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Prairie Rivers musical free to public, Feb. 15

CANADIAN — Monthly production of Prairie Rivers Musical will be staged at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 15, in Canadian Middle School Auditorium in Canadian.

Admission is free and concessions will be available during the show. For more information, contact Director Jay Godwin at (806) 323-6213.

STATE

Police nab sleepy burglar after break-in

FORT WORTH (AP) — A burglar was arrested Saturday morning when he was found taking a nap after breaking into a Mineral Wells store owned by the wife of the county district attorney, police said.

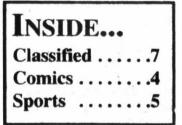
"I think he was a pretty dumb burglar," employee Janie Sidener said. "Of all the places in town he has to break in to, he picks the DA's wife's shop.

Sidener found the burglar when she arrived at 9 a.m. to find the store, A Little Bit Country, in disarray.

She said she heard a man snoring in a big bed that is part of a bedroom suite for sale.

DEATHS

Robert Paul 'Bob' Certain, 74, Miami native. Ralph Palmer, 87, retired Celanese employee.



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Taylor Ranney, 7, adds more snow to a snowman, one of twin snowmen she is building with Kelli Ranney in their front yard on Harvester Street Sunday.

BY DAVID BOWSER STAFF WRITER

Pampa's weatherman said today that he was as surprised as everybody else by the eight inches of snow that residents woke up to Sunday morning.

"Nobody was predicting that Friday," said Darrell Sehorn of KGRO-KOMX radio in Pampa.

He said most forecasts called for a dusting to two inches of snow, which is what most of the Texas Panhandle received, but Pampa, and to a lesser extent White Deer, received much more. Sehorn termed the heavy snow a freak

"I'm calling it a snow burst," he said.

Pampa received an official 7.6 inches early Sunday morning. White Deer reported five inches. Miami reported an snow in a hurry," Sehorn said.

Pampa bountiful snowfall, The heaviest snow, Sehorn Sehorn said, was an instability in the atmosphere that in the a.m. Sunday. summer would lead to a thunderstorm.

this time, he said, there was no Sunday. thunder or lightning.



Dan Bachler of America on Lawns, clears the Bank of America drive-thru with a snowblower Sunday morning.

The snow started falling The phenomena that led to shortly after midnight Saturday. said, was between 3 a.m. and 6

"There were big wet flakes," he said. "We got seven or eight days ought to be sunny and rel-In the winter, it often results inches in seven or eight hours." atively warm, but another cold in heavy snowfall accompanied Even more unusual, Sehorn front is expected later in the by thunder and lightning, but said, was the melting effect week

"It just dumped a lot of I've been here, that much snow some more rain or snow."

melting that quickly," Sehorn

By this morning, there were only a few patches of snow left. "We got a lot of good moisture," he said.

Sehorn said the next few

"By Thursday or Friday," "I can't ever recall, since Sehorn said, "we could see

ne indicted in White Deer probe

By NANCY YOUNG

Managing Editor

PANHANDLE — A Carson County grand jury returned two indictments Friday on a 20-year-old White Deer involved.

was indicted by the 100th Judicial District Grand Jury for sexual assault and aggravated sexual assault in connection with a Carson County Sheriff's Department investigation which began in early December.

Carson County Sheriff Gary

girls under the age of 14. He said five ties as required by law. females, 14 years and younger, were

Shelton Watson, 20, White Deer, department is not currently pursuing incidents were alleged to have hap-sual sex because there was no force. indictments in the future as deter- months. mined by the District Attorney's 100th District Grand Jury session were involved. no-billed, according to officials.

gation involved seven males who are sheriff's office. He said one of the n't. It was a happenstance type of in court in Panhandle.

17 years of age to early 20s. The men girls told the counselor about the thing. Technically, by law, it is against were investigated following accusa- alleged incidents, and the counselor in the law because of the age of the victions of having sexual relations with turn notified law enforcement authoritims," the sheriff said.

The sheriff said the vast majority of was no force involved. alleged encounters reportedly an investigation there may be further pened over a time frame of a year to 18

Robertson told The Pampa News in

"We thought maybe it was a prosti-Robertson said the investigation tution right at first, but upon investi- Stuart Messer was unavailable for Robertson said in January the investibegan after a counselor notified the gation the deputies determined it was-comment Monday morning as he was

He said upon investigation there

"Maybe coercion, but not force," He said that while the sheriff's occurred in White Deer. He said the said Robertson. He said it was consen-"That's why they have the law," he

Watson is out on a \$15,000 bond set Office. No cases presented to Friday's January that there was no ring or gang by Justice of the Peace Phyllis Tyler in mid-January.

100th Judicial District Attorney

Powell criticizes NATO allies for declining to help Turkey

BY WILL LESTER ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Saddam Hussein is prepositioning military

cited intelligence information but did not elab- ber.' orate. He said Bush would present the allegations in a speech later Monday to a convention of religious broadcasters.

"This is a brutal dictator with a long history ber is threatened. of using civilians to further his own purposes,"

One, McClellan voiced disappointment at a that in the alliance's 53-history. move within NATO to block the alliance from helping Turkey to defend itself in the event of over Iraq. Germany and France have mounted war with neighboring Iraq.

United States and Britain might propose an force to disarm President Saddam Hussein. ultimatum that would give Saddam 48 hours to leave Iraq, McClellan said "There are a lot of Howard later Monday, has said the United diplomatic efforts going on right now."

Reacting earlier to a move by France, Germany and Belgium to blocked NATO the

commencement of planning for possible Iraqi attacks against Turkey, Secretary of State Colin Powell said NATO has a legal obligation to WASHINGTON (AP) — Iraqi leader assist Turkey when it asks for help.

The alliance should make sure that Turkey troops in civilian areas to use them as shields in "is not put at any risk," Powell said Monday. In the event of war, a White House official said brief remarks to reporters after a meeting with Prime Minister John Howard of Australia, he Spokesman Scott McClellan, accompanying said: "I hope that NATO will now realize that President Bush on a trip to Nashville, Tenn., they have an obligation to assist a NATO mem-

> Powell cited Article 4 of NATO's mutual defense treaty, which provides for all members of the military alliance to consult when a mem-

Turkey has requested emergency consultations under the treaty, the first time a North Speaking with reporters aboard Air Force Atlantic Treaty Organization nation has done

The dispute deepens divisions in NATO a campaign in the U.N. Security Council to Asked about published reports that the deter the United States and Britain from using

President Bush, who was to see close ally States would act without council approval to

(See NATO, Page3)

Laws, bids top city's agenda

Ordinances and bids top the Pampa City Commission meeting at 6 p.m., Tuesday, at City Hall.

The first reading of ordinances dealing with internal shifting of city funds and penalties for late payment, reconnections and returned checks are on Tuesday's agenda along with a seal coating bid and a bid on tax delinquent property.

In other business, the city commission will consider proposed antenna policy, and lease rates; consider the PEDC sale of a second crane in the U.S. Bus building, 822 E. Foster; consider reappointing six people to the Construction Board of Appeals, and consider canceling the regularly scheduled city commission meeting on Tuesday. Feb. 25, and holding a special meeting on Thursday, Feb. 27, instead. Mayor Lonnie Robbins and City Manager Mitch Grant will be in Austin to meet with legislators at the State Capitol Building on Feb. 25.

The city commission is also expected to set May 3, as election day for the mayor's race, city commission Ward 1 and city commission Ward 3, and approve interlocal agreements for animal control services with White Deer, Skellytown, Lefors, Miami and Groom.

During their 5 p.m. work session prior to the regular session, the commissioners are expected to discuss scheduling a goal-setting session, landfill fees and vacancies on advisory boards and commissions.

MONROE, La. — Robert Paul "Bob" Certain, 74, formerly of Amarillo, died Friday, Feb. 7, 2003, at Monroe. Services were Sunday in Kilpatrick Funeral Chapel at West Monroe, La., with Dr. David Uth officiating. Graveside services are scheduled Tuesday at 2 p.m., in Miami Cemetery at Miami with the Rev. Lance Wood, pastor of First Baptist Church of Miami, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Certain was born April 26, 1928, at Miami and graduated from Amarillo High School in 1946. He worked for Allis-Chalmers Machinery in Amarillo, Texas, Memphis, Tenn., and West Monroe for more

than 30 years. He was a Baptist and a charter member of Ouachita River Boating Association.

