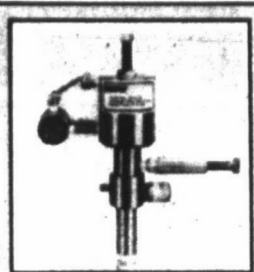


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NRA group to hold dinner, auction

High Plains Friends of NRA benefit dinner and auction is set for 6 p.m., Saturday, March 20, at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Proceeds from the event benefit youth education, range development, conservation efforts and other qualified education programs of the National Rifle Association Foundation.

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Mesa venture goes online

By DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

DALLAS — Mesa Water Inc. has taken its efforts to sell Panhandle water into cyberspace.

The company, founded by Boone Pickens to market water from beneath his and his neighbors' Roberts County properties, has launched a website on the Internet — www.mesawater.com — detailing information about its ability to supply ground water to the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex or to San Antonio.

"We've reached the stage where people are coming to us on a regular basis with requests for information," said Pickens, a Dallas businessman and Roberts County rancher. "Since our formation four-and-a-half years ago, we've come a long, long way. We have everything required to get a project underway to supply 150,000 acre-feet of water per year to any municipal-

ity in the State of Texas."

The only thing lacking, Pickens said, is a buyer.

"It can be done at or below the cost of other options in the state regional water plans," Pickens said, "and we can be up and running within five years of signing a contract. No other project I'm aware of can match that capability."

The website gives Mesa's history and information about the Ogallala Aquifer, the giant aquifer that stretches from Texas to South Dakota. It also describes how ground water could be moved from the top four counties in the northeastern Texas Panhandle — Roberts, Ochiltree, Lipscomb and Hemphill Counties — to major metropolitan areas in Texas. The methods described vary from a high-pressure pipeline to the Brazos River and agreements with the Brazos River Authority.

Mesa has high impact pumping permits from the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District

allowing it to pump 150,000 acre-feet of water per year. One acre-foot equals about 326,000 gallons.

Pickens said that 150,000 acre-feet of water would be enough to satisfy the needs of about 536,000 people in the Dallas-Fort Worth area for one year.

The population of Texas, Pickens said, is expected to double in the next 50 years, creating a critical need for water.

Even with significant conservation efforts, he said, additional water will be needed.

"Innovative proposals such as the Mesa Water project can help avert economically damaging municipal water shortages," Pickens said, "as soon as the end of the current decade."

Over the longer term, new dams and reservoirs can be built and other water saving strategies such as brush control can be used.

Mesa Water was

formed in 1999, to develop and market water from Roberts County. Pickens said the move was defensive. With well fields scheduled for development by the City of Amarillo and the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority near his ranch on the south bank of the Canadian River, Pickens said he feared that the ground water would be sucked out from beneath his land.

He says that since its establishment more than \$30 million of private funds have been spent to create a viable plan to supply new, competitively priced water anywhere in the state.

More than 175 landowners from Roberts and surrounding counties have expressed an interest in selling their ground water with Mesa.

Mesa owns 90,000 acres of water rights. Landowners associated with the project have another 300,000 acres of water rights, Pickens said.

Winter sting



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)

This wasp crawled slowly along the pavement in front of City Hall this morning, seeming to check the temperature for signs of spring. According to a website by the University of California at Riverside's Department of Entomology, the wasp shown above is not a yellowjacket but a paper wasp.

Packer trial: Jurors rule against IBP

By DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The first act is over, but the fat lady hasn't sung yet.

A five-man, seven-woman jury in federal court here Tuesday found that IBP, now Tyson Fresh Meats, manipulated the cash cattle market. The jury recommended that IBP pay \$1.28 billion in damages to the cattlemen who sued the world's largest beef packer.

After deliberating for a week, the jury found that there is a national cattle market, that IBP's use of captive supplies (cattle committed to the packer without a negotiated price more than seven days prior to slaughter) had an anticompetitive effect on the cash cattle market, that IBP lacked legitimate business justification for using captive supplies, that captive supplies depressed the cash market and that IBP's use of captive supplies injured cattlemen selling livestock in the cash market.

Those five findings led the jury to determine that IBP damaged the cattle feeders in the cash market in the amount of \$1,281,690,000. The cattlemen suing IBP had asked for \$2 billion.

The cattlemen claimed that IBP would rely on captive supplies pledged through marketing agreements with various feedyards when cash cattle prices were high and only buy in the cash market when prices were low. The lack of bids in the cash market when prices were high, the cattlemen's legal team argued, forced prices down.

Although the jury found for the cattlemen Tuesday, the battle isn't over yet.

David Domina, an attorney for the cattlemen, said there would still be a flurry of post-verdict motions.

U.S. Senior Judge Lyle Strom, who heard the case, still has to enter a final judgment, and he could vary the amount of the jury's recommended damages. He could even set the jury verdict aside.

"This verdict represents an extraordinary day for cattlemen in this country," said Randy Beard, the lead attorney for the cattlemen.

