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Senatorial candidate to speak Thursday

Democrat U.S. Senate candidate Ed Cunningham of Fritch will be at The Coffee Shop, 220 N. Cuyler, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Thursday where he hopes to meet and talk with local residents, said Gray County Democrat Party Chairman Jim Osborne.

Red Cross offering babysitting course

Pampa Gray County chapter of the American Red Cross is offering a babysitting course for young people, ages 11 and up.

Classes will be taught at the local Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell, from 4 to 6:30 p.m., Jan. 28, 29, and 30. Cost of the course is \$30.

For more information or to sign up, contact the local Red Cross at 669-7121 or sign up at 108 N. Russell.

PHS Class of '72 to discuss reunion

Pampa High School Class of 1972 will conduct a 30-year reunion organizational meeting at 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 24, at First Christian Church Library, 1633 N. Nelson. Enter through north doors. For more information, contact Cindy Gindorf, 665-6996.

DEATHS

Donald Ray Blacklock, 65, retired inspector.

Joye Hale Cree, homemaker.

Ethel Mae Hughes, 96, homemaker.

Clyde W. Neal, 82, retired Cabot supervisor.

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Buyer wanted

Landowners told of meeting with 'South Texas water user'

By DAVID BOWSER
 STAFF WRITER

Roberts County rancher and Dallas businessman T. Boone Pickens says Mesa Water Inc. is still looking for a buyer for Texas Panhandle ground water.

In a letter this month to Roberts County landowners, working with Pickens under the umbrella of Mesa Water Inc., Pickens says Mesa Water officials have a meeting scheduled this week with what he termed a major South Texas water user.

He also says he received a positive response from the mayor of Dallas in a recent conversation concerning selling water to the metroplex.

Pickens and about a half dozen Roberts County landowners want to pump water from the Ogallala Aquifer beneath their properties and sell that water to municipalities down state.

Initially, Pickens had outlined possible sales to Dallas Fort Worth, San Antonio or El Paso.

He says the estimated 150,000 acre-feet of water Mesa is expected to pump annually from Roberts County could provide water to any one of the cities, but there would not be enough water for all of them.

Pickens says he remains confident that it is only a matter of time before Mesa can secure a contract for the water.

"There are too many large municipalities with long-term supply problems for all of our surplus water to remain uncommitted," Pickens says.

Mesa has retained the firm of J.P. Morgan Securities of New York and Service Asset Management Company of Dallas to act as Mesa's financial advisors.

Both firms, he says, have extensive experience in municipal and water financing in Texas and the southwestern United States.

Pickens says Mesa has also retained the law firm of Vinson and Elkins to assist them.

"We will still use Locke Liddell for our litigation work," Pickens says.

"Mike Powell of Locke Liddell is originally from Perryton and was our lead lawyer in the Canadian River boundary suit in 1999."

Sun silhouette



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

A feathery blade of grass makes a striking silhouette against the rays of the rising sun. Photographer David Bowser discovered this picture-perfect study in color and form while driving to work recently.

PEDC board to consider AG opinion

By NANCY YOUNG
 MANAGING EDITOR

Pampa Economic Development Commission has called a special meeting at 5 p.m. Thursday to consider an appeal of the Texas Attorney General's opinion on *The Pampa News* request for the Dairy Strategies report for Top O' Texas Dairy.

Board members will meet in executive session with their attorney regarding the Attorney General's Jan. 14 decision.

The Attorney General's office ruled that either the report be released to the newspaper or the PEDC challenge the ruling in court.

The Pampa News requested a copy of the report in October regarding the PEDC-financed business prior to the Nov. 6 election to dissolve the taxing entity.

The newspaper asked for the report to write a story detailing recommendations to assist the dairy with restructuring of their business. The report had been listed on the agenda and discussed in PEDC board meetings.

According to the ruling issued by the AG's office, the PEDC has until Thursday to do one of three things: release the public records; notify the requester of the exact day, time and place that copies of the records will be provided or that the records can be

inspected; or notify *The Pampa News* of their intent to challenge this ruling in court.

Dairy Strategies was paid \$15,000 by the PEDC for the report to assist the business.

Top O' Texas Dairy is a 1998 PEDC project in which the PEDC agreed to provide a \$500,000 cash grant and a forgivable loan of \$250,000 based upon achievement and retention of certain employment numbers, according to PEDC records.

The business was relocated to Pampa in December 2000. Just a few days after the cows arrived a blizzard struck the Panhandle and reportedly caused the deaths of numerous milk

cows, according to discussion in the Oct. 16 PEDC meeting.

At that meeting, then board president Lee Porter said the dairy also experienced milking machine problems which had caused mastitis, an infection of the teats. He said the dairy had 480 cows, but needed an additional 500 head.

Susan Triplehorn, then PEDC executive director, said the dairy cows arrived Dec. 16, 2000, from Central Texas and that a blizzard struck the Panhandle eight days later.

The newspaper contended the records were subject to the Texas Public Information Act because the

(See OPINION, Page 2)

Kurtz to run for county judge

Lawrence Greg Kurtz has announced he will be seeking the position of Gray County Judge in the Democrat primary on March 12.

Son of longtime farmer Lawrence Kurtz, he has lived in Gray County more than 50 years.

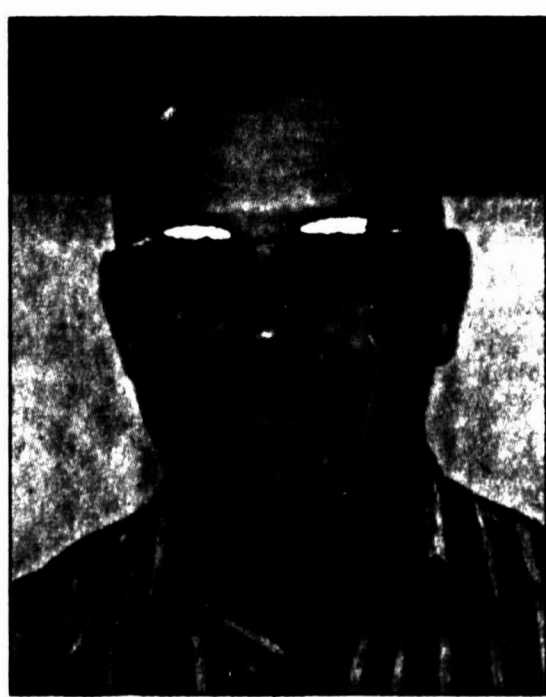
He has been employed at Cabot, now National Oilwell, for 30 years as a maintenance mechanic, senior boiler operator, and assembler.