Survivors include his wife, Mollie Certain of Monroe; a daughter, Dana Barnes of West Monroe; a son, Scott Certain of West Monroe; a stepdaughter, Kelly Boyd of West Monroe; a stepson, Lance Turner of Memphis, Tenn.; a sister, Joyce Wilemon of Downey, Calif.; and four grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to American Cancer Society or to Louisiana

The body will not be available for viewing.

RALPH PALMER 1915-2003

Ralph Palmer, 87, of Pampa, died Friday, Feb. 7, 2003, at Tulsa, Okla. Services will be at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2003, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. Guadalupe Mayorga, associate pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

The son of a Panhandle farmer, Mr. Palmer was born on April 6, 1915, in Lelia Lake, Texas, the youngest of John and Sarah Hardy Palmer's eight children. He attended school in Alanreed and later graduated from West Texas State College in Canyon with a degree in busi-

In 1941, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, completed flight training in Dallas, and was commissioned a lieutenant jg. While stationed at Quonset Point, R.I., he met and courted Bertha Griffin of Pawtucket, R.I. The couple married on May 21, 1944, in Virginia Beach, Va., a few months before Mr. Palmer shipped out to the Pacific theatre aboard the USS Ticonderoga.

In early 1945 on a mission over the island of Formosa, Taiwan, Palmer's plane failed to regain altitude and was forced to land. He and his co-pilot were captured and held in a Japanese prison camp through the remaining months of the war. His first child, Ralph Jr.,

Baptist Children's Home.

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was born during his imprisonment. Mr. Palmer received the American Defense Service Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign Medal, the Victory Medal, World War II, and the American POW Medal, among

service in 1947 and settled with his family in

Mr. Palmer worked for more than 30 years at the Celanese Chemical Company before his retirement in 1985.

other decorations. He completed military

He was preceded in death by his wife Bertha in 1988 at the age of 73, and a daughter Nancy Ann in 1983 at the age of 27.

Survivors include four sons, Ralph Palmer Jr., and wife Gunda of Tulsa, Okla., John Palmer and wife Jan of Woodbridge, Va., Timothy Palmer of New York City, N.Y., and Ronald Palmer of Washington, D.C.; two daughters, Suzanne Sennetti and husband John of Miami, Fla., and Frances Viani and husband, Gregory of Plano; three grandsons, Brad Palmer and wife Penny of Tulsa, Okla., Ian Palmer and wife Lorna of Norman, Okla., and Blaine Palmer of Clermont-Ferrand, France; one granddaughter, Sarah Palmer of Woodbridge, Va.; and a great-grandson, Omri Palmer of Norman, Okla.

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SERVICES TOMORROW

CERTAIN, Robert Paul "Bob" — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Miami Cemetery, Miami.

Three more pieces of shuttle debris located

returned to piney woods of East Texas on National Guard troops were transferred from Monday morning, hoping to recover more Nacogdoches County to boost the Sabine debris from the shuttle Columbia.

They'll have to do it with about 1,000 fewer volunteers as many of them returned to work, Mark Ruggiero said the search was still "slowdropping the number of expected volunteers to going." about 700 in Sabine County, said Red Anderson, a U.S Forest Service spokesman.

Searchers also were hopeful they can finally dive into the Toledo Bend Reservoir, at the Texas-Louisiana border. They tried several times last week to dive, but weather prevented

Searchers found several new debris fields J Sunday and recovered several individual items, said the door measured was about 3 feet square but Anderson provided no details.

"In spite bad weather yesterday, our searchges were still effective," Anderson said. "It'll be easier today than it was yesterday.'

While still damp, the weather was improv- heavy.'

deliver supplies to remote areas or to ferry woods in the eastern portion of the country. searchers, Anderson said.

NASA has calculated that most of the human remains should be found.

Shuttle crew secretary remembers lost seven

AMARILLO (AP) Although never trained for the weightlessness of space, Rosalind Hobgood floats untethered in the void left by seven astronauts who didn't return to Earth.

"I know they're in heaven, just a little bit higher," said Hobgood, the flight crew's secretary.

Hobgood recalled watching the sky over last week's memorial service at the Johnson Space Center, when a jet flying the missing man flyover broke from formation.

"He just kept going and going and going," Hobgood said. "And I thought about the launch and how you watch them until you can't see them anymore, and you're still looking - and it's just incredible. That's kind of how I feel about them. They took off and just never came back.

Over the weekend, an additional 150 County effort, bringing the total of 250 troops.

Despite the help, incident co-commander

"The volunteers are a great help but a lot of folk coming from the city, they're not used to walking in the woods," Ruggiero said.

In Nacogdoches County on Sunday, three large pieces of the space shuttle Columbia including one that appears to be a hatch door were located by search crews.

Nacogdoches County Sheriff Thomas Kerss and had a hydraulic opening and closing mech-

He did not know where on the shuttle the hatch may have been, but said it was "fairly

The hatch and two other large pieces were Blackhawk helicopters may be used to found in the main debris path, in the piney

Kerss did not have any details on the other Searchers are concentrating on Sabine two large pieces. He said they were located in a County, southeast of Nacogdoches, where remote area in Nacogdoches County and recovery teams probably could not get to them until Monday.

City Briefs

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ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents this morning:

Friday, Feb. 7

A Liberal, Kan., man reported theft of

A report of phone harrassment was made in the 2200 block of Dogwood.

A radio, VCR and television set were reported stolen from a home in the 400 block of Magnolia.

A radio, television set, VCR, jewelry and perfume were reported stolen from a home in the 1100 block of South Nelson.

Saturday, Feb. 8

The drive-in window was reported broken out at Pizza Hut.

Allsup's, 1025 W. Willks, reported two gas drive-offs.

Sunday, Feb. 9

ACCIDENTS

reported the following accidents:

in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

The Pampa Police Department today

Wednesday, Feb. 5

Ace Acevedo, 19, 419 Wynne, was in colli-

sion with a 2001 Ford pickup, driven by

Griselda Regalado Ponce, 21, 712 E. Malone,

Friday, Feb. 7

Nancy Carillo Saldierna, 30, 738 S. Reid,

was in collision with a parked 1985 Buick

Saturday, Feb. 8

Joe Thomas DeVoss, 42, Lubbock, was in

collision with a 2000 Ford van, driven by

Robin Sue Scott, 34, 105 N. Wynne, in the

1200 block of North Hobart. DeVoss was

SHERIFF

Saturday, Feb. 8

arrested by Pampa police officers on charges

Sunday, Feb. 9

arrested by Pampa police officers on charges

of criminal mischief and criminal trespass.

charges of driving while intoxicated.

charges of theft.

Adam Scoggins, 23, 1222 Sumner, was

Michael Keith Norton, 37, 1134 S. Finley,

was arrested by Pampa police officers on

Monday, Feb. 10

was arrested by Pampa police officers on

Eva Christian Moman, 39, 623 N. Russell,

Abel Rios, 31, 1329 N. Starkweather, was

The Gray County Sheriff's office today

cited for failure to control speed.

reported the following arrests.

of driving while intoxicated.

A 1998 Kenworth tractor-trailer, driven by

sedan in the 600 block of North West.

A 1997 Chevrolet pickup, driven by

A 1990 Toyota pickup, driven by Aalon

Two tires were reported slashed in the

1100 block of North Starkweather.

Two tires were reported slashed in the 2200 block of Dogwood.

A runaway was reported in the 1200 block

An attempted break-in was reported in the 700 block of East Mora.

A pay phone was reported stolen from a laundry room at an apartment complex in the 1000 block of North Sumner.

DVDs, CDs and a bucket of change were reported stolen from a home in the 3000 block of Rosewood.

A runaway was reported in the 700 block of North Nelson.

A domestic quarrel was reported in the

1900 block of North Coffee.

A purse snatching was reported by a woman in the 300 block of Henry.

Six persons were booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of Feb. 3-Feb. 9, 2003. Currently, there are 15 persons in the jail and an additional 15 prisoners are being held in other jurisdictions.

CARSON CO. SHERIFF

Feb. 3-Feb. 9

Arrests made this week were:

Michael Smith, 18, Panhandle, fail to appear on original charge of possession of drug paraphernalia;

Gerald Cochran, 29, Pampa, motion to enforce child support;

Eric Corley, 20, White Deer, attempted capital murder; Bobby Sergent, 46, Amarillo, driving

while intoxicated, third offense; Erin Earles, 22, Skellytown, possession of

a controlled substance; Nathan Sherman, 26, Panhandle, public

intoxication and possession of a controlled substance.

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Coca Cola 39.51	-0.02	West Texas Crude	35.12	

FIRE

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

Saturday, Feb. 8

11:49 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1100 block of East Harvester.

