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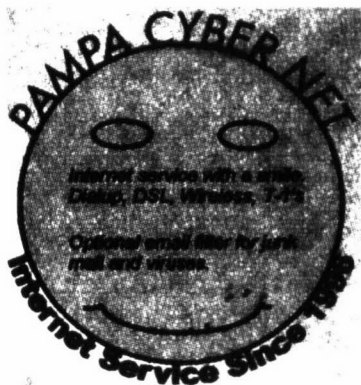
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LOCAL

PHS Prom meeting planned for tonight

A Pampa High School prom organization meeting is set for 8 p.m., tonight, in the PHS library. The meeting will follow the financial aid meeting set for 7 p.m. Anyone unable to attend the meeting but who would like to help plan the prom can contact Kathy Cavalier at PHS, 669-4800.

LOTTERY

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 2-20-24-40-47-53
Estimated jackpot: \$32 million.
Number matching six of six: 0.
Matching five of six: 110. Prize: \$2,679.
Matching four of six: 5,977. Prize: \$122.
Matching three of six: 129,461. Prize: \$5.
Next Lotto Texas game: Saturday night.
Estimated jackpot: \$40 million.

DEATHS

Billy J. "B.J." Holcomb, 75, retired Navy officer.
Mildred Frances Lamb, 87, homemaker.
Pat Ramsey, 76, book-keeper.
David Wayne Stevens Sr., 43, services pending.

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Tax assessor-collector retiring

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

After working for Gray County for 31 years, Sammie Morris is retiring as Tax Assessor-Collector.

Morris met briefly with the five-member county commissioners court in an executive session late Wednesday morning.

Her retirement will be effective April 30. Morris said she is retiring to be at home with her husband Bob who retired in 1993. The couple plans to spend time together and travel in their travel trailer.

"I have really enjoyed working with the citizens of Gray County and will miss seeing everyone," said Morris, who will turn 65 in February. "Since I have been in office I feel that we have made strides for our customers. The main thing that I feel that has made it so much easier for our customers is to have just the one office to come to pay all of their taxes. It has been so nice to be able to collect for all nine entities, and it has been a great savings for each entity."

Morris first went to work in the tax office in 1958 when Jack Back was Tax Assessor-Collector. Working at different intervals, she will have completed 31 years with the county in March.

Following Back's retirement in 1981, Margie Gray was elected to the position and served until her death in



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Gaye Whitehead, left, discusses her appointment Wednesday as Gray County Tax Collector-Assessor effective May 1 with Sammie Morris, right, who announced her retirement from the position effective April 30.

1994. On May 2, 1994, Gray County Commissioners Court appointed Morris to fill the position.

After accepting Morris' resignation the Commissioners Court appointed Gaye Whitehead to fill the County Tax Collector position effective May 1.

Whitehead is currently Chief Deputy in the Gray County Tax Assessor-Collector's office.

Morris recommended to the commission that Whitehead be appointed to fill the unexpired term. In her recommendation, she said Whitehead has

worked in the tax office since May 1, 1985, and was appointed as chief deputy in May 1994. She said Whitehead is a trusted employee and well versed in the operations of the tax office in all areas. She further stated Whitehead has a good working relationship with the employees in the tax office as well as the county.

Whitehead has completed all the required course work and exams, and is registered with the Board of Tax Professional Examiners as a Registered Texas Assessor/Collector as of Aug. 10, 1998.

Morris described the functions of the tax collector's office and how they work.

"All of the vehicle and title work is linked directly to Austin with computers known as registration and title systems," said Morris. She said the only cost to the county is the toner cartridges.

"Our computer for the voter registry is also linked to the state and our files are updated daily," added Morris. "The ad valorem tax department has a highly trained staff and an excellent collection program through Net Data. The collection program was written just for county government and has a great bookkeeping, report writing and check writing system."

The county tax office collects all the property taxes for Gray County while the Appraisal District's duties are to (See MORRIS, Page 3)

City's economic outlook? Not so good

By DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

January sales tax receipts 7.62 percent below budget

The economic news for Pampa continues to be bad.

Sales tax receipts this month were almost \$12,000 below what the city had budgeted. To make matters worse, this month's sales tax receipts were almost \$18,000 below last January's receipts.

Pampa received \$161,207.26 last January. This year, the January sales tax receipts dropped to \$143,735.92.

The city, as reflected in their budget, was expecting \$155,596.

Pampa City Commissioners at Tuesday night's meeting instructed the city's staff to begin plans to cut Pampa's municipal budget.

City officials said this week that

Pampa received 10.84 percent less in January, 2003, than for the same month in 2002.

The January sales tax receipts were 7.62 percent below what the city expected, and this isn't the first month of the city's fiscal year that this has occurred.

*Pampa's fiscal year starts Oct. 1. The October sales tax receipts were down 3.89 percent from what the city expected. November sales tax receipts were 11.09 percent below the budgeted figure. December sales tax receipts were down 5.11 percent below what

had been budgeted.

City Commissioner Jeff Andrews, during the commission's work session Tuesday night, said that if these numbers were projected out for the year, it could mean some \$150,000 in less revenue for city coffers than what the commission had planned when they adopted their budget for this fiscal year.

To date, the city has gotten about \$50,000 less than they had budgeted for over the past four months.

The funds the city received from the state comptroller's office in January

are for sales in November. The city receives 1.5 percent of the sales taxes collected in Pampa.

City officials said next month's receipts will be for December and should reflect sales during the Christmas holiday season. But they doubt that even a good holiday shopping season would be enough to make up the \$50,000 shortage in the budget, let alone the \$75,309.89 less than for the same period last year.

Those figures indicate that retail sales were down in Pampa some \$3.3 million for the past four months.

Not only are sales down in Pampa, but more businesses have closed in Gray County over the past year.

According to the state comptroller's office, there are 12 fewer businesses in the county this year than last.

County completes lengthy agenda in first '03 session

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

With one new member of the Gray County Commissioners Court, the five member commission took care of a lengthy agenda Wednesday morning.

Precinct Two Commissioner Gary Willoughby participated in his commission first meeting since being sworn-in to office Jan. 1. He joined fellow Commissioners Joe Wheeley, Gerald Wright and James Hefley along with County Judge Richard Peet.

Commissioners Court approved the re-appointments of County Auditor Elaine Morris and Assistant County Auditor Carla Carter. The appointments and salary orders were made by 31st District Judge Steven Emmert and 223rd District Judge Lee Waters.

Morris' salary was set at \$43,763.04 while Carter's is \$33,108.24.

District Attorney Rick Roach appeared before the county commission with questions about the move back into the courthouse when the restoration process is completed in a few months.

Roach expressed concern about computer technological needs in the county building, including DSL capability.

County Auditor Elaine Morris said she felt adequate plans had been made for the office's needs.

Roach said the Crime Victim Coordinator in his office conducts much of her business on the Internet to Austin, and stressed the need

for confidentiality.

County Tax Collector-Assessor Sammie Morris said she had two DSL lines in her office before they moved out of the courthouse into temporary county offices. She said District Clerk Gaye Hondrich is utilizing one of the lines at the present time.

Morris said one of her lines goes directly to the Secretary of State's Office in Austin. She said five offices were hooked into her line and said that each office had confidentiality on each line.

"There is no way anyone can get into it," said the tax collector.

"It is essential for government to have DSL," said Precinct Four County Commissioner James Hefley.

County Treasurer Lee Cornelison said during his first two weeks in office he has determined the need for DSL.

Roach also told the commission if the juvenile office is allowed to remain at the North Hobart location he would like to have one of the offices allotted for them.

Commissioners approved the use of loss control funds for costs associated with the courthouse rededication.

No dollar limit was set as Judge Peet said he didn't know what the costs would be. Commissioner Wright said he trusted Judge Peet to be conservative with the county fund. Judge Peet will be overseeing the costs.

In other business the commission approved the following actions:

(See COUNTY, Page 3)

Miami ISD board considers class departmentalization

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

MIAMI — Miami Independent School District Board of Trustees is examining the possibility of implementing departmentalization of third through fifth grades.

Superintendent Allan Dinsmore said the subjects involved would be language arts, reading and writing.

Departmentalization would be for increasing scores on the TAAS test and teachers would have multi-grade levels in the subjects.

Students, he said, would remain in their set classrooms. The teachers would rotate to the classrooms.

During the meeting, the TAAS scores were discussed as well as the school ratings. Miami ISD has attained exemplary, the highest rating level, for six out of the last seven years.

Trustees also approved a resolution for Roberts County Commissioners.

The commission and trustees purchased a stock trailer together to be used for the transportation of animals to 4-H and stock show activities. Each entity's cost was \$3,650.

Dinsmore's superintendent contract was given a two-year extension by the trustees. The principal's contract will be discussed at the February meeting.

An audience request was made by David Locke that a class be established for juniors and seniors at Miami High School to teach students about seeking employment. Locke said the students could be taught about job interviews, applications and resumes.

No action was taken as the item was not on the agenda. The board took the matter under advisement.

Brown, Graham and Company auditors presented the annual audit on the school district. Dinsmore said the audit was a "clean audit" and there were no findings.

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OBITUARIES

LaDONNA K. WARD ALDERSON
1956-2003

LaDonna K. Ward Alderson, 46, of Pampa, died Monday, Jan. 13, 2003, at Pampa. Services were to be at 10 a.m., today, Thursday, Jan. 16, 2003, at the Carpenter's Church with Pastor Fred Palmer and Pastor Jim Sinyard officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Ms. Alderson was born Aug. 6, 1956, at Altus, Okla. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1974. She was a member of the Carpenter's Church.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Twila Busby, and three nephews, Scooter Caler, Randy Busby and Christopher Ward.

She was a loving and caring daughter who loved her family very much.

Survivors include her father and step-mother, Bobby and Eilene Ward of Oklahoma City, Okla.; her mother and step-father, Beverly and Melvin



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Clark of Pampa; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Rusty and Sharon Ward of Shreveport, La., and Doug Ward of Pampa; a niece, Lisa Busby of Pampa; and two nephews, Brittany Ward and Hunter Ward, both of Shreveport, La.

The family requests memorials be to Pampa Sheltered Workshop, 1301 W. Somerville, Pampa, TX 79065.
—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

PAT RAMSEY
1926-2003

Pat Ramsey, 76, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2003, at Pampa. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 18, 2003, at Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor of the Central Baptist Church, and Dr. Derrell Monday, pastor of the Central Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Ramsey was born July 15, 1926, in Vernon, Texas. She had been a resident of Pampa most of her life. She married John Ramsey on June 15, 1946, in Pampa. He preceded her in death on Dec. 26, 1992.

She was the head bookkeeper for Gibson's for many years.

She was a member of the Central Baptist Church and the Senior Adult Choir.

Survivors include two daughters and a son-in-law, Pat Tarvin and Paula and Bill Gilreath, all of Pampa; a sister, Mildred Cooper of Pampa; a brother, A.C. Miller of Poplarville,



Miss.; three grandsons, Jay Tarvin of Amarillo, Scott Tarvin and wife Kristine of Fort Worth, and Anthony Gilreath of Houston; three great-grandchildren, Megan Tarvin, Jonathon Tarvin, and Alexis Tarvin, all of Pampa; a step-grandson, Billy Gilreath and wife Tina of Woodward, Okla.; and two step-great-grandchildren, Taylor Gilreath and Jacob Gilreath, both of Woodward, Okla.