Kurtz has a farming background and said he has a strong interest in our area, i.e. clean air and clean water. He said his belief is that every citizen has the privilege and right to be heard, regardless of their station in life.

With a strong belief in "government of the people, by the people and for the people," Kurtz said he will work to that end.

Kurtz said he believes it is time for change in our community and for the every day working man to be heard and represented.

He is a member of Central Church of Christ. He and his wife Lynne have three children and five grandchildren.



Lawrence Greg Kurtz

Wheeler indictments listed

WHEELER - Six of the seven indictments returned last week by the Wheeler County Grand Jury involved drug offenses, according to information released by 31st District Attorney Rick Roach's office.

Those indicted were:

Charles Edward Brooks, 50, Detroit, Mich., possession of marijuana

Dimitrios Nickolaos Monogios, 24, Harrison Township, Mich., possession of marijuana

Virgil Kenneth Davis, 24, Flint, Mich., possession of marijuana

David Wayne Bras, 25, Shamrock, possession of a controlled substance

Maria Elaine Richards, 26, Los Angeles, Calif., possession of marijuana

Yerodin Kalonji Prince, 27, Los Angeles, Calif., possession of marijuana

Daniel James Chase, 32, Shamrock, unlawful use of a motor vehicle.

Police check attempted murder report

Pampa Police Department officials remain tight-lipped while they investigate a reported case of attempted murder.

According to a police report, the suspect is a ten-year-old white male.

The report was filed with the PPD on Sunday, Jan. 20.

Gray County Juvenile Probation is also assisting in the investigation, Young said.

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OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

BLAYLOCK, Donald Ray "Sonny" — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Alanreed Cemetery, Alanreed.

HUGHES, Ethel Mae — 2 p.m., Assembly of Jesus Christ Church, Mangum, Okla.

CLYDE W. NEAL

Clyde W. Neal, 82, of Pampa, died Monday, Jan. 21, 2002. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

A Pampa resident since 1946, Mr. Neal was born May 30, 1919, at Booker, Texas. He married Clara Hilton on June 23, 1940, at Borger; she died Jan. 19, 1994. He retired from Cabot Corporation as a supervisor in 1981, after 35 years of service.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving in the Pacific during World War II, and a member of Briarwood Full Gospel Church.

Survivors include two sons, Gary W. Neal of Plano and Dennis Neal of Pampa; a brother, Billy Jeff Neal of Pampa; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

DONALD RAY 'SONNY' BLAYLOCK 1936-2002

McLEAN — Donald Ray "Sonny" Blaylock, 65, died Sunday, Jan. 20, 2002, at Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m., Wednesday in Alanreed Cemetery at Alanreed with Brian Quisenberry, pastor, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Lamb Funeral Home of McLean.

Mr. Blaylock, a retired construction inspector in the oil and gas industry, was born Nov. 17, 1936, at Rush Springs, Okla., to Lafayette and Katie McQuire Blaylock. He married Joye Dale Lewis on Aug. 4, 1959, at Farmington, N.M. The couple had lived in

Alanreed for the past four years.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Patsy West; and a brother, Leroy Blaylock.

Survivors include his wife, Joye, of the home; four sisters, Helen Mann of Monahans, Wanda Sharp of McLean, Lucille Stacker of Pampa and Hazel Terbush of Altus, Okla.; and two brothers, Bobby Blaylock of McLean and Jack Blaylock of Amarillo.

The family requests memorials be to American Cancer Society, 3915 Bell St., Amarillo, TX 79109.

ETHEL MAE HUGHES 1905-2002

MANGUM, Okla. — Ethel Mae Hughes, 96, mother of a Pampa resident, died Sunday, Jan. 20, 2002, at Mangum City Hospital. Services will be at 2 p.m., Wednesday in the Assembly of Jesus Christ Church with the Rev. Jan Ivan Oden, the Rev. J.V. Oden and Pastor Mildred Gable officiating. Interment will be at Riverside Cemetery under the direction of Greer Funeral Home of Mangum.

Mrs. Hughes was born Dec. 19, 1905, at Hammon, Okla., to James (Jimmy) Ivan and Etmer Ellen (Taylor) Oden. She had been a Mangum resident for 86 years. She married Frank Hughes in 1922 at Wellington, Texas; he died May 4, 1990. The couple settled in

Mangum where she was a member of Assembly of Jesus Christ Church. A homemaker, she enjoyed crocheting and baby-sitting.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters and four brothers.

Survivors include two daughters, Wanda Buchanan of Mangum and Rhonda Mae Norton of Pampa; a son, Farrell Hughes of Mangum; three brothers, James Oden, J.V. Oden, both of Altus, Okla., and Russell Oden of Talquah, Okla.; a sister, Rosey Ramay of Altus; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; 12 great-great-grandchildren; and five great-great-great-grandchildren.

JOYE HALE CREE

Joye Hale Cree, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2002, at Houston, Texas. The body was cremated and will not be available for viewing. Memorial services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Born in Brownwood, Texas, Mrs. Cree came to Pampa in 1942 from Denver City, Texas. She was a 1945 graduate of Pampa High School and attended Draughon's Business College in Lubbock. She married Joe Cree on Sept. 1, 1946, in Pampa.

She was a member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and was a former member of the Junior Service League of Pampa.

