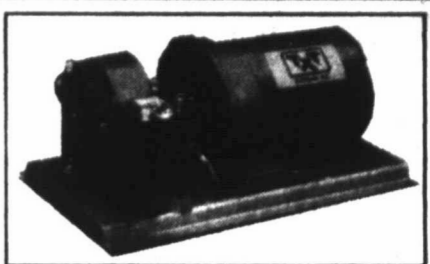


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### City water bill a \$7 million shocker

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — After hearing stories about outrageous utility bills, Chuck Richison finally received his own: a \$7,714,510.21 water payment that the city claimed was due. Richison's utility bill normally runs about \$55. City officials say they've corrected the bill.

## DEATHS

Sandra Paulette Kysar, 59, longtime Pampian.  
Johnnie Marie Nidiffer, 100, homemaker.  
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# Judges uphold redistricting map

BY APRIL CASTRO  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

AUSTIN (AP) — After twice leaving the state to stop a Republican-led redistricting effort, Democrats are once again looking beyond the borders of Texas to defeat the map — this time to the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington.

A three-judge federal panel on Tuesday upheld the map that could put up to six additional Republicans in Congress, but Democrats say they'll appeal to the high court.

"Only the Supreme Court can put a stop to the dismantling of voting rights that was done in Texas to accommodate the extreme partisan interests that

drove the redistricting process," said Gerry Hebert, attorney for Democrats in Congress.

Texas Republicans hailed the ruling as proof that their plan is fair, legal and reflects Texas voting trends. Republicans hold every statewide office and control the Texas House and Senate.

"The decision was based upon the law, upon the Constitution," said Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, who represented the state in the trial. "The judges were able to distinguish between rhetoric and the law."

The decision was a bitter pill for Democrats who worked throughout 2003 to block the GOP's efforts. Democrats in the Texas House and

Senate devised quorum-breaking walkouts in an attempt to kill redistricting bills. House Democrats went to Ardmore, Okla., and their Senate counterparts to Albuquerque, N.M.

Democrats argue that the plan weakens minority voting strength in a handful of districts in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and in South Texas, violating the Voting Rights Act.

The Texas congressional delegation is split 16-16 after U.S. Rep. Ralph Hall of Rockwall switched to the Republican Party last week. Republicans say the new map could mean a 22-10 GOP advantage.

Overall, Republicans have a 229-204 advantage in the U.S. House.

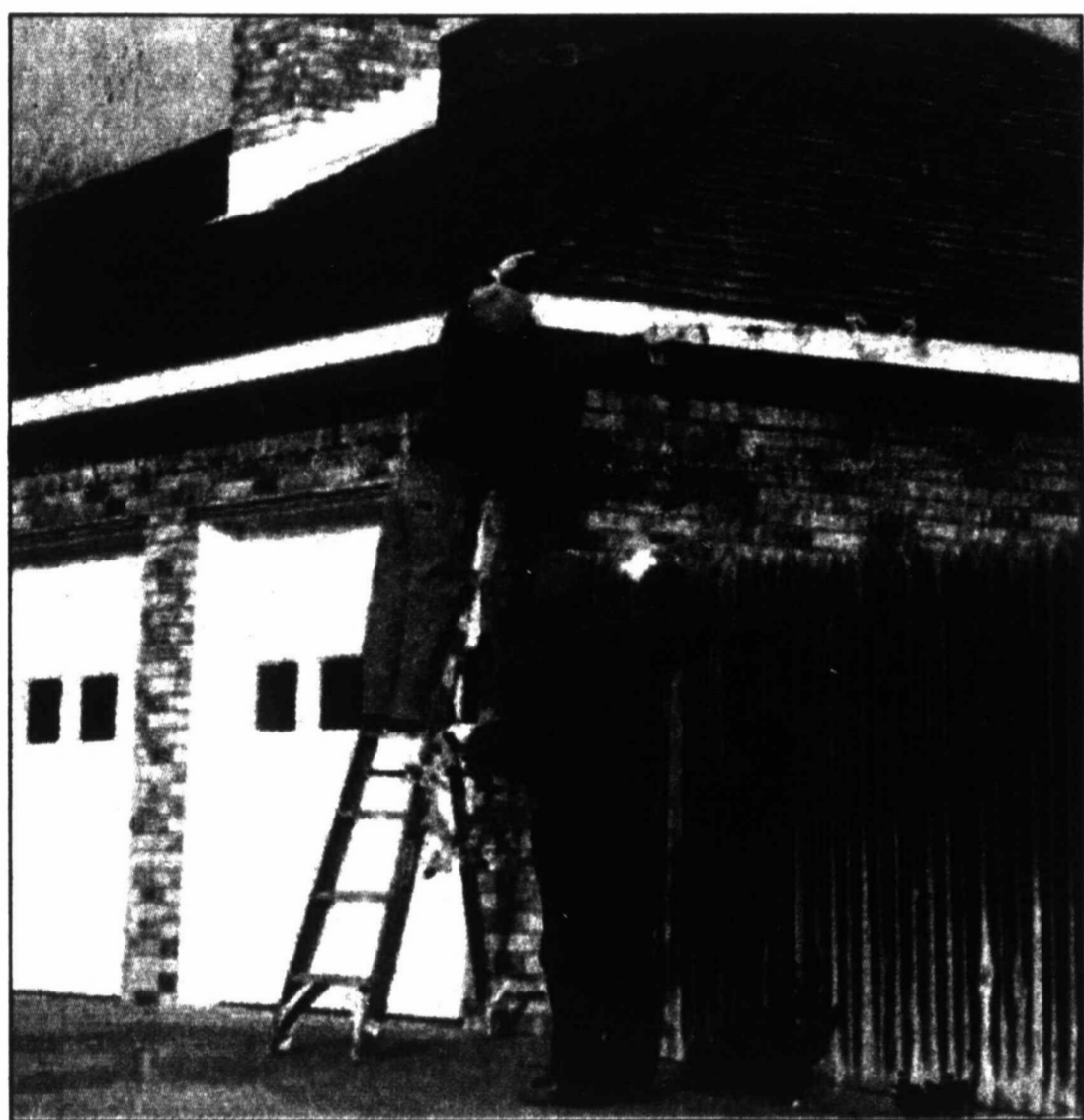
those individuals who worked on creating a fair map, but for all Texans who will now benefit from being able to elect officials who will represent their interests," said Texas House Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland.

Tuesday's ruling means candidates who filed for the March 9 primary election using the old map will have to refile. Candidates can file to run for Congress under the new map Jan. 11-16.

The judges hearing the case issued a 127-page ruling Tuesday, including a partial dissent by Judge T. John Ward, that said plaintiffs failed to prove the plan violates the Constitution or the Voting Rights Act, which protects

(See MAP, Page 3)

## Lights off



(Pampa News Photo by Marilyn Powers)

Miguel Hernandez, on ladder, and Jaime Tinajero, both employees of West Texas Landscape and Irrigation, take down Christmas lights from a house in the 2300 block of Dogwood this morning.

# Border residents want to know more on immigration changes

BY CHRIS ROBERTS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

EL PASO (AP) — Juan Muniz crosses the border from his native Mexico, his green card in hand, every day to work in an El Paso department store. His hours have been cut and now he worries that a proposal by President Bush to make it easier for foreign nationals to work in the United States will mean more competition for already scarce jobs.

"We just want one job that pays well," Muniz's wife, Guadalupe, said Tuesday night as the couple returned to Juarez, Mexico, just across the Rio Grande from El Paso.

Virtually silent on the immigration issue for two years, Bush will ask Congress on Wednesday to approve changes to immigration policy, saying they would make the country safer by giving officials a better idea of who is crossing the border, bolster the

economy by fulfilling employers' needs and protect illegal workers' rights. Also, in a nod to conservatives who oppose any reward to those who enter the United States illegally, Bush is including in his plan incentives to entice the workers to go back to their homelands.

There are an estimated 8 million to 10 million undocumented immigrants in the United States, perhaps half from Mexico.

"It would allow people to flow back and forth that are adopted residents," said Michael Bretinger, executive director of the El Paso Central Business Association. "I think informally, that's going on anyway."

Bretinger said the economic impact probably would be minimal in El Paso.