The family will be at 1040 S. Wells in Pampa and requests memorials be to Central Baptist Church, 513 E. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065.
—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

DAVID WAYNE STEVENS, SR.
1959-2003

David Wayne Stevens, Sr., 43, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2003. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

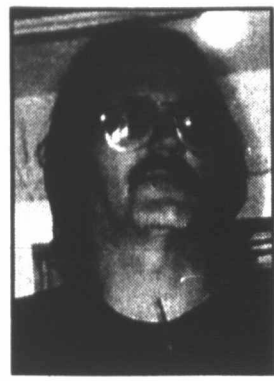
Mr. Stevens was born Oct. 7, 1959, at Borger and had been a lifelong Pampa resident, graduating from Pampa High School in 1978. He married Margaret Arellano on April 5, 1983, at Pampa.

He was an umpire of Pampa USSSA Softball Association for 20 years.

He cooked and managed the kitchens of various restaurants in Pampa most of his adult life. His last employment was as a caregiver and sitter for a local resident.

He was preceded in death by his father, Hershel Leon Stevens.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret, of the



maternal grandmother, Loraine Travis of White Deer.
The family will be at 1028 Mary Ellen.
—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

home; two daughters, Dawn Marie Stevens and Meesha Jo Stevens, both of the home; a son, David Wayne Stevens, II, of the home; his mother, Mary Stevens of Pampa; a sister, Dorinda Hayes of Pampa; a brother, Martin Stevens of Pampa; and his

BILLY J. 'B.J.' HOLCOMB

NORFOLK, Va. — Retired Naval Lieutenant Commander Billy J. "B.J." Holcomb, 75, brother of a Pampa resident, died Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2003. Graveside services will be at 9 a.m., Feb. 10, in Arlington National Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Hollomon-Brown Funeral Home of Norfolk.

Mr. Holcomb was born at Trent and grew up in Borger. He retired from the U.S. Navy after 30 years of service and was a member of Seaboard Masonic Lodge No. 56, AF&AM.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia "Ginny" Ruth Holcomb; a son, James Allen Holcomb; and a brother, Roger Crowson Holcomb.

Survivors include two brothers, James Allen Holcomb of Pampa and Kenneth Laroy Holcomb of Trinity; two grandchildren, Penelope Anne Holcomb and Michael James Holcomb, both of Spain; and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive visitors from 7-9 p.m., today at Hollomon-Brown Funeral Home's Tidewater Drive Chapel in Norfolk.

MILDRED FRANCES LAMB
1916-2003

GUYMON, Okla. — Mildred Frances Lamb, 87, died Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2003, at Dunaway Manor in Guymon. Services will be at 2 p.m., Friday in First Baptist Church at Shamrock with the Rev. Robert Dowdy officiating. Interment will be in Shamrock City Cemetery at Shamrock. Arrangements are under the direction of Bunch-Roberts Funeral Home of Guymon.

Mrs. Lamb was born Jan. 4, 1916, at Endee, N.M., to Walter N. and Merlie C. Thomas Pharis. She attended elementary school at Ramsdal, Texas, and high school at McLean.

She was a bookkeeper with Payne Plumbing and Electrical in Shamrock for several years and was a homemaker.

She married Grover B. Lamb on Dec. 1,

1932, at Erick, Okla.; he died May 23, 1996. The couple moved from Guymon to Pampa in 1990.

She was a member of Grace Southern Baptist Church in Guymon.

Survivors include a son, Jimmy Don Lamb of Shallowater; two daughters, Merletta Bennett of Guymon and Claudia Dowdy of Texas City; a sister, Lillie Mae Williams of Littleton, Colo.; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to Residence Fireplace Fund at Dunaway Manor and may be sent either to the manor itself or to Bunch-Roberts Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1112, Guymon, OK 73942.

SERVICES TOMORROW

LAMB, Mildred Frances — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Shamrock.

Officials arrest Tech professor for false report on missing vials

By BETSY BLANEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

LUBBOCK (AP) — A professor whose report that 30 vials of plague were missing from Texas Tech University Health Science Center triggered a terrorist alert was held Thursday on a complaint that he gave false information to the FBI.

Dr. Thomas C. Butler reported to campus police Tuesday night that vials containing bacteria obtained from tissue samples from East Africa were missing when "truth in fact, as he well knew, he had destroyed them prior to that," U.S. Attorney Dick Baker said Wednesday night.

Butler was booked into the Lubbock County Jail about 8 p.m. Wednesday. He was scheduled to make an initial appearance at 3 p.m. CST Thursday before federal Magistrate Nancy M. Koenig.

University spokeswoman Cindy Rugeley said Butler, the project's principal investigator, reported the vials missing.

Butler is chief of the infectious diseases division of the department of internal medicine at the health science center. The university said he has been involved in plague research for more than 25 years and is internationally recognized in the field. He has been at Texas Tech since 1987.

The samples were among the 180 the school was using for research on the treatment of plague. Butler was the only person with authorized access to the bacteria, which is classified as a select agent that has to be registered with the International Biohazards Committee and with the federal government.

"We have accounted for all those missing vials and we have determined that there is no danger to public safety whatsoever," Lubbock FBI Lupe Gonzalez said earlier Wednesday.

Plague — along with anthrax, smallpox and a few other deadly agents — is on a watch list distributed by

'We have accounted for all those missing vials and we have determined that there is no danger to public safety whatsoever.'

— Lupe Gonzalez
Lubbock FBI

the government, which wants to make sure doctors and hospitals recognize a biological attack quickly.

Health officials say 10 to 20 people in the United States contract plague each year, usually through infected fleas or rodents. The plague can be treated with antibiotics, but about one in seven U.S. cases is fatal.

Dr. Richard Homan, the Texas Tech School of Medicine dean, said the bacteria form of plague "was not weaponized in any way."

Authorities initially declined to elaborate on what happened to the vials, saying only that they "have been accounted for."

Baker said FBI agents interviewed Butler on Tuesday. He said the complaint pointed out that the false statement resulted in a huge investigation involving about 60 state, local and federal agents.

The public did not learn of the report of missing vials until early Wednesday. But hospitals and medical personnel were notified Tuesday as

part of the city's post-Sept. 11 emergency plan.

Samples were kept in a locked area of Butler's lab, located in a low-traffic area. He kept logs on batches of samples, and one batch was reported missing, according to the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

The secure area does not have a surveillance camera but access is controlled, officials said. He said the school is investigating the case.

"We're in the process of an internal review," Smith said.

Lubbock Mayor Marc McDougal said he received a telephone call Wednesday from Tom Ridge, head of the Department of Homeland Security, offering contact information and assistance from his Washington office.

The FBI sent agents to Lubbock. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also took part in the investigation. About 60 investigators from the FBI and other agencies converged on the medical school Tuesday night.

City Briefs

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ON RECORD

SHERIFF

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

Wednesday, Jan. 15

Randy Earl Mathews, 27, 635 N. Dwight, was arrested for evading arrest.

Kenny Ray Wallace, 40, Borger, was arrested on a motion to revoke for driving while intoxicated.

Shawleen Michelle Brown, 27, McLean, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, second offense.

FIRE

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

Wednesday, Jan. 15

10:38 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1200 block of Crawford.

12:59 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 700 block of Malone.

11:04 p.m. — Two units and eight firefighters responded to a reported structure fire at the Sonic Drive-In, 1404 N. Hobart, and found a steam cleaning crew was working on the roof.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 16

9:21 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Gray County Road G; one patient was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

10:28 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 clock of Mary Ellen; no patient was transported.

10:33 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of West Crawford; one patient was transported to PRMC.

12:54 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of East Malone; no patient was transported.

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following arrests and incidents.

Wednesday, Jan. 15

Sergio Maurice Alva, 17, 2309 Rosewood, was arrested for disorderly conduct by language and assault by threat.

Alan Lynn Craven, 39, 1610 Varnon, was arrested for Hartley County on motions to revoke for forgery and driving while intoxicated.

Holly Lennette Craven, 35, 1610 Varnon, was arrested for Hartley County on a motion to revoke for theft.

Assault by threat was reported in the 200 block of East Brown.

An unattended death was reported in the 700 block of Malone.

A gas drive-off was reported at a convenience store in the 300 block of North Hobart.

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accident.

Wednesday, Jan. 15

A hit and run was reported in a parking lot in the

2100 block of Perryton Parkway. A 1998 Pontiac Grand Am owned by Deborah Estella Downs, 48, 701 E. Mora, was legally parked in the parking lot facing east when struck, according to police reports.

LOCAL FORECAST

Today's forecast should be windy and colder with mostly sunny skies, highs in the upper 30s, and north winds 20 to 30 mph with gusts to 40 mph, decreasing to 10 to 20 mph in the afternoon. Caution is advised on area lakes. Tonight's forecast is calling for mostly clear skies, lows

around 17, and light winds. Friday should be mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 40s. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Friday night, mostly clear. Lows in the lower 20s. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph shifting to the northwest. Saturday, mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 50s. Northeast

winds 10 to 20 mph. Saturday night, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 20s. Sunday, mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 60s. Sunday night, mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s. Monday night, partly cloudy.

CCF

Classes have been held at the Center (CCPC) several new projects. Center Dean Joe announces.

Students will be encouraged to credit toward a degree. Individuals wanting to be encouraged to college's course. Harmon, at the 1601 W. Kenton. to enroll is 20.

One of the courses offered at CCP

Public

Pampa Police will host a meeting in the first floor Hall to get public input from a federal grant.

Police Chief department has a block grant. The money for

Rumsfeld

WASHINGTON — Congress's refusal to fund a \$5 billion multibillion dollar buildup of U.S. Persian Gulf is forcing the pick up the Secretary of Rumsfeld says.

"We're robbing pay Paul. It's a to manage you Rumsfeld said.

Over breakfast a group of new Republican seem him a sympathetic Rumsfeld congressional did Pentagon request set aside \$10 billion in agency funds to accumulating ing the global v

Part of the terrorists, Rumsfeld

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CCPC offers new career programs

Classes have started at Clarendon College-Pampa Center (CCPC) along with several new programs, Pampa Center Dean Joe Kyle Reeve announces.

Students wishing to enroll for classes to start earning credit toward a degree or individuals wanting to take courses for self-improvement are encouraged to visit with the college's counselor, Jennifer Harmon, at the Pampa Center, 1601 W. Kentucky. Deadline to enroll is Monday, Jan. 20.

One of the new programs offered at CCPC is a certi-

cate and an associate of applied science degree in computer networking technology. Classes are offered during the day and in the evening.

Taught by DeWayne Stephens, the new program prepares students for a career as a network administrator. Students who enroll for this course gain the skills necessary to become a MCSE (Microsoft certified systems engineer). The course also prepares students to take a test which will certify them as an A+ computer technician.

"This particular program will prepare a student to take a

job in the computer industry anywhere in the world," Stephens said. Students will receive a total of five certifications during the course of the program, he said.

The college has also established a new program in mass communications. Classes that are offered this semester in this area include Digital Photography, Introduction to Mass Communications, and Survey of Radio and Television.

"The Digital Photography class is designed for anyone who wants to get more out of their investment in that new

digital camera," said Instructor Delton McGuire. "The class will focus on composition, layout, and design of photographs. It will also cover basic news photography principles as they relate to photojournalism."

McGuire also emphasized that a significant amount of time will be spent learning to use Adobe Photoshop in the production of the photos.

Schedules can be picked up at CCPC, 1601 W. Kentucky. For more information call 665-8801. CCPC office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

COUNTY

Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman's bond pending the location of the bond. Curfman reported he delivered it to County Clerk Susan Winborne a couple of days after the last meeting, but it could not be located as Winborne was out of town at a County Clerk's school.

Declaration of one pick-up and two cars from the sheriff's department as surplus property. An old safe in the sheriff's office will be checked for historical value before a decision is made to declare it as surplus property.

Juror reimbursement fees. The amount to be paid will remain at \$6 per day if a person called for jury duty shows up. If the person is chosen to be on the jury, the amount is \$15 a day.