Sunday, Feb. 9

4:04 p.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to a controlled burn in the Cole Addition.

6:27 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1000 block of Mary Ellen.

AMBULANCE

during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 9

Rural/Metro reported the following calls was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

7:10 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to 1:20 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Mary Ellen; one patient the 600 block of Plains Street; one patient was transported to PRMC.

WEATHER FOCUS

Today, mostly sunny. Becoming breezy. Highs in the mid 50s. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph increasing to 15 to 25 mph in the afternoon. Caution advised on area lakes this afternoon. Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in the upper 20s. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph shifting to the northwest. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. Light winds shifting to the south 5 to 15 mph. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Light winds. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s. East winds 5 to 15 mph. Wednesday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. Thursday, mostly cloudy. Chance of showers

and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 50s Chance of precipitation 30 percent. Thursday night, mostly cloudy. Slight chance of rain. Lows in the lower 40s. Chance of rain 20 percent. Friday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s. Friday night, mostly cloudy. Slight chance of rain and snow. Lows in the mid 30s. Chance of rain and snow 20 percent. Saturday, mostly cloudy. Cooler. Slight chance of rain and snow. Highs in the mid 40s. Chance of rain and snow 20 percent. Saturday night, mostly cloudy. Slight chance of snow. Lows in the upper 20s. Chance of snow 20 percent. Sunday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s.

STATEWIDE

Fog shrouded parts of North and East Texas early Monday in the wake of a cold front that brought snow and rain to wide sections of the state over the weekend.

Low clouds covered most areas east of Interstate 35. Fog formed under the clouds and lowered visibilities to less than one mile in the Paris, Tyler, Lufkin and Conroe areas overnight.

Isolated light showers moved eastward along the Red River Valley between Sherman and

20s and 30s

Early-morning temperatures ranged from the Extreme readings were 20 degrees at

Amarillo and Dalhart and 48 at Rockport. Other readings were 46 at Dryden, 34 at

Mineral Wells and Denton and 43 at Killeen and Temple. Winds were variable at 5 to 10 mph in West

Texas, with northerly conditions at 5 to 10 mph in the north. Southerly winds prevailed in Southeast Texas. Skies were clear west of a line from Houston

through Waco to Gainesville.

Highs through Tuesday should range from the lower 50s in the Panhandle to upper 60s in central sections and near 70 along the Rio Grande, with 40s in the far western mountains.

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School Months

Shuttle investigative board steps up mission

board investigating the Columbia shuttle disaster will speed up its efforts in the coming days as it embarks on a whirlwind fact-gatherwhat caused the spacecraft's destruction.

Board chairman Adm. Hal Gehman said the panel would meet with engineers at Johnson Space Center on Monday before fanning out to other NASA centers. He said the pace of the probe will triple after Monday because members will split into three teams, each taking on different aspects of the complex investigation.

The NASA-appointed board has less than two months to complete the investigation, but Gehman said that deadline may be extended because "the first imperative is to get it right."

Gehman said Sunday that investigators were looking into data from military radar of an object detected speeding away from Columbia on Day 2 of its mission. Gehman said the object — detected by Air Force Space Command radar — could have come from the spacecraft and could be ice, but emphasized that more study is needed.

"These reports are emerging right now," he said. "It's too early to say they mean any-

NASA began a detailed search for evidence slamming into the wing where other data sug-

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — The that ice may have formed on the shuttle's gest there was severe damage to the thermal lem that plagued a Discovery mission in 1984.

The vent, which is under the shuttle cabin in ing mission that may ultimately determine front of the left wing, is used to expel into space both urine and surplus water generated from the shuttle's fuel cell power system.

> Usually the water shoots into the cold vacuum of space as a spray of crystals, but on at least one shuttle mission, in 1984, the water formed a basketball-sized chunk of ice on the lip of the vent. At the time, NASA engineers been located in Texas and Louisiana, including were so concerned the ice could damage the a 2-foot piece of one wing, an attached chunk shuttle wing during re-entry that they ordered the astronauts to use the shuttle's robot arm to break off the ice ball:

That heavy robot arm, which wasn't necessary for Columbia's 16-day science mission, was left off so more experiments could be seen from the cabin by the seven astronauts. NASA spokesman Kyle Herring said it's possible ice could have formed and not been detected, even though heaters were installed on the waste water dump valve after the 1984

When Columbia fired its rockets to drop out of orbit, it could have sent any accumulated ice

waste water vent during its mission — a prob- protection tiles. The theory is unproven and is as possible. only one of a number of scenarios being probed by engineers.

NASA administrator Sean O'Keefe said Sunday that no theory has been excluded.

"Nothing is off the table," he said on CNN. "We're going to let the Columbia accident board guide us in terms of their findings about what caused this accident."

More than 12,000 pieces of debrls have of thermal tiles, and a 300-pound cover of a Columbia that showed a sudden rise in temperlanding gear compartment. Officials were unable to say whether those pieces came from the shuttle's left side, which would make them significant in their investigation.

Identification of the wing part is made added, and the waste water vent could not be more difficult because the 2,500-degree temperatures of re-entry burned off many of the catalogue numbers stenciled on the thermal tiles, said NASA spokesperson Catherine

> One object, which appears to be a hatch door with a hydraulic opening and closing cause of Columbia's breakup is determined mechanism, was found Sunday. O'Keefe said the debris will be transported to Kennedy Space Center starting this week where investition," he said.

gators will attempt to reassemble as much of it

"There is certainly no way we are going to be able to reconstruct it. The pieces are just absolutely mangled," O'Keefe said. "It's an awful lot of tangled stuff."

The wing segment and landing gear compartment door found in Texas have captured the attention of engineers because they could have been near areas where the shuttle registered a rapid temperature rise during the last minutes of flight Feb. 1.

Mission Control received data from ature in the left landing gear compartment and along the left side of the fuselage. The data also shows increased wind resistance from the left wing, forcing the autopilot to rapidly move control surfaces and fire jets to maintain stability. The craft seemed to be losing the control battle, engineers said, just before all communications with Columbia stopped.

NASA's shuttle missions are on hold now. but O'Keefe said Sunday that the agency is still preparing to resume flights as soon as the and any shuttle flaws are fixed. "We've still got folks aboard the international space sta-

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disarm Iraq if the council did not support the use of

Bush says the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks redefined America's approach to international affairs and increased the urgency of dealing with growing threats abroad.

Powell meanwhile warned that if Saddam did not begin cooperating fully and quickly with U.N. weapons inspectors, the White House will seek a U.N. resolution authorizing a U.S.-led invasion of Iraq.

Speaking Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press," Powell said that if the U.N. inspectors' report, which is due Friday, shows Iraq is still not cooperating, "then the Security Council will have to sit in session imme- make their next report to the diately and determine what should happen next" and "start considering a resolution that says Iraq is in material breach and it is time for serious consequences to follow."

The president, at a policy conference of Republican members of Congress at a West Virginia resort Sunday, explained his reasoning for expanding the war on terrorism to Iraq.

"Prior to September the 11th, there was apparently no connection between a place like Iraq and terror," he said. There were concerns about terrorists in Iraq, but no fear about a threat to the American homeland. "... We

were confident that two oceans could protect us from

But, Bush added, "the world changed on September the 11th.'

"It used to be that we could pick or choose whether or not we would become involved," the president said, but the direct potential of an attack on the United States has changed that philosophy.

Bush spoke as chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix said in Baghdad that he saw a beginning of Iraq's understanding that it must seriously observe demands for disarmament. U.N. nuclear chief Mohamed ElBaradei said he expected the Security Council to give the inspectors more time "as long as we registering , good

Blix and ElBaradei are to U.N. Security Council on

Powell said a reported French-German proposal to increase the number of weapons inspectors in Iraq in hopes of averting U.S. military action is "a diversion, not a solution" to disarming Saddam.

"The issue is not more inspectors. The issue is compliance on the part of Saddam Hussein," he added.

The plan would call for the deployment of thousands of U.N. soldiers, reconnaissance flights and a tripling of the number of weapons inspectors, according to the German news magazine Der Spiegel.

Ridge calls latest terror warning most serious since Sept. 11 attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said are expected to do in response to such President Bush's warning to Saddam Monday the latest terrorism alert issued warnings, Ridge said, "When we raise Hussein that time is running out on by the Bush administration represented the level of alert, when we raise the Baghdad avoiding war, Ridge said, "the most significant" such warning national consciousness about the level since the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

is that because we believe the threat has prepared, is a deterrent in and of based on "the accumulation of credible substantially increased in the last cou- itself." ple of weeks," Ridge said on CBS's "The Early Show."

