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Tragedy hits close to home

Neighbors, friends express their grief & share memories

> BY DAVID BOWSER STAFF WRITER

AMARILLO - A small U.S. flag drooped from a planter filled with silk sunflowers on Jane Husband's porch Saturday morning.

Mrs. Husband was in Florida for the landing of the space shuttle Columbia, commanded by her son, Col. Rick Husband, whose trip into space ended tragically in the skies over his home state of Texas.

The space shuttle broke up just minutes before it was to land in Florida, scattering debris across Central and East Texas.

HIGH

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LOCAL

Winston Paul Whitsett,

Rural/Metro Ambulance

82, was reportedly assaulted

at his home Saturday night in

personnel transported the

injured man to Pampa Rural

Medical Center for treatment

for a broken arm and several

ferred to an Amarillo hospi-

tal where he was treated and

police he couldn't identify

the assailants and he said he did not know of any motive

Pampa Police Department is continuing the investiga-

DEATHS

Flossie Johnson Anderson,

Imogene Hinkle, 85, serv-

Johnny R. Hucks, 70, X-

Billie Vickery-Porterfield,

Lola Warren Thompson,

Benny Lynn Young, 48,

carpenter, oilfield worker.

Whitsett was later trans-

Whitsett told Pampa

lacerations on his head.

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92, homemaker.

ices pending.

ray technician.

72, businessowner.

93, homemaker.

Elderly man hurt

in alleged assault

the 1100 block of Sierra.

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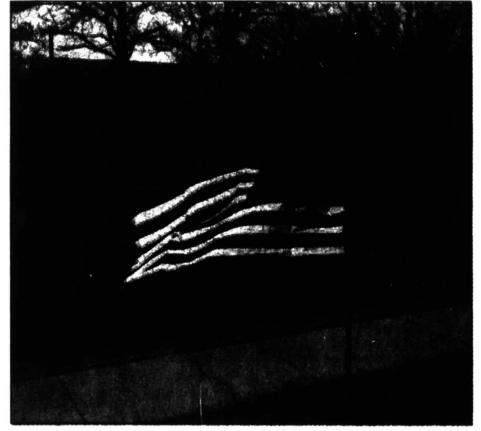
Dan and Jean Neely, Rick Husband's in-laws, were on the phone to Johnson Space Center in Houston Saturday morning. A spokesman for the family said they were expected to fly to Houston later in the day.

"We lost one of the best," said Edna Wilson, a family friend who was helping the Neelys pack.

In a 1999 interview with the Amarillo Globe-News, Mrs. Husband said her son got his in passion for flying from his late father Doug Husband, a Naval aviator and Korean War veter-

"Rick always, even as a child, wantsaid. "His fourth grade class laughed thing could happen to them." when he said he wanted to be an astronaut. Even through junior high and high school, he never changed. He never missed a launch on television."

Rick Husband earned his pilot's license at Trade Wind Airport in



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

A small flag at half-staff waves in the breeze where it was placed in a yard across the street of Columbia pilot Rick Husband's family home in Amarillo by grieving friends this weekend.

Amarillo when he was 17. His younger brother, Keith, a pilot with American West out of Phoenix, Ariz., earned his pilot's license here two years later.

Mrs. Husband said in the interview that she never worried about her sons' safety while flying.

"I don't because they both love it," Mrs. Husband said. "They could be ed to be an astronaut," Mrs. Husband walking across the street and some-

built model airplanes when they were utes to her son. Kids and that Rick had a telescope and spent hours in the backyard at night American flag in the ivy-covered Texas Tech Choir, was an avid lover of

During a Christmas visit prior to his

first space shuttle mission in May Hill. 1999, Mrs. Husband said Rick kept his nose in books, studying for the mis-

to be perfect."

Throughout the day Saturday, peo-Jane Husband's house in an upscale it. He took a CD of the song on board She said that Rick and his brother ers, notes of condolence or other trib-played as the wake-up call for the

Kenzie Cross, 8, put a small

Pampan witnesses shuttle's launch as Husband's guest

> By NANCY YOUNG MANAGING EDITOR

A Pampa woman watched the Columbia shuttle tragedy Saturday and remembered back 16 days when she witnessed the spacecraft launch in person in Florida.

Wanetta Hill, a local music teacher, attended the launching due to an invitation from Commander Rick Husband.

Hill met Husband in San Antonio last August while attending a Texas Choral Director's Association convention. She serves as elementary vicepresident of the organization.

Laura Husband, daughter of the Amarillo astronaut, was a member of the choir performing at the convention.

Astronaut Husband had not planned to be at the convention, but the shuttle flight planned for July 16 was cancelled, so he was able to attend, said

The choir performed a song, "An American Anthem," written by Allan Naplan, artistic and administrative "I told him to relax," Mrs. Husband director of the Pittsburg Opera. The said. "He said, 'Mama, everything has piece was written in honor of the victims from Sept. 11.

She said Husband was so impressed ple, mostly total strangers, stopped by by the song that he asked for a copy of Amarillo neighborhood to leave flow- the shuttle. The patriotic song was astronauts at 5:30 a.m. on Jan. 17.

Husband, a former member of the

(See FRIENDS, Page 3)

(See PAMPAN, Page 3)

EDITOR

A burning hay barn west of Pampa Saturday morning kept local firefighters busy as the events of the Columbia disaster unfolded for the rest of the nation.

At 9:36 a.m., just as NASA reported an "emergency" with the Columbia space shuttle, five units and 12 Pampa Fire Department personnel were called to a blazing barn, four miles west and a half mile north of Pampa on Gray County Road 2 1/2. A Hoover Volunteer Fire Department tank truck and a water tanker belonging to Gray County Precinct 2 were called to bring more water for the Pampa firefighters, officials said.

James Schroeder, owner of the barn, was

taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center for smoke inhalation he suffered reportedly trying to get a Mercury Cougar out of the burning building. Hospital officials this morning said Schroeder was treated and released from the hospital emergency room.

Schroeder was welding inside the building when stored hay bales caught on fire, according to Gray County Sheriff's Deputy Robert Douglas. Approximately 200 small square bales of hay were inside the barn, the deputy

The wood frame barn with aluminum siding contained the hay, the Cougar, a lawn mower, and several other pieces of equipment, said Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell. She said the

Correct television schedule published in today's edition

On Sunday, Feb. 2, we mistakenly ran the previous week's television guide in the Marquee section. We apologize for the error and for any inconvenience it may have caused our readers. We are publishing the correct guide in today's issue.

The Pampa News Online (www.news.pampa.com) is currently under construction. We hope to have the new and improved website up and running as soon as possible. We appreciate our Online readers' patience.

(See BARN, Page 3)

Skellytown man charged in Allsup's store robbery

By NANCY YOUNG MANAGING EDITOR

An arrest warrant for aggravated robbery was served on a Skellytown man in the early hours of Saturday

morning. Gray County Sheriff's Department arrested Christopher Jin Clements, 26, at approximately 12:45 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 1, for aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon.

The robbery occurred 24-hours earlier at the Allsup's convenience store at Price Road and Texas Highway 152 on the west side of

Carson County Deputy Sheriff Scott Sutton, along with Gray County deputies arrested Clements. The warrant was issued by Gray County Justice of the Peace Margie Prestidge.

Sheriff Don Copeland commended Gray County deputies for their quick action on this case.

He especially mentioned Deputy Cary Rushing, who was the lead investigator on the case, as well as Deputies Morse Burroughs and Joe Hoard for their assistance in the investigation.

"Due to the diligent efforts of all our deputies at Gray County, we were able to develop a suspect and make an arrest in this case within 24 hours. I also want to thank Sheriff Gary Robertson and his deputies for their cooperation," said Copeland.

Prestidge set a \$30,000 bond on Clements. He remains in the county

Baby suffers burns; police arrest father

By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor

was trans cited to the University Medical Center Burn Unit in Lubbock Sunday with third degree burns to his head, according to a news release from the Pampa Police

His 24-year-old biological father, John Andrew Rosalez, was arrested at his home, 806 Oklahoma, in connection with the incident.

Rosalez was then booked into Gray County Jail on charges of injury to a child with serious bodily injury. Condition of the baby was

unavailable at press time.

Bond was set on Rosalez by Judge Kurt Curfman at \$25,000.

Details of the incident were A three month-old Pampa infant reported sketchy by the Pampa Police Department.

Officers were dispatched to Pampa Regional Medical Center in reference to an injury to a child.

Upon arrival, the medical staff advised officers that the infant had been brought to the emergency room for treatment.

Based upon information provided by witnesses and the medical staff, an arrest warrant was obtained for the child's father.

The child was transported by Rural Metro ambulance to the Lubbock Burn Center.