Location of 315 N. Ballard for county commission meetings until the offices are moved back into the courthouse.

Adding needed officials' signatures to signature cards at the bank. The commission also approved deleting names off of signature cards which are no longer active.

Payroll of \$202,232.25 and accounts payable of \$218,534.66.

The next regular meeting of the Gray County Commission is scheduled Jan. 31.

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MORRIS

appraise the property.

Morris said she wanted to assure everyone in Gray County that business will run as usual with Whitehead as assessor-collector.

"I want all of my supporters and friends to know that Gaye will do an excellent job for the tax office," she said.

Public hearing on police grant set Friday

Pampa Police Department officials will host a meeting at 1 p.m., Friday, in the first floor conference room of City Hall to get public input on how funds from a federal block should best be spent.

Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner said the department has a \$13,816 federal block grant. He said he favored using the money for equipment purchases for

the police department.

Citing potentially tight budgets this year, Pitner indicated that his first choice would be to use the funds to upgrade or replace worn police radio equipment.

The police chief said other uses suggested by the advisory board included spending the money in the areas of crime prevention or increased security.

One suggestion is to buy a trailer equipped with radar that gives speeds via a lighted sign, telling motorists how fast they are going.

Another is buying an identification card printer that could be used in conjunction with the department's children fingerprint identification program and a senior citizens identification program.

Rumsfeld blames Congress for shortchanging Pentagon

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress's refusal to pay the multibillion bill for the buildup of U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf is a mistake that has forced the Pentagon to pick up the tab, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld says.

"We're robbing Peter to pay Paul. It's a terrible way to manage your affairs," Rumsfeld said.

Over breakfast Thursday, a group of newly minted Republican senators gave him a sympathetic ear when Rumsfeld complained that Congress did not fulfill a Pentagon request last year to set aside \$10 billion in emergency funds to pay for the accumulating costs of fighting the global war on terrorism.

Part of the fight against terrorists, Rumsfeld said, are

preparations for possible war against Iraq.

"He needs some immediate help," said Senate Armed Services member Lindsey Graham, R-S.C. "His request for money is probably legitimate."

The expense of deploying forces to the Gulf is being met with funds intended for other purposes, Rumsfeld said Wednesday at a news conference.

"I think it was a mistake that we didn't have the \$10 billion approved. We knew we were going to spend it," he added. "We knew the global war on terrorism wasn't going to go away, and yet it wasn't approved."

Along with Graham, Rumsfeld dined early Thursday with three other new members of the Armed Services

Committee: Republicans Elizabeth Dole of North Carolina, Saxby Chambliss of Georgia and John Ensign of Nevada.

Graham told reporters afterward that Rumsfeld did not mention any specific amount of money the Pentagon needs to cover its escalating costs in the war on terrorism, but he indicated that he favored providing more funds.

Rumsfeld also told the lawmakers that over the long run the Pentagon could save a great deal of money if Congress would support his request for authority to close military bases that are not needed, Graham said. Congress has given the go-ahead for an independent commission to draw up a list of bases to close in 2005.

A day earlier, Rumsfeld briefed the full Senate Armed

Services Committee on the situation in Afghanistan, Iraq and North Korea.

At the Pentagon, Rumsfeld said the Bush administration would ask Congress for an emergency add-on to the existing defense budget, but he would not say how much. He also declined to say how much the force buildup in the Gulf is costing.

Rumsfeld in recent weeks has ordered nearly 100,000 U.S. forces to the Gulf region, and a similar number of additional forces may go later. Those are in addition to the approximately 60,000 troops already there.

Iraq has complained to the United Nations about a plan to use American spy planes to aid inspectors' search for illicit weapons, according to the top U.S. military officer.



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War is again apparently on the horizon.

Each day news reports are coming out of soldiers being sent to foreign soil for likely battles.

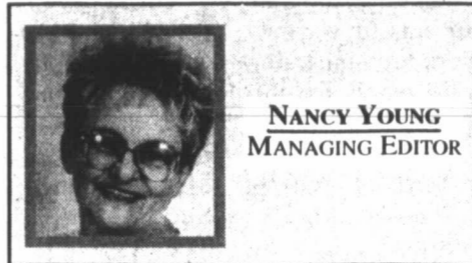
I haven't kept up with a lot of the details of what is going on. Sometimes I just don't want to know, and I have a feeling I am not alone. It's not that I don't care, it's just so frustrating.

Being the mother of two career military people, I hear a lot of military lingo. There's just a limit as to what I want to invite into my mind.

I didn't need the national media to remind me this morning what today's date meant 12 years ago. It was the beginning of Operation Desert Storm — Jan. 16, 1991. A few weeks later, I learned my son's ship pulled into the Persian Gulf on that day. He was only 23 years old.

My heart goes out to the parents of soldiers who are being sent in to that area in preparation of war. I know the pain they are feeling.

When Sept. 11 occurred, my son was already on a ship in that area. A few weeks later, my daughter left aboard a ship to serve her country. While I was proud of both of them, it was stressful. To my knowledge, neither of my



NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

children are in line to go into this action. I'm grateful, but I know others who are going.

At Christmas I visited with a high school classmate of my daughter's who was home for the holidays. I saw a look of stress on her face that I had never seen before. Her husband, who is career military, was preparing to be sent overseas. My heart went out to her.

She and I both knew that not everyone comes home in war. She and my daughter graduated with a young man in 1985 who did not come home from Desert Storm. A U.S. Marine, he was killed only hours before that war ended. He left a young wife and daughter, two sisters and parents.

I had known him since he was born. I went to high school with his father and aunt. In a small town, you seem to know the entire family. He was the only soldier from our town to be killed in

that war, but the effect upon everyone was overwhelming. Ironically, his father's brother was killed in Viet Nam. I can only imagine how his parents must be feeling with the threat of another war.

My grandfather served in World War I and my father served under General George Patton in World War II. My husband was a member of the 101st Airborne during the early 1960s, and those uncertain times.

A friend of mine who is teaching a college anthropology class related to me this week that she asked her class to form six groups and write the top five issues which are concerning them in the world today. Out of the six lists presented to her, four of the groups listed war as the Number One concern. Our young people are taking this seriously.

As more and more reservists and active duty young men and women are leaving daily, their families pray for their safe return.

Let's all of us say a prayer for each of these men and women to return to their homes. Don't forget these families. Also, say a prayer for our leaders as this action begins.

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TEXAS EDITORIALS

Compromise, not partisanship, key to boosting U.S. economy

From the El Paso Times:

President Bush presented his economic-stimulus plan on Tuesday, the Democrats countered with theirs, and now it's up to all parties concerned to work out differences and come up with a mutually acceptable package.

Compromise must be the key. Neither proposal is perfect by itself. And those negotiations must be accomplished as quickly and in as nonpartisan a manner as possible. Deliberate speed is needed because the economy is stalled, and the sooner it gets jump-started, the better for everyone.

In support of that is Bush's idea to accelerate tax-rate cuts planned for 2004 and 2006. While not the solution in itself, it should serve to stimulate the economy rather quickly and set the scene for later stimuli.

One exception to that might be the dividend-tax elimination, which wouldn't appear until taxpayers file their 2003 returns. But there's a bit of psychology at work here, with Bush hoping it might enliven Wall Street even before it takes effect.

As expected, Democrats generally don't like the Bush proposal and have some suggestions of their own, suggestions that should be considered and implemented if they'll prove useful.

U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes, D-El Paso, is understandably pushing the Democratic package.

"The president's economic stimulus plan is fiscally irresponsible, and will not immediately stimulate the economy," Reyes said. "House Democrats offer an economic stimulus plan that I support. Unlike the Bush plan, the Democratic plan will jump-start our economy without losing sight of fiscal responsibility. It is fair, fast-acting, and will cost taxpayers \$430 billion less than the Bush plan."

"The Democratic plan provides tax relief to working families and extends unemployment insurance for those looking for work, thereby putting more money into the hands of people who will spend it and in turn boost the economy. It provides tax relief that will encourage investment and job growth, and also provides crucial aid to states and localities."

Both sides of the aisle in Congress are primed and ready to go. Open, honest, earnest and progressive discussion and compromise are what will benefit the American people the most. Lawmakers must assiduously avoid turning this issue into one of class warfare, pitting people against each other. That will accomplish nothing and will be incredibly destructive to what everybody's goal should and must be — righting the economy and getting it on track.

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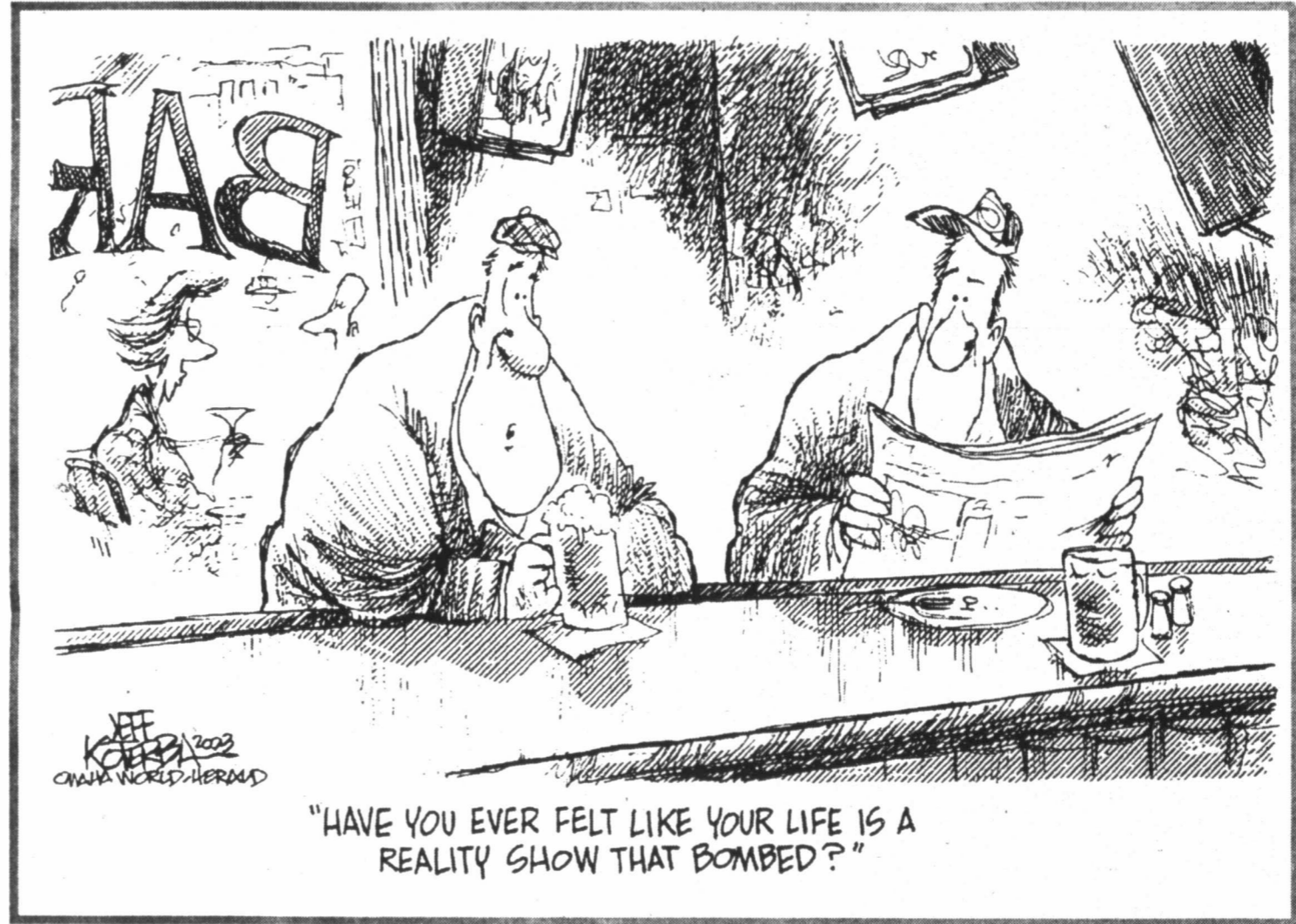
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Government control not so sweet

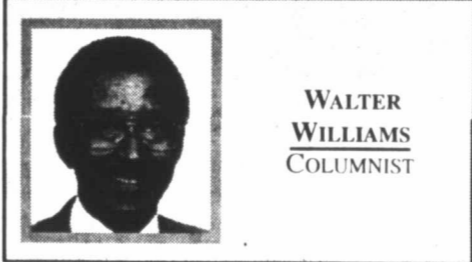
Democrat Mary Landrieu's successful Louisiana senatorial race against Republican challenger Suzanne Haik Terrell highlights some of the less appreciated and uglier aspects of American politics. America's sugar producers contributed heavily to both candidates.