The administration last Friday, citing in effect. intelligence that it said suggested a

highest, but no such terrorist warning level has yet been issued.

of attack, that in itself, is a deterrence.

ousness of the warning, which remains involvement with Iraq."

growing threat from Osama bin Laden's ple that have been around the White al-Qaida terrorist network, increased House longer than I have, it is univer- specific information, but none of the the level of alert from yellow to orange. sally agreed that this is the most signif- specific information talks about time, On the five-step alert scale, red is the icant set of warnings that we've had since before Sept. 11," he replied.

Asked about critics' accusations that to have in order to prepare," he said.

Asked Monday what U.S. citizens the alert might have been tied to "Well, I regret that interpretation."

Appearing on NBC's "Today" pro-"One of the reasons that we raised it ... Just being more ready, being more gram, Ridge said the warning was corroborated sources, none of which are Ridge was questioned about the seri- connected to the possibility of military

> Ridge said it was not possible to be "In discussing this matter with peo- more specific about possible targets."

"We get general information and place or methods or means ... We don't get the specificity that we would all like

Iraq approves inspectors' use of U-2 surveillance planes, ambassador says UNITED NATIONS (AP) try to enhance Iraqi coopera- key demands which he and biological weapons.

— Iraq sent a letter to U.N. tion with inspections. weapons inspectors Monday approving the use of U.S.made U-2 surveillance planes and pledged to pass legislation next week outlawing the use of weapons of mass destruction, Iraq's ambassador to the United Nations said.

free to use the American U-2s as well as French and Russian Ambassador Associated Press.

Iraq had blocked the use of said they needed in their search for banned weapons.

Al-Douri delivered the letter to the U.N. Monitoring, headquarters by Hans Blix, the chief weapons inspector.

Blix was on his way back the reconnaissance flights. to New York after a two-day

Inspectors had made the their trip. issue of the U-2 plane a key demand along with other they will fully comply" with issues, including Iraq's failure to pass legislation on weapons of mass destruction.

Al-Douri said the legislation would be passed next "The inspectors are now week and that Iraq would continue to encourage scientists to accept private interviews with inspectors seeking inforthe area I'm responsible for — Mohamed al-Douri told The mation about Iraq's weapons nuclear — commitment for all programs.

the planes, which inspectors Amer al-Saadi, an adviser to ElBaradei said. Saddam Hussein and Iraq's liaison to the inspectors, al-Douri said.

Blix's counterpart at the Verification and Inspection International Atomic Energy Commission, run at U.N. Agency, Mohamed ElBaradei, said earlier Monday that he expected the Iraqis to agree to

Speaking in Vienna after visit to Baghdad, where he his return from the Baghdad met with Iraqi officials in an trip, ElBaradei said that the effort to iron out problems and Iraqis had also agreed to other

Blix had pushed for during

the inspections regime, said ElBaradei, the top nuclear inspector. "We made progress Mark on all the areas we asked for."

He said the Iraqis also ning proscribed weapons.

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> ElBaradei's said Iraq had agreed to allow ing the top inspectors to say U.N. inspectors to analyze the they sensed a "good beginsites where it claims to have ning" and a "positive attitude" destroyed old chemical and in Baghdad.

"Iraq has offered to allow the inspectors to thoroughly "There was a commitment investigate and analyze the sites where they claim to have destroyed chemical and biological weapons," said Gwozdecky, spokesman.

Iraq said the inspectors, promised to pass a law ban- accompanied by Iraqi officials, would be allowed to "I think we got, at least in drill and analyze the findings, Gwozdecky said.

Over the weekend, the tors more documents pertaining to Iraq's past chemical and spokesman biological weapons, prompt-

New Mexico man recovers from bubonic plague bout

NEW YORK (AP) — A New Marker, contracted plague from Mexico man who was hospitalplague left the hospital to fly Nov. I for vacation. home on Monday, a spokesman

John Tull left Beth Israel Medical Center at about 7 a.m., hospital spokesman Mike Quane said. Tull was admitted to Beth Israel on Nov. 5.

Tull, whose feet were amputated due to extensive tissue damage, will begin physical therapy in Albuquerque, N.M., Quane said.

Tull and his wife, Lucinda taking care of us."

infected fleas on their Santa Fe, ized in New York City for more N.M., ranch. They became ill than three months with bubonic after arriving in New York on

Marker was released after less than two weeks in the hospital.

On a Web site she established to update friends on her husband's progress, Marker posted an update Sunday that described three months filled with "very late night conversations with doctors, sleepless nights, tears of great relief and of sadness."

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DEAR ABBY

Send A Valentine Greeting To Our Troops Overseas

DEAR READERS: Friday is Valentine's Day. While we cele-brate that special day with cards and flowers, remember also to send a message from home to our brave young men in great numbers, have been deployed to places far away from loved ones.

Regardless of one's personal olitical beliefs, our troops

The problem is that Wayne has a political beliefs, our troops deserve all the support we can give them. So don't for-get to join me in sending a Valentine's Day greeting via www. Operation Dear Abby. net.

DEAR ABBY: All too often, igno- off our entire relationship with, "I rant people make racist jokes or need time.' comments to me, assuming I won't Please tell me what to do. I am be offended because we are of the beginning to have difficulty trusting same race (Caucasian). They may him with my feelings because he be co-workers, classmates or others has hurt me twice by bailing out. with whom I must remain civil.

The truth is I am highly offended by any racist comment. I have an African-American brother-in-law and a biracial nephew, both of whom CONFUSED: Wayne may be the I love dearly. It is because of them man of your dreams, but he clearthat I have become acutely aware of ly is not ready to make a lifetime the damage that disparaging commitment. Give him credit for remarks "of color" can do. However, being honest and all the time he each time it happens in my presence, needs, but in the meantime, date I never know how to respond. Nor- others and don't isolate yourself. mally I just shrug and say nothing "Mr. Right" for you may be just my silence. How would you suggest I as you are to settle down.

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DEAR ABBY: I am an ambitious thoughts raced through our heads. My husband returned her call and and women in the military who, 22-year-old college senior. Two years ago, I met the man of my box of books several years earlier dreams. His name is "Wayne" and he's a youth minister. I feel like I've them. She had been trying to con-

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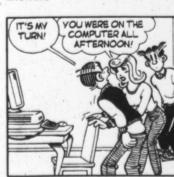
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BASKETBALL

PAMPA — Pampa will be looking to grab the No. 2 playoff seed out of District 3-4A when the Harvesters host Plainview at 7:30 Tuesday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Pampa is 8-3 in the district race going into tomorrow night's regular-season basketball finale. Plainview (3-8) gave Pampa few problems in a 71-55 rout by the Harvesters in the firstround game.

however, Plainview, may not be so easy this time around. The Bulldogs are coming off an 18-point win over Dumas, 70-52.

Zavaier Hall (6-1 senior) has been in fire for the Bulldogs. He canned 29 points in the win against Dumas.

Plainview's record for the season is 10-17. Pampa is 13-14 overall.

AUTO RACING

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The Wood Brothers finished second in the Daytona 500 last year, cashed in their winnings and immediately paid back their father the money they owed him.

A year later, things aren't nearly as tight.

Eddie and Len Wood are back at Daytona with veteran driver Ricky Rudd, a major commitment from sponsor Motorcraft and a ton of support from Ford Motor Company.

For the first time since 1994, when Morgan Shepherd ended the year sixth in points for the 54year-old family owned Virginia-based team, the Wood Brothers have targeted finishing in the Top 10 as their season goal.

"We feel better than we have in a long time," said Len Wood, who along with older brother Eddie, runs the business started by father Glen and uncle Leonard the year after NASCAR was founded.

"Our immediate goal is to get to (the awards ceremony) in New York and the closer to the stage, the better. But we think we've got a shot at getting there."

Rain forced a 24-hour postponement of Sunday's pole qualifying for the Feb. 16 race, so Rudd and his new team sat idle through the storm thinking about what could be the beginning of a comeback for the famed No. 21 Ford.

Rudd takes over the car from Elliott Sadler, who drove it to a runner-up finish here last season, only to announce a few months later he wanted out of his contract to go to a more competitive team.

When owner Robert Yates decided not to renew Rudd's contract after three seasons, Sadler and Rudd essentially swapped seats.

Rudd is confident he can bring the car back to prominence. The Wood Brothers have 97 career wins - 36 by David Pearson from 1973 to 1978 — but only three victories since 1988.