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Mrs. Vickery-Porterfield was born March 14, 1930, at Big Spring, Texas, the daughter of William and Reva (Hamm) Hawkins.

She lived in Pampa, Texas, until 1977 when she moved to Liberal, Kan. In 1986, she moved to Corinth, Texas, and in 1990 to Garden City, Kan.

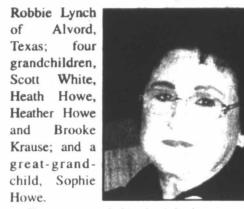
She co-owned and operated Bruce Well Service in Liberal, Kan., until 1987.

She was a member of Order of Eastern Star and First Baptist Church, both of Pampa, Texas. She loved to read, cook, travel and be with

her grandchildren. On June 14, 1947, she married T.J. Vickery at Pampa, Texas. He died April 15, 1987.

On Dec. 1, 1990, she married Bill Porterfield at New Mexico. He survives.

Other survivors include: two daughters, Linda Howe-Chenault of West Palm Beach, Fla., and Jodie Forsyth of Wichita, Kan.; a brother, James E. Hawkins of Pampa, Texas; a sister, Liberal, KS 67901.



She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Coleta Bretthauer.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., Tuesday at First Southern Baptist Church in Liberal with the Rev. Keith Bryant presiding. Burial will be at 3 p.m., Tuesday at Memory Gardens in Pampa, Texas. Visitation will be from 1-9 p.m., today with family present to receive friends from 6-8 p.m., at Kitch-Brenneman Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society in care of Kitch-Brenneman Funeral Home, 1212 W. 2nd,

JOHNNY R. HUCKS

1933-2003

LOCKNEY — Johnny R. Hucks, 70, died Raymond Friday, Jan. 31, 2003, at Covenant Medical Center Hucks; and two in Lubbock. The body was cremated. Memorial Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Lockney.

Mr. Hucks was born Jan. 20, 1933, at Macon, Ga., to the late Joseph Hucks and Debbie Giles Hucks. He married Loretta Cooper on Jan. 20, 1954, at Littlefield.

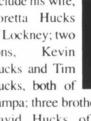
He moved to Lockney from Dimmitt nine years Hucks and Tim ago and was an X-ray technician at W.J. Mangold Hucks, both of Memorial Hospital

He was a member of First Baptist Church in Wellington and was a U.S. Army veteran and POW, serving during the Korean War.

He was preceded in death by a son, Richard

brothers, James Hucks and Howard Hucks.

Survivors include his wife, Loretta Hucks of Lockney; two sons,



Pampa; three brothers, W.B. Hucks of Springlake, David Hucks of Lubbock and Donald of Arlington; two sisters, Rosie Gwin of Edinburg and Ruby Bolinger of Bentonville, Ark.; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

IMOGENE HINKLE

1917-2003

Imogene Hinkle, 85, of Pampa, died Sunday, Feb. 2, 2003, at Amarillo. Services are Lou Dean Scott and Cloteal Scott. pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Hinkle was born Nov. 20, 1917, at Elk City, Okla. She had been a Pampa resident since 1932.

She married B.V. Hinkle on Sept. 9, 1983, at ... Sayre, Okla.; he died in 1995.

She was preceded in death by two sisters,

Survivors include a son, Ken Hinkle of Pampa; three grandchildren; and four greatgrandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176. -Sign the on-line register book at · www.carmichael-whatley.com.

LOLA WARREN THOMPSON 1909-2003

Lola Warren Thompson, 93, of Pampa, died Sunday, Feb. 2, 2003. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Thompson was born Sept. 13, 1909, in Coryell County. She married Gerald Thompson on Sept. 28, 1924, at Osage; he died in 1985. She moved to Pampa in 1951.

She was a homemaker, a former manager of Pak-A-Burger and a member of Highland Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a son, Wayne Thompson in 1973; two sisters, Pearl Graham in 1986 and Ada Hord in 2001; and a brother,

Marvin Warren in 1998.

Survivors include five sons, George Thompson and Douglas Thompson, both of Pampa, Jess Thompson of Midland, Jerry Thompson of Houston and Dwight Thompson of Groom; two daughters, Jean Finley of Longview and Naomi Lamb of Lubbock; a brother, Willis Warren of Andrews; three sisters, Annie of Clifton, Bernice of Andrews and Charlene of Spearman; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-greatgrandchildren.

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

BENNY LYNN YOUNG

McLEAN — Benny Lynn Young, 48, died Saturday, Feb. 1, 2003, at Hobbs, N.M. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in McLean First Baptist Church. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Bailey-Ware Funeral Home of McLean.

Mr. Young grew up at Hobbs and graduated from high school there. He was a carpenter by trade and worked in the oil field most of his

He was preceded in death by his parents, Woodrow and Pauline Young.

Survivors include his wife, Dorthea Young; two daughters, Karissa Sullivan of Huntsville and Cassi Nickerson of College Station; a son, Chad Holland of Living; two brothers, Fred Young of Dumas and Ronny Young of Washington State; and five grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church of McLean.

FLOSSIE JOHNSON ANDERSON

1910-2003

Flossie Johnson Anderson, 92, of Pampa, died Sunday, Feb. 2, 2003, at Oklahoma City, Okla. Services will be at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2003, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Dr. Randy White, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Anderson was born Nov. 5, 1910, at Roby, Texas. She had been a Pampa resident since 1929. She married Grant Anderson on Sept. 25, 1930, at Portales, N.M. He preceded her in death April 24, 1998.

She and her husband owned and operated City Shoe and Boot Shop and later Anderson's Western Wear from 1930 until 1982.

She was a homemaker and a longtime member of First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a grand-

daughter, Cynthia Lewter Harrington; and by eight brothers and sisters, Thad Elmus Johnson, Vada Florence Day, Edna Pauline Rogers, Lillie Emma Smith, Lewis Williamson Johnson, William Merritt Johnson, Arvil Armond Johnson and Bessie Lucille Thornton.

Survivors include a daughter, June Anderson Lewter of Oklahoma City; a sister, Fave Stallcup of Wichita Falls; a grandson, Robert L. Lewter and wife Sherry of Oklahoma City; a great-granddaughter, Robin Lea Lewter of Oklahoma City; a great-grandson, Michael Roger Harrington of Odessa; and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065; or to a favorite charity.

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

SERVICES TOMORROW

HUCKS, Johnny R. — Memorial services, 3 p.m., First Baptist Church,

VICKERY-PORTERFIELD, Billie L. — 11 a.m., First Southern Baptist Church, Liberal, Kan. Burial, 3 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemtery, Pampa.

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported arrested for capias profine warrants for possesthe following incidents and arrests.

Sunday, Feb. 2

Kaysi Nicole Parker, 17, 1121 E. Francis, was arrested for assault causing bodily injury, family violence.

Angela M. Adams, 30, was arrested for failure to identify as a fugitive, capias profine warrants for no insurance, theft, failure to appear, no liability insurance and failure to restore drivers license.

Marisa Ramirez, no age given, 1329 N. Starkweather, was arrested on municipal warrants for failure to appear and possession of drug paraphernalia and Wheeler County warrants for no drivers license and no insurance.

Leonard A. Scott, 38, 1101 Varnon, 38, was arrested on Gray County warrants for evading and criminal trespass.

John Hardy King, no age given Amarillo, was arrested on a municipal warrant for criminal trespass.

Jennifer Rose Spikes, 19, Skellytown, was Hazel. A DVD player valued at \$150 was

sion of drug paraphernalia, no drivers license on person and failure to identify as a fugitive.

Thursday, Jan. 30

Theft of water services was reported in the 1200 block of Francis. Amount of loss was

Report of harassment was made in the 1300 block of North Hobart.

Friday, Jan. 31

A local resident in the 1100 block of Mary Ellen reported that an expected check in the amount of \$270 did not come in the mail, but was cashed elsewhere.

A domestic assault was reported in the 2200 block of North Sumner. Minor injuries were

Vandalism was reported in the 600 block of North Dwight. A house was reported egged.

Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon

was reported in the 100 block of North Hobart. Theft was reported in the 500 block of

reported taken. According to the police report, the back door was unlocked. Harboring a runaway was reported in the

200 block of East Kingsmill. A runaway was reported in the 2200 block

of North Sumner.

Theft under \$50 was reported in the 1300 block of North Coffee. Amount of loss was \$20. According to the police report, there was no forced entry.

Disruption of class was reported at Pampa High School.

Saturday, Feb. 1

Domestic dispute was reported in the 1100

block of East Kingsmill. Criminal mischief was reported in the 300

block of Miami; estimated damage to property was \$1,000.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 100 block of South Wells.

Theft was reported in the 1700 block of North Hobart due to breach of a rental agreement. Approximate loss was reported to be \$2,200.

