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PGWCD board directors sworn in

By DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Carson County Judge Lewis Powers, left with back to camera, swears in the new board of directors for the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District, from left to right, John R. Spearman, Phillip Smith, John McKissack, Jason Green and newly-elected Kim Powers.

WHITE DEER — A new director was sworn in Monday on the board of the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District during their regular monthly meeting here.

Kim Flowers, Miami, defeated veteran board member Robert Clark, Roberts County, for the Precinct 7 seat on the conservation district's board of directors.

Flowers, along with the other board members, were sworn in Monday at the PGWCD monthly meeting at their White Deer offices.

John R. Spearman of Gray County was the only other director to face a challenger in this year's election. Spearman was re-elected to the Precinct 3 position.

Flowers won by a vote of 120 to Clark's 63.

Spearman was re-elected by a vote of 508 versus 113 for his challenger Steven Smith.

Board officials reported one write-in vote in the Spearman-

Smith race. It was for "anybody."

Flowers represents most of Roberts County, including Miami.

Spearman represents the north part of Gray County, including Pampa and the southwestern corner of Roberts County.

ties: Gray, Roberts, Wheeler, Carson, Donley, Armstrong and Potter.

The board re-elected Charles Bowers, who represents the south part of Gray County, as president of the board and Jason Green of Donley County as secretary.

Spearman was elected vice president.

A farewell dinner for Clark, a 10-year veteran of the water district board, is planned for March 26 at the district offices.

In other business at their February meeting, Tom Grantham reported the annual audit of the district's finances.

C.E. Williams, general manager of the PGWCD, said tax collections were proceeding near historical levels.

"They're slightly lower than in the past," Williams said, "but pretty typical."

The board discussed applying for more funds from the Water Development Board for agricultural loans.

"All the ag loans have been (See BOARD, Page 3)

LOCAL

Lefors school board to meet on Thursday

LEFORS — Lefors Independent School District's board of education will meet at 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 19, in the high school library, 209 5th St.

Items to be considered at the meeting include revising the substitute teachers list, current bills, tax collections and financial report, personnel and superintendent's report.

DEATHS

James M. Culpepper, 90, auto parts clerk.

Ray L. Salsman, 81, pipe worker.

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Stakes are high in senate races

By LISA FALKENBERG
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Accusations have been flying and the money has been flowing in East and West Texas as state Senate candidates neared today's runoff to replace Republicans Bill Ratliff and Teel Bivins.

The two longtime senators resigned their positions, and an election in January to replace them did not produce a winner. The top two candidates in each race advanced to a runoff.

The stakes are higher and the tone is more shrill in the East Texas District 1 race, where former Democratic Rep. Paul Sadler is trying to beat Republican former Tyler Mayor Kevin Eltife in a

Republican-leaning district. "The Democrats are really pulling out the stops. They smell the possibility of stopping the Republican tide," says Harvey Kronberg, long-time editor of the nonpartisan Texas political newsletter Quorum Report. "They have been shy of any substantial victories for four years now. This one would give them huge bragging rights."

The candidates are running neck-and-neck on campaign spending, filling East Texas radio and late night TV with ads. While the candidates have played relatively nice, outside parties have resorted to nastiness.

Texans for Lawsuit Reform has spent hundreds of thou-

New ground water rules up for comment

By DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

WHITE DEER — Residents within the seven-county Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District will have until March 16 to comment on new operating rules proposed by the district's board of directors.

The board unveiled the new proposed rules this week for comment. They will take them up for possible passage at their next meeting March 24.

A key provision of the new rules is the district's plan to limit the annual decline in the Ogallala Aquifer, the

giant aquifer of saturated sand that underlies most of the district, to 1.25 percent of 1998 aquifer levels to enforce the district's (and the Regional Water Planning Group's) 50-50 depletion rule. Under that rule, 50 percent of the water in the aquifer in 1998 must remain in 50 years.

The allowable annual decline will be recalculated every five years.

"These new rules are designed to ensure a fair and orderly decline in our aquifer so that our grandchildren will still have water well into the 21st Century," said C.E. Williams, general manager of the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District.

State drops charges in sexual assault case against former officer

By MARILYN POWERS
STAFF WRITER

Charges against former Pampa police officer Heron Erasmo Garcia Jr. were dropped Feb. 12 in 31st District Judge Steven Emmert's court after District Attorney Rick Roach filed a motion to dismiss on the same day.

Garcia, 36, was arrested Jan. 24, 2002 by Texas Ranger Gary Henderson in connection with an investigation into the alleged rape of a 35-year-old Donley County woman at a motel in south Pampa by a Pampa police officer.

District court records show that the alleged incident occurred on Jan. 10, 2002. Garcia was indicted by a Gray County grand jury on Feb. 8, 2002, and bond was set at \$35,000 on

the second-degree felony charge of aggravated sexual assault. Also included was a charge of official oppression. Bond was later lowered to \$20,000 on Feb. 20, 2002.

The charges stem from allegations that Garcia raped the woman while on duty as a uniformed police officer. He was employed as a peace officer by Pampa Police Department from May 24, 2001 until Feb. 25, 2002, having previously been a peace officer at Cactus. He was placed on administrative leave by the police department at the time of his arrest.

The motion to dismiss was filed last Thursday because "the evidence is insufficient, the complaining witness has requested dismissal, and the complaining witness has signed an affidavit of non-prosecution," as stated in the motion.

marketing proposals that have been proposed, rather than on what is happening. Williams said that the new rules are based on facts and what is happening in the aquifer, instead of what the board thinks may happen.

He said that as well fields have been developed in Roberts County, they have found through monitoring actual events that some of the things they worried might happen haven't and that other things they weren't worried about have happened.

The water district manager said water in the aquifer moves and can change in different areas.

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OBITUARIES

JAMES M. CULPEPPER 1913-2004

James M. Culpepper, 90, died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2004, at Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Carl Novian, associate pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery with Masonic graveside rites courtesy of Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Culpepper was born March 8, 1913, in Silverton, Texas. He married Rubye Inez Green on Oct. 21, 1933, in Amarillo. She preceded him in death on Sept. 11, 1998. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1938. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM. He worked for Thompson Auto Parts, retiring in 1983.

Survivors include one son, Billy James Culpepper from Warrensburg, Mo.; one daughter, Linda Gail Shultz of Bedford; six grandchil-

dren and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a grandson, Cory Culpepper.

The family wishes to give special thanks to Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, BSA Hospice, and caregivers Pauline Denton, Gynell King, Hazel Scott and Carolyn Shook.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church Everyman's Bible Class, P.O. Box 621, Pampa, Texas 79066-0621, or Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM, P.O. Box 2020, Pampa, Texas 79066-2020.

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



RAY L. SALSMAN 1922-2004

Ray L. Salsman, 81, of Pampa, died Monday, Feb. 16, 2004. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Roger A. Harwerth, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Borger, officiating. Entombment will be in Memory Gardens Mausoleum under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Salsman was born March 24, 1922, at Lone Wolf, Okla. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving as a corporal with the 7th Air Force Engineering Squadron during World War II. He served in the Pacific islands of Hawaii, Oahu, Gilbert Islands, Saipan, Guam and Okinawa.

He married Wanda J. Music on June 5, 1946, at Cordell, Okla.

He retired from Gifford-Hill Western and moved to Pampa in 1978 where he was employed by Texas Pipe and Metal and by Kmart.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and a sister.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Wanda Jean Salsman, of the home; two daughters, Sue Killough of Amarillo and Kathie Clark of Kingston, Okla.; five grandchildren; and a sister.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

SERVICES TOMORROW

CULPEPPER, James M. — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Saturday, Feb. 14

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of North Charles. A tire was slashed. Estimated damage was \$200.

Sunday, Feb. 15

Theft was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart. A key was taken from a motorized scooter. Amount of loss was unknown.

Monday, Feb. 16

A verbal domestic disturbance was reported in the 900 block of Mary Ellen.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 2700 block of Aspen. Nothing was reported taken.

A terroristic threat was reported by the police department. A threat was called in to the department.

Criminal mischief was reported in the lobby of the police department. A 1998 model pickup was scratched in the 1300 block of Starkweather. Estimated damage was \$1,000.

Tuesday, Feb. 17

Paul Johnson, 37, 2133 Mary Ellen, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia. Heather Haskell, 37, 2133 Mary Ellen, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

SHERIFF

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

Monday, Feb. 16

Shanna Lynn Mohar, 38, 923 Cinderella, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for possession of marijuana under two ounces and a capias pro fine for speeding.

Monica Titmus, 36, Evans, Colo., was arrested by DPS on a bond surrender for driving while intoxicated.

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents.

Monday, Feb. 16

4:15 p.m. — A 1996 Ford Contour, driven by Heather Denise Balay, 16, 345 Finley, and a 2000 Chevrolet Silverado, driven by Jeffery Michael Adkins, 21, 1924 N. Nelson, collided in the 1300 block of North Hobart. No injuries were reported. Balay was cited for following too closely.

AMBULANCE

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

Monday, Feb. 16

10:47 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of North Wells. No transport.

11:12 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Williston and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

12:34 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Gray County Rd. 1 and Highway 60 and transferred a patient(s) to Lifestar helicopter.

12:49 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of East Craven and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

3:35 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

7:27 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Prairie and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

7:36 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of East Foster and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

8:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of South Barnes and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Tuesday, Feb. 17

12:18 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Jordan prison unit and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

FIRE

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

Monday, Feb. 16

7:30 a.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a gasoline spill at Gas Man, Alcock and Price Rd. Firefighters cleaned up five to 10 gallons that had spilled.

12:10 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a carbon monoxide check in the 1100 block of Willow Road. None was found.

1:28 p.m. — One unit and four firefighters responded to a carbon monoxide check in the 800 block of East Craven. None was found.

11:25 p.m. — Two units and eight firefighters responded to a reported structure fire in the 800 block of Locust. A hair brush under a gas heater had caught on fire. The house sustained smoke damage.

