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County accepts bid for copying deed records, field notes

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

A bid by an Amarillo company was accepted by Gray County commissioners at their 9 a.m. meeting this morning, providing that the company's work meets with the approval of County Clerk Susan Winborne.

Lason was one of three companies submitting bids to copy old deed records and field notes onto compact discs and microfilm. Their bid of \$38,532 was the lowest by more than \$6,000.

LGS of Houston submitted a bid of \$44,713.50, and Kellpro of

Duncan, Okla. bid \$55,321.50 for the work.

The imaging will involve 31,950 photostatic images and 6,942 non-photostatic records.

"Lason did imaging for Moore County," Winborne said. "They're satisfied with Lason's work. I'd like to go see those."

Commissioners agreed to hire LGS of Houston for the work if Lason's imaging did not meet with Winborne's approval.

The bids were opened at 10 a.m. during the commissioner's meeting in the second-floor courtroom at the county courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

A bid of \$1,478 from Kinnith Hambricht for tax delinquent property in McLean was accepted. The land is Block 66, Lots 10, 11, 12 and 13 of Original Town McLean.

A resolution supporting the 31st District Attorney's crime victim assistance program was passed. District Attorney Lynn Switzer told commissioners that it was time to once again apply for a grant to help fund the program, and the resolution would be included with the grant application.

Switzer said that in 2006, sexual assaults and other types of crimes which involved injuries increased

two-tenths of one percent over 2005. The number of child abuse cases handled by her office for that time period remained roughly the same, while domestic violence declined by six-tenths of one percent.

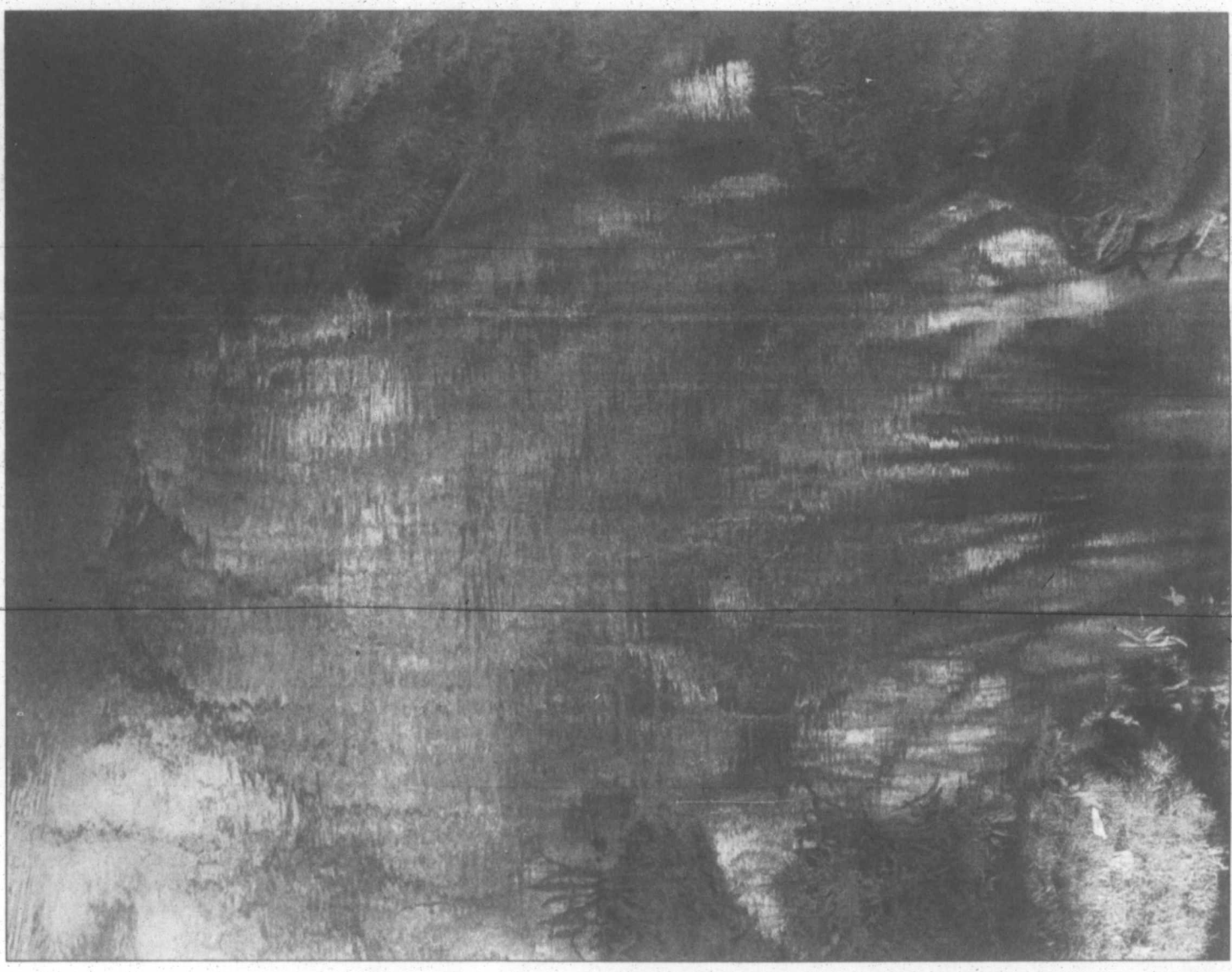
Victims were contacted in 97 district cases in 2006 and assistance was offered, Switzer said.

"Less than one percent turned down the help," she said. "We also help victims of non-violent crimes."

Xochitl Valenzuela is the victim's assistance coordinator in the district attorney's office.

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Watery reflection



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

Trees along Red Deer Creek are reflected in the ripples of the creek as it flows through Central Park following weekend rains. The forecast calls for mild and windy conditions, with a possibility of more rain Thursday.

Wind farm lease meet set April 20

Landowners and Ag Producers from across the state are making it their business to learn more about the development and benefits of wind farm leases.

The North Rolling Plains Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) and First Ag Credit, will co-host a meeting at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce meeting room at 10 a.m. April 20.

The Pampa Chamber Office is located at 200 North Ballard Street, just north of First United Methodist Church.

Anyone interested in wind energy is encouraged to attend the meeting. Presenters will provide information about the environmental, economic, wildlife, economic impacts and other general concerns for wind energy utilization.

The primary purpose of the meeting is to discuss items landowners and ag producers should consider when leasing their land for

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PGWCD meeting focuses on Pickens, other leases

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

WHITE DEER -- When the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District granted High Impact Pumping Permits to Boone Pickens and Mesa Water, Inc., five years ago there was some conjecture that before Pickens would be able to sell his water, his permits would expire.

He wasn't. They were about to.

The High Impact Pumping Permits were due to expire in May, as are High Impact Pumping Permits issued to other landowners within the district, but because of changes in the district's rules, Pickens and Mesa were able to roll their expiring High Impact Pumping Permits over

into Initial Pumping Permits, and this time the whole process was a lot less contentious.

The Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District Friday approved four Initial Pumping Permits for Pickens and three more for Mesa.

Mike Powell, a Dallas attorney for Pickens and Mesa, said that Pickens owns the water rights on some of the land included in the permits, while Mesa owns the others.

All six permits contain special provisions that allow Pickens and Mesa to protect for the next five years the water rights they hold, but requires them to apply for drilling permits from the district in order to produce the water.

The total amount of land under the six permits is about 78,633 acres. About 58,000 acres of that were water rights Mesa bought from Quixx, a wholly owned subsidiary of what was then Southwestern Public Service electric utility.

"It went a lot smoother this time," said Jason Green, who represents Donley County on the PGWCD board.

The board approved new Initial Pumping Permit for the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority for 469.74 acres of water rights that they bought from James A. Epps out of a 659.74-acre plot. The board amended Epps' permit to reflect that it is now for 220 acres.

The board also approved a transfer

of 12 acres of water rights under an IPP from Epps to CRMWA.

The district board also approved three eight-year agricultural water conservation equipment loans totaling \$112,400 for three Carson County farmers. The 5.9 percent loans will be used to buy sprinkler irrigation systems.

The board approved the sale of two lots of tax delinquent property in Carson County. They approved the sale of nine lots in Donley County. They approved the sale of 10 lots in Potter County.

Floyd Beaver of Panhandle bought two lots at 508 Chester in Panhandle for \$50 each.

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Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 60. East southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 40. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 59. South southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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Services tomorrow

STALL, Gertrude V. McMinn — 2 p.m. Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel.

JOHNSON, Shelby D. — Graveside services 10 a.m. in Mobeetie Cemetery.

MOORE, Ellen Margaret — Noon, Queen of Angel Catholic Church, Dickinson.

Landfill closed this weekend

The Pampa Landfill will be closed this weekend for Easter.

City officials said the landfill will be closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday. It will reopen at 8 a.m. April 9.

The landfill is normally open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8 a.m. to noon on

Saturday.

The first Saturday of each month, the landfill is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., but because of the Easter holiday weekend, the landfill will be closed the first Saturday of April. It will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., however, on Saturday, April 14.