"The jury's decision reflects analysis of extensive powerful evidence gathered over seven and a half years and presented during a month-long trial," Domina said. "It means the

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Dogs maul child; man bitten at library

By MARILYN POWERS
STAFF WRITER

Pampa residents suffered dog bites in two separate incidents which occurred Sunday and Monday.

A man was bitten on the hand by a dog at Lovett Memorial Library at about 6 p.m. Sunday. The dog is described as a cream-colored pit bull with a long tail and dragging a long chain.

The man was taken to the emergency room at Pampa Regional Medical Center on Monday for treatment of the bite. Pampa

Animal Control officers said the bite was not severe.

On Monday, a four-year-old girl was reportedly mauled by Rottweilers in the back yard of a house at 1117 Darby Street. She was treated for numerous injuries at Pampa Regional Medical Center's emergency room and then transferred to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

The girl was playing unsupervised in the back yard where there were four Rottweiler dogs, according to a press release from Pampa Police Department. At some point, one or more of the dogs attacked

the young girl, causing injuries.

The owner of the residence, Janene Lucas, and the girl's father, Steve Organ, were at the house at the time of the attack. Lucas discovered the attack, intervened, and took the girl to the hospital, according to the press release.

Animal control officers were dispatched to PRMC after a call was received concerning a victim of a dog mauling. The dogs were voluntarily surrendered to Animal Control authorities for further investigation and possible disposal.

"This is an unfortunate incident

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Ambling along Aspen



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)

Carl Warner and his Lhasa apso, Sarah, enjoy a walk along Aspen Drive this morning. Warmer temperatures are forecast for today and tomorrow, with highs in the low 70s, making outdoor activities more appealing.

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Prosecutor at center of controversy in terror case sues attorney general

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department has exaggerated its performance in the war on terrorism, interfered with a major terror prosecution and compromised a confidential informant, a federal prosecutor has alleged in an extraordinary lawsuit against Attorney General John Ashcroft.

The lawsuit by Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard Convertino is the latest twist in the Bush administration's first major post-Sept. 11 terrorism prosecution, a Detroit case jeopardized over allegations of prosecutorial misconduct.

Convertino was the lead prosecutor on the case, in which the government did not provide defense attorneys a letter alleging that a prosecution witness lied until long after a trial had ended.

In his lawsuit, Convertino says the Justice Department is retaliating against him because he has complained frequently and publicly about "the lack of support and cooperation, lack of effective assistance, lack of resources and intradepartmental infighting" in terrorism cases.

"These concerns directly related to the ability of the United States to effectively utilize the criminal justice system as a component in the 'war on terrorism,'" says his lawsuit filed in federal court.

According to the suit, a senior official in the Justice Department's terrorism and violent crimes section informed Convertino that news reports concerning the department's anti-terror efforts were not accurate and that the "press gives us more credit than we deserve." The lawsuit alleges "gross mismanagement" in the terrorism and violent crimes section.

Convertino says he complained repeatedly to the Justice Department in Washington that it placed "perception" over "reality" to the serious detriment of the war on terror.

He is seeking unspecified damages under the Privacy Act for harm to his reputation.

Justice Department spokesman Mark Corallo declined to comment.

Convertino came under internal Justice Department investigation last fall after telling a Senate committee of his concerns.

"Whistleblowers put a lot on the line to protect the public," Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, said Tuesday. "They deserve strong protections against intimidation, harassment, demotion or even dismissal for doing the right thing."

Regarding the Detroit case which Convertino handled, the government late last year turned over a jail inmate's letter to defense lawyers. In it, the inmate alleged that prosecution witness Youssef Hmimssa had lied.

A lawyer for Convertino has said he believes his client made the right decision in not disclosing the evidence because it wouldn't have affected the trial's outcome.

Months before the government turned over the letter, a jury found two defendants guilty of document fraud and conspiracy to provide material support for terrorism. One other was found guilty of document fraud but acquitted of terror charges. And the fourth was acquitted on all counts.

A defense attorney who faced Convertino in the Detroit case said one section of his lawsuit "seems completely unfounded."

Convertino alleges a lack of resources, but his resources "appeared to us to be completely unlimited," said James Gerometta, one of the court-appointed defense attorneys in the case.

The lawsuit includes excerpts of an e-mail from another prosecutor in the case that Convertino says "identified some of the gross mismanagement which was negatively impacting the ability of the United States to obtain convictions in a major terrorist case."

Rover to spin its wheels, create trench

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — While NASA's Spirit rover was slowly picking its way across the martian surface, its twin rover was on the other side of the planet spinning its wheels — literally.

The Opportunity rover spun one of its wheels to dig into Mars, taking just minutes to excavate a 4-inch-deep trench that should open a window into the planet's past, scientists on the NASA mission said Tuesday.

