georgia Ann Biggers, 91, clerk nursery attendant. Hallie Mae Bullard, 92,

homemaker. Argues Elmo Poole, 82,

Purple Heart recipient. Helen Frances Brown Swaney, 84, homemaker.

Clarence C. Teague Jr., 77, engineer.

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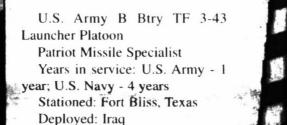
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bers are to meet at 6 p.m., Tuesday, March 25, at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert.

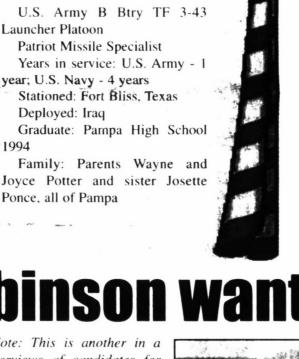
slated for action are renewals and non-renewals of teacher, professional and administrator contracts. Board members also plan to receive athletic bids for Fall 2004.

At Tuesday's meeting, the board plans to consider sale of delinquent tax property, revision of a local policy on student activities and graduation, the 2003-2004 school calendar, renewing an application for the "Parenting Education for School Age Parents" at Pampa Learning Center, and February financial reports.

Reports scheduled to be heard include TASB Policy Update 69, quarterly financial reports, board training credit hours, special education maintenance of effort, a legislative update, athletic report, architectural report on the proposed softball field, third grade TAKS results and Student



Graduate: Pampa High School Family: Parents Wayne and Joyce Potter and sister Josette



#### **Boards top topic** for city meeting By DAVID BOWSER Advisory Board.

Staff Writer

Boards and commissions will be the focus of the Pampa Board, the Parks and City Commission Tuesday Recreation Advisory Board, evening.

meets at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Lovett Memorial Library city commission chambers at Board. city hall, they will hear the second and final reading of an session to discuss personnel ordinance eliminating the issues related to appointments Traffic Commission. They to the Board of Adjustment will also hear first reading of and Planning and Zoning an ordinance eliminating the Commission. M.K. Brown Auditorium

The commission is also

scheduled to consider appointments to the Cable Advisory the Hidden Hills Golf When the commission Advisory Board and the

They will go into executive

(See CITY, Page 3)

### **School board** sets meeting

Pampa school board mem-

Among the agenda items

Success Initiative.

## Robinson wants to give back

Editor's Note: This is another in a series of interviews of candidates for offices to be decided in the May 3 local elections.

> BY DAVID BOWSER STAFF WRITER

Edward Robinson says he wants to give something back to Pampa.

Born in Locust Grove, Okla., Robinson moved to Pampa twenty-two and a half years ago, he said.

"Everything I have, I owe to Pampa," Robinson said. "I have a lot of pride in Pampa. That's the reason I'm running for commissioner. I think we need to have a little change up there so we might get some new ideas to help Pampa progress.

Robinson is running for the Pampa Ed Robinson City Commission, Ward 3 seat. Bob Dixon is the incumbent.

youth, keeping them here after gradua- were Cherokee." tion," Robinson said. "I know it's going to take a lot of new industry to do that, and Robinson said that Pampa is home. it's going to take something that is not a to grow."

Robinson, probably best known on the west side of Pampa. He's had the California. gas station-turned-cafe for 20 years.



"I have American Indian heritage," "One thing I'm interested in is our Robinson said. "Both my grandmothers

Despite his Oklahoma origins,

"It's not my hometown," he said, "but manufacturers expand. minimum wage job thing, I want Pampa it's home, my real home. I like to see where I've been and where I'm going."

Robinson's father was a construction the EDC should have done." around town as "Hamburger Ed," owns worker and traveled to where the work Hamburger Station on U.S. Highway 60 was. In the 1950s and 1960s, it was in increasing number of old houses that dot

Robinson graduated from high school

in 1960 in San Francisco.

"I moved back to Oklahoma in the late sixties." Robinson said.

There, he began training race horses. "I had too much Indian in me," he laughed. "I had to have horses."

Horses are his passion.

"I've had some minor luck," he said with a shrug. "Nothing great."

Robinson is excited about a racetrack being built west of Amarillo.

He left the Sooner state in 1979, to move to Pampa, although the move was quite by accident.

"We stopped in Pampa to visit some friends," he said. "We're still here."

In the interim, however, the city has lost population, and that worries Robinson.

"The last 10 or 15 years," Robinson said, "Pampa has dwindled."

He said he thinks there is still a chance that something could come to town and improve Pampa. More importantly, he said he thinks

something can be done to help existing

"There's lots of industry out here on Price Road," Robinson said. "That's what

Robinson also wants to clean up an

(See ROBINSON, Page 3)



## **74<sup>th</sup> Annual Pampa Chamber of Commerce Banquet and Citizen of the Year Award**

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MITCHELL, Elizabeth "Lib" — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

SWANEY, Helen Frances Brown — Vigil services, 7 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

#### HELEN FRANCES BROWN SWANEY

1918-2003

Pampa, died Sunday, March 23, 2003, at Tuesday, March 25, 2003, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, and funeral mass will be held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, March 26, 2003, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. John Valdez, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Swaney was born Dec. 14, 1918, in Moreland, Kansas, to Andrew and Christina Brown. She married Harold Raymond Swaney in June of 1937 in Kansas. They moved to Wickett, Texas, where they made their home for their four children and many a friend or family member in need. Anyone ever needing a caring heart was never turned away. Helen took them in and loved them all. She was a caring and devoted wife and mother, but always found the time and a place in her heart for anyone in need of a helping hand.

She loved to travel and was usually the first one out the door when someone said, "Go." She and Harold were able to spend the best part of their last years together on the road. Helen was always glad to be home though, to

Helen Frances Brown Swaney, 84, of see the kids and grandkids. A lot of their traveling was to go to be with a new grandchild or Sayre, Okla. Vigil will be held at 7 p.m., one on the way. She had so many extended grandkids and loved them all. She could probably name each and every one that ever called her "Granny."

> The most loyal companion in her life was Jesus Christ and her faith in the Catholic Church. They never wavered and took her through life with a will and determination that could only lead her to her home in heaven.

> She was welcomed to that home by her mother and father, her husband Harold, her son Jerry Lee Swaney, infant son Steven Swaney, her grandson Freddie Wayne Mann, nine brothers and three sisters.

> The family left behind waiting to join her in her new home are her daughter Edith Mann and husband Fred of Pampa, a son Raymond Swaney of Lefors, a daughter Kathy Davis and husband Kervin of Sayre, Okla., a sister, Margaret Swank of Commerce City, Colo., 15 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, a greatgreat-grandson. Also numerous friends and family. She will be truly missed by every heart she touched.

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

Survivors include three daughters and two

sons-in-law, Ruthie and Bob Baird and Martha

and Jim Maple, all of Pampa, and Ruby Ferrell

of Roswell, N.M.; a son and daughter-in-law,

George and Shirley Bullard of Pampa; a broth-

er, J.C. Nelson of Canton; a special friend,

Linda Ellison of Pampa; nine grandchildren;

16 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-

#### HALLIE MAE BULLARD

1910-2003

Hallie Mae Bullard, 92, of Pampa, Texas, died Sunday, March 23, 2003, at Pampa. Services will be at 10 a.m., Wednesday, March 26, 2003, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Pastor Paul Nachtigall, of the Highland Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa

Mrs. Bullard was born May 30, 1910, in great-grandson, Allan Ferrell. Honey Grove, Texas. She married Dewey Bullard on Dec. 13, 1930, in Hugo, Okla. He Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065; preceded her in death in 1996.