PEDC to meet Wednesday

The Pampa Economic Development Corporation will meet at 7 a.m. Wednesday.

The only thing on their agenda is an executive ses-

sion to review applicants for executive director.

The board will meet in the Nona Payne Room of the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard.

St. Vincent to sell soft drinks

St. Vincent de Paul Church is having a fundraiser that soda drinkers should like. They are currently taking orders through April 15 for their Coke Truckload Sale.

Each case contains 24 plastic bottles that are 20 ounces and the cost per case is \$18.50, which makes each bottle 77 cents.

A few of the items that are for sale are Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Dr Pepper, Diet Cherry Vanilla Dr Pepper,

Vault, Barq's Root Beer, MinuteMaid Lemonade, Nestea Cool, Fanta and four varieties of flavored Dasani water.

Payment is required when the order is placed. Those purchasing the soft drinks will pick them up on April 21 at St. Vincent school gym.

For a complete list of items offered or to place an order, call St. Vincent church office at 665-8933, contact any parish member or go by the parish office at 2300 North Hobart.

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Celanese30.65 -0.19
Cabot Oil Gas34.18 +0.52
Coca Cola48.23 +0.23
VLO64.67 +0.18
HAL31.82 +0.08
TRI52.38 +0.13
KMI106.48 +0.03
XCEL24.75 +0.06
Anadarko43.14 +0.16
XOM75.30 -0.15
Nat'l Oilwell76.74 -1.05
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Obituaries

Shelby D. Johnson, 87



Johnson

McLEAN — Shelby D. Johnson, 87, died Sunday, April 1, 2007 in McLean, Texas.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 3, 2007 in Mobeetie Cemetery with Rev. Jerry Johnson, cousin, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Johnson was born April 21, 1919, in Gageby, Texas. He had lived in the

Panhandle area most of his life. He married Bonnie Faye Childress Oct. 11, 1939. She died April 21, 1988. He owned and operated Johnson Dragline Service since 1958, retiring in 1979. He was preceded in death by a

daughter, Virginia Treat, and two sisters, Fern Wilson and Vivian Frye.

Survivors include one daughter, Janice Matthews of Dawn, Texas; three sons, Gerald Johnson of McLean, Frank Johnson of Bellevue, Texas, and Jack Johnson of Wellington, Texas; three sisters, Mary

Luther of Amarillo, Texas, Juanita Martin of Arizona, and Georgie Jarrett of Colorado Springs, Colo.; one brother, Archie Johnson of Houston, Texas; 21 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be to a favorite charity.

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Gertrude V. McMinn Stall, 90



Stall

Gertrude V. McMinn Stall, 90, died Saturday, March 31, 2007, in Pampa, Texas.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Glen Walton, minister of the Bell Ave. Church of Christ in Amarillo, and Rev. John Green, pastor of the Lighthouse Church in Dumas, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Stall was born November 5, 1916, in Kirkland, Texas. She mar-

ried Tommy Stall on December 23, 1933, in Hollis, Oklahoma. He preceded her in death on Jan. 29, 1989. She had been a Pampa resident since 1961.

She was the utilization review clerk in medical records at Highland General Hospital retiring after 20 years. Mrs. Stall was a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club where she was a past president and was also honored as

"Woman of the Year." She was a member of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ. She was known by her grandchildren as "Bangaw."

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Ruth Stall of Pampa and Sonja Young and husband Jesse Dale of Dumas; two sisters, Eunice Mills of Weatherford and Faye Mullinax of Amarillo; one brother, Floyd McMinn of Pampa; two grandsons:

Terry Young and wife Cynthia of Bryan and Roger Young and wife Jessica of Fort Smith, Arkansas; six great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a son, Tommy Leon Stall, in 1941, her parents, G. D. and Ruthie Passmore McMinn, a brother, Lloyd McMinn, and a sister, Nina Faye Mills.

MEMORIALS: BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whitley.com

Ellen Margaret Moore, 93



Moore

HOUSTON — Ellen Margaret Moore, 93, of Houston, departed this life Saturday, March 31, 2007, at a Houston hospital.

Born in Rosita, Colo., on January 26, 1914, one of three children born to Robert and Margaret Cowan Payne. She grew up in Walsenburg, Colo., and spent all of her married years in Pampa, Texas. Ellen lived in Baytown for nine years before moving to Houston in 2005. She enjoyed dancing, playing the piano and was an avid quilter.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her three husbands, George Hamlin, Tom Crummy and D.N. "Doc" Moore; her daughter, Margaret Hamlin Snider; and brother, John Alexander Payne.

Ellen is survived by two daughters, Lorene Rodriguez of Houston, and Wanda Bevis of Hallsville, Texas; a sister, Beulah P. Read of

Walsenburg, Colo.; 12 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins in Colorado and New Mexico.

Her family will receive friends at Crespo & Jirrels Home from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday, with rosary at 6 p.m. Mass of Christian burial will be noon, Tuesday, April 3, 2007 at Queen of Angel Catholic

Church, 4100 Hwy. 3, Dickinson, Rev. Stephen, P. Zigrang, celebrant.

Honoring the family as pallbearers will be Rick Hausman, Chris Rodriguez, Colin Rodriguez, Courtney Rodriguez, Carl Theiss, Bill Autrey, Derek Theiss, James Autrey and Shane Chauncey.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Crespo & Jirrels Funeral and Cremation Services, 6123 Garth Road, Baytown, 281-839-0700. To view an obituary or post a tribute to the family, visit www.crespoandjirrels.com.

Emergency Services

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the weekend period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, March 30

Five traffic stops were made. A traffic complaint was reported in the 100 block of Starkweather.

Accidents were reported in the 1800 block of North Hobart and the 1200 block of North Hobart.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 800 block of West.

A suspicious vehicle was reported near the intersection of Huff and Varnon.

Calls concerning animals were received from the 800 block of East Frederic, the 1700 block of Grape, the 1100 block of Terrace, the 1400 block of Williston, the 2700 block of Seminole, the 300 block of Somerville, the 1200 block of Garland, the 2700 block of Cherokee and the 2400 block of Navajo.

Found property was reported in the police department lobby.

Civil matters were reported in the 700 block of North Banks and the 1100 block of Neel.

Welfare checks were made in the 1300 block of North Hobart and near the intersection of Highways 60 and 70.

Agency assistance was provided in the 200 block of Russell, the 1500 block of North Banks, on Highway 60 West and the 1000 block of Browning, resulting in one arrest.

Warrant service was attempted at two locations resulting in one arrest.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 2200 block of Dogwood.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 100 block of North Cuyler, the 800 block of North Sumner and near the intersection of Finch and Somerville.

One alarm was reported. An open door was reported in the 700 block of East Kingsmill.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1200 block of Darby.

An assault with no injuries was reported in the police department lobby.

A gas drive-off was reported at Murphy USA in the 2800 block of West 28th resulting in one arrest. Value of the gas was \$52.58.

Saturday, March 31

Seventeen traffic stops were made, resulting in two arrests.

A traffic complaint was reported in the 700 block of Murphy.

Calls concerning animals were

reported in the 300 block of Somerville, the 700 block of Murphy, the 700 block of Naida, the 800 block of Brunow, the 800 block of Campbell, the 700 block of North Wells and the 1400 block of Naida.

Civil matters were reported in the 500 block of South Barnes, the 800 block of Somerville and on two occasions in the police department lobby.

Welfare checks were made in the 600 block of West Foster and the 100 block of East Craven.

Open doors were reported in the 100 block of South Cuyler and the 800 block of Magnolia.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 1100 block of South Hobart and the 1900 block of Duncan.

911 hang-ups were received from the 700 block of North Hobart and the 1300 block of Starweather.

Violation of city ordinances were reported in the 1400 block of South Hobart, near the intersection of Twiford and Lefors and in the 300 block of Warren where stopping, standing or parking in a prohibited area was reported.

Harassment was reported in the 2200 block of North Wells.

One suicide attempt was reported. A runaway was reported in the 2700 block of Navajo.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1600 block of Russell, the 700 block of North Dwight, near the intersection of 19th and Sumner and the 600 block of Hazel, where fighting was reported.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 1200 block of Darby and in the 400 block of Perry.

One alarm was reported. Burglary was reported in the 1000 block of North Dwight resulting in one arrest.

Sunday, April 1

Twenty-six traffic stops were made, resulting in five arrests.

Accidents were reported at the intersection of Brown and Municipal and the 1400 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 400 block of Brown.

A traffic complaint was reported at the intersection of Duncan and Sunset.

Calls concerning animals were received from the 1100 block of Prairie, the 1600 block of Somerville, two calls from the 300 block of Somerville and the 700 block of Naida.

Found property was reported in the

1800 block of North Sumner.

Agency assistance was provided in the 1000 block of Neel, the intersection of Kentucky and Price Road, the 1200 block of South Barnes and near the intersection of Alcock and Nelson.

Civil matters were reported in the 500 block of Gillespie, the 1500 block of North Sumner and the 2000 block of Coffee.