Larceny was reported in the 1600 block of North Coffee. Reported removed from a vehicle were containers of oxygen and acetylene. Estimated loss was \$1,000.

A beer theft was reported at a local convenience store. An 18 pack valued at \$12.49 was reported stolen in the 1000 block of

Several thefts of speakers taken from vehicles were reported. Two thefts occurred in the 900 and 1100 blocks of Cinderella. Value of each was \$25. Also, a stereo valued at \$315 was removed from an unlocked vehicle in the 1000 block of Terry.

Sunday, Feb. 2

A report of a lost purse at an unknown location was made to the Pampa PD. The loss was reported to be \$20.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1600 block of North Sumner.

Maurine Ramirez, 23, 1329 N. Starkweather, was arrested of Department of Public Safety warrants.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the following calls during the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today Friday, Jan. 31

9:26 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 1700 block of North Russell; one patient was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

1:36 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to one mile east of Pampa; one patient was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

4:30 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of 25th Street; one patient was transported to PRMC 8:25 p.m. – A mobile

responded

PRMC; one patient was

ICU

transported

Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. 9:15 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the Charles; one patient

transported to was PRMC

Saturday, Feb. 1 3:04 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of North Faulkner; no patient was transported.

9:45 a.m. – A mobile responded Highway 152 Gray C 2 1/2 on a fire standby; one patient was transported to PRMC

10:07 a.m. mobile ICU responded to Highway 152 at Gray C 2 1/2 on a fire stand-7:18 p.m. – A mobile

ICU responded to the 1100 block of Sierra; one patient was transported to PRMC 8:26 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 1700 block of North

transported. 9:02 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Henry; no patient was transported. 9:47 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the

Russell; no patient was

100 block of South Russell; no patient was transported Sunday, Feb. 2

2:37 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to PRMC; one patient was transported to Veterans Administration Medical Center in Amarillo. 12:58 p.m.

mobile ICU responded to the Baten Unit; one patient was transported to PRMC. 12:59 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded 12:59 to the 1100 block of

Terry Road; one patient

transported to **PRMC** 4:30 p.m. – A mobile responded to PRMC; one patient was transported University Medical Center Burn Center in Lubbock

Monday, Feb. 3 2:30 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to PRMC; one patient was transported to Veterans Administration Medical Center Amarillo

Department responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Saturday, Feb. 1

Pampa

9:35 a.m. - Five

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FIRE story, Page 1.)

5:22 p.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to a report of hazardous material in a dumpster in the 300 block of East Tyng. Firefighters neutralized what

appeared to be a in the 1000 block methamphetamine lab and notified the Pampa Police Department. Sunday, Feb. 2

1:02 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist

of Terry Road. Monday, Feb. 3 5:49 a.m. One unit and three firefighters responded to a

medical assist in

the 1500 block of

West Kentucky.

City Briefs

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"The Gr Sheriff's Offic with crowd co cooperative eff as a team," Pov

Sandra Knight, a neighbor of Mrs. Husband's contacted the local Kiwanis Club to ask them to put out U.S. flags at homes on the street where Mrs. Husband lives.

The civic club normally puts the flags out as a fund raiser but only on national holidays. After checking with others who live in the block, Mrs. Knight offered to pay an extra fee for this weekend's

Burwell Southern with the Kiwanis, who lives only a block away told Mrs. Knight that they were going to put out the flags Sunday throughout the neighborhood and not to worry about any charge.

Fullerton, Mark Amarillo firefighter who grew up with Rick Husband's younger brother, Keith, arrived at the Husband home as the clouds in the western sky turned blood-red. He said he just wanted to stop by the house that held so many memories and say a prayer for the Husband family. •

"We were in Cub Scouts together," Fullerton said of

Fullerton said that Keith guy," Fullerton said.

Husband's room as a child was always a mess.

"I helped make it that way," Fullerton said.

By contrast, Rick's room was always neat and tidy.

"We used to sneak down the hall from Keith's room to Rick's and just sit there and look at the model rockets and airplanes," Fullerton said. "We knew better than to touch

He said everything in the room had to do with flight.

Fullerton said the room was dominated by a large balsa plane that hung from the ceiling that Rick Husband had

'We lost a really good

One small bouquet of flowers had a note that read:

"I know not when

My Lord will come At night or noonday fair Nor if I'll walk the vale with him

Or meet him in the air." The note was unsigned.

Donna Faucett and Joann Casasanta put a small toy red, white and blue windmill with the silk sunflowers and U.S. flag that Mrs. Husband left in a planter on her front porch when she left for Florida to see the launch of the shuttle.

After the launch, Mrs. Husband stayed with her sister in Orlando, planning to stay in Florida until her son returned.

PAMPAN

music, said Hill.

She said when she went to the launching she met many people and was impressed by the experience. Staying in the same hotel as the Israeli delegation, she said the security was tight.

On the causeway about six miles from the launch site, Hill said it was a very exciting experience. She said she wished the landing had been as happy as the take-

Hill was impressed with a special reception Husband's wife Evelyn hosted on the night before the launch. She said it was a prayer service and several Christian singers performed.

"Many lives were touched by Rick Husband. Even with the brief encounter with him I had for two days, I knew he was genuine. He made everyone feel special," Hill said. "It wasn't just me, it was everyone."

Louisiana gather debris from shuttle

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NACOGDOCHES (AP) — Under rain clouds that threatened to hamper their search, authorities returned to the forests of East Texas on Monday to hunt for more debris from the space shuttle Columbia and remains of its

seven astronauts. Hundreds of investigators with expertise in airline accidents, engineering and forensics converged on Texas and Louisiana to join in the painstaking job of retrieving pieces of wreckage from a huge swath of forested country bigger than the state of West Virginia.

Teams of global positioning satellite technicians were back in the field at daybreak to continue logging the location of debris for investigators, said James Kroll, director of the Emergency Geospacial Mapping Center at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches.

"We're still out there. We've got 15 teams mapping stuff all over, if they ever decide to come pick it up,"

Overwhelmed local authorities scrambled to locate and

guard objects in the sprawling Columbia to break apart over debris field, as NASA established command posts in Lufkin and at Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana to oversee recovery and examination of the wreckage.

Among those standing guard was school Principal Jay Tullos, waiting for experts to collect the 25 pieces of debris that had fallen on the grounds of a school in Douglass. Classes were cancelled Monday

"They said they'd be here first thing in the morning. We're waiting on a call," Tullos said.

About 300 people from 30 agencies - including the FBI, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Transportation National Safety Board and the Texas Department of Public Safety — were being assigned to collect thousands of pieces as small as pebbles and as big as pickup trucks.

Once in hand, the wreckage will be trucked to Barksdale, where engineers from shuttle contractor United Space Alliance will sort through it in forests of pines and oaks, search of clues to what caused

Texas on Saturday morning just minutes before its scheduled landing in Florida.

Their goal is to reconstruct what is left of Columbia and establish a sequence of how each part peeled off during its high-speed re-entry into the atmosphere.

The salvage operation covers an area that stretches from the rolling hills of East Texas to a suburb of New Orleans, where authorities found what could be insulation from Columbia.

Louisiana state police confirmed more than a dozen chunks of debris in eight different parishes.

However, the search for wreckage has focused on Texas, where Gov. Rick Perry said 33 counties — a 28,000square-mile area from north of Dallas all the way to the Gulf Coast — had reported debris. That amounts to about 10 percent of Texas' land area, or more than all of West

The heart of the operation is East Texas, a region of thick expansive farm land and cow

pastures. It holds four national forests, covering almost 700,000 acres, and two reservoirs that together span about 300,000 acres. The thick woods also are home to wild hogs and bobcats.

While the region is a magnet for hunters, boaters and anglers, its challenging terrain makes the job facing Columbia recovery teams that much more difficult.

"This is forest — dense forest," said Kroll. "There is no way to describe how many pieces there are and how spread over the landscape

"Ten years from now, folks are going to be walking around the woods and finding

In Nacogdoches County alone, authorities have logged more than 1,200 confirmed debris sites. State troopers and local authorities didn't have enough personnel to protect every piece, but they manned 130 spots — alongside twolane highways, restaurants and ranches — to guard debris against scavengers.

They said NASA had provided a list of priorities: anything that could contain data or resembles computer circuitry, or potentially radioactive materials.

Among the items discovered so far: a car-size chunk that splashed into Toledo Bend Reservoir on the Texas-Louisiana state line, a 7- to 8foot door-like fragment, what resembles part of a windshield and a 5- to 6-foot-long object authorities suspect could be part of the landing gear.

In San Augustine, just east of Nacogdoches, Larry Epps placed a 55-gallon barrel to protect a piece of metal that landed in his hay meadow.