Texas Tech's Knight still stuck on 800 wins COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) Paulding added 20 points,

- Missouri's five-man game beat Texas Tech's one-man show, keeping coach Bob Knight stuck on 800 wins.

Arthur Johnson had 23 points and 13 rebounds to pace a dominating inside effort, three other players reached double figures and the 21st-ranked Tigers had 19 assists in an 82-73 victory on Sunday. That more than compensated for a career-high 34 points by Texas Tech's Andre Emmett.

"Missouri played very well," Knight said. "I haven't seen them play before today, but I was impressed with how they played.

"They played hard on defense, they played with real purpose and played unselfishly on the offensive end."

Missouri (14-5, 5-3 Big 12) outrebounded the Red Raiders 38-21, getting 13 on the offensive end. Rickey

Ricky Clemons had 14 and Travon Bryant 13, and reserve Josh Kroenke had

Coach Quin Snyder said unselfish play was critical.

"The key for this team is not to have anybody think about getting going," Snyder said. "When you start thinking about the name on the back of the jersey instead of the name on the front, you've got problems."

He said the Tigers helped themselves on the boards by working the shot clock and breaking down the Texas Tech defense.

"When you take good shots, it's amazing how many more opportunities you get to rebound," Snyder said.

Emmett scored 16 of Texas Tech's first 21 points, helping the Red Raiders (13-6, 3-5) lead by as many as seven points in the early going. Two straight baskets by Emmett

cut the gap to 42-40 with shooting. 16:54 remaining, and the last time Texas Tech was in striking distance came when Emmett drove the baseline to make it 53-50 with 12:36 remaining.

Emmett's previous career best was 33 points against Colorado on Feb. 16, 2002. He scored 31 points in consecutive games earlier this season against New Mexico and New Mexico State, and leads the Big 12 with a 21.7point average.

"I was really, really pleased with Andre, because we've been trying to get Andre to play with patience and to have more movement " without the ball," Knight said. "I thought we did both things today.

But he got little support, with Will Chavis (12 points) the only other player in double figures. Kasib Powell, who averages 16 points, was held to nine on 3-for-10

And Missouri manhandled Texas Tech's front line. The Tigers pounded the ball to the 6-foot-9, 260-pound Johnson whenever they needed a bas-

Johnson didn't score for the first 7 1/2 minutes of the second half, then scored six straight points in a twominute span to give the Tigers a 59-50 lead with 10:25 remaining.

It was the 13th doubledouble for Johnson and his third in four games.

"I feel like every day could be a big day for me," Johnson said. "All the hard work you put in, then you get results, that makes you feel good about yourself."

Knight won his 800th

game Wednesday with a 75-49 victory over Nebraska, joining Dean Smith (879), Adolph Rupp (876) and Jim Phelan (824) as the only Division I coaches to reach

that milestone.

His next chance to gain on Phelan comes Wednesday night at Iowa State.

Before the game, Knight's accomplishment was noted by the public address announcer.,

"That was nice," he said. "I didn't think it called for cartwheels or anything."

The Tigers remained unbeaten in 11 home games and rebounded from a sixpoint loss at Kansas on Monday night.

Missouri won with a short bench, using only seven players, after adding a third game to the disciplinary suspension of 6-10 reserve Jeffrey Ferguson. Ferguson is due to return Wednesday night at Texas A&M.

Key Texas Tech reserve Nick Valdez, whose playing time has diminished lately, dressed but never removed his warmups. Knight said Valdez had a hip pointer.

Pampa soccer teams swept past Caprock

PAMPA — Pampa rallied to defeat Caprock 5-3 in a District 3-4A soccer match Saturday at the PHS complex.

With the score tied 3-3, Pampa pulled away in the final 28 minutes on a pair of goals by Chance Crain.

The Longhorns were leading 2-0 when the Harvesters started their comeback. Goals by Marc Garza and Crain resulted in a 2-2 tie at halftime.

Garza scored in the second half to give Pampa a 3-2 lead, but Caprock's Daniel Valasco responded with a goal to tie things again.

Crain, a senior forward, however, broke the match wide open with goals in the 62nd minute and 77th minute.

Pampa improves to 2-0 in district play while Caprock is

Pampa got four goals from senior forward Stefani Goldsmith as the Lady Harvesters blanked Caprock 10-0 on Saturday.

Goalie Leslie McWilliams had the Pampa shutout.

Kori Dunn and Tiffani Neef each scored two goals for Pampa, while Sarah Porter and Heather Balay had one each.

The Lady Harvesters are 1-1 in district.



Chance Crain

Irish unstoppable at home

By The Associated Press

Notre Dame has been unstoppable at home. Pittsburgh can't win a big game on the road.

Both things stayed the same Sunday as the 10thranked Fighting Irish beat the fourth-ranked Panthers 66-64, their 13th straight win at home and another tough road loss for Pittsburgh.

"It's a very tough loss for us," Panthers coach Ben Howland said. "We're disappointed to have had the lead in our past two road games and let them slip away from us."

Chris Thomas found Torin Francis underneath with 0.6 seconds left for the winning basket for Notre Dame (19-4, 7-2 Big East), which leads the Panthers (16-3, 6-2) by onehalf game in the conference's West Division.

Thomas started to drive around Brandin Knight to get

ness to his brother's company,

five USOC members quit,

president Marty Mankamyer

resigned and the organiza-

tion's leaders have been

The scandals at the top cer-

tainly haven't kept American

athletes from reaching the

medals stand. The U.S. led

the medal count with 97 at the

2000 Summer Olympics and

set a team record with 34

medals at the 2002 Winter

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eventually trickle down to the

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athletes," said figure skater

Paul Wylie, a silver medalist

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But the latest flap has some

"It's unfortunate that the

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called before Congress.

a shot off, but saw a crowd of players. He spotted Francis under the basket and made the pass for his eighth assist.

"I cut to the ball and he found me at the last minute," said Francis, who was 3-for-3 from the field in the second half after being held without a shot in the first half. "I just put

The Panthers had one last chance, but Jordan Cornette swatted away the inbounds pass by Jaron Brown as time expired and for the fourth straight game Pittsburgh had squandered a double-digit lead. The Panthers, who have lost at Georgia and Syracuse, have split those games.

"We allowed that to happen by not being as aggressive as we were in the first half," said guard Julius Page, who led the Panthers with 19 points

Thomas, who had 24 points, made it happen for the Fighting Irish, who were coming off a loss at Seton Hall.

"He's a big-time winner, and he makes the rest of our group follow along," Irish coach Mike Brey said.

In other games involving ranked teams Sunday, it was: Georgia Tech 90, No. 8 Maryland 84; No. 9 Duke 65, Clemson 55; Cincinnati 61, No. 11 Oklahoma State 50; No. 15 Marquette 68, No. 14 Wake Forest 61; No. 16 Illinois 76, Ohio State 57; No. 21 Missouri 82, Texas Tech 73; and No. 25 Stanford 84, Oregon State 73.

Knight's only basket of the game was a 3-pointer with 32 seconds left that tied it at 64. He and Thomas then had a quick conversation.

"He said, 'This is the way it's supposed to be," Thomas said. "I said, 'You're right."'

Thomas, who was just 2of-15 from the field against the Panthers in a 72-55 loss at Pittsburgh last month, then came up with the winning

Lady Raiders roll past Iowa State, 70-48

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Texas Tech had a simple game plan against Iowa State: patience on offense and persistence on

It worked Sunday, as the No. 7 Lady Raiders beat Iowa State 70-48.

"On the offensive end, that's as closely as we've followed our plan this year," Texas Tech coach Marsha Sharp said. "Because we were able to do that, it made the day much easier."

The Lady Raiders (19-2, 8-1) got 19 points from Jia Perkins and 12 from Miklannet Tennal in defeating Iowa State

COLORADO SPRINGS,

Colo. (AP) — Gold medal

wrestler Rulon Gardner fig-

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troubled U.S. Olympic

He and some other athletes

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making sure the country's

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"It's tough on us to defend

a group that keeps making the

same mistakes over and over

again and not be held

accountable," Gardner said.

"They should be representing

us like we represent them and

holding us in the same high

regard they expect us to hold

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bring home medals in 2004.

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Athletes worry about effects of USOC bickering

should be on winning gold at

the Athens Summer Games,

there is a real distraction

brewing in Colorado, where

The group's leaders are

busy attending Senate hear-

ings and fighting for power

behind the scenes. The execu-

tive committee meets in

Chicago this weekend to

begin the search for a new

power struggles between vol-

unteers and paid staffers have

always been a part of the

USOC. But the most recent

scandal, which started with

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chief executive Lloyd Ward in

December, is sticky even for

trying to steer Olympic busi-

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Political intrigue and

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At a time when the focus

"Texas Tech is an outstanding team." Iowa State coach Bill Fennelly said. "They are as good as any team we've played this year, and we've played Kansas State and Duke. They have star-quality players in (Plenette) Pierson and Perkins, and they are a great defensive team with great depth."