He said the association would like to see Mexico granted the same privileges as some of the country's other

trading partners.

Bretinger said undocumented immigrants stand on street corners in many cities waiting to be picked up for work.

"They're doing it because nobody on this side of the border wants to do (those jobs)," he said.

The program will have to provide incentives to get workers to participate, said Wayne Cornelius, director of the University of California's Center for Comparative Immigration Studies in San Diego.

"The existing, informal, unauthorized labor market with job offers being arranged before migration by relatives and friends already working in the U.S. works very efficiently and to the benefit of both workers and employers," Cornelius said. "What's in the new system for them?"

Claudia Smith, director of (See IMMIGRATION, Page 3)

# CRMWA buys water rights in Roberts Co.

BY DAVID BOWSER  
STAFF WRITER

SANFORD -- Canadian River Municipal Water Authority is buying almost 9,000 acres of water rights in Roberts and Hutchinson counties.

Kent Satterwhite, general manager of the water authority that provides water to 11 member cities including Pampa, said Tuesday afternoon that CRMWA has signed a contract with Ronny Cox of the Duncan Ranch for 8,777 acres in water rights. The water rights are adjacent to the 42,765 acres of water rights that CRMWA already holds in Roberts County. The acquisition of the Duncan Ranch property brings CRMWA's total water rights to 51,542 acres.

The water authority began pumping from their Roberts County well field in

December 2002 in an effort to improve both the quality and quantity of the water that comes from Lake Meredith.

Satterwhite said the sale is contingent upon due diligence investigations over the next six months to verify the quantity and quality of the water beneath the ranch, approval of the CRMWA board of directors and signed contracts with CRMWA member cities.

Satterwhite said Cox had obtained pumping permits late last year from the Panhandle Ground Water District.

"He went out and did it on his own," Satterwhite said. "He actually got his. He went ahead and did the work that was necessary to get his done."

The next meeting of CRMWA's board of directors will be Wednesday, Jan. 14, in Plainview.

CRMWA will pay \$13.15 (See CRMWA, Page 3)

# Roach unopposed in March primary

BY MARILYN POWERS  
STAFF WRITER

Richard J. "Rick" Roach will be unopposed in the March 9 primary election for 31st District Attorney.

Roach has filed as a Republican candidate with State GOP Chairman Tina Benkiser in Austin. Deadline for filing as a county or district candidate in the upcoming primary was Jan. 2.

Candidates seeking election in multi-county districts are required to file with the state party chairman. The 31st District Attorney's office covers Gray, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Roberts and Wheeler counties.

The GOP state website shows no other Republicans filing for Roach's office. No Democratic candidates are listed on that party's official state website.

Roach joins 14 county Republican candidates on the primary ballot. No Democrats filed for any of the county offices.

In addition to the district attorney's office, Gray County positions up for election are county attorney, sheriff, tax assessor/collector, Precinct 1 commissioner, Precinct 3 commissioner, Precincts 1 and 3 constable, Precinct 2 constable, and Precinct 4 constable.

The only contested races are for Precinct 2 and Precinct 4 constables. In Precinct 2, incumbent Christian R. Lockridge is challenged by Christopher B. "Chris" Didway and Manny Holden.

Incumbent Frank W. Sparling Sr., Precinct 4 constable, is joined on the ballot for his office by Johnnie Max Carpenter, Marvin D. "M.D." Fletcher, Michael L. "Mike" Nicholson and Randy P. Stubblefield.

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## OBITUARIES

### SERVICES TOMORROW

**DUNN**, Homer Chestine — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

**KYSAR**, Sandra Paulette — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery.

**TICE**, Woodrow Franklin — Graveside services, 1 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

#### SANDRA PAULETTE KYSAR 1944-2004

Sandra Paulette Kysar, 59, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2004. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Memory Gardens Mausoleum with Pastor Lonny Robbins, of Trinity Fellowship Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Kysar was born July 12, 1944, at Wheeler and had been a Pampa resident most of her life.

She was preceded in death by a son, Rodney Cates in 1983; and by three brothers, Harold Ballard, Alfred Ballard and Eddie Ballard.

Survivors include a daughter, Camela Cates of

Pampa; two sons, Cutter Hutchison and Cody Hutchison, both of Pampa; three sisters, Judy Herring of Pampa, Linda Jones of Lefors and Katherine Justice of Hurst; and five grandchildren.

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#### JOHNNIE MARIE NIDIFFER 1903-2004

ERICK, Okla. — Johnnie Marie Nidiffer, 100, died Monday, Jan. 5, 2004, at Erick Nursing Center. Services were at 10 a.m. today in Texola First Baptist Church at Texola with Charlie Floyd and Norman Rushing officiating. Burial will be in Texola Cemetery under the direction of Fatheree-Albert Funeral Home of Erick.

Mrs. Nidiffer was born Jan. 19, 1903, at Weatherford, Texas, to Mary Jane and John Masterson. She moved to Oklahoma as a child and married Thomas Lyle Nidiffer on Aug. 5,

1921, at Texola, Okla.; he died Oct. 12, 1969. They made their home in Texola and Erick.

Mrs. Nidiffer belonged to First Baptist Church in Texola, Okla., for many years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters, three brothers and a great-grandson.

Survivors include a son, Carlos Nidiffer of Erick; three granddaughters, Tommye Beck and Gimmye Rushing, both of Pampa, and Jerrye Prather of Panhandle; seven great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

#### WOODROW FRANKLIN TICE 1927-2003

Woodrow Franklin Tice, 76, of Pampa, died Monday, Jan. 5, 2004, at Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday in Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. Mark Urquhart, chaplain of Crown of Texas Hospice, and the Rev. Albert Maggard, pastor of First Pentecostal Holiness Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Tice was born Aug. 10, 1927, at Pampa. He married Zella Ross on May 12, 1956, at Clovis, N.M. He worked for Panhandle Packing

Company and for Nelson-Sikes as a pipeline employee.

Mr. Tice was a Baptist and a U.S. Army veteran, serving during the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include his wife, Zella, of the home; three sisters, Pauline Ware and Alice Hassler, both of Amarillo, and Lorene Tice of Pampa; and three brothers, Bennie Tice and Ralph Tice, both of Skellytown, and Milton Tice of Pampa.

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## ON RECORD

### POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

#### Monday, Jan. 5

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 2600 block of Seminole Drive. Compact discs, prescriptions and tack items were stolen. Estimated loss was unknown.

An information report concerning an attempted theft was made at Wal-Mart, 2225 N. Hobart.

#### Tuesday, Jan. 6

Theft was reported in the 1400 block of Russell. A dog with a reported value of \$1,500 was stolen.

Burglary was reported in the lobby of the police department. An Xbox and 14 CDs were reported stolen from the 1900 block of Chestnut. Estimated loss was \$480.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of Deane Drive. A truck's windshield and window were broken out.

Estimated damage was \$350.

Brand Devine, 49, 1520 N. Wells, was arrested on a warrant for a charge of theft of property over \$500 and less than \$1,500, and four capias pro fines.

#### Wednesday, Jan. 7

A bicycle was found in the 200 block of North Starkweather.

Carl Wayne Dunn, 49, 1108 Prairie, was arrested on a capias pro fine for no valid driver's license.

### SHERIFF

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

#### Tuesday, Jan. 6

Aaron Kyle Childress, 20, 1929 Lynn St., was arrested on a motion to revoke probation on a charge of possession of marijuana.

Zachariah Gercken, 24, 613 Red Deer, was arrested on a bond surrender concerning a charge of assault of a public servant.

Russell Owen, 36, 804 N. Christy, was arrested for aggravated assault.

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RMI	59.08	-0.23	West Texas Crude	33.70

### Florida police nab suspects in Texas case

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. (AP) — A man and woman wanted for a Texas slaying were arrested after a police officer noticed a car with a handicapped permit and Texas license plates and became suspicious.

Officer Walt Makowski checked the plates Tuesday and learned the car was stolen and the occupants should be considered armed and dangerous.

All four passengers got out of the car and did not resist arrest, said Makowski, who held them at gunpoint until other officers arrived.