In fact, the sugar lobby gives millions of dollars to both parties of the House of Representatives and the Senate. Why? Might it be the sugar businesses' civic interest in free elections and good government? Believing that would make you a prime candidate for a brain transplant.

Both Louisiana candidates criticized the rumored Bush administration trade agreement that would allow for greater imports of Mexican sugar. They said this would devastate the sugar industry. Congress' sugar program already in force guarantees a minimum price to domestic sugar producers by restricting imports, and buying and storing excess production that would otherwise depress market prices. As a result, Americans pay two and three times the world price for sugar.

A report by the U.S. General Accounting Office estimated that Americans pay an extra \$2 billion dollars a year because of the sugar program. Plus, taxpayers will pay \$2 billion over the next 10 years to buy and store excess sugar.

Other losers are sugar-using indus-



WALTER WILLIAMS
COLUMNIST

tries such as confectioners, who see their production costs driven up by Congress' sugar program. Since countries in Canada and Europe have no sugar industry, and little lobby pressure to drive up sugar prices, their confectioners become relatively more competitive. Then there's lost export earnings by poor nations in the Caribbean and elsewhere because of our import restrictions.

You might wonder how this consumer rip-off sustains itself. After all, the sugar industry beneficiaries are tiny in number, while victims number in the tens of millions. The answer is simple.

It's a classic example of an economic phenomenon known as "narrow, well-defined, large benefits and widely dispersed, small costs." Here's how it works. It pays workers and owners in the sugar industry to come up with millions of lobby dollars to pay congressmen to impose tariffs and quotas on foreign sugar.

It means higher sugar prices and hence higher wages and profits. Plus, it's easy to organize the small number

of people in the sugar industry.

That's the benefit side, but as sure as day follows night there's a cost side. Tens of millions of American families are forced to pay a little bit more, maybe \$20, for the sugar we use every year. Since sugar is just a tiny fraction of our lives, we rightly conclude it's not worth the cost of trying to unseat a legislator whose vote cost us \$20.

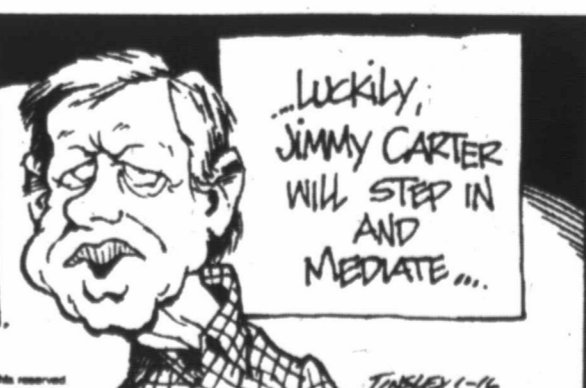
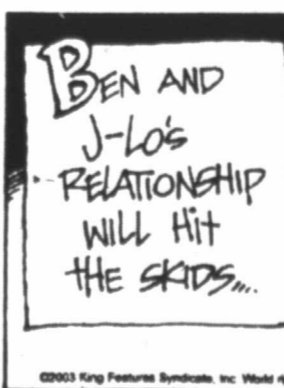
There's a more insidious side of this story. In the past, some sugar-using companies have found out they can import products like ice tea, distill out its sugar content and still beat the high prices caused by Congress' protectionist sugar policy. To do so was made illegal.

Then there's the pot calling the kettle black side of the issue. During Mary Landrieu's campaign, she criticized President Bush's tariffs on foreign steel for costing thousands of jobs in steel-using industries. The heck with whether sugar tariffs cost jobs in the confectionery and other sugar-using industries.

You might say: "What's the beef Williams? I don't mind paying \$20 more for the sugar I use!"

It's not just the sugar industry that uses Congress to extract higher wages and profits. According to the Institute for International Economics, trade barriers cost American consumers \$80 billion a year or more than \$1,200 per family.

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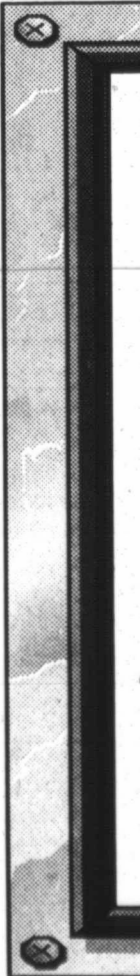


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Chavez critics threaten court

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Opponents of President Hugo Chavez threatened round-the-clock protests if the Supreme Court rules against a referendum on Chavez's rule. As their general strike dragged into its seventh week, a group of regional leaders agreed to help seek a resolution.

Opposition leaders in November presented Venezuelan election authorities a petition with 2 million signatures demanding a Feb. 2 plebiscite. The referendum is nonbinding, but strike leaders believe Chavez, who was elected in 1998 and re-elected in 2000, would be so embarrassed by its outcome he would voluntarily step down.

"There will be no other recourse than taking the streets, remaining in the streets 24 hours a day," if the court rules against the referendum, opposition governor Enrique Mendoza said on Wednesday.

Chavez, who was in Quito, Ecuador on Wednesday for the inauguration of President Lucio Gutierrez, has called on high court magistrates to reject the referendum as unconstitutional. Venezuela's constitution allows citizens to petition for a binding referendum halfway through a six-year presidential term — in Chavez's case, August.

Also in Quito, representatives from the United States, Mexico, Brazil, Chile, Spain and Portugal agreed Wednesday to create a forum known as "Group of Friends of Venezuela" to seek solutions for the strike.

"We are seeking a solution that is peaceful, constitutional, democratic and electoral," Organization of American States Secretary General Cesar Gaviria said after the meeting.

The U.S. State Department has voiced support for Gaviria's mediation mission on an almost daily basis and expressed backing for the new group.

"We look forward to being a part of this group and to beginning its important work," State Department spokesman Lou Fintor said Wednesday.

While allies and adversaries of Chavez await a possible high court ruling, economic ills in this South American nation continue as a seven-week-old strike to force the president's ouster drags on.

Venezuela's bolivar currency hit a new low on Wednesday closing at 1,716 to the dollar, down 6 percent from Tuesday. Citizens lined up at banks and exchange houses to buy dollars.

The strike has reduced oil exports to a trickle, depriving the government of half its income.

Vatican issues voting guidelines

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The Vatican issued a new set of guidelines for Catholic politicians Thursday, reminding them to heed the church's "nonnegotiable" teachings on abortion, euthanasia, same-sex marriage and other issues when making public policy.

The Vatican said it was publishing the document now because of medical and scientific advances and because of the "emergence of ambiguities or questionable positions in recent times."

The guidelines, prepared by the Vatican's orthodoxy watchdog, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, don't offer any change to the church's long-held opposition to abortion, euthanasia, gay marriage and its promotion of the rights of the unborn.

Rather, they serve as a reminder of church teachings for Catholic politicians, so that when they vote for legislation or otherwise influence public policy, they do so in line with certain "nonnegotiable ethical principles."

In particular, the document said laws concerning abortion and euthanasia "must defend the basic right to life from

conception to natural death. In the same way, it is necessary to recall the duty to respect and protect the rights of the human embryo."

It said laws safeguarding marriage between man and woman must be promoted and that "in no way can other forms of cohabitation be placed on the same level as marriage, nor can they receive legal recognition as such."

The document also referred vaguely to issues of peace, saying Catholics should not confuse the church's promotion of peace and rejection of violence with "secular" pacifist and ideological visions.

The guidelines don't mention punishment — such as excommunication — for Catholic politicians who fail to toe the line. Rather, they frame the issue as one of "conscience" that politicians will have to deal with.

"Scientific progress has resulted in advances that are unsettling for the consciences of men and women, and call for solutions that respect ethical principles in a coherent and fundamental way," the document said.

"Catholics, in this difficult

situation, have the right and the duty to recall society to a deeper understanding of human life and to the responsibility of everyone in this regard," it said.

The Vatican stressed that it wasn't trying to dictate policy or interfere in matters of state, but to rather "instruct and illuminate" Catholic political leaders.

The timing of the document's release came a week before the 30th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision lifting anti-abortion laws nationwide. Demonstrations by the pro-life and pro-choice movements in the United States are planned for Jan. 22.

That date also marks the start of the Roman Catholic church's World Meeting of Families — a five-day meeting in Manila, Philippines to promote family values.

Bishop Wilton Gregory, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, welcomed the publication of the document, saying it "addresses some of the profound challenges faced by Catholic politicians and voters who are confronted with various moral and social issues in the context of a democratic society."

He said he hoped the docu-

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Police arrest man over alleged sex ring

DETROIT (AP) — Police arrested a man they say ran a ring that kidnapped and attacked women and girls, some as young as 13, and forced them into prostitution in Detroit, Cleveland and Chicago.

Henry Charles Davis, 32, was arrested Monday and was expected to be arraigned Thursday on criminal sexual conduct and other charges, police said.

Davis and a 17-year-old Detroit boy were arrested after a Cleveland girl, also 17, led officers to a home in Detroit where authorities said at least three teenage girls had been held against their will.

Police say they later freed the Detroit teen because there was not enough evidence to charge him.

Police raided the home Monday after the girl told a store security guard in nearby Highland Park she had been kidnapped from a bus stop in Cleveland and forced to perform sex acts, Sgt. James Tolbert said. The guard then called police.

The department has been investigating the alleged sex ring since reports of kidnappings began surfacing six to

seven months ago, Tolbert said. He said several other girls had reported being kidnapped, raped and forced into prostitution.

"I've never seen anything like it," sex crimes unit Officer Jose Ortiz told the Detroit Free Press. "The majority of his captives were loyal to him. Some were hesitant at first, but then converted."

NYPD sends official to London

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Police Department has sent a senior counterterrorism official to London and may send additional investigators in response to the arrest of four men accused of planning to use the lethal toxin ricin in terrorist attacks, according to a published report.

The decision to send the officer is part of a broader effort by the two cities to share intelligence about global terrorism and biological weapons. The New York Times reported in Thursday editions.

"Big cities — Paris, New York, London — have a bond as far as being targeted by terrorists, and we have to continue to exchange information and, indeed, increase our exchange of information," New York Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly told the Times.

On Monday, four Algerian

men were charged with terrorist and chemical weapons offenses in London after ricin was found in an apartment where they lived.

A senior U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Thursday there were indications the charged men are linked to a terrorist group in northern Iraq, which is believed to have ties to al-Qaida and possibly Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

Kelly said the New York Police Department had also assigned investigators to Toronto, Tel Aviv and Lyons, France, and may assign one to Germany.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jenna Phillips

Pregnant High School Girls Have Legal Right to Education

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "D.B. in Ohio," the 16-year-old unmarried, pregnant high school student. You were correct in telling her that she is entitled to an education. Under federal law, it is illegal for a school to treat a student differently because of pregnancy or related conditions, childbirth or marital status.