"If it hit me, my wife would have been a widow," he said of the hollow gray object that resembles a tire. He later found what appears to be a circuit board about 100 yards away from his front yard and a half dozen 2-by-2-inch metal pieces in his meadow.

Marc Masferrer, editor of The Lufkin Daily News, said a landowner led him to what appeared to be a seat from the shuttle in a pasture 20 miles west of Nacogdoches.

There have been more grim discoveries human remains, including a leg, torso, thigh bone and skull. NASA confirmed the remains of some of the seven Columbia astronauts had been recovered.

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Hammadi: U.S. will sauffer casualties 'beyond imagination' if Iraq invaded BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq has steadfastly denied in a commentary published in

Iraq will inflict massive casualties on American troops if the United States launches an invasion to topple Saddam Hussein, a senior Iraqi legislator declared Monday.

Saadoun Hammadi told a group of legislators from the European Parliament that Iraq "will not turn the other cheek" should the United States use force to make Saddam's regime give up banned weapons programs.

"American aggression will end up in a catastrophe for them," Hammadi said. "They will incur casualties beyond their imagination."

U.N. resolutions passed since Iraq's defeat by a U.S.led coalition in the 1991 Gulf War prohibit nuclear, chemical and biological weapons programs in Iraq. Thousands of such weapons were destroyed under a U.N. inspection program in the 1990s.

The United States and Britain insist Saddam is still hiding banned weaponry and say they will disarm Iraq by force. The United States has deployed almost 90,000 troops in the Gulf region, a number that may double soon.

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building and car were a total loss, estimating the damage estimate at approximately

\$20,000. Gray "The County Sheriff's Office did a great with crowd control. It was a cooperative effort. We did it as a team," Powell said.

it has weapons of mass destruction, but it is under pressure to make concessions and show progress in the U.N. inspections process in hopes of blocking any U.S.-British Iraqi parliament speaker diplomatic bid for military

> The inspectors have yet to find anything conclusive and Iraq has claimed that U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell will fabricate evidence against Saddam when he appears before the U.N. Council Security Wednesday to try to prove the Iraqis are hiding banned weapons.

Powell shot back Monday

the Wall Street Journal, warning that the United States "will not shrink from war."

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanna Phillips

House-Sitting Husband Turns Home Into Hotel

DEAR ABBY: I am a single mother and have taught school for 20 years. Two months ago, I began a sabbatical out of state and took my teenage daughter with me. Prior to leaving, a good friend, "Marjorie," accepted a job transfer that required her to move out of state as well. Marjorie suggested that since her husband wasn't ready to leave town due to some personal business, he would be the perfect candidate to house-sit for me. It seemed like a good arrangement.

Within a few weeks, former neighbors started calling and telling me that Marjorie's husband was having women stay overnight at my house. I have since learned that Marjorie had asked a mutual friend to keep an eye on her husband to find out if he's cheating. Our friend refused, but confided to me that it's as plain as day the guy is cheating and everyone in town knows it.

We don't want to hurt Marjorie nor do we want her husband to humiliate her. Should we tell Marjorie what's going on or let her find out on her own? UNSURE IN MESA, ARIZ.

DEAR UNSURE: Tell her what the neighbors told you. Marjorie already has suspicions,

so it won't be a shock. And get her husband out of your house. The last thing you need is strangers walking through and possibly helping themselves to your possessions.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 17-year-old girl in high school. Recently I was required to make a presentation in my science class. Naturally, I wanted to look my best. That morning I selected a denim skirt and black shirt — neither of which was too short or low-cut. Black nylons and chunky-heeled black shoes completed my ensemble. I headed off to school feeling confident about my appearance.

The minute I arrived on campus. I realized I had made a severe miscalculation. It was as though I had broken some unspoken, but wellknown, rule. Kids looked me up and down and stared at my legs. One astonished girl gasped, "Oh, my

god! She's wearing black stockings!" Abby, I am a reasonably conservative person. I have never worn anything outrageous and would never intentionally go to school wearing something risque or improper. I still think the black pantyhose were appropriate for my outfit. Could you shed some light on

DAZED AND CONFUSED IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR DAZED AND CON-FUSED: Perhaps your class-mates were surprised to see you "dressed up." If you had violated a dress code, I'm sure you would have been told about it by a teacher or the principal. From what you have described, your outfit was appropriate for the occasion

DEAR ABBY: I have a precious 6-year-old niece on the East Coast whose father just died. I have been searching for a sympathy card designed for a child, but have found nothing. "Thinking of you" cards don't seem quite right. How best can I let this little girl know how sorry I am for her loss?

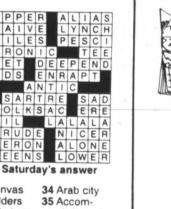
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DEAR CONCERNED AUNT: Buy a pretty blank card and write a short note of sympathy to your niece, in lettering she can easily read. Tell her how much you love her, that you're thinking of her, and how sad you are for her loss.

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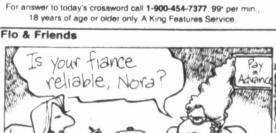
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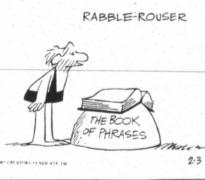


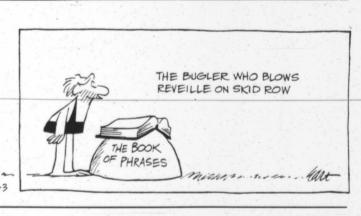






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PAMPA — The Pampa Harvester Soccer Booster Club will meet at 7 tonight in the high school athletic fieldhouse.

All club members are urged to attend.

Pampa opens the district season Tuesday at Canyon.

FOOTBALL

WAILUKU, Hawaii (AP) - Dan Nystrom of Minnesota made a 44-yard field goal with 4 seconds left to cap a 24-point fourth quarter in the South's 27-24 victory in the Hula Bowl. The South overcame a 24-3 deficit.

GOLF

KAUPULEHU-KONA, Hawaii (AP) -Former club pro Dana Quigley is still amazed by his success on Champions Tour.

"After six years I still can't believe I belong out here," Quigley said Sunday beating Larry Nelson by two strokes in the seasonopening MasterCard Championship.

He has eight victories on the 50-and-over circuit and has earned more than \$8

"I quit my job as a club pro to come out and start Monday qualifying," he said. "I just thought if I could come out and keep my card and play a few years that would be my lot in life. ... The success I've had is something I'll never get over."

But there has been no secret to Quigley's success. He loves the game and plays almost every day, even in the offseason. In fact, playing fewer than 36 holes a day constitutes his offseason.

MasterCard The Championship was his 202nd consecutive start, a record. No wonder he looked as if he was in midseason form at Hualalai Golf Club.

Quigley birdied two of the last three holes to finish at 18-under 198 and collect \$250,000, the biggest check of his career. The 55-yearold former club pro from Massachusetts has won two of his last three starts dating to last year.

"My season never ends," said Quigley, who shot a closing 5-under 67. "My friends think I'm crazy, but this is my life. My passion for golf, you cannot believe it.

"It's pretty hard to describe, but to have success like this against these guys is a dream come true."

responded Quigley admirably when one of those guys, Nelson, put heat on him down the stretch.

Nelson, the 2001 winner, weathered an up-and-down round to put himself in position to force a playoff. In a four-hole stretch starting at the par-5 seventh, he went eagle, bogey, double-bogey, eagle. Nelson also bogeyed 12 to fall back into a tie, but he rebounded with birdie putts of 20 and 35 feet at 16 and 17 to regain a share of the lead at 17 under.

Former Longhorn captures MVP award

Williams scores two TD's in AFC Pro Bowl Victory

HONOLULU (AP) -Ricky Williams nearly collided with Rich Gannon while taking the handoff. Then Ricky ran right — and fullback Lorenzo Neal ran left.

It should have been a disaster of a play, but Williams just lowered his head and bulled over two defenders into the end

The AFC simply couldn't be stopped in yet another Pro Bowl - not by the NFC, and not even by themselves.

Williams ran for 56 yards, scored two touchdowns and forced a fumble on special teams to earn the MVP award as the AFC beat the NFC 45-20 on Sunday for their sixth win in the last seven Pro Bowls.

Williams' multifaceted performance was the highlight of a dominant afternoon for the AFC, which got three 100-yard games from its quarterbacks and six interceptions from its defense as the NFL wrapped up its season with another highscoring all-star game.

over here, we do pretty well," said Kansas City tight end Tony Gonzalez, who had five catches for 98 yards. "The last couple of games I've played in, it wasn't even close.

With his dreadlocks, surfer wardrobe and profoundly mellow ways, Williams is right at home in Hawaii — both on its beaches and in its football stadi-

In his first Pro Bowl, Williams won his second MVP award in a Hawaii all-star game. In 1999, he capped his Heisman Trophy-winning senior season at Texas by dominating the Hula Bowl.