Daniel Latham, 22, and his girlfriend, Christina Rogers, 21, were wanted in connection with the beating death of Dean Suggs. He was killed in his home in rural Rusk County, about 140 miles from Dallas, and his car was stolen.

Latham and Rogers were taken to the St. Johns County jail to await extradition.

### AMBULANCE

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

#### Tuesday, Jan. 6

9:15 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Grape and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

11:11 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2700 block of North Hobart and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:15 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of Coffee and transported a patient to PRMC.

4:17 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of Charles and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:15 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2300 block of Comanche and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:54 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of North Christy and transported a patient to PRMC.

#### Wednesday, Jan. 7

1:40 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 12000 block of Highway 60 and transported a patient to PRMC.

2:08 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Oklahoma. No transport.

4:47 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Baptist-St. Anthony's West, Amarillo.

### ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department today reported the following motor vehicle accidents.

#### Saturday, Jan. 3

1:35 p.m. — A 1986 Mercury Grand Marquis driven by Elaine Ann Bailey, 43, of Amarillo, and a 2002 Ford Explorer driven by Alicia L. Nicholas, 26, 1322 N. Russell, collided in the 1200 block of North Russell. Bailey was cited for failure to maintain financial responsibility and running a stop sign. Nicholas, Bailey and Bailey's passen-

ger, Erin Bailey, 14, of Amarillo, reported possible injury.

#### Monday, Jan. 5

5:17 p.m. — A 2001 Ford F-150 pickup driven by Tamara Dawn Kitchen, 28, 2005 N. Duncan, and a 1983 GMC S-10 pickup driven by Barbra Sue Perry, 50, 612 Doucette, collided in the 2100 block of North Russell. Kitchen was cited for failure to yield right-of-way and no proof of financial responsibility.

## WEATHER FOCUS

### PAMPA

Today's forecast is calling for partly cloudy skies, highs in the upper 40s and south winds 15 to 25 mph. Caution is advised on area lakes. Tonight should fall on partly cloudy skies with lows in the lower 30s and southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Thursday should see partly cloudy skies. Highs in the lower 50s. North winds 10 to 15 mph. Thursday night, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 20s. Northwest winds

5 to 10 mph. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s. Saturday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Sunday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Monday, partly cloudy. Highs in the

## City Briefs

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## Hoover VFD gains \$3,000

Hoover Volunteer Fire Department recently obtained \$3,000 in cost-sharing aid toward the purchase of 20 sets of wildland personal protective equipment.

The funding aid came from the rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program, a \$15 million annual state cost-sharing program funded by contributions from the Texas insurance industry, and the Volunteer Fire Assistance Program, a federally-funded fire protection program.

## PHS semester exam schedule

Pampa High School officials announce the semester exam schedule for Thursday, Jan. 8, and Friday, Jan. 9.

Thursday will be semester exams for 1st through 4th periods. The bell schedule will be as follows:

- 1st period - 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
- 2nd period - 9:35 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.
- Lunch - 11:05 a.m. to 12:05 p.m.
- 3rd period - 12:10 p.m. to 1:40 p.m.
- 4th period - 1:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Friday will be semester exams for 5th through 7th periods. The bell schedule will be as follows:

- 5th period - 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
- 6th period - 9:35 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.
- Lunch - 11:05 a.m. to 12:05 p.m.
- 7th period - 12:10 p.m. to 1:40 p.m.

Students will be dismissed after 7th period at 1:40 p.m.

## IMMIGRATION

California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation, an immigrant advocacy group in Oceanside, Calif., doubts a guest worker program would substantially reduce the number of people who die crossing the border.

"It will have some impact but there is no way (a) guest worker program can be big enough to meet the needs of Mexicans seeking work or the demand in the United States for undocumented labor," she said.

The Rev. Robin Hoover, founder of Humane Borders, a Tucson organization that set up water stations used by migrants stranded in the Arizona desert, said the proposal is "two years overdue."

Hoover hopes Bush's plan will grant legal status for migrants who are already here and for family members who live in the country.

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"That's step number one and that needs to be first on the list," he said.

El Paso Mayor Joe Wardy said he supports any effort to address the Southwest border's shadow economy, which is fueled by undocumented immigrant labor.

However, Wardy said the border is dealing with security issues that won't change for the foreseeable future.

"There's got to be the right kind of work permits," he said.

Stephanie Cooper Caviness, president of the Foreign Trade Association, which represents industrial companies that include the Mexican maquiladoras, said her organization won't comment until it can study the details.

Maquiladoras opened along the border under the North American Free Trade Agreement to take advantage of low labor costs in Mexico. But many of those in Juarez and other border towns have closed as the jobs are moved to

China and other places with even cheaper labor.

"It's good," said Christina Flores, a resident of Juarez who was shopping in El Paso. "There are many people who need to work (in the United States) because the factories have closed in Juarez."

Others are concerned that any program allowing undocumented workers to stay in the United States will reward and encourage illegal behavior.

"We always (have) to go back to the guys who have been waiting to get into the country," said Pete Araujo, president of ABACO Customhouse Brokers, Inc., in El Paso. "It's a very ticklish issue, I'm a Republican and I support President Bush. Good luck to him on this one."

Associated Press writers Elliot Spagat in San Diego and Anabelle Garay in Phoenix contributed to this story

## MAP

minority voters.

The U.S. Department of Justice has reviewed and cleared the map.

Opponents particularly criticized the reconfiguration of District 23 in southwest Texas, a heavily Hispanic district now held by U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla, R-San Antonio; newly drawn District 25, which snakes from Austin to the Mexico border; and the decimation of District 24, held for years by Democratic U.S. Rep. Martin

Frost of Arlington.

Hebert said he will ask the Supreme Court to prevent the map from taking effect, pending the appeal. The League of United Latin American Citizens, one of the minority groups challenging the plan in court, also said it will appeal.

Abbott said he expects the election to go forward as planned.

State Rep. Richard Raymond, who ardently opposed redistricting from his seat on the House Redistricting Committee, called the ruling a "gross

injustice and a slap in the face to minority voters and everyone else who believes that the most fundamental and basic rights we have as Americans are the protection of our voting rights."

The judicial panel also rejected the Democrats' claims that the Texas Constitution allows for redistricting only after U.S. Census information is released every 10 years.

The Legislature failed to act on redistricting during the 2001 session, after the latest census, so a court-drawn plan

was adopted. The federal judges ruled earlier that mid-decade redistricting is allowable under state law.

The opinion noted that the judges ruled on the legality of the Republican plan, not its "wisdom."

"We know it is rough and tumble politics, and we are ever mindful that the judiciary must call the fouls without participating in the game," the judges said in the opinion.

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## CRMWA

per acre-foot of recoverable ground water on the ranch, Satterwhite said. Recoverable water is essentially defined as 50 percent of the water in storage in the Ogallala Aquifer below ground.

"We bought all the water, but we're only using half of it," Satterwhite said.

The use of only part of the water is in keeping with the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District's 50-50 rule, which states that 50 percent of the water in storage in 1998 when the rule was passed, must remain in the aquifer at the end of 50 years.

"There's also an adjustment for water quality," Satterwhite said. "That

\$13.15 could go up or down depending upon the water quality that we find."

Satterwhite said the \$13.15 is just about what others in Roberts County are paying for water. He said that when CRMWA bought their initial water rights in the 1990s, they paid about \$13.17 per acre-foot.

"It's a new way to price it," Satterwhite said.

Based on the acreage and the amount of water that CRMWA expects to find there, the deal should figure out to about \$300 an acre for the water rights.

Satterwhite said CRMWA is still seeking water rights in the area.

"We'd like to buy another 150,000 plus acres," he said.

## Proposed immigration details

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Some details of the changes in immigration policy proposed by President Bush, according to senior administration officials who spoke with reporters Tuesday:

- The new "temporary worker program" would allow either one of the estimated 8 million illegal immigrants already in the United States or someone abroad to apply for the right to work legally in the country for a three-year term that could be renewed. The White House is not saying how long the term could be extended or how many times it could be renewed.

- An applicant for the program already in the United States must pay an unspecified registration fee and show they are currently employed. Applicants still in their home countries won't have to pay a fee, but must have a job lined up.