Pregnant and parenting students have the right to remain in their regular school and participate in all school activities, such as honors programs, clubs and graduation programs. Moreover, participation in special programs or schools for pregnant and parenting students must be completely voluntary and must provide the student with an education comparable to that which she would have received at her regular school.

As to D.B.'s absences for doctor's appointments, the law requires her school to excuse her absences due to pregnancy or parenting, including medical appointments for her or her child.

It is unfortunate that at a time when they need an education the most, pregnant and parenting students are illegally denied their educational rights.

To educate school officials, students and advocates, the California Women's Law Center has written a "Model Policy on the Civil Rights of Pregnant and Parenting Students," which can be accessed at www.cwlc.org. This document clearly explains the legal rights of pregnant

and parenting students. Thank you for educating the public about these important civil rights.

NANCY SOLOMON, WOMEN'S LAW CENTER, LOS ANGELES

DEAR NANCY: You're welcome. However, in many cases it's readers like you who educate me.

Readers, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 is a federal law that protects pregnant students from discrimination. The federal government acknowledged that pregnant

teenage girls are often treated differently than the teenage fathers. Of course, that is blatant sex discrimination — and grounds for you-know-what. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I run a program that includes a support group for teen parents. The only reason D.B.'s school should notify her mother of absences is if they are unexcused truancies. Therefore, she should make sure her absences are excused by either her mother or the doctor's office, and return to school immediately following the appointments that cannot be scheduled after school. She should also look very carefully before agreeing to attend alternative education programs for pregnant teens. In many of them she could be placed alongside students who have been kicked out of

regular schools because of disciplinary or criminal issues. If that's the case in her community, she should insist on a real education and stay in regular school, big belly and all.

Just because she's in a difficult situation doesn't mean she can't get a great education and raise a wonderful child. Working with teen moms has enabled me to develop an even greater respect for my mother-in-law, a former single teen mom who successfully raised my wonderful husband.

SOMEONE WHO CARES IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR SOMEONE: Thank you for your heartfelt advice. I agree that with planning and determination it can be done.

My readers may be interested to know that, according to U.S. government statistics, the teen birth rate is at a record low, the 10th year in a row it has fallen.

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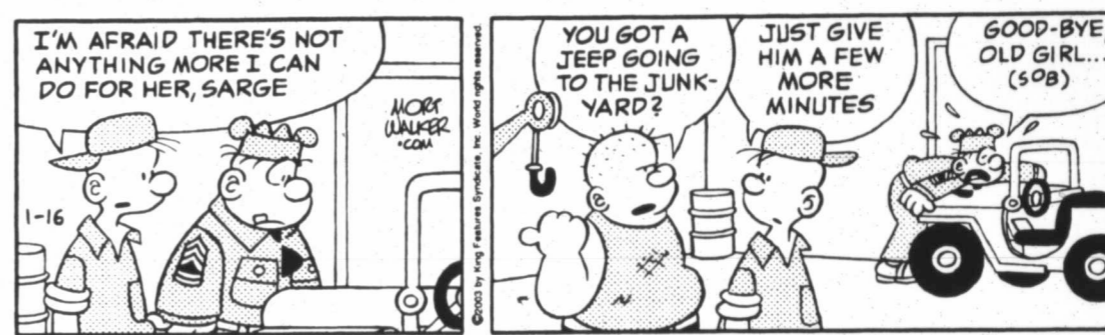
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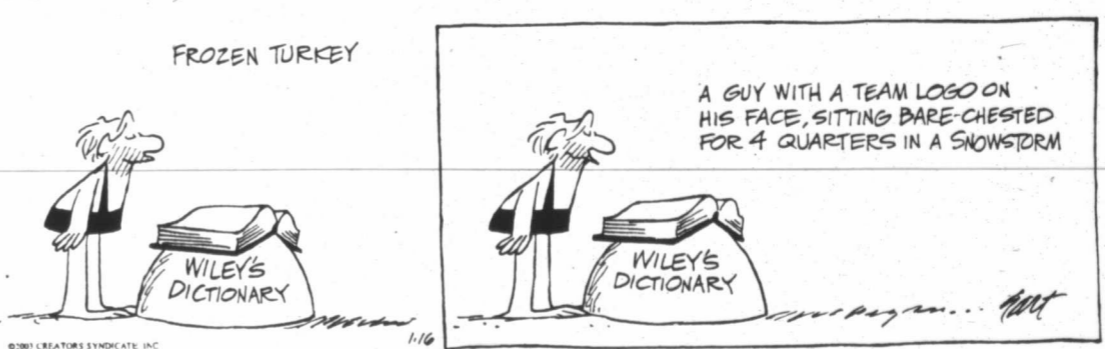
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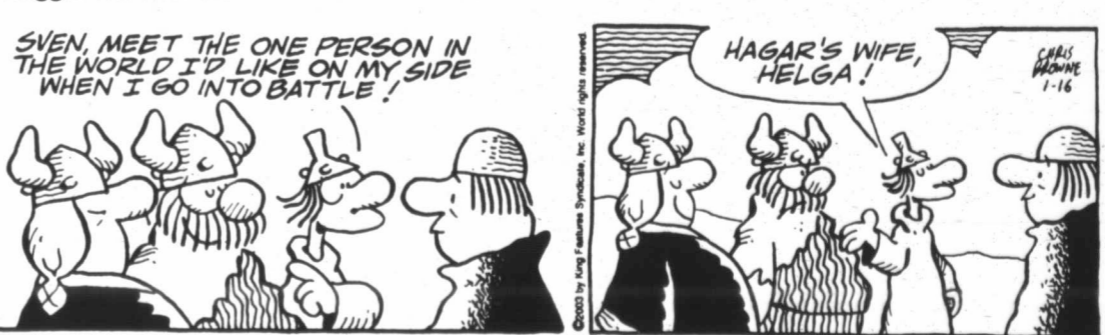
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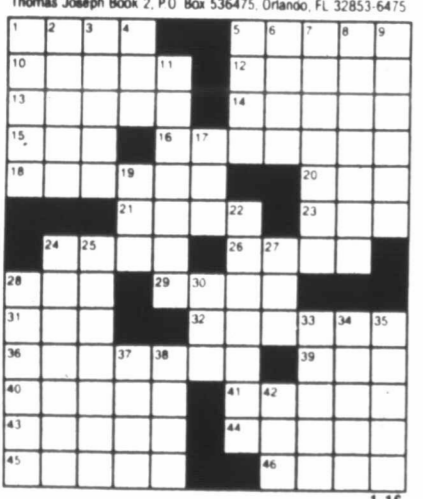
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NOTICE

BASKETBALL

PAMPA freshmen captured their win total as they defeated Dumas.

Playing on Saturday, Pampa won a 50-44 victory.

Pampa's success was shared by Ryan, who scored 11 points. Braydon Barkley also had a strong performance.

Pampa won by the score of 50-44.

Young won with 17 points followed by Tyson Hickman and Kotara each had 11 points.

Pampa finished an 11-3 record on Saturday.

DUMAS - to Dumas 3 grade girls action earlier.

Autumn Dumas led 18 points and 10 to lead the team.

The 9th grade girls played Saturday against Pampa starting with a 10-10 tie.

PAMPA - Optimist Leagues will begin registration from 6 to 7 p.m. on Saturday.

Optimist Gyms are for boys in grades and 5th. Registration on the 7th night.

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SPORTS

Raiders' locker room is like no other in NFL

ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP) — Jerry Rice. Tim Brown. Rich Gannon. Rod Woodson. Bill Romanowski.

Hollywood is 400 miles away, but for stars — football stars — the Oakland locker room is like no other in the NFL.

Raiders mystique? Take a look around:

Rice is the most prolific wideout in league history. Brown is second behind Rice in yards receiving.

Gannon? He's the Most Valuable Player — of the entire league.

Woodson? He's one of the four greatest cornerbacks in the NFL — over the first 75 years.

Romanowski. Sebastian Janikowski. Charles Woodson. For good and bad, everyone knows who they are.

"When I got here, I looked around," little-known Raiders receiver Alvis Whitted said. "I

asked myself, 'Why am I here? What could they possibly want from me?'"

Indeed, all those names, all that history and all that talent can make it almost as hard playing for the Raiders as it is playing against them.

The Tennessee Titans, who face Oakland in the AFC championship game Sunday, are saying all the right things.

"Raiders mystique?" Eddie George asked. "I don't get all caught up in that."

But he acknowledged that he was a huge fan of the Raiders when he was growing up. And he is, he concedes, "familiar with the rich history the Raiders have."

Still, the Titans insist they are not intimidated — by the players, the fans, the whole notion of playing Oakland in a huge game during a season in which the Raiders look to be the best they've been in two decades.

Nor do they think their over-

whelming 52-25 loss here in September was a matter of being psyched out.

"We did not play well," Titans coach Jeff Fisher said. "We had a number of injuries, and we were just kind of struggling finding ourselves back then. Things just got out of hand real quick. We obviously feel like we're better than we were then."

Although the Raiders are historically the team known for stirring things up, it was Titans safety Lance Schulters who got off the first shot this week when he said Rice and Brown get more breaks than the average receiver, and he called Brown "a crybaby."

A blatant show of disrespect? Maybe not, considering Schulters has an autographed jersey of Rice's framed and hanging on a wall in his house. For the record, none of the Raiders have signed jerseys of any of the Titans hanging in

their homes.

"When you see the questions about Jerry and his work ethic, man it's true. It's real," said Schulters, a former teammate of Rice's in San Francisco.

Running the show behind the brand-new fence the Raiders erected around their complex before the playoffs began is Al Davis — the eccentric owner who, through all his trials and travails over the decades, has taken the NFL and its fans on a strange and entertaining ride.

If it's true, as some NFL purists say, that the league is at its best when teams like the Raiders are winning, then the NFL is having a mighty good year this season.

"It's a championship game in the Black Hole, in Oakland, against the Raiders," George said. "It's exciting."

Of course, any team with so much talent, big names and eccentrics is bound to have at least one flaw. In this case, it's

pretty obvious: These guys are old.

Rice, Gannon, Brown and Romanowski alone have 63 years of NFL experience between them. This is, by almost every account, the last chance for this group of veterans. Age and salary-cap problems have pretty much assured the Raiders of that.

Remember the movie "Space Cowboys," in which Clint Eastwood, James Garner, Donald Sutherland and Tommy Lee Jones play aging former astronauts who get together for one more trip into space? This is the NFL's version of that: One more chance to add another championship chapter to the Raiders legacy.

"The way I look at it is, the old Raiders are retired and gone, and I want to call this the new Raiders," offensive lineman Frank Middleton said. "It would be great to be known for what this group can do."

NOTEBOOK

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — Pampa's freshmen cagers padded their win total with victories over Hereford and Dumas.

Playing Hereford last Saturday, Pampa posted a 50-44 victory.

Pampa's scoring leader was Sharod Young with 19 points. Ryan Torres followed with 13 points and Braydon Barker added 8.

Pampa won over Dumas by the score of 61-40.

Young was top scorer with 17 points and Barker followed with 10. Torres, Tyson Hickman and Jarret Kotara each had 7.

Pampa freshmen have an 11-3 record for the season and 4-1 in district.

DUMAS — Pampa fell to Dumas 38-36 in 9th grade girls basketball action earlier this week.

Autumn Darden scored 18 points and Tyra Taylor 10 to lead the Pampa scoring.

The 9th graders play Saturday against Caprock. That game will be played in Pampa starting at 10 a.m.

PAMPA — The Pampa Optimist Basketball Leagues will have its final registration and tryouts from 6 to 7 tonight in the Optimist Gym. The tryouts are for boys in the 3rd-4th grades and 5th-6th grades.