"We dug a nice big hole on Mars," rover planner Jeffrey Biesiadecki told a news conference at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Opportunity sat parked on the gentle slope of a small crater while digging the 20-inch-long trench, an unprecedented maneuver that took six minutes of wheel spinning to complete.

The operation exposed material buried beneath the surface, including clotted chunks that could be seen protruding from the wall of the trench, said deputy main scientist Ray Arvidson, of Washington University.

The six-wheeled rover measured the mineralogy, texture and elemental composition

of the trench site before digging and then began a second set of observations once it completed the task. Full results from the before-and-after measurements were expected Thursday.

Scientists chose the dig site because earlier observations revealed it is rich in an iron-bearing mineral called hematite, which typically forms in water.

Measurements should reveal if the mineral is limited to the surface or is present throughout the soil, Arvidson said. The scientific observations could also turn up traces of other minerals that might

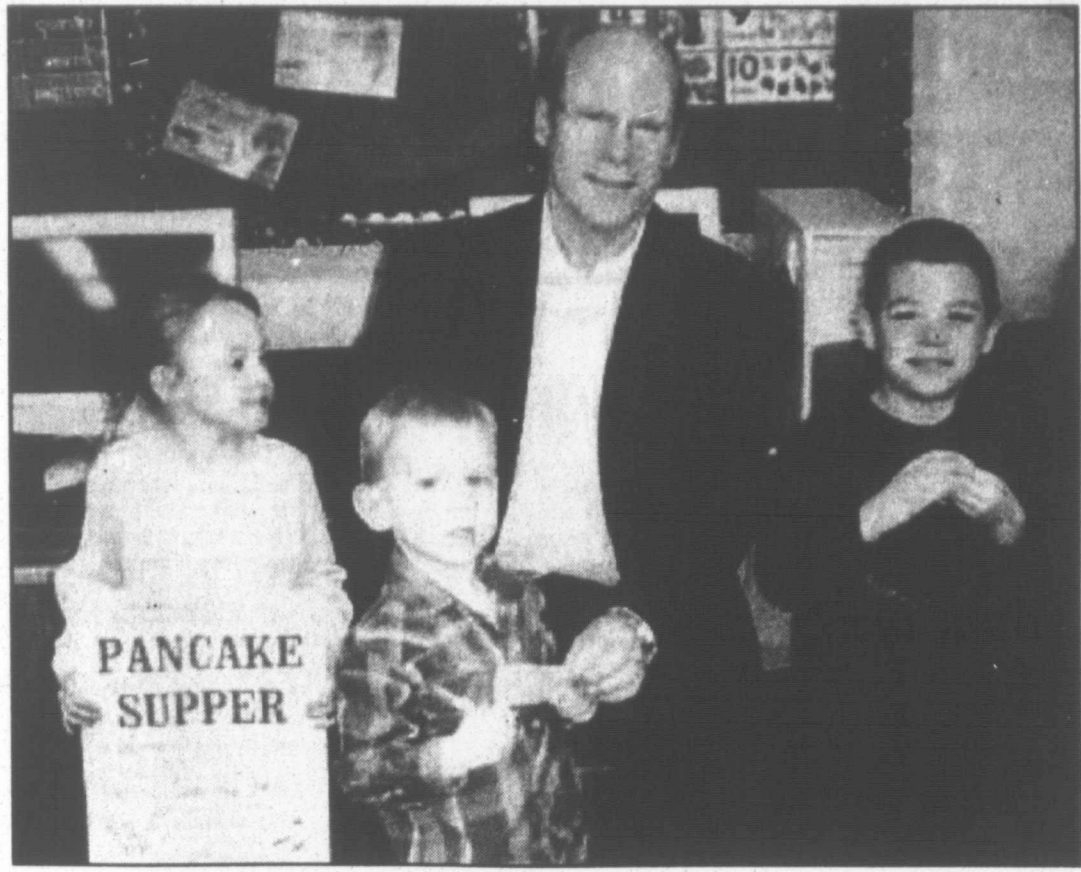
point to past water activity at the site.

Opportunity and its twin, Spirit, are searching for geologic evidence that Mars was once a wetter place hospitable to life.

Spirit, on the other side of Mars, continued its 1,150-foot trek to an impact crater. As of Tuesday, Spirit had traveled 356 feet, overtaking the 337 feet covered by the far smaller Sojourner rover during 1997's Pathfinder mission, project manager Richard Cook said.

On the Net: <http://marsrovers.jpl.nasa.gov>

St. Matt's fund-raiser



(Courtesy photo)

Students at St. Matthew's Day School get ready for their 48th Annual Pancake Supper scheduled from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24. Ashlynn Organ holds the Pancake Supper poster while Bradley Hannon gets his tickets from Hal Cree, ticket chairman. Justin Beck has his tickets to sell, too. Tickets are \$5 for all-you-can-eat pancakes and bacon.

Appeals court upholds federal no-call registry

DENVER (AP) — Consumers annoyed with telephone sales won a big victory when a federal appeals court upheld the popular do-not-call registry, but telemarketers refused to concede defeat, predicting the legal wrangling would go all the way to the Supreme Court.

The 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Tuesday dismissed claims the list violates free speech rights and is unfair to business, saying it is a legitimate safeguard against "the danger of telemarketing abuse."

Telemarketing officials promised not to pester people on the list for now — but also vowed to pore over the appeals court ruling for holes that may help them in future appeals.

"We haven't accepted it at face value. We think it is best

to move forward, but that does not mean we don't think there are problems. There are problems," said Louis Mastria, spokesman for the Direct Marketing Association.

The appeals court said the registry of more than 56 million phone numbers is a reasonable attempt by government to protect privacy.

"Just as a consumer can avoid door-to-door peddlers by placing a 'No Solicitation' sign in his or her front yard, the do-not-call registry lets consumers avoid unwanted sales pitches that invade the

home via telephone," the court said. "We are convinced that the First Amendment does not prevent the government from giving consumers this option."

Telemarketing officials say they expect 2 million of their 6.5 million workers to lose their jobs within two years if the do-not-call rules stand.

Tim Searcy, executive director of the American Teleservices Association trade group, said he was disappointed but not surprised, predicting the case would ultimately have to be resolved by the Supreme Court.

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SPORTS

Pampa turns back Plainview in overtime

PLAINVIEW — Pampa's playoff hopes moved closer to reality Tuesday night with an overtime win over Plainview in the final game of the regular season.

Pampa seniors Jed Martin and Andy Rodgers each hit a pair of free throws in the final seconds of the extra period to give the Harvesters a 63-59 victory.

Pampa is in a four-way tie for second in District 3-4A with Plainview, Caprock and Dumas. All four teams have 7-5 records.

There will be a district meeting today to decide a playoff format to determine the No. 2 and No. 3 seeds.

Palo Duro claimed the outright district title with a 12-0 record.

Rodgers was a key catalyst against Plainview with a game-high **Rodgers** 23 points, including a three-point play when he was fouled on a fast break slam dunk in the third quarter. The 6-2 forward scored Pampa's first six points of the game.

Martin hit a pair of three-point goals and backcourt teammate Clayton Hall had a strong defensive performance.

Brittin East and Jarett Kotara came off the bench to make an impact for the Harvesters. East finished with 10 points and led the team with 8 rebounds.

The 6-7 Kotara blocked two shots in the second quarter and scored a basket.

Pampa twins Collin Bowers and Chance Bowers turned in a workmanlike effort inside. Collin collected 11 points and 7 rebounds while Chance had 4 points and 4 rebounds before fouling out late in the third quarter.

Dave Smith had 17 points to lead

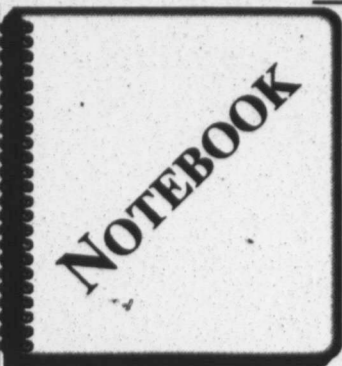
the Bulldogs in scoring.

There were 10 lead changes and the score was deadlocked six times.

Pampa	12	29	44	56	-63
Plainview	10	26	43	56	-59

Pampa - Andy Rodgers 23, Collin Bowers 11, Brittin East 10, Jed Martin 10, Chance Bowers 4, Clayton Hall 3, Jarett Kotara 2; 3-point goals: Martin 2, East 1.

Plainview - Dave Smith 17, Danny Garcia 13, Todd Jeffress 10, Jamar Wall 7, Jeremy Alexander 4, John Mull 4, Keenan Uddley 4; 3-point goals: Garcia 2, Smith 1.



BASKETBALL

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.

FOOTBALL

SEATTLE (AP) — The NCAA cited the University of Washington for lack of institutional control in the gambling flap that led to the firing of former football coach Rick Neuheisel.

While Neuheisel and other individuals apparently broke NCAA rules against gambling, the organization cited the university for failing to adequately educate its coaches and staff.

The finding is a first step toward what could be major sanctions for Washington. In cases where "lack of institutional control" is cited, the NCAA infractions committee typically imposes severe penalties.

BASEBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — Flashbulbs popped. Cable news networks went live.

Start spreading the news: Alex Rodriguez is the new star in town.

"Wow! What a reception," he said Tuesday at a Yankee Stadium news conference. "I still feel like someone's going to pinch me and wake me up."

Rodriguez was introduced with Derek Jeter, Joe Torre and Reggie Jackson at his side. The New York manager even took a moment to adjust Rodriguez's new Yankees cap to show more of his smiling face for the cameras.

A-Rod repeatedly deferred to Jeter, the Yankees' captain and shortstop, a stark contrast to Jackson, who arrived before the 1977 season and proclaimed he was the "straw that stirs the drink," a slap at Thurman Munson.