- The employer must show no Americans wanted the job.
- Temporary workers would get all the same protections afforded American workers.

- The worker must return to his or her home country at the end of the term.

- Dependents of the temporary workers would be allowed in the United States if the worker can prove they can support their family. The workers would be allowed to move freely back and forth between the United States and their home country.

- The White House also is calling for an unspecified increase in the number of green cards allowed to be granted annually.

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## DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

### Daughter Wants to Rearrange Parents' Plan for Her Future

DEAR ABBY: I am an attractive and intelligent woman from India. I have high moral standards. I live with my parents in America and have a good job. Last year some relatives told me that for the past two years my parents have secretly been planning my wedding to a man named "Rashid." I have never met Rashid because he lives in India, nor have my parents said one word to me about this marriage plan.

I have learned that Rashid is divorced with four small children. I have also learned that he thinks he's God's gift to women. He has a high school diploma and runs a small business that my family owns. He is a womanizer who lives with his "secretary," but tells everyone she is "only a friend." (She's expecting his twins.) He has told everyone at the business that he's going to America to marry the owner's daughter. His secretary has told everyone that I was "too old" for him, and that she's the one he really wants.

My parents are unaware of all these facts and think Rashid would be a good husband. I have no interest in planning a future with a man of loose morals. I want my parents to stop planning this marriage. I want to date other men, but my parents have discouraged me from doing so. What should I do?

WANTING MY FREEDOM IN THE USA

DEAR WANTING MY FREEDOM: I don't know what is holding you back. You should be sharing these important facts with your parents instead of a prize, but he sounds more like a booby prize to me.

Four children from a previous marriage and two on the way are a lot to take on, let alone to swallow. Although there have been many successful arranged marriages, this one seems doomed from the outset.

If your parents still insist on this marriage, you may have to emancipate yourself from them.

DEAR ABBY: I am so sad. I am

only 13 and thinking about killing myself. People have told me that it's just my hormones and that is why I'm so moody all the time.

Both my parents suffer from depression. They say it is hereditary. So, Abby, do you think it is my hormones or depression? Please answer as soon as possible.

CONFUSED

DEAR CONFUSED: Many teenagers have mood swings. But with a family history like yours, they shouldn't be ignored or minimized. The person who should answer your question is your family physician. It is true that depression can run in families, and if your depression has lasted more than two weeks, you should get a medical evaluation. Please don't wait to ask your parents to schedule one.

DEAR ABBY: Are you aware of any organizations, projects, etc. that could make use of men's neckties that were made between 1946 and 2001? I've saved more than 50 of my late husband's ties and can't bring myself to throw them away.

CAN'T THROW AWAY TIES

DEAR CAN'T: Why should you divest yourself of this treasure trove? How about mounting them in a decorative collage or two? If that doesn't appeal to you, consider using them to create a one-of-a-kind quilt. I'm sure the fabrics are not only gorgeous but collector's items as well. Readers, any more ideas?

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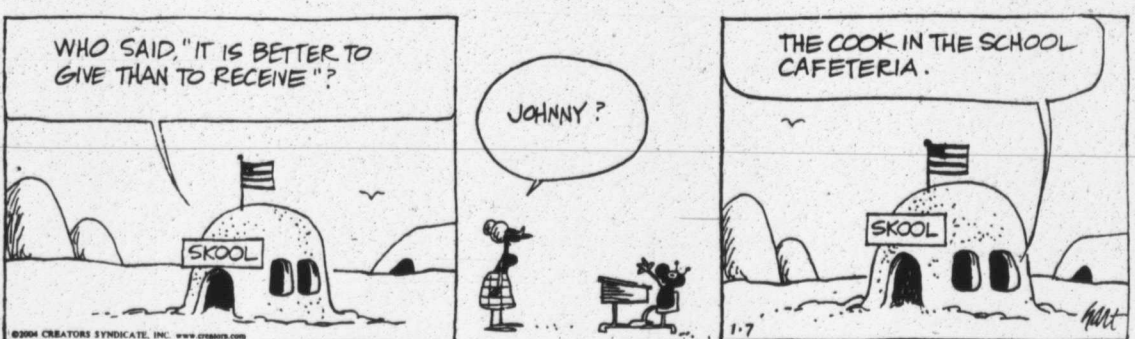
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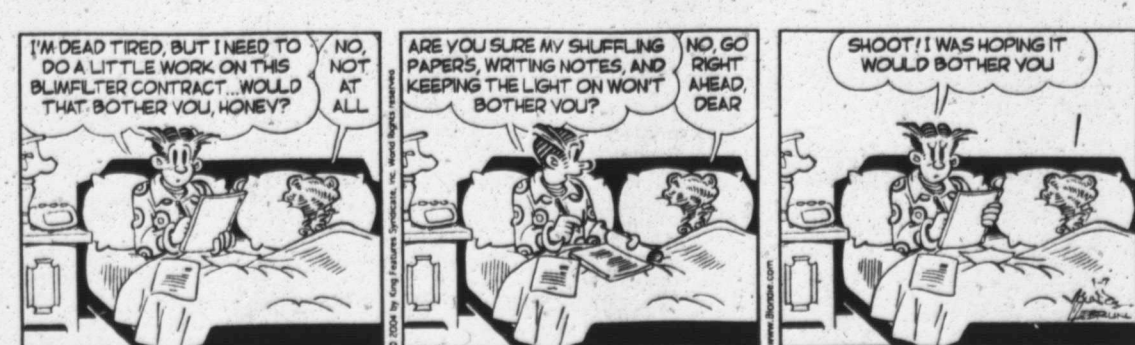
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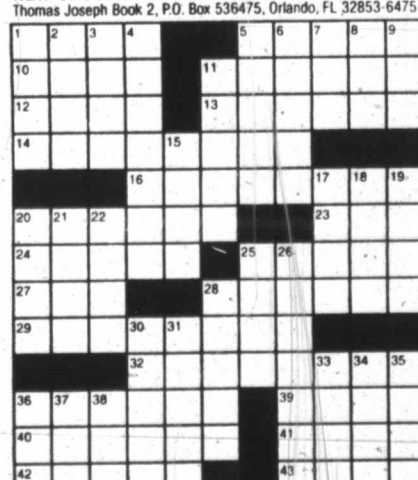
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# SPORTS

## Lady Harvesters turn back Palo Duro

AMARILLO — Pampa never trailed in the fourth quarter to hang on for a 36-32 victory over Palo Duro in a District 3-4A girls' game Tuesday night.

The Lady Harvesters evened their district record at 2-2. Pampa improved its overall record to 7-8.

After four lead changes and three ties, the two teams went into the fourth quarter deadlocked at 23-all. When Stacey Johnson hit a pair of foul shots early in the fourth quarter, Pampa stayed in front the rest of the way to give the Lady Dons their first district loss after two wins.

Freshman guard Britteni Rice led Pampa with 10 points and 13 rebounds.

Johnson and Abbi Covalt followed with 8 each.

Tamika Daniel had 9 points to lead Palo Duro, which fell to 7-12 for the season.

The foul line played a key role in the outcome.

Pampa was 17 of 19 from the line while Palo Duro hit only 11 of 32 attempts.

Pampa hosts Dumas on Friday night in McNeely Fieldhouse. Gametime is 6 for the girls and 7:45 for the boys.

**Pampa** 6 18 23 36  
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**P** - Britteni Rice 10, Stacey Johnson 8, Abbi Covalt 8, Callie Cobb 4, Tara

Jordan 2, Jackie Gerber 2, Jaclyn Spearman 2; Three-point goals: Johnson 3.

**PD** - Tamika Daniel 9, Jasmine Brown 6, Meagan Coats 6, Kelly Cates 6,

Deandra Thomas 3, Ebony Washington 2; Three-point goals: Cates 2.

## Third-ranked Dons beat Pampa

AMARILLO — Third-ranked Palo Duro beat Pampa 72-53 Tuesday night, but the Harvesters gave a good account of themselves in the District 3-4A contest.

The Harvesters twice had the early lead before Palo Duro took command and jumped ahead by 11 (24-13) at the end of the first quarter.

The Dons improved to 21-1 for the season and are ranked third behind North Crowley and Fort Worth Dunbar in the latest Texas

Association of Basketball Coaches poll. PD is 2-0 in district.