Welfare checks were made in the 500 block of North Faulkner and the 2800 block of Charles.

Harassment was reported in the police department lobby.

Violation of city ordinance was reported in the 900 block of Christine.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 1500 block of North Hobart and the 1600 block of Somerville.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of Terry Road, near 23rd and Wells, the 300 block of Hazel, the 900 block of Love and the 700 block of East Browning.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 600 block of North Christy.

Assault was reported in the 1100 block of Cinderella.

Two alarms were reported.

A stolen vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of East Browning.

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the weekend period.

Saturday, March 31

Shawn Lee Weatherford, 36, of Pampa was arrested in the 400 block of Russell by Pampa Police Department for running a stop sign, no valid driver's license, failure to appear, failure to maintain financial responsibility, displaying a fictitious license plate, displaying expired registration and expired motor vehicle inspection.

Mark Grogan Watkins, 54, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for expired registration, failure to appear and bail jumping.

David Young Sinches, 52, of Pampa was arrested in the 900 block of Varnon by PPD for no insurance and driving while license suspended.

Sunday, April 1

Gregory Lane Elliott, 25, of Pampa was arrested in the 200 block of North Cuyler by PPD for public intoxication.

Jerry Lynn Martin, 27, of Pampa was arrested in the 200 block of North

Court rebukes administration on greenhouse gas emissions

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court ordered the federal government on Monday to take a fresh look at regulating carbon dioxide emissions from cars, a rebuke to Bush administration policy on global warming.

In a 5-4 decision, the court said the Clean Air Act gives the Environmental Protection Agency the authority to regulate the emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases from cars.

Greenhouse gases are air

pollutants under the landmark environmental law, Justice John Paul Stevens said in his majority opinion.

The court's four conservative justices — Chief Justice John Roberts and Justices Samuel Alito, Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas — dissented.

Many scientists believe greenhouse gases, flowing into the atmosphere at an unprecedented rate, are leading to a warming of the Earth, rising sea levels and other marked ecological changes.

The politics of global warming have changed dramatically since the court agreed last year to hear its first global warming case.

"In many ways, the debate has moved beyond this," said Chris Miller, director of the global warming campaign for Greenpeace, one of the environmental groups that sued the EPA. "All the front-runners in the 2008 presidential campaign, both Democrats and Republicans, even the business community, are much further along on this than the Bush adminis-

tration is." Democrats took control of Congress last November. The world's leading climate scientists reported in February that global warming is "very likely" caused by man and is so severe that it will "continue for centuries." Former Vice President Al Gore's movie, *An Inconvenient Truth* — making the case for quick action on climate change — won an Oscar. Business leaders are saying they are increasingly open to congressional action to reduce

greenhouse gases emissions, of which carbon dioxide is the largest.

Carbon dioxide is produced when fossil fuels such as oil and natural gas are burned. One way to reduce those emissions is to have more fuel-efficient cars.

The court had three questions before it.

—Do states have the right to sue the EPA to challenge its decision?

—Does the Clean Air Act give EPA the authority to regulate tailpipe emissions of greenhouse gases?

—Does EPA have the discretion not to regulate those emissions?

The court said yes to the first two questions. On the third, it ordered EPA to re-evaluate its contention it has the discretion not to regulate tailpipe emissions.

County

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Gray County provided an in-kind contribution of approximately \$20,000 worth of goods and services in 2006 for the assistance program.

The county will pay 100 percent of an employee's salary for the first 12 weeks to employees qualifying for workmen's compensation, according to policy passed this morning by commis-

sioners.

The employee will also continue to earn sick leave and vacation time during that first 12 weeks.

Beginning with the 13th week, the employee will receive worker's compensation, and the paycheck from the county will be discontinued for the remainder of the period in which the employee is unable to work. The accrual of sick leave and vacation hours will also stop beginning with the 13th week.

"If worker's comp pays,

we're charged against our insurance premium," said County Judge Richard Peet concerning the county's policy to pay salaries for the first 12 weeks.

Commissioners approved removal of two names from the sheriff's office checking account. The two are no longer employed by the sheriff's office.

Payment of bills totaling \$74,258.76 and salaries of \$223,911.49 were also approved.

Wind

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wind farm development. Rod Wetsel and Frank Horak, authors of a booklet titled "Wind Facts: A Landowners Guide," will give an overview of current wind farm development and discuss what landowners

should look for in leases.

"From a USDA standpoint, one of the questions we have been asked many times is, 'How will a wind farm development on my land affect my CRP, my Conservation Plan or my Farm Program Payments?'" said John Crowell, North Rolling Plains RC&D coordinator.

NRCS and Farm Service Agency (FSA) representa-

tives will be on hand to answer questions on how the development of a wind farm would impact USDA Farm Bill Program participants for conservation planning and technical assistance needs.

For more information contact the North Rolling Plains RC&D office in Pampa at 806-669-0312.

Water

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George Lee bought three lots in Clarendon and four in Howardwick for a total of \$1,345. Thelma L. Sutton bought a lot in Clarendon for \$450. Larry Lincycumb bought a lot in Clarendon for \$703.

In Potter County, Abdeil Perez bought a lot at 809 S. Hill Street for \$875. Raul Antonio Meza bought 824 N. Fairfield for \$3,175; 1406 N. Nelson for \$2,175; 405 N. Lincoln for \$3,275, and 816 N. Washington for \$500. CW Day Properties bought 1408 N. Jefferson for \$11.11. Calvin McAdams bought 113 N. McMasters for \$528. Tooley Investments bought 304 N. Virginia for \$751

and a lot in Sunset Terrace for \$151.

The board approved four applications for domestic wells. William and Shelley Dodson and the Mays Trust have each applied to drill a four-inch well or smaller in Potter County. Brad Smiley has applied to drill two domestic wells southwest of Pampa in Gray County.

They approved two applications for three-inch stock wells at Crow Hollow LLC, a Donley County feed yard and one for a two-inch replacement irrigation well for Curtis Schaefer in Donley County.

The board also heard from Dan Steed, a Gray County farmer, who complained that PETCO, a petroleum company that had appeared before the PGWCD's board last fall, was not following an agree-

ment it reached with the district.

The district issued a conditional permit to allow PETCO to drill a well and pump water for use in an effort to increase production from aging oil wells. The water district required PETCO to first get a permit for their water flooding program from the Texas Railroad Commission, which oversees oil production in the state, before drilling the water well for their flood program.

PETCO apparently drilled a water well in February, but didn't apply for a permit from the Texas Railroad Commission until March.

Steed said he had requested a hearing before the railroad commission before they considered their permit.

Record

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Cuyler by PPD for driving while intoxicated, third or more.

Sergio Venzor, 30, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for failure to identify and giving false information.

Nicole Sharee Ramey, 24, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for possession of a controlled substance.

Juan Tinajeros, 19, of Pampa was arrested in the 800 block of East Browning by PPD for tampering with government records with intent to make genuine.

Alisha Been, 46, of Pampa was arrested in the 800 block of East Browning by PPD for violation of probation driving while intoxicated.

Tracey Don Matthews, 39, of Amarillo was arrested by GCSO for violation of court order, two counts of possession of a controlled substance more than four grams and less than 200 grams and possession of marijuana more than four ounces and less than five pounds.

Dennis Allen Dobyns, 49, of Pampa was arrested by

Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated, third or more.

Michelle Rene Harry, 27, of Lane, Okla., was arrested by GCSO for theft by check and 16 counts of issuance of bad check.

Randell Dale Northcutt, 24, of McLean was arrested by GCSO for assault causing bodily injury family violence.

Monday, April 2
Tracey Lee Worley, 57, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for public intoxication.

Pampa Fire Department reported the following incidents during the 48-hour weekend period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, March 31
No reported calls.

Sunday, April 1
12:38 p.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to the 1500 block of Hamilton on a fire alarm activation.

1:47 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the 2200 block of North Price Road for a public service program.

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls for the weekend period

ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, March 31
10:45 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of North Wells and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

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Sunday, April 1
3:17 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital.

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The Inspiration and Faith section of the 2007 Pride Edition contained an article on the Fellowship of Christian Cowboys and the Texas Rodeo Bible Camp. People who want to make a camp donation should send them to Top O' Texas Christian Cowboys or Texas Rodeo Bible Camp, P.O. Box 91, Pampa, TX 79065. An incorrect addressee appeared in the section.

Airline quality suffers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Airline hassles are on the rise: More passengers found themselves bumped, their flights delayed or their bags lost last-year than in 2005, according to the annual Airline Quality Rating report released Monday.

The report does not include recent weather-related flight delays such as the ones that left JetBlue and United Airlines planes idling for hours on taxiways.

"They just don't get it yet," said Dean Headley, an associate professor at Wichita State University who co-authored the study with Brent D. Bowen of the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

One upside, researchers said, was that the overall number of airline complaints has stabilized since hitting a five-year low in 2005.

Jet Blue, which rated highest on the list for the past three years, was bumped out of the top slot by Hawaiian Airlines, which made its debut on the list this year. The top three on the 18-airline list were Hawaiian, JetBlue and AirTran, while the bottom three were, from worst to best, Atlantic Southeast, American Eagle and Comair.