She had been a resident of Pampa since

She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a The family requests memorials be to BSA or to Highland Baptist Church, 1301 N. Banks,

Pampa, TX 79065. -Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

#### CLARENCE C. TEAGUE, JR. 1926-2003

Clarence C. Teague, Jr., of California, formerly of Pampa, died Tuesday, March 18, 2003. Memorial services were to be at 12 noon, today in Pacific View Chapel in Corona Del Mar, Calif.

Mr. Teague was born Jan. 12, 1926, at Floydada. He moved to Pampa at the age of 10 and later graduated from Pampa High School. He held a degree in engineering from Texas Tech University where he was a member of Kappa Mu Epsilon. During his professional career, he worked for Cabot Industries, for Lummus Engineering and was a control systems manager for Fluor Corporation.

He relocated to Irvine, Calif., and retired from Fluor in 1986 after 22 years of service. He consulted with Brown & Root after retirement and was a member of Southern California Metering Association. He served as president of The Instrument Society of America, receiving its Distinguished Service Award, and was social chairman for Roosters Organization for two years, joining in 1998.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 44 years, Sharon Sue Chapman. The couple made their home in Houston and were members of Gethsemane United Methodist Church.

He was a U.S. Army Air Corp veteran, serving during World War II.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; and by two sisters, Bettye Wanelle Kenner and Carolyn Sue Hudson.

Survivors include his current wife, Linda Teague; three daughters, Teri Ann Smith, Lori Sue Hankins and Juli Kay Pehrson; a sister, Jan Dodson; and two grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be to Clarence Teague Roosters Foundation Food Drive at Smith Barney, Inc., ATTN: Jeff Smith, 28202 Cabot Rd., Suite 150, Laguna Hills, CA 92677.

#### **ARGUES ELMO POOLE**

1920-2003

AMARILLO — Argues Elmo Poole, 82, formerly of Pampa, died Monday, March 17, 2003, at Amarillo. Services will be at 11 a.m.. Wednesday, March 26, in Life of Praise Fellowship in Amarillo with Pastor LaVon officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Memorial Park Funeral Home in Amarillo.

Mr. Poole was born April 30, 1920, at Guthrie, Okla. He married Genelta June Walker on July 12, 1941, at Sayre, Okla. He lived in Pampa from 1954 until moving to Amarillo in 1988.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during

World War II and receiving the purple heart.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Tommy and Donald; and two sisters, Christine and Alma.

Survivors include his wife, Genelta; a son, William of Amarillo; a daughter, Loretta Bridwell of Skellytown; five brothers, Virgil Poole of Pampa, Max Poole of Borger, H.H. "Red" Poole of Monticello, Utah, Lloyd Poole of Morse and Eugene Poole of Canadian; three sisters, Maudine Skidmore of Monticello, Helen Nokes of Pampa and Jean Bond of Las Vegas, Nev.; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

#### **GEORGIA ANN BIGGERS**

1911-2003

died Friday, March 21, 2003. Services were to be at 11 a.m., today in Faith Lutheran Church with the Rev. Beverly Cook officiating. Burial will be at 11 a.m., Tuesday in Maple Grove Cemetery at Seminole, Okla.

Mrs. Biggers was born at Holdenville, Okla., in 1911. She lived in Pampa for 41 years prior to relocated to Spearman in 2001. She married Cecil Biggers in 1933; he died in

She was a telephone operator for AT&T for

SPEARMAN — Georgia Ann Biggers, 91, 16 years and worked for C.R. Anthony Clothing for more than 25, retiring in 1987. She was a member of and a nursery attendant at Central Baptist Church of Pampa for more than 30 years.

> Survivors include a son, Cecil R. Biggers of Spearman; a sister, Florida Belle Surgnier of Ada, Okla.; and three grandchildren.

> The family requests memorials be to Central Baptist Church of Pampa's Nursery Ministry or to Faith Lutheran Church of Spearman.

#### On Record

#### **POLICE**

Pampa Police Department today reported the following arrests and incidents.

Disorderly conduct (fighting) was reported in the 1000 block of East Frederic.

Friday, March 14

Friday, March 21

Harassment was reported in the 1300 block of North Coffee.

Theft of service under \$50 from the City of Pampa was reported in the 500 block of North Sumner. Workers discovered an illegal hook-up to

# City Briefs

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the water system.

reported in the 1300 block of North Coffee. Stalking was reported in

the 200 block of West Kingsmill. Assault was reported in the

injuries were reported. Police received a report of

two personal checks being stolen.

Saturday, March 22

Van Johnson, 48, 831 S. Barnes, was arrested on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance, enhanced, out of the 31st District Attorney's office.

Attempted burglary was reported in the 1000 block of South Nelson. A rear door was reported forced open. Estimated damage was \$100.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 500 block of Perry. A CD player and sunglasses were reported stolen. Estimated loss was \$170.

Theft over \$50 and under \$500 was reported in the 1500 block of North Dwight. A camera was reported stolen. Estimate of value was \$200.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1200 reported stolen were a briefcase, wallet, Social Security card, paper, screw driver and

A bicycle was recovered in the 1700 block of Beech.

In Friday's Pampa News,

March 21, a front page story

concerning the Pampa City

Commission's planning ses-

a group of Pampa citizens

**CLARIFICATION** 

sion the day before referred to investors from Pampa were

meeting with hotel officials in a hotel chain outside Pampa.

Police responded to the Phone harassment was 2200 block of North Evergreen on a criminal trespass complaint. Upon law enforcement arrival on the scene, the suspect had fled.

Sunday, March 23

Michael Aaron Touchet, 400 block of Yeager. Minor 17, 1324 Williston, was arrested on warrants for theft, failure to appear and possession of marijuana under two ounces.

Elva Mendoza, 27, 617 N. Sumner, was arrested on municipal warrants for no drivers license and failure to appear.

Kenneth Wayne Hays, 37, of Perryton, was arrested on a capias pro fine warrant for non payment of court costs and fines out of Precinct Two Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman's office.

Hector Balaza Garcia, 29, of Canadian, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Rod L. Donnell, 26, 1052 Varnon, was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces. Unauthorized use of a

motor vehicle was reported in the 600 block of West Foster. Domestic assault was

reported in the 600 block of North Sumner.

A report of a possible child abuse was taken at the PPD. A disorderly conduct

report was taken in the 900 block of Fisher.

PPD responded to an assault in Prairie Village Park.

an effort to bring a new hostel-

ry to the city. To clarify that

statement, the hotel officials

were not local. The group of

talking with representatives of

#### **FIRE**

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

Saturday, March 22

6:08 p.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to a trash fire in the 1400 block of South Barnes. A fire rekindled in a pile of tires from a fire on March 18.

8:02 p.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a carbon monoxide check in the 1500 block of Coffee. Firefighters detected a low level of the deadly gas which appeared to be coming from an open-face bathroom wall heater. No injuries were reported.

11:42 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 2600 block of North Hobart.

#### CORRECTION

A Home of the Brave profile which appeared in Sunday's edition of *The Pampa* News, gave an incorrect date of AMHC (AW) Robert Hornback military service. He has been in the U.S. Navy for 19 years. Also, his wife's name is Shari.

#### **SHERIFF**

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

Saturday, March 22

Sandra Ford, 42, 928 S. Sumner, was arrested on a bond surrender warrant with original charge theft by check. Ford was also arrested on a possession of marijuana charge with a motion to revoke probation.

Sunday, March 23 Anthony Ollie Miller, 43, of Fritch, was arrested by Department of Public Safety Troopers for driving while intoxicated.

#### **AMBULANCE**

Rural Metro Ambulance reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m., today.

Saturday, March 22

12 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center; one patient was transported to BSAW in Amarillo.

6:30 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of Craven; one patient was transported to PRMC.

7:30 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Rider; one patient was transported to PRMC.

11:30 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2600 block of North Hobart; one patient was transported to PRMC.

Sunday, March 23

9 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of North Hobart; one patient was transported to PRMC.