STOCKS

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of Pampa.		KMI	60.73	+0.44	
		XCEL	17.39	+0.15	
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Cabot Corp.	34.00	+1.03	CVX	87.33	+0.81
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NOI	28.25	+1.27	Silver	6.56	
			West Texas Crude	34.56	

CLARIFICATION

In a birth announcement that ran on page 12 in the Sunday, Feb. 15, edition of *The News*, the infant's full name is Jason Wesley Mears. He is the son of Jerry Mears and Amanda Parks of Pampa.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is calling for mostly sunny skies, highs in the lower 60s and northwest winds 5 to 10 mph, shifting to the south in the afternoon. Tonight should fall on partly cloudy skies with lows in the mid 30s and south winds 10 to 15 mph. Wednesday should see partly cloudy skies. Breezy. Highs in the lower 70s. South winds 15 to 25 mph. Wednesday night, mostly clear. Lows in the lower 40s. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Thursday, mostly sunny. Windy. Highs in the

mid 70s. Southwest winds 20 to 30 mph. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Windy. Lows in the upper 30s. Friday, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. Breezy. Highs in the upper 40s. 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 around 30. Monday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s.

STATEWIDE

By The Associated Press
Beautiful weather is in store for the state, with day-time highs reaching near or into the 70s by Thursday. It will be a little cooler beginning Friday. Rain will be in short supply this week in Texas.

Thursday will be extremely windy in West Texas. The far west will see 30 to 40 mph winds with 60 mph gusts possible. Winds will be even higher in the mountains. Blowing dust will be a concern, along with wildfire dangers. North Texas will also be windy Thursday. The southern coast may see some major offshore winds later this week.

Tuesday's high was 73 degrees, recorded at Laredo, Del Rio, Cotulla, and Wink. Dalhart recorded 19 degrees overnight, low for the state in Texas cities. Only traces of rain were recorded.

The West Texas forecast calls for clear skies for most of the week. Highs will be in the 60s for a few days, reach-

ing 70 or higher in many areas by Thursday. Winds for the next few days will be light to moderate. On Thursday however it will be extremely windy over the region. The far west will see sustained winds of 30 to 40 mph. The mountains will see 45 to 55 mph sustained winds, with gusts up to 70 mph. Winds elsewhere Thursday will be 20-30 mph, a little lighter in the south. Blowing dust will be a major concern along with wildfire dangers.

The Panhandle will see a slight chance of rain or snow Thursday night. Friday will be cooler over the region, mostly in the 60s, except for 40s in the Panhandle and 50s in the South Plains. The weekend will bring good weather with highs in the 50s and 60s.

In South Texas it will be mostly sunny this week, with partly cloudy skies Thursday. Highs will be in the 60s and 70s this week, generally warming daily through the week, with highs reaching the 80s in the south. A front will bring strong south winds on the southern coast on Thursday and Friday, possibly reaching gale force.

Inland winds will also be strong Thursday, generally 15 to 25 mph. The far eastern part of the region may see some showers Friday, otherwise no rain is expected this week. It will be cooler Saturday, highs in the 60s and low 70s.

North Texas will see good weather this week, highs mostly in the 60s, with 70 degree readings by Thursday in the west and central part of the region. Winds will be moderate early this week, but Thursday will be very windy, with 20-30 mph sustained winds over much of the north, and a little lighter in the south.

On Thursday night and Friday morning a slight chance of rain is forecast in the north. Friday and Saturday will be mostly sunny and cooler, with highs in the upper 50s and 60s.

Brucia's slaying bringing renewed attention to Amber Alert program

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — By the time an Amber Alert was issued for 11-year-old Carlie Brucia, a full day had passed since the moment she was led away by a dark-haired stranger in an abduction that was videotaped by a security camera.

The alert on Feb. 2 caught the public's attention and is being credited with helping lead detectives to a suspect, Joseph P. Smith. But Carlie's body was found several days later, and now the alert system is under scrutiny for the ways it is used and the timing of its implementation.

The new attention to the 7-year-old system comes at a time

when a national Amber Alert system is in the works and more police agencies are turning to alerts to find missing children.

While it is credited with helping rescue more than 120 children from kidnappers since 1996 — including Wednesday's kidnapping of month-old Jesse Peaster, who was found safe just hours he was taken from his home near Lincoln, Mo. — records show the use of the alert system has been haphazard.

Some police departments have been quick to issue alerts when a child isn't in danger, while other agencies such as Sarasota have been more conservative in their approach and not issued alerts

quickly, even when a child's life was at stake.

The Justice Department says time is of the essence in abductions, citing statistics that show three-quarters of the children killed by their kidnappers are slain within the first three hours of their disappearance.

Among the critics of the Amber Alert system is Marc Klaas, the father of Polly Klaas, who was kidnapped from her mother's California home and slain in 1993.

Klaas said most police agencies are too slow to issue Amber Alerts, for one thing because states must have each other's permission to broadcast cross-border Amber Alerts.

"Little girls are dying out there and somebody better be there speaking up for them," said Klaas, who owns a company that provides Amber Alert services in three states. "Maybe that is the legacy of Carlie Brucia. She can instruct kids for generations to come on how easy it is for an innocent child to be kidnapped."

The alert system, named for 9-year-old Amber Hagerman, who was kidnapped and killed in Arlington, Texas, is in use in 47 states. The three states that don't use it — Alaska, Hawaii and North Carolina — are close to implementing the system, said Deborah Daniels, the assistant U.S. attorney general overseeing the national alert program.

City Briefs

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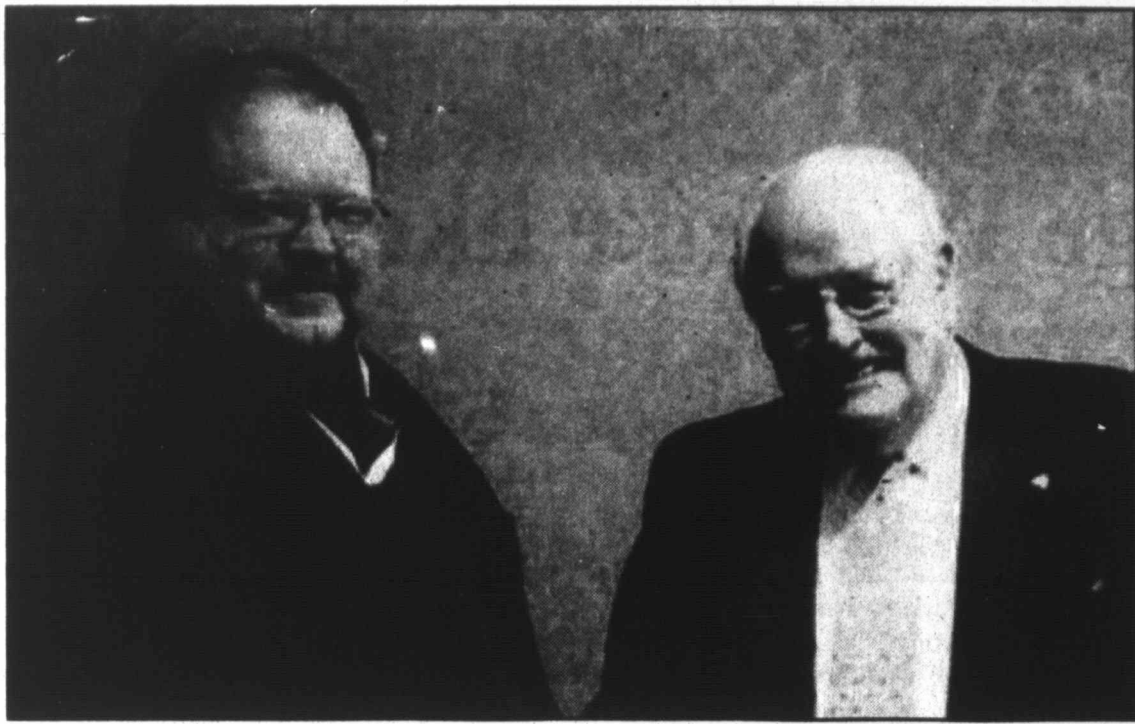
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(Courtesy photo)

David Scott with John Boyd, Chief Justice (ret.) of the Texas 7th Court of Appeals. Judge Boyd was the keynote speaker at Scott's Silver Beaver Award presentation.

Boy Scouts honor Scott with Silver Beaver Award

The Golden Spread Council of the Boy Scouts of America recently presented David Scott of Perryton with its Silver Beaver Award.

The Boy Scouts of America awards the Silver Beaver Award to men and women for distinguished service to Scouting. This award is made each year by the local council.

The award is made for noteworthy service of exceptional character to the community which includes service to the Boy Scouts of America and standing in the community covering business, professional, civic, religious, educational, fraternal, veterans, rural, and other fields exclusive of Scouting.

Scott and his wife Denyce have two sons. Daryk is an Eagle Scout and a member of Venture Crew 256, and Dalton is a First Class Scout with Troop 256 in Perryton. Scott serves as a priest at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Borger and St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Pampa. When not away preaching, Scott and family attend the First United Methodist Church, Perryton.

He is a lawyer practicing throughout the

panhandles of Texas and Oklahoma. The Scott Law Office is in Perryton. He received a bachelor of arts degree from McMurry University in 1980, and law degree from Texas Tech University in 1983. He is admitted to the Bar in Texas and Oklahoma. He has served as President of the Northwest Texas Panhandle Bar Association for 5 years. He is the past president of the Perryton Rotary Club and the Perryton Activity Center. He is currently a vice-president of the Perryton Lions Club. He is chairman-elect of the Ochiltree County Republican Party.

Scott served as assistant scoutmaster for eight years with Troop 256. He founded Venture Crew 256 for High School Scouts in Perryton. He currently serves as chairman of the Lone Wolf District with more than 600 scouts and is member of the Council Executive Board. He is the Council Spring Camp director at Camp M.K. Brown with more 450 scouts and volunteers in attendance. He has received both the Methodist and Episcopal scouting awards.

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RULES

Some areas with thin layers of saturated sands that hold the aquifer's water can change drastically in wet years or dry years, said Charles Bowers, president of the district's board.