Survivors include her husband, Joe Cree, of the home; two daughters and a son-in-law, Kathryn L. (Katie) Cree of Pampa and Julie and Jerry Harkins of Dallas; a son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Terri Cree of Pampa; a twin brother, D.L. Hale, Jr., of Pampa; and six grandchildren, Meagan Cree, Kathryn L. Stevens and Chase Cree, all of Pampa, John Joseph Cree of San Angelo and Christopher Harkins and Ryan Harkins, both of Dallas. She was preceded in death by her parents, D.L. and Jewell Hale.

The family requests memorials be to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 727 W. Browning, Pampa, TX 79065; or to a favorite charity.

ON RECORD

SHERIFF

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ACCIDENTS

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Charlene Velasquez, 20, 1004 Charles, was cited for failure to yield the right of way when the 1996 Ford Taurus she was driving in the 1300 at North Hobart and Harvester collided with a 1988 Red Chrysler driven by Cheryl W. Waters, 55, 2228 N. Sumner. No injuries were reported.

Saturday, Jan. 19

Maria Escamilla, 38, 533 S. Russell, was cited for failure to control speed and being an unlicensed driver after the 1988 Oldsmobile Cutlass she was driving in the 1200 block of North Hobart collided with a 2002 Ford pickup driven by Benita Martinez Chavez, 38, 319 N. Banks. No injuries were reported.

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Phillips	58.02 NC		
SLB	50.43 +0.81		
Tenneco	2.00 +0.05		
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WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today, partly cloudy and breezy. Highs in the lower 70s. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph with gusts to 35 mph. Caution is advised on area lakes. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Wednesday, mostly cloudy and cooler. Highs in the upper 40s. North winds 10 to 20 mph. Wednesday night, cloudy with a slight chance of snow. Lows in the lower 20s. Chance of snow 20 percent. Thursday, a slight chance of snow early then decreasing clouds. Highs in the lower 40s. Chance of snow 10 percent. Thursday evening, mostly clear. Friday, partly cloudy. Lows near 20. Highs in the mid 50s.

STATEWIDE

Fog moved into parts of

South Texas early Tuesday and an upper-level disturbance was poised to bring rainfall and cooler temperatures to the state. Mid- and high-level clouds associated with the disturbance moved into North and West Texas.

Early-morning temperatures ranged from the lower 30s in the northwestern panhandle to about 70 in the deep south.

Extremes were 32 degrees at Dalhart and 70 degrees at Brownsville.

Other readings included 53 at San Angelo, 41 degrees at Texarkana, 59 at Fort Stockton and 55 degrees at Temple and Killeen.

Winds were from the south and southwest at 5 to 15 mph, with conditions from the east along the coast and turning more southerly in West Texas.

Cloudiness should continue increasing through Wednesday,

with breezy to windy conditions.

Daytime highs were expected from the 60s to 70s, except for some 50s in the western mountains.

Lows overnight will be in the 20s across the panhandle, 40s across the southeast and 30s elsewhere.

On Wednesday, a cold front will move through the panhandle, pushing highs into the 40s across the far north. Readings should be around 70 in the southeast and near 80 along the Big Bend of the Rio Grande.

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Stewards.
 "Ones called to responsible care of possessions entrusted to them," is how Webster's dictionary defines the word. Most people think of stewards in a church-related sense.



DEE DEE LARAMORE
 EDITOR

We all might do well to apply the concept of stewardship to a wider realm — life.

When I worked at Hospice of the Panhandle, I was responsible for two major fundraising events. Each event brought in thousands of dollars in donations, especially the Tree of Love.

I can't tell you the number of times that the hospice administrative staff sat around the conference table discussing how best to use those funds.

Stewardship remained uppermost in all our minds. We constantly asked ourselves and each other, "Are we using this money in the way that the giver intended?"

I'm proud to have been a part of an organization that took the responsibility so seriously. I would not have worked there as long as I did if it hadn't.

beyond those of the common citizen. We attend public meetings. We view open records. We ask questions that anyone can ask.

Then it is our duty — our responsibility — to present what we learn from attending those meetings, asking that question, viewing those records, to the community in a fair and impartial manner.

Elected officials and all those who are responsible for public money are stewards, also. They must remember that they still answer to the citizens who contributed those funds by using the money as efficiently as possible.

We all make mistakes. We all misjudge or make decisions that later turn out to be less than the best ones.

Good stewards will be honest and upfront with what they have done with the possessions entrusted to them. They should be willing to admit mistakes.

Stewardship does not entail never making a mistake. It does entail striving to do our best. If we are striving to do our best, we have nothing to fear, nothing to hide.

AP NEWS ANALYSIS

Bush, Rumsfeld, win in first year; bin Laden, Greenspan are losers

By RON FOURNIER
 AP WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the first year of George W. Bush's presidency, the war on terrorism turned Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld into a television star and exiled Vice President Dick Cheney to the land of secure, undisclosed locations.

For Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, it was a year in which recession crimped his magic touch on the economy. A single Republican switch handed Sen. Tom Daschle the keys to the Senate.

Sunday marks the 12-month point of the Bush administration. It was a year that changed reputations for better and worse.

The president was the biggest winner. Narrowly elected in 2000 and gaining few converts seven months into his term, Bush galvanized Americans after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Polls show 80 percent of voters approve of his job performance now. Aides are cranking up the re-election machine for 2004 and Republicans are encouraged about their prospects in congressional elections this year.

On the flip side, one of the year's biggest losers was Democrat Al Gore. His prospects for defeating Bush in a rematch dimmed after the attacks, when the legitimacy of the presidential election stopped being an issue.

Don Evans, a Bush friend and fund-raiser, helped defeat Gore and landed the top job at the Commerce Department. Evans was drawn into a brewing controversy when Enron Chairman Kenneth Lay, a major Bush donor, called him for help as the company was collapsing last year.

Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill also talked to Lay, but his problems go deeper. O'Neill has a habit of speaking too bluntly about White House and monetary policy, prompting reports that his job is in jeopardy. Senior Bush advisers say, however, the president likes O'Neill's style.