Hawaii suits his famously detached personality, but his effort was anything but mellow.

"What's fun is how laidback everything is," Williams said. "It's always great to get in the end zone, but it's especially great to do it against the best players in the world with millions of people watching."

Williams, who led the NFL in rushing for the Dolphins "It seems every time we're after three tough seasons in New Orleans, also caught three Stadium enjoyed another blowout NFC, and New England's Ty passes as the AFC jumped to a 28-6 halftime lead and eliminated the tension - already minor at best — from this good-natured exhibition.

"I always like coming here, because it's a free vacation," said Oakland safety Rod Woodson, who had two interceptions in his 11th Pro Bowl appearance. "We were able to jump on top early with some big defensive plays, and that's all you need in this game."

Gannon, the MVP of the regular season and the previous two Pro Bowls, went 12-for-18 for 102 yards and two TDs. Drew Bledsoe passed for 122 yards, and Peyton Manning had 100.

The AFC nearly broke the Pro Bowl record of 51 points set by the NFC in 2000. But Buffalo's Eric Moulds was ruled out of bounds in the end zone with 1:24 left after a 36yard pass from Manning.

The coaching staffs from Philadelphia and Tennessee made sure the game was decided in the air. The teams set records for most combined pass attempts (101) and combined interceptions (8).

A sellout crowd at Aloha

victory for the AFC, which has dominated the matchup in recent years. Each of the AFC's players earned \$30,000 for the win, with the NFC's stars receiving \$15,000

Jerry Rice, the oldest starter in Pro Bowl history, had four catches for 36 yards in his 13th appearance — his first representing the Raiders with the AFC. Manning made several attempts to throw to Rice in coverage, trying to live his dream of throwing a TD pass to football's greatest receiver.

Gannon appeared to be recovered from his Super Bowl malaise, though facing only a few players from Tampa Bay's punishing defense probably

Asked if the AFC was seeking revenge for the Buccaneers' Super Bowl triumph, safety John Lynch said: "It seemed like Rich Gannon did. I don't know what it is. They've been getting the better of us in this game."

Jeff Garcia, making his first Pro Bowl start, threw three interceptions in the first 17 minutes. Donovan McNabb wasn't much better for the Law returned one of Buccaneers QB Brad Johnson's passes for a touchdown in the fourth quarter.

The NFC's best performance might have come from its kicker. Philadelphia's David Akers set a Pro Bowl record by kicking a 53-yard field goal against a strong crosswind in the second quarter.

The Super Bowl champions were well-represented, with six Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the lineup. Linebacker Shelton Quarles was a last-second addition; he already was in Hawaii for a vacation when Atlanta's Keith Brooking dropped out.

The AFC had a balanced effort, but Williams won the MVP Cadillac with several key plays. In the second quarter, Williams even forced a fumble while playing on the kickoff coverage team for the first time since the eighth grade.

"I had a great time this whole week hanging out with the guys," he said. "I got a chance to see this beautiful island and relax. Hopefully I'll be able to come back many, many more times.

Pampa at Caprock Tuesday for more District 3-4A action

PAMPA — Pampa will be looking to draw closer to a playoff berth with a visit to Caprock in District 3-4A action Tuesday night.

With three games to go in the regular season, the Harvesters are holding onto the third-place playoff spot with a 5-3 record. Caprock at 4-6 is tied with Hereford for fourth place.

Thanks to a big fourth quarter, Pampa routed Caprock 71-46 in the first McNeely round in Fieldhouse. The Longhorns stayed close for three quarters and trailed by only six going into the final eight minutes.

Pampa will be looking to stop Caprock guard Cheston Mitchell, who has been on a scoring streak. Mitchell, a 6-0 junior, is averaging 21 points a game. He hit for 33 the final minutes after lead-

High School Basketball

in Caprock's 58-56 win over Dumas last weekend.

Will Mitchell (6-3 junior) is another strong player for the Longhorns. He had 12 points to go with Cheston Mitchell's 15 against the Harvesters in that first meet-

Ryan Zemanek (6-3 senior) and Chance Bowers (6-1 junior) are averaging 15 and 14 ppg, respectively, to lead Pampa scorers.

For the season, Pampa is 9-12 and Caprock is 15-14.

WHEELER - Danny Spikes drilled 22 points to Wheeler Wellington 66-57 last weekend in a District 1-1A clash. Wheeler pulled away in

after three quarters. James Chapman added 14

ing by only three (51-48)

points and Brad Masters 13 to the Mustangs' attack.

Kevin Thomas Wellington's high scorer with 20 points. Aaron Taylor added 14.

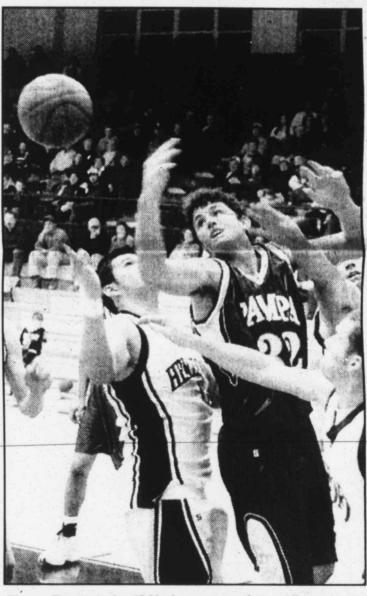
The Mustangs are while district play Wellington is 2-7.

Wheeler came away with an easy 83-49 win in the girls' game.

Wheeler's leading scorer was Lyndi Finsterwald with 26 points. Amy Osborne was second with 18. Andrea Jones followed with 15.

Needham Archie Jessica led Wellington with 10 points

Wheeler improved to 6-3 in the district standings while Wellington is winless



Ryan Zemanek (32) is averaging 15 ppg to lead the Harvesters in scoring going into Tuesday night's District 3-4A game with Caprock.

Rockets defeat Webber-less Kings, 105-89

miss Sacramento star Chris Webber.

While they offered differing opinions about how Webber's absence affected Sacramento on Sunday, none of the Rockets were complaining after beating the Kings 105-89.

The Kings are 5-3 this season without Webber, out at least three weeks with a sprained left ankle. More importantly, it was the fifth loss in the last six games for Sacramento.

"I'm not disappointed," Yao Ming said of Webber not playing. "The team always wants to get a victory and if they're missing a key player, that's actually good for us. It definitely did help us that Webber was not out there. He is a very important part of their

Yao had 18 points, 11

HOUSTON (AP) — The rebounds, four blocked shots Houston Rockets sure didn't and a career-high six assists. coach Rudy Tomjanovich said he didn't feel Webber's absence made that much difference.

"They're a very dangerous team even without Webber," Tomjanovich said... "We know what they did earlier in the year establishing a good record, and they did a lot of that without Webber."

The Kings didn't argue the point.

"Guys have gotten accustomed to the fact that whether we have all our guys or not we're going to win the game, because we've been able to do it in the past," Doug Christie said. "That won't always be the case. We're going to have to find ways to win regardless of who we have on the court.

"Actually, I felt good. I don't know about the rest of the guys. I have no excuses."

the Kings with 31 points, agreed.

"We just have to change the way we approach the game," Stojakovic said. "We have to be more aggressive on defense and help each other and get back on track and get our confidence

Coach Rick Adelman offered no alibis.

"We just didn't do anything," Adelman said. "You can't come in and just expect to win. We got our heads hammered today."

Conversely, the Rockets were playing one of their better games, especially on

They tied a season high by blocking 13 shots. Houston is 19-1 this season when blocking eight or more

"Those blocks are big," Tomjanovich said. "It's not only a defensive stop, but it also gives you an emotional

Peja Stojakovic, who led lift and is an emotional downer for the other team.

> "Defense has got to be our foundation. That's the biggest accomplishment this team has made, to become defensive conscious. But we can be a lot better."

Steve Francis had 21 points and also pointed to the defense.

"When we were winning early in the year, the defense was the key," he said. "We're starting to really get back to that. We were really focusing on the team aspect today, not only passing but defensively. We were really helping each other out on defense."

Eddie Griffin led the Rockets with 22, while Cuttino Mobley also had 21.

"They just got me the ball early and I was hitting," said Griffin, who had 11 points the first quarter. "I have gotten in foul trouble early in some games lately, so I was focusing on staying in the

"A win is a win. We don't care who plays."

The Rockets hit 52 percent from the field (44-of-86) after hitting a seasonhigh 58 percent (50-of-86) against Minnesota in a 121-101 win Friday night.

"A lot of people are having trouble with field-goal percentage when you look at most teams this season," Tomjanovich said. "It's just the way the game is, with zone principles and how people help out. To have two 50 percent games in a row, that's pretty good."