John McKissack, the board member representing Potter County, said that in many respects the problems the board faces are a microcosm of what the State of Texas faces with a statewide water plan.

The aquifer is not uniform throughout the district, McKissack pointed out, and therefore it is difficult to make rules that will uniformly cover all situations within the district.

Some areas, like Roberts County, have thick layers of water-bearing sands. Other areas, most notably in Wheeler and Donley Counties, have thin layers.

Williams said that while the 1.25 percent annual decline rate protects the water, there

are other safeguards including well spacing, monitoring and a limit of about one acre-foot per year on what can be pumped.

The earlier proposed rule was based on a straight one percent per year decline, which would essentially allow all the water to be pumped from the aquifer over a 100-year period. Under the revised proposal, pumping in the early stages of development would be more liberal, while tightening up in the last half of the century.

Because the annual allowable decline would be on a rolling five-year average, the aquifer, in theory, would never run dry as opposed to the straight one percent per year for 100 years.

Bowers said the district will also review the rules every two years, or more often if there appears to be a problem.

The staff and board of directors have been working on the rule revision for two to

FBI chief: Terror war cooperation increases

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cooperation with the U.S. war on terrorism is improving in Arab and Muslim countries, particularly those hit by attacks by al-Qaida and its affiliates, FBI Director Robert Mueller said Tuesday.

Mueller told a group of foreign journalists that the FBI has seen cooperation rise "dramatically" in these countries, especially in investigations targeting the sources of terror financing.

"We have seen substantial increased assistance in addressing the financing of

terrorism throughout the Middle East," Mueller said in an appearance at the State Department's Foreign Press Center.

Mueller declined to name the countries, but deadly terror attacks have recently occurred in Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Morocco and elsewhere. Terrorists have struck foreign embassies in Iraq, including that of Jordan, and bombed United Nations offices in Baghdad.

Mueller said that despite the international gains made against al-Qaida, it remains a dangerous network with

affiliates or sympathizers in many parts of the world.

"They are a fragmented operation around the world about which all of us must be concerned," Mueller said.

Mueller also sought to assure Arabs and Muslims that the war on terror was not aimed at them for ethnic or religious reasons. He said that "99.9 percent" of Arab-Americans and Muslim-Americans are patriotic and oppose terrorists, and that the FBI is committed to investigating instances of hate crime or civil rights violations targeting them.

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SENATE

sands of dollars on ads to criticize Sadler's litigation against asbestos companies and to portray him as antimilitary for voting for an amendment that would have required soldiers overseas to fill out an additional form to vote in local elections.

Sadler, a Henderson lawyer, has rejected the criticisms and argued that the purpose of the bill was to make voting easier and protect against voter fraud.

Sadler has built his campaign on his experience writing landmark education reforms in the 1990s and his qualifications for dealing with the state's school finance crisis.

Elitfe, a Tyler real estate developer, touts a record of using the half-cent sales tax to improve streets and buildings while reducing the city's debt and slashing property taxes in half.

Elitfe has the muscle and political momentum of the

Republican Party behind him, with endorsements from not only Gov. Rick Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, but Ratliff, who had refused to endorse in the special election.

Ratliff's endorsement so late in the game surprised some, but Larry Carter, a political science professor at the University of Texas at Tyler, said the endorsement wasn't strong enough to sway the election.

"It wasn't an unqualified endorsement. He said he liked both of them, but I think he was just doing it for his party," Carter said. "It's more of a courtesy endorsement, rather than a heartfelt."

In West Texas, Kel Seliger, who served four terms as mayor of Amarillo, faces fellow Republican and Odessa businessman Kirk Edwards in District 31.

The winner will replace Bivins, who resigned after he was nominated by President Bush to serve as ambassador to Sweden. The winner will have to run again in the March primary and the November general election because Bivins' term expires this year.

Edwards, who hails from the southern half of the district dependent on oil and gas, was expected to outspend Seliger, from the agricultural northern half, about 3-to-1.

"Water is an issue, who's the authentic conservative is an issue," Kronberg said. "There's been a lot of talk about school finance but nobody's really putting ideas on the table."

Seliger has accused Edwards of using "slimy" polling tactics earlier in the race when a pollster called Amarillo residents and asked questions that implied Seliger supported Planned Parenthood and had raised funds for President Clinton, among other things.

Seliger denied any support of Planned Parenthood or Clinton and later released a booklet containing more than 100 pages of courthouse documents his camp says indicate Edwards' history of lawsuit abuse against farmers. Edwards rejected the allegations and pointed out that most of the lawsuits cited were brought against a company he no longer owns.

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BOARD

paid this year," Williams told the board, "and we've made a payment to the Water Development Board."

The board is expected to take up the discussion to apply for more funds at their March 24 meeting. The agricultural loans are made from a revolving fund from the state through the Water Development Board. Most of the \$3.5 million in loans made through this program by the PGWCD over the past 10 years have been for more efficient irrigation systems. Williams said they have not had any bad debt in the program.

The board approved a request from the Donley County Tax Appraiser's office to sell a lot in Sherwood Shores for \$949, the amount owed in back taxes.

Four drilling permits were approved. One was denied.

Three permits were approved for eight-inch irrigation wells in Donley County and a new well for a feedyard near Hedley that is expanding from 25,000 to 40,000 head capacity.

A request by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for an extension on a drilling permit for a 5-inch well in Donley County was denied. Bowers pointed out that the request for the 90-

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three years now.

Williams said that although the district is required by law to give a two-week comment period, the board decided to expand that to 30 days.

"We want to give everybody lots of time," Williams said.

The new rules can be viewed on the internet at www.panhandlegroundwater.org or at the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District office in White Deer.

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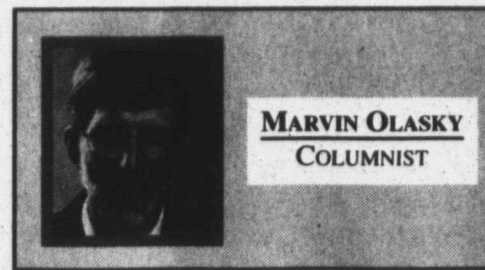
If George W. spoke like Lincoln

Feb. 12 is Lincoln's birthday, and in his honor I'd like to quote just a few of the things he said that would horrify secular liberal reporters today.

Let's start with his talk of reports of fighting coming in from Gettysburg in 1863: "everyone seemed panic-stricken," but Lincoln "got down on my knees before Almighty God and prayed. ... Soon a sweet comfort crept into my soul that God Almighty had taken the whole business into his hands."

Many journalists today might think that sentiment creepy, but would not strenuously object as long as Lincoln kept his religion personal and removed from public pronouncements or policy-making. Lincoln, though, did not compartmentalize. He proclaimed in 1863 that "by Divine law, nations like individuals are subjected to punishments and chastisement in the world," and called the Civil War "a punishment inflicted upon us for our presumptuous sins to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole people."

What if President Bush, like Lincoln, "complained of people who had become 'too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace'?" What if Bush, like Lincoln, spoke of how "we have forgotten the gracious Hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some

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COLUMNIST

superior wisdom and virtue of our own?"

It would be unlike Bush to talk about the deceitfulness of our hearts or the problems of feeling self-sufficient — he emphasizes uplift rather than critique — but if he did so he would be roundly criticized for mixing religion and politics.

Lincoln early and late mulled over God's relation to the Civil War. In 1862, he wrote a "Meditation on the Divine Will" not for public consumption but as a private attempt to think through what was beyond human understanding. "The will of God prevails," Lincoln wrote. "In great contests, each party claims to act in accordance with the will of God. Both may be, and one must be wrong, (for) God cannot be for and against the same thing at the same time.

Who was right? Lincoln wrote, "In the present civil war, it is quite possible that God's purpose is something different from the purpose of either party. ... I am almost ready to say this is probably true — that God wills the contest, and wills that it shall not end yet. By his mere quiet power, on the minds of the now contestants, He could have either

saved or destroyed the Union without a human contest. Yet the contest began. And having begun He could give the final victory to either side any day. Yet the contest proceeds."

By the time Lincoln gave his second inaugural address in 1865, he had decided that God's will was to punish the South, and the North that had profited from slavery as well: "Fondly do we hope — fervently do we pray — that this mighty scourge of war might speedily pass away. Yet if God wills that it continue, until all the wealth piled by the bond-man's 200 years of unrequited toil shall be sunk, and until every drop of blood drawn with the lash, shall be paid with another drawn with the sword, as was said 3,000 years ago so still it must be said, 'the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.'"

If President Bush ever spoke in such terms, he would be assailed in the press for basing policy on religious considerations. He'd probably be gawped at by a public used to hearing about private devotional activity but not thoughts about God's will in regard to great events.

Right now, most Americans don't blame Bush for talking about his beliefs at times — many Americans like that. But he could not speak now with the tragic sensibility of Lincoln. We have progressed so far that America of the 21st century is not ready for Lincoln.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We're going to need the well

To the editor:

Where are Senator Duncan and Representative Chisum sitting in regards to the Ogallala Aquifer's future - which, in case a reader might ponder, is the future of the Texas Panhandle? Did I read Duncan is going to open an office in these parts? That headline compares to Hillary choosing New York State to reside in. What has Senator Duncan done for the Panhandle? Someone in the know, help me! And speak up, Mr. Chisum. Are we Pampans going to be brushing our teeth with Red Deer Creek water in the near future? Where are you with the water issue? Hope you spit it out soon?

Elected officials of Pampa and Gray County, listen up. It's education time again. Here's the exam: Gray County sits next to Roberts County east and north, Gray County sits next to Carson and Hutchinson counties west and southwest. Potter County has water rights in Roberts and Carson counties. I don't recall about Hutchinson County. Mesa Water Inc. and landowners have the majority of water rights in Roberts County. What happens to the Ogallala Aquifer under Gray County when the big suck starts? Does it take a rocket scientist to figure the exam out? I guess in Pampa and Gray County it does - for when our elected officials finally get the answer correct, it will be too late to gargle. Folks, better keep Red Deer Creek free of trash, we'll need that water soon and, Freedom Museum, move out! Pampa will need that water well back!