Registration can be done on the Internet at www.optimist.pampa.com until 7 tonight.

FRITCH — Canadian fell to Sanford-Fritch 52-33 in high school basketball activity Tuesday night.

Drew Satterwhite topped S-F in scoring with 14 points.

Bryan Bartlett had 9 points and Shea Province 7 to lead Canadian.

WRESTLING

BOYS RANCH — Boys Ranch defeated Pampa 77-3 in high school wrestling action earlier this week.

Pampa's only win came in the 103-pound division with Shawn Goodin defeating Steven Wade of Boys Ranch by a 7-4 decision.

In middle school matches, Pampa lost to Boys Ranch 48-27 and Hereford 37-36.

In the match against Hereford, Dunn, Urquhart, Rios, Logan, Burns and Boyd won their matches for Pampa. Busse, Logan and Wiles won against Boys Ranch.

TENNIS

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Serena Williams is still trying to keep up with big sister Venus.

After beating Els Callens 6-4, 6-0 Thursday in the second round of the Australian Open, Serena admitted Venus' one-sided victory over Anasley Cargill the previous night inspired her.

"She played a great match, I was motivated after watching her, thinking, 'OK, she wants to be No. 1 again,'" said Serena, seeking her fourth straight Grand Slam title.

The top-ranked American's opener against Emilie Loit was too close for comfort. The Frenchwoman took her to three sets, pounding her with an aggressive forehand and frustrating her so much that she groaned an obscenity. She was warned for it and fined \$1,500.



Pampa's Stacey Johnson plays defense against Randall Tuesday night. Both the Pampa boys and girls teams play at Plainview Friday night.

McNabb prepared for Tampa Bay defense

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — First, they said he wouldn't return. Then, they said he couldn't run anymore. Donovan McNabb is enjoying proving his doubters wrong.

In his first game after missing two months with a broken right ankle, McNabb showed few signs that he'd been away, leading the Philadelphia Eagles to a 20-6 playoff victory Atlanta.

The two-time Pro Bowl quarterback completed 20 of 30 passes for 247 yards and one touchdown. He also ran for 24 yards, including a 19-yard gain on his second play.

But that was against Atlanta's 19th-ranked defense. Running away from Keith Brooking and Patrick Kerney is easier than escaping Tampa Bay's Simeon Rice, Warren Sapp and Derrick Brooks.

McNabb faces the NFL's top-ranked defense Sunday when the Eagles (13-4) play the Buccaneers (13-4) in the NFC title game at Veterans Stadium.

"They have great core linebackers, their defensive line plays great. You have to be able to attack them," McNabb said. "If you're able to do that, then you put yourself in great positions to do other things."

Led by Brooks, The AP's Defensive Player of the Year, and Rice, the NFC's sack leader with 15 1/2, the Bucs allowed just 12.3 points and 252.8 yards per game. They had 43 sacks, forced 38 turnovers and scored five defensive touchdowns. Tampa ranked first in seven defensive categories, including pass defense.

McNabb, however, has had success against the Bucs, especially in the postseason. The Eagles have won the last four meetings, including playoff games the last two

years. McNabb threw for 161 yards and two TDs, and ran for 32 yards and one TD in Philadelphia's 21-3 victory over Tampa in a 2000 wildcard game. He had 194 yards passing and two TDs and ran for 57 yards in last season's 31-9 first-round win.

In a 20-10 victory over the Bucs earlier this season, McNabb passed for 127 yards and one TD. He had just 4 yards rushing, but scored once. Duce Staley ran for 152 yards in that game.

"We have to establish a run game," McNabb said. "In order to put yourself in a position to score points, you have to be able to run the ball. And in passing the ball, make sure you're able to spread the ball around."

McNabb set the tone for last year's playoff victory with a 39-yard run in the first quarter. His run set up a 40-yard pass to Todd Pinkston later in the game. On the play, he froze the defenders by scrambling, then stopped and threw downfield.

Against the Falcons last week, McNabb proved right away his ankle was fine with the 19-yard scramble. He didn't run much after that, but he moved around enough to keep the defense off-balance.

On a fourth-and-1 play in the fourth quarter, McNabb rolled to his right, faked running and hit James Thrash with a 35-yard TD pass that iced the win.

"He has the ability to stay in that system and run in that system, and he has the ability to break loose," said John Lynch, Tampa's Pro Bowl safety.

"He's a big, big man, and it looks like he even got bigger in his time off, but he still moves well. It was impressive watching him."

Pampa teams visit Plainview Friday

PAMPA — Pampa will be looking to solidify its second-place spot in the District 3-4A standings with a victory over Plainview tomorrow night.

The Harvesters (4-1, 8-10) are on a three-game winning streak, making Randall their latest victim, 55-51. Plainview (2-4, 7-14) has been struggling, but the Bulldogs did pick up a win Tuesday night.

Dominic Jackson (6-2 junior) scored 12 points and Xavier Hall (6-1 senior) added 10 as Plainview edged Dumas 46-45.

Hall and Tabber Minner (5-8 guard) are the lone

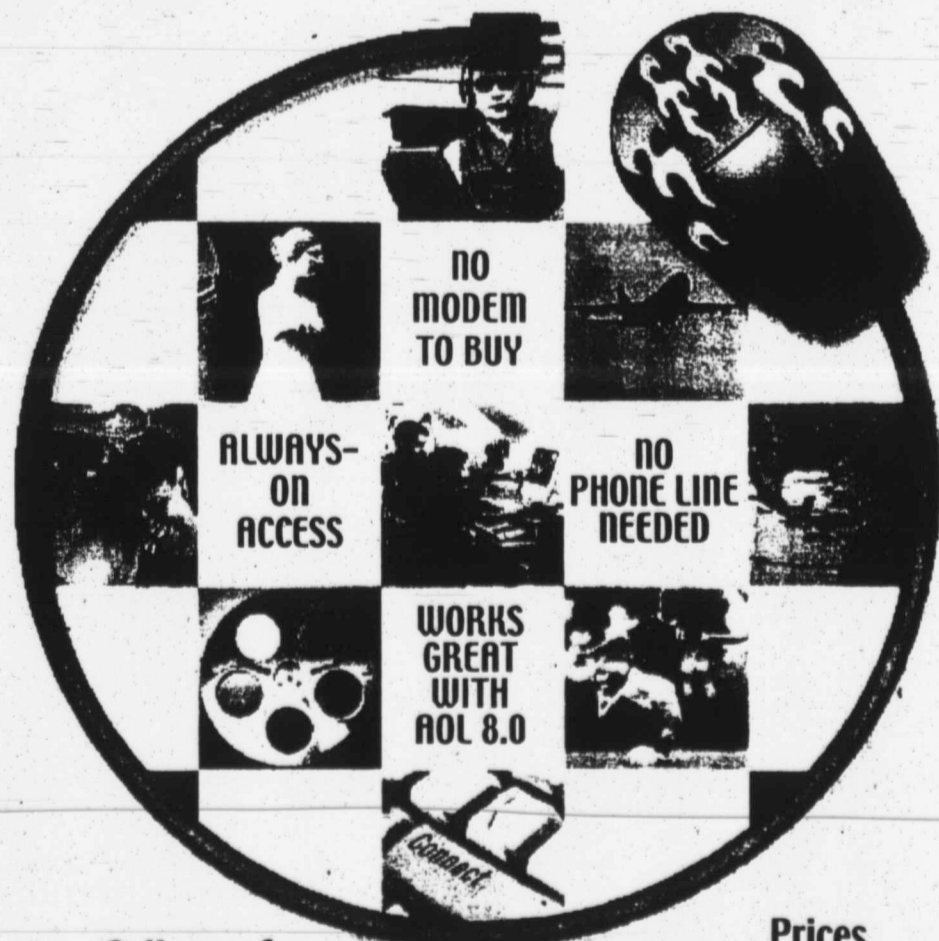
returning starters from last year's club.

Tipoff is 7:45 in Plainview.

Pampa faces powerful Plainview in the girls' game, which starts at 6 p.m. in Plainview.

The Lady Bulldogs (7-0, 22-2) are currently ranked No. 2 in the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches Poll. And there's bad news ahead for Plainview foes. High-scoring all-stater Alesha Robertson (5-11 senior) has returned after missing several games due to injury. She tossed in 22 points in Plainview's 71-46 win over Dumas Tuesday night.

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Owners' approval of World Series home-field change expected

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Baseball owners appear to agree with commissioner Bud Selig's proposal to have the league that wins the All-Star game get home-field advantage in the World Series.

"The game has lost importance. It's turned into an exhibition," Montreal Expos president Tony Tavares said Wednesday. "Last year was embarrassing and difficult."

Selig came up with the plan following last year's All-Star game, which ended in a 7-7, 11-inning tie when both leagues ran out of players. Owners were to vote on it Thursday.

"It will put back a little of the sizzle," San Francisco executive vice president Larry Baer said.

In recent years, as the differences between the American and National leagues lessened because of increased player mobility and interleague play, many players have treated the All-Star game as a show rather than a game.

"I spent eight months thinking about this and, frankly, we've spent years thinking about it," said Selig, who credits Philadelphia owner Bill Giles with coming up with the idea.

Since the start of the World Series in 1903, home field has alternated between the leagues.

The change is strongly backed by Fox, which holds baseball's national television rights. It also needs approval of the players' association.

"We've been discussing it with players," union head Donald Fehr said. "We know they're interested in it, and we'll get back to them."

Some veteran players are against it, including New York Mets pitcher Tom Glavine, the NL player representative.

"It's not something I'm in favor of," he told The New York Times. "I would find it hard to believe that most players would want the outcome of the All-Star game to determine home-field advantage for the World Series."

A management official who had spoken with the union said that while the change was likely to become an issue between the sides, the union said it was still unclear what position it would adopt.

As the two-game meeting began Wednesday, the committee on the future of the Montreal Expos met. Baltimore Orioles owner Peter Angelos, who is not on the committee said he remains opposed to a move to the Washington area.

Downtown Washington and Northern Virginia are among the areas that have groups ready to bid for the Expos, who were bought last year by the other 29 major league teams.

Angelos said the committee had not consulted the Orioles, who claim a move to the Washington area would erode their fan base.

While Angelos said his talks with Selig were cordial, he sounded as if Baltimore's

had little weight with Selig and Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer.

"The Orioles' position has been fully elaborated to the commissioner and Mr. DuPuy," Angelos said. "The commissioner and his people keep their own counsel."

When the committee was formed in November, DuPuy said his goal was to have a recommendation on a permanent solution for the Expos' problem by midsummer. Selig wouldn't say Wednesday whether that remained the goal.

"They're still working on getting organized," he said.

Group from Washington, Northern Virginia and Portland, Ore., remain the favorites to land the Expos, who would be the first team to move since the expansion Washington Senators became the Texas Rangers after the 1971 season.

People in other areas have expressed interest, such as Mexico City and San Juan,

Puerto Rico, where the Expos will play 22 home games this season in an effort to increase revenue. While those areas may be allowed to meet with the committee, baseball views them as more likely for a future franchise than for the Expos in 2004.

Tavares said the bidders from the Washington area and Portland appeared to be ahead of the other areas because they have stadium plans.

Pampa beats Dumas in 8th grade boys basketball game

PAMPA — Pampa slipped by Dumas 29-27 in an eighth grade boys basketball game earlier this week.

Pampa's record is now 4-6. Tyler Hall was Pampa's high scorer with 6 points. Brett Ferrell and Trent Young added 5 each.

Pampa Middle School Basketball (Jan. 13 games)
8th Grade Division
Dumas B 28, Pampa B 24
 P - Lakeith Towles 10, Ben Gipson 6.