Pampa is 5-10 for the season and 1-1 in district.

Kevin Shields tossed in 23 points to lead the Dons in scoring.

Chance Bowers led Pampa with 14 points and also had a game-high 11 rebounds. Collin Bowers chipped in 12 points.

The Harvesters had a 31-25 rebounding advantage.

**PD** 24 41 57 72  
**P** 13 24 41 53

**PD** - Kevin Shields 23, Justin Mason 14, Austin Johnson 13, Justin Butler 10, Wesley Shaw 6, Akeem Burns 4, Terrance Williams 1, Ernie Mims 1; 3-point goals: Shields 3, Mason 2.

**P** - Chance Bowers 14, Collin Bowers 12, Andy Rodgers 9, Brittin East 7, Jed Martin 6, Jaret Katara 2, Brandon Johnston 2, Clayton Hall 1; 3-point goals: Martin 2, East 1.

### NOTEBOOK

#### BASEBALL

**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)** — Two-time American League MVP Juan Gonzalez agreed to a one-year contract with the Kansas City Royals that guarantees him \$4.5 million.

**SAN DIEGO (AP)** — Infielder Jeff Cirillo went to San Diego in a six-player trade between the Padres and Seattle Mariners.

The Padres also acquired right-handed pitcher Brian Sweeney and \$4,775,000, payable in 2005, in exchange for right-hander Kevin Jarvis, catcher Wiki Gonzalez, infielder Dave Hansen and minor league outfielder Vince Faison.

#### FOOTBALL

**ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)** — Southern California's Pete Carroll was honored as the Division I-A coach of the year by the American Football Coaches Association.

Carroll led the Trojans to a 12-1 season and The Associated Press national championship.

Colgate's Dick Biddle won the Division I-AA honor from AFCA. Grand Valley State's Brian Kelly and Mike van Diest (Carroll, Mont.) shared the Division II coaching award.

John Gagliardi won the Division III honor after a season in which he led St. John's (Minn.) to a national championship and passed Eddie Robinson as the career victory leader.

#### BASKETBALL

**LUBBOCK, Texas (AP)** — Coach Marsha Sharp won't go so far as to say this Texas Tech team is her best.

After all, the Lady Raiders won the national title in 1993. But at 14-0 with arguably the best bench in women's college basketball, the Lady Raiders are No. 2, their highest regular-season ranking ever.

"It's the deepest team I've ever coached," Sharp said. "We're talented through 11 players moreso than ever. I think they probably have as good a chemistry as we had when we won it."

Sharp is convinced her players' unselfishness has helped them remain undefeated.

But players' memories, or rather the shortness of them, is key to their ability to avoid getting ruffled or to lose focus.

"They make a mistake, walk past it and go to the next play rather than let a mistake affect the next three plays they make," Sharp said.

Freshman Alesha Robertson, who led her Plainview team to three consecutive 4-A state championships before coming to Tech, typifies that.

"She might miss three shots and she's not at all afraid of coming back and taking that fourth one," Sharp said.

#### Flashback

**1976:** Travis defeated Wilson 37-27 in a sixth grade Optimist League boys basketball game.

Cavin Coleman had 13 points for Travis and Jim Barker had 12 for Wilson to claim scoring honors.

## Freshman emerging star for No. 3 Texas

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Big, strong and quick around the basket, Texas freshman Tiffany Jackson averages 12 points a game and leads the No. 3 Longhorns in rebounding.

Yet she watches every opening tipoff from the bench and must sit while the veteran players get the early minutes. And that's just how coach Jody Conradt plans to keep it — for now.

"I know Tiffany would like to be out there, in the spotlight for introductions as a starter, and perhaps at some point we'll start her to reward her for all her hard work," said Conradt, whose team starts Big 12 play Wednesday night at Kansas.

"But on the other hand, who else do we have who can come into a game and change the momentum as well as Tiffany does?"

Texas (12-1) returned four starters from last season's Final Four team and boasts a deep veteran lineup from center to guard. The defending Big 12 champions have already knocked off three Top 10 opponents. Six home wins have come by an average of 44 points.

The beating usually starts with bullish senior center Stacy Stephens hammering opponents in the paint. Just when teams are starting to get tired of banging against her under the basket, Conradt sends in Jackson, whose 6-foot-4 frame brings a pure athleticism most teams can't match.

"Tiffany is the biggest momentum changer we've had in our program in a long, long time," Conradt said. "She's the gifted one, no question about it. She's a special player."

Jackson was one of biggest recruits in the nation. She immediately lived up to her reputation, scoring 15 points and grabbing eight rebounds in her collegiate debut, a season-opening 85-77 win over No. 1 Duke.

She followed a week later

with 19 points and 12 boards in a home-opening 89-58 win over UCLA. Jackson had 13 points and seven rebounds in the second half as Texas turned a 37-35 halftime lead into a rout.

In a 70-60 win at No. 5 Tennessee, she had 13 points and 12 rebounds. She leads the Longhorns with 8.1 rebounds per game.

"She played huge on the boards. We didn't match that," said Tennessee coach Pat Summitt.

"Tiffany plays with a lot of energy," UCLA coach Kathy Olivier said. "She plays hard and wants the basketball. I think we need to do a check. I don't think she's a freshman."

Conradt is still tapping into Jackson's raw talent.

As a sophomore and junior at Dallas Lincoln High School, Jackson guided her teams to consecutive Class 4A state finals only to lose both to Plainview. She finally won a championship as a senior after transferring to Duncanville to play for former Longhorn Cathy Self-Morgan.

Contrary to Olivier's idea, Jackson still makes some freshman mistakes. She regularly gets called for traveling and had seven turnovers against Tennessee. She leads the team in turnovers (41) and personal fouls (32).

She makes up for the turnovers by forcing them on the other end. Her 27 steals is also a team high.

Jackson said she's still making the transition from high school ball.

"The game is a lot faster and more physical," she said. Jackson starts games on the bench so she can watch the early action unfold and learn from the veterans what to do.

"I don't mind coming off the bench. I just want to help out in any way I can," she said. "Stacy really gives me good advice when she comes off the floor, and that helps me when I get out there."

## Fort Elliott cagers down Wheeler in two games

BRISCOE — Fort Elliott won a 48-47 close one over Wheeler in boys' basketball action Tuesday night.

Leading scorers for Fort Elliott were Jason Boydston with 17 points and Russell Lohberger with 13.

Brad Masters was Wheeler's high scorer with 10 points. Tanner Collins followed with 9.

Fort Elliott also won the girls' game 69-42.

Sarah Zybach had 17 points and Andrea Hathaway 11 to lead Fort Elliott in the scoring column.

J'Shay McCaslin had 13 points and Katie Richardson 8 for Wheeler.

The Lady Cougars improved their record to 17-1 for the season.

## New scoring table



Thanks to some generous sponsors, McNeely Fieldhouse at Pampa High School will have a new scoring table complete with built-in bonus lights and the latest in custom display graphics. Above, Terry Hall (far left) of the Harvester Basketball Boys Booster Club represents the sponsors in making the checks presentation to PHS Athletic Director Dick Dunham. Also pictured are Donny Hooper (third from left) and Ray Boring of KGRO-radio. Sponsors who made donations so the new table could be purchased include First Bank Southwest, Holmes Sports Center, National Bank of Commerce, Bartlett's Lumber & Hardware, Duncan, Fraser & Bridges, A.G. Edwards, Frank McCullough Insurance, and KGRO-radio. "We certainly appreciate the support of these businesses. It's going to be a nice addition to our gym," Hooper said. Besides basketball, the table can also be used for other sports such as volleyball and wrestling. The table is expected to arrive sometime next month.

## Zimmer is staying in Dallas

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Defensive coordinator Mike Zimmer is staying with the Dallas Cowboys, as are several other coaches and players who ended the season in limbo.

Coach Bill Parcells said Tuesday that Zimmer told University of Nebraska officials he was remaining in the pros rather than continue to pursue the head coaching vacancy created when Frank Solich was fired after a 9-3 season.

Zimmer was in Lincoln, Neb., on Monday for an interview.