The Lady Raiders took control midway through the first half, running off 15 unanswered points to open a 29-8 cushion with 4:44 remaining.

Tennal hit two 3-pointers during the flurry, and Pierson added a basket and a free throw.

Jolee Ayers made a baseline jumper and Casey Jackson hit a 12-footer before Perkins capped the run with a spectacular running layup.

"That's something I've been practicing on," Perkins joked after the game. "I was just trying to push the ball. I was running fast, saw a little lane, I thought, and tried to scoop it under them. I would never think of actually doing that. It just happened."

"They were guarding Natalie (Ritchie) pretty hard," Tennal added. "They left me open a couple of times in the first half. It's easy to make shots when no one's guarding you."

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Pampa's super senior is down, but not out

super senior, will have to wait at least another year to go for that world record in the discus.

Palmer, who was presented with his fourth special achievement award from the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame last weekend in Amarillo, underwent shoulder surgery last November. He will be sideline from senior weight competition six months to a year.

The 70-year-old Palmer isn't certain how he tore up his rotator cuff. He suspects it happened while he was tossing the shot or discus

Wendell Palmer, Pampa's around at some Masters meet.

> "I kept getting mad because I couldn't get that three feet I needed for a new world record. Now I know why," he says.

> Palmer broke his own national record in the 70-74 age group last summer by tossing the discus 157 feet, 6 inches.

> Palmer has been a giant on the senior track and field circuit for close to 20 years. He's won the national championship in the discus a record 15 times, in addition to winning the shot put title five times.



BY L. D. STRATE SPORTS EDITOR

Before having surgery, Palmer made the most of his summer. He won three of four events at the Texas State Masters meet prior to being inducted into the Texas Senior Games Hall of Fame in August.

Congratulations also to Pampa tennis coach Carolyn Quarles, who along with Palmer, was recog-

nized at the PSHOF cere-

Coach Quarles has made tennis the reigning sport in the PHS athletic program. She was honored for the third time as Tennis Coach of the Year after leading the Harvesters to their fifth consecutive District 3-4A

attended Texas Tech on a tennis scholarship. It's always good to see a hometown athlete return and have a successful career as a

Colleges are looking at Harvester basketball players Ryan Zemanek and Max Simon, only in other sports.

Zemanek, a three-sport star, could be going to Hardin-Simmons University to play football. The 6-3, 180-pound senior paid a recent visit to the Abilene campus.

Zemanek played only A Pampa native, Quarles one year of football and

made all-state honorable mention at tight end. Amazing.

Oklahoma City University is interested in Simon as a pitcher for its baseball team.

Right now, Zemanek and Simon are concentrating on the basketball playoffs. With a win over Plainview tonight, Pampa can clinch the No. 2 seed out of District 3-4A.

"We've had great leadership from these two seniors. It's great to have athletes like these two on the team," says Pampa basketball head coach Jerry Schaeffer.

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

How This Week's Top 10 Fared Florida (19-3) lost to No. 6 Kentucky 70-55; beat No. 22 Alabama 75-56. 2. Arizona (18-2) beat Washington 88-85, OT; beat Washington State 75-62. 3. Texas (15-4) lost to Colorado 93-80; beat Texas A&M 95-87.

4. Pittsburgh (16-3) beat Providence 68-61; lost to No. 10 Notre Dame 66-64. 5. Louisville (18-1) beat Cincinnati 77-71; beat Houston 81-55

5. Kentucky (18-3) beat No. 1 Florida 70-55; beat Mississippi 80-62. 7. Oklahoma (16-3) beat Baylor 91-42. R. Maryland (14-6) lost to Virginia 86-78; lost to Georgia Tech 90-84. Duke (16-3) beat North Carolina 83-

74; beat Clemson 65-55. 10. Notre Dame (19-4) lost to Seton Hall 78-72; beat No. 4 Pittsburgh 66-

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Modano leads Stars by Kings

. DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Stars center Mike Modano has never had a 100-point season. At this stage of his 14year career, team objectives

are more important anyway. Modano had two goals to give him 23 for the season, sending the Stars to a 3-1 victory over the Los Angeles Kings on Sunday night in the first game of a six-game homestand.

Modano has 62 points with 26 games left.

He's reached 93 points twice and has one 50-goal season, in 1993-94.

"It's in the back of my mind," said Modano, who has multipoint efforts in four of his last five games. "I'm trying not to get caught up in numbers. I'm trying to work on some little things. But there's an outside chance."

scored in a 48-second span of the second period to give Dallas a 2-1 lead. Then Marty Turco took over with 10 saves give him 24 and stretch his unbeaten streak to 14 games. Turco is 10-0-4 over that span to match the franchise mark of Don Beaupre, who won 14 straight for the Minnesota North Stars in 1985-86.

Los Angeles took a 1-0 first-period lead on Derek Armstrong's eighth goal, but the Stars took control on the rapid-fire scores Modano and DiMaio.

Modano got a lead pass from Claude Lemieux, skated in alone and beat goalie Jamie Storr at 8:43.

"I got a couple of good passes, got some speed in the

neutral zone," Modano said.

Modano and Rob DiMaio "I think I caught them flatfooted. We knew we had to get that one to get everyone in the flow of the game."

DiMaio went hard to the in a shutout third period to net and converted a return pass from Ulf Dahlen, set up along the left boards, to put Dallas in front for good.

> Modano wrapped up the victory with 2:19 to play, working his way from the right boards to the front of the

> "Every team we play against, at some point before the game the coaches tell the players that Modano can be dangerous," Stars coach Dave Tippett said. "Then when he scores, the players say, 'That's what the coaches were talking about."

Dallas, 5-0-1 in its last six games, is off to a franchisebest 19-2-4-1 home start.

Mind over Pebble: Love holds off Lehman for one-stroke win

(AP) - Davis Love III's already lost. mental game plan sometimes legal pad. Other times, it's a for me." simple verbal reminder, repeated until it sinks in.

During two years without a PGA Tour victory, Love felt his mind games were getting the best of his golf game so he rebuilt his attitude, not

All that work paid off Sunday, when his mental state was as strong as the iron shot on the 18th hole that earned Love a one-stroke victory over Tom Lehman in the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am

"This tournament has always been about attitude," said Love, who won for the first time since his 2001 victory at Pebble Beach. "If you come here thinking it's going to be wet, it's going to be windy and cold, you've got to play with amateurs, it's going

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. to take six hours — you've the weather was perfect.'

"It definitely is a week for fills several pages on a yellow a good attitude, and that fits

> In the unusually gorgeous conditions that turned soggy Pebble into a sunny beach resort, Love's three-stroke lead with six holes to play was erased by Lehman in the

But Love didn't flinch on the 18th. While Lehman missed a 5-foot birdie putt, Love hit a long drive and a spectacular 4-iron from the famous seaside fairway to 12 feet. Love then two-putted for his first victory since he roared from seven strokes down to win at Pebble Beach in 2001.

"You have to give Davis Love a lot of credit for hitting a perfect 4-iron," Lehman said. "I think you saw a lot of players make a run and fall back. It was very easy to make bogeys, even though

New Jersey at Colorado, 9 p.m.

Love, who got his 15th PGA Tour victory with a final-round 68, thrust his hands into the air shortly after the last shot.

His share of the \$5 million purse was \$900,000 — the biggest paycheck ever for the third-leading money winner in PGA Tour history, who finished at 14-under 274.

He got the cash — and the 'chance to exhale.

"That's probably as nervous as I've ever been playing a round of golf," Love said. "I was so nervous (on the 18th) because I figured I had to make eagle to win, birdie to tie. It just seems like whenever I would make a mistake this week, it would force me to get back to a positive."

Before his first win at Pebble Beach, Love had gone 62 events and 34 months between victories.

without a win in 44 official lead over playing partner least deserves the ball events over two years while Love on the front nine. back problems.

When he finally felt healthy this winter, he pursued mental health as zealously as physical well-being. He worked with sports psychologist Bob Rotella, writing out his mental game plan on the same yellow pads favored by his father, the highly regarded golf teacher who died in a 1988 plane

"I wrote two pages of stuff, and I read it last night, and read it this morning," Love said. "Just reminders of what to do. It serve me well when I crashed a couple of times, especially."

Tim Herron and Mike Weir finished third at 276. Weir, off to the best start of his career, won last week's Bob Hope Classic — in which Herron

This time, he had been finished third — and held the and you make a birdie, he at

the back nine," Weir said. "But Davis played so well, I doubt I could have caught

Love, the first 54-hole leader to win at Pebble Beach in 10 years, made an incredible string of six birdies in eight holes surrounding the turn - but Lehman made his own birdie binge.

Love got his biggest break at the par-3 12th, where his errant tee shot took a serendipitous bounce off greenside photographer Kent Porter to within 4 feet of the hole for an easy birdie. Love tossed the ball to Porter as a

"If we hit somebody on the head, we give them the ball," Love said with a grin. "If felt like if you hit a guy in the foot and it comes back on a green maybe more."

playing a slightly reduced "It was unfortunate that I But the best part of the schedule because of neck and couldn't get a putt to go in on weekend on the Monterey Peninsula was watching two veterans whose careers have lagged recently, battling down the stretch of an entertaining final round.

Lehman finished with a 5under 67 to finish at 13 under. Second place was a thrill for Lehman, whose Melissa, is nearly ready to deliver their fourth child. Lehman also played without his regular caddie, Andy Martinez, who has a broken

"I feel like my game is the best it's been in a long time," Lehman said. "I really am hitting the ball more like I used to. It became quite evident to me at the beginning of the season that if I start making a few putts, I'm going to be a factor in some tournaments

Yao has his struggles in first NBA All-Star game

ATLANTA (AP) — Yao Ming's first All-Star game started off well enough, when he outjumped Ben Wallace for the opening tip.

From there, it all went tice," he joked downhill.

Yao had only two points and two rebounds as a starter, and sat out the fourth quarter and both overtimes. He played 1,7 minutes as the West beat the East 155-145 in double overtime Sunday night.

The game ended a wild weekend for Yao. A horde of cameras followed him everywhere he went, and despite ms numble statistics, he was part of the postgame news conference..

"In the last three days, it

was like a carousel," Yao said. "It has been turning round and around all the time."

His most fun moment? "That I only had one prac-

The 7-foot-6 Yao rarely looked to shoot when he had the ball, making his only attempt. His lone basket was a dunk 65 seconds into the game after an alley-oop pass Houston teammate Steve Francis.

Yao even had to be prodded to step into the tip-off circle by West teammates Tim Duncan and Kevin Garnett.

"He was trying to get one of us to jump for him and wewere trying to convince him that he was 7-8 and he could

win the tap," Duncan quipped. "So it went back and forth for a little while."

The No. 1 overall pick by the Rockets, Yao became the first rookie to start in the All-Star game since Grant Hill in 1995. His selection was helped by ballots printed in Mandarin for the first time; he outpolled Shaquille O'Neal by nearly a quarter-million votes, even though Shaq averages nearly 27 points and Yao

"It's got to be really overwhelming for him," West coach Rick Adelman said of Yao. "His first experience like this and the attention that he garners, you've got to give the young man tremendous

"I think he handles everything so well."

Yao handled sitting on the bench pretty well, too, watching big men Duncan, Garnett and Shaquille O'Neal play down the stretch.

"I just sit back and enjoy the game because the whole game, for me, is a fun place," Yao said.

He did wear a pair of powder blue low-top shoes, a tribute to Michael Jordan's alma mater, North Carolina. The brightly colored clashed with the red uniform of the West, but Jordan was making his final All-Star appearance.

"I really enjoyed the

moment and it kind of relaxed me because he has already achieved everything in basketball, so there is no regret," said of Jordan. "Therefore, when he says goodbye to basketball, it should not be very difficult."

Then again, this game might not be the ideal venue for Yao. A fundamentally sound player whose shooting range extends to the perimeter, he probably was out of his element with all the can-youtop-this shenanigans from the rest of the All-Stars.

Fans in China watched the game, along with Yao's former teammates with the Shanghai Sharks.

"The NRA game was more

wonderful because of Yao Ming," said Fei Fusheng, a member of the fan club for the

During breaks in the game, television showed scenes of Chinese fans in Shanghai restaurants and elsewhere watching broadcast. Chinese Web sites carried updates every few minutes, and one major site, Sohu.com, posted a bulletin when Yao scored his basket.

Yao was the 16th rookie in NBA history to start in the All-Star game, and the sixth center - joining O'Neal in 1993, Elvin Hayes in 1969, Walt Bellamy in 1962, Wilt Chamberlain in 1960 and Ray Felix in 1954.



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hinese court sentences U.S.-based dissident to life

By AUDRA ANG ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

BEIJING (AP) — A U.S.based Chinese dissident was convicted Monday and sentenced to life in prison on charges of spying and terrorism, ending a bizarre saga that involved allegations of crossborder kidnapping hostages found tied up in a temple.

Outraged activists rejected the charges against Wang Bingzhang as false and politically motivated.

Wang, 55, was arrested after

police said they found him July 3 bound in a temple in a southern province while investigating a kidnapping case. Pro-democracy activists suggest he was abducted in Vietnam by Chinese agents after meeting with Chinese activists in the Vietnamese capital of Hanoi.

Wang, who has permanent residency status in the United States, was convicted of spying for Taiwan between 1982 and 1990 and of setting up a terrorist group, the official Xinhua News Agency reported. It said he ordered an

unspecified assassination in 1999 and plotted to blow up China's embassy in Thailand.

The report was the first time the communist government publicly accused Wang of links to specific terrorist acts, but gave no evidence to support the charges and didn't indicate whether any attacks were carried out.

Wang's parents faxed a statement to The Associated Press in Beijing accusing Chinese authorities of "illegal abduction and illegal interrogation."

"All people of conscience

'will feel furious," said the statement, signed by his father and mother, Wang Junzhen and Wang Guifang. "The world is fighting terrorism, but the Chinese government is making terrorism."

Wang, a Chinese citizen, has lived abroad since 1979, first in Canada and then the United States. In the 1980s, while living in New York, he published a pro-democracy journal, China Spring. He slipped back into China without permission in 1998 in hopes of organizing an opposition party, but was caught and deported.

Xinhua said Wang was accused of using his 1998 visit to set up a terrorist group. It said he told one man to carry out explosions and an assassination in 1999 on China's National Day holiday, which is Oct. 1. The report said he told Taiwanese authorities that he had stockpiled explosives on the main-

land to blow up roads and for information about Wang. bridges.

"The charges that have been leveled against him ... are trumped up and have no relation to reality," said Timothy Cooper, international director for the Free China Movement, activist group Washington. The group appealed to the U.S. government to "exert all' its influence" to win Wang's release.

China's Foreign Ministry said Wang's case was "tried according to the law."

"Any person who commits crimes will be punished by the law," the ministry said.

The U.S. Embassy in Beijing and Taiwanese authorities said they had no immediate comment.

Asked about the alleged plot to blow up China's embassy in Thailand, a Thai anti-terrorism official, police Maj. Gen. Tritos Ronnaritwichai, said police there were never asked

He added Wang had visited Thailand as a tourist, and police had monitored him as a "high-profile person."

Taiwan and China have been ruled separately since separating amid civil war in 1949, though the Beijing government claims the island as its territory.

Both sides are believed to spy actively on each other. Several Chinese-born academics with ties to the United States were arrested in 2001-02 on charges of spying for Taiwan. They were convicted and expelled from China.

In Hong Kong, activists tried to leave a letter protesting Wang's conviction at the central Chinese government's liaison office but were blocked by about 50 police who surrounded the building, according to a member of the group. Hong Kong returned to Chinese rule in 1997 but is still governed separately.

Pentagon orders airlines to help transport troops

WASHINGTON (AP) - Commercial airlines are being pressed into military service to transport troops as the Pentagon continues its Persian Gulf buildup for a possible war in

The airlines were flying troops Monday under an order by Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld mobilizing the Civil Reserve Air Fleet, a fleet of commercial passenger and cargo planes that can be used to move people and equipment in emergencies.

The Defense Department announced late Saturday it was activating the first stage of the fleet, making it only the second time it has done so in the 51-year history of the program.

"The measure is necessary due to increased operations associated with the build up of U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf region," it said in a statement.

Officials have the authority to call up 78 aircraft - 47 passenger planes and 31 widebody cargo planes. But for now, Air Force Gen. John W. Handy, commander of the U.S. Transportation Command, has enough cargo planes and is calling only the passenger aircraft, said command spokesman Navy Capt. Steve Honda.

There are 11 carriers signed up for this first stage of mobilization, Honda said by phone from command offices at Scott Air Force Base

They are American Airlines, American Trans Air, Continental Airlines, Delta Airlines, Northwest Airlines, Omni Air International, United Airlines, US Airways and World Airways.

Names of airlines that began flying troops

Monday were not immediately available, Honda said.

The reserve air fleet, established in 1951, consists of aircraft that commercial carriers have agreed to make available for military use in times of crisis and when there are not enough military aircraft to handle all the work. In return for participating, carriers are given preference for the defense departments peacetime passenger and cargo business and guaranteed that the burden of carrying out a deployment will be spread fairly among all participating.

The transportation command relies heavily on the commercial transport industry to move troops, equipment and supplies world wide in support of the nation's defense. Historically, 93 percent of troops and 41 percent of longrange air cargo are moved by chartered commercial aircraft.

The reserve fleet is mobilized only when there are not enough volunteers. The Pentagon has been having trouble finding volunteers from the industry, plagued by bankruptcies.

The only other time it was activated was in 1990-91, in the buildup to the Persian Gulf War and during the war itself.

The fleet can be mobilized in three stages, each calling for more aircraft. As of last month, 33 carriers and 927 aircraft were enrolled in all stages.

Though it is a help, civilian cargo aircraft are not good for everything because of their Airlines, Hawaiian Airlines, North American size or configuration or the way they operate. They cannot accommodate tanks, air defense weapons and many helicopters, nor airdrop cargo and people, provide the rapid off-loading needed in combat situations and so on.

CLUB NEWS

Altrusa International, Inc., of Pampa met Jan. 15 at Clarendon College-Pampa Center for a luncheon in celebration of "Add an Altrusan Day" with guests Jeane Autry, Jan Haynes, Lanya Blodgett and Eva Isbell. The chapter met for its regular meeting Jan. 28 at Pampa Country Club with President Anne Stobbe presiding. Diann Birdsell and Mary Wilson served as greeters.

Brenda Tucker presented the Accent on fund-raising. Kerrick Horton and Kadda Schale participated in a skit to show the correct and incorrect approach to selling tickets:

Birdsell received the "Secret Ingredient" award for outstanding service Altrusa.

Brenda Hampton, chair of Committee, made a plea for volunteers to assist with the

Glyndene Shelton installed Mary Duvall, Penni Pfitzner and Janet Stowers as new members.

Billie Sue Evans conducted the mid-year evaluation. Members met in groups to plan programs and service projects for the coming year.

The following announcements were made:

-The ASTRA charter reception will be at 2 p.m., Feb. 23 in M.K. Brown Room of Pampa Community Building where the Chamber of Commerce is housed. Fifty-one members will be inducted into ASTRA.

—The chapter has been honored with the 2000-01 Distinguished Club designation. DeLynn Gordzelik led the club during this time peri-

-Members were asked to

donate paper products for the club's upcoming paper shower to be held in February for Tralee Crisis Center.

-Altrusa T-shirts are available through the Borger Altrusa club.

—Club orientation for new members is scheduled at 7 p.m., Feb. 18 at Lovett Memorial Library.

—District Conference is slated April 4-6 in Dallas. Delegates will be elected at the next meeting which will be held at 12 noon, Feb. 11 at Pampa Country Club.

ASTRA

ASTRA Club of Pampa, a brand new service organization for individuals between the ages of 13 and 20, will hold a charter reception at 2 p.m., Feb. 23 in M.K. Brown the Style Show Decorating Room of Pampa Community Building. Fifty-two members will be inducted into ASTRA during the reception.

Membership pins and certificates will be presented by Anne Stobbe, president of the Altrusa-sponsored Brenda Tucker, Altrusa District 9 treasurer 2001-03 and local Altrusa member, will present the charter.

The following officers will be installed during the ceremony: Bonnie Holmes and Abby Bradley, co-presidents; Sarah Porter, vice president; Matt Foust, secretary; Kelly Tripplehorn, treasurer; Shelly Smith, junior vice president; A.J. Swope, senior representative; Jake Hopkins, junior representative; Brianna Hopkins, sophomore representative; Robyn Bell, freshman representative; Michelle Haley, historian; and Mary Alice Warner, parliamentari-

Other charter members are

Krissie Alexander, Lindsey Ammons, Brianna Bailey, Stephen Bell, Amber Bowers, Tatum Rae Brown, Kathryn Campbell, Abby Cavalier, Tara Coffee, Britny Downey, Taryn Fallon, Shawn Goodin, Lexi Hill, Krissy Holman, Zachry Hucks, Karissa Intermann, Evelyn Jasso, Lindsay Jennings, Monica Johnson, Travis Leever, Jarren Long, Leslie McWilliams, Natalie McVay, Lindsey Meyer, Joshua Miller, Tiffani Neef, Royce O'Neal, Stacy Pepper, Brianna Russell, Maggie Shannon, Alex Slaybaugh, Chris Smith, Mac Smith, Shelley Smith, Teryn Stowers, Ginger Strickland, Dirk Swope, Hayden Wade, Lauren Walters, Whitney Watts and Whitney Wichert.

ASTRA stands for Ability, Training. Responsibility and Achievement and has as its goals: 1) to provide members opportunities for personal development, career planning and preparation, leadership training and citizenship development; 2) to foster in members the concept of service through practical application to school and/or community; 3) to sponsor social and cultural activities; and 4) to promote fellowship and better understanding among people.

Individuals invited to become members of ASTRA were selected based upon their interest in these goals and their desire to serve the community.

Parents, school and civic leaders will join Altrusa members in launching the ASTRA Club. For more information, contact Billie Dixon, Altrusa/ASTRA advisor, at 669-3931.

Former American pop icon to release video of journalist praising parenting

release a video of the journal-TV documentary about the ment said. King of Pop, showing the skills as a parent.

Jackson last week said he felt "more betrayed than perhaps ever before" by journalist Martin Bashir, who expressed concern about Jackson's treatment of his three children in voice-overs in the documentary. The film showed Jackson dangling his infant son over the fourthfloor balcony of a hotel in ily Berlin, Germany.

The 90-minute program also caused controversy because Jackson said he sometimes lets children sleep in his bed.

A statement released in London on Jackson's behalf late Sunday by Bell Yard Communications said Bashir was filmed during the making of the documentary.

"The film shows extraordinary scenes of Martin Bashir praising the way Michael treats children and commenting on how good a father he is," the statement said.

"In his film, Bashir says that it was in Berlin that he began to change his mind about Michael's treatment of his children. Yet, the Jackson footage clearly shows that Bashir was actually continuing to praise Michael's abilities as a father and Bashir

making many statements me that people have written Michael Jackson is set to about how he feels it is a pity that the world is so quick to ist who made a controversial criticize Michael," the state-

reporter praising Jackson's lawyer said Sunday the video, no more than five minutes long, would be released within 24 hours, Britain's Press Association reported.

In the statement, Jackson again denied that he molested a boy who had stayed at his home in 1993. No charges were filed at the time and Jackson reached a financial settlement with the boy's fam-

"I have never, and would never, harm a child. It sickens

things that portray me as a child abuser," Jackson was quoted as saying.

The statement added that Jackson's British-based Jackson chose to pay a "considerable" settlement to the boy's family "to avoid being subjected to a media circus."

> In the Bashir documentary, Jackson said he had slept in a bed with "many children," including actor Macaulay Culkin and his brother, Kieran.

> "When you say 'bed,' you're thinking sexual," the singer said. "It's not sexual, we're going to sleep. I tuck them in. ... It's very charming, it's very sweet."

Survey: Gas prices up

CAMARILLO, (AP) — Gasoline prices jumped nearly 11 cents per gallon over the past two weeks, an industry analyst said Sunday.

The average weighted price for gasoline nationwide, including all grades and taxes, was about \$1.63 per gallon Friday, according to the Lundberg Survey of 8,000 stations nationwide.

Gasoline cost about \$1.52 a gallon on Jan. 24, the date of the last survey.

"The higher prices at the pump follow price hikes for crude oil and home heating oil," said analyst Trilby Lundberg.

Over the past two months crude o'il prices have risen by \$8.19 a barrel to \$35.12, largely due to fears of war in the Persian Gulf and the oil production strike in Venezuela, Lundberg said.

Increased production in Venezuela despite the strike, warmer weather in the East and seasonal reductions in the demand for crude oil should keep prices steady in coming weeks, Lundberg said.

The national weighted average price of gasoline, including taxes, at self-serve pumps Friday was about \$1.60 per gallon for regular, \$1.69 for mid-grade and \$1.78 for premium.



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