Notes: Kelvin Cato did not dress because of sore hips he injured against Minnesota on Friday. He's expected back Tuesday night when the Rockets visit the Timberwolves. ... The 12 points the Kings scored in the first quarter tied a season low by a Houston opponent (set by Denver on Jan. 11).

Stars' Turco saves game for Western Conference in NHL All-Star contest

Florida State topples No. 5 Duke, 75-70

SUNRISE, Fla. (AP) - If not for Dany Heatley's four goals in the All-Star game Sunday, Western Conference goaltender Marty Turco would have been the MVP.

If not for Turco, a first-year starter making his first All-Star appearance, the West would have lost.

"Before the game I was a little nervous, and then sitting alone and freezing didn't help," said Turco, who played behind Colorado's Patrick Roy and Chicago's Jocelyn Thibault. "Once I got out on the ice, and the fans were excited, I felt fine and I wasn't that nervous."

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.

Duke lost at Florida State

(AP) — Duke is trying to fig-

ure out what's going wrong

for the second straight year

Sunday night, falling 75-70

for the No. 5 Blue Devils'

first three-game losing streak

in the Atlantic Coast

Conference in seven seasons.

we've hit a lot of times,"

coach Mike Krzyzewski

said. "We could never get the

Adam Waleskowski's left-

Duke (14-3, 4-3 ACC)

pulled to 71-70 with 10 sec-

onds left on Daniel Ewing's

3-pointer, and immediately

fouled on the inbounds pass.

throws gave Florida State a

73-70 lead with 9.9 seconds

left. Duke raced down court

looking for a tying 3-point

shot, but Chris Duhon

slipped and fell in front of

the Blue Devils bench, losing

the ball with 6 seconds left

and leading to the game-end-

"They just knocked us

back," Krzyzewski said.

"Our defense could not stop

their offense. They were not

ranked teams Sunday, it was:

No. 10 Maryland 85, Loyola,

Md. 58; Michigan State 68,

In other games involving

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Tim Pickett's two free

handed hook with 18 seconds

left gave Florida State a 71-

"We missed shots that

on the road.

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Turco, in his third season with Dallas, spent last year backing up Ed Belfour. Belfour signed with Toronto in the offseason, leaving Turco to start for the Stars. He has made the most of the opportunity. After totaling 28 wins in his first two years, Turco already has 24 this sea-

He also leads the league in goals against average (1.79) and is second in save percentage (.931).

He has helped the Stars to 72 points, the most in the NHL, and first place in the Pacific Division.

No. 13 Illinois 65; No. 17

Wake Forest 79, North

Carolina 75; and Southern

California 91, No. 22 Oregon

rebounds and four assists for

Florida State, which made

nine of its last 10 free

a fresh start," Pickett said. "I

feel like this is the begin-

and big plays at the end,"

first-year Florida State coach

Leonard Hamilton said. "We

want this to be a regular

occurrence. "We don't want

to storm the floor just

because we beat someone

Florida State (11-8, 2-6)

Dahntay Jones, Duke's

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field and missed two free

Jones reached double fig-

games, the third-longest

streak among ACC players

Duke with 16 points and

Nick Horvath added

points and 12 rebounds.

Freshman J.J. Redick led

before Sunday.

in 14 consecutive

we're not supposed to."

just 34.7 percent.

'We're just trying to have

"Our guys made big shots

Pickett had 15 points, nine

the Western Conference on Sunday.

After allowing a goal to Olli Jokinen in the third period, Turco kept the East team almost quiet in overtime and the shootout.

He stopped one-on-one scoring opportunities against Alexei Kovalev, Miroslav Satan and Jokinen.

Jokinen's shot hit the post and secured the West's victo-

worked for us tonight," Turco said of shootouts. "You heard the fans. They didn't want to go home without somebody He had a similar impact for winning the game. They money's worth.'

points twice in the second

half, the last time with 15:36

left on a jumper by Anthony

Richardson, who finished

12-1 run over the next five

minutes, tying it on Ewing's

layup with 11:33 remaining.

But the Seminoles came right

back with seven straight

points, taking a 56-49 lead

on Nate Johnson's 3-pointer

Melchionni connected on a

Florida State freshman

guard Todd Galloway had 13

points, including two free

throws with 57 seconds left

that gave Florida State a 69-

and positively and with a lot

of confidence, which is

something they haven't

"Hopefully this will give us

enough confidence to contin-

ue to keep playing this way."

Loyola, Md. 58

fifth straight.

No. 10 Maryland 85,

At College Park, Md.,

Drew Nicholas scored eight

of his 15 points in an opening

14-0 run as Maryland won its

points and Steve Blake had

Ryan Randle scored 17

Hamilton said.

"Our guys played focused

65 lead.

done,"

3-pointer with 6:48 left.

Duke rallied again and

tied it at 56 when Lee 5-3).

with 8:35 remaining.

Duke responded with a

with 14 points.

wanted the East to win, and that got me pumped."

Turco had been in dozens of shootouts in the minor leagues, and few of his memories are fond. Until now.

The exciting finish even had some of his opponents watch-

"I've never seen any games like this." Eastern Conference goaltender Nikolai Khabibulin said. "The last five minutes and "I don't like it one bit, but it overtime were unbelievable, with guys taking chances, goalies making great saves and then the shootout. I think fans definitely got their

Bernard Allen had 16

Michigan St. 68, No. 13

At East Lansing, Mich.,

Paul Davis and Alan

Anderson each scored 15

points for the Spartans (12-8,

4-4 Big Ten), who closed the

in a foul-plagued 22 minutes

for the Fighting Illini (15-4,

Brian Cook had 13 points

No. 17 Wake Forest 79,

At Chapel Hill, N.C., Josh

Howard had a career-high 32

points, including the go-

ahead three-point play with

21 seconds left, to lead the

Demon Deaccas (15-2, 5-2

points for the Tar Heels (11-

9, 2-5), who lost their sea-

Craven scored 18 points and

Greg Guenther added a

career-high 16 as the Trojans

(8-9, 4-5 Pac-10) ended the

Ducks' five-game winning

lost three straight and five of

Southern California had

son-high fourth straight.

At Los Angeles.

No. 22 Oregon 76

Jawad Williams had 22

Southern California 91,

'Atlantic Coast Conference).

game with a 9-3 run.

North Carolina 75

points for the Greyhounds

Florida State led by 11 its eighth straight victory

over Loyola.

(4-15).

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How This Week's Top 25 Fared By The Associated Press

Arizona (16-2) lost to Stanford 82-77; beat No. 20 California 95-80. Pittsburgh (15-2) lost to No. 24 Syracuse 67-65. Texas (14-3) lost to No. 12 Kansas 90-87; beat No. 9 Oklahoma State 78

4. Florida (18-2) beat LSU 70-53; beat Arkansas 77-66. 5. Duke (14-3) beat Butler 80-60; lost to Florida State 75-70

 Oklahoma (15-3) beat Texas A&M 75-68; beat Kansas State 91-89, OT. 7. Kentucky (16-3) beat South Carolina 87-69

8. Louisville (16-1) beat Southern Mississippi 94-65; beat No. 19 Indiana 95 9. Oklahoma State (17-2) beat Iowa State 68-55; lost to No. 3 Texas 78-65. 10. Maryland (14-4) beat North Carolina State 75-60; beat Loyola, Md. 85-58

12. Kansas (15-5) beat No. 3 Texas 90-87; beat Nebraska 81-51 13. Illinois (15-4) beat Michigan 67-60; lost to Michigan State 68-65.

11. Notre Dame (18-3) beat West Virginia 88-69; beat Georgetown 93-92,

14. Connecticut (13-4) beat St. John's 74-68; lost to Boston College 95-71. 15. Georgia (13-5) lost to Vanderbilt 94-91; beat No. 21 Mississippi State 67

16. Creighton (19-2) beat Indiana State 74-46; beat Drake 88-68. 17. Wake Forest (15-2) beat Clemson 81-60; beat North Carolina 79-75. 18. Marquette (15-3) beat East Carolina 80-48; beat Cincinnati 82-76.

19. Indiana (14-6) lost to Michigan State 61-54; lost to No. 8 Louisville 95-

20. California (14-4) lost to Arizona State 75-70; lost to No. 1 Arizona 95-80. 21. Mississippi State (13-5) beat Mississippi 58-57; lost to No. 15 Georgia 67-

22. Oregon (15-5) beat UCLA 96-91, OT; lost to Southern California 91-76. 23. Alabama (13-5) beat LSU 75-66

10 assists for Maryland (14-Luke Ridnour had 21 4), which stretched its home, points for Oregon (15-5, 5-24. Syracuse (14-3) lost to Rutgers 68-65; beat No. 2 Pittsburgh 67-65. winning streak to eight with



Lefors' Savanah Smith and Jennifer Sprouse (22) have their hands up in calling for the ball in a recent game against Miami. The Warriorettes were victorious in the District 2-1A game.