In returning, Zimmer received a large raise from the \$500,000 he was scheduled to make the next two seasons under a deal he signed last year. Parcells said Zimmer would not comment.

Zimmer has been with the Cowboys for nine seasons. He became defensive coordinator in 2000 and this past season his unit gave up the fewest yards in the NFL. He was an assistant at Illinois State, Missouri, and Weber State before jumping to the pros.

Although Zimmer has

never been a head coach at any level, Parcells has said several times that he would be a good candidate to run an NFL team.

"I think that the future is bright for Mike," Parcells said Tuesday. "He did an excellent job."

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# Molitor, Eckersley elected to baseball's Hall of Fame

NEW YORK (AP) — Near the end of their careers, Paul Molitor and Dennis Eckersley were linked by a bunt. This summer, they'll be connected by an induction.

The two tough competitors elected to baseball's Hall of Fame on Tuesday in their first year of eligibility, the only players to gain election. And they thought back to that night at the Metrodome in August 1998, when Molitor bunted in the ninth inning to drive in the winning run in a game that was meaningless for the Minnesota Twins.

"I was 43 years old," Eckersley recalled with a laugh. "He dropped down a bunt and, guess what, it worked. He's a

little weasel, that's what he is." Molitor turned 42 that night, and his single gave the Twins a 4-3 win over Boston, which was vying for the AL wild card. Eckersley had a few choice words for Molitor that night. But the two always had great respect for each other.

"He had a way of being unpredictable," Molitor said. "He could throw any pitch at any time, which added to his effectiveness. Not to mention he could throw it to a teacup."

Molitor, a patient, proficient batter, is eighth on the career list with 3,319 hits, many in clutch situations. He was picked on 431 of 506 ballots (85.2 percent) cast by reporters who have been members of the

Baseball Writers' Association of America for 10 or more years.

Eckersley, among baseball's most exuberant and colorful players, was selected on 421 ballots (83.2 percent).

A 19-year-old in his first Double-A season in 1974, Eckersley was 14-3 for the San Antonio Brewers, who finished third in the Texas League West. He led the league in strikeouts with 163 and won his first eight decisions of the year.

"It's just one more indication that the Texas League has had some pretty good players come through it," Texas League president Tom Kayser told the San Antonio Express-News in Wednesday's editions.

Eckersley is the 32nd former Texas Leaguer elected to the hall.

To gain election, a player must be chosen by at least 75 percent of the voters (380).

Ryne Sandberg was third with 309 votes, 61.1 percent, up from 49.2 last year. He was followed by Bruce Sutter (301), Jim Rice (276), Andre Dawson (253), Rich Gossage (206), Lee Smith (185) and Bert Blyleven (179).

Pete Rose, ineligible because of his lifetime ban from baseball, got 15 write-in votes, down three from last year.

Molitor, Seattle's hitting coach, became the first player elected to the Hall who spent

more games at designated hitter than at any other position. He was a DH for 1,174 games (44 percent), played 791 at third, 400 at second, 197 at first, 57 at shortstop and 50 in the outfield. Molitor was a seven-time

All-Star who played from 1978-98 with Milwaukee, Toronto and Minnesota, and he was the World Series MVP with the Blue Jays in 1993. He was primarily a DH in his final six seasons.

## Lefors girls beat Samnorwood

LEFORS — Lefors defeated Samnorwood 56-44 Tuesday night in girls' basketball action.

Rachel Stubbs was the top scorer for Lefors with 21 points.

Katie Barnes followed with 13 points and Kayla Andis had 12.

Amanda Driver topped

Samnorwood in scoring with 14.

Samnorwood slipped by Lefors 44-43 in the boys' game.

Landon Allen was Samnorwood's high scorer with 18 points.

Rickey Vaughn had 21 points and Rudy Garcia 12 to lead Lefors.

# Spurs rout Wizards, 94-72

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs may have figured out a solution to their free-throw troubles: Don't take many foul shots, and don't let Tim Duncan take any.

The Spurs matched their season low in foul shots Tuesday night with 15, but they made 12 of them in their 94-72 win over the Washington Wizards. The 80 percent success rate was their best since early November.

Duncan, who missed 14 straight at the line in two games last week, had 16 points, 11 rebounds and six assists while anchoring a defense that held the Wizards to 33 percent shooting. Duncan didn't attempt a free throw.

"I think everyone is starting to understand how we play defense now," guard Tony Parker said of his seven new teammates. "We are just clicking. We have confidence in each other."

Ron Mercer, one of those new players, said they've been working hard to adjust to coach Gregg Popovich's defense-first approach.

"It's finally paying off, but we have a long way to

go," said Mercer, who matched his high as a member of the Spurs with 14 points.

Tuesday's victory was the 15th in 16 games for San Antonio, while Washington lost for the 13th time in its last 16.

Perhaps wary of jinxing themselves, none of the Spurs wanted to talk much about their free throws.

"We've struggled from the free-throw line lately," said center Rasho Nesterovic, who made his only attempt.

That's a bit of an understatement. Over the previous five games, San Antonio had made only 77 of 138 foul shots for 55.8 percent.

For the first time since Dec. 6 in Miami, the Spurs were the better team at the line. The Wizards were 17-of-31 for 54.8 percent.

Washington coach Eddie Jordan said his team has hung in with some of the league's best.

"But this feels like maybe only the second game this year we were outcoached, outmanned and outplayed," he said.

Added Wizard forward Kwame Brown: "They are the best team in this league.

When a team shoots 50 percent from the field and 80 percent from the line, they are more than likely going to win."

Parker added 16 points for San Antonio, including a third-quarter dunk.

"Just make sure you rewind (the videotape) again and again because it's not going to happen often," the 6-foot-2 Parker said of his jam that barely cleared the front of the rim.

Gilbert Arenas, with 17 points, was the only member of the Wizards to reach double-digits, but he shot 6-for-19 from the floor.

The Wizards turned the ball over on three of their first four possessions, and didn't score their first basket until Christian Laettner hit a short jumper nearly four minutes in.

San Antonio used a 17-5 run in the second quarter to get its advantage to 39-24. Mercer scored eight points in the period on 4-for-6 shooting as the Spurs ended the half ahead 48-30.

Washington made only five of its 22 shots (22.7 percent) in the second quarter while the Spurs went 12-for-20 from the floor.

# Top-ranked Huskies have close call

PISCATAWAY, N.J. (AP) — Gary Waters said he wouldn't have any problem sleeping even after his Rutgers Scarlet Knights came oh-so-close to upsetting the No. 1 team in the country.

He hoped his players would be tossing and turning.

"I want them to think about this because this is a game they should have won," he said after Connecticut's 75-74 victory over the Scarlet Knights on Tuesday night.

"I'm not talking about the

effort because they put in a great effort and worked hard," Waters said. "But there were some shots out there that really disappointed me."

And one foul that was never given.

Quincy Douby's drive with 18 seconds left — Rutgers' first field goal in 4:25 — brought the Scarlet Knights within 74-72. Freshman Marcus Williams made the second of two free throws with 16 seconds to go — his only point of the game

— and Connecticut had a three-point lead.

Rutgers called a timeout with 10 seconds left, and a poor inbound pass after it caused a scramble near mid-court and a foul was called on Connecticut.

Ricky Shields made two free throws with 7 seconds left.

When Connecticut inbounded the ball, three players were able to touch it without being fouled and the clock ran out.

# Source: Gibbs to return to Redskins

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Washington Redskins expect to name Joe Gibbs their coach Wednesday, a source within the NFL told The Associated Press.

The Hall of Fame coach has been negotiating a surprise return to the team he led to three Super Bowls, said the source, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The source said the team hoped to complete the deal and make an announcement later Wednesday.

The negotiations were first reported by The Washington Post and CBS Sportsline.com.

The 63-year-old Gibbs coached the Redskins from 1981-92 before resigning to pursue a career with his own

NASCAR team. He has been adamant over the years about not wanting to coach again, although he has retained NFL connections.

He is currently a minority owner of the Atlanta Falcons.

Gibbs was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1996.

"The Redskins are seeking a replacement for Steve Spurrier, who resigned last week.

They were known to have interviewed three candidates: former New York Giants coach Jim Fassel, former Minnesota coach Dennis Green and Seattle defensive coordinator Ray Rhodes.

Terms of Gibbs' deal were not immediately available, but

the Redskins have budgeted \$5 million per year for a coach, the amount they were paying Spurrier.

Calls to Joe Gibbs Racing team were not immediately returned.

Gibbs' racing teams have been among the most successful in NASCAR with two Winston Cup championships in the last four seasons.

Bobby Labonte took the title in 2000 and Tony Stewart in 2002.

Gibbs' oldest son, J.D., is president of Joe Gibbs Racing.

The former coach's youngest son, Coy, finished 14th last season in the Busch Series standings.

"The man we wanted now," Giants general manager Ernie Accorsi said. "Aside from his family, Tom has one interest: winning."

Coughlin will be formally introduced at a press conference Wednesday morning.

# Coughlin finally signs to coach Giants

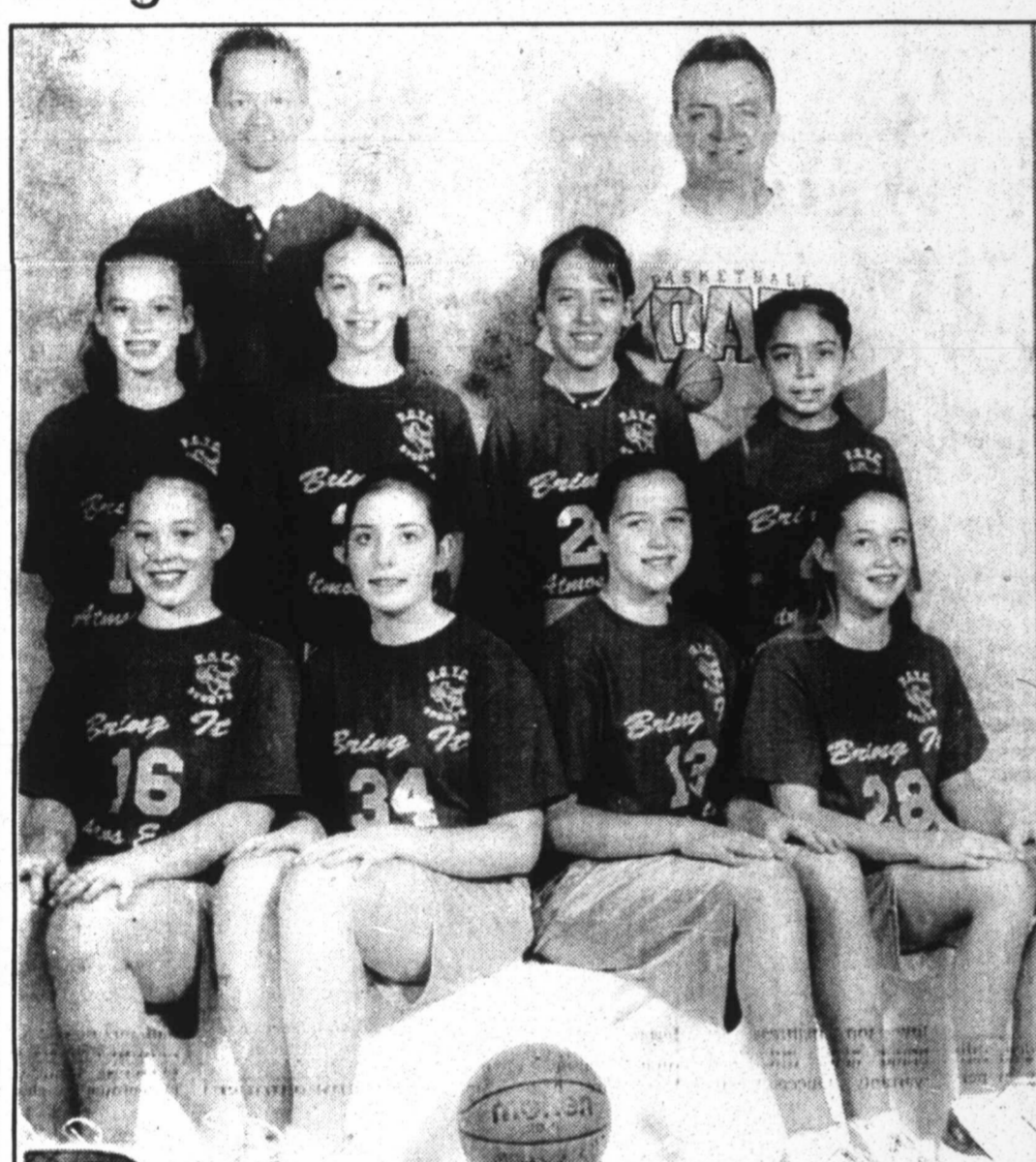
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Eleven years after they first courted him, the New York Giants finally hired Tom Coughlin as their coach.

The former Jacksonville Jaguars coach signed a four-

year, \$12 million contract Tuesday, vowing to bring back a brand of smashmouth, mistake-free football that led New York to two Super Bowls under his mentor, Bill Parcells.

"Tom Coughlin is the man we wanted 11 years ago and he

## Bring It Basketball Team



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# Texas-Pan American slips by Baylor

WACO, Texas (AP) — Sergio Sanchez drove the right side of the lane and hit an underhand layup with two seconds left to give Texas-Pan American a 55-54 win over Baylor on Tuesday night.

Baylor (5-8) had taken a 54-53 lead with 13 seconds left on a layup by Harvey Thomas. But following a timeout, Sanchez

took the inbound pass in the forecourt and dribbled through two Baylor defenders for the winning basket. Time expired before Baylor could attempt another shot.

Sanchez paced the Bronco (5-9) scoring with 15 points while Ray Castillo added 12 and Allen Holcomb 11. Baylor's Harvey Thomas led all scorers

with 23 points.

Baylor opened the second half with six straight points and went in front 31-26. But the Broncs battled back and tied the contest 33-33. With the score tied 37-37 midway through the second half, Sanchez and Castillo hit back-to-back 3-pointers, putting UTPA in front 43-37.

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**Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Thursday, Jan. 8, 2004:

You get the green light this year, as long as you are willing to work with others directly and on an individual level. You gain because of your ability to relate, which becomes extremely strong. You will detach more often and take a second look at others' behavior, understanding them even better. You will grow both emotionally and intellectually. Your career and/or public image will be enhanced from fall 2004 through 2005. You deserve everything you get, as you have worked hard to reach this culmination. If single, your ability to relate peaks, as does your desirability. You will attract someone very interesting as a result. If attached, you want to be together more than ever. Plan that special trip. LEO understands.

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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) \*\*\*\*\* You finally feel on top of your game. Your creativity starts to find solutions to what has recently come down. Get rid of the filters in your thoughts and the "should bes," and you will succeed. You are a dynamo let loose. Tonight: Allow the fun and games to begin.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) \*\*\* After recent events, you might opt to stay close to home, and who would blame you? In fact, if you can work from home, do so. Check out a piece of real estate carefully before saying "yes." There could be a hidden stream or leak there. Tonight: Finally, relax.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\*\* Now you can speak your

mind and even share some of your ideas. You are well-received, and others seem to want to brainstorm with you. Return calls and catch up on messages. Don't stand on ceremony with someone important. A message could have been lost. Tonight: Join a pal at a favorite spot.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\*\* You might want to express some of what you've recently been feeling. Use good sense with your finances, as money could be dripping out of your hands. Ultimately, this could cause you a problem. Take hold or find an expert to help. Tonight: Take a hard look at where you are spending money.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\*\* The Moon in your sign adds an extra twinkle in your eyes that makes others feel like they want to be with you and say "yes" to you. Use your charms appropriately, but be aware that another could be doing the same to you. Tonight: Let the Lion in your roar.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\* Slow down and let others display their magic. How you see a situation could change dramatically if you pull out for a while. Not everyone has to agree with you, nor will they. This isn't the moment to express yourself. Tonight: Do something for yourself.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Finally you will see the results of months of hard work. Meetings add to your relief as you gain supporters. Be careful of a flirtation or a child. This person could be playing you and not be as he or she appears to be. Tonight: You are the party.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\*\* Others look to you for help and responsibility, a position you often love. Listen well to what someone shares, though it might trigger some personal

thoughts. Plan on being the one in charge for several days. Tonight: It could be a late night.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\*\* You might be thinking of better ways to spark another's attention. You actually don't need to worry about this, because with your imagination, you naturally will. Laughter happens through a misunderstanding that is finally cleared up. Tonight: Hop on your computer if you find that relaxing.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\*\* You have someone quite generous in your life. You might want to say "thank you" in a special way. Understand what means a lot to this person, and you'll hit "bingo." Lunch out together might be perfect. Tonight: Discuss an investment.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\*\* Others run with the ball, which pleases you enormously. Share some of your imaginative qualities, and you will love what happens. Work with others, but be careful about getting overenthusiastic just yet! Tonight: Among your admirers.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\*\* To some you act like you're in control, but you know that the only type of control you can have is over yourself. Push hard at work to complete your share of what must be done. You do want a weekend for yourself — don't you? Tonight: Take extra work home.