#### **STOCKS**

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#### WEATHER FOCUS

#### **PAMPA**

Today's forecast is calling for mostly sunny skies, highs in the lower 80s and west winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight should be partly cloudy and breezy with lows in the lower 40s and northeast winds 10 to 15 mph, increasing to 15 to 25 mph. Tuesday should be partly cloudy. Breezy and cooler. Highs in the lower 60s. Northeast winds

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#### WAR

7th Infantry Regiment pressed north, Iraqi militiamen shot mortars at a supply convoy of Humvees and cargo trucks. There were no casualties. Commanders requested air support, but the Iraqis were able to flee easily in small, civilian trucks.

Armed members of Saddam's Fedayeen, the Baath Party paramilitary organization, have increasingly been attacking coalition supply lines in this way.

Franks said U.S. forces had bypassed "intentionally enemy formations," but that the Fedayeen had been harassing the U.S. rear in southern Iraq.

With tension about such attacks mounting, Marines operating in the south took a tough approach with Iraqis they encountered Monday, forcing men from vehicles, questioning them and then slashing their tires to make sure they wouldn't harass other convoys.

A British soldier was illed in combat near Az Zubayr in southern Iraq on Monday, the first British combat death since the war began, the British Ministry of Defense said. Two other British troops were reported missing Sunday after their convoy was attacked in southern Iraq.

ragi television footage carried by the Arab satellite station Al-Jazeera on Sunday, five captured U.S. soldiers appeared frightened but resolute as they answered questions.

Coalition officials said their forces were exchanging fire Monday with Iraqis on the outskirts of Basra, Iraq's main southern city, where the allies earlier captured an airport and a key bridge. Commanders held off storming the city, hoping its Iraqi defenders would give up, but they have held

A U.S. official noted that the British have been under some fairly heavy fire recently outside the city.

In another signal that the situation remained fluid, the coalition canceled press tours of the strategic southern port of Umm Oasr and the Rumeila oil fields, which Iraqi forces set ablaze early in the ground war. Fighting in that area was fierce enough to drive civilian firefighters away.

In his address, Saddam praised his supporters for their

In one incident Sunday near An Nasiriyah, a crossing point over the Euphrates River, a group of Iraqis waved a white flag in surrender, then opened up with artillery fire. Another group appeared to welcome coalition troops, then attacked them, U.S. officials said.

Nine Marines died and a dozen U.S. soldiers were missing and presumed captured after the surprise engagements. Two British soldiers were missing after a convoy of vehicles they were traveling in was attacked in southern Iraq. Additionally, two Marines were killed in accidents, military officials said

In Iraqi television footage carried by the Arab satellite station Al-Jazeera on Sunday, five captured U.S. soldiers appeared frightened but resolute as they answered questions. The footage also showed what it said were four American dead in an Iraqi morgue.

Iraqi officials have offered repeated assurances that the prisoners would be treated according to the Geneva Conventions.

The U.S. military says it has more than 2,000 Iraqi prisoners of war; British officials said they had processed almost 1,000 by Monday. The International Committee of the Red Cross said Monday that it had not been granted access to prisoners held by either side.

## POW mom begs Bush to please help her son

ALAMOGORDO, N.M. (AP) - The mother Miller was being held by the Iraqis, he said. of a New Mexico soldier taken prisoner in Iraq begged President Bush: "Please do something for

Anecita Hudson, 53, said she screamed and wept when she saw her son, Army Spc. Joseph Hudson, 23, interviewed on Iraqi television as a POW Sunday. She saw her son, stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas, interviewed in an Iraqi video that was carried on Filipino television.

looked at him, and he looked so scared. I started crying," said his Filipino-born mother, clutching a red-beaded rosary at the home of a friend.

Given the chance to say something to President Bush if she met him, she said she would ask Bush to do what he can to help her son.

"I don't want him to get cold, and I don't want him to get hungry. I just want him to come home alive," she said in an interview with The Associated Press.

"It's like a bad dream, seeing your son get captured on TV," she said.

Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., said Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld told him to "assure the family, including Mrs. Hudson, that we are doing everything possible to assure his safety and speedy return. He complimented the young military people, including Joseph, as being welltrained, extremely patriotic and great volun-

The half brother of a Kansas soldier said 23year-old Pfc. Patrick Miller was also one of the prisoners of war seen Sunday answering questions on Iraqi television.

The soldier's half brother, Thomas Hershberger, 27, said his mother lives in New Mexico and spoke to Miller's wife Sunday. She Bliss, confirmed that some of the prisoners had had received confirmation from the military that been stationed at her base.

"She is not doing the best right now," he said of his mother. "I haven't had a conversation with

her without her crying." Hudson's mother said her son's wife, Natalie Hudson, was briefed at Fort Bliss Army base on Sunday and was told not to say anything about her husband's situation. The couple has a 5-year-

old daughter, Cameron.

"I'm just praying that the other people (in the "I saw my son and I said, 'Oh, my God.' I military) will get him out of there," Mrs. Hudson

> Back in Alamogordo, the family has received what Mrs. Hudson described as overwhelming support, people bringing her coffee or glasses of water and watching over her.

> She said her son likes fishing, bowling, card games. And she said he went into the Army to secure a good future, not to fight. He is a mechanic who specializes in fixing trucks, his mother

His brother, Anthony Hudson, 18, said heheard about his brother as he got out of the show-

"I'm going out of my mind. I don't care about myself. Send me over there. I'll get him back," his brother said. "I promise that."

Mrs. Hudson said her son identified himself on Iraq television but gave no other information. She said he seemed uninjured, in contrast with some others in the video.

U.S. military officials did not immediately release identities of any of the soldiers, who Iraqi television reported were captured or killed in an ambush near Nasiriyah, a major crossing point over the Euphrates northwest of Basra.

Jean Offutt, a U.S. Army spokeswoman at Fort

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#### ROBINSON

the landscape.

"It would improve the looks of the town," he said.

He also wants to pave the remaining dirt

Robinson and his wife Christy, a Kansas native who graduated from Pampa High School, have 10 grandchildren.

"And two on the way," he added, beaming. The grandchildren, he said, are scattered between California, Colorado and Texas, but in the community. they have made him more aware of the need for a good place to raise children.

We need to make Pampa a nice clean town where you can raise children," he said. "Not a retirement community."

For a town to grow and prosper, he said, it has to turn to a new generation.

"Progressive cities are based on youth,"

Robinson said. He said he wants to see the community's youth come back to Pampa to stay and raise their own children. He said he had hoped that Clarendon College's Pampa campus would

have been more successful.

The commission will also

consider the second and final

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CITY

"We have a lot to offer families in the community," Robinson said. "We can do good

things here. We have an adequate amount of churches."

Robinson said he became interested in local politics about five years ago, but it wasn't until last year that he ran for office. He ran for Gray County Commissioner, precinct 4, against James Hefley.

"I lost by 23 votes," he said with a shrug, "but I ran against an eight-year incumbent."

With regard to Pampa, Robinson said he sees many things that could be improved.

Among those things is being more inclusive. "One thing I think we need to do is include

Hispanics in our decision-making process," Robinson said. "They're about 20 percent of our population now. There are a lot of good Hispanic businessmen here. They need to be included in everything this town does."

There are parts of Pampa that look good, Robinson said, but that needs to be extended to other parts of the city.

"If the rest of the city looked as good as Cuyler (Street), it would be a lot more attractive," Robinson said.

Robinson said Pampa needs some one to represent the city to potential businesses, something he doesn't think the Chamber of Commerce is doing.

to the city.

wrote in the Little Harvester,

During their work session

at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the main

floor conference room at city

hall, the commissioners will

review a proposal from the

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Bus Building at 822 E. Foster

the Pampa High newspaper.

#### Sergeant detained in Kuwait attack on 101st Airborne had been accused of insubordination

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also wounded 15 other soldiers of penalty Akbar could face. Sunday, three seriously.

and had been reprimanded recently for insubordination.