Dennis Palmitier
Pampa

TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 17, the 48th day of 2004. There are 318 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One hundred years ago, on Feb. 17, 1904, Giacomo Puccini's opera "Madama Butterfly" was poorly received at its world premiere at La Scala in Milan, Italy. (Puccini revised his work, which went on to enjoy great success.)

On this date:

In 1801, the House of Representatives broke an electoral tie between Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr, electing Jefferson president; Burr became vice president.

In 1817, a street in Baltimore became the first to be lighted with gas from America's first gas company.

In 1865, Columbia, S.C., burned as the Confederates evacuated and Union forces moved in. (It's not known which side set the blaze.)

In 1897, the forerunner of the National PTA, the National Congress of Mothers, was founded in Washington.

In 1933, Newsweek was first published.

In 1947, the Voice of America began broadcasting to the Soviet Union.

In 1964, the Supreme Court ruled that congressional districts within each state had to be roughly equal in population.

In 1972, President Nixon departed on his historic trip to China.

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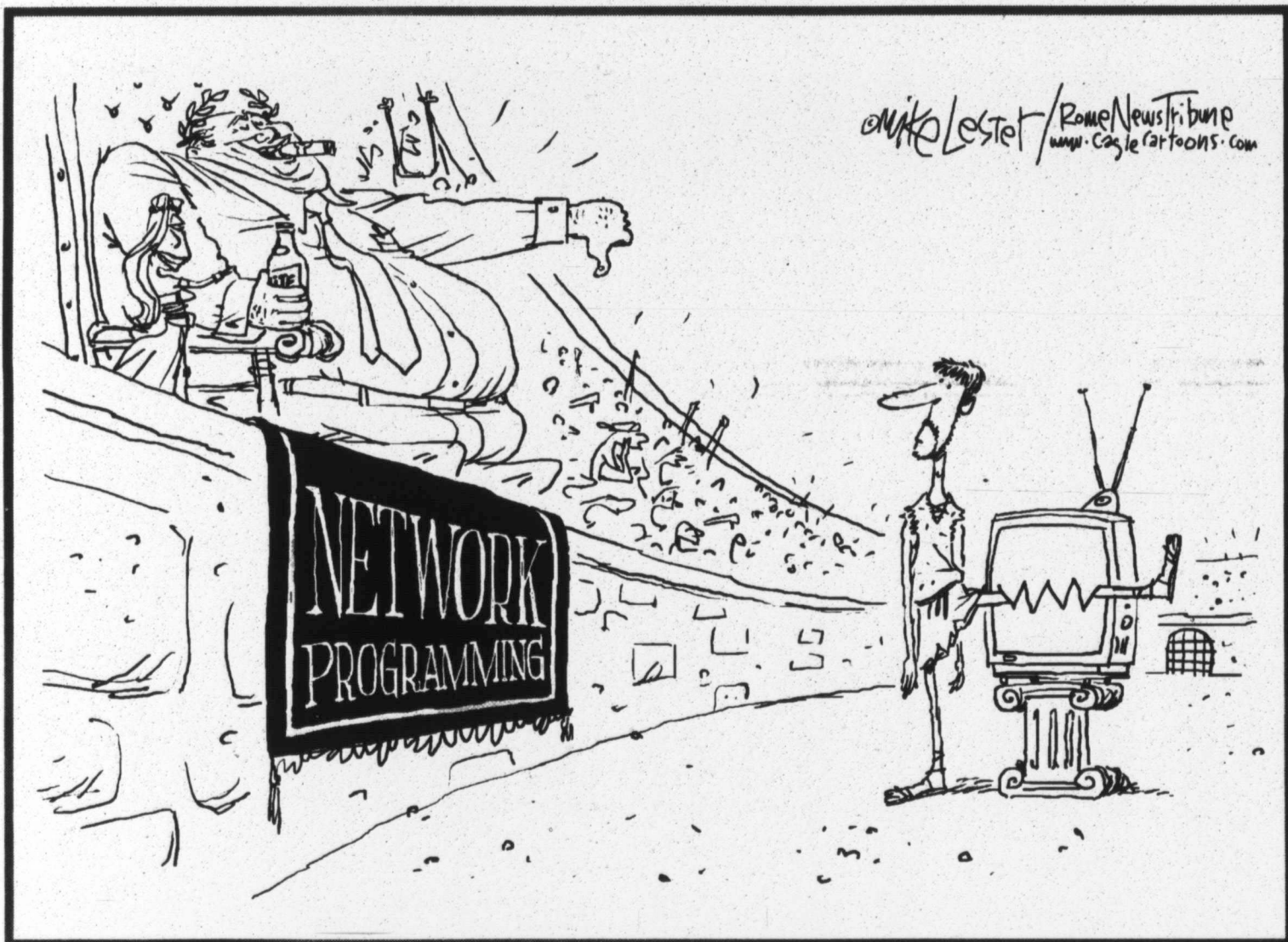
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It's all the Supreme Court's fault

Years ago, when the U.S. Supreme Court in effect legalized pornography, I predicted that the decision would result in the corruption of the whole culture. And so it has.

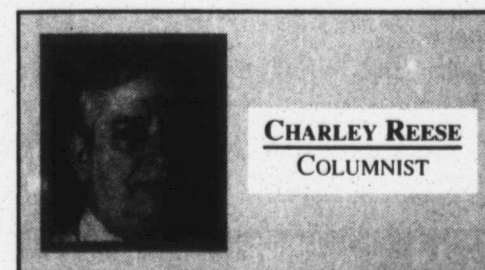
The reasoning is obvious. If pornography is legal, then everything short of pornography is also legal. As I wrote at the time, the problem would not be the porno shop in a sleazy part of town. The problem would be the profanity and vulgarity that would find its way into mainstream publications and entertainment.

So if you want to blame somebody for the Janet Jackson Super Bowl stunt, blame the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court is also responsible for the flagrant abuses of tabloid journalism, abuses that have leaked into the so-called mainstream press.

When I was a young reporter, there was only one defense against a charge of libel: the truth. Before you accused anyone of any wrongdoing, you had to have evidence that would stand up in court. Even if you "knew" the party was guilty, if you couldn't prove it, then you wrote nothing.

During the 1960s, however, the Supreme Court changed the rules. The so-called Sullivan rule set up two unequal classes of people: public figures and private people. The old rule, that the only defense against libel was the truth, still applied to private people. However, if you were a public figure, you had to prove not only that the

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libelous statement was false, but also that it was published with malice. Since malice is a state of mind, that is very difficult to do.

This one Supreme Court decision -- which has, like so many of the court's decision, no basis in the Constitution -- ushered in what I call the era of cheap-shot journalism. Now you could, if dealing with a public figure, print an accusation or an innuendo and then just shrug your shoulders and say, "Well, gee, I thought it was true."

This made it open season on celebrities and public officials. It is one reason, I believe, that it has become increasingly difficult to persuade decent and honest people to run for public office. They know their privacy can be invaded and that they can be pilloried by the press with no real recourse.

The ruling has also had a corrupting influence on journalism. Newspaper lawyers always claim that repeal of the Sullivan rule would have a "chilling effect" on journalists, but the truth is that the greatest examples of investigative reporting all occurred prior to the Sullivan rule. Since I worked in the pre-Sullivan era, I can tell you it had no

chilling effect on me, but it did make me a careful reporter. I did a good many so-called expose-type stories, but I never, ever wrote a story that relied on an "unnamed source."

A final bad court decision was the one-man, one-vote ruling. That was a clear violation of the spirit of the Constitution. The principle embodied in that document was one of checks and balances. The U.S. House is elected on the basis of population, but each state has two senators, regardless of its population.

Prior to the interference of federal courts, most states followed that principle, so that thinly populated rural areas could counterbalance the big cities. One-man, one-vote rule transferred political power directly to the cities and urban areas, and I believe that state government has suffered much as a result.

Our mistake was to ever allow courts to legislate using the flimsy excuse of interpretations of the Constitution and the law -- interpretations that are absurd. This legislating by the courts is what George Washington called usurpation of power, and he warned that it would have a destructive effect on the union.

A great many more impeachments would have a salutary effect on judges and justices with delusions of being superlegislators unanswerable to the people and anointed by God to run the whole country.

(Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802)

Weekly Writing Corner

Cutest Animal

The cutest animal in the world is the unicorn. It has a pink horn. It has beautiful fur. When I look at a unicorn, I think she is lovely.

*Shannon,
Kindergarten*

My bunny is the cutest animal in the world. I got him when I was depressed and he just hopped into my heart. He is cute, nice, sweet and loving. He is my honey bunny and I love him. He is the best animal in the whole wide world.

*Lisbet,
2nd Grade*

I think the cutest animal in the world is a Chihuahua because they can sit in your purse and you can dress them up. When I am 20, I'm going to have four.

*Anna,
3rd Grade*

The cutest animal in the world is a baby kangaroo. They are soft and cuddly and they like to play and hop. When they are born they are the size of a bumblebee but they can hop very fast.

*Kayleigh,
3rd Grade*

My favorite animal is a hamster. They make nice pets. They are so small that you can put them in your pocket. Some hamsters are different colors. My teacher has a hamster in the classroom that loves to climb up her cage.

*Angelica,
4th Grade*

The cutest animal in the world is a puppy. They are soft and cuddly and as playful as a kitten! Some have a cute bark when they need something. Anyone, young or old, can just sit for hours and be entertained by just watching a puppy explore its world. A puppy is cute because of its appearance and playfulness. Don't you agree?

*David,
4th Grade*

The cutest animal is a cheetah cub. When they are born, they look like a ball of yellow, black and brown fluff. They roll around and play with their brothers and sisters. When they sleep, they roll up like a ball.

*Ariana,
6th Grade*

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This Week: Pandas

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Ponder the Panda



What's black & white and loved by kids all over the world? Pandas, of course! Read on to learn about these gentle creatures.

Pandas in Peril

Can you imagine a world without pandas? Only about 1,000 giant pandas live in the wild today. They are in danger of becoming extinct — gone forever.