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## Under Bush plan, illegals could work for three years

By JENNIFER LOVEN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Millions of illegal migrant farmers, hotel maids and others working in the shadows of American society would be freed from the threat of deportation for at least three years and could get a chance — although probably remote for most — at permanent legal U.S. status under an election-year proposal President Bush is asking Congress to approve.

Bush was to promote a major overhaul of American immigration policy — and break a virtual silence on the issue since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks — before scores of immigration-rights advocates in the East Room on Wednesday.

The president was to argue that his plan would make America safer by giving the government a better idea of who was crossing U.S. borders, bolster the economy by meeting employers' need for willing low-wage workers, and fulfill a mandate for compassion by guaranteeing the rights and legitimacy of illegal workers, according to senior administration officials who briefed reporters Tuesday.

Likely to be left unsaid during the president's speech were the political dividends White House advisers hoped the proposal would pay.

By dangling the prospect of legal status to some 8 million illegal immigrants now estimated to be in this country, about half of them Mexican, Bush was granting a top priority of the business community while making his most aggressive move yet to court Latino voters. He won just over one-third of that constituency in 2000 but wants to expand his support in the community to better his chances for re-election in November.

The proposal would provide a way for illegal immigrants who can show they have employment to work legally, although temporarily, in the United States. The new "temporary worker program," which also would include people still in their native countries who have a job lined up in the United States, would not, like the temporary visa programs already in existence that involve mostly technical experts, apply only to a certain sector of the economy or industry.

Much of the detail of president's proposal was to be worked out by Congress in future negotiations with the White House.

For instance, Bush wants to increase the nation's yearly allotment of green cards that allow for permanent U.S. residency, but won't say by how much, the officials said. Approximately 140,000 green cards a year are issued now.

He also wants the workers' first three-year term in the program to be renewable but won't say for how long; he won't set the amount workers should pay to apply for the program; and he won't specify how to enforce the requirement that no American worker wants the job the foreign worker is taking, according to the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Perhaps the biggest unresolved question is how the plan will allow illegal immigrants access, which they do not now have, to the process of applying for green cards, or permanent U.S. residency.

Sensitive to the opposition of many conservatives in Bush's own party, to any reward for those who broke the law when they entered the United States, the administra-

tion officials said repeatedly that the president is not proposing blanket amnesty for illegals and that the program is not linked to the green card process.

## Animals killed in China to stop SARS

GUANGZHOU, China (AP) — Wildlife merchants warned of a regional business disaster as government officials fighting SARS swept through China's largest wild-animal market for the second straight day Wednesday, seiz-

ing civet cats for slaughter. Merchants watched with growing unease, fearing the campaign against SARS will devastate the wild game markets of this city in southern China — a place where the consumption of wild animals is a

cultural practice hundreds of years old.

"This is definitely going to be bad for business," said one merchant.

A few stalls down, rabbit seller Liu Qi had the same thought: "Restaurants won't want to buy from here anymore," she said. "If people get scared enough, it might even affect China's international trade."

The Xinyuan wild animal market in the southern city of Guangzhou has become the focus of the government's fight against severe acute respiratory syndrome because authorities suspect the civet cat, which is related to the mongoose, could spread the disease to humans.

Separately, authorities said that rats will be their next target, with a mass killing scheduled to start Saturday in Guangzhou.

Since late Monday, authorities in Guangdong have drowned, electrocuted and incinerated hundreds of civets — a local delicacy — from wildlife markets. The government says 10,000 civets will be killed.

The city is home to China's first SARS case since July. Guangdong province is where SARS emerged in November 2002 before spreading to dozens of countries and killing 774 people worldwide.

Separately, a spokesman for the Guangzhou Health Bureau denied a Hong Kong news report that a waitress in a restaurant that serves wild game had tested positive for SARS antibodies, indicating she might have been exposed to the virus.

In Guangzhou, merchants insist SARS didn't spring from the animal market.

"While this may not be the

cleanest place, we have not had one case of SARS," Liu said. "Something doesn't add up."

A crowd gathered to watch men in white and blue jumpsuits throw bags of the animals into a truck. When one civet leapt out, a worker grabbed it by the neck with heavy tongs while another hit it over the head with a metal rod. Police were on hand to push onlookers back. Afterward, workers wearing goggles and rubber boots sprayed chemical disinfectant around the stall.

If the intended effect was to make everyone feel safer, the operation was a failure. Many onlookers instead reacted with alarm.

"There's only one case of SARS, so why is it necessary to kill all the civets," said one bystander, a 27-year-old native of Sichuan province who refused to give his name.

"If civets are the suspected cause, it's better to quarantine and inspect them and then decide which ones have the disease and kill those," he said. "Now, people won't even want to come here to buy chickens or ducks."

Rows of cages fill the Xinyuan market with all kinds of creatures — geese, pigs, dogs, cats, turtles, even donkeys. In one corner, a man skinned goats while smoking a cigarette.

Restaurant supply manager Huang Zhaoze, who was buying chickens, said better sanitation would be good for the industry.

"Fundamentally, there is no problem with these markets although they are dirty and have a bad smell," Huang said. "As soon as I go home, I immediately wash my hands. You have to take care of your personal hygiene."

### Diamond Giveaway



(Courtesy photo)

Barbara Preas is proof it pays to shop at home. Preas won the R.D.S. Diamond Giveaway from Ken Rheams, owner of Rheams Diamond Shop in downtown Pampa.

### Princess Di not pregnant, coroner says

LONDON (AP) — Princess Diana was not pregnant when she died, a former royal coroner says, apparently ruling out one of the rumors which has swirled around her death in a car crash six years ago.

Dr. John Burton, who was the royal coroner at the time, said he was present at a post-mortem examination after her body was returned from Paris. The Times newspaper reported in Wednesday's editions.

"I was actually present when she was examined. She wasn't pregnant. I know she wasn't pregnant," the newspaper quoted him as saying.

Burton spoke on the same day that the present royal coroner, Michael Burgess, opened formal inquests into the deaths of Diana, 36, and her boyfriend, Dodi Fayed, 42. They died when their chauffeur-driven car crashed in an underpass in Paris on Aug. 31, 1997.

A French judge laid responsibility for the crash on the driver, Henri Paul, who was found to have been intoxicated and driving at high speed. He was also killed.

Burgess announced Tuesday that he had asked police to look into theories that the princess was the victim of a conspiracy, variously attributed to the royal family and intelligence agencies.

"I'm aware that there is speculation that these deaths were not the result of a sad but relatively straightforward road traffic accident in Paris," Burgess said.

"I have asked the Metropolitan Police Commissioner (Sir John Stevens) to make inquiries. The results of these inquiries will help me to decide whether such matters will fall within the scope of the investigation carried out at the inquests," he said.

Fayed's father, Mohammed Al Fayed, has claimed that Diana may have been pregnant when she died. He has also accused Prince Philip, the husband of Queen Elizabeth II, of masterminding a conspiracy.

The Daily Mirror newspaper on Tuesday published a letter apparently written by Diana to her butler, in which she claimed

that her ex-husband, Prince Charles, was plotting to kill her in an auto accident.

The Daily Mirror itself

described the idea as "utterly preposterous to many people" and said there was no evidence to support the claim.

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