7th Grade Division
Dumas A 55, Pampa A 15
 P - J'mico Mitchell 5, Tanner Dyson 4.

Pampa B 43, Dumas B 42
 P - Rusty Snyder 12, Jerod Bivins 12, Dane Howard 8.

Pampa Middle School Basketball (Jan. 9 games)
8th Grade Division
Valleyview A 35, Pampa A 32
 P - Craig Crowell 10, Tyler Hall 6, Bradley Johnson 6.

Valleyview B 33, Pampa B 19
 P - Isiah Tindall 6, Lakeith Towles 5.
7th Grade Division
Westover A 72, Pampa A 15
 P - Shavious Kelly 6, Mark Stone 4, Jerod Bivins 4.
Westover B 23, Pampa B 18
 P - Tanner Dyson 7, Adam Anguiano 6.

Lefors cagers beat Allison

LEFORS — Rickey Vaughn tossed in 25 points and Josh Garcia followed with 17 to lead Lefors to a 69-57 win over Allison Tuesday night.

Lohberger also had 25 points for Allison.

Others who scored for the Pirates were Jessie Soto with 10 points, Nick Miller 8 and Willie Hathaway 5.

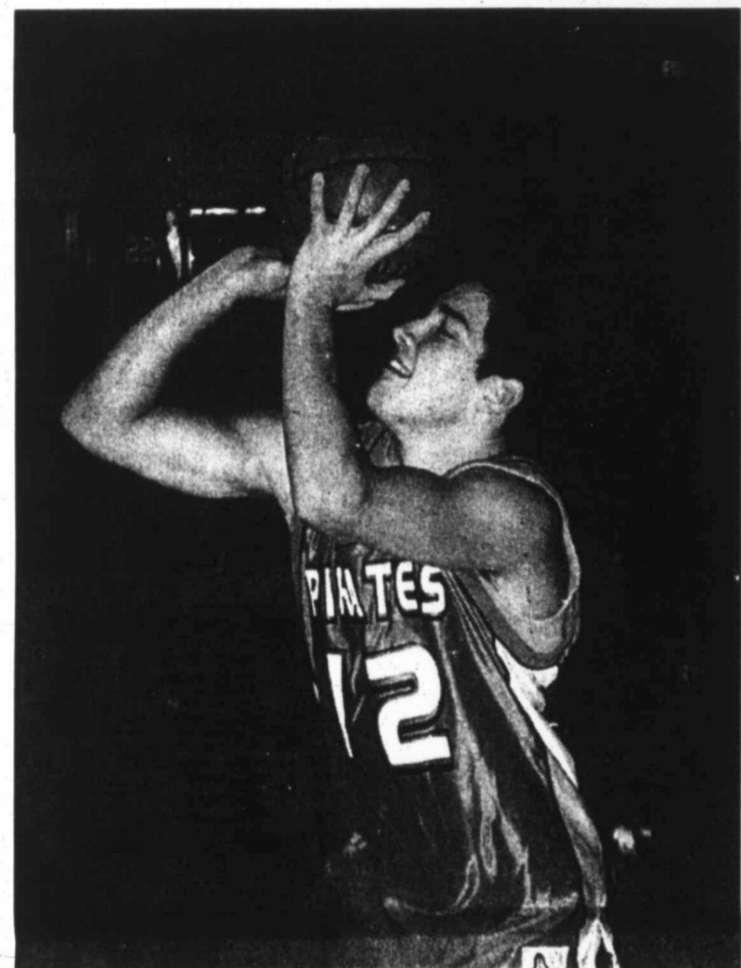
Lefors evened its district record at 2-2.

For the season, the Pirates are 10-11.

Lefors also won the girls' contest, defeating Allison 45-35.

Katie Barnes was the scoring leader with 21 points for Lefors.

Others in the scoring column were Rachel Stubbs 9, Samantha Ceniceros 5, Amanda Daugherty 5, Savannah Smith 3 and Jennifer Sprouse 2.



Lefors' Jessie Soto (above) scored 10 points as the Pirates defeated Allison 69-57 Tuesday night.

Redick sets freshman record and Duke wins again

By The Associated Press

J.J. Redick is pulling away from the rest of No. 1 Duke's heralded freshman class.

Already the Blue Devils' leading scorer, Redick set a school record for freshman Wednesday night with 34 points in a 104-93 victory over Virginia.

He broke the class mark of 31 set exactly 20 years ago by current Duke assistant Johnny Dawkins and his sixth 20-point game of the season left him one behind Carlos Boozer's school record for freshman set in 1999-00.

"He's got his feet under him, he understands the game," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said of

the 6-foot-4 Redick. "He's not just a good freshman. He's one of the outstanding players in the conference."

Dahntay Jones had 23 points to help Duke (12-0, 3-0 Atlantic Coast Conference), the nation's only unbeaten team, extend its home winning streak to 21 games.

In other games involving ranked teams Wednesday night, it was: No. 4 Texas 82, Baylor 71; No. 6 Florida 77, Tennessee 64; Iowa 68, No. 8 Illinois 61; No. 9 Alabama 68, No. 14 Mississippi State 62 in overtime; No. 12 Kansas 98, Wyoming 70; No. 13 Creighton 93, Evansville 56; No. 19 Wake Forest 81, No. 17 Maryland 72; No. 18 Indiana 71, Northwestern 57; No. 22 Oregon

69, Portland State 63; and No. 23 LSU 112, Centenary 65.

Freshman Shavlik Randolph added 17 points for Duke, which is 12-0 for the second straight season and the sixth time in 23 seasons under Krzyzewski.

Redick, who was 9-for-13 from the field, including 5-for-6 from 3-point range, made all 11 of his free throws. The Roanoke, Va., native admitted he was nervous because he was playing against friends — Elton Brown and Jason Clark of the Cavaliers — and a school that had recruited him.

"All day today I was visualizing myself doing great things on the basketball court," Redick said. "When I saw Jason and

Elton before the game, we joked around a bit. The fact that they talked to me probably eased my tension."

Travis Watson had 26 points for Virginia, and Brown added 19. "We gave it our best shot," Virginia coach Pete Gillen said. "When you give it your best and it's not good enough, you walk with your head up. That's all you can do."

No. 4 Texas 82, Baylor 71
 At Waco, Texas, Brandon Mouton scored seven of his 18 points in a 16-1 second-half run that gave the Longhorns (11-2, 2-0 Big 12) their sixth straight win in their first road game since losing at then-No. 1 Arizona last month.

Terrance Thomas had 17 points for the Bears (9-4, 0-2), who have lost 10 straight to Texas.

No. 6 Florida 77, Tennessee 64
 At Gainesville, Fla., Matt Bonner scored 25 points as the Gators (14-2, 3-0 Southeastern Conference) won their 10th straight overall and 13th in a row at home.

Ron Slay had 17 points for the Volunteers (8-4, 1-2), who have lost five straight to Florida.

Iowa 68, No. 8 Illinois 61
 At Iowa City, Iowa, freshman Jeff Horner had 16 points and 11 rebounds to help the Hawkeyes (11-3, 3-0 Big Ten) beat a ranked team for the third time in as many weeks.

Brian Cook, the Big Ten's

Mavericks are blasted by Kings

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — In every big test so far this season, the Sacramento Kings have ended up doing the teaching.

Chris Webber had 29 points, 15 rebounds and 11 assists, and Peja Stojakovic hit six 3-pointers as the Kings reminded the league-leading Mavericks of their place in the NBA's hierarchy with a 123-94 victory over Dallas on Wednesday night.

The Mavs have the NBA's best record, but the Kings sure look like the NBA's best team following their highest-scoring game of the season. Sacramento led by 20 in the first half, and Dallas never contended in its worst loss of the season.

"I told the guys, 'You've shown your ability to rise to a level,'" Sacramento coach Rick Adelman said. "Games like this one show us where we can be. That's what we're

reaching for, so by the end of the year, we know what we can do as a team."

They still trail the Mavericks (31-6) atop the overall standings, but the Kings (29-10) are showing traits of the champions they hope to become: they've posted emphatic victories in all three high-profile games of their regular season so far.

Sacramento beat the Los Angeles Lakers on Christmas Day, then trounced East champion New Jersey by 36 points last week before flattening the Mavericks in the first of four meetings between the Western Conference's division leaders.

Players in both locker rooms called it a statement game — and it was clear who was doing all the talking. Led by Webber's 16th career triple-double — and the second of his spectacular season — and Stojakovic's 23 points, the Kings jumped to a huge

early lead that demoralized Dallas.

"Everybody's saying they've got great players — the best power forward, the best point guard — but you've still got to come out and play the game," Webber said. "It takes a while to develop what we've got. You can't just wake up one morning and say you're going to do something."

Webber was nearly unstoppable — from inside and outside, whether passing or shooting. He closed the third quarter by sprinting behind Dallas' defense for a dunk off a pass from Keon Clark, and he returned the favor with an alley-oop to Clark for a two-handed reverse slam early in the fourth.

With 4 1/2 minutes left, Webber left to a raucous standing ovation from the crowd at Arco Arena, where Sacramento is 17-2 this season.

Lady Raiders turn back Oklahoma

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Texas Tech's balanced lineup was too much for Oklahoma's balancing act Wednesday night.

The seventh-ranked Lady Raiders got double-figure scoring from all five starters, led by Plenette Pierson with 18, in an 80-71 victory over No. 23 Oklahoma.

"We didn't shoot a great percentage in some individual spots tonight, but I thought we battled and made some plays when we needed to," Tech coach Marsha Sharp said. "We need to be balanced. I think it's hard to pick on us that way, and I hope we can continue to do that."

Freshman Erin Grant scored 16 points for Tech (14-1, 2-0 Big 12), which hasn't lost since dropping the season opener to Louisiana Tech. The Lady Raiders also ended a five-game losing streak against Oklahoma (10-5, 1-1).

The Sooners made the Final Four a year ago, but lost four starters from that team. This season they have lost four players to knee injuries.

"We're getting better," coach Sherri Coale said. "I thought we defended them well. We had a few slips and every time we slipped, they made us pay, and that's what great teams do."

The Lady Raiders were bigger, deeper and quicker than Oklahoma, which saw 15-game conference home winning streak come to an end. The Sooners' last Big 12 home loss was 81-79 to Iowa State on Jan. 6, 2001.

Natalie Ritchie and Jia Perkins scored 13

each and Cisti Greenwalt had 11 for Tech. Maria Villarroel had 20 points and nine rebounds and Theresa Schuknecht scored 15 for Oklahoma.

Tech scored the game's first eight points, six coming on consecutive baskets inside by the 6-foot-5 Greenwalt. Oklahoma finally got on the board when Schuknecht scored at the 17:32 mark, starting a 6-0 run.

But the Lady Raiders pushed the lead to 17-11 on a 3-pointer by Ritchie, and after Oklahoma got within 19-17 at the 8:39 mark, Tech scored seven straight to build a comfortable lead again.

Grant scored eight of Tech's final nine points of the half as the Lady Raiders took a 40-29 lead. The score was 49-39 when the Lady Raiders scored five in a row to make it a 15-point cushion with 12:32 left. Oklahoma got no closer than eight after that.

Grant wound up 5-of-6 from the field and made all six of her free throws. She scored 10 of her 16 in the first half.

"In the first half I thought I had an opportunity to score because they were backing off me a little bit and we couldn't get the ball inside the way we wanted to," Grant said. "I tried to take a couple shots, tried to open things up."

Sharp said Grant is a freshman in name only. "She's really a big key to what we're doing," Sharp said. "You can't ask any point guard, regardless of what age they are, to do more than what she's doing for us right now."