Rodriguez is seemingly happy to move to third from shortstop, the position he played in Seattle and Texas. The reigning American League MVP, born in Manhattan, wasn't about to stir up anything, especially on his first full day with the team.

The Pampa News sports department has its own e-mail address.

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Quality Sales pulls off Optimist upset

PAMPA — An upset 23-17 win by Quality Sales Trail Blazers knocked the Culligan Water Conditioning Spurs out of first place last week in the third-fourth grade division of Optimist Boys Basketball.

Quality Sales overcame 13 points by Culligan's Landon Powell to earn the win.

Reid Miller led Quality Sales with 9 points.

In other third-fourth grade action, the Celanese Lakers claimed a 20-11 victory over the Cabot Swosh. Brandon Cox was high-point man for Celanese with 7 points.

Drew Facio contributed 4 points for Cabot.

Warner-Horton Supply Cavaliers continued unbeaten with a 28-14 victory over the Celanese Mavericks in fifth-sixth division play. Luke Watson with 10 points led the Warner-Horton efforts, while Zach Shaw and Jonathan Polasek had 4 each for Celanese.

The Holmes Gift Shoppe & Sports Center Sixers jumped on the Pampa Office Supply Heat 40-17 behind 16 points from Ryan Jimenez.

Bradley O'Laughlin and Keelan Patton made 3 points each for Pampa Office Supply.

Harvester Hoops Spot-light



Jarett Kotara is a sophomore on the Pampa Harvesters basketball team. His parents are Ross and Tami Allen, above. Jarett also likes to fish and play golf.

Ninth-ranked Lady Raiders hold off Missouri

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Erin Grant took a play designed for teammate Chesley Dabbs and made it her own.

Grant hit a driving shot with 11 seconds left to stop a Missouri comeback and help secure No. 9 Texas Tech's 73-68 victory over the Tigers on Tuesday night.

Texas Tech (22-4, 8-4 Big 12) led by 14 points with less than 12 minutes left, but was barely holding on at the end, leading 69-68 when coach Marsha Sharp called a timeout with 24 seconds remaining.

The first option was a pass to Dabbs, who led the Lady Raiders with 14 points, on a backdoor cut. But she was covered. So Grant, who had

been dribbling near the top of the key, followed Dabbs to the basket from the right side and dropped in her shot for a 71-68 lead.

"If Erin ... couldn't throw it, then we were going to chase (Dabbs) with the ball and hope Erin could get to the rim and they both did a great job," Sharp said. "It worked and they were ready to go the other direction the moment it went in."

Tech then got a break when Missouri's MyEsha Perkins was called for an illegal screen with 3 seconds left.

Missouri (13-10, 4-8) tried to foul immediately, but nothing was called until just a tenth of a second remained. Alesha Robertson made both free throws to finish it off.

"Good Lord, the game comes down to that," said a disgusted Evan Unrau, who led Missouri with 17 points and 10 rebounds. "You're playing hard. The last 5 minutes are intense and everyone's working so hard. At least give us a chance to do something."

Missouri did what it needed earlier by making defensive stops and clawing back when Tech appeared to be safely ahead. After taking a 68-59 lead on Casey Jackson's layup with 5:12 to play, Tech did not make another basket until Grant's shot at the end.

Unrau's two free throws with 1:24 left capped a 9-1 run that cut the lead to one.

The Tigers had a chance to take the lead after Grant threw away an inbounds pass, but Perkins missed a jumper and Robertson rebounded for Tech, setting up Grant's improvised play.

It was Tech's fourth straight game decided by six points or fewer, three of them have been victories.

"It will help us in the long run," Grant said. "We're having to go through all these tough games right now, so I think we'll be prepared for them later on."

Dabbs, averaging just 5.4 points, gave Tech a big lift by going 7-for-12 from the field, mostly pull-up jumpers, and making four steals.

"She was hitting jumpers back and forth," Unrau said.

"We didn't really have an answer for that."

Robertson scored 13 points, LaToya Davis had 12 and Grant finished with eight points, seven assists and seven rebounds. Stretch James added 15 points for Missouri.

Tech center Cisti Greenwalt injured her right ankle when she went down with 4:11 left in the first half and did not return. Sharp said she wasn't sure how seriously Greenwalt was hurt.

Texas Tech broke a tie at 35 by scoring the final six points of the first half. The Lady Raiders then started the second half with an 8-2 run to go up 49-37, and Dabbs' jumper made it 57-43 with 12:11 remaining.

Coming full circle, Maddux returns to Cubs

MESA, Ariz. (AP) — Welcome home, Greg Maddux.

You'll find Wrigley Field much as you left it, the wind blowing in and the ivy covering the walls.

The Chicago Cubs are still playing most of their home games in the afternoons, and the bleachers remain the hottest ticket in town. As for Cubs fans, they're passionate and loyal, and boy, are they thrilled to have you back.

Maddux brought his career full circle Tuesday night when he decided to sign with the

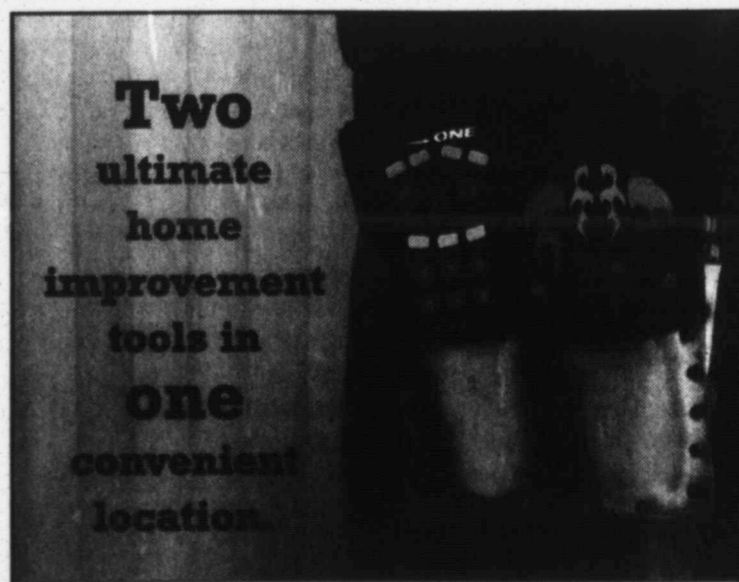
Cubs, the team that gave him his start in the majors. No official announcement was made, but a source close to the negotiations who spoke on condition of anonymity told The Associated Press that Maddux agreed to a \$24 million deal that could go as long as three years.

The third year of the deal will be guaranteed if Maddux reaches certain criteria, including pitching a preset number of innings in 2005.

The deal is pending a physical, but the 37-year-old Maddux could be at camp as early as Wednesday, when

Cubs pitchers and catchers report. Maddux, who spent the last 11 years with the Atlanta Braves, was the last major free agent to agree to a deal.

Chicago general manager Jim Hendry wasn't available for comment late Tuesday, but the addition of Maddux is a huge boost for the Cubs, giving them one of the best rotations in the game. Maddux will join Kerry Wood, Mark Prior, Matt Clement and Carlos Zambrano — a foursome that took the Cubs within five outs of the World Series a year ago.



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Feds: Trainer admitted giving steroids to baseball players

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The federal agent who spent a late summer afternoon tracking a Chevy Tahoe with license plate "W8 GURU" followed it first to a nutritional supplements lab, and then to a baseball park.

Newly released federal documents claim the driver of that vehicle was Barry Bonds' personal trainer, Greg Anderson, one of four men charged last week in a steroid-distribution ring that allegedly supplied dozens of professional athletes with banned substances.

The documents released Tuesday say a federal agent followed Anderson on Sept. 11, 2002, as he made a quick visit to the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative — the lab allegedly at the center of the steroid ring.

"Anderson returned to his

vehicle and proceeded to drive directly, without stopping, to Pacific Bell Park, a professional baseball stadium," the documents say. "Anderson was followed until he entered the players' parking lot area of the professional baseball stadium, past a gate and guarded entrance."

The San Francisco Giants played a home game at Pacific Bell Park against the Los Angeles Dodgers on Sept. 11, 2002. Bonds went 2-for-4 with an RBI double, but the Giants lost 7-3.

According to the documents released Tuesday, Anderson told federal agents he gave steroids to several professional baseball players. It was unclear whether Anderson provided specific names to the federal agents.

No players were identified

in the documents released at a news conference at the U.S. attorney's office in San Francisco, and the only time a player's name was used in the 24 pages of documents it was blacked out.

But at least two newspapers around the country were e-mailed versions of the documents, and that player's name mistakenly was not blacked out.

The New York Times and Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported that Gary Sheffield was listed as having sent a package to BALCO on Feb. 17, 2003.

Sheffield, who signed with the New York Yankees as a free agent in December after two seasons with the Atlanta Braves, was one of several baseball players who testified before the grand jury in the BALCO case.

Golden Gloves boxers



Youth Survival Club of Pampa boxers leave Thursday for Lubbock to participate in the Golden Gloves Tournament. The tournament lasts through Saturday and will be held in Lubbock's Municipal Coliseum. "These kids all went the extra mile to be in this event," said club founder J.R. Moreno.

Pampa sweeps Palo Duro

PAMPA — Pampa came away with a couple of victories in District 3-4A soccer matches with Palo Duro Tuesday afternoon.

Vanessa Resendiz scored three second-half goals as Pampa shut out Palo Duro 4-0 in the girls match. The Lady Harvesters gained a 1-0 lead in the first half on a goal by Jenece Norris.

Ericka Silva, Kelsie Wyatt, Heather Balay and Ashley Pitman were each credited with an assist.

The Lady Harvesters are 1-1 in district and 2-7-1 for the season.

In the boys match, Justin Jouett scored the winning goal in a 4-3 Pampa victory.

Goals by Nick Robbins and Sammy Silva gave Pampa a 2-1 lead at the half. Jason Brown and Jouett added the second-half goals.

The Harvesters are off to a 2-0 start in district.



Pampa freshman Ericka Silva was credited with an assist against Palo Duro in a District 3-4A match Tuesday.

Fort Elliott girls win playoff opener

BORGER — Fort Elliott rolled past Texline 72-24 Tuesday night in a girls Class 1A bi-district victory.

Tamara Hefley and Sarah Zybach led the Lady Cougars with 14 points apiece. Andrea Hathaway and Katie Donaldson followed with 11

each.

Amanda Boggs was high scorer for Texline with 9 points.

Fort Elliott prepared for the boys playoffs with a prac-

tice game against Sunray yesterday.

Sunray won by a score of 72-55.

Martin was Sunray's high scorer with 21 points.

Junior Newman had 20 points and Justen Bryant 11 to lead the Cougars.

Johnson, Buteaux post strong efforts in Idaho

NAMPA, Idaho — Sophomore Brandon Buteaux (San Antonio, Texas) broke a school record in the heptathlon and junior Curtis Johnson (Pampa, Texas) posted a season best in the 200 meters to highlight action for the UTSA men's track and field team at the Holiday Inn Invitational/Boise State Multis at Jacksons Track/Idaho Sports Center Saturday.

Buteaux posted a personal-best and NCAA provisional-qualifying point total of 5,265 to finish fourth in the heptathlon on Friday and Saturday in the Boise State Multis. He was the second-highest collegiate finisher behind Idaho's Jereme Richardson (5,284). Paul Terek of World's Greatest Athlete/Deca won with 5,756 points.

Buteaux's seven-event tally included marks of 7.31 in the

60m, 21-10 in the long jump, 37-10 in the shot put, 6-7 in the high jump, 7.9h in the 60m hurdles, 13-7 in the pole vault and 2:52.03 in the 800m.

Johnson raced to a season-best 21.90 clocking to finish fourth in the 200m.

He was the third-fastest collegian behind Cal State Northridge's Hung Nguyen (21.47) and Boise State's Antoine Echols (21.63).

Senior all-American Justin Youngblood (Goliad, Texas) was well on his way to a qualifying mark in the same heptathlon competition but dropped out after a no-height in the pole vault. He will aim for an NCAA qualifier at the Southland Conference Indoor Championships next Friday-Saturday, Feb. 20-21, in Houston, where he will be one of the favorites to win the league crown.

Foreman coming out of retirement, King says

MIAMI (AP) — Seven years after walking away from the ring, George Foreman might put on his boxing gloves for one more comeback.

Foreman agreed to a tentative \$20 million deal to return for a fight celebrating the 30th anniversary of his epic bout with Muhammad Ali, Don King said Tuesday.

"George said he wants to come back to fight again, so what I'm doing is calling him out," King said. "He has the power, boy, he's rewriting history books."

King said he talked with the 55-year-old Foreman last week about the prospects of a fight.

"We've got a verbal deal," King said. "He said,

"I'm willing to fight one more time."

King said no opponent, date or location have been set, although Foreman said last week he'd like any fight to be in his hometown of Houston.

He announced his interest in a comeback last week in Texas, but said he wasn't getting into the ring until he gets his weight down to 225 pounds. Foreman didn't have a timetable for his return.

Foreman has said he's interested in fighting again to show young people that there's no reason to fear getting older.

He hasn't fought since 1997, when he lost his heavyweight title to Shannon Briggs. He has

spent his time since as a TV pitchman and boxing commentator.

Foreman did not immediately return calls seeking comment Tuesday.

Foreman would have to get himself into shape, King said, but he didn't expect the former heavyweight champion to have a problem finding a state that would license him to fight.

Foreman first won the heavyweight title in 1973 by knocking out Joe Frazier. He lost the title the next year to Ali in a bout fought in Zaire known as the "Rumble in Jungle." That fight was the first professional championship bout King promoted.

In 1987, after a 10-year retirement, Foreman made his first comeback. Seven

years later, at 45, Foreman marked the 20th anniversary of the Ali fight by knocking out Michael Moorer to become the oldest person to win the heavyweight title. He lost the title in the 1997 match against Briggs, leaving the ring with a 76-5 record with 68 knockouts.

Foreman has been the spokesman for a number of companies during the past several years, and pitched countertop grills bearing his name. He has also been a ringside commentator for HBO.

King said he plans to match Foreman against one of his fighters, but wasn't specific about which boxer.

"We've got all this together," King said. "The pot of gold is waiting."

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PHS Band honorees

Several members of Pampa High School's "Pride of Pampa" Band recently advanced to All-Area Band competition at Permian High School in Odessa following regional contest. Above: All-Area Band members from PHS are Zach Edens, Ashley Shaw and Josh Tabor, first row; Tyler Jonas and Dennis Shuck, second row; Rebecca Middlebrook, Shelley Smith and Cody Hukill, third row; and Adam Hagerman, Cristina Elliott and Whitney Parker, fourth row. Smith, Hagerman and Edens were selected to perform with the All-Region Orchestra and the Amarillo Youth Symphony Orchestra.



(Courtesy photo)

Several members of Pampa High School's "Pride of Pampa" Band were recently chosen for Upperclassman All-Region Band during a recent regional competition. Band members also participated in a clinic and concert at Amarillo Civic Center. Conducting the symphonic band was Arturo Valdez of Fort Worth. Above: Cristina Elliott, Rebecca Middlebrook and Whitney Parker, first row; Shelley Smith and Cody Hukill, second row; Ashley Shaw and Dennis Shuck, third row; and Zach Edens and Josh Tabor, fourth row.



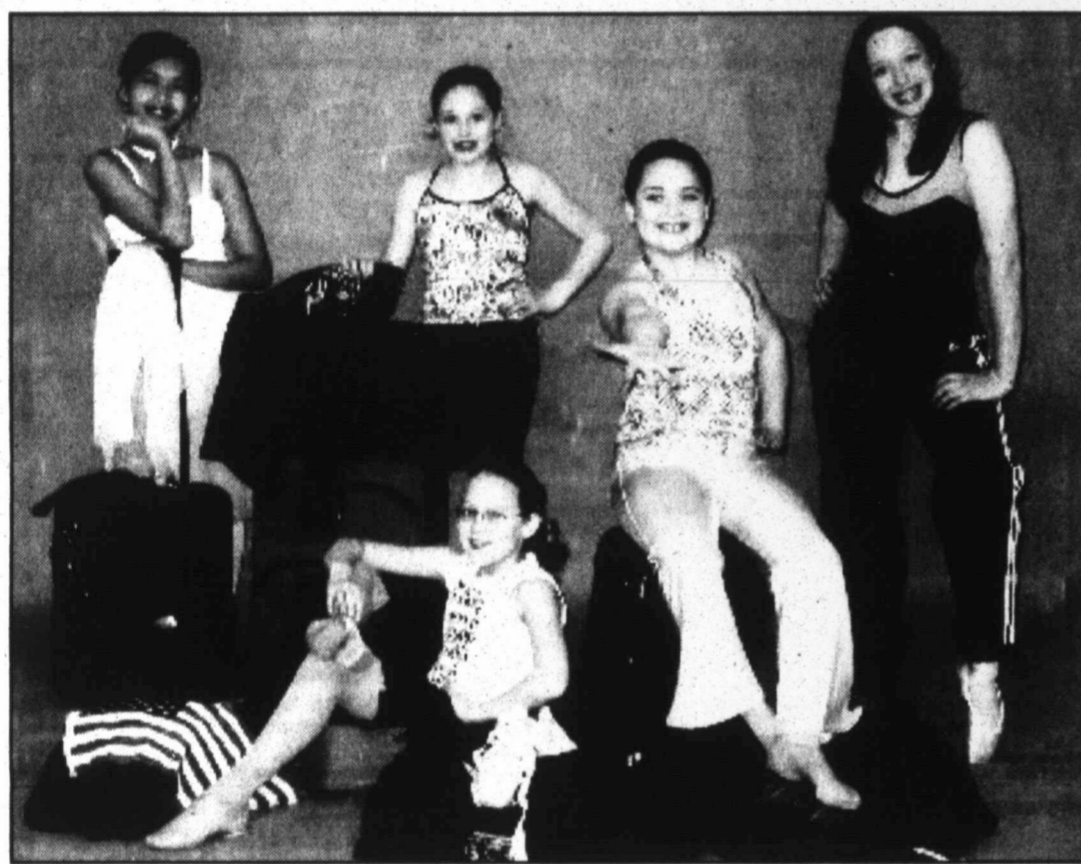
(Courtesy photo)

Several members of Pampa High School's "Pride of Pampa" Band were recently chosen for Freshman All-Region Band during a recent regional competition. Band members also participated in a clinic and concert at Amarillo Civic Center. The Freshman All-Region Band was conducted by Charles Johnson of Phoenix, Ariz., a former band director at PHS. Above: Geoff Bowley, standing; Alyssa Kelsey and Stephanie Preston, sitting/top row; Andrea Burkhalter and Garrett Jonas, third row; Jose Bedolla and Adam Hagerman, second row; and Kevin Schepp and Colby Stevens, first row.



(Courtesy photo)

Dance competition



(Courtesy photo)

Students from Madeline Graves Dance & Gymnastics Center in Pampa ready for travel to New York for competition are Stephanie Ronquillo, Jenna Munsell, Jacklyn Cargill, Danielle Zuniga and Caylee Steward. There were 14 students from the center who qualified to compete in the National finals in New York this July. Students are coached by Madeline Graves and Shauna Munsell.

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