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API to elect officers at dinner Thursday

American Petroleum Institute's (API) Panhandle Chapter will meet at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 23, at Pampa Country Club for social hour followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Guest speaker for the meeting will be Kim Peterson of Texas Railroad Commission, District 10.

Peterson will discuss "E-Filing - Operator Bonds and Good Guy Issues."

Officers will be elected and installed during the evening which will include a barbecue buffet at a cost \$15 per person. API memberships will be available at the door. Door prizes are being donated courtesy of Curtis Well Service.

Red Cross to host CPR class Jan. 25

Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross will conduct a Community CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) class on Saturday, Jan. 25, from 1 p.m. until 7 p.m., at the Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. CPR for adults, children, and infants will be taught. To register, call 669-7121.

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Steele to be interim PISD leader

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Editor

Board decides to look outside the district for superintendent

Jane Steele will lead Pampa Independent School District (PISD) in the interim while school board members seek a new superintendent through the help of a consulting firm.

Board members named Steele, PISD's assistant superintendent for instruction, as interim superintendent after meeting behind closed doors for more than an hour Tuesday night.

"After conducting extensive and lengthy interviews with some of the employees of the Pampa Independent School district, the board continues to be impressed by the excellent people we have on our staff and have asked Mrs. Jane Steele to serve as interim superintendent," said Board President Lee Porter in a press release today.

In a special meeting Monday, the board interviewed district employees for more than six hours.

Porter said this morning that he will be talking with Texas Association of School Board (TASB) officials "in the next day or so." TASB contains a superintendent search section that is available to local school boards such as Pampa's. He said there are other consulting firms that could be considered by the board, also.

Dr. Dawson Orr, current school superintendent, will be leaving Pampa at the end of this month to accept the same

position with Wichita Falls ISD.

Orr's last official recommendation almost died for lack of a motion at Tuesday's meeting as the board wrestled with "effectiveness and efficiency standards" for Pampa High School.

"If my last official act dies for lack of a motion, so be it," the superintendent wryly commented.

After much discussion, the board finally set a 14.4 stu- (See SCHOOL, Page 3)

Citizens nix parolee house

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

SKELLYTOWN — What the future of the Skellytown campus of White Deer Independent School District will be is still uncertain.

A proposed request to house parolees in a rehabilitation center in the vacant elementary school at Skellytown was withdrawn during a heated council meeting Tuesday night.

A standing-room-only crowd of more than 100 Skellytown residents packed into the town's Community Center to express their feelings and views in an emotional meeting.

Claude Hooks, who is also a member of the city council, had expressed an interest in opening a faith-based rehabilitation center at the former elementary school building in the small community. After approximately 20 to 30 minutes of listening to residents express their views on the project known as the "Nehemiah Project," Hooks withdrew his proposal and suggested the meeting be adjourned. Mayor Lucille Lawrence adjourned the meeting.

The proposal was made by Hooks at

the Jan. 14 council meeting to open the facility for parolees during their first 90 days out of prison to reintegrate them back into society.

Hooks currently has five parolees in this program living at his home. One of the parolees is his son, Claude "Toddie" Hooks III.

The 39-year-old was released about a year ago after spending two years in Texas prison on a possession of marijuana charge.

"I was fortunate because I had family who never gave up on me," said Toddie. "So many of these men don't have that."

He said many of the men to be released from prison do not have a home or location to go upon release from prison. He described the program as a "reintegration program into society."

"The parole office will examine everyone who would go into such a program," he said. He said many of the men have no place to go upon discharge from prison.

Finding jobs for the parolees is a concern. The younger Hooks is employed as a dispatcher for a trucking company.

Several times while Toddie was speaking he was interrupted by members in the audience. One person proclaimed, "We don't want to help them," as Hooks spoke.

He said there are already 20-30 parolees in Skellytown, and said there are two to three registered sex offenders to which an unidentified woman said, "But they live with their families."

Several of the people who spoke in the meeting expressed fears that sex offenders and child molesters would be released to the 90-day program. A petition containing more than 200 signatures was presented to Mayor Lawrence and the city council asking the council not to consider the project.

Declining property values and lack of jobs in the area for the men were two issues brought up by citizens.

Steve Page, on parole for delivery of a controlled substance and living at the Hooks home, said there would be no sex offenders in the center because the state wouldn't allow it. He said sex offenders cannot be within certain distances of a church. One unidentified woman contradicted Page and emotion- (See CITIZENS, Page 3)



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)
Steve Page, one of the parolees living at the Claude Hooks residence in Skellytown, said many of the men leaving prison on parole have no place to go.

Government plans nationwide system to find bioterrorism

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is adapting environmental monitors scattered across the nation to detect bioterrorism, hoping they will provide early warning if smallpox, anthrax or other deadly germs are released into the air.

The system would retrofit many of the 3,000 existing environmental monitoring stations with new filters to detect biological agents, administration officials said.

"It's part of our precautions to protect the country," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said Wednesday. He added that the White House has no specific information about a pending threat.

Results of the early warnings could be confirmed at a network of laboratories within 24 hours using DNA analysis.

The system was tested throughout 2002, including at the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.

Nightmare scenarios envisioned by bioterrorism experts include a small plane flying above a community, releasing anthrax or other germs over a large gathering of people. Depending on the winds, thousands of people could become ill, yet it could take days to figure out what happened.

The sooner health officials detect a bioterrorism incident,

the sooner they can properly treat victims with vaccines or antibiotics and protect others who might become infected.

Monitoring systems now run by the Environmental Protection Agency will be adapted to check for a number of biological agents. The systems, which filter air, were created to measure pollutants and the quality of the air.

If a station detects something suspicious, samples would be sent to the closest of some 120 labs that are part of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Laboratory Response Network. Results from these labs would be available within 12 to 24 hours, depending on the tests being conducted.

The tests involve genetic analysis using polymerase chain reaction, or PCR, techniques. They examine the genetic fingerprint of a germ sample and make a quick and accurate determination as to what it is.

These tests are considered much more reliable than hand-held devices often used by emergency responders, which often indicate the presence of a particular germ when none is there.

The new system is intended to work with existing patient surveillance systems, which monitor symptoms of (See MONITOR, Page 3)



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Trooper Ron Shank of the Texas Department of Public Safety, right, and emergency workers render first aid to Debby Harris, a Skellytown woman injured in a one-car crash Tuesday afternoon west of Pampa on White Deer Creek.

Woman tuning car's radio hits guard rail, not station

A Skellytown woman suffered leg injuries Tuesday afternoon when her car veered off the roadway and into a guard rail at White Deer Creek.

The woman was tuning her car radio at the time, officials said.

Debby Harris, 47, of Skellytown was rushed to Pampa Regional Medical Center for injuries to her knees after her sedan crashed into a guard rail where Texas Highway 152 crosses White Deer Creek.

Harris was eastbound on Texas Highway 152 about 4 p.m., Tuesday, when her 1993 black Chrysler Imperial drifted toward the right side of the road as it curved down toward

White Deer Creek, according to Texas Department of Public Safety reports.

Officers said the woman apparently overcorrected in an effort to avoid hitting the guard rail on the south side of the highway and skidded across the oncoming lanes of the highway, striking the guard rail on the north side of the road.

The car came to rest, facing southwest, with the back of the vehicle against the guard rail on the north side of the highway. The crash destroyed about 30 feet of guard rail.

DPS Trooper Ron Shank, investigating officer, cited Harris for failing to drive in a single lane.

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STOCKS

The following grain quotations are provided by Acrebay Grain of Pampa:

Wheat	3.27
Milo	3.82
Corn	4.35
Soybeans	4.76

The following show prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of completion:

Occidental	28.08	-0.26
Fidelity Magell	NA	
Puritan	NA	

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa:

BP	37.21	-0.29
Celanese	20.50	-0.40
Cabot Corp	24.18	-0.37
Cabot Oil Gas	23.59	-0.37
Coca Cola	45.57	+0.85
VLO	35.89	-0.16

Halliburton	17.59	-0.55
Triad Hospitals	27.35	-0.15
NOI	19.47	-0.23
KMI	44.00	-0.25
XCEL	11.86	-0.46
Kerr McGee	42.66	-0.59
Limited	12.61	+0.21
Williams	3.33	-0.21
McDonalds	15.44	+0.10
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OKI	16.74	-0.13
NS Group	6.25	-0.07

New York Gold	358.15
Silver	4.81
West Texas Crude	34.61

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents.

Sunday, Jan. 19

12:19 a.m. — A citation of accident damage to vehicle equal to or over \$200 was issued Kevin Eugene Huddleston, 27, 2209 North Sumner, in regards to a hit-and-run. The 1996 Chevrolet Silverado pick-up he was driving struck a street sign and then a pine tree after making an improper turn by turning wide right, according to the police report. The report said he fled the scene, but was later located.