Tommy Thompson had a tougher year as secretary of health and human services. White House officials say he doesn't seem to like his job, stumbled out of the gate during the anthrax scare and has rubbed Bush staffers the wrong way. If pressed, White House aides predict he'll be the first Cabinet member to go.

Such talk is a source of friction between the White House and Thompson's department. Associates say Thompson loves the job and is buying a condominium in Washington. His pet issue, welfare reform, is making a comeback in Congress this spring.

It was a bad year, too, for Greenspan.

The recession marred the Fed chairman's record and he lost points with economists when he did a flip-flop on the need to protect the budget surplus. His change of heart gave Bush valuable ammunition in his fight to pass a \$1.35 trillion, 10-year tax cut that Democrats now are blaming for eliminating the surplus.

Even some of the winners had imperfect years. Security concerns kept Cheney in hiding after the attacks, but White House officials say the vice president is still Bush's top adviser. A former defense secretary, Cheney is a major player in the Afghan war council while ceding no authority over domestic policy.

Defense Secretary Rumsfeld earned rock-star status in Washington with brash talk and a successful battle plan. Bumping into him outside the Oval Office recently, Bush yelled, "Hey, there's the sexiest man in America!"

The day terrorists struck America, the cover of a major news magazine pictured the secretary of state and the headline, "Where have you gone, Colin Powell?" No one wonders about that now. He kept Arab nations in the U.S. coalition and U.S. troops out of Iraq.

Whenever Powell and Rumsfeld clashed, national security adviser Condoleezza Rice mediated the disputes and urged the national security team to bring a single recommendation to Bush. She managed to keep most of the debates secret.

A constant presence in the Oval Office, Rice may be the most influential member of Bush's war team.

The newest member of the national security team, Tom Ridge, was too moderate to serve as Bush's vice president, but jumped from the Pennsylvania governorship to run the homeland defense office.

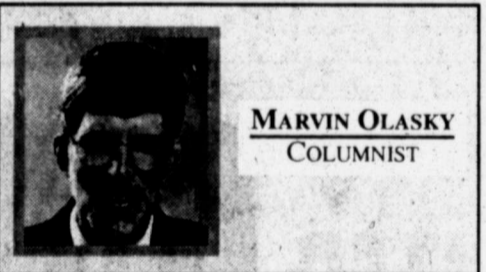
It is a thankless job, but Ridge could be Bush's running mate in 2004 if Cheney steps aside or a presidential candidate in 2008 if he succeeds in his current assignment.

Rudolph Giuliani is another rising GOP star. The former New York mayor was Time magazine's Person of the Year after leading the city through the aftermath of terrorist attacks. He is likely to return to GOP politics.

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Let's not talibanize political opponents



MARVIN OLASKY
 COLUMNIST

Twenty-nine years ago, seven men in black robes issued a fatwa. They disregarded the will of the various tribes, as expressed in public opinion polls and in a referendum in one of the northern provinces just two months earlier. Allies of the black robes controlled the airwaves and the state madrassas and not much else, but that proved to be enough. Television broadcasts said the peasants were jubilant about the fatwa, and even though anyone who spent time in the villages knew that wasn't true, it was said often enough that some viewers believed it.

At the madrassas, teachers said that opponents of the fatwa were reactionaries who had to be stopped. Some of the teachers acknowledged that the fatwa was not grounded in the sacred scripture as it pretended to be, but they said it would make life better. Without the fatwa, they insisted, the Southern Alliance would take power.

Well, I won't go any further with this game, because I do realize its limitations. Yes, the Supreme Court in 1973 overrode polls and a Michigan referendum to create, on a 7-2 vote, a 24-7-9 month abortion liberty. The Court received media and academic support, although even pro-abortion professors acknowledged that a Constitutional basis for Justice Harry Blackman's decision did not exist.

But the parallel should end there, because the United States is not Afghanistan. We still have a democracy, not a regime. The Supremes in recent decades have often sung off-key and so loudly that they have drowned out elect-

ed legislatures, but if the populace became aroused, we could see constitutional amendments and new justices. We should reserve phrases like "American Taliban" for the traitorous John Walker Lindh, and not throw it at those who have merely expressed views we dislike.

That's not what we're getting in many newspapers and magazines, though. In phase one of an assault late last year, web pundit Andrew Sullivan and New York Times columnists Anthony Lewis and Thomas Friedman equated Islamic and American fundamentalism, and some neoconservatives echoed such blather.

Phase two is now beginning, as Democratic politicians move in for the land war. Here's a heads-up from Newsweek's Howard Fineman: "The GOP is out of the mainstream, some Democrats will argue next year, because it's too dependent upon an intolerant 'religious right.' This is an incendiary battle plan — essentially comparing the GOP right with the Taliban."

Fineman lays out the Democrats' talking points: "Our enemy in Afghanistan is religious extremism and intolerance. It's therefore more important than ever to honor the ideals of tolerance — religious, sexual, racial, reproductive — at home."

Watch the discussion of abortion (aka, "reproductive tolerance") next week as the 29th anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision is celebrated and mourned. There won't be a lot of discussion, because many media folks have declared this a settled issue, but I suspect that what there is will include pro-aborts referring to pro-lifers as American Taliban.

If some Democratic senators run with that, broadcast media will pick up on it as evidence that Americans are getting fed up with the "religious right." That view will have moved from print journalists to politicians to broadcasters, and then the loop can start again as writers comment on how Christian conservative groups are trying to dodge the label.

But here's a prediction: This is a losing game for liberals. Regular folks who hold a sincere belief in God know they aren't like the Taliban. They make distinctions between politics informed by religious and moral values, and politics in which clerics act like dictators. They know that evangelicals emphasize faith, which cannot be forced. They are not trying to destroy other religions. They know that ethical concerns such as slavery, civil rights and abortion have always been the province of religion.

If Dems are dumb, they will push their attack on the "American Taliban" and give up whatever ground they still have with some conservative voters. If the GOP is wise, it will fight back hard against any Democratic attempt to demonize Christians who care about inconvenient unborn children and inconvenient ideas.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 22, the 22nd day of 2002. There are 343 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 22, 1973, the Supreme Court handed down its Roe v. Wade decision, which legalized abortion using a trimester approach.