The woman who said she is Akbar's mother, Quran Bilal, Nashville that she was con- lem." cerned her son might have been accused because he is a Muslim. She said he was not allowed to participate in the first Gulf War because of his religion.

get over there I have the feel- heard Akbar declare: "You ing they are going to arrest me guys are coming into our counjust because of the name that I tries and you're going to rape have carried," Bilal, of Baton our women and kill our chil-Rouge, La., told the newspaper for a story published in Monday's editions.

Akbar, of the 101st's 326th Engineer Battalion, was in

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. custody, said George Heath, a apartment complex outside (AP) — When Sgt. Asan civilian spokesman at Fort Fort Campbell in Clarksville, Akbar was taken into custody Campbell. Heath said Akbar Tenn., said Akbar was a devout on suspicion of killing a fellow had not yet been charged with Muslim. Willie Shamell Jr. serviceman with a grenade, an a crime Monday but was the said he thought racial discrim-Army spokesman said he may only person being questioned ination had affected Akbar's

Heath said Akbar should have come from remains a eventually come back to Fort unit that much," Shamell told Campbell, though military The Tennessean. "He didn't get Airborne Division brigade court-martial in Kuwait. He that had worked. A lot of peocommand center in Kuwait said he was not sure what kind ple feel that (discrimination) is

Jim Lacey, a correspondent reprimanded for insubordination and was told he would not join his unit's push into Iraq. Heath also said Akbar had told The Tennessean of been having "an attitude prob-

> The motive of the attack "most likely was resentment," said Max Blumenfeld, another Army spokesman.

The Los Angeles Times reported in Monday's editions "He said, 'Mama, when I that soldiers said they overdren."

A neighbor in Akbar's

military career. Akbar is black.

"I know he didn't like his . The deadly attack at a 101st officials - could convene a promoted. I had asked him how there at Fort Campbell."

Akbar's family moved to Akbar had reportedly told for Time magazine, told CNN Louisiana last summer from his mother he feared persecuthat military criminal investi- Moreno Valley, 60 miles east tion because he is a Muslim gators said Akbar was recently of Los Angeles, neighbors



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#### DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

### **Gay Man Outraged By Neighbor Who Brags About Sex With Boy**

DEAR ABBY: I am a 32-year-old gay man who lives with my partner in a large condominium complex. Another gay man, "Nigel," lives down the hall. We do not socialize. Nigel is in his late 40s, and I have a strong aversion to him because he me, he'd hurt him badly. informs anyone who'll listen about his sexual escapades.

I recently ran into Nigel in the elevator, and he started boasting about a fling he's having with a 16year-old boy who lives two floors below. As we stepped into the lobby, Nigel waved to the boy's mother, then laughingly told me under his breath that she regards him as just "a neighbor friend who kindly drives her son to school."

Abby, please urge your readers to get to know who their children are spending time with. They should make it a point to meet all their children's friends in person, and never permit their kids to go out with "friends" they haven't met.

Is there anything I can do about Nigel and that boy? Should I call the authorities? I feel this monster is taking advantage of a minor and should be stopped. NO NAME, CITY OR STATE

DEAR NO NAME, CITY OR parties you are attending. STATE: What Nigel is doing is child abuse. Tell the boy's mother what Nigel told you. She needs to know what's going that my husband was cheating. New on. It's up to her to report it to the police.

DEAR ABBY: Recently, while "under the influence" at a party, "Ray," a friend of my boyfriend,

have not told anyone about the about his infidelity, but don't know incident. The trouble is, my how much longer I can keep silent. boyfriend has told me more than The hurt and anger are eating me once that if he ever found out any alive. What should I do? of his friends had made a move on

I don't know if I should tell Pete what happened and try to explain that Ray was drunk and didn't know what he was doing. I don't think Ray would ever try anything like that while sober, so I'm tempted to keep quiet - so no one gets hurt. However, I have never kept a secret from my boyfriend before, and I'm worried that if he finds out, he might think I kissed Ray back. What do you think I should do, Abby?

NOT A PARTY GIRL IN ONTARIO, CANADA

DEAR NOT A PARTY GIRL: Don't tell him. I am concerned because it appears that your boyfriend has a violent and/or intimidating streak. You should be able to confide in him without feeling threatened.

I urge you to rethink your relationship with both of these young men, and the kind of

DEAR ABBY: Just before Christmas, I found evidence on our computer proof continues to appear, though less frequently.

I am financially dependent on my spouse, physically unable to work, and my elderly mother lives with us. She is completely dependent on me for her care. Financially, I cannot afford to leave or ask my husband to

Ray for the rest of the evening and leave. I'm afraid to let on that I know

HUMILIATED
IN THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS

DEAR HUMILIATED: The stress of caring for your mother may have affected both you and your husband. If you continue to suffer in silence, it's only a matter of time until you explode — which would be counterproductive. Tell your husband calmly that you know what's been going on. Explain that you would like the both of you to get marriage counseling to heal the breach that has developed in your relationship. Marriages can be saved after an infidelity if both parties are willing to work on it.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby a www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440 Los Angeles, CA 90069.



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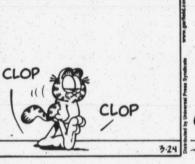




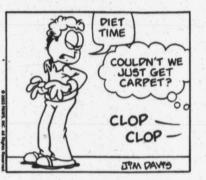




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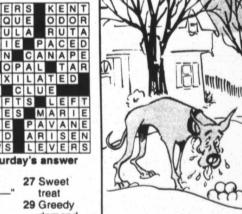
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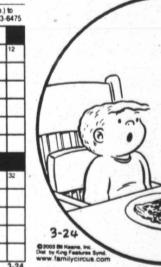
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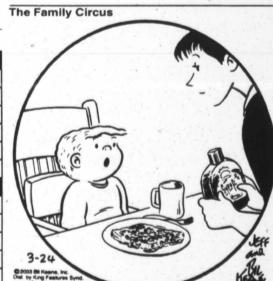
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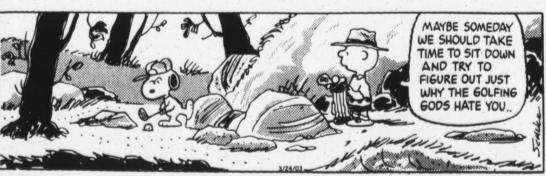
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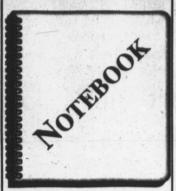
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## **SPORTS**



BASEBALL

PAMPA — Sign-ups for Optimist baseball has been steady, reports Kevin Davis, Commissioner of Optimist Baseball 2003.

"We have had 163 boys and girls register so far," Davis said.

"We are particularly pleased that registration has been heavy in our Tee Ball and Pitching Machine Leagues," said Josh Seabourn, Commissioner for those leagues.

Tee ball is offered to boys and girls who are five and six years old. The Pitching Machine League is for players who are seven and eight. The Cal Ripken 11-12 Baseball League and the Babe Ruth League for players from 13 to 15 are also registering players.

Sign-ups and tryouts for Optimist baseball continue on Tuesday. Wednesday and Thursday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Optimist Park.

Only players who will be new to the Cal Ripken 9-10 League, the Cal Ripken 11-12 League or the 13-15 Babe Ruth League need to try out during at least two sessions. All players need to register in order to be assigned to a team.

#### **AUTO RACING**

AVONDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Tony Kanaan and Helio Castoneves were at it again, racing wheel to wheel just as they used to' do in go-karts in their native Brazil.

Only this time, there was more at stake - the \$100,000 waiting the winner of the season's second IndyCar race.

Kanaan, the fifth driver in series history to earn consecutive pole positions, led the Purex Dial Indy 200 for the final 41 laps to win an Indy Racing League race Sunday in his third start.

#### Pampa defeats Plainview, 8-3

PAMPA — Senior pitcher Ryan Zemanek tossed a fivehitter as Pampa defeateu Plainview 8-3 in District 3-4A baseball action Saturday at Harvester Field.

For Zemanek, it was his fourth win without a loss this season.

Jed Martin had a home run for the Harvesters.

Pampa is now 2-0 in district and 10-6 for the season. Plainview falls to 1-1 and 6-

Pampa travels to Hereford for more district action Tuesday afternoon.

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> Jerrica Timmons, Nerissa Perry and Kendall Stokes), 4:37.26.

> 100 hurdles: 1. Kendall Stokes, 16.37; 4. Anna Johnson, 17.67; 5. Jerrica Timmons, 16.55.

300 hurdles: 5. Jerrica Caprock 55; 7. Sanford-Fritch Timmons, 54.84; 6. Nicole 36; 8. Dalhart 8; 9/ Highland Fernuik, 55.42.

Long jump: 1. Teryn 12.81; 5. Callie Cobb, 13.28.

Stowers, 18-5; 4. Kendall Stokes, 14-11 3/4.

Lady Harvesters claim Pantex Relays title

Shot put: 1. Angie Cornish, Covalt and Nerissa Perry), 36-0; 2. Skye Niccum, 34-10.

Discus: 1. Angie Cornish, 1600 relay: 6. (Erica Cox, 109-1; 4. Skye Niccum, 88-10; 6. Whitney Wichert, 85-9.

> Triple jump: 1. Teryn Stowers, 35-7; 3. Kendall Stokes, 33-7; 5. Abby Cavalier, 31-7.

> High jump: 2. Kaysha Lee,

Pole vault: 4. Brittany

Herriman, 7-0.

100: 2. Teryn Stowers, 11.78.

200: 1. Amy Youree, 23.52. 27.95; 2. K.K. Grays, 28.28.

400: 5. Erica Cox, 1:08.84. 400 relay: 1. (Teryn Stowers, Amy Youree, Callie Cobb and Abbi Covalt),

#### **Boys Division**

1. Tulia 133; 2. Fritch 99; 3. (tie) Pampa & Borger 84; 5. Boys Ranch 81; 5. Panhandle 79; 6. West Texas High 37; 7. (tie) Perryton & Tascosa 7.

100: 4. Marc Williams,

Pampa results

200: 1. Jesse Tarango, Penrod, 11-0.

400 relay: 2. (Tristan Brown, Jesse Tarango, Mac Smith and Marc Williams), 44.70.

800 relay: 1. (Clayton Hall, Greg Wiley, Jesse Tarango and Marc Williams), 1:35.15.

110 hurdles: 1. Greg Wiley,

300 hurdles: 3. Greg Wiley, 41.97.

Discus: 2. Jarrod Carruth, 125-1; 3. Michael Ferguson, 124-8 1/2.

Pole vault: 4. Breck

## Big East has sweet record heading to round of 16

By JIM O'CONNELL

FRITCH - Pampa's

Borger was second with

109 points and Panhandle

**PANTEX RELAYS** 

At Fritch

**Girls Division** 

Team totals: 1. Pampa

168; 2. Borger 109; 3.

Panhandle 95; 4. Tulia 87; 5.

West Texas High 56; 6.

Lady Harvesters finished with

Relays last weekend.

third with 95.

AP Basketball Writer

Minutes after Syracuse's victory over Oklahoma State, Big East commissioner Mike Tranghese held an impromptu news conference just off the court at the FleetCenter.

He was smiling — all four of his league's teams in the NCAA tournament had advanced to the round of 16 — and honest.

"Our kids are playing with a chip on their shoulders without anyone saying anything to them because they felt our league was slighted," he said. "And what these teams have done doesn't change the fact we only got four in."

Big East people spent the days leading up to the tournanitely a fifth team, Boston Pittsburgh beat Indiana 74-52 College, and maybe a sixth, Seton Hall, deserved to be in the field of 65.

They will just have to settle for having one-fourth of the Sweet 16, with one team in each region.

"We think we're one of the best conferences in the country," Pittsburgh's Ontario Lett said. "We want the Final Four to be like the Big East tourna-

It almost was in 1985 when three Big East teams reached the national semifinals after four had been in the round of 16.

The only other conference to go 4-for-4 in teams reaching the regional semifinals was the Big Ten in 1980 and two of them reached the Final

Syracuse beat Oklahoma ment maintaining that defi- State 68-56 on Sunday and

to complete the Big East sweep. Connecticut and Notre Dame advanced on Saturday with wins over Stanford and

The Big 12 had three of its six teams reach the third round, while the Southeastern Conference, Atlantic Coast Conference and Big Ten will have two each.

All but one of the 16 seeded teams reached the second round — fourth-seeded Dayton lost to Tulsa in the first round. Only nine of the 15 made it through to the second weekend with the No. 4 seeds all gone.

The Midwest and West will have Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 5 in the regional semifinals, while the East will have Nos. 1 and 3 joined by Nos. 10 (Auburn) and 12 (Butler).

The South has only top-

seeded Texas left along with Nos. 5 (Connecticut), 6 (Maryland) and 7 (Michigan State). That means three of the last four national champions are in that regional semi-

Sunday's biggest upset was No. 13 Butler knocking off fourth-seeded Louisville 79-71, while not far behind was No. 10 Auburn beating No. 2 Wake Forest 68-62.

Michigan State also dispatched a No. 2 seed, beating Florida 68-46, the Gators' fourth loss in five games.

Butler and Auburn were two of the five double-digit seeds to reach the second round. Their chances to move along in the tournament now drop decidedly as only four of the 21 that reached the round of 16 over the last five years went to the regional final, including Kent State and Missouri last

"It means a great deal," Butler coach Todd Lickliter said of his team's accomplishment. "There was so much on the line and it's such a huge challenge."

Butler, which was left out of last year's NCAA field despite a 25-5 record, was 14-of-22 from 3-point range, including 9-of-13 in the second half.

Darnell Archey, the man known for his free throw shooting, was 8-of-9 on 3pointers and made all six he took in the second half. He matched his career high with 26 points.

"I was in the zone. I felt like Michael Jordan in '92 against the Blazers," said Archey, who set the NCAA record this season by making 85 consecutive free throws.

#### Spurs sweep LA in season series

By The Associated Press

Antonio Spurs meet in the playoffs, the three-time defending champions will want to forget what happened between the teams during the regular season.

Tim Duncan had 27 points and Tony Parker scored 16 of his 18 points in the second half as the Spurs beat Los Angeles 98-89 Sunday to complete a four-game regular-season sweep of the

"Maybe they got it out of their system," Kobe Bryant said. "Maybe now we can get into the playoffs and we can sweep them."

The loss dropped the Lakers into seventh place in the Western Conference, a game behind the Utah Jazz. If Los Angeles managed to overtake Utah over the remainder of the regular season, the Lakers could find themselves playing the Spurs in the first round.

Spurs coach Gregg Popovich held back from giving his team full credit for sweeping the Lakers, who needed only nine games to oust San Antonio from the postseason during the past two playoffs.

"We've only beaten them twice -Snaq has only played in two of the games," Popovich said, remembering that O'Neal had been sidelined by foot surgery. "They are still the best team on the planet until proved different in the playoffs."

In other games, Golden State defeated Washington 113-107, Sacramento edged If the Los Angeles Lakers and San Houston 109-108, Cleveland surprised New Jersey 93-88, Philadelphia beat Toronto 112-95, Orlando defeated Miami 96-74, and Detroit topped Chicago 105-

> San Antonio took control by making 10 of 15 shots in the third quarter. The Spurs led by as many as 19 points in the quarter as the Lakers shot 6-for-31. Parker had eight points on 3-for-3 shooting in the period, then added eight free throws in the fourth.

> Shaquille O'Neal, who had 32 points and 12 rebounds, had a basket and a three-point play that closed the Lakers to 71-61 with 10 minutes remaining. But Manu Ginobili countered eight points to help the Spurs maintain a double-digit advantage.

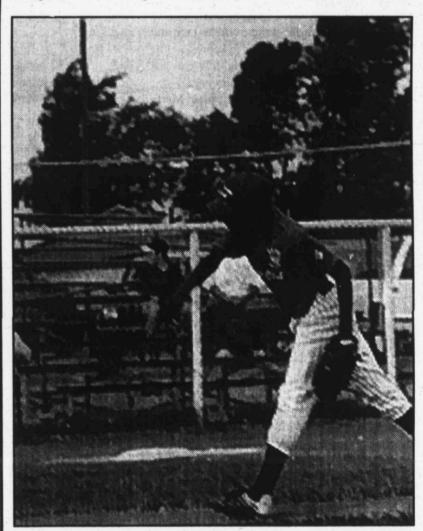
"We made some silly mistakes and that cost us," O'Neal said. "We beat ourselves more than they did."

Warriors 113, Wizards 107

At Oakland, Calif., Gilbert Arenas scored a career-high 41 points and Antawn Jamison added 37 points and 11 rebounds as Golden State spoiled Michael Jordan's last game in Oakland.

Jordan missed two shots down the stretch, committed a turnover with 22 seconds left and was held scoreless on 0for-4 shooting in the fourth quarter. He finished with 24 points and five rebounds.

#### Optimist pitcher



Rotary's Shavious Kelly deliver a pitch in a Cal Ripken 11-12 League game last season. Optimist signups continue Tuesday through Thursday from 5:30 to to 7 p.m. at Optimist Park for this summer's baseball action.

#### Busch wins 500

BRISTOL, Tenn. (AP) -Kurt Busch, a runner-up three times this season, earned his first win of the year Sunday and defended his Food City 500 title by gambling on pit strategy and avoiding all but one of the 17 cautions at Bristol Motor Speedway.

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By BEN WALKER **AP Sports Writer** 

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Sensing that his team was stuck, Texas coach Rick Barnes turned to the fastest player on the court, star guard T.J. Ford.

"I told him to drive the ball, get around them and make something happen," Barnes said.

Easy enough. Ford sliced up Purdue in the second half for a 77-67 victory Sunday in the second round of the South Regional, speeding the top-seeded Longhorns back home to Texas.

They're headed to San Antonio, about 80 miles from their campus in Austin, and will take on fifth-seeded Connecticut on Friday at the Alamodome before plenty of fans wearing burnt orange.

"It's going to be loud. It's going to feel like we're in our own building," Ford said.

(24-6)Connecticut (23-9) have played four times overall, but never in the NCAA tournament. The Longhorns posted their only win in the series the last time they met on Jan. 15, 2001, beating the Huskies 60-56 at home.

game atmosphere. When you come to this time, the teams are so good and there's so much on the line, I don't think it's going to have a big impact on the game," forward Boddicker said.

Barnes also said he didn't think the crowd would shake the Huskies.

"They've been in a lot of hostile situations," he said. "They are a tough team."

So is Texas. In fact, a few years ago Purdue coach Gene Keady called Barnes, asking him to share the secret of toughness drills he ran in practice.

At 5-foot-10, Ford is more than quick. Considered by some to be the best guard in college basketball, he scored 21 points and added nine rebounds and eight

"We're not a one-man team," Ford said.

Maybe, but it was hard to tell by the way he controlled the tempo down the stretch. During a four-minute span where Texas scored 18 points, 16 of them came either by Ford or were set up by his passes.

Texas led just 69-67 with 2:01 left. Then Ford made two foul shots as the Longhorns scored the last "It might be like a home- eight points to pull away.

Fittingly, Ford dribbled out the final seconds, spiking the ball near midcourt at the buzzer.

It was a fun way for Ford to spend his last day as a teenager. He turns 20 on Monday.

"Basically, T.J. Ford really hurt us," Keady said. "If you look at the stat line for T.J. Ford, then you see he's everything you hear he is."

James Thomas contributed 11 points and 12 rebounds and Royal Ivey had 14 points as Texas reached the round of 16 for the second straight year, a first for the program.

Willie Deane's disputed 3-pointer at the halftime buzzer put Purdue ahead 31-30 and sent the ninth-seeded Boilermakers running to the locker room shouting, "We're for real!"

But Deane, the team's leading scorer, missed all seven shots in the second half and finished only 4-for-17 for 13 points.

Purdue (19-11) fell short of making the round of 16 for the fourth time in six

Purdue tried covering Ford with several defenders and it slowed him down at the start. Limited to five points and two assists with four turnovers at halftime,

the Longhorns needed him to open up after the break, and he did.

Ford sneaked inside for a layup the first time he touched the ball, then shook loose with a sharp crossover dribble for another basket and a 34-33 edge.

After the teams seesawed for a bit, Ford gave Texas the lead for good midway through the second half with a three-point play that made it 52-50.

With the Longhorns leading 66-63, the normally emotionless Ford perked up, yelling, "Our ball! Our ball!" after a shot-clock vio-

Moments later, he was smiling after getting knocked down and sliding to the Texas bench on his backside. He was in even better spirits when the game ended despite shooting just 7-for-

"When we had to make some plays, T.J. showed great poise," Barnes said. "He missed some shots early, but he didn't get down."

Deane banked in a running, off-balance 3 from the right wing at the halftime buzzer - or a split-second after the horn, Barnes contended. Replays showed he

court to argue the call. He became animated and headed back toward the scorer's table, prompting two officials to step in front of him ond half," Ford said.

Barnes stayed on the to prevent the coach from getting any closer to the man who made the call.

"I'd rather have it happen in the first half than the sec-

#### A Tiger victory that's only routine in the record books

Tiger Woods' fourth straight victory in the Bay Hill Invitational will only look routine in the record books.

Sure, Woods closed with a 4-under 68 on a rainy, sloppy Sunday. He played the final 44 holes without a bogey and won by 11 strokes, the biggest rout in the 25-year history of Bay Hill and the fourth time in his career he has won by double

What made this rare was how Woods ducked outside the ropes and dropped to his knees, his stomach heaving from a nasty bout with food poisoning.

He winced after every drive. He sat on his bag after holing out on every green. He walked so slowly that Woods was 40 yards behind his playing partners, a stark contrast to the quick and purposeful strides he normally takes when he's in the

Sanity only returned to Bay Hill when Woods tapped in a short par putt on the 18th, weakly raised his right fist to

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) - salute the gallery and posed with the silver sword that tournament host Arnold Palmer presents to the winner.

"I'm proud of this round," Woods said. "I didn't feel my best and still was able to go out there and make no bogeys with the lead. That's something you always want to do."

He can do without the rest. Woods had a five-stroke lead after three rounds, a huge advantage bécause he has never lost a PGA Tour event when leading by more than one shot, after 54 holes.

He was in complete control until shortly after a dinner, a pasta dish that gave him such a wicked case of food poisoning that he vomited nearly 30 times before he arrived at Bay Hill on Sunday and went to his knees three times on the first five

The pasta was prepared by Elin Nordegren, his girlfriend, who two days earlier collapsed outside the clubhouse from dehydration brought on by food poisoning.

## Stars clinch division crown

NFL Europe season still question mark

DALLAS (AP) - Marty Turco is looking at the big picture.

Returning from an ankle injury that sidelined him for 18 games, the Dallas goalie made 12 saves Sunday night as the Stars beat St. Louis 3-1 to clinch the Pacific Division

"We're focusing on bigger things. The big dance is on our mind," said Turco, who wants to play in as many of Dallas' remaining six games as possible to prepare for the playoffs.

The Stars have 100 points, eliminating second-place Anaheim from the division race and clinching Dallas' fourth Pacific crown in the last five seasons. Dallas is tied with Detroit for most points in the Western Conference.

"The players were excited to have Marty back in there," Stars coach Dave Tippett said. "I think it definitely showed on the ice. Marty made five or six tough saves that really helped

Brenden Morrow scored a pair of first-period goals, and Sergei Zubov added a powerplay goal for the Stars, who had been in a 1-3-0-1 slump and were 7-6-3-2 behind reserve goalies Ron Tugnutt and Corey Hirsch during Turco's absence.

Turco sprained his right ankle Feb. 11 against Carolina, and the lingering injury showed little progress until the last week when he began skating in practice. At the time of the injury, Dallas had the NHL's best record, and Turco led the league with a 1.77 goals-against

Turco, greeted by a standing ovation when he was announced with the starters, stretched his unbeaten streak to 15 games (11-0-4) to set a club record. He made his biggest stop 20 seconds into the second period when he denied Steve Martins on a breakaway.

PHOENIX (AP) — The war in Iraq hasn't

But they still need a go-ahead from NFL own-

deterred NFL Europe's players and coaches from

ers, who are expected to decide Monday whether

to send the players and coaches of the league's

developmental spring league to six European

cities — closer to the war in Iraq and into coun-

tries were anti-American feelings have intensi-

minute conference call among Doug Quinn, the

senior vice president of NFL international and

NFL spokesman Joe Browne said the league

could send the players and coaches as scheduled

on Tuesday and Wednesday, or wait a week for

the season that begins on the weekend of April 4-

The teams are currently practicing in Florida.

Florida are concerned," Browne said, adding that

it would be up to the NFL owners to make a final

has turned out such NFL stars ranging from two-

time MVP quarterback Kurt Warner of St. Louis

to left tackle Barry Sims of AFC champion

Oakland. It has existed in various forms for more

"It's a go as far as the players and coaches in

NFL Europe is primarily a training league that

the general managers of the six teams.

That decision was made Sunday after a five-

wanting to play their spring season.

"It felt awesome," Turco said. "The reaction by the fans is something I'll never forget. It was perfect. My ankle doesn't feel any more sore but my legs were really tired."

Dallas dominated play, holding a 34-13 shots edge.

Shjon Podein scored a first-period goal for the Blues, coming off a 4-2 home loss to Detroit on Saturday.

"We didn't have much gas in the tank tonight," Blues coach Joel Quenneville said. "We were chasing the entire game instead of attacking."

A total of 10 fighting majors, six misconducts, and 132 penalty minutes (74 against St. Louis) were assessed.

In the final minute, Jeff Finley of the Blues was serving a slashing minor when he reached out of the penalty box and started punching Derian Hatcher of the Stars while Hatcher was pummeling Pavol Demitra. That earned Finley a game misconduct.

"Petr's a good player for us and we can't let that stuff slip by," Blues captain Al MacInnis said. "I think we reacted the way most teams would. Whether it's a clean hit or not, you have to protect your players."

Notes: Morrow scored his first power-play goal of the season and had his ninth two-goal game of his career. He has never had a hat trick. ... Zubov scored his 10th goal, giving Dallas 10 double-digit goal-scorers. The Stars had only seven players with 10 or more goals last season. ... The previous franchise record for an unbeaten streak by a Stars goaltender was held by Don Beaupre, who was unbeaten in 14 straight (14-0-0) in 1985-86 for Minnesota. ... The Stars reached 100 points for the sixth time in seven seasons, most in the NHL over than span.

than a decade but is considered more an invest-

ment to develop talent than a profit-making ven-

Three of the current teams are in Germany

- the Berlin Thunder, Frankfurt Galaxy and

Rhein Fire. Some league officials are con-

cerned that anti-war and anti-U.S. feelings in

that country could make things difficult for

Americans there. The other three teams are the

Amsterdam Admirals, Barcelona Dragons and

Monday, with a variety of issues on the agen-

The meetings officially get under way

The one that could have the biggest impact

on the league involves a change in the overtime

system that would allow both teams to get the

ball in overtime instead of the current sudden

death system. That comes after a season in

which there were a record 25 overtime games

in the league, 40 percent of them won on the

sity met for 90 minutes. But chairman Dan

Rooney, the Pittsburgh owner, said there was

no decision on what action, if any, to take

against the Detroit Lions in the hiring of

Meanwhile, the NFL's committee on diver-

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#### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

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At The Ford Center Oklahoma City California 76, North Carolina State 74, OT Oklahoma 71, South Carolina State 54 Friday, March 21 At The Fleet Center

Syracuse 76, Manhattan 65 Oklahoma State 77, Pennsylvania 63 At St. Pete Times Forum Tampa, Fla. Auburn 65, Saint Joseph's 63, OT

Wake Forest 76, East Tennessee State 73 At Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center Birmingham, Ala. Louisville 86, Austin Peay 64 Butler 47, Mississippi State 46

Second Round Saturday, March 22 At The Ford Center Oklahoma City Oklahoma 74, California 65 Sunday, March 23 At The Fleet Center

Boston Syracuse 68, Oklahoma State 56 At St. Pete Times Forum Tampa, Fla. Auburn 68, Wake Forest 62 At Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center

Birmingham, Ala Butler 79. Louisville 71 Semifinals At Pepsi Arena

Albany, N.Y. Friday, March 28 Oklahoma (26-6) vs. Butler (27-5), 7:10 p.m Syracuse (26-5) vs. Auburn (22-11), 9:40 p.m. Championship At Pepsi Arena

Albany, N.Y. Sunday, March 30 Oklahoma-Butler winner vs. Syracuse-Auburn winner

SOUTH REGIONAL Thursday, March 20 At Spokane Arena Spokane, Wash. Connecticut 58, Brigham Young 53 Sta ford 77, San Diego 69 Friday, March 21

At The Gaylord Entertainment Center Nashville, Tenn. Xavier 71. Troy State 59

Maryland 75, North Carolina-Wilmington 73 At Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center Birmingham, Ala. Texas 82, North Carolina-Asheville 61 Purdue 80, LSU 56 At St. Pete Times Forum

Tampa, Fla. Michigan State 79, Colorado 64 Florida 85, Sam Houston State 55 Second Round Saturday, March 22 At Spokane Arena Spokane, Wash

Sunday, March 23 At The Gaylord Entertainment Center Nashville, Tenn. Maryland 77, Xavier 64 At Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center Birmingham, Ala. Texas 77, Purdue 67 At St. Pete Times Forum

Tampa, Fla.

Michigan State 68, Florida 46

Connecticut 85, Stanford 74

Semifinals At The Alamode San Antonio Friday, March 28 Connecticut (23-9) vs. Texas (24-6), 7:27 p.m. Maryland (21-9) vs. Michigan State (21-12), 9:57 p.m Championship At The Alamodo

Sunday, March 30 Connecticut-Texas winner vs. Maryland-Michigan State win-Semifinal winners

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MIDWEST REGIONAL First Round Thursday, March 20

Indianapolis Marquette 72, Holy Cross 68 Missouri 72, Southern Illinois 71 At Spokane Arena Spokane, Wash. Wisconsin 81. Weber State 74 Tulsa 84, Dayton 71 Friday, March 21

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Pittsburgh 87. Wagner 61 Indiana 67, Alabama 62 At The Gaylord Entertainment Center Nashville, Tenn.

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At The Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome Minneapoli Thursday, March 27

Wisconsin (24-7) vs. Kentucky (31-3), 7:10 p.m. Marquette (25-5) vs. Pittsburgh (28-4), 9:40 p.m. Championship At The Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome Minneapolis

Saturday, March 29 WEST REGIONAL

First Round Thursday, March 20 At The RCA Dome Indianapolis

Illinois 65, Western Kentucky 60 Notre Dame 70, Wisconsin-Milwaukee 69 At The Jon M. Huntsman Center Salt Lake City Gonzaga 74, Cincinnati 69

Arizona 80, Vermont 51 Central Michigan 79, Creighton 73 At The Ford Center Oklahoma City Arizona State 84, Memphis 71 Kansas 64, Utah State 61 Second Round Saturday, March 22 At The RCA Dome Indianapolis

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with someone in power. You'll gain as a LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) result. Tonight: Express your leadership ★★★ Drive a hard bargain if you want to. Recognize your limits within a certain group or association. You might not be \*\*\* In light of new information, exactly sure what you expect from a you might question your possibilities. friendship and a loved one. Establish friends are.

becomes your byword. Tonight: Take in \*\*\* Someone in your immediate \*\* \* \* You discover that others will more to your work. Relate more of your listen to you, though you might question ideas, allowing your creativity to flourwhat the best course of action is. ish. Investigate opportunities that others Discussions with a key partner bring on a might not consider. Tonight: Discussions

Tonight: Let another ask, but know what

vou want.

you might not be right for a partner. associate air out his or her complaints.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \* \* \* \* Your high drive and creativity draw the type of results you ultimately \*\* You're in charge, whether you desire. Don't push yourself too hard right want to be or not! Much information now. A child or romantic tie could precould be dropped on you. You have the occupy your mind. Consider what might \*\*\*\* Understanding your goals capability to decipher what few can be happening within your immediate cir- can help you make a difference. What an

path because of your willingness to home. incorporate information. Understanding SCORPIO (Oct.23-Nov. 21)

\* \* \* You might be somewhat disturbed by all the news that heads your way. Investigate possibilities with new vigor and interest. What might be OK for Willingly flex with what appears to be a most demanding partner. Tonight: Let an LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

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future. Discussions create more of a problem. Tonight: Pay bills. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\* \* Your personality helps carry\_ someone over a problem or a liability. Brainstorm with someone you often get key feedback from. Security remains a high priority for you. Touch base with the many different people who impact your financial status. Tonight: Whatever

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\* You might not want to reveal all that is going on within a relationship or situation. Not everything allows you to move smoothly through a problem like you want to. Do some thinking, especially if you feel bogged down or immobilized. Tonight: Take a night off.

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Wal-Mart Assistant Manager Tammy George, right, recently presented John W. Warner, of Pampa Optimist Club, with a donation check in the amount of \$500 from



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Wal-Mart Assistant Manager Tammy George, right, recently presented Barbara Bode, of Alanreed Community Association, with a donation check in the amount of \$1,000 from Wal-Mart.

## Iraqi television airs footage of capture American troops

DOHA, Qatar (AP) — One captured American, speaking in a shaky voice, said he had nothing against Iraqis. "They don't bother me, I don't bother them," he said.

A woman soldier with a bandaged ankle held her arms tightly in her lap, her eyes darting back and forth.

Another soldier, lying wounded on a mat, swayed slightly when Iraqis tried to prop him up for the camera.

All five U.S. captives appeared terrified as they were thrust in front of an Iraqi TV microphone Sunday and peppered with questions. The footage also showed at least four bodies.

U.S. officials confirmed that 12 soldiers were missing after Iraqi forces ambushed an army supply convoy around An Nasiriyah, a major crossing point over the Euphrates northwest of Basra. Relatives in New Mexico and Kansas identified two of the soldiers.

Scenes of interrogators questioning four men and a woman were broadcast by the Arab satellite station Al-Jazeera with footage from state-controlled Iraqi television. Each was interviewed individually.

A senior defense official said the Pentagon did not know precisely how many captives there might be and would not

identify the unit. Some of the prisoners are from Fort Bliss, Texas, said Jean Offutt, a U.S. Army spokeswoman at the

Several families of the soldiers gathered at the base Sunday evening. "The mood, of course, is very tragic," she

The 507th Maintenance, part of the 111th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, is stationed at Fort Bliss, and at least two of the interviewed prisoners said they were with the 507th.

President Bush, returning to the White House from Camp David, demanded that the POWs be treated well.

"We expect them to be

treated humanely, just like we'll treat any prisoners of theirs that we capture humanely. If not, the people who mistreat the prisoners will be treated as war criminals," he said.

International Committee of the Red Cross spokeswoman Nada Doumani said the showing of the prisoners on TV violates Article 13 of the Geneva Conventions, which says prisoners should be protected from public curiosity. But she stressed that the priority at the moment is to get access to

Relatives in Alamogordo, N.M., who saw footage of the prisoners on a Filipino station, identified one of the prisoners as Army Spc. Joseph Hudson, 23. Another prisoner was identified by his family as Pfc. Patrick Miller of Park City, Kan., the father of two young children.

Each prisoner shown on television spoke Americanaccented English. All looked terrified.

Gunmen open fire on village

NADIMARG, India (AP) - Suspected Islamic militants dressed in Indian army, uniforms shot and killed 24 Hindus in a remote village in Kashmir early Monday, police

A group of about eight to 10 armed men dragged villagers out of their homes in Nadimarg in the disputed Himalayan province and shot them at close range, police and witnesses said. The dead included two children.

The victims, upper-caste Hindus known as Kashmiri Pandits, were lined up and shot outside a temple. Others in the village managed to escape, said police officer M.A. Anjum.

Police said they believed the gunmen were Islamic militants, who have been fighting for Kashmir's independence from India since 1989. There was no immediate comment from rebel groups.

"Around midnight a group of men in army uniform banged on our doors and dragged us outside," said Ramesh Kumar, a village resident who escaped.

The massacre, in the village 30 miles south of the summer capital of Srinagar, could increase tensions between India and Pakistan. The nations came to the brink of war after the Indian government blamed Pakistan for similar attacks a year ago.

The woman's eyes darted back and forth and her voice was very shaky. She said she was 30 years old, from Texas, and part of the 507th Maintenance. She had a big white bandage around her

Another prisoner, who said he was from El Paso, Texas, stared directly at the camera and spoke in a clear voice. He often shook his head and cupped his ear slightly to indicate that he couldn't hear a question. He said: "I follow orders."

A 31-year-old sergeant from New Jersey sat bolt upright in a chair. His hands in his lap, he answered questions in a clipped fashion and said he was with the 507th.

The narrator provided an Arabic translation, but it was across his chest.

possible to hear some of the comments in English.

The captive identified as Miller answered in a shaky voice, his eyes darting back and forth between the interviewer and another person who couldn't be seen on cam-

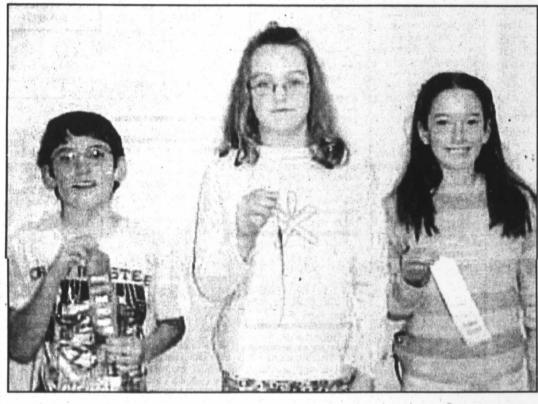
Asked why he came to Iraq, he replied, "I come to fix broke

Prodded again by the interviewer, he was asked if he came to shoot Iragis.

"No, I come to shoot only if I am shot at," he said. "They (Iraqis) don't bother me, I don't bother them."

Another prisoner, who also said he was from Texas, was lying on an elaborate maroon mat. One of his arms appeared to be wounded and folded

## Travis Science Fair winners



(Courtesy photo)

Travis Elementary School recently posted its science fair winners in the various age divisions and categories. Above: Dale Montgomery was a first place winner, Kayla Hughes, a second place winner, and Taryn Eubank, a third place winner, all of Mrs. Watson's class.



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