Tuesday, Jan. 21

5:25 p.m. — An unsafe lane change was issued to Mark Alan Clark, 42, 1613 N. Faulkner, after the 1995 Chevy Silverado pick-up he was driving northbound in the 1200 block of North Hobart turned from the outside lane to cross the turning lane. He pulled into a private drive, striking another vehicle, a 1996 Pontiac Bonneville driven by Janet Hill Bridwell, 41, 1208 Christine. Her vehicle was also northbound in the turning lane. She was cited for no proof of liability insurance.

SHERIFF

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

Tuesday, Jan. 21

Jarrod Heath Rickles, 25, 737 Deane Drive, was arrested on a Carson County warrant for bond surrender on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following arrests and incidents.

Tuesday, Jan. 21

Christina Louise Ragan, 23, 404 Magnolia, was arrested on municipal warrants for public intoxication.

Sylvester M. Ware, 34, 1133 Prairie Drive, was arrested on Randall County warrant for violation of probation. Original charge was driving while intoxicated.

Pampa PD is investigating a suspected immoral act with a child that was reported.

An information report was made to the local police department regarding an unsolved crime in another county.

A car tag was reported removed from a vehicle in the 800 block of North Nelson.

Violation of a protective order was reported in the 1800 block of Banks.

AMBULANCE

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

Tuesday, Jan. 21

7:08 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC); one patient was transported to Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospital West (BSAW) in Amarillo.

1 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC; one patient was transported to BSAW.

3:59 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Highway 152 west of Pampa; one patient was transported to PRMC.

4:14 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to

Banks and Oklahoma; one patient was transported to PRMC.

5:01 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Henry; one patient was transported to PRMC.

6:54 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Russell on a lifting assistance call.

Wednesday, Jan. 22

12:07 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Hamilton; one patient was transported to PRMC.

2:29 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2000 block of Hamilton; one patient was transported to PRMC.

FIRE

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

Tuesday, Jan. 21

4:03 p.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to a possible structure fire in the 400 block of South Cuyler that turned out to be steam coming from a building.

5:24 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a minor motor vehicle collision in the 1200 block of North Hobart and cleaned up a hazardous material spill.

WEATHER FOCUS

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Today's forecast is calling for mostly cloudy skies with highs in the lower 40s and light winds. Tonight should see mostly cloudy skies with lows around 13, and north-east winds 5 to 15 mph. Thursday should be mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 30s. Southeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Thursday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s. Southeast

winds 5 to 15 mph. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Monday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s. Monday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s.

STATEWIDE

A new wave of arctic cold has brought a slight chance of rain to North Texas, with lows expected to fall into the teens through the week's end. Early Wednesday, sub-freezing temperatures

remained confined to the High Plains, with mainly low to mid 40s over North Central Texas. Wind chills were in the upper 20s north and west of Dallas and Fort Worth and to the 30s else-

where. Extremes were 20 degrees at Borger and 60 at Brownsville. Other readings ranged from 37 degrees at Wichita Falls to 44 degrees at Terrell

OBITUARIES

PHILLIP DWAYNE MATTHEW 1967-2002

Phillip Dwayne Matthew, 35, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2003, at Pampa, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Matthew was born April 17, 1967, in Pampa. He was a lifelong resident of Pampa, graduating from Pampa High School. He worked for Universal Compression in Yukon, Okla., as a mechanic for the past 14 years.

Survivors include his parents, Sue and Richard Matthew of Turpin, Okla.; a sister and brother-in-law, Tammy and Jeff Clark of Pampa; a niece, Meagan Clark of Pampa; a nephew, Jarron Clark of Pampa; two uncles and an aunt, Ron Smith of Pampa and Mary and Jay Shaw of Amarillo.

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

SERVICES TOMORROW

MANN, James "J.B." — Graveside services, 3 p.m., Crane County Cemetery, Crane.
SWINDLE, Elsie Dee Patterson — 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

Senate rejects Democratic attempt to hold up Bush air pollution rules

By ALAN FRAM ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate rejected a Democratic effort Wednesday to delay Environmental Protection Agency rules that would let industrial plants upgrade their facilities without improving air pollution controls, handing a victory to President Bush.

The Republican-controlled chamber voted 50-46 to kill a provision by Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., that would have postponed the rules from taking effect until at least Sept. 15 while they are studied by the National Academy of Sciences.

Edwards' proposal was an amendment to the \$390 billion government-wide spending bill the Senate is debating. Edwards, a declared 2004 presidential candidate, argued that the proposed rules would result in increased air pollution and health problems. The regulations are supposed to take effect in March.

"This administration has made new rules that are the biggest rollback of clean air

protections in history," he said.

Edwards was opposed by Republicans who said the new regulations would help manufacturing companies become more efficient and reduce U.S. use of foreign oil. They also said the current rules have prevented companies from making some technological changes that would cut pollution.

"Companies stick with old, outdated technology" often because under the current rules it takes too long to get governmental approval for plant changes, said Sen. Christopher Bond, R-Mo.

Before Edwards' amendment was rejected, the Senate voted 51-45 for another by Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., that called for the academy study but let the rules take effect as scheduled.

The new rules would give companies more flexibility to modernize or expand without having to install expensive new pollution controls, even though more emissions may result.

Plants with modern pollution controls would not have

to upgrade the equipment for 10 years, and a new way of calculating pollution could reduce the chance that new pollution controls would be required.

The proposal is supported by manufacturing groups, but opposed by environmental organizations. It is also the subject of a lawsuit brought by nine Northeastern states, which are worried it will increase the air pollution blown in their direction from the Midwest and the Ohio Valley.

On another amendment Tuesday, the Senate voted 88-4 to provide an extra \$300 million this year for home-heating aid for the poor, bringing to nearly \$2 billion the amount the government would spend on the program.

Under Congress' budget accounting rules, the added home-heating spending would not boost the bill's price tag. That is because the amendment requires President Bush to spend \$300 million in emergency funds that Congress provided two years ago but that he had not yet released.

The vote highlighted a rift between the White House and many lawmakers of both parties over the heating aid.

Bush proposed spending \$1.4 billion for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program this year, but the GOP-written bill provided \$1.7 billion even before Tuesday's amendment was approved.

Democrats lined up a host of amendments to the bill, including efforts to add money for disabled students, long-term unemployed workers and food aid for sub-Saharan Africa. They also proposed withholding federal contracts from U.S. companies that have moved offshore to avoid taxes.

It was the fourth day of Senate debate on an overdue spending package for the government budget year that began Oct. 1.



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(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

More than 100 Skellytown residents crowded into the community center Tuesday night for a Town Hall meeting Tuesday night to voice concerns about a faith-based program known as Nehemiah Project. Claude Hooks III had expressed interest in establishing the program in Skellytown, but withdrew his proposal during Tuesday night's meeting.

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CITIZENS

tionally reported that a sex offender was allowed to sit at the school with the students.

The issue has divided residents in this small community of just over 600 people—even the preachers.

Danny Trussell, pastor of the River of Life Assembly of God, told the crowd that the men have done their time and should be given a chance.

He cited from the biblical book John 8, saying "he who is without sin should cast the first stone." Trussell asked the crowd to help the people integrate back into society "in the name of God."

Cornerstone Christian Center pastor, Bob Epperson, immediately jumped to his feet responding that, "in the name of God," the center should not be allowed.

City Secretary Cindy Cook said this morning that the community will continue to search for a use for the historical school building.

White Deer Independent School District Board of Trustees closed the Skellytown campus in May 2002 due to the declining enrollment. Students who live in Skellytown now

ride buses to White Deer.

Cook said WDISD gave the school building and properties to the community of Skellytown in September 2002.

"We would like to have county offices and city offices in the building, but it is so big. The cost of utilities would be enormous," she said. "We'd like to have a business put their offices in there, but we have to have enough revenue to cover the cost of operations."

She said people in the community don't want to board up the windows, but they may have to do so as several windows have also been broken out.

"It's not that we don't want to do something with the building," she said. "It's that we can't afford it."

Cook said people were very afraid of what could happen to them and their children if the reintroduction center was approved.

The City of Skellytown does not have a law enforcement officer. Mayor Lawrence said last night the town only had enough funds to hire one person part time.

When asked after the meeting what the future held for the faith-based Nehemiah Project, Toddie Hooks said, "I don't know. I'm going to go home and pray about it."

SCHOOL

dent-teacher ratio efficiency standard for Pampa High School, leaving school officials with the decision of how they would set up class schedules to meet that standard.

In November 2002, school board members said the school district must be in the top 20 percent of schools in the state by 2004 and in the top 10 percent or "exemplary" by state standards in 2006. Ratings are judged primarily by student test scores in four core subjects: math, English, reading and writing.

Since then, school administrators and board members are focusing on Pampa High School, which received a one-star (lowest) rating in a November 2002 Texas Monthly magazine article comparing Texas high schools.

Even before November, board member Jay Johnson had brought up what he saw as problems in the PHS accelerated block schedule, saying it was costly to the district and ineffective in preparing students for college.

Parents, students and teach-

ers had brought differing opinions about the block schedule to the board - some strongly in favor, others strongly opposed.

Orr brought a comparison of exemplary schools similar to Pampa to last night's meeting. The comparison shows each school's student population, master schedule, and student-teacher ratio.

Only one of the 27 schools had an accelerated block schedule. Most (16) were on a seven-period schedule and the average student teacher ratio for 900-1,100 student population schools was 14.4 or one teacher to approximately 14 students.

This year, PHS has a student enrollment of 1,058 and a student-teacher ratio of 13.2.

"This data, to me, says we can't really support a block schedule," Orr said. "I have to be candid. I recommend a seven-period day as the most defensible schedule if we're going to be held to effectiveness and efficiency."

He also said that for the sake of efficiency, PHS would need to go to a 14 or 14.4 student-teacher ratio which would mean seven fewer

teachers and annual savings to the school district of \$180,000 to \$240,000.

Orr emphasized that PHS Principal John Kendall and the leadership committee needed guidance from the board before going further with restructuring plans.

Porter reiterated that the school board had charged PHS and the school district to improve, but did not want to "micromanage" or "tie their hands." He also said the board wanted quarterly progress reports.

"I'm interested in attendance and discipline," he said, "but I want (student state test) scores. That's how schools are being measured."

The number of teachers lost through implementing the 14.4 student ratio efficiency standard will be handled through attrition and reassignment, Orr said.

Porter said today he was satisfied with the board's action.

"Our goal is for the students to have the best education possible and at the same time be good stewards of the citizens' money," he said.

Armed Mexican soldier arrested across border

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — A Mexican soldier was arrested by U.S. Border Patrol agents after he apparently wandered onto the U.S. side of the border near Nogales, officials said.

The soldier "had become separated from his unit, became lost, and wandered into the United States in a very remote area west of Nogales," Border Patrol

spokesman Frank Amarillas said in a prepared statement.

The soldier was armed and made it more than a mile across the border, in a place about seven miles west of Nogales, officials said.

When the soldier was encountered by agents Monday, he offered no resistance and said he needed help, Amarillas said.

After discussions between

U.S. and Mexican government officials, the soldier was granted a voluntary return to Mexico Tuesday, Amarillas said.

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patients, looking for strange patterns of disease that may detect a biological agent infecting many people at the same time.

The system, first reported in Wednesday's editions of

The New York Times, is being created by the new Homeland Security Department. It will cost about \$1 million to upgrade each monitoring system and an additional \$1 million per city, per year, to run the system, analyzing samples that are collected.

Houston police chief's trial begins

HOUSTON (AP) — After a day of jury selection that proved frustrating for prosecutors, attorneys prepared to deliver opening statements in the perjury trial of Houston Police Chief Clarence Bradford.

Bradford, the first Houston police chief to be charged with a crime while in office, is accused of intentionally lying about calling a subordinate a vulgar name.

He has been suspended with pay and has temporarily surrendered his badge and his gun until the trial is over. Bradford maintains his innocence.

On Tuesday, prosecutors had to contend with panelists who called the case trivial and questioned its legitimacy.

Others were confused about why Bradford was on trial or suggested the case might be politically motivated.

"Are you saying that every public official who's lied has been prosecuted?" a male juror asked prosecutors as he was being questioned, drawing laughter from other panelists and courtroom observers.

Don Smyth, an assistant district attorney, replied: "Sounds like you've got your mind made up."

Bradford, who at times chuckled during the jury selection process, had about 50 supporters, including family and local black community leaders, in the courtroom.

Many black community leaders allege the charge against Bradford is racially

motivated.

"This case is nothing more than the 2003 political lynching of an African-American man and the destruction of his career," activist Quanell X said.

Defense attorneys could barely contain their glee about some of the comments from the panelists and the makeup of the jury — four jurors are black, three of whom are women.

"I think it's going to be a great jury," defense attorney Rusty Hardin said. "I think some of the panelists put the whole thing in perspective."

Prosecutors refused to comment as they left the courthouse Tuesday afternoon. Opening statements are set Wednesday.



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Students, angry farmer protest U.N. inspections

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — International arms monitors, on their daily rounds of surprise inspections, stirred up protests from angry students and a farmer on Wednesday as they pressed their hunt for signs of any Iraqi weapons of mass destruction.

Several dozen technical students carrying T-squares, slide rules and hastily scribbled protest signs poured out of the Baghdad Technology Institute after a U.N. inspection team arrived unannounced Wednesday morning.

"No War For Oil," read one sign in English, reflecting a common Iraqi view that U.S. threats to attack Iraq if it doesn't disarm voluntarily have more to do with American designs on Iraqi oil than with concern over its weapons.

The inspectors, sent in by the United Nations to verify Iraq's claim that it has no more banned weapons programs, have disclosed little detail about specific visits in their two months' work here.

They are believed to be checking universities and technical institutes for signs of banned military research in biological, chemical or nuclear fields, and for leads to scientists and engineers potentially knowledgeable about weapons work.

Later Wednesday, chicken farmer Sabah Anwar Mohammed was brought to the press center in central Baghdad by government officials to complain to the international media that U.N. inspectors had demolished a wall of a building on his farm on the capital's southern outskirts.

Reporters who visited the site found damage to a brick wall built over a doorway.

"I hope to file a suit against the United Nations and the inspectors," said an

angry Anwar, 59, who works principally as an industrial executive.

A U.N. statement on Monday said a biological weapons team visited "an agricultural site south of Baghdad" that day, and "completed the inspection of the remaining buildings that were sealed during their first inspection on 15 January."

"They claim that there is a biological unit in the farm," Anwar told reporters, but he said all they found behind the demolished wall was motors and other electrical equipment he stored there after he shut down the farm.

"I will ask them for an apology to my government and to me," he said. "Imagine an unwanted guest rushing into your house. Imagine the pressure."

Anwar said the inspectors, apparently still interested in the site, told him they would return.

The U.N. teams Wednesday also made unannounced visits to the Badr Company, an engineering facility south of Baghdad where work was carried out before the 1991 Gulf War in connection with gas centrifuges, equipment Iraq planned to use to "enrich" uranium for the building of nuclear weapons; and to Basra University, in the southern Iraqi city of Basra.

The United States continued its military buildup in the Gulf in preparation for a possible war against Iraq. U.S. officials announced this week that the Army's 4th Infantry Division, equipped with tanks, attack helicopters and artillery, is heading a group of 37,000 soldiers to the region. They will join tens of thousands of American forces already there.

Three journalists believed captured by kidnappers

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) — Colombian gunmen are believed to have kidnapped three foreign journalists, including the reporter who interviewed American Taliban suspect John Walker Lindh, police said.

Panamanian media said the men were seized on Sunday by a right-wing paramilitary group, the United Self-Defense Forces of Colombia, just north of the Colombian border in Panama.

Panama's National Police identified the journalists as Robert Y. Pelton, Mark Wedeven and Megan A. Smaker.

Pelton is an American freelance journalist who lives in the Los Angeles area. The two others are believed to be an American and a Canadian.

Pelton is an experienced war correspondent and the author of "The World's Most Dangerous Places," a guide book to the world's conflict zones.

Pelton covered the war in Afghanistan for CNN and made headlines around the world with his interview of Lindh shortly after a bloody revolt by Afghan prisoners in November 2001.

Pelton's wife said she had not been contacted by any one claiming responsibility for Pelton's kidnapping.

"I'm waiting for the next step," she said. "I'm waiting for them to be home safe."

On Tuesday night, police searchers found the bodies of three people who police said had been killed in an attack by the Colombians. But it was unclear whether they were the missing journalists because authorities were also looking for three Indians from the nearby village of Paya who were believed to have been killed.

Panamanian National Police spokesman Carlos Bares said authorities were scouring the area near Paya, but that they were not sure where the abduct-

ed journalists had been taken.

"They could be in Colombia," Bares said.

A Panamanian who served as the trio's guide, Victor Manuel Alcazar, was wounded in the attack and escaped from the paramilitaries. He was interviewed by the newspaper La Prensa in the Panamanian border town of Boca de Cupe.

Alcazar told the paper the foreigners had hired him to guide them through the jungle in Darien province, on the border. Their group had passed by Paya when they ran into a column of 50 to 60 paramilitary fighters.

Alcazar said one group took the foreigners prisoners, while another group split off and asked Alcazar to show them the way back to Paya. Alcazar said the paramilitaries took him with them as they attacked Pucuro, about 12 miles from Paya, but that he later escaped.

Military sources speculated the paramilitaries wanted to attack the Indian village for its alleged cooperation with leftist Colombian guerrillas.

API to convene monthly meeting

American Petroleum Institute's Panhandle Chapter will meet at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 23, at Pampa Country Club for social hour followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Guest speaker for the meeting will be Kim Peterson of Texas Railroad Commission, District 10.

Peterson will discuss "E-Filing — Operator Bonds and Good Guy Issues."

Officers will be elected and installed during the evening which will include a barbecue buffet at a cost \$15 per person. API memberships will be available at the door.

Door prizes are being donated courtesy of Curtis Well Service.

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6. What is a dactylogram?
7. What is the southern most state in the United States?
8. True or False. Lightning strikes from the ground up.
9. True or False. It is estimated that there are 3000 languages spoken around the world.
10. What is the minimum weight of a bowling pin?

Powerful earthquake rocks central Mexico

GUADALAJARA, Mexico (AP) — A powerful earthquake ripped through western and central Mexico, killing at least 21 people, collapsing dozens of houses and leaving the worst-hit state shrouded in darkness with power outages.

The death toll continued to rise Wednesday as emergency crews surveyed the full extent of the damage hours after the ground stopped shaking. The government news agency Notimex said officials put the death toll at 23, but it did not elaborate.

The quake struck at 8:07 p.m. Tuesday in Colima, a small state that includes the port city of Manzanillo, about 300 miles west of Mexico City. The government Wednesday declared a state of emergency in Colima.

Mexico's national seismological service put the quake's magnitude at 7.6, but the U.S. Geological Survey calculated it at 7.8. A magnitude 7 quake is capable of causing widespread, heavy damage.

"Because of the size of the earthquake and its shallow depth, USGS is expecting substantial damage," said U.S. Geological Survey spokesman Butch Kinerney.

Colima Gov. Fernando Moreno Pena said 19 people were killed, nine in the capital city of Colima and 10 others elsewhere in his state. He did not provide details, but radio reports said most of the victims died after portions of office and residential buildings collapsed near the center of Colima City.

Two people, including a 1-year-old girl, also were killed in neighboring Jalisco state.

Nearly all of Colima state

remained without electricity and phone service early Wednesday, Moreno Pena said.

Melchor Usua Quiroz, head of the state's civil defense authorities, told the government news agency Notimex that the quake damaged homes and businesses and briefly left several people trapped in elevators across Colima.

In Guadalajara, the capital of Jalisco state and Mexico's second-largest city, the quake leveled 40 homes and left more than 100 people homeless, authorities said.

An 85-year-old woman in the town of Zapotitan died after she rushed out of her house and was crushed by a falling security wall that had ringed her yard. A 1-year-old girl also died in the town, but the circumstances surrounding her death remained unclear, authorities said Wednesday.

President Vicente Fox ordered the military to search for damage near the quake's epicenter, a region that included remote villages in coastal areas of Jalisco and Colima.

The quake swayed buildings, briefly knocked out power and telephone service and sent panicked residents running into the streets in Mexico City, but officials said there were no reports of deaths or serious damage there.

"Fortunately there does not appear to be generalized damage in the city," said Mexico City Police Chief Marcelo Ebrard.

Immediately after the quake, police cars drove slowly through the streets of Mexico City with sirens flashing, asking people over loudspeakers: "Is everything OK?"

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Fossils with leg feathers shed light on winged creatures

By WILLIAM MCCALL
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Fossils with leg feathers discovered in northeast China suggest birds may have a four-winged ancestor that glided from ancient trees above its dinosaur cousins long before two wings took over to power flight.

The small animal called "Microraptor gui" — in honor of Chinese paleontologist Gu Zhiwei — was about 2 1/2 feet long and had feathers covering its legs that were similar to the feathers in its wings. The fossils were dated to 128 million years ago.

Other researchers hailed the discovery, but said the fossils don't necessarily mean all winged creatures share Microraptor gui as a common ancestor.

"It's a phenomenal find," said Luis Chiappe, a paleontologist at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County. Chiappe did not participate in the dig, but he has visited the fossil site in the Chinese province of Liaoning, northeast of Beijing. Liaoning has yielded several important specimens in recent years.

"We don't have anything that resembles this in the whole dinosaur and bird spectrum,"

Chiappe said.

Scientists say the fossils revive a debate between two theories of how dinosaurs might have evolved into birds. One theory holds that some of these apparent bird ancestors learned to flap their wings to power flight while they were gliding.

The other theory suggests they learned to fly by increasing their running speed with their wings and taking off from the ground.

Details of the fossils appear in the current issue of the journal Nature.

Paleontologist Xing Xu of the Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology and Paleoanthropology at the Chinese Academy of Sciences described six fossils with leg feathers arranged in a pattern similar to wing feathers in modern birds.

"They are long and some have asymmetrical veins like flight feathers," Xu said.

The feathered legs amount to rear wings, Xu said. He speculated they could have been an intermediate stage before the arrival of the birdlike Archaeopteryx, whose flight was powered by two real wings.

Or, the feathered legs could've been an evolutionary dead-end, researchers said.

The legs probably didn't flap

Baptist church sign creates furor

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — A Baptist church's roadside sign that says Islam approves of murder has been denounced by church leaders representing worshippers around the state.

The marquee-type sign outside the First Conservative Baptist Church reads: "Jesus Forbade Murder. Matthew 26:52. Muhammad Approved Murder. Surah 8:65."

Muslims say the verse cited is not an endorsement of murder, but rather says those who believe and are steadfast in battle will overcome much larger armies.

The Council on American-Islamic Relations last week called on religious groups to condemn the sign.

On Monday, the Rev. Fred Morris, executive director of the Florida Council of Churches, which represents 3,500 congrega-

tions statewide, called Islam a sister religion and repudiated "expressions of hatred toward any person or group."

The Rev. Tom Borland, president of the Interfaith Council of Jacksonville, also rejected the message.

"As a Christian, I am disappointed at this unchristian effort to disparage Islam," Borland said in statement. "Jesus never attacked other faiths."

First Conservative's pastor, Gene Youngblood, did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

Youngblood, who also leads the Conservative Theological Society and Conservative Christian Academy, has said he's used the sign to express the church's opinion for 15 years and has no plans to remove the message.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanna Phillips

Son Placed for Adoption Kept Secret From Fiance's Family

DEAR ABBY: Almost two years ago, I placed my beautiful baby boy for adoption. His name is William. A wonderful couple adopted him. As difficult as it was for me, I knew I was doing the right thing.

My fiance's family knows nothing about William. I want to tell them, but my fiance doesn't want me to, so I've kept quiet. This has bothered me for two years, and I carry a lot of unhappiness inside because of it.

I am considering telling my fiance's family without him present, but I'm afraid I could lose him over this. Should I allow this situation to go on and wait for my fiance to tell his family, or should I be honest with them about William? Please give me your opinion, Abby.

BARBIE IN TEXAS

DEAR BARBIE: I admire you for wanting to level with your fiance's family. It's the right thing to do because "secrets" like yours have a way of coming to light eventually.

However, I strongly feel that you should not tell his family unless your fiance is beside you. It is important he make it clear to them that regardless of their reaction to the news, he loves you and you are the person with whom he intends to spend the rest of his life.

DEAR ABBY: I come from a large family. Because there hasn't been a family reunion for more than 15 years, I thought it was time. I contacted all my aunts, uncles and cousins and asked them to provide me with names and addresses of their children and grandchildren so I could send invitations.

After receiving the information, I sent everyone letters announcing the place and time of the reunion — and asked them to donate \$25 per family to cover the cost of food, beverages, paper goods, table rental, etc. Several of my relatives found this extremely offensive and said if they had to pay to attend a family reunion, they weren't coming!

Abby, do you think I was wrong to ask for some financial help?

NOT WEALTHY IN TEXAS

DEAR NOT WEALTHY: No, I do not. Perhaps this is one of the reasons it has been 15 years since the family gathered. Considering the cost involved, the amount you requested was not excessive. I hope you held the reunion without the complainers and that it was a success.

DEAR ABBY: I don't know what's wrong with me. I am an 18-year-old girl, and I date only older guys who either have a girlfriend or are engaged. It's like I can't be happy with anyone single or available. Sometimes I have even dated my

friends' boyfriends behind their backs. I'm afraid in the future this will all catch up with me. I don't want to act like this anymore, Abby. I really don't. Please help.

"SALLY" IN CINCINNATI

DEAR "SALLY": It is an intelligent person who recognizes she (or he) is engaging in self-defeating behavior — and this certainly qualifies. I don't know if you have a fear of commitment or whether "poaching" gives you a feeling of power. Whatever your motivation, some counseling to get to the bottom of it would be very helpful. Unless you're willing to examine your behavior, the pattern will continue.

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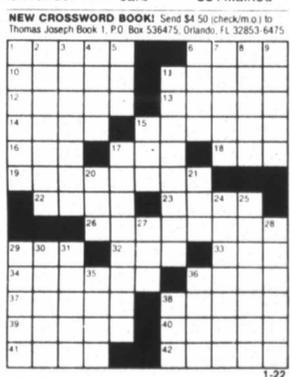
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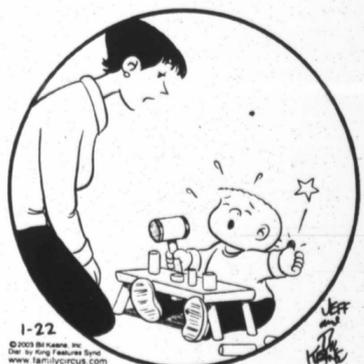
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Harvesters fall in overtime to Herd

PAMPA — Hereford snapped Pampa's four-game winning streak with a 59-55 overtime win Tuesday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Despite the loss, Pampa remains in second place with a 5-2 record in District 3-4A. Randall, at 4-2, was idle last night. Hereford, which lost to Pampa, 59-51, in the first round, improved to 3-4 in district.

There were 13 lead changes in last night's OT thriller, but Pampa faced a 47-40 deficit early in the fourth quarter. The Harvesters rallied to knot the score at 51-all on Jed Martin's close-in basket after an out-of-bounds play.

Max Simon scored all four Pampa points in overtime, including a putback that gave the Harvesters a 55-53 lead going into the final minute. Hereford came back on Stewart Carr's 3-point goal and the Whitefaces hit three free throws down the stretch after Pampa was forced to foul.

Raul Delgado led the Hereford attack with 15 points while Jorge Gonzalez added 11.

Chance Bowers led Pampa with 18 points. Ryan Zemanek and Simon chipped in 12 each.

Hereford hurt Pampa from the 3-point line, tossing in nine shots from that range. Clayton Hall had Pampa's only trey. Hall finished with 5 points and Brittin East had 4, Collin Bowers 2, and Martin 2.

Hereford girls, ranked No. 13 in the latest TABC poll, claimed a 57-26 win over the Lady Harvesters last night.

Sara Griffin topped all scorers with 15 points for Hereford. Heather Brown was next with 11.

Casey Fisher led Pampa with 7 points, followed by Stacey Johnson 4, Mariza Scott 4, Valerie Velez 3, Jennie Waggoner 3, Tara Jordan 2, Abbi Covalt 2 and Callie Cobb 1.

Both Pampa teams travel to Palo Duro for more district action Friday night.



Photo by Eric Kingcade

Pampa's Callie Cobb arches a shot toward the basket during a free throw attempt last night against Hereford.



HOCKEY

TORONTO (AP) — Tampa Bay Lightning forward Vaclav Prospal was suspended for two games for cross-checking, and Dallas Stars goaltender Marty Turco was suspended for one for high-sticking in separate altercations in games Monday.

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Carolina Hurricanes leading scorer Rod Brind'Amour will need surgery and could miss three months after tearing a tendon in his right hand.

FIGURE SKATING

MALMOE, Sweden (AP) — Elena Sokolova landed a rare triple lutz-triple toe loop combination, narrowly beating world champion and Olympic silver medalist Irina Slutskaya in the short program at the European Figure Skating Championships.

BASEBALL

CINCINNATI (AP) — The Cincinnati chapter of the Baseball Writers' Association of America voted the Big Red Machine's George Foster and 19th century outfielder William "Dummy" Hoy into the team's Hall of Fame. They will be inducted Aug. 3.

BASKETBALL

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The women aren't just barging in on the boys club, they're breaking down the door.

Texas coach Jody Conradt needs just one more victory to become the second women's basketball coach to reach 800 career wins. Tennessee's Pat Summitt was the first, getting her 800th on Jan. 14 with a win over DePaul.

Conradt could get the milestone victory tonight against No. 7 Texas Tech (15-1, 4-0 Big 12). She has a career record of 799-262 in 34 seasons.

Until now, the 800 club had only a handful of men's coaching greats. Only three Division I men's coaches — Dean Smith, Adolph Rupp and Jim Phelan — have 800 or more wins. Texas Tech coach Bob Knight is close with 798.

In Division II, Clarence Gaines of Winston Salem and Jerry Johnson of LeMoyn-Owen also are members.

The 61-year-old Conradt started her career in a different era, when the women's game hardly resembled the sport played today.

Victory No. 1 came in 1969 when Conradt was coaching at Sam Houston State. Women played six-on-six basketball and only two players could go the length of the court. She was a physical education teacher who didn't get paid to coach.

"People say they love doing their job so much they'd do it for free," Conradt said. "Well, I can prove it."

The sport has greatly evolved since then. Games are broadcast on primetime television, last season's NCAA final drew 29,000 fans and the WNBA has survived as a viable professional league.

Oklahoma State extends nation's longest streak

Cowboys beat Baylor in OT in improve 15-1 mark

WACO, Texas (AP) — Oklahoma State is proving that it can win the close games, too.

Tony Allen converted a three-point play with 38 seconds left in overtime and the 13th-ranked Cowboys extended the nation's longest winning streak to 13 games by beating Baylor 67-64 on Tuesday night for their second tight victory in nine days.

"The competitive spirit came through," said Victor Williams, who had 16 points for the Cowboys. "You have to have something deep in your stomach to win a game like that. It came down to who wanted it more."

The Cowboys (15-1, 4-0 Big 12) blew a 10-point lead

in the second half, but Allen scored nine of his 17 points in the last 6:31 of regulation and overtime. The final points came after he forced a turnover.

Oklahoma State started its streak with 10 straight wins by an average margin of 17 points. The only one decided by less than 10 points was a 64-61 win over Michigan State on Nov. 30.

While the Cowboys were coming off a 76-56 blowout of then-No. 11 Missouri on Saturday, a game they led by as many as 35 points, that followed a 48-46 win over then-No. 5 Oklahoma when Williams made a jumper with 3.6 seconds left.

Baylor (9-6, 0-4) prevent-

ed another blowout, but couldn't pull off the upset.

"We thought we had the game under control at 42-32. We quit playing and it turned into a dogfight," Sutton said. "In the end, it came down to winning and experience. Our players are always looking for ways to win."

Allen, a junior college transfer and Oklahoma State's leading scorer at 16 points a game, had a season-low seven points against Missouri. He bounced back by shooting 8-of-13 with four steals.

The Cowboys trailed 64-63 with just under a minute left in overtime when Allen forced a turnover. With play stopped momentarily, Melvin Sanders stopped along press row and told reporters, "What a good game. This is what it's all about."

After the inbounds pass,

Sanders made it even better for the Cowboys. He got the ball to Allen, who made a nifty move around defenders along the baseline for the go-ahead layup and then added the free throw to make it 66-64.

"That's just pure talent," Cowboys coach Eddie Sutton said.

Sutton doesn't allow Allen to talk to reporters after games. For now, Allen's play will have to do the talking, and it spoke volumes against the Bears.

"When we needed the big play, Tony made it," said Ivan McFarlin, who added 16 points and 10 rebounds for the Cowboys.

Baylor had one more chance, but with the shot clock winding down and Allen in his face, Terrance Thomas couldn't get off a desperation shot with 2.5 seconds left. Williams then hit a free throw after being fouled on the inbounds pass.

Lawrence Roberts had 21 points and 17 rebounds for Baylor, forcing overtime when he made a 3-pointer with nine seconds left in regulation. R.T. Guinn also had 21 points, including 5-of-12 3-pointers.

"The loss is a real disappointment because we did everything in great team effort," Guinn said. "Losing close doesn't make it any easier."

Roberts scored the Bears' only points in overtime, stealing a pass from Williams and driving for a layup to start the extra period.

After Sanders hit a 3-pointer to put Oklahoma State ahead, Roberts had his tip-in to put Baylor ahead 64-63. But the Bears didn't score the last two minutes.

Sports in brief

FOOTBALL

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre won't play in the Pro Bowl because of a sprained ankle while Packers wide receiver Donald Driver will make his debut in place of Randy Moss, who has a sprained knee.

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — Minnesota's Michael Bennett has been added to the NFL's Pro Bowl team, becoming the first Vikings running back to play in the game since Robert Smith in 1998. Bennett replaces Green Bay's Ahman Green.

CLEVELAND (AP) — Former Cleveland Browns linebacker Eddie Johnson, who was known as "The Assassin" because of his hard tackles, died after a two-year battle with colon cancer. He was 43.

AUTO RACING

CONCORD, N.C. (AP) — NASCAR put tracks on notice that the 2004 Winston Cup schedule could look a lot different under a realignment plan that might move races to different parts of the country.

But it was the possible changes to the 2004 schedule that drew the most attention.

NASCAR has a set list of criteria it will be looking for track owners to meet in order to keep its current race dates.

Among things NASCAR will be studying are tracks that need significant upgrades, have trouble selling tickets, have a history of poor weather on race weekends, or are in small markets that lack adequate hotels and restaurants.

OLYMPICS

NEW YORK (AP) — All five vice-presidents of the U.S. Olympic Committee urged USOC president Mary Mankamer to resign, blaming her for infighting within the organization and claiming she conspired with a staff member to try and force CEO Lloyd Ward from his job.

Mankamer said she would not step down.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — A businessman's family withdrew an offer to donate a 22-acre Greek-themed park for use as a U.S. Olympic academy because of ethics problems in the Olympic movement.

Jim Insoce cited several reasons — including questions surrounding the Salt Lake City Olympics and a current ethics scandal — for his family's decision against giving Jasmine Hill Gardens, an area of lush lawns and reproductions of Greek statuary, to the U.S. Olympic Committee.

8th graders take second in B team tourney

Pampa Middle School Girls Basketball
Booker B Team Tournament
(Jan. 16-18)
8th Grade Division
Pampa 39, Higgins 11

Scoring: Kelsie Wyatt 12, Destiney Dora 11, Kali Jimenez 6, Chelsea Adkins 4, Kathryn Cree 2, Amy Coil 2, Meredith Coutts 2.

Pampa 41, Canadian 3
Scoring: Destiney Dora 17, Kelsie Wyatt 14,
Booker 32, Pampa 29
(Championship game)

Scoring: Destiney Dora 10, Kelsie Wyatt 6, Kathryn Cree 4, Jacey Wagner 4, Meredith Coutts 4, Kali Jimenez 1.

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In 8th grade games earlier this month, Pampa lost a 47-45 thriller to Dumas.

"This game was a hard-fought game. We lost it in the final seconds," said coach

Janyth Bowers.
Dumas A 47, Pampa A 45
Scoring: Britteni Rice 11, Shandale Young 11, Maggie Hopkins 6, Logan Winkelman 6, Cassidy Tice 4, Nicole Clark 3, Angela Mechelay 2, McKinsie East 2.
Rebounds: East 8, Rice 5, Tice 3.
Steals: Tice 3, Winkelman 2.
Pampa A fell to Valleyview A 42-34.

Logan Winkelman led Pampa in scoring with 10 points, 8 coming from the foul line.
Valleyview A 42, Pampa A 34

Scoring: Logan Winkelman 10, Britteni Rice 8, Shandale Young 6, McKinsie East 4, Cassidy Tice 4, Stephanie McVay 2.
Rebounds: East 5, Tice 4, Rice 3, Adkins 2, Hopkins 2, Winkelman 1, Clark 1.

Steals: Young 2, Winkelman 2, Tice 2, Rice 1.
Valleyview B 34, Pampa B 26

Scoring: Kelsie Wyatt 7, Holly Owens 4, Jenee Norris 4, Krista McClelland 4; Michelle Adams 3, Stephanie Preston 2, Meredith Coutts 2.
Rebounds: Wyatt 4, Norris 3, Adams 2, Trevathan 2, Adams 2, Coutts 2.
Steals: Norris 3, Trevathan 2, Coutts 2, Wyatt 2, McClelland 1, Adams 1.

Dumas B, 37, Pampa B 36
Scoring: Tamara Trevathan 6, Holly Owens 6, Kelsie Wyatt 6, Destiney Dora 6; Krista McClelland 3, Meredith Coutts 3, Kali Jimenez 2, Michelle Adams 2.

Rebounds: Dora 5, Adams 4.
Steals: Trevathan 8, McClelland 6, Dora 2, Norris 2, Silva 2.

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Pampa 7th grade girls are entered in the Dumas Tournament, which starts Thursday.

Pampa Slammers win Kids Inc. openers

AMARILLO — The Pampa Slammers opened the Amarillo Kids Inc. Basketball League with two convincing wins in the 5th grade girls division.

Pampa's opening game Saturday was a 34-8 win over Margaret Wills-San Jacinto Elementary. On Sunday, the Slammers played outstanding defense and excellent team basketball for a 41-0 victory over Gene Howe Elementary.

All the games are played on Saturday and Sunday at Travis Middle School. Pampa's next games will be at 2 p.m. Saturday against Landerger Elementary and at 1:30 p.m. Sunday against San Jacinto Christian Academy.

Scoring, rebounds and assists for the two games are as follows:

Name	Points	Rebounds	Assists
Ashley Facio	28	14	0
Ashley Schroeder	17	2	1
Carlyn Teichmann	12	6	4
Kara Stephens	6	6	3

Serina Wagner	4	2	5
Shelby Watson	4	2	2
Brooklyn Barker	2	4	5
Kelsey Watson	0	1	1
Emilie Troxell	0	1	1

Middle School Boys Basketball

8th Grade

Canyon A 52, Pampa A 36
P - Bradley Johnson 8, Tyler Hall 7, Craig Crowell 7.

Canyon B 53, Pampa B 16
P - Ryan Goldsmith 6, Robbie Dixon 4.

7th Grade
Canyon A 47, Pampa A 14
P - Shavious Kelly 5, Colden Fortenberry 4, Mark Stone 4.

Canyon B 30, Pampa B 20
P - Rusty Snider 8, Jad McGuire 5.
Pampa middle school hosts Plainview on Jan. 27. Starting time is 5 p.m.

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Brown, Lynch get that first Super Bowl feeling

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Sometime during the Super Bowl, there's bound to be a collision between Tampa Bay Buccaneers safety John Lynch and Oakland Raiders receiver Tim Brown.

Welcome to the NFL's big game, guys, after all these years.

Brown wasn't about to retire until he got to play in a Super Bowl. Thank goodness he made it, because he's 36 and is finishing his 15th NFL season.

He has been with the Raiders his entire career, and he finally experienced his first Super Bowl moment when the team pulled into the stadium parking lot for media day.

"When we drove up and I saw the Raiders' emblem on the Super Bowl banner, I told someone, 'I'm tripping a little bit,'" said Brown, just the third receiver in NFL history to surpass 1,000 catches. "I shook my head and smiled. I don't know how to explain it."

Maybe he'll be able to by Sunday

night if the Raiders win their fourth Super Bowl title.

Some players reach the Super Bowl as rookies — like Oakland tight end Doug Jolley — and some never make it.

Some really luck out, like Raiders linebacker Bill Romanowski, who is playing in his fifth Super Bowl, with his third team. He won it twice with San Francisco and twice with Denver. Safety Rod Woodson is also in the Super Bowl with his third different team, having lost one with Pittsburgh and won one with Baltimore.

And then there's Jerry Rice, the NFL's all-time leading receiver, who's in his fourth Super Bowl. He won three championships with the San Francisco 49ers before moving across the bay.

The Super Bowl is a matchup of the Raiders' league-leading offense and the Bucs' NFL-best defense.

Lynch gets an added bonus — he's playing in the Super Bowl in his

hometown.

"It's so darn hard to get here," said Lynch, whose Buccaneers career goes back to the days when the team wore orange uniforms with the smiling pirate logo on the helmet. "Look at a guy like Tim Brown — 15 years I believe, and myself, it took 10 years. It's tough."

The Bucs lost the NFC championship game to the St. Louis Rams in January 2000. "I think to a man we felt we'd be back there the next year," Lynch said.

It took three more years, but here they are, in their first Super Bowl. And Sunday night, after the Bucs beat the Philadelphia Eagles to reach the Super Bowl, he got a call from former teammate Trent Dilfer, who won the Super Bowl two years ago with Baltimore.

"My old friend and a world champion himself, Trent Dilfer, called and left a message, 'There's no use in going if you ain't going to win.' That's what my mindset is."

There's plenty of motivation out there.

When Bucs defensive tackle Warren Sapp was spewing one-liners at media day, Tony Siragusa, who now does TV work, was in the background flashing the Super Bowl ring he won with the Ravens.

"When I see retired players, the ones everybody wants to talk to at the golf tournaments and things, are the guys who have the rings on," Lynch said. "I think it's something special that no one can ever take away from you."

Lynch vowed when he came into the league that he wouldn't go to a Super Bowl unless he was in it. He wouldn't even watch on TV, although he made an exception the year the Bucs lost the NFC championship to the Rams.

"That was probably the toughest one," Lynch said. "I sat down and said, 'I want to see this matchup.' I think about the first quarter, I went outside and never came back

inside."

Now he gets to play against two future Hall of Famers, Rice and Brown.

"The longer you play in this league, you relish the opportunity to play against the best," Lynch said.

The safety, who plays for former Raiders coach Jon Gruden, laughed when reminded that Rice is 40 and Brown is just four years younger.

"It also makes me smile because I'm 31, and it's been said a couple of times that maybe I'm at the end. What this game shows is that the Raiders have a lot of experienced veterans. Jon made it a point to bring in a lot of experienced veterans when he came in. I think it's interesting that two teams like that end up in the ultimate game."

Raiders quarterback Rich Gannon, the league's MVP, is also making his Super Bowl debut in his 15th season.

"Unfortunately for me, it's taken too long," he said.

Roddick reaches Australian Open semis

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Andy Roddick won one of the longest matches of the Open era, beating Younes El Aynaoui in a fifth set that ended 21-19 to reach the Australian Open semifinals.

Roddick defeated the Moroccan 4-6, 7-6 (5), 4-6, 6-4, 21-19 on Wednesday night in a match lasting 4 hours, 59 minutes. The exhausted players walked off the court hand in hand.

"Strategy was out the door ... it was just pure fighting," Roddick said.

At 2:23, it was the longest fifth set in the Open era, which began in 1969. It topped Mark Philippoussis' 20-18 win over Sjeng Schalken in the third round at Wimbledon in 2000. The Australian Open does not have tiebreakers in the fifth set.

It was longest men's singles match at the Australian Open since tiebreaker sets were introduced for Grand Slam events in 1971, beating the mark set by Yannick Noah of France in his 6-7, 5-7, 6-4, 6-2, 16-14 win over Roger Smith in 1988. The Noah victory went 73 games; this went 83.

The longest Australian Open match in terms of time was 5:11 — Boris Becker's victory over Omar Camporese in 1991. The longest Grand Slam match was 5:31 when Alex Corretja beat Hernan Gummy in the third round of the 1998 French Open.

Things were far less dramatic for Serena Williams, who defeated Meghann Shaughnessy 6-2, 6-2 to reach the Australian semifinals for the first time. She moved within two wins of completing her "Serena Slam."

Williams will face Kim Clijsters, who gained her second consecutive Australian Open semifinal with a 6-2, 6-4 win over Anastasia Myskina of Russia.

With the Roddick-El Aynaoui quarterfinal at 19-all in the fifth set, both players

handed their rackets to ball boys for a quick rest.

The match ended when El Aynaoui netted a forehand volley following an exchange at the net. The pair embraced over the net. They took a deep bow and left the court together.

"My respect level for him just grew and grew through the match," Roddick said. "We could see each other 10 years down the line and know we shared something special."

Roddick, a 20-year-old American, becomes the youngest semifinalist at Melbourne Park in 11 years, advancing to the last four at a major for the first time.

He'll meet Rainer Schuettler in the semis after the German ousted Wimbledon runner-up David Nalbandian 6-3, 5-7, 6-1, 6-0 in the other quarterfinal.

Roddick had lost in the quarterfinals twice at the U.S. Open, but had never advanced this far in a Grand Slam outside his home country.

Roddick was the youngest player into quarters this time, rallying from two sets down against Russian Davis Cup star Mikhail Youzhney.

El Aynaoui, seeded 18th, was aiming to be the first Moroccan into a Grand Slam semifinal. He advanced to the last eight with an upset of top-ranked Lleyton Hewitt.

"Younes is a class act and I'm truly humbled by this victory," Roddick said.

The 31-year-old El Aynaoui had a match point on Roddick's serve in the 10th game of the fifth set and Roddick served for the set in the 22nd game of the decider, but was broken.

"My legs were feeling a little bit heavy at the end," El Aynaoui said. "Andy kept serving really hard. I thought I had him but he just kept a very high level. I was looking for an opportunity but he kept it all the way and I congratulate him. ... Even if I lost I'm happy."

Had the Moroccan made it

to the semis, this would have been the first time in the Open era that three players in their 30s reached the final four at a major.

With Andre Agassi, 32, and Wayne Ferreira, 31, already in the semis, the Australian Open had been shaping as a veterans' event.

Earlier, Williams had few problems against Shaughnessy.

"This day is the first day that I'm actually feeling like Serena Williams," she said.

Williams gave her fellow American just one break-point chance, in the second set. Since downing Emilie Loit in a tight three-setter, Williams has lost 15 games in her last four matches.

Her next opponent is Clijsters. The Belgian is the last woman to beat the top-ranked Williams last year.

Clijsters, who beat Venus and Serena Williams to win the season-ending WTA Championships in Los Angeles last November, has lost just 16 games in 10 sets.

Serena fired eight aces at up to 121 mph against Shaughnessy, not quite matching sister Venus' 125 mph serves 24 hours earlier. Venus meets Justine Henin-Hardenne on Thursday in another U.S. vs. Belgium women's semifinal.

"I tried to get one today, but mine went past the baseline," Serena said of a 200-plus mph serve. "I get more excited about it than she does. I'm just trying to catch up."

The Williams sisters have four Grand Slam titles apiece. Serena won the last three.

"I'm just trying to keep up with everyone else," said Serena, who missed the last Australian Open with an ankle injury. "I'm tired of answering these questions: 'What does it take to beat the Williams sisters?'"

Clijsters has won three consecutive titles without dropping a set and her win over Myskina was her 24th in 25 matches, and 17th in succession.

Mavericks shut down Ming in 107-86 victory over Rockets

DALLAS (AP) — Yao Ming won't say it. His coach will: The Houston Rockets' 7-foot-6 rookie sensation is tired.

After seeing his center's lethargic play in a 107-86 loss to the Dallas Mavericks on Tuesday night, Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich said he's giving Yao two days off "to get his batteries recharged."

Yao had six points and five rebounds in 22 minutes against a team he torched for 30 points and 16 rebounds two months ago. He committed five turnovers and had three shots blocked by Raef LaFrentz, who is 7 inches shorter. LaFrentz also once forced a jump ball, which LaFrentz won.

"I think he needs to take two days off and rest," Tomjanovich said. "For him to have five turnovers, that's a lot for him because he's not a mistake player. ... This wasn't a good picture of him. I feel for him. He needs some time off."

Yao downplayed the idea, even get-

ting frustrated when it kept coming up in postgame interviews.

"I felt I had good opportunities, I just didn't put the ball in the basket," he said. "That's the third time somebody's asked me — I'm not tired."

This was Yao's 40th NBA game. He came to the league straight from playing for China in the World Championships, which came after playing professionally in his native country. His longest season in the China Basketball Association was 34 games.

"If I hit the wall, I don't know it," he said. "That's for you guys to decide."

In the only other NBA games, Sacramento beat New Jersey 109-102 and Orlando topped Cleveland 103-94.

The Mavericks came in on a three-game losing streak, having dropped road games against Sacramento, Phoenix and Seattle. They hadn't lost consecutive games all season until then.

Dallas hit its first four shots — all long jumpers — and led by 12 early

Although Houston briefly went ahead, the Mavs regained control by outscoring the Rockets 29-13 in the second quarter. The game was never close again.

"It was good to see us win again. It seems like a month, not a week, since we won," Dallas coach Don Nelson said.

Dirk Nowitzki rebounded from a scoreless first quarter to score eight of the Mavs' first nine in the second, starting with a layup off a great spin move. He had 12 of his 26 points in the period.

Steve Nash had 20 points and eight assists and Michael Finley scored 19 points, including the 5,000th of his career on a hard-fought tip-in just before the buzzer at the end of the third quarter.

LaFrentz had eight points and five blocks. In addition to his stuffs on Yao, he also rejected a dunk attempt by James Posey.

Posey typified Houston's offensive woes by following that embarrassment with an airball on a 3-pointer on the

next possession.

In losing their second straight since an exciting overtime victory over the Los Angeles Lakers, the Rockets committed a season-high 26 turnovers and had a season-low eight assists. That horrible combination led to their most lopsided loss of an otherwise strong season. At 23-17, Houston is 10 games better than its 13-27 record at the same point last season.

"We had horrible decision-making," Tomjanovich said.

The teams meet again next Wednesday in Houston. Yao is already looking forward to playing LaFrentz again.

"We'll see what happens next time," he said, smiling.

Kings 109, Nets 102

At Sacramento, Calif., Chris Webber had 36 points, 15 rebounds and eight assists and all five Kings starters scored in double figures in a win against New Jersey.

Peja Stojakovic scored 12 of his 26 points in the third quarter.

Jason Hathaway led Fort Elliott in scoring with 19 points, followed by Kade Zybach 14.

Jeff Browning was Miami's high scorer with 17 points. Michael Brewer added 10.

The Lady Cougars are also 6-0 in district after beating Miami 53-33.

Andrea Hathaway had 16 points and Tamera Hartline 15 to lead Fort Elliott's attack.

Marium Hannon had 12 points for Miami. Kelli Bergen had 8.

Scoreboard

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Tuesday's Major College Basketball Scores
By The Associated Press

EAST	
Binghamton 86, Albany, N.Y. 59	
Cornell 64, Bucknell 60	
Hartford 101, Concordia, N.Y. 51	
Holy Cross 63, Dartmouth 43	
Manhattan 75, Rider 61	
Notre Dame 71, Providence 65	
Ohio 72, Buffalo 66	
Penn 76, Lafayette 66	
SOUTH	
Florida St. 60, Clemson 59	
Howard 107, N. Carolina A&T 70	
Mississippi 76, Alabama 57	
Morris Brown 75, Lipscomb 69	
Richmond 63, George Washington 57	
The Citadel 67, Georgia Southern 66	
VMI 61, Davidson 60	
Virginia Tech 73, Virginia 55	
W. Carolina 70, Appalachian St. 69	
MIDWEST	
Ball St. 91, E. Michigan 90	
Ind.-Pur.-Fr. Wayne 67, Chicago 63	
Indiana 69, Ohio St. 51	
Missouri 64, Iowa St. 59	
W. Illinois 84, SE Missouri 75	
Wichita St. 69, Drake 61	
Xavier 93, Duquesne 58	
SOUTHWEST	
Oklahoma St. 67, Baylor 64, OT	

FOOTBALL

NFL Playoff Game
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	
NFC	
Tampa Bay 31, San Francisco 6	
AFC	
Oakland 30, N.Y. Jets 10	

Conference Championships

Sunday, Jan. 19	
NFC Championship	
Tampa Bay 27, Philadelphia 10	
AFC Championship	
Oakland 41, Tennessee 24	

Super Bowl

Sunday, Jan. 26	
At San Diego	
Oakland vs. Tampa Bay, 6:25 p.m. (ABC)	

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Thursday's Games	
Dallas at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.	

Fort Elliott cagers stay unbeaten in district

BRISCOE — Both Fort Elliott teams continued its perfect run through District 2-1A with victories over Miami Tuesday night.

Fort Elliott downed Miami 64-37 in the girls game as the Cougars pushed their district record to 6-0.

Jason Hathaway led Fort Elliott in scoring with 19 points, followed by Kade Zybach 14.

Jeff Browning was Miami's high scorer with 17 points. Michael Brewer added 10.

The Lady Cougars are also

6-0 in district after beating Miami 53-33.

Andrea Hathaway had 16 points and Tamera Hartline 15 to lead Fort Elliott's attack.

Marium Hannon had 12 points for Miami. Kelli Bergen had 8.



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3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
***** Your creativity keeps coming out with others. You cannot change directions, but you could adapt to a child or loved one's needs. Meetings and networking prove unusually successful. Express your feelings in a meaningful, detached manner. Tonight: The only answer to an invitation is "yes."

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** If you can delegate or bring some work home, all the better. You have way too much on your plate, and, as a result, you could be exhausted. Your family supports you in a key venture. A partner's efforts are particularly meaningful and add to your security and comfort. Tonight: Off to the gym.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** Your happy ways certainly draw attention. You know how to communicate what you need. Your playfulness delights others. It seems as if you have been in the doldrums for way too long. A change of pace suits your needs. Others happily receive you into their

inner circle. Tonight: Ask yourself why you have been so aloof.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
*** Your family anchors you. You decide on an expenditure that could be quite special. Listen well to someone who opens up to you. You might not like what you hear, but clearly you need to be more nurturing. A co-worker pitches in when you feel as if you can do no more. Tonight: Happy at home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** Say what you will, and others will naturally applaud. My goodness! What a change you experience as a result. Others make an effort toward you that pleases and delights you. Know when to put a halt to too much friskiness at the office. Separate business and pleasure. Tonight: out and about.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
**** Deal with finances directly. You might be getting incorrect facts, or some information could be off. Your intuition helps you figure out where there might be a gap in information. Consider what you want and expect from a family member. Prepare to ask for it. Tonight: Your treat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
**** Realize more of what you want and expect from those around you. You need to do more asking. Review a matter that is close to your heart. You might have been playing games with a friend or a loved one. You cannot continue in this way. Follow your instincts with a family member. Tonight: Playtime!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** Slow down and take your time with others. You might not realize just how much impact you're having on them. A must appearance proves most important. Let someone else talk and express what is going on. Your instincts take you in a new direction. Tonight: Say little.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** Use a meeting to get the momentum going that you need and want with a project. Others prove highly responsive to your actions. Reach out for information that might not be accessible from those at a distance. A different perspective provides a wonderful opportunity. Tonight: Where your friends are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***** You will want to express what is on your mind. Review a situation that is close to you with a fine-tooth comb. Financial options occur through a partnership. You have to admit that someone is very generous with you. Take the lead within your immediate circle. Tonight: A must show.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** Reach out for those in your immediate circle. Others immediately pitch in, ready to do anything to clear your path. Accept offers from others. You might be reading too much into someone's reaction. Listen to your inner voice. Understand what you might be doing to yourself. Tonight: Go to a movie. Relax.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
*** Take your time when dealing with a quarrelsome or touchy partner. You might even wonder if this person could be intentionally misunderstanding you! Be easy on co-workers who seem more than willing to chip in and help you get through a job. Tonight: Togetherness works.

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Kennedy sings Kerry's praises

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, a powerful voice in the Democratic Party, indicates he will support fellow Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry's presidential bid.

"I think my friend and colleague, John Kerry, is doing a great job," Kennedy said Tuesday in response to a question after he delivered a speech at the National Press Club in Washington. "I expect to support him, and I expect he'll win."

Kennedy said he expected to deliver an official endorsement of Kerry later this year.

In his speech, Kennedy attributed party losses in last November's elections to a failure to stand up to a popular President Bush.

"The lesson of 2002 is clear," he said. "We will not succeed if we fail to stand up and speak out."

Kennedy accused Bush of pursuing war in Iraq while a more imminent threat exists in North Korea, violating rights of immigrants in the name of homeland security and failing to prepare for future terrorist attacks.

The senator also maintained that Bush's \$674 billion tax cut plan only benefits the wealthy.

"The last thing we need is policies that divide us at home by race or riches," Kennedy said. "The ideals of America are not realized but denied by a relentless ideology of tax giveaways for the few — and then even more tax giveaways for the few."

DAR Contest



(Community Camera photos)

Top: Cody Snow, a Pampa Middle School student, won the local Daughters of the American Revolution "American History Essay Contest" in his age level. The topic of the contest was "A Letter from Valley Forge, 1777-78." Congratulating him is teacher-sponsor Mrs. Mary Gandy. Cody, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donny Snow of Pampa, received \$20 and a medal for his entry. He will go on to compete at the state level. Bottom: Evan Gary Aderhold, a student at Austin Elementary School, was the city-wide winner in the elementary age division of the DAR contest. Congratulating him is teacher-sponsor Sandra Prater. Evan will be officially recognized with a monetary award and a silver medal during a DAR reception next month.

Abortion rights supporters, critics march on anniversary of Roe vs. Wade court case

WASHINGTON (AP) — Clashing opinions on abortion are being heard loud and clear in the nation's capital as thousands of people mark the 30th anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion.

"Most anniversaries are causes for celebration," said Philadelphia Roman Catholic Archbishop Anthony Bevilacqua. "This one is not. It is a day of mourning. Mourning for this immoral, unjust, illogical decision."

Bevilacqua, who chairs an anti-abortion committee of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, led an all-night vigil Tuesday night at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. About 7,000 people, including five cardinals, 36 bishops and 250 priests, attended the annual "Mass for Life" and prayer service.

Across town, meanwhile, NARAL Pro-Choice America hosted a dinner attended by 1,300 people, featuring Democratic presidential candidates, including former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri and Sens. John Edwards of North Carolina, John Kerry of Massachusetts, and Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut.

The decision's anniversary comes at a flashpoint in the debate, with anti-abortion activists saying political winds have granted them sympathetic ears among lawmakers in power and afforded them their best chance in years to dent the rights granted by the 1973 decision.

Republicans hold the presidency and Congress, and a possible retirement on the Supreme Court could allow President Bush to appoint a justice who is against abortion rights.

First on the GOP's agenda is passing a ban on late-term abortions, which Congress had done in the 1996 and 1997. Then-

President Clinton vetoed the bill each time; President Bush has said he would sign it.

Abortions are becoming less common in the United States, particularly among teenagers, in part because of better contraception. The overall abortion rate fell from 1994 to 2000—from 24 abortions for every 1,000 women of childbearing age to 21—according to the nonprofit Alan Guttmacher Institute.

The issue has gained prominence in the early presidential race.

"There is nothing moral in strong-arming a personal belief, and there is nothing moral to a presidency that imposes personal morality through acts of government power," Gephardt said.

Gephardt and Edwards discussed the importance of passing a federal law to guarantee abortion rights even if the Supreme Court should overturn the 1972 Roe decision.

"The right to choose is an essential ingredient to realize the full equality of America," Edwards said.

This year's anniversary is the first since Republicans regained control of the Senate in the November elections. The GOP also holds the House and the White House.

Abortion-rights supporters are concerned that the Republican control—coupled with the possibility of a retirement from the Supreme Court this year—increases the chances that Roe v. Wade could be eroded or overturned. The high court now is split 5-4 in favor of abortion rights.

Kim Gandy, president of the National Organization for Women, said her group's focus will be on maintaining the current Supreme Court balance and ensuring that "we will not be the generation that both won and lost reproductive rights in our lifetime."

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