Scoreboard

FOOTBALL
NFL Playoff Glance
 By The Associated Press
 All Times EST

Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 4
AFC
 N.Y. Jets 41, Indianapolis 0
NFC
 Atlanta 27, Green Bay 7
Sunday, Jan. 5
AFC
 Pittsburgh 36, Cleveland 33
NFC
 San Francisco 39, N.Y. Giants 38

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 11
AFC
 Tennessee 34, Pittsburgh 31, OT
NFC
 Philadelphia 20, Atlanta 6
Sunday, Jan. 12
AFC
 Tampa Bay 31, San Francisco 6
NFC
 Oakland 30, N.Y. Jets 10

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 19
NFC Championship
 Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 3 p.m. (FOX)
AFC Championship
 Tennessee at Oakland, 6:30 p.m. (CBS)

Super Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 26
At San Diego
 AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6:18 p.m. (ABC)

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Wednesday's Major College Basketball Scores
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EAST
 American U. 70, Navy 53
 Binghamton 55, Hartford 52

WEST
 Boston U. 81, Stony Brook 66
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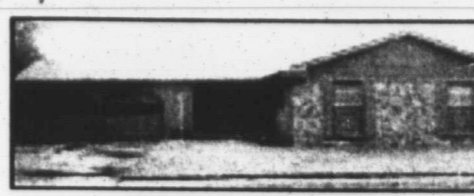
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 1. The District will require a permit for new domestic and livestock wells on 10 acres or less with existing wells exempt.
 2. Procedural changes for acquiring permits, especially a high-impact production permit.
 3. The addition of certain requirements for high-

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Impact production permits.
 4. An additional application required for Transportation of Groundwater Out of District.
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 6. Comprehensive revision of the notice and hearing process for high-impact production permits.
 7. The addition of an alternative dispute resolution procedure for hearings.
 8. The addition of a rule regarding a water transport fee.
 9. Addition to the aquifer depletion rule establishing an acceptable decline rate as a percentage, removal of lower limit on production limitations and changes allowing board discretion in decreasing the time period for limiting production under the depletion rule.
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 You could keep coming up with ideas just to have them blown out. You might be tired of what is going on and the ensuing choices. Look for easy and caring. Everything works out if you roll with the punches. Understand what someone wants. Tonight: Entertain from your pad.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 Others are receptive to your words and opinions. Where some hit brick walls with the same ideas, gates part for you. Pursue high-priority matters right now. Schedule time at the end of the day for an extended conversation. Tonight: Out and about.
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 Say little and make solid choices for yourself. Others don't always agree

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CANCER (June 21-July 22)
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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
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 Understand what a boss or supervisor wants from you. As a result, you will be able to juggle your different concerns and make what you want happen. Don't push others too hard. Schedule time for a special loved one. Tonight: A must appearance.
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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 Realize your limits with a loved one or a friend. You can only do or say so much. Understand more of what is expected from an associate or pal at work. Invite others to join you, even if you might be made nervous by the mix. Tonight: Get enough rest.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 Realize what might be going on with a child or loved one. Your creativity and dynamic approach take you in a new direction if you're willing. Take a chance: Move in a new direction within a relationship. Get past a case of the jitters. Tonight: Let it all hang out.

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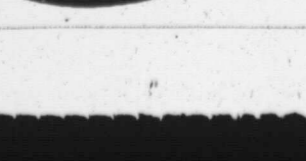
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Bush: Michigan program unconstitutional

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush took a middle road in the political and legal fight over affirmative action, denouncing race-conscious university admissions policies now before the Supreme Court but sidestepping the larger question of whether racial preferences

are always unconstitutional.

The Bush administration planned to file a friend-of-the-court brief Thursday that takes the part of white students denied admission to the University of Michigan. The rejected students maintain they had grades and qualifications at least equal to successful minority applicants.

Bush on Wednesday denounced the Michigan policies as de facto quota systems for minorities, and said there were other, better ways to achieve the laudable goal of increasing minority university enrollment.

"Students are being selected or rejected based primarily on the color of their skin. The motivation for such an admissions policy may be very good, but its result is discrimination, and that discrimination is wrong," Bush said in brief remarks at the White House.

Mary Sue Coleman, University of Michigan's president, said Thursday "it is unfortunate that the president misunderstands our admissions policy."

"We don't have a quota system," she said on ABC's "Good Morning America." Coleman acknowledged that "race is a factor" but said that is permissible under a previous Supreme Court ruling.

"We're very worried about the effects of not being able to take race into account," she said, "because we do believe this would turn back the clock on civil rights in this country."

Affirmative action is a lightning rod both for the administration's most conservative supporters and for black and Hispanic voters Bush would like to court. Some conservatives, including senior members of Bush's own Justice Department, had urged the president to take a tougher stand.

In avoiding a categorical stance against all use of race, the administration offers something to both camps, several observers said.

"I think they're going to make an attempt to be realistic," said Catholic University law school dean Douglas Kmiec, who applauded the administration stance.

Democrats and civil rights leaders swiftly attacked Bush's position.

"The Bush administration continues a disturbing pattern of using the rhetoric of diversity as a substitute for real progress on a civil right agenda," said Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination.

The administration's brief would urge the court to declare the Michigan program unconstitutional because it was not narrowly tailored to the problem of low minority enrollment, a senior administration official said.

That position would not break much legal ground, because the Supreme Court already has banned the use of

racial quotas in university admissions and said any government affirmative action program must be drawn very narrowly.

The high court last spoke on affirmative action in college admissions in a 1978 ruling that struck down quotas but allowed admissions officers to use race as a "plus factor" when selecting students.

"If the means that we used to achieve integration were not the means that the Supreme Court authorized in Bakke, then I believe that we would be doing something inappropriate," Jeffrey S. Lehman, outgoing dean of the University of Michigan law school, said Thursday on National Public Radio.

"But the fact is that we crafted our policy in exactly the way that other institutions of higher learning have done," said Lehman, referring to the court's 1978 ruling. That case involved student Allan Bakke, who sued the California, saying he'd been denied entry to medical school because he was white.

NPS plan resulting in public argument

PHILADELPHIA (AP)

The National Park Service presented a preliminary design for a monument near the Liberty Bell at a boisterous public meeting, where participants sounded off on how the monument would depict the role of slavery during the city's time as the nation's capital.

Plans to commemorate the Robert Morris House, home to George Washington and John Adams during their presidencies, have drawn sharp criticism since it was learned that the monument would be located near Washington's slave quarters.

Unlike the original plan for the executive mansion site, the design unveiled Wednesday

incorporated a discussion of slavery and focused on the house where Washington kept slaves. The monument would also feature information about the history of Philadelphia's black population.

Still, activist groups and others attending the meeting at the African American Museum of Philadelphia weren't all pleased with the latest plan.

"You are missing a lot of history here," said Charles Blockson, curator of the Charles L. Blockson Afro American Collection at Temple University. Blockson mentioned, by name, people he said were slaves who had been kept in Washington's household.

The meeting got rowdy at times, with some participants accusing park officials of racism. Members of the largely black audience also suggested the site overlooked the role of free blacks in the Washington and Adams households.

Some at the meeting also raised questions about how the \$4.5 million design would be funded.

Park service officials, meanwhile, said they were doing everything they could to make the project fair and accurate.

"This is something we would share with the public, so the public can see what the National Park Service is proposing in the design and in the text," acting park service director Dennis Reidenbach said.

The Avenging the Ancestors Coalition, a community group formed to promote a commemorative installation for Washington's slaves, expressed some concerns about the proposed design. But members of the coalition stressed the meeting was part of an ongoing process.

"This is a beginning, but without the diligence ... it won't be much," said Michael Coard, a member of the coalition.

The meeting Wednesday focused primarily on the content of the planned monument at the executive mansion. A final decision has not been made on the physical makeup of the monument. The Liberty Bell became well-known in the 1840s when anti-slavery groups adopted it as a symbol of freedom.

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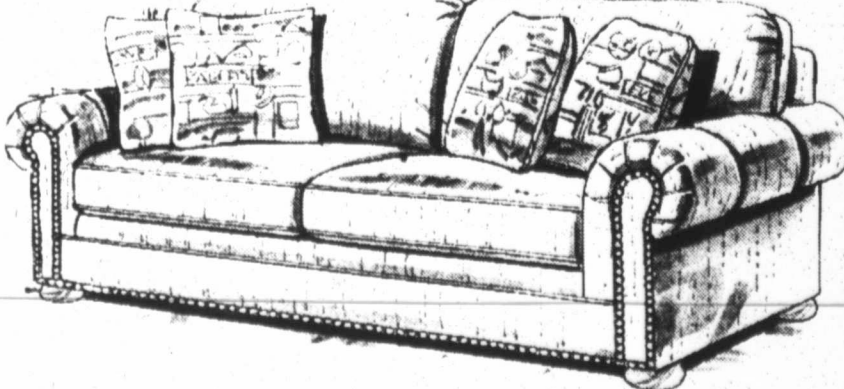
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Funeral for Bee Gee member Maurice Gibb draws about 200

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP)

— During a private funeral service that mixed humor and emotion, Bee Gees member Maurice Gibb was remembered as a man who celebrated life.

About 200 friends and family, including singer Michael Jackson and other celebrities, attended the service Wednesday for the Bee Gees keyboardist and bass player. Gibb, 53, died early Sunday, shocking his bandmate brothers, family, friends and fans of the pop trio best known for 70s hits like "Stayin' Alive" and "More Than A Woman."

Though Gibb's family has questioned his medical care — a county medical examiner is reviewing the case and results of an autopsy are expected Friday — there was no mention of any allegations of wrongdoing during the service, several mourners said.

Robin Gibb, one of the two surviving Bee Gees, spoke briefly about his love for his twin brother, they said.

"It was emotional, there was humor. ... Everybody talked about how this was a man who really celebrated life and so this was a celebration of his life," said family friend Jennifer Valoppi.

Jackson, a longtime friend of the Bee Gees, and Harry Wayne Casey of KC and the Sunshine Band, were among the celebrities who joined Maurice Gibb's wife, Yvonne, his son, Adam, as well as his older brother and Bee

Gees partner, Barry Gibb.

Pictures of Maurice and his family hung from the walls, along with the jacket in which he used to play his favorite sport of paintball, Valoppi said.

"He'd talk to anybody. He was just a genuine real person. You'd never think that he was as big a star as he was," said James Haddaway.

Nat Kipner, who managed the Bee Gees early in their career in Brisbane, Australia, had traveled by coincidence to South Florida on the same day Maurice Gibb died.

"I heard right away that Maurice had died and I couldn't believe it," he said after the service.

Kipner spoke fondly of his memories of the Bee Gees, who recorded some on his Spin Records label as young teenagers. They decided to return to their native England in 1967, and had asked Kipner to come with them, he said.

"But I had a business in Australia and I didn't want to go. So I gave them their contract back. One of the dumb things I've done," he joked.

The Bee Gees, short for the Brothers Gibb — Maurice, Robin and older brother Barry — were a falsetto-voiced disco sensation during the 1970s, with a slew of hits from the movie "Saturday Night Fever," including "Stayin' Alive" and "Night Fever."

Circling penguins perplex zookeepers

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)

— A few penguins swimming leisurely at the San Francisco Zoo is nothing new. But dozens of them doing laps in unison for hours has zookeepers perplexed.

"We've lost complete con-


trol," said Jane Tollini, the zoo's penguin keeper. "It's a free-for-all in here. After 18 years of doing this job, these birds are making mincemeat of me."

It all started in November when six newcomer Megellanic penguins, formerly of Sea World in Aurora, Ohio, were brought in.

Since then the penguin pool at the San Francisco Zoo has been a daily frenzy of circle swimming by all of the 52 birds at once.

The penguins start swimming in circles early in the day and rarely stop until they stagger out of the pool at dusk.

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