Weir waggling again, wins Hope Classic LA QUINTA, Calif. (AP) Mike Weir cut out the

waggling and started strug-

gling. Now he's waggling and

winning. Weir birdied the final three holes Sunday and won the Bob Hope Classic when Jay Haas hit into the water on the last hole after Tim Herron had dropped back by taking a

quadruple bogey on No. 16. Weir shot a closing 5under 67 to finish the five-day event at 30-under 330.

Haas, the 1988 tournament champion who also led during the final round last year, had a 69, including a bogey on No. 18, to finish two shots behind. Herron shot a 75 to drop into a third-place tie at 26 under with Chris DiMarco, who had a 70.

After an impressive 2001 season, Weir struggled last year and his best finish was a tie for 11th in the Honda Classic. He's off to a good start this year, with the Hope victory coming a week after he finished tied for ninth at Phoenix.

"Last year, I was just kind of trying to find a path to get better, and I went down the wrong road," Weir said. "I things in my swing that were not panning out.

"At the beginning of the year, I was not waggling the club like I usually do. I went back to that near the end of the year and, even though I didn't have any great finishes, I started playing much more solidly at the end of the year.

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The Hope was the fourth tour victory for Weir, a 32year-old Canadian slipped to 78th on the money list last year with \$843,891. A year earlier, he was 11th with \$2.78 million, won the Tour Championship and had six top-10 finishes.

He was steady down the stretch in the Hope while first Herron, then Haas ran into

On the final hole, Weir opted to lay up. Haas, going for the green, hit his approach

"My only option, really,

was to lay up. If I hit 10 balls

shot short and into the water. Weir insisted both he and was working on a bunch of " Haas made the right decisions...

from there, I might be able to get one on the green," he said. "But I felt I could lay it up to 80 or 90 yards, my wedge shot is right into the wind, and I had the bank I could play into." He hit his wedge within 8

feet, and, needing two putts for the win, made the birdie on the 543-yard par-5. "That was a no-decision

for Jay there, too. It's a definite go from where he was. I would have done the same thing," Weir said. Haas hit a good drive on No.

18, maybe too good, he said.

"I almost got too close," he said after his tee shot left him 195 yards to the green. "I'd almost rather go in there with a 5-wood or something where I could stick it up in the air. I was between a 4- and 5iron, and I took the 4. I just mis-hit it a little bit. I was a little surprised it didn't carry.

"I'll look back, I guess, on the redeye tonight and think about what could have been."

The 49-year-old Haas led with eight holes to go last year, but struggled down the stretch and finished with a 74 that left him tied for 16th.

Playing conditions were ideal and scores low for the first four days of the 90-hole tournament this year, but swirling wind on the final day made club selection difficult and sent scores higher.

David Gossett matched par to finish fifth at 24 under, and defending champion Phil Mickelson, who came on strong after an opening 70, had a 67 to finish in a tie with Pat Perez for sixth at 23 under. Perez shot a 71.

Herron's troubles on the 364-yard, par-4 16th ran the gamut of hazards - sand, rocks and water — as he took eight shots.

He hit his tee shot into a bunker, wedged his next shot off the fairway and under a-large rock, took a penalty, then hit over the green and into the water. After another penalty, he pitched within 15 feet of the hole, but his putt from there curled just over the rim of the cup, and he finally putted out.

"In hindsight, I think I could have beat 8," Herron said, his sense of humor intact.

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unusual creativity, but each step comes force to be dealt with. slowly. Know that when you take each CANCER (June 21-July 22) step, you need to be well-grounded and *** * Someone has his or her eye her displeasure on you, not realizing sure of yourself. As a result of the slow on you. You might not be exactly sure what is going on. Your ability to treat a pace, you will have everything together. which way to go in a personal matter that loved one well could help ease him or her Deal with others in a more dynamic way, might be very important. Explore your off a problem. Tonight: Say "yes" to a Be open to uncomfortable changes. If options. Open up discussions. Don't family member. you are single, you open many doors, even think that you have to come up with CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) especially when you're off doing things the solutions and/or ideas. Tonight: Hop *** Reach out to a loved one. for yourself. Explore your options. Be on the computer.

3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult ARIES (March 21-April 19)

promotion. Keep discussions open, even one. if you feel like closing down. Tonight: LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Talk out a problem.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) **** Aim for what you want resolved Go out of your way to talk to son. Tonight: Whatever makes the Fish Understanding others helps you move family members. Together you will build smile. forward on a major project but also on strong feelings. Decide on a purchase allows you more opportunity for self- that could or will change the quality of expression. Right now, work from the your life. Tonight: Put in overtime if you premise that others mean well, even if must. their actions don't support it. Get to the SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) bottom of a problem. Tonight: With the **** How you communicate what

crowds. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

** How you see someone could be loved one who expresses hesitation. http://www.jacquelinebigar.com. J considerably different if you just relax Understand the basis he or she is coming and kick back. An associate goes out of from. Evaluate the situation with open-

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Feb. his or her way to make your life more ness and caring. Tonight: Continue with pleasing or rewarding. You might not what is going on. Events might not be happening fast always be sure of this person. Soon, you SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

open to off-beat people. If you are LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) attached, you will want to set certain *** Making that extra effort will it weighs you down. You will find the goals for you two as a couple. By work- make a difference. Allow more sunshine right words to clear the air. Verbalize ing to achieve them, you will bond even in your professional and day-to-day what is on your mind in a way that makes more closely. PISCES helps you make lives. Help those around you feel more a difference. Tonight: Where your valued. Just by asking for advice or for friends are.

Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; counts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) * * Understand that others mean Pressure builds in a new way, if you're change for you quickly. Resist knee-jerk well. In fact, if you create a clearing, you not careful. Discussions illuminate reactions. Tonight: Treat a loved one. find that others will express their intensomeone's position in your life. Your PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

* * Pace yourself with a co-worker. You might like to see a personal matter ally grim or difficult. Work with this per-

you need can make or break what is

enough for you this year. You have will be bet it all hang out. Tonight: A ** Build on basics, with the knowledge that this, too, can change. Float with situations. Someone might project his or

Express more of what you feel. Review a

matter that is close to your heart, even if

help, you can give another person a sense AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll of importance. Tonight: Togetherness **** You might answer to someone in a way that could be most confusing to him or her. Keep clarifying and * * * * * Your efforts do make a dif- making sure you have reached a place of ference, as others will let you know mutual understanding. Much could

tions a lot easier. A boss could give you ingenuity helps you get past a problem. ★★★ Your ability to understand what a sign of approval, be it a pay raise or Tonight: Reach out to a child or loved might be happening with a personal matter could be exciting. Talk about these changes, realizing more of what you want. A family member might be unusu-

> Betty Friedan (1921), boxer Oscar De La Hoya (1973)

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going on. Listen carefully to a child or Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at © 2003 by King Features Syndicate Inc.



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WEEK OF FEBRUARY 3-7

Pampa Schools MONDAY Breakfast: Mini

cakes. Lunch: Pizza dippers or

chicken nuggets, green beans, pears.

TUESDAY Biscuits, Breakfast:

Lunch: Submarine sandwiches or burritos, French fries, lettuce/tomatoes,

peaches. WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast.

Lunch: Mini corndogs or cheese nachos, baked beans, salad, fresh fruit.

THURSDAY Breakfast: French toast

sticks. Lunch: Macaroni/cheese or

hot dogs, English peas, salad,

cookies. FRIDAY

Breakfast: Cereal, toast, sausage.

Lunch: Soft tacos or pizza, refried beans, Spanish rice, pineapple.

Lefors Schools MONDAY No school.

TUESDAY Breakfast:

Cinnamon rolls, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch: Chicken strips or steak fingers, potatoes, corn, gravy, rolls, salad bar, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Sausage, biscuits, gravy, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch: SOS or chicken nuggets, blackeyed peas, salad bar, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY Breakfast: Pancake-on-a-

stick, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch: Baked potatoes/all the fixens, salad bar, fruit,

milk.

FRIDAY

Breakfast: Hot or cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Bologna/cheese sandwiches, soup, chips,

Carries a loaded M16.

salad, fruit, milk.

Senior Citizens MONDAY

Chicken fried steak or chicken enchiladas, mashed potatoes, fiesta blend, beets, pinto beans, German chocolate cake or butterscotch pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad applesauce cake or banana pudding, hot rolls or cornbread.