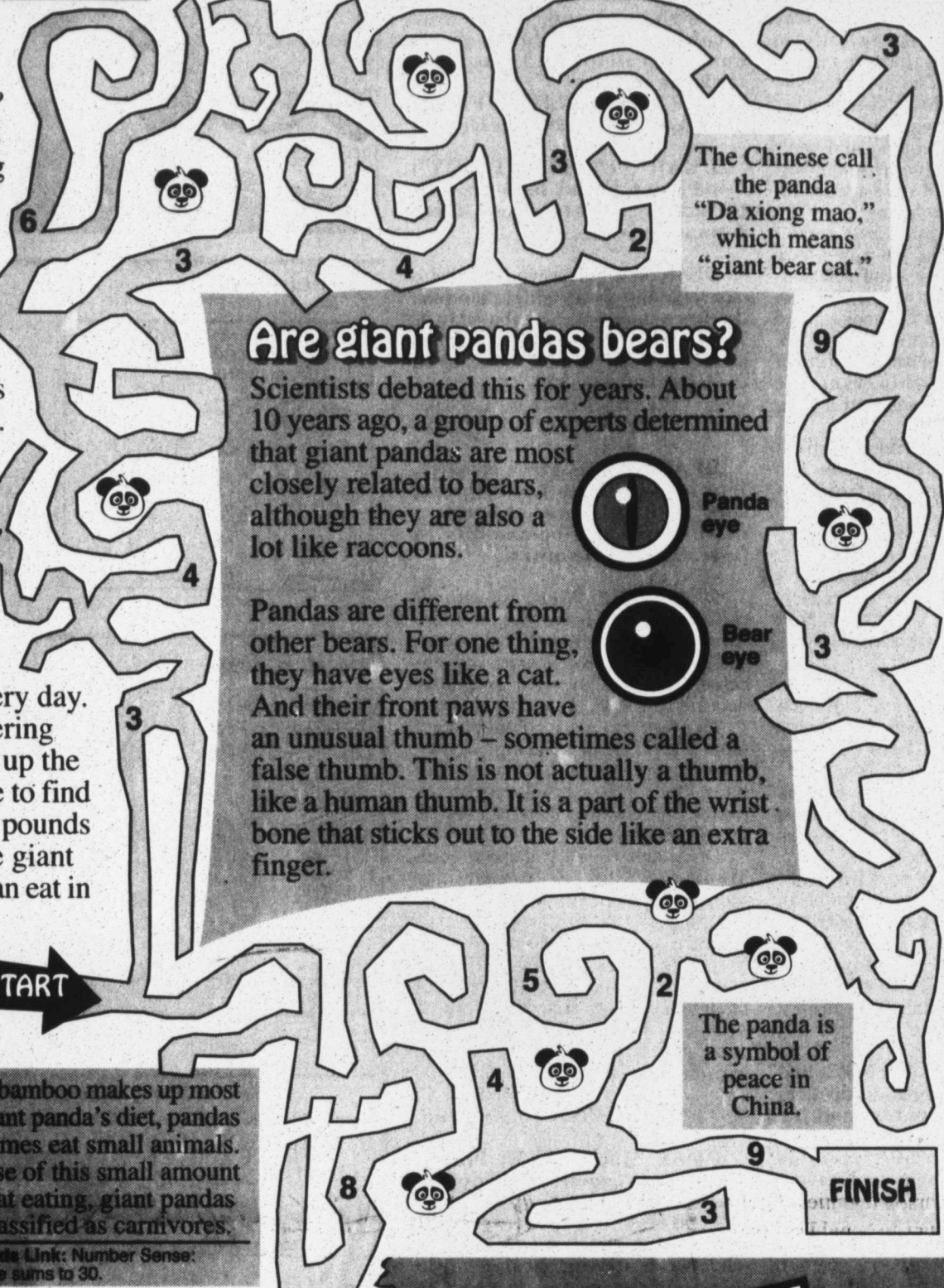
Giant pandas live in the Sichuan mountains of southwest China, where they feed on bamboo.

Pandas are losing their habitat. Giant pandas need forests with lots of bamboo to survive. These forests are rapidly disappearing as humans use them to meet their needs.

Standards Link: Life Science: Students know changes in the environment can be detrimental to organisms.

Pandas Munching

Giant pandas need to eat a lot of food every day. They eat day and night, constantly wandering through the forest eating and eating. Add up the numbers along the correct path of the maze to find out how many pounds of food one giant panda can eat in a day.

Are giant pandas bears?

Scientists debated this for years. About 10 years ago, a group of experts determined that giant pandas are most closely related to bears, although they are also a lot like raccoons.

Pandas are different from other bears. For one thing, they have eyes like a cat. And their front paws have an unusual thumb — sometimes called a false thumb. This is not actually a thumb, like a human thumb. It is a part of the wrist bone that sticks out to the side like an extra finger.

The Chinese call the panda "Da xiong mao," which means "giant bear cat."

The panda is a symbol of peace in China.

START **FINISH**

Pandas: Big and Small

The largest giant pandas can grow to be about 250 pounds. Ask five friends how much they weigh. Add up their weights. Does it equal 250 pounds?

Baby pandas are itty-bitty bears. They weigh only 4-6 ounces at birth (85-140 grams).

Did you know? A mother panda is about 800 times heavier than her baby. (If a human mother with a 7-pound baby weighed 800 times more, she would weigh 5,600 pounds. That's nearly 3 tons!)



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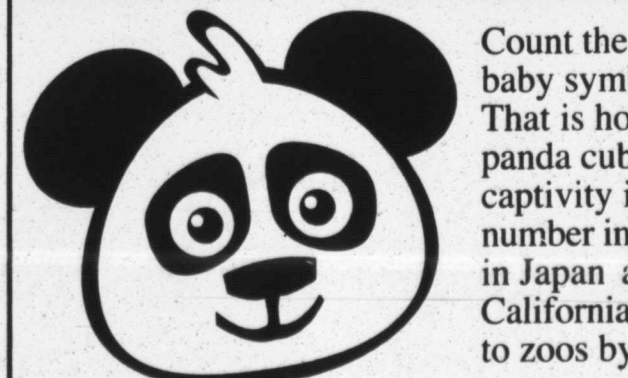
Invent a Creature

Look through the newspaper and cut out parts of different animals to create a new animal. Give your creature a name. Describe where your animal lives and what it eats.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write brief, expository descriptions.

Number the pandas in order from smallest to biggest.

Panda Babies



Count the number of panda baby symbols on this page. That is how many giant panda cubs were born in captivity in 2003. This number includes twins born in Japan and a cub born in California — to mothers lent to zoos by China.

About 140 giant pandas live in zoos and research centers worldwide. Threatened with extinction, these captive breeding programs are seen as hope for the panda's survival.

Standards Link: Life Science: Students know different animals inhabit different kinds of environments.

Panda Cams! To see pandas live on the Smithsonian's National Zoo and San Diego Zoo panda cams, go to www.kidscoop.com!

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.


BEYOND Kid Scoop

What's black and white and red all over?

Look at one page of today's newspaper and circle in red all the words you know that begin with the letter P.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

What do you get when you cross a teddy bear with a skunk?



ANSWER: Winnie the pooh!

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Teen Must Improve His Cast If He Hopes to Catch a Keeper

DEAR ABBY: You were far too easy on the ninth-grade boy who said: "Women are like fish. If you have the right bait, they are easy to lure in. Once you've sampled the goods, then you throw them back." He asked "what was up" with all the "unfortunate women and their out-of-wedlock pregnancies and bad relationships" and said that men don't have these problems.

What kind of male role model does that boy have? He appears to be headed for many brief relationships if he has the preconception that women are to be hooked and then let go. With that mind-set, he'll miss out on the love and stability of a healthy relationship when the "right fish" comes along and he has the wrong attitude.

He should look at the lake from the top instead of the bottom. The water is kinda murky from his vantage point.

HOOKED AND RELEASED BY CHOICE, CANTON, OHIO

DEAR H&R: You're right. Did that letter ever touch a nerve. I was inundated with mail. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have a hunch that boy has "sampled" some goods and "thrown them back" despite his claim that "he isn't like that." Girls who have out-of-wedlock pregnancies and bad relationships don't get that way by themselves. There are boys involved.

You should have told him that he's not as smart as he thinks he is, and to look for better role models for how to treat women.

P.S. Reminding him to always keep a "net" handy to cover his "fishing pole" wouldn't have been a bad idea either.

DEAR MARGARET: Not a bad suggestion. It might keep him from getting in over his head.

DEAR ABBY: My name is Kelsey. I live in Japan and have a few words for "Mr. Fisherman." Women are *not* like fish! Is it so wrong to actually trust a guy? By the sound of it, I think you are out there casting your hook as well. I hope you know where I hope it lands! Women are no more gullible

than any other human can be, and we are not stupid. I have had a couple of bad relationships, but I'm grateful for them. They made me smarter.

"LITTLE FISHY" IN NINTH GRADE

DEAR "LITTLE FISHY": Good point. It may take a couple of "strikes," but people learn from experience.

DEAR ABBY: For every bad relationship and every single mother, there is a man who contributed to it. Women use sex to get love. Men use love to get sex. Which seems to be the lesser of the evils?

TAKES TWO TO TANGO, VANCOUVER, WASH.

DEAR TAKES TWO: Neither. When people do *that* dance, they both get cheated because neither one is a commodity to be traded for the other.

DEAR ABBY: What's up with all these men who leave women after they impregnate them? They bolt at the sight of anything more complicated than Monday night football or hooting at a strip club.

Men are like dogs. If they smell food, they'll come panting. If they were smart enough to accomplish more than a few simple tricks for treats, there wouldn't be a need to write this letter.

Offended? Good! Not all women are like fish, hoping to catch bait their entire lives. Women are strong, ambitious, intelligent people. Not all men are dogs, either. Some men are loving, generous and intelligent enough to lead healthy, functional lives supporting their partners as equals. Unfortunately, "Fisherman" is too juvenile to see this. By the way, I'm also in ninth grade.

MICHELLE S., MENLO PARK, CALIF.

DEAR MICHELLE: Thank you for an excellent response. You have a good head on your shoulders. I hope my male readers understand that girls who have strong, active male role models in their lives are less likely to take the bait when it's offered.

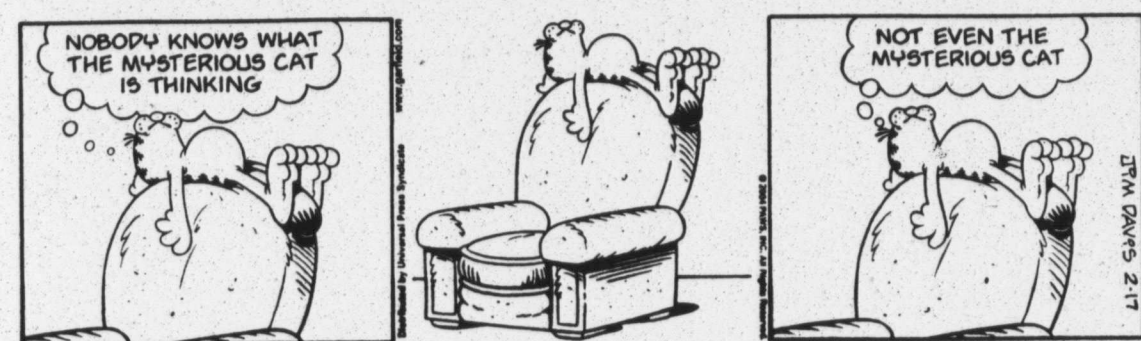
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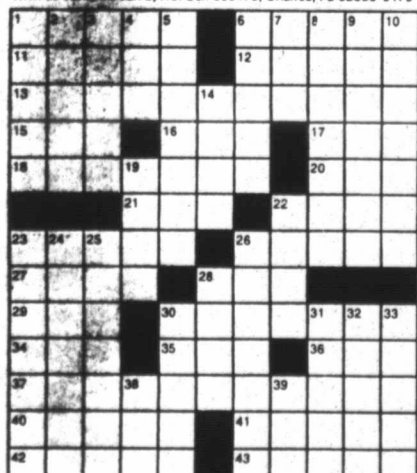
Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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15 "Kill Bill" star
16 Hit letters
17 Banned pesticide
18 Carpet type
20 Ruby of movies
21 Like jazz cats
22 Cinema
23 Dogpatch boy
26 Turner and Wood
27 Ancient France
28 Hamelin pest
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30 Slacken
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Big 12 coaches disagree with NCAA president

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — NCAA president Myles Brand's recent assertion that "college sports is not a business" drew just the kind of response one would expect from Texas Tech coach Bob Knight.

"If it isn't a business, then General Motors is a charity," Knight said Monday.

Speaking on the Big 12 coaches' weekly teleconference with reporters, Knight and several other Big 12 coaches countered Brand's comment by pointing out the multibillion-dollar contract the NCAA has with CBS to broadcast its men's basketball tournament, as well as pressures that coaches face year after year to win.

"College sports has turned into one of the biggest busi-

nesses in the whole sports industry," Knight said.

"I use the word industry because that's what sport is. Sports just doesn't provide entertainment. It provides thousands and thousands of jobs. Those salaries have to be paid for. It takes people who are extremely good business people to run a college athletic program."

Brand made the comment last week at an ethics conference after calling for a task force to re-examine NCAA recruiting rules.

"College sports is not a business," Brand said. "It's about educating young men and women in the field and in the classroom."

Kansas' Bill Self wondered why so many coaches get fired for losing "if it's not a

business."

"It is big business," Self said. "Certainly, I think the NCAA has done a lot of things that have been driven by money and sponsors and things like that."

Texas A&M's Melvin Watkins said the demands placed on the young athletes remind him of something that would be considered businesslike.

"I don't know the context of how he said it. But it's definitely a business, and it's big business from my point of view," Watkins said. "The demands we put on these kids, their time, things they have to do on and off the court. It is a business, and it's run that way by the athletic departments."

Oklahoma State's Eddie

Sutton said college sports should be considered at least "a small business."

"It's the front porch of any university," he said. "When teams have success, enrollment goes up. Every day, athletic teams get more publicity than anything that happens in academic areas. I would think that anyone who understands intercollegiate athletics would have to think it's certainly at least a small business."

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Voters are going to have some tough choices to make when they fill out their All-Big 12 ballots in a couple of weeks. As of now, Oklahoma State point guard John Lucas and Texas Tech's Andre Emmett, the league's top scorer, would probably be

considered the front-runners for player of the year.

Knight knows who he would choose.

"John Lucas in my mind is the MVP in the Big 12 ... because of his on-the-floor leadership," Knight said. "There is no kid in this league. I would rather watch play at this moment than John Lucas."

In a year when the conference is loaded with first-year talent, picking the Big 12's newcomer of the year won't be any easier. Among the top candidates are Iowa State's Curtis Stinson, Oklahoma's Drew Lavender and Texas' P.J. Tucker.

Stinson leads all freshmen with at 15.2 points per game, and had 18 points and 10 assists in Saturday's upset of then-No. 11 Texas.

Shockers claim Little Dribblers Tournament

The Pampa Shockers won the championship at the Fort Elliott Little Dribblers Tournament last weekend with three solid victories. It was the second straight tournament title for the Shockers, who are coached by Ken and Marv Collins.

The Dribblers tipped off with a 34-5 win over the Wheeler Stangs fourth-graders. They followed with a physical, well-fought 10-9 win over the Berger Jayhawks.

Pampa defeated McLean 36-6 in the finals. The Shockers are made up of 10-year-old players.

Shockers' individual statistics from the three tournament games at Fort Elliott are as follows:

Name	Points	Assists	Steals	Rebounds
Reid Miller	20	6	6	6
Shane Smith	16	1	3	20
Latigo Collins	14	8	7	7
Cole Engle	8	4	5	4
Laketon Harris	6	1	1	0
Taylor Kennedy	6	0	2	2



Shockers: From left, Laketon Harris, Cole Engle, Latigo Collins, Reid Miller, Shane Smith, Taylor Kennedy and Landon Powell.

Unbeaten Stanford replaces Duke at No. 1

By JIM O'CONNELL
AP Basketball Writer

The last two unbeaten teams are 1-2 in the rankings.

Stanford replaced Duke at No. 1 in The Associated Press men's college basketball poll Monday, and Saint Joseph's moved up to No. 2 for the first time in nearly 40 years.

The Cardinal and the Hawks, the only undefeated teams in Division I, each rose one spot after Duke (21-2) lost to North Carolina State 78-74 Sunday night.

That ended the Blue Devils' 18-game winning streak and their four-week stay at No. 1.

This is the third season in which Stanford (21-0) has

reached No. 1, after five weeks in 1999-00 and seven weeks in 2000-01.

"It lets us know that we're working hard, and people are respecting us, and we're doing something right," Stanford junior forward Josh Childress said Monday.

He and his teammates weren't fazed when Duke was voted higher than Stanford even though the Blue Devils had lost.

"Coming into the season, Duke was ranked ahead of us, and they always were, so it was natural for them to take it. It didn't bother us," Childress said. "We kept playing hard and working hard, and that's paying off."

Stanford received 64 first-place votes and 1,791 points

from the national media panel. The Cardinal beat California 69-58 in their only game last week and are the fifth team to top the poll this season.

The other schools with appearances at No. 1 were Connecticut (eight weeks), Kansas (one week) and Florida (one week). The Gators dropped out of the Top 25 completely Monday.

Saint Joseph's (22-0) received the other eight first-place votes and 1,721 points to match the highest ranking in school history. The Hawks, who beat Dayton and Rhode Island last week, were ranked No. 2 for two weeks in 1965-66.

After No. 3 Duke, Mississippi State (21-1) moved up two spots

to fourth, matching the Bulldogs' highest ranking since the final poll of the 1961-62 season.

Pittsburgh, which lost to Seton Hall in double overtime and then beat Connecticut in a showdown for first place in the

Big East, dropped one place to fifth.

Gonzaga moved from seventh to sixth, tying its highest ranking: The Bulldogs were No. 6 for the last two polls of 2001-02.

City of Pampa

Winter 4 v 4 Volleyball League Standings

(Results as of Feb. 13)

Men's Open	Wins	Losses
Team Green	4	1
Mike & Josh	3	2
A.S.S.I.	3	2
Domino's	0	5
Women's Open	Wins	Losses
Sheila Webb Insurance	3	0
Winborne Mfg.	2	1
Innovative Staffing Solutions	1	2
Goldcraft Jewelers	0	3

Stars defeated by Ducks

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Another gutsy effort by Marty Turco couldn't stop the Anaheim Mighty Ducks.

Playing in his franchise-record 32nd consecutive game, and 12th straight after a shot in practice broke his left foot, Turco made 22 saves Monday night for Dallas and showed no signs of the injury.

But Sergei Fedorov and Petr Sykora scored 19 seconds apart early in the second period. Jean-Sebastien Giguere stopped 36 shots and Mike Leclerc scored into an empty net in the final minute to lead Anaheim over the Stars 3-1.

Turco, whose 1.72 goals-against average last season was the lowest by any NHL goalie since World War II, is 7-3-2 with two shutouts since the injury. He also stopped nine of 10 shots during the first period of the All-Star game.

"When the game's on, it's not a problem," Turco said. "You saw me tonight, starting behind the net and skating to the bench. It hasn't really been an issue for me, and it wasn't again tonight. And the

less I talk about it, the better."

The Stars have used Turco in all but two games. The four-year veteran already has eclipsed the total number of minutes he played last season, when he missed 18 games with a sprained right ankle.

Turco can break Grant Fuhr's record of 79 games played if he appears in each of Dallas' final 23. He could also shatter the league mark of 4,511 minutes that Marc Denis set last season with Columbus.

"That broken foot is a non-factor. It's been a non-factor since it happened," coach Dave Tippett said. "It's nothing that's kept him out of a practice, out of a game, out of the All-Star game, nothing. He's been very solid for us for the last three months now."

Turco couldn't be faulted on the goal by Fedorov, who was credited with his 20th of the season when his attempted cross-ice pass to Sykora caromed in off defenseman Teppo Numminen's skate at 3:18 of the second period — just eight seconds after Dallas' Rob DiMaio was sent off for high-sticking.

Harvester Hoops Spot-light



Clayton Hall is a junior on the Pampa Harvesters' basketball team this season. His parents are Kitty and Terry Hall, above. Besides basketball, Clayton also enjoys hunting.

Boosters to meet

PAMPA — There will be a Lady Harvester Basketball Booster Club meeting on Monday, Feb. 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the PHS cafeteria. All parents are encouraged to attend.

Plans will be made for the banquet.

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NOTEBOOK

BASEBALL

PAMPA — Harvester Baseball Booster Club will meet at 7 Thursday night in the Ready Room at the PHS Athletic Fieldhouse.

Plans will be finalized for the upcoming fund-raiser. All baseball parents are urged to attend.

HOUSTON (AP) — Hall of Fame pitcher Nolan Ryan has agreed to a personal services contract with the Houston Astros, according to a broadcast report Monday night.

Ryan, who pitched for the Astros from 1980-1988, agreed to a five-year contract with the team after meeting with Astros owner Drayton McLane Jr. in Temple on Monday, Houston television station KRIV reported, quoting Major League baseball sources.

A woman answering the phone in the team's media relations office, who declined to give her name, told The Associated Press she could not confirm the report.

Astros general manager Gerry Hunsicker said Feb. 10 that Ryan and McLane have had several conversations about a possible position with the organization.

Ryan ended his formal relationship with the Rangers a week ago by deciding not to sign a new personal services contract.

Ryan owns the Round Rock Express, which is the Astros' Double-A team.

SOCCER

PAMPA — Pampa opened the District 3-4A season with a 2-0 loss to Canyon in girls' activity Monday.

Canyon goals were scored by Nicole Lopez and Kelsey McCoy. Both goals were scored in the second half.

The Lady Harvesters are scheduled to compete Friday at Dick Bivins Stadium against Caprock.

In other district action Monday, Randall shut out Berger 4-0.

FOOTBALL

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Maurice Clarett has hired an agent, ending any possibility that the running back would return to college next season.

Clarett's attorney, Alan Milstein, said that the former Ohio State star was working with an agent in preparation for this week's NFL combine in Indianapolis, a move that would make him ineligible under NCAA rules. Milstein would not identify the agent.

On Feb. 5, U.S. District Judge Shira A. Scheindlin ruled that an NFL rule barring eligibility to Clarett and other underclassmen from April's draft violates antitrust law.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Carolina offensive guard Kevin Donnalley retired, ending his 13-season career with a Super Bowl appearance.

Donnalley, who went to high school in Raleigh and college at North Carolina. He began his pro career in Houston in 1991 and played six years with the Oilers before moving with the franchise to Tennessee in 1997. He also played for Miami.

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SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL				
Monday's College Basketball				
Major Scores				
By The Associated Press				
EAST				
Boston College	67	Seton Hall	63	
Cent. Connecticut St.	84	Quinnipiac	58	
Delaware	62	N.C.-Wilmington	61	
Fairfield	70	Niagara	65	
Fairleigh Dickinson	71	Wagner	58	
Notre Dame	84	Syracuse	72	
Rider	66	Canisius	63	
Sacred Heart	70	Monmouth, N.J.	63	
SOUTH				
Alcorn St.	66	Ark.-Pine Bluff	62	
Charleston Southern	64	VMI	49	
Chattanooga	62	Elon	57	
Coppin St.	70	Howard	63	
ETSU	73	The Citadel	51	
Furman	72	W. Carolina	63	
Hampton	80	Bethune-Cookman	58	
High Point	63	Birmingham-Southern	62	
MVUSU	73	Southern U.	70	
Md.-Eastern Shore	64	S. Carolina St.	61	
Morgan St.	64	Delaware St.	60	
Norfolk St.	63	Florida A&M	62	
Radford	84	Coastal Carolina	75	
Savannah St.	77	Alabama A&M	69	
MIDWEST				
Florida Gulf Coast	81	E. Illinois	72	
Miami (Ohio)	62	Ball St.	55	
SOUTHWEST				
Arkansas St.	82	Fla. International	57	
Grambling St.	80	Prairie View	61	
Oklahoma St.	65	Oklahoma	52	
Texas Southern	68	Jackson St.	61	
Texas-Pan American	37	Air Force	35	
FAR WEST				
BYU	79	Colorado St.	73	
Wyoming	74	Utah	65	
National Basketball Association				
At A Glance				
By The Associated Press				
All Times EST				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	31	20	.608	—
New York	25	29	.463	7 1/2
Boston	23	31	.426	9 1/2
Philadelphia	22	31	.415	10
Miami	22	32	.407	10 1/2
Washington	16	34	.320	14 1/2
Orlando	13	41	.241	19 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	39	14	.736	—
Detroit	33	21	.611	6 1/2
New Orleans	28	24	.538	10 1/2
Milwaukee	27	24	.529	11
Toronto	25	26	.490	13
Cleveland	20	33	.377	19
Atlanta	18	35	.340	21
Chicago	15	38	.283	24
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	37	15	.712	—
San Antonio	35	18	.660	2 1/2
Dallas	33	19	.635	4
Houston	30	22	.577	7
Memphis	30	22	.577	7
Denver	31	23	.574	7
Utah	26	27	.491	11 1/2
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	37	13	.740	—
L.A. Lakers	31	19	.620	6
Seattle	25	27	.481	13
Portland	24	27	.471	13 1/2
Golden State	23	28	.451	14 1/2
L.A. Clippers	22	29	.431	15 1/2
Phoenix	18	37	.327	21 1/2

Portland at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m. Wednesday's Games			
Utah at Orlando, 7 p.m.			
Dallas at Cleveland, 7 p.m.			
San Antonio at Toronto, 7 p.m.			
Milwaukee at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.			
Atlanta at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.			
Washington at New Orleans, 8 p.m.			
L.A. Clippers at Portland, 10 p.m.			
L.A. Lakers at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.			

HOCKEY						
National Hockey League						
At A Glance						
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EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Atlantic Division						
	W	L	T	OT	Pts	GFGA
Philadelphia	31	13	11	5	78	172132
New Jersey	30	16	10	1	71	132110
N.Y. Islanders	27	21	8	2	64	164143
N.Y. Rangers	21	27	7	4	53	150170
Pittsburgh	11	39	5	4	31	119229
Northeast Division						
	W	L	T	OT	Pts	GFGA
Toronto	32	15	9	3	76	172146
Ottawa	32	15	7	4	75	195126
Boston	28	14	11	6	73	151136
Montreal	28	23	6	2	64	145135
Buffalo	27	26	5	1	60	155151
Southeast Division						
	W	L	T	OT	Pts	GFGA
Tampa Bay	30	17	7	3	70	159128
Florida	20	25	11	3	54	132158
Atlanta	22	30	6	2	52	159188
Carolina	18	27	11	2	49	112146
Washington	18	32	6	2	44	138181
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central Division						
	W	L	T	OT	Pts	GFGA
Detroit	33	16	8	2	76	189139
St. Louis	28	22	7	1	64	137145
Nashville	27	22	7	2	63	141155
Columbus	17	29	8	4	46	121163
Chicago	16	30	7	5	44	132170
Northwest Division						
	W	L	T	OT	Pts	GFGA
Colorado	32	12	10	4	78	177127
Vancouver	32	18	7	3	74	173136
Calgary	30	20	5	3	68	144129
Minnesota	20	22	15	2	57	128130
Edmonton	23	26	9	1	56	149152
Pacific Division						
	W	L	T	OT	Pts	GF GA
San Jose	28	15	11	5	72	148 120
Los Angeles	22	16	14	7	65	156 155
Dallas	27	22	10	0	64	125 132
Anaheim	20	24	8	7	55	130 155
Phoenix	19	22	14	3	55	146 164

Pampa gymnasts compete at Clinton, local invitational meets

Gymnastics of Pampa team members recently competed in an Invitational Meet at Olympic Gold Gymnastics in Clinton, Okla.

Davis; 4. Megan Sims. **Level 2, 4-5 year olds** — 1. Kade Hood; 2. Jacey Montgomery; 3. Karston Harrison; 4. Stefan Alexander.

Results are as follows: **Level 6, Age 9** — MaKayla Hampton, vault, second place; bars, second place; beam, second place; floor, second place, all-around, second place.

Level 3, Group A — 1. Heather Coffey; 2. Cassidy Terry; 3. Taylin Neff; 4. Allison Leigh. **Level 3, Group B** — 1. Shelby Langley; 2. Ally Roberson.

Level 5, age 9-11 — McKinlee Stokes, vault, sixth place; bars, fourth place; beam, fourth place; floor, seventh place; all-around, seventh place;

Level 3, Boys Division — 1. Brandon Carroll; 2. Duy Nguyen. **Level 4** — 1. Aaron Allen; 2. Shannon Leigh; 3. Rachel Andrews.

Level 4, 9 year olds — Robin Doan, vault, 10th place; bars, eighth place; all-around, 15th place.

Level 5 — 1. Alex Romero; 2. Chelsea Whitney.

Level 4, 10-11 year olds — Karami Rice, bars, eighth place; beam, ninth place; floor, eighth place; all-around, eighth place; Kaylene Wyant, vault, 10th place; bars, ninth place; beam, eighth place; all-around, ninth place.

Recreation All-Around Meet participants were as follows: **Level 2** — Brooke Woelfle, Kenzie Griffin, Molly Andorfer, Marlee Youree, Brianna Wadsworth, Bennett Cambern, Tori Robles, Allison Noble, Kirsten Hood, Emily Frost and Emily DeLoach.

Gymnastics of Pampa students recently participated in a Tumbling Meet and Recreational All-Around Meet in their gymnasium.

Level 3 — Chelsie Griffin, Macie Loggins. **Level 4** — Nakayla Hardman, Danielle Sims, Callie Folmer, Kelsey Bradley and Dakota Matlock.

Results are as follows for the Tumbling Meet: **Level 1, 3 year olds** — 1. Brennan Brodgin; 2. Chaney McCuiston; 3. Darcy

Recreation Meet participants competed on vault, bars, beam and floor exercise.

A-Rod moving to biggest stage in town

NEW YORK (AP) — Alex Rodriguez left New York a child, returned as a celebrity and hopes to leave as a champion. A-Rod is moving onto the biggest stage in town, Yankee Stadium, where he's expected to help New York win the World Series for the first time since 2000.

Alfonso Soriano and a minor league player to be named, but it will still have to pay \$67 million of the \$179 million Rodriguez is owed over the remainder of his deal. Steinbrenner and Yankees general manager Brian Cashman personally assured Jeter that he would keep his position and that Rodriguez would switch to third — where his only major league experience is one inning during an All-Star game.

"I'm pretty excited. This is a big, big one," Yankees owner George Steinbrenner said after commissioner Bud Selig approved the record-setting swap with the Texas Rangers. "It ranks with when we signed Reggie," he said, referring to slugger Reggie Jackson, who became a Yankee after the 1976 season.

Former Yankees fan and former mayor Rudolph Giuliani couldn't agree more. "It's great for the city. He's returning home," he told The Associated Press. "This could be another variation of Maris-Mantle, Jackson-Munson, Gehrig-Ruth."

Rodriguez, the first reigning MVP to be traded, was to be introduced Tuesday at Yankee Stadium, where the sign board outside proclaimed: "A Rod, Welcome to NY."

Texas Tech begins drive for season football tickets

Coming up from Florida to attend were manager Joe Torre, who will miss the opening of the team's spring training camp, and Yankees captain Derek Jeter, who will keep his shortstop job. The 28-year-old Rodriguez, a seven-time All-Star, will shift to third base to fill the hole left when Aaron Boone wrecked a knee last month. Texas gets second baseman

LUBBOCK — Season ticket renewals for the 2004 Texas Tech football season are beginning this week, and the school is also accepting first-time reservations to be put on a priority list when season tickets going on sale April 20, Tech officials announced. Tech is offering four season-ticket packages: \$99 (no option required) for sections 116-122, \$150 (no option required, total cost \$270) for sections 3, 7, 103 and 107, and \$195, which are donor-based seating areas. Tickets can be renewed and reservations can be made online at www.texastech.com or by calling the Tech ticket office at 1-88-GO-BIG-12. Tech's six-game home schedule next year includes four teams ranked in the top 25 during the 2003 season — TCU, Nebraska, Texas and Oklahoma State.

Oklahoma State routs Sooners

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Ivan McFarlin almost made every shot he took for Oklahoma State. Meanwhile, Oklahoma had its worst offensive performance in more than four years. The difference between the nation's top shooting team and the Big 12's worst was clearly evident Monday night in No. 7 Oklahoma State's 65-52 victory. McFarlin finished 10-for-12 from the field and scored 21 points to lead the Cowboys, who shot 26-for-47, to their first season sweep of Oklahoma in six years. "My shots were just falling," McFarlin said. "I was there at the right time to put the buckets in." The Cowboys (20-2, 10-1 Big 12) won their 10th straight game and remained on track to secure their first outright conference title since winning the then-Big Eight in 1965. Oklahoma State extended its first-place lead in the Big 12 to 1 1/2 games over Texas in the only game Monday night involving ranked teams. The Sooners (16-6, 6-5) shot just 17-for-55 from the field and lost at home for only the third time in 51 games. They were forced into their worst shooting performance at the Lloyd Noble Center since a 72-57 loss to Cincinnati on Dec. 12, 1999. "We just played bad tonight," said forward Jabahri Brown, who led the Sooners with 16 points.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004:

Investigate and be open to different styles. You are unusually creative and dynamic, which hopefully flows into your life and work. If you are in some branch of the arts, your work will hit a new level. Sometimes others find you unusually me-oriented, and, as a result, people in your life become unusually angry or frustrated. Speak your mind and allow others to share in your ideas. Use a strategy. It might be smart to let someone else think that your idea is his or her idea. If you are single, you are unusually attractive and draw many, especially if you express an innate softness. You will have your pick of partners. If you are attached, your relationship will flourish as long as you make a conscious effort to be more giving. AQUARIUS is a soul mate.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You... every side comes out, especially if you feel that a friend or associate isn't being true to you. Extremes mark your actions, especially regarding friendship, money and love. You might be a bit confused about what needs to be done. Tonight: A friendship demands your attention.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Take the lead and gain an understanding about a boss and what he or she really wants. You could be surprised. Your ability to understand a superior and his or her ideas makes you instrumental, but could create additional responsibilities for you. Tonight: A late dinner.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) What you feel might not be so, especially if you choose to take an overview. Understanding comes when you walk in another's shoes. Talk to a friend in order to gain a new perspective. Realize how ethereal your thinking might seem to others. Dress your ideas in concrete images and words. Tonight: Follow the music.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Sometimes you don't see things the same way others do. Brainstorm, but do expect a difference of opinion. Listen more, and you'll gain as a result. A boss appreciates your efforts. An associate or partner adores you and lets you know it. Tonight: Have fun with a loved one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Allow others to present more of what they want before jumping in with your opinion. You find one particular person stubborn, while another could be in never-never land. Look toward positive changes by diplomatically presenting other ideas. Work as a team. Tonight: Say "yes."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Pace yourself carefully, and you'll gain as a result. You might try hard to see a situation differently. Express yourself so that someone can understand your great idea. You might long for a more meaningful job. Think about what you need to do in order to add that quality of depth to your work. Tonight: Easy does it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Extremes mark your life and partnerships. How you see someone could change dramatically. Let go of a point of view and allow someone close to present his or her opinions. You feel inspired by a child or a friendship. Tonight: Take some time off.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Stay close to home. You might want to see something in a new light, especially when you see someone lose his or her temper or forcibly verbalize his or her feelings. Extremes touch you on a deep level. Use your imagination. Tonight: Entertain at home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Reach out for others; don't sit on your duff. You'll gain as a result, and others will come toward you. Your intuition homes in on a difficult associate or person in your life. Help others express more of their ideas. Tonight: Out and about.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Expenses easily could get out of control if you're not careful. Experiment with different ideas or investments without making a commitment or taking a risk yet. You will be a lot happier as a result. Tonight: Think through a new purchase, please.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) A partner or family member could be a bit out of sorts. You might let it go for now and deal with the issue later. Talk to others and reach out to a loved one or a special friend who might have the winter blahs. Tonight: Ask, and you shall receive.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Know when to pull back and say little. Now is an excellent time to do just that. You might want to carefully write down your ideas that surround a personal venture. Test them out on a trusted friend. Tonight: Get some extra sleep.

BORN TODAY Actor John Travolta (1954), artist, musician Yoko Ono (1933), actor Matt Dillon (1964)

Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at <http://www.jacquelinebigar.com>.

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

2-17 **CRYPTOQUOTE**

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1 Public Notice

**PUBLIC SALE NOTICE
DATE OF SALE**

FEBRUARY 18, 2004
PLACE: 210 E. BROWN
PAMPA, TX.
TIME: 10 A.M.-3 P.M.
Be advised that the vehicles listed below have been accepted for storage in accordance with the provisions of the Vehicle Storage Facility Act (V.C.S., 6687-9A). This vehicle was towed in Pampa, Texas by the authority of the Gray County Law Enforcement. This letter is to inform you that these vehicles are presently being stored at MA'S AUTO TOWING & RECOVERY, 210 E. BROWN, PAMPA, TEXAS 79065. If the lien holders of this vehicle fail to pay the charges accumulated from the date the vehicle was placed in storage, vehicle will be deemed abandoned and will be sold for charges incurred by the storage facility.
List:
1979 CHEVYVIN# FH41K9G144709
1994 PLYM VIN# 3P3AP28K2RT244265
1982 JEEP VIN# 1JCN1A15N5CT040525
1977 DODGE VIN# WH41G7A214348
1986 DODGE VIN# 1B7FD14TXGS100114
D-98 Feb. 16, 17, 2004

5 Special Notices

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10 Lost/Found

FOUND 2 males-Terrier cross (8-10 wks. old), & Lab cross (6-8 mo. old). Gray Co. Vet 665-7197.

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DRAIN Troubles?? THIRIFT drain cleaner is the best on the market! Chief Plastics, 1237 S. Barnes, Pampa, 665-6716 or toll free 800-649-6716 V/MC/Disc/AmEx/Debit List:
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21 Help Wanted

NOTICE
Readers are urged to fully investigate advertisements which require payment in advance for information, services or goods.
EXP. Oil Field Tank Truck Drivers w/ current Class A CDL. Competitive pay and benefits. Interview at Hwy. 60 & 83 South, Canadian, Tx. at G.P. Guinn, Inc. or call Tonnie 806-273-2362.

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50 Building Suppl.

White House Lumber 101 S. Ballard 669-3291
HOUSTON LUMBER 420 W. Foster 669-6881
54 Farm Equip. 14X20 portable barn, Slight freight damage. Has 9x7 ohd/ 2016 window/side door. Cheap. 358-9597.

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TRUCK Driver needed. Must have current CDL, pass drug test, DOT physical, have good driving record. Apply in person 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Bourland & Levech Supply, Hwy. 152 West, Pampa.

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69 Misc.

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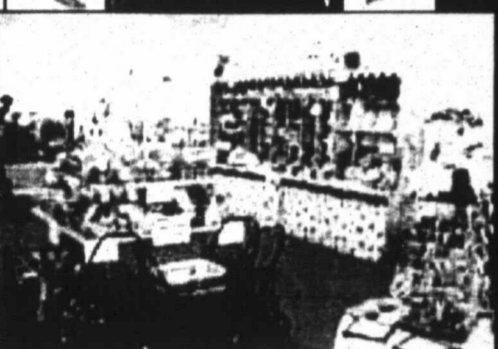
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