On this date:
 In 1901, Britain's Queen Victoria died at age 82.

In 1905, thousands of demonstrators were fired on by Imperial army troops in St. Petersburg on what became known as "Red Sunday" or "Bloody Sunday."

In 1917, President Wilson pleaded for an end to war in

Europe, calling for "peace without victory." (By April, however, America also was at war.)

In 1922, Pope Benedict XV died; he was succeeded by Pius XI.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces began landing at Anzio, Italy.

In 1953, the Arthur Miller drama "The Crucible" opened

on Broadway.

In 1970, the first regularly scheduled commercial flight of the Boeing 747 began in New York and ended in London some 6 1/2 hours later.

In 1972, Britain, Denmark, Ireland and Norway joined the European Economic Community.

In 1973, former President Lyndon Johnson died at age 64.

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Reid proving Eagles hired the right coach

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — On the day Andy Reid was hired to coach the Philadelphia Eagles three years ago, he was greeted by a headline on the front page of a local newspaper that said "Andy Who?"

Nobody is questioning the choice now.

Reid has the Eagles one victory away from their first trip to the Super Bowl in 21 years. They play the St. Louis Rams in the NFC championship game on Sunday.

"Other than X's and O's, we looked at coaches who had been extremely successful — Joe Gibbs, Bill Parcells, Jimmy Johnson — and we tried to see if we can identify the characteristics they have in common," Eagles president Joe Banner said Monday. "They have exceptional leadership skills, are not afraid to be wrong or make a mistake, are self-confident, have a strong conviction, are detail-oriented, straightforward and honest."

"When we interviewed Andy, we felt like he represented those characteristics. Obviously, we were comfortable with his football knowledge, but this is what separates him."

"He's been on a mission since he's been here to get to the Super Bowl. He's been immersed in his championship run."

— Chad Lewis, Eagles' tight end

Reid wasn't the people's choice or owner Jeffrey Lurie's first pick to be the coach, but he has proved to be the right choice.

This is the first trip to the conference title game for the Eagles since they beat Dallas on Jan. 11, 1981, before losing to Oakland in the Super Bowl.

The Rams, who opened the season with a 20-17 overtime victory in Philadelphia, are 11-point favorites, but both of their losses came at home. The Eagles are 8-1 away from Veterans Stadium.

The odds were against Reid when he took over a team that finished 3-13 in 1998 and was considered one of the worst organizations in pro sports.

Though he came from a superb coaching pedigree, having studied meticulously as

an assistant to Mike Holmgren in Green Bay — five of Holmgren's disciples took teams to the playoffs this season — Reid had no experience as a head coach at any level.

And, he wasn't one of the high-profile coaches available after Lurie fired Ray Rhodes, Holmgren and George Seifert, both Super Bowl winners, were looking for jobs. So were Brian Billick and Chris Palmer, offensive coordinators who masterminded high-scoring offenses.

But Holmgren chose Seattle over Philadelphia, so Lurie took a chance on Reid, who coached tight ends, the offensive line and quarterbacks in seven years with the Packers.

"He's been on a mission since he's been here to get to the Super Bowl," tight end

Chad Lewis said. "He's been immersed in this championship run. He's been there twice with the Packers. He knows what it's like and he's felt it."

Reid had a plan, and came armed with a 6-inch-thick binder containing notes on how to build a winning team. The notes included everything from practice schedules to scouting reports to an explanation of the importance of a long snapper.

He began the rebuilding process by selecting a franchise quarterback, taking Donovan McNabb No. 2 overall in the 1999 draft, when the popular pick in Philadelphia was running back Ricky Williams.

Reid patiently groomed McNabb to be the starter and never wavered, despite being criticized for playing journeyman Doug Pederson the first nine games of the season.

He instilled discipline and a winning attitude, built character and a strong work ethic.

The Eagles won just five games that year, but ended on a positive note with two straight victories, including one over the eventual Super Bowl champion Rams.

The winning carried over to last season, when the Eagles went 11-5 and beat Tampa Bay in a wild-card playoff game before losing to the Giants in the second round.

Four months later, Reid was promoted, adding the title of executive vice president of football operations to his coaching duties.

This season, the Eagles again went 11-5, and won the NFC East for the first time since 1988. They beat the Buccaneers in a wild-card game, then dismantled the Bears 33-19 Saturday, becoming just the second NFC team since 1990 to win on the road in the second round.

"The one thing about coaching is that you love to teach," Reid said. "When you see guys improve and they feel comfortable in a system, whether it's offensively, defensively, and special teams, that's the satisfaction that you get. You have seen that from our guys. They have taken what we have offered them and run with it and have put their names to it. That part is exciting."

It'll be even more exciting if they beat the Rams.

Bettis, Holmes expect to be in lineup in AFC for championship game

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Jerome Bettis had the most unusual afternoon of his NFL career — no pain and no gain.

That's why he won't get a precautionary painkilling shot before the AFC championship game Sunday.

Bettis, the Pittsburgh Steelers' Pro Bowl running back, wishes that he didn't get a shot just before Sunday's playoff game against Baltimore. The injection apparently struck a nerve and caused one of Bettis' legs to go numb, preventing him from playing.

Bettis has taken painkilling shots before without a reaction, and he has no idea why this injection went wrong.

Bettis has been out since Dec. 2 with a groin injury, but practiced for three weeks before the Ravens game and fully expected to play. He insisted he didn't need the shot to play, and got it only to mask

any potential discomfort in his groin.

"I knew there would be a lot of pain associated with the injury and I just wanted it to feel better," he said Monday. "The scar tissue still has to tear, and it is nowhere near as strong as regular tissue, so there's going to be pain."

"It's nothing that will keep you from playing. It's just something you have to deal with."

Offensive tackle Wayne Gandy estimated about half the Steelers get painkilling injections before a game, but said most get nothing more than the equivalent of 3-to-4 over-the-counter painkilling tablets.

"It's nothing but liquid Advil, but it doesn't tear up your stomach," he said. "You have to understand it's a game of pain. It's a hard, reckless game, and it (the shot) is really just to smooth those little irritating things that come up."

Playing defense



(Pampa News photo by Tess Kingcade)

Pampa's Jerica Timmons (22) and Autumn Schaub (11) play defense against Canyon in a 9th grade girls game Monday. Canyon won 55-28.

Mets get their slugging outfielder

NEW YORK (AP) — Adding a slugging outfielder didn't come easy for the New York Mets.

After being spurned by free agent Juan Gonzalez, the Mets pulled off a three-team, 11-player trade, acquiring Jeromy Burnitz from Milwaukee and sending Glendon Rusch to the Brewers and Todd Zeile to Colorado on Monday night.

"This has been a rather complicated process, which seems to go with everything else this winter that we've done," New York general manager Steve Phillips said.

The trade completes an off-season overhaul of the Mets' offense, with Burnitz returning to his original team and joining a lineup with newcomers Roberto Alomar, Mo Vaughn and Roger Cedeno.

New York also received pitcher Jeff D'Amico, infielder Lou Collier, outfielder Mark Sweeney and cash from Milwaukee. The Mets got two

minor leaguers from Colorado: infielder-outfielder Ross Gload and pitcher Craig House.

The Brewers added a left-handed starter in Rusch, as well as outfielder Alex Ochoa from Colorado and infielder Lenny Harris from New York.

The Rockies filled their third base hole with Zeile and added outfielder Benny Agbayani.

NOTEBOOK

FOOTBALL WRESTLING

PAMPA — Two Pampa wrestlers came away with victories last weekend at the Azle Tournament.

Shawn Brown in the 112-pound class won all four of his matches while Daniel Resendiz (189 pounds) got his first win at the varsity level.

"Shawn is really looking good. He's been real close to winning all year," said coach Justin Turner.

Pampa hosts Borger in a dual tonight in McNeely Fieldhouse. Junior varsity matches start at 6, followed by the varsity around 7.

CORRECTION

PAMPA — In a Pampa News article Jan. 17, it was incorrectly stated that The Fighting Heart Award was first presented in 1953.

The award — which is given annually to a Harvester football player — was first presented in 1948 to Pete Cooper. He was a repeat winner in 1949.

BASKETBALL

CANADIAN

Canadian is in a two-way battle with Spearman in the District 6-2A girls basketball race. Both teams are tied for first in the district standings with 8-1 records.

Canadian is 18-8 for the season while Spearman is 18-8.

Canadian, coming off a 51-36 win last weekend over West Texas High, hosts Clarendon tonight.

Against West Texas, Jana Francis led the way for the Lady Wildcats with 20 points. Kristin Robinson added 12.

Canadian boys, 1-6 in district, fell to West Texas High 99-43.

Hunter Landers had 14 points and Cade Culver 11 for the Wildcats.

OLYMPICS

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Sting will share the same stage with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir at the opening ceremony of the Salt Lake City Olympics.

The Feb. 8 event also will feature the Dixie Chicks, country singer LeAnn Rimes, former member of "The Band" Robbie Robertson, and Rita Coolidge.

Flashback

1958: Don Prigmore of Pampa shot a 267 to win the Top O' Texas Golf Championship. Prigmore defeated Borger's Don Kaplan by 11 strokes.

Prigmore had finished second to Kaplan in 1956 when Kaplan won the second of his two Top O' Texas titles.

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Sooners post solid victory

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — It turns out Kelvin Sampson had nothing to worry about.

The Oklahoma coach was concerned whether his sixth-ranked Sooners would be able to rebound Monday night from a tough loss at then-No. 4 Kansas two days earlier. They did, going on a late first-half run and coasting past No. 18 Missouri 84-71.

"When you have this sort of a turnaround, you're not as concerned with practicing as you're concerned with preparation," Sampson said. "Missouri's a team that requires a lot of preparation because they have a good inside game and great

perimeter players."

The inside game was no factor, and only Clarence Gilbert was able to find the range from outside. Gilbert had eight 3-pointers and scored 26 points, but Kareem Rush had just 13 on 4-of-15 shooting.

"I thought our kids did a great job of guarding him, and maybe we caught him on an off night," Sampson said.

Hollis Price scored 24 points for the Sooners (15-2, 4-1 Big 12), who outrebounded Missouri 43-26 in Monday's only game involving a ranked team. They also forced 18 turnovers in beating the Tigers (14-5, 4-2) for the eighth straight time.

"You have to be strong and tough and the guys were weak with the ball," Missouri coach Quin Snyder said. "We have to have some guys step up. We need Kareem to be stronger and he knows that."

Price started slowly, but the scoring of Quannas White and Daryan Selvy kept the Sooners going. Then three 3-pointers by Gilbert in just over four minutes gave the Tigers a 23-19 lead with 6:51 left in the half.

A follow shot by Aaron McGhee started a run in which the Sooners hit 10 straight shots and scored on their final 11 possessions before halftime to take a 44-31 lead.

Knicks humiliated by Hornets; Kings extend home dominance

By The Associated Press

The Sacramento Kings are tough to beat anywhere they play. For the New York Knicks, there's no place to hide.

Sacramento, behind double-figure scoring by seven players, won its 12th straight and extended its home unbeaten streak to 16 games with a 112-98 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies on Monday night.

The string of success has the Kings striving for more.

"The win streak is nice, but we are not satisfied with it. We are not sitting here Laker watching," Chris Webber said.

The Kings improved to an NBA-best 31-9, which is 1 1/2 games ahead of defending champion Los Angeles.

Meanwhile, New York's abysmal season reached new depths as Charlotte dealt the Knicks their worst home loss in the franchise's 56-year history, 111-68.

The Knicks' shot a season-worst 30 percent as their losing streak reached eight games, their longest skid since Dec. 5-20, 1986.

Some players hid their heads beneath towels as the final seconds ticked off. New York coach Don Chaney and Mark Jackson didn't hide their disappointment in the Knicks' futility.