Industry spokesman David Castelvetter blamed the majority of delays on bad weather.

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Viewpoints

Housing boom: Foreclosure on common sense

"Let me get this straight. One reason for the default on mortgages is that many people who should never have qualified for a loan got approved anyhow?"

"For starters."

"You're going to have to explain."

"Well, it all dates back to 9/11. We'd already been in a recession when the terrorists attacked. To keep the economy from going into a free fall, then Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan lowered interest rates."

"Yes, I remember."

"People were suddenly able to afford houses they couldn't afford before. Home sales began to shoot up. As demand for housing rose, so did housing values."

"Go on."

"As housing values

climbed, homeowners saw their equity climb. Others decided owning a home was the way to easy wealth, so they began to buy, too."

"Which further drove up values?"

"Exactly. Soon, frenzy was under way. Bidding wars were breaking out. It was common for sellers to receive multiple offers well beyond their asking price."

"That was nuts."

"That was human nature. When a big snowstorm is forecast, people rush to the store to hoard all the milk and toilet paper. The housing boom was like that."

"It never crossed people's minds that they might be overpaying?"

"Unfortunately not. It appeared to many people — even rational, well-educated

people — that the rapid rise in values would never end. That caused speculators to jump into the market, which drove up values even more. It was about then that unqualified buyers jumped into the fray."

"Unqualified buyers!"

"Roughly 25 percent of Americans have a bad credit or unstable employment history. But this didn't stop loan originators from going after them, too. Mortgage brokers and banks get commissions and fees every time they originate a loan — even risky loans."

"Risky loans?"

"Finance companies cre-

ated special mortgages — subprime loans — for people who didn't qualify for the safer "prime" loans. Because these loans come with greater risks, higher interest rates are charged — usually 2 or 3 percentage points higher. These loans are extremely profitable, as long as they are paid back."

"I still don't see how it was possible."

"The Washington Post's Steven Pearlstein explained how. Mortgage people created all kinds of nutty schemes. These included interest-only mortgages, no-money-down mortgages,

adjustable-rate mortgages and so on. In some cases, loan applicants didn't even have to provide proof of income."

"Didn't the mortgage people worry about defaults?"

"Pearlstein explains that such loans are often sold to third parties. Thus, the loan originators didn't have to worry about the risk and they still got their commissions and fees."

"So unqualified people were given giant loans to buy overvalued houses they couldn't afford? How did they keep up with the payments?"

"As long as the buying frenzy continued, housing values kept getting pushed to even more insane heights. That allowed homeowners to either sell and cash out or

borrow against their rapidly rising equity to get the money they needed to make their monthly payments."

"They borrowed money to pay their mortgages!"

"In some cases. It was a beautiful thing while it lasted. During the past four years, \$9.5 trillion in new mortgage debt has been pumped into the housing industry. That money fueled one heck of a party."

"But the party is over?"

"I'm afraid so. According to Pearlstein, the subprime mortgage market is in a meltdown. He said that 1.5 million Americans may lose their homes to foreclosure. And hundreds of homes could be dumped onto a glutted market, further driving prices down."

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Tom Purcell
Columnist

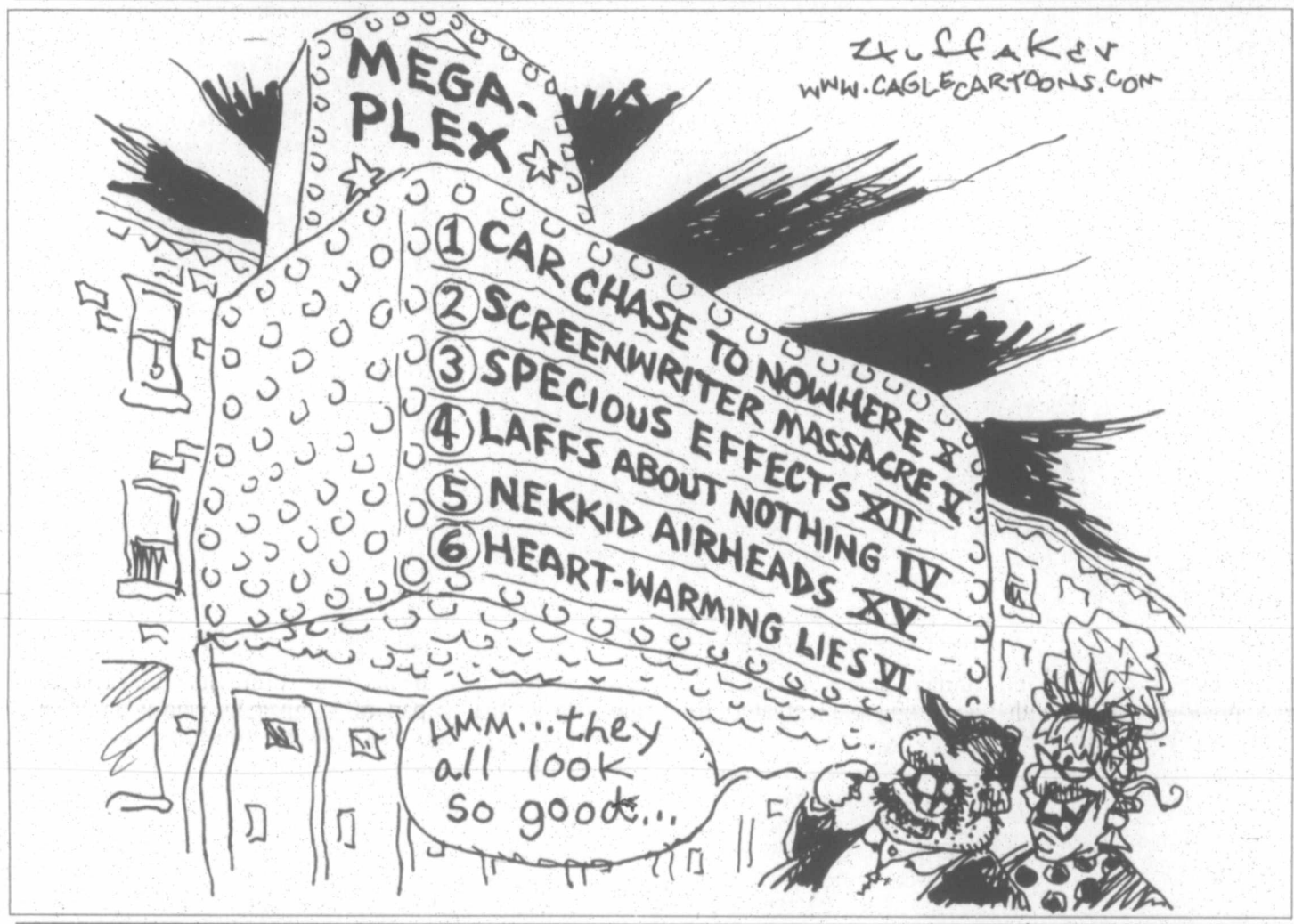
Today in History

By The Associated Press

- Today is Monday, April 2, the 92nd day of 2007. There are 273 days left in the year. The Jewish holiday Passover begins at sunset.
- Today's Highlight in History:
On April 2, 1917, President Wilson asked Congress to declare war against Germany, saying, "The world must be made safe for democracy."
- On this date:
In 1513, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon landed in Florida.
- In 1792, Congress passed the Coinage Act, which authorized establishment of the U.S. Mint.
- In 1805, storyteller Hans Christian Andersen was born in Odense, Denmark.
- In 1865, Confederate President Davis and most of his Cabinet fled the Confederate capital of Richmond, Va., because of advancing Union forces.
- In 1872, Samuel F.B. Morse, developer of the electric telegraph, died in New York.
- In 1932, aviator Charles A. Lindbergh and John F. Condon went to a cemetery in New York City's Bronx borough, where Condon turned over \$50,000 to an unidentified man in exchange for Lindbergh's kidnapped son. (The child, however, was not returned, and was found dead the following month.)
- In 1974, French president Georges Pompidou died in Paris.
- In 1982, several thousand troops from Argentina seized the disputed Falkland Islands, located in the south Atlantic, from Britain. (Britain seized the islands back the following June.)
- In 1986, four American passengers were killed when a bomb exploded aboard a TWA jetliner en route from Rome to Athens, Greece.
- In 2005, Pope John Paul II, who'd led the Roman Catholic Church for 26 years, died in his Vatican apartment at age 84.

'Most of us love from our need to love, not because we find someone deserving.'

— Nikki Giovanni
American poet



Bush is his own worst enemy it seems

The administration of President George W. Bush seems to have developed a habit of hitting itself on the head with a hammer. The current flap over the firing of eight U.S. attorneys was created entirely by the Bush administration with no help from the Democrats.

The U.S. attorneys are political appointees who serve at the pleasure of the president. He can ask for their resignations at any time. Since the appointees are nearly always ambitious, politically smart young attorneys of the same political party as the president, they know this and give up the post without complaint.