TUESDAY

Salmon patties or Swiss steak, scalloped potatoes, chuckwagon spinach, corn, beans, lemon pudding bundt cake or chocolate pie, chocolate pistachio cake or lemon pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

WEDNESDAY

Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, baked cabbage, fried squash, butter beans, peanut butter cake or coconut cream pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

THURSDAY

Chicken strips liver/onions, cheese potatoes, California blend, blackeyed peas, black forest cake or cherry cream pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

FRIDAY Catfish/hushpuppies or beef stew, potato wedges, broccoli spears/cheese or beans, ugly duckling cake or tapioca pudding cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic toast, hot rolls or cornbread.

Meals On Wheels -MONDAY

Salmon Harvard macaroni/cheese, beets, pears.

TUESDAY Mexican casserole, Spanish rice, pinto beans, plum cobbler. WEDNESDAY Stew, cornbread, pineapple.

THURSDAY Chicken patties, peas/carrots, squash casserole, pud-

FRIDAY

Beef tips/rice, cream corn, baked apples, peaches.

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Bush proposes \$2.23 trillion budget

WASHINGTON (AP) - interest rates, retard economic a \$2.23 trillion spending plan Monday that would accelerate tax cuts to bolster the weak the government's biggest social programs and shower billions of additional dollars on defense and homeland security.

Even though hundreds of other government programs would be squeezed, the president projects the deficit will still hit record highs of \$304 billion this year and \$307 billion in 2004. Over the next five years, deficits would total \$1.08 trillion.

Bush's budget plan for fiscal 2004 that begins Oct. 1 will set off months of heated debate in Congress. Democrats attacked the tax cuts as a boon for the wealthy that will do little to help the economy but will rob Social Security of the money needed for baby boomers' retirements.

"Instead of offering the nation a plan for long-term economic prosperity, the Bush budget burdens us, and our children, with trillions of dollars of new debt," said Sen. Kent Conrad D-N.D.

President Bush sent Congress growth and create massive problems for the soon-to-be retiring baby boom generation," said Conrad, the Senate economy, overhaul some of Budget Committee's top Democrat.

> The president blamed the deficits "on a recession and a war we did not choose." He said his budget would impose "spending discipline" through such efforts as reshaping the government's big health care programs, Medicare and Medicaid, along more conservative lines.

"The budget for 2004 meets the challenges posed by three national priorities - winning the war against terrorism, securing the homeland and generating long-term economic growth," Bush said in his budget message to Congress.

Bush sent Congress a 5inch stack of books, weighing 13 1/2 pounds, spelling out his proposal. The five separate documents, featuring a bright blue line drawing of the White House, included one extra book this year analyzing the efficiency of hundreds of federal programs, part of a Bush management initiative.

The budget was released "His plan will push up two days after the Columbia cent. That does not include

NASA section, prepared before the accident, the administration proposed a substantial increase in spending on the shuttle in 2004. The spending had dropped 1.9 percent this

space shuttle disaster. In the

In its management assessment of NASA, the administration said of the shuttle program: "Shuttle operations are well managed but investments to improve the shuttle suffer from inadequate planning and poor cost management."

Bush's \$670 billion economic stimulus tax cuts include eliminating the double taxation of stock dividends, plus making permanent his 2001 tax cuts that are now set to expire after 2010. Taken together, all the new tax cuts Bush is proposing would add up to \$1.3 trillion over the next decade, on top of the \$1.35 trillion tax reduction passed in

fight the new tax reductions, saying the country can't afford them when the nation is preparing for possible war with Iraq.

The defense budget would increase by a sizable 4.2 permoney for a war with Iraq. The proposed increase, combined with an even-bigger 11 percent -boost in the current year, is the biggest defense buildup since President Reagan's in the

The \$15.3 billion boost in defense spending represents half of the \$30 billion the president's budget is seeking in new money for the operation of all federal agencies. These increases do not include automatic spending for the government's huge benefit programs such as Social Security and Medicare, which account for two-thirds of the entire federal

The \$2.23 trillion total spending for next year reflects a 4.2 percent increase. The budget proposal projects that revenues will rise by 4.7 percent to \$1.92 trillion. That would leave a deficit of \$304 billion for 2004.

The president also sets Democrats have vowed to aside a large increase for the government's newest agency, the Department of Homeland Defense, created just 10 days ago, which would see its spending rise to \$23.9 billion in 2004, an increase of 8 percent over the amount expected to be spent this year.

Doctors in New Jersey rally, march for malpractice reforms

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — New Jersey doctors canceled rallies and agreed to pare down protests over malpractice insurance costs in deference to the space shuttle disaster.

They stressed that Monday's work slowdown wouldn't cease completely. "Despite this

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tragedy, the need for patient three hospitals. care remains the top priority of physicians throughout the state," said Dr. Robert S. Rigolosi, president of the Medical Society of New Jersey. "So, we will continue onward with the job action."

Physicians planned to withhold nonemergency services, but it was not clear how many of New Jersey's 22,000 doctors would take

Some hospitals reported business as usual in their emergency rooms. Officials of St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick and the four Virtua West Jersey hospitals Philadelphia said patients coming to their emergency rooms were there because of medical emergencies.

latest in a line of medical professionals around the nation to launch such protests in recent months. In Biloxi. Miss., five of about a dozen surgeons who started a walkout last week decided to New Jersey doctors sched-

uled rallies and other events to press their point, followed by a Statehouse rally Tuesday lobbying efforts and Wednesday. Consumer groups planned a Statehouse news conference Monday to argue against doctors' demand for limits on malpractice awards.

A major rally outside Jersey Shore Medical Center in Neptune was expected to draw at least 1,000 doctors, other medical workers and patients.

A rally planned for outside Christ Hospital in Jersey City, along with a march to the Hudson County Courthouse, were canceled because of Saturday's shuttle disaster.

Doctors say premiums ris-New Jersey doctors are the ing above \$200,000 for some specialists threaten access to patient care by forcing many doctors to retire early, move to states where premiums are lower or give up procedures that draw the most lawsuits, such as delivering babies and

return to work Monday at risky surgeries. **Golden Nail Awards Committee** seeking nominations for 2003

AMARILLO — Golden individual for lifelong support Nail Awards Gala planners are currently seeking nominations from a 12-city area of those who have provided extraordinary support for the fine arts in the Texas Panhandle during 2002. The gala will be held Saturday, April 12, at Amarillo Civic Center.

The gala will be staged in conjunction with Amarillo Symphony's "MOHT'zart" concert, which will feature the music of Aaron Copland and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Performing at the concert will be Christine Brandes and Sarah Booth, both sopranos, Bolin, tenor, Tim Kennedy, bass-baritone, and Amarillo Civic Chorus.

Recipients of the Golden Nail Awards can be individuals, businesses and foundations. Winners from Pampa in 2002 were Thelma Bray and Curt Beck.

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Categories include: Summit, Individual, Business, Foundation and Distinguished Volunteer. Each year, the Summit Award goes to an

of the arts. Special awards are presented when warranted including the Golden Touch Awards which are presented for innovative ideas in the arts events and area activities. Established in 1982, the

purpose of the awards is to honor those whose financial, in-kind and volunteer contributions to the fine arts in Amarillo and the Panhandle area are of such magnitude the impact on the arts is significant.

Nominations are invited form individuals as well as organizations. Nomination forms are available at Chamber Amarillo Commerce office, 1000 S. Polk, or may be obtained by contacting Darlene Birkes, Golden Nail Committee local representative, at 665-2913. The deadline for nominations is March

The Golden Nail Awards is being sponsored by Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Arts Committee.

Tennessee ARC blood put on hold

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - The Red Cross quarantined 70 percent of its blood supply in the Nashville region after a mysterious contaminant was found, agency officials said.

The tainted blood was discovered by the Tennessee Valley region of the Red Cross following reports of white particles in donated blood.

There have been no reports of harmful effects on patients.

The Food and Drug Administration and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention were testing the particles, which were not considered dangerous or infectious.

The quarantine has left the region dangerously low on red blood cells and plasma, the Red Cross said.

Some Southern hospitals canceled surgeries, and the Red Cross shipped blood from other regions to increase the supply.

Blood in bags manufactured by Baxter International Inc. had been found to be contaminated. A spokeswoman for Baxter said the particles were not related to the manufacturing of the bags. Baxter's test results could be ready Monday.

The Tennessee Valley Blood Services Region serves 84 counties in Tennessee and counties in southern Illinois, southwest Kentucky and eastem Missouri.

The 70 hospitals in Tennessee that receive TVR blood have been notified. All have expressed "general concern" about going ahead with scheduled surgeries, Red Cross spokeswoman Patricia M. Smith said.

Anne Neff, director of transfusion services Vanderbilt University" Medical Center, said the hospital's supply was not affected Sunday, but worried about problems later in the week.

"Our major concern is that the Red Cross is down 50 percent to 70 percent," she said. "If they don't have anything to supply us with tomorrow or the next day, we could be " bad shape."

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