"I thought they threw in the towel. I thought they gave up," Chaney said.

Jackson said: "It's an embarrassment."

In other NBA games Monday night, it was Atlanta 95, Houston 91; Seattle 109, Philadelphia 98; Milwaukee 97, Detroit 79; Dallas 113, New Jersey 105; Indiana 93, Chicago 81; Utah 101, Golden State 99; Minnesota 105, Washington 101; Miami 95, Cleveland 93 in overtime; Boston 106, Toronto 97; and the Los Angeles Clippers 102, Denver 89.

The Kings needed more than 24 points and 11 rebounds from Webber and Peja Stojakovic's 21 points to get past Memphis, which shot 64 percent in the first half.

Doug Christie delivered a lift in the third quarter, contributing eight points, three

assists and three steals as the Kings outscored Memphis 32-19 and pushed their lead to 17 points.

Memphis, without Jason Williams (migraine headache) and Shane Battier (strained groin), lost its fourth straight.

Tony Massenburg scored 23 points and Rodney Buford added 18 for the Grizzlies, who shot a season-high 56 percent. Pau Gasol scored 16 points.

"We knew we were short-handed, but that's the NBA," Buford said. "It happens to all teams, which means guys have to step it up. But we didn't."

In New York, the Knicks did little right against the Hornets in their worst home loss since a 132-93 rout by Milwaukee on April 10, 1987.

Latrell Sprewell was scoreless on 0-for-9 shooting, the first time he has gone without a point since November 1995.

The Knicks were held to their lowest point total of the season.

"I don't think we're treating the job as seriously as we need to," said Allan Houston, who scored 11 points on 5-of-15

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shooting. Jackson agreed, saying: "I can't tell you what it is but bad basketball. Top to bottom, it's just bad."

The Hornets extended their lead to 43 points in the third quarter and sent the Knicks to their most lopsided loss since Indiana beat them 131-86 on Feb. 20, 1980.

Kurt Thomas led the Knicks with 16 points.

SuperSonics 109, 76ers 98
 Gary Payton scored 28 points and Seattle shot a team-record 66.1 percent in a victory in Philadelphia.

Allen Iverson led the Sixers with 38 points and became the eighth player in Philadelphia history to score 10,000 career points.

Vin Baker added 20 points for the Sonics.

Bucks 97, Pistons 79
 Michael Redd scored 21 points and Sam Cassell added 18 as Milwaukee extended its winning streak to eight games with a win in Detroit.

Jazz 101, Warriors 99
 Karl Malone made a season-high 16 free throws and scored 37 points, and Bryon

Russell made five free throws in the final 15 seconds to lead Utah to victory at Golden State.

The Jazz shot 26 free throws in the second half and beat the Warriors for the 26th time in 28 meetings.

Antawn Jamison scored 25 points for Golden State, which lost for the 10th time in 11 games.

Pacers 93, Bulls 81
 Reggie Miller scored 20 points as Indiana snapped a five-game losing streak with a victory in Chicago.

Ron Mercer scored 18 points for the Bulls, who lost to the Pacers for the ninth straight time.

Celtics 106, Raptors 97
 Paul Pierce scored 30 points and Antoine Walker added 20 points and 10 assists as Boston beat Toronto.

Vince Carter scored 26 points for Toronto, which had its four-game winning streak snapped and its three-game road winning streak halted.

Kenny Anderson added 13 points and nine assists for the Celtics.

and 13 rebounds for the Bucks. Detroit's Jerry Stackhouse scored 19 points on 5-for-21 shooting.

Hawks 95, Rockets 91
 Jason Terry scored 19 points as Atlanta stopped a six-game losing streak overall and a five-game home losing skid with a victory over visiting Houston.

Nazr Mohammed finished with 18 points and 17 rebounds for the Hawks.

Cutting Mobley had 26 points for the Rockets, who have lost four of five. Steve Francis had 25.

Mavericks 113, Nets 105
 Dirk Nowitzki scored 39 points, including nine straight during a 17-1 run in the closing minutes, leading host Dallas past New Jersey.

Jason Kidd missed his first 16 shots and didn't make a field goal until a 3-pointer with 25 seconds left. He had eight rebounds and 15 assists, including the 5,000th of his career.

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Seles ends Williams' winning streak

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Venus Williams' winning streak is over.

Monica Seles snapped Williams' 24-match streak with a 6-7 (4), 6-2, 6-3 quarterfinal upset Tuesday and moved into the Australian Open semifinals against Martina Hingis.

Seles lost her previous six matches against Williams, who has won the last two U.S.

Opens and the previous two Wimbledon titles. The second-seeded Williams, who strained a hamstring in the first set, was playing for a third consecutive Grand Slam title and the fifth of her career.

Seles, seeded eighth, has won four Australian Opens, but the last one was six years ago. Hingis is a three-time Australian Open champion, but

has not won since 1999, her last title in a major tournament.

Williams won the first set in a tiebreaker despite her injury, and she limped for the rest of the match. She went into the quarterfinal with an injured left knee.

"I had pain in the hamstring area — I wasn't quite sure what was going on," Williams said.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

**** Though a friend could still pull her rug out from under you, you discover here are many ways to achieve your objectives. Stay secure and talk about your dreams. Others respond and help you make a dream into a reality. Your high energy appeals to many. Tonight: Go to a favorite spot.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** You mean well and have a way of helping others settle down. However, someone just might need to be hooked up. Consider different financial alternatives. If something isn't clear, hink carefully before committing. Tonight: Treat someone to dinner.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Take your time. You don't have to agree to something that makes you uncomfortable. Think in terms of success and new directions. Your sense of humor comes out with a contrary person at a distance. Take your time, the day gets better as it gets older. Tonight: Go wild!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** Don't love your focus. Stay on top of your work but make time for meetings, and key get together. News, from a source, though dramatically stated, could be a revelation to you. Be sensitive to your appearance. When you're in the office, don't forget to take your personal time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** Take charge at work. Information from a distance weighs in on a key decision. Understand that what a very serious friend shares is important to him or her. Pause and take time to listen. A meeting late in the day shines with success. Tonight: Where your friends are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** News from a distance sheds light on work-related matters. Still, a partner or associate examines what it might take to finish a project. Unexpected news could toss plans out. Your work demands attention in the later day. Talk to a boss or superior. Tonight: A must show.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Deal with someone on a one-on-one level. Your most effective means of communicating is directly, not through someone else. You make an impact, though it could shake up a child or loved one. Listen to information from someone at a distance. Tonight: Veg out to a movie.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** Continue deferring to others, with the possible exception of a family member. Make an additional effort to handle a work-related problem directly. Your fast action could make all the difference between success or failure. Schedule a talk for later in the day. Tonight: Make nice!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** Consider what is going on with an associate before you decide to make a decision that could impact this person.

You find that communication could be a

booster than you anticipated. Stay open to the creative process. Others are becoming receptive to discussions in the evening. Tonight: Join friends for dinner. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Your playful nature comes

forward. Think in terms of success and new possibilities. Find answers rather than close doors. You might have had enough of recent instability. Understand that you cannot control everything all the time. Tonight: Bring extra work home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Your family becomes your highest priority. Listen to someone, but don't do the unexpected when dealing with this person. Your impetuous behavior inadvertently causes a problem. In the later afternoon, your creativity and humor delight those around you. Tonight: Play the night away.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

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DEAR ABBY: How do you chew out someone whose heart is in the right place? During the Cold War, I spent almost six years defending the flag of our country. While I am delighted to see it flying everywhere, folks — please use your head as well as your heart.

A flag flying from a car at high speed takes a beating. Please replace it before it turns into a rag. I have seen some so far gone that only half the flag remains. I even saw a pair of flags hanging horizontally from a car trunk. They looked like mud flaps.

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DEAR KEN: Thank you for a timely letter. I, too, have seen torn, faded, rain-drenched American flags flying from car windows, and tangled flags on homes and apartments. The U.S. Flag Code, adopted in 1923, describes the following rules for proper flag protocol:

(1) Always display the flag with the field of blue in the upper left-hand corner. To display it upside down is considered a distress signal.

(2) It should be carried aloft and free, never flat or horizontally.

(3) The flag should always be kept clean and safe; never let it become torn, soiled or damaged.

(4) The flag should be destroyed by burning in a dignified manner.

(5) Always treat the flag with

respect. Never embroider it on household items or pieces of clothing.

People who are unable to dispose of the flag in the prescribed manner should contact their nearest American Legion or VFW post. Most of them have an annual ceremony in which old and worn flags are properly destroyed.

Readers who would like a copy of the brochure "Our Flag: How to Honor and Display It," and a flag fact sheet on "Flag Retirement," need only request it and send \$1 plus a long (business-size), stamped, self-addressed envelope to National Flag Foundation, Flag Plaza, 1275 Bedford Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15219-3630. It can also be reviewed on the Internet at www.americanflags.org. Or call the NFF toll-free: (800) 615-1776.

DEAR ABBY: I have a question regarding wedding shower gifts. I live in my own apartment. My fiancé lives at home with his folks. We registered for some practical things — mostly items for the kitchen.

My question: Is it rude to use the gifts before we get married? We're not being married for four more months. It feels a little strange to be putting our wedding shower gifts to use, but isn't that the purpose — to set up housekeeping? Please advise.

GAYLE IN TOLEDO

DEAR GAYLE: Call me an incurable romantic — or perhaps superstitious — but the time to start using wedding shower gifts is after the honeymoon.

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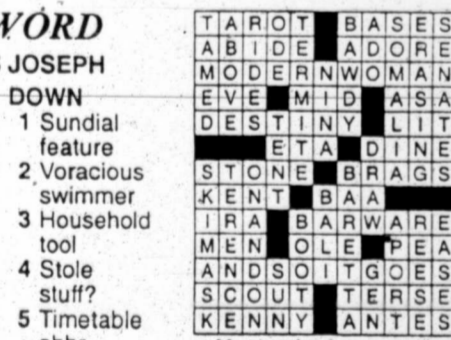
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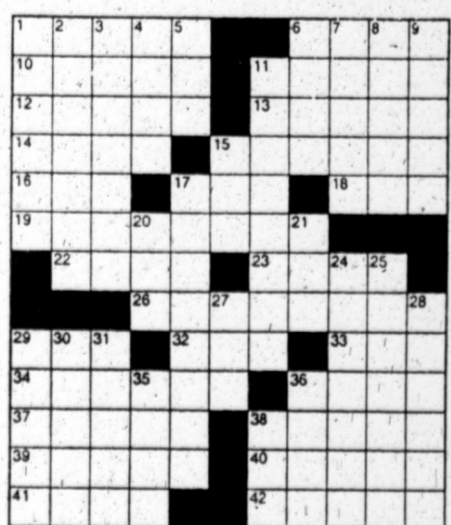
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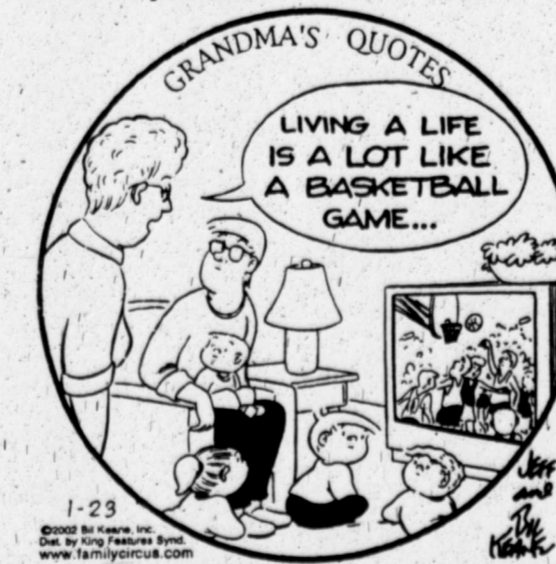


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