Regardless of the reason for asking for their resignations, the federal prosecutors are always given a face-saving exit. This time, however, some moron in the Justice Department said publicly,

when someone inquired about the resignations, that they were "performance related." In other words, the prosecutors were publicly accused of being incompetent or somehow derelict in their duties.

Naturally, the attorneys yelled foul. It's a matter of defending their honor and reputation. The Democrats in the House and Senate surely said, "I can't believe the Bush administration is handing us this opportunity." So now the administration will be hauled before Congress and asked to prove the charge that the resignations were "performance related."

The flap could have been contained easily by simply saying the moron in the

Justice Department mis-spoke and the matter was not performance related. All eight are good people who did a good job, but the president has decided that it's time for some changes, etc.

But, no, the president, in the tradition of Richard Nixon, gets on his high horse and says he will fight subpoenas for his White House aides and accuses the Democrats of going on a fishing expedition and wanting a show trial. Well, he should remember what happened to Nixon. It wasn't the Watergate burglary that brought Nixon down; it was the cover-up.

As a matter of fact, Nixon asserted executive privilege

to keep the taped conversations he had made confidential. The Supreme Court ruled that he had to make the tapes public. He did and resigned four days later.

Now, something that should never have even made the papers will be in the news for weeks.

Even offering to allow Karl Rove and Harriet Miers to "have a conversation" behind closed doors with no cameras, no transcript and no oath to tell the truth gives the impression that the Bush administration has something it wants to hide from the American people. A lengthy e-mail from a top Justice Department figure outlining in detail a strategy for fooling the Senate didn't help the case at all.

Personally, I'm glad the president has bungled this.

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Charley Reese
Columnist



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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:
March 26
 Fort Worth Star-Telegram on the Texas Legislature and stem cell research:
 Of the more than 6,000 bills that will receive attention from the Texas Legislature, at least nine of them deal with stem cell research.
 As lawmakers take up these admittedly controversial proposals, we advise that they keep in mind one of the principal precepts taught to every medical student: First, do no harm.
 "The status quo is just fine because at least you can live with it," Dr. Luis Parada, professor and chairman of the

Department of Developmental Biology at UT-Southwestern Medical Center, recently told reporters and editors at the Star-Telegram.
 Parada was part of a delegation from Texans for Advancement of Medical Research, which has spent two legislative sessions simply trying to defend that status quo.
 This session, said board member Cheryl Travis, a founding member of TAMR, the organization favors House Bill 2704, written by Rep. Beverly Woolley, R-Houston. Woolley's bill would strictly ban human cloning but guarantee that promising stem cell research remains legal.
 Opposition to stem cell research in Texas comes down to pro-life issues. Travis agrees that this is a pro-life

question but argues that the research itself is pro-life.
 "I am a card-carrying Republican," she said. "I am a Christian. I am very conservative, as is my husband who is a licensed minister — and we believe very strongly that this is a Christian, pro-life stance."
 Woolley's bill would prohibit a human egg that is created in any manner other than traditional or in vitro fertilization from being implanted in a human or artificial uterus. That specifically bans human cloning.
 But it would permit research that doesn't involve human cloning. And it would establish an advisory committee to develop guidelines for research.

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Easter Bunny visit



Courtesy photo

The Easter Bunny and Klaire pose for a photo Saturday at First Christian Church. Klaire is a student at Mother's Day Out at First Christian Church in Linda Bodie's class. Pictures with the Easter Bunny will also be available from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday. Filled and wrapped Easter Baskets for any age are for sale.

Tribune accepts \$8.2 billion; will sell Cubs

CHICAGO (AP) — Tribune Co. has accepted a buyout offer from real estate investor Sam Zell in a deal valued at about \$8.2 billion and plans to sell the Chicago Cubs at the end of this season, the media company said today.

The owner of the Chicago Tribune, Los Angeles Times, and various other newspapers and TV stations spent six months soliciting bids and reviewing offers.

Tribune had set a self-imposed March 31 deadline to announce a spin-off, buyout or reorganization.

In addition to the Zell bid, the Tribune considered a competing offer from Los Angeles billionaires Eli Broad and Ron Burkle.

The company has been under pressure from key shareholders to boost its stock price and, along with others in the newspaper industry, has been losing readers and advertisers to the Internet. Tribune is the nation's second biggest newspaper publisher after Gannett Co.

Tribune said Zell plans to invest \$315 million in the

deal and will eventually become chairman of the Chicago-based company's board when the buyout is complete sometime in the fourth quarter.

The buyout will be conducted as a two-part deal, the company said. The first stage, expected to be completed in the second quarter, will involve a cash tender offer of \$34 per share for 126 million shares, more than half of the outstanding Tribune shares. The remaining shares will be purchased later at the same \$34 per share price.

Broad and Burkle also had offered \$34-per-share, and the company's board reportedly spent much of the weekend sifting through the two offers.

Tribune has about 240 million shares outstanding, according to a regulatory filing.

"The strategic review process was rigorous and thorough," William Osborn, a Tribune director who led the review process, said in a statement. "We determined that this course of action provides the greatest certain-

ty for achieving the highest value for all shareholders and is in the best interest of investors and employees."

The deal already has the support of two of Tribune's largest shareholders, including the Chandler family, which has about a 20 percent stake in the media company.

Charles Bobrinsky, vice chairman of Ariel Capital Management, said his money management firm also would support the Zell deal. Ariel Capital owns about 6.1 percent of Tribune shares.

"These are clearly challenging times for all newspaper companies, but we're very pleased by today's announcement and plan to support the proposed transaction," Bobrinsky said.

Tribune said Zell will use an employee stock ownership plan to finance part of the deal and lower the taxes on any sale. The ESOP, which resembles a profit-sharing plan, will become the majority owner of Tribune once the deal is complete. Zell will be entitled to buy 40 percent of the company's common stock.

Subprime lender bankrupt, fires 3,200

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Subprime mortgage lender New Century Financial Corp. filed today for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, and said it would fire 3,200 workers, or 54 percent of its work force, to better position the company for a possible sale.

Once the second-largest provider of subprime mortgages in the U.S. based on loan volume, New Century was the latest lender to fall on hard times amid a spike in mortgage defaults caused by borrowers unable to make payments.

More than two dozen subprime lenders have shut down in recent months and others are scrambling to stay in business.

New Century said it has agreed to sell its loan servicing business to Carrington Capital Management LLC and its affiliate for about \$139 million, subject to the

approval of the bankruptcy court.

"The decision to pursue the sale of the company's assets and operations through the bankruptcy process was a difficult but appropriate decision for our board to make," president and chief executive Brad A. Morrice said in a statement. "This was a very hard step for me personally and clearly not the outcome I would have preferred," Morrice said.

CIT Group and Greenwich Capital Financial Products Inc. have agreed to provide up to \$150 million in working capital to facilitate the

reorganization process, the company said.

New Century has also agreed to sell certain loans and residual interest in some trusts to Greenwich Capital for \$50 million.

New Century, based in Irvine, filed the bankruptcy action in U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware. The move had been expected for several weeks.

Last week, New Century said several of its lenders planned to sell their outstanding mortgage loans and use the proceeds to offset payment obligations by the company.

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2 missing brothers found dead in ice

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Two young brothers who disappeared while playing outside their home on the Red Lake Indian Reservation have been found encased in the ice of nearby First Thunders Lake, four months after the search for them began.

"Our worst fears were confirmed," FBI Special Agent Ralph Boelter said, announcing that the two tiny bodies had been found about a half-mile from their home.

Police dogs picked up the scent of Tristan Anthony White, 4, and Avery Lee Stately, 2, on Sunday, the first day of organized search-

ing after the weather warmed, Boelter said.

The two boys, both American Indian, disappeared Nov. 22 from their home in a remote area near the Canadian border. Authorities have not determined whether they somehow wandered out onto the lake's thin ice and fell in or if foul play was involved in their deaths.

Divers searched First Thunders Lake shortly after the two were reported missing, and hundreds of volunteers and law enforcement officers scoured the area, but they found no sign of the boys.

Boelter said search teams resumed their work on Sunday with the warmer weather.

One theory is that the

boys wandered away to the southern edge of the lake, then walked across the partially frozen water before falling through the ice.

Purcell

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ing down values."
"That's not good."
"It gets worse. Consider all the jobs that depend on the housing market. Construction companies, cabinet manufacturers, furnishing companies ... an

endless number of industries will be hurt as the correction ripples through the economy."

"Correction?"
"That's a term we like to use in the finance business. Translated it means: "Oops, we lost control of our senses yet again!"

—Tom Purcell is a humor columnist nationally syndicated exclusively by Cagle Cartoons.

Reese

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It's one of his lesser bungling jobs, but it might serve to end once and for all the invention of "executive privilege." There is nothing

in the Constitution and nothing in reason or logic that would shield a public employee from having to testify under oath to Congress. Yet the law and various court rulings on this subject are murky.

Presidents usually base their claim on the separation of powers, but while it's true

that Congress can't run the executive branch, it certainly can investigate how it's being run, since both the laws and the money to enforce them originate in Congress.

And, in this case, if it turns out that the administration was trying to head off a legitimate criminal

investigation or instigate an illegitimate investigation, then Bush will be in deep, deep trouble. Couldn't happen to a more deserving fellow.

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

Stem cells

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Federal law prohibits the use of federal dollars for research on any stem cell lines other than those in existence in 2001 when President Bush created his embryonic stem cell research policy. Some states — California, Massachusetts and Connecticut, for example — are seeking ways around that ban.

"They are appropriating state dollars

to create research buildings that are completely separate from federal funding," Parada said.

In a way, Parada said, this is a debate about a settled argument.

"In vitro fertilization has been in existence for decades," he said. "And for every egg that is fertilized and becomes a child, a minimum of 10 eggs gets flushed down the sink. So that says that this society has decided that this is not unethical."

Some claims of the benefit of stem cell research are premature or overblown.

"We don't know just how much

embryonic stem cell research is going to impact biomedical research or how quickly, but we are greatly intrigued by the probability," Parada said. "And there is only one way to find out."

Meanwhile, promising scientists flock to states where research is permitted and well-funded — or to foreign venues such as Singapore.

Part of the problem, he said, is the lack of front-page headlines proclaiming, "Let's be practical."

And practicality is what is called for in this debate.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My daughter recently had a baby boy. Mother and baby are doing fine, but the problem is the sonogram during pregnancy showed a baby girl, according to the doctor. So now our grandson has a slew of pink blankets, jammies and clothes given by friends before little Jack was born. I say, no big deal. My wife says it is a big deal. No way a boy should be dressed in pink. She's worried the color will give the wrong message to people, who will then treat our grandson like a girl in a way they won't even be aware of, even though they're told he's a boy. She worries that this will somehow make him a cross-dresser when he's grown up and make him gay. Our daughter and son-in-law are in a quandary, too, over the pink clothes. What do you think? — **JACK'S GRANDPA IN GUERNEVILLE, CALIF.**

DEAR GRANDPA: As long as the baby gifts have not been used, there should be no problem exchanging them for items in the "right" color. However, please tell your wife that her fears are groundless. Even if her grandson decides to become a cross-dresser later in life -- which, by the way is NOT related to what color clothes a man wore as a baby -- it won't make him gay. The majority of cross-dressers are heterosexual.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 23-year-old "woman." I say "woman" because I still feel like a girl. I graduated from college two years ago. Unlike a lot of people my age, I am self-supporting. Since graduation, I have tried to adopt some of the behaviors of an adult. I work hard at my job and manage my money well. I get up early on weekends and do chores around the house, and I'm learning how to cook. I make an effort to reach out to my parents, who are recently retired. I try to learn about the world around me and keep up with the news. So why do I still feel like a teenage kid? — **KID AT HEART IN NORTH CAROLINA**

DEAR KID AT HEART: Please don't judge yourself so harshly. You are more mature than many people who are chronologically older. From my perspective, it appears that you are growing up at a very respectable pace. If you are under the impression that because people reach a certain age they are suddenly mature adults, you are operating under a misconception. Age is only a number. People mature at different rates, and there are folks in their 50s, 60s and older who are still growing up. Wisdom and maturity are gained cumulatively -- and in some cases it can take a lot longer than 21 years for individuals to stop behaving like children.

DEAR ABBY: I was visiting a local shopping center and was dismayed to notice that the car parked next to mine had a baby seat in the back -- complete with an actual live baby. My first instinct was to immediately call the police. However, it was a mild day and partially overcast, and the moderate conditions made me hesitate for fear of being a "busybody." A day later, I'm still second-guessing myself. So I ask you, did I do the right thing by not sticking my nose in, or was it my responsibility to have alerted the authorities? — **INDECISIVE IN SAN MATEO**

DEAR INDECISIVE: Unless you were prepared to stay by the vehicle until that foolish, neglectful parent returned, you should have called the police. Leaving a baby alone in a parking lot, regardless of how mild the weather was, is against the law. In some states, there are also laws against leaving pets in parked cars.

TO MY JEWISH READERS: Sundown marks the first night of Passover. Happy Passover, everyone!

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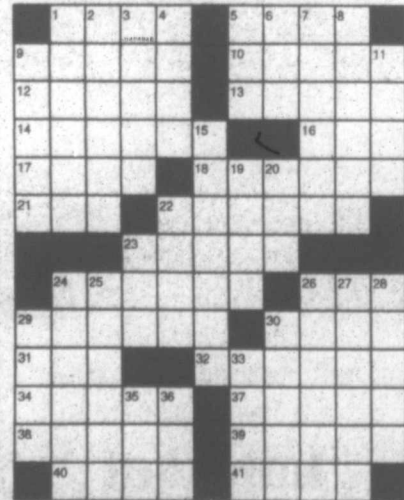
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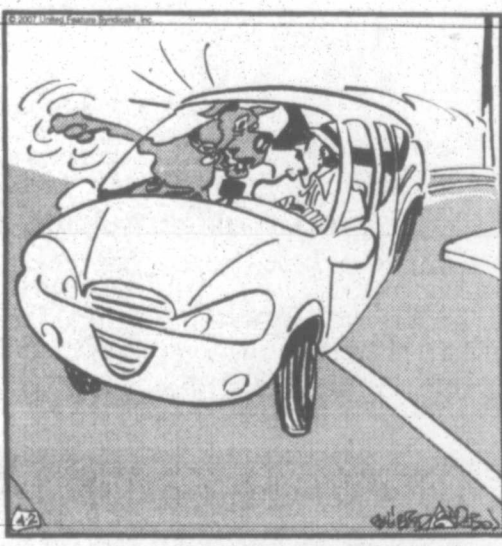
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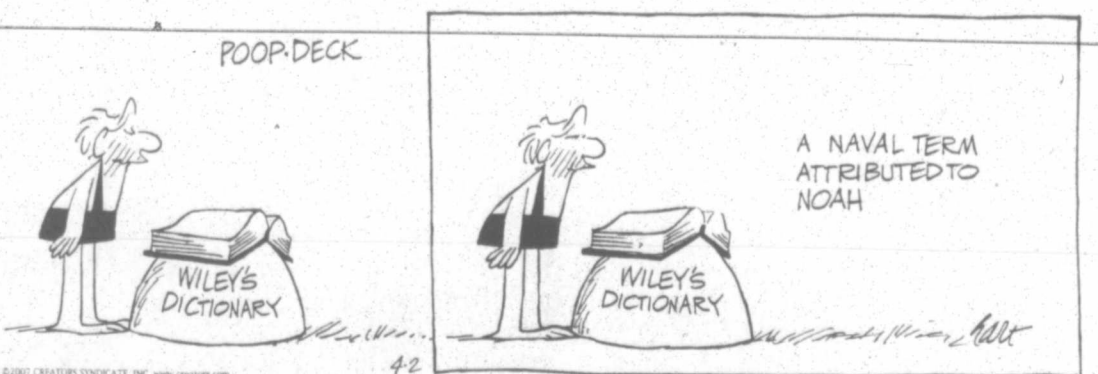


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Sports Day

With Suns at their best, even mighty Mavs are no match

By The Associated Press

The Dallas Mavericks had a long winning streak, the NBA's best record — and no chance.

Who would when the Phoenix Suns put on a display like they did Sunday?

"When we play well, no one is going to defend us well," MVP Steve Nash said. "This was one of those games where we were close to our best."

Leandro Barbosa scored 29 points, Amare Stoudemire added 24, and the Suns rolled to a 126-104 victory. Nash had 23 points and 11 assists, while Shawn Marion rebounded from a scoreless first quarter to finish with 20 points on 8-for-10 shooting. He also frustrated Dallas' Dirk Nowitzki most of the afternoon.

Elsewhere Sunday, Washington's Caron Butler was lost indefinitely with a broken hand; LeBron James skipped Cleveland's game with a sore knee; and Dwyane Wade said he will take part in Miami's practice Monday.

All took a back seat after Phoenix put on one of the most impressive performances in the NBA this season.

In other games, it was: Detroit 94, Miami 88; Chicago 105, Atlanta 97; Golden State 122, Memphis 117; Washington 121, Milwaukee 107; Utah 86, Houston 83; Minnesota 105, Orlando 104, in overtime; Boston 98, Cleveland 96; Toronto 107, Charlotte 94; Indiana 100, San Antonio 99; Denver 114, Seattle 103; and the Los Angeles Lakers 126, Sacramento 103.

The Suns shot 65 percent (46-of-71), the highest in the league this season and a record for any team at US Airways Center, formerly America West Arena.

Phoenix shot 86 percent in the fourth quarter (13-for-15), 4-of-4 on 3s.

"That's about as good as we can play," Phoenix coach Mike D'Antoni said.

It was too good for the Mavs (61-12), who had their nine-game winning streak snapped and have dropped two straight against the Suns.

"We need a practice," Dallas coach Avery Johnson said. "We haven't practiced in a while because of our schedule, a really good hard practice. We need a good practice to clean up a few things, and it showed today."

The game was close until Phoenix took the lead for good in the third quarter, then turned it into a run-away in the fourth. The 126 points were the most Dallas has allowed this season in a game that didn't go into overtime. The only time the Mavericks allowed more in any game was — not surprisingly — against the Suns in a 129-127 double-overtime loss to Phoenix last month.

Josh Howard scored 28 for Dallas, 18 in a tight first half that featured 13 ties and nine lead changes. Jeffery Stackhouse added 25 and Jason Terry 20. Nowitzki scored 21 but was just 6-of-18 shooting.

Offense wasn't the problem for Dallas, which has allowed Stoudemire to make 26 of 32 shots in the last two meetings. The Mavs knew they didn't play their best — though it may not have mattered if they did.

"Every game is a big game for us. This particular big game was bad for us because we came out flat," Johnson said. "They had more energy and hit all their shots. I don't know when a team shot that well from the field, so let's just give them all the credit."

Pampa track teams compete in Amarillo

The Pampa Harvester boys and girls track teams traveled to Amarillo over the weekend to compete at Dick Bivins stadium.

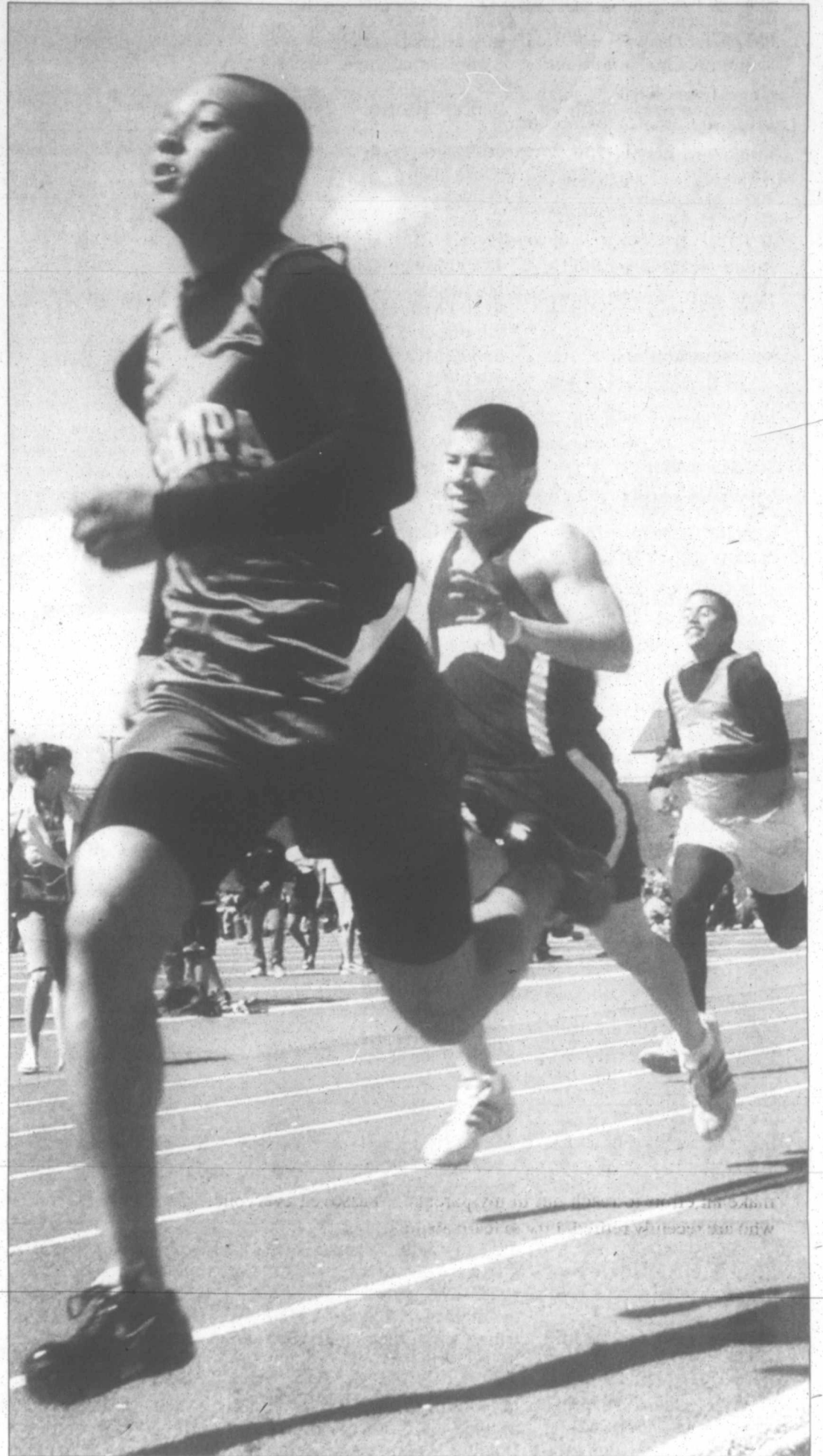
The teams were originally scheduled to go over Friday for prelims, but the rainy weather held things back until Saturday.

Facing district next week, the Harvesters got some extra practice with competitors from Palo Duro, Artesia, NM, Caprock and other schools in the area.

Results are as follows:

- Boys Varsity**
 100 Meter Dash
 Chase Harris - 5th - 11.46
 Ryne Malone - 8th - 11.60
 200 Meter Dash
 Ryne Malone - 15th - 24.40
 Andrew Van Houten - 20th - 24.88
 Darrell Willis - 21st - 25.51
 400 Meter Dash
 Payton Reagan - 21st - 55.55
 800 Meter Run
 Matt Jimenez - 2nd - 2:01.14
 1600 Meter Run
 Matt Jimenez - 4th - 4:44.17
 110 Meter Hurdles
 Jerrod Bivins - 12th - 17.20
 300 Meter Hurdles
 Jerrod Bivins - 15th - 43.81
 4x100 Meter Relay
 4th place - 44.19
 4x200 Meter Relay
 5th place - 1:33.01
 4x400 Meter Relay
 9th place - 3:38.27
 Long Jump
 Jerrod Bivins - 6th - 21-00.50
 Shavious Kelley - 8th - 20-04.00
 Jon Luke Covalt - 23rd - 18-03.00
 Triple Jump
 Shavious Kelley - 4th - 42-06.50
 Jerrod Bivins - 15th - 40-02.00
 Jon Luke Covalt - 25th - 38-02.75
 Shot Put
 Jacob Wichert - 25th - 32-10.00

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Pampa's Ryan Jimenez takes the lead in the JV Boys 100 Meter Dash on Saturday at Amarillo's Dick Bivins Stadium. Jimenez got 18th place with a time of 12.30.

Pampa News photos by JORDAN REAGAN

Power programs monopolize spotlight in football, hoops

ATLANTA (AP) — They have money, fans and facilities — three key ingredients that make any athletic department great.

That begins to explain how Florida and Ohio State have come to dominate the year in college sports like no two programs ever have.

On Monday, they meet for the men's basketball title. Three months ago, they played for the football championship. The Gators are

already the first program to hold the two titles at the same time.

Funny how things turn out when you've got a few extra million to spend on sports at your university.

"When you have resources, that usually means you have the wherewithal to have good facilities," said Chuck Neinas, the well-respected leader of a search firm that finds football coaches and athletic

directors for big-time programs. "You build a tradition of success that attracts talent, and that allows you to pay for good coaches."

Though the schools operate in different regions, they share more common traits than differences.

One key similarity: These are — or at least once were — schools where football was king, and they learned how to use that to their advantage.

Success in football drives success in everything else at most universities. With the exceptions of a few elite basketball programs, there's simply more money to be made by filling 105,000 seats in the Horseshoe, or 90,000 at the Swamp, than by filling a basketball arena one-fifth their size.

"The correlation between 105,000 people on a Saturday afternoon in the Shoe definitely helps all pro-

grams," Ohio State coach Thad Matta said. "I think it's helped us through the recruiting process. The notoriety of the football program is something we try to work hand-in-hand with."

Thanks in large part to revenue from the football program, Ohio State led the NCAA in revenue last year, bringing in nearly \$105 million. Florida brought in \$78 million. Both programs made enough profit that they

were able to donate to their schools instead of having the school supplement them.

The days of basketball coaches defending their programs' status on these campuses are long gone. Instead, they bask in the football teams, taking recruits to games and bringing those coaches in for motivational speeches to their teams.

"It's everything at Florida that's good," Gators coach Billy Donovan said.

1st annual Pampa Body of Christ 4 on 4 Basketball tournament

Place: Austin Elementary

Date: April 13-14

Entry Fee: \$100 per team

Roster: 5 man rosters

Deadline for entry: April 11

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Former Michigan State football player charged with throwing neighbor off balcony

LOMBARD, Ill. (AP) — A former football player was charged with murder for allegedly throwing a neighbor to his death from a third-floor balcony at their apartment building in suburban Chicago.

Hubert D. Thompson, 28, who played for Michigan State, surrendered peacefully late Friday after holing up in his apartment for nearly seven hours while police SWAT teams surrounded the building. He was ordered held on \$3 million bond.

Police found James Malone, 66, sprawled on the pavement below the balcony when they arrived around 1:45 p.m.

Authorities said they did not have a motive. "The allegation is that it was unprovoked," DuPage County State's Attorney Joseph Birkett said. "This individual is going to be evaluated, I'm sure."

Thompson retreated to his apartment and would not respond to officers, prompting police to evacuate other residents and surround the building, Deputy Lombard Police Chief Dane Cuny said. Thompson surrendered after talking to a police negotiator, Cuny said. It wasn't immediately clear if he had an attorney.

Thompson was once the top-rated defensive end prospect in the nation.

Pampa Track

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Discus Jacob Wichert - 23th - 82-06	03.50 Discus Justin Kenney - 26th - 76-05
Coby Smith - 24th - 82-04 Boys Junior Varsity 100 Meter Dash Taylor Smith - 13th - 12.00	Girls Varsity 200 Meter Dash Kelby Doughty - 18th - 28.28
Ryan Jimenez - 18th - 12.30	Amber Brown - 24th - 28.64
Josh Humphrey - 20th - 12.40	400 Meter Dash Kylie Wariner - 15th - 1:05.54
200 Meter Dash Travis Haggerman - 7th - 25.07	Trisha Moore - 19th - 1:07.31
Adam Estrada - 9th - 25.39	4x100 Meter Relay 8th place - 51.79
Ryan Jimenez - 15th - 26.14	4x200 Meter Relay 9th place - 1:50.79
400 Meter Dash William Rivera - 4th - 55.06	4x400 Meter Relay 9th place - 4:20.01
Eric Ramirez - 17th - 59.22	High Jump Natalie Parker - 11th - 4-06.00
800 Meter Run Uriel Diaz - 17th - 2:24.36	Long Jump Kelby Doughty - 12th - 15-10.00
1600 Meter Run Agapito Salazar - 13th - 5:39.55	Amber Brown - 24th - 14-07.00
Uriel Diaz - 14th - 5:40.21	Britteni Rice - 31st - 14-00.00
300 Meter Hurdles Taylor Smith - 10th - 48.26	Triple Jump Natalie Parker - 4th - 34-05.00
4x100 Meter Relay 5th place - 46.90	Shot Put Sarah Foster - 29-04.00
4x200 Meter Relay 5th place - 1:38.18	Girls Junior Varsity 100 Meter Dash Stephanie Polascek - 22nd - 14.90
4x400 Meter Relay 5th place - 3:43.96	400 Meter Dash Teysha Parker - 18th - 1:12.69
High Jump Travis Haggerman - 8th - 15-04.00	800 Meter Run Tora Campbell - 16th - 3:05.71
Long Jump Adam Estrada - 6th - 18-08.00	1600 Meter Run Victoria Jenkins - 17th - 7:00.70
Taylor Smith - 11th - 18-02.00	300 Meter Hurdles Diana Mechelay - 12th - 57.06
Triple Jump Taylor Smith - 2nd - 37-06.50	4x100 Meter Relays 8th place - 56.43
Adam Estrada - 13th - 34-10.50	4x200 Meter Relays 6th place - 2:02.83
	4x400 Meter Relays 5th place - 4:33.55
	High Jump Kimberly Curtis - 3rd - 4-06.00
	Long Jump Teysha Parker - 4th - 14-04.00
	Discus Rachej Nunn - 6th - 81-11
	Kristian Beltran - 12th - 66-01
	Shot Put Ashley Brown - 12th - 26-05.00
	Kelcie Serrato - 16th - 25-

Handing off



Kayla Ware hands the baton off to teammate Stephanie Polascek during the JV Girls 4x200 Meter Relay. Ware and Polascek's team got 6th place with a time of 2:02.83.

It's No. 1 vs. No. 1 for the championship

By **NANCY ARMOUR**
AP National Writer
ATLANTA (AP) — Now we'll see who's really No. 1.

Florida, the top overall seed in the NCAA tournament, and Ohio State, which finished the regular season as the top-ranked team, rolled into tonight's championship game.

After a tournament filled with nail-biters, Saturday night's games were downright pedestrian. Ohio State (35-3) beat Georgetown 67-60 despite more foul trouble from Greg Oden. Florida (34-5) romped to a 76-66 victory over UCLA in a rematch of last year's title game that wasn't any closer than the original.

It will be a title game rematch of sorts. The Buckeyes and Gators met for a title in January — only it was on grass, not hardwood. The gridiron Gators won that one in an upset, beating Ohio State 41-14 and making Florida the first school to hold titles in football and men's basketball at the same time.

Now Florida is looking to add to its title collection. But the Buckeyes might

want a little revenge for their football brethren. Yes, that was Ohio State football coach Jim Tressel sitting in the front row Saturday night with his Florida counterpart Urban Meyer across the way.

Florida is trying to become the first team since Duke in 1992 to repeat, and the first ever to do it with the same starting lineup.

"They're a very, very good team," Florida coach Billy Donovan said of Ohio State. "We got a chance to play them in December. It was a game where I think our team and their team have gotten better and improved as season has gone on."

The teams met in Gainesville in December, and it was barely a contest. Florida routed the Buckeyes 86-60, embarrassing them in every facet of the game. It was only Oden's fifth game back after offseason wrist surgery, and the Gators ran him off the floor. He couldn't keep up with Joakim Noah or a gimpy Al Horford and finished with almost as many fouls (four) as he did points (seven) and

rebounds (six). Monday night's game is sure to be different.

The Buckeyes haven't lost since Jan. 9 at Wisconsin, a streak of 22 straight. But they've looked vulnerable in the NCAA tournament, and Florida will be their biggest test.

The Gators, meanwhile, seem to be playing their best. Again. They've won nine in a row and have allowed only two teams to score more than 70 during that stretch.

The Oden-Horford matchup is the most intriguing. Oden has come a long way in the last three months, and it's only been in the last few weeks that his full array of skills has been on display. He leads the Buckeyes in scoring and rebounding, and was named an All-American.

Horford gives up two inches and 35 pounds to the 7-footer, but the bigger the game, the bigger Horford plays. Though he only had nine points Saturday night, he had 17 rebounds — the very margin by which Florida outrebounded UCLA (43-26).

Still, the championship game will likely come down to guard play.

Florida's Lee Humphrey has a knack for hitting big shots, and he scored all but two of his 14 points against UCLA from long range. Taurean Green struggled with his shot, hitting only 2-of-9, but he is able to go off at any time.

Mike Conley Jr. is overshadowed by Oden, his high school teammate and childhood buddy. But he is arguably the most valuable of Ohio State's "Thad Five" right now. He's carried the team in their last two games, and he was the reason Ohio State didn't self-destruct when Oden went out Saturday night.

Jamar Butler is a steady shooter, and Ron Lewis is the reason the Buckeyes even got this far. It was his long 3-pointer that forced overtime against Xavier in the second round.

This is the Buckeyes' first trip to the title game since they played in three straight from 1960-62. They won the title in 1960 and were runners-up the next two years.

Johnson holds off Gordon to win at Martinsville

MARTINSVILLE, Va. (AP) — Jimmie Johnson offered no apologies for putting his mentor through 53 laps of frustration.

"Believe me, I was nervous up there," Johnson said Sunday after withstanding furious pressure from Jeff Gordon to win the Goody's 500 at Martinsville Speedway. "I wasn't sure if I could hang on, especially as hard as he was hitting me in the center of the turn. But he could never get position, so I kept doing my thing."

Johnson's thing proved just enough, beating Gordon by a bumper to win for the third time in the last four races — and the second in a row — at Martinsville Speedway.

"I'm speechless. I've looked up to him my whole career, before I even was back here racing. I've looked up to him and knew how good he was at Martinsville," Johnson said of Gordon, whose seven career wins at the track are

the most among active racers.

"That was probably the hardest driving I've ever done."

The teammates provided a stirring duel at the end of the second Car of Tomorrow race, one that had been mostly devoid of the destructive physical driving that normally leaves several cars broken long before the checkered flag at Martinsville Speedway.

But the spectacle at the finish was all Johnson and Gordon, who tried everything he could short of wrecking his teammate and friend, but couldn't make the pass.

"The only way I could get by him was to wreck him, but he's my teammate and I tell you what, there's going to be some interesting racing going forward because he blocked me really bad," Gordon said. "I thought I had a chance at him a couple times, but he shut the door on me pretty good."

Scott beats Appleby in Aussie duel at Houston Open

HUMBLE, Texas (AP) — Stuart Appleby has been watching Adam Scott play for more than a decade and the two have become friends, as Australians on the PGA Tour often do.

They played together in the final round of the Houston Open, but the pleasant banter ceased once the competition intensified.

Scott held off Appleby with a 6-under 66 on Sunday, saving par with a 50-foot putt on the 72nd hole after hitting his tee shot into the water.

The 26-year-old Scott finished at 17 under, three strokes ahead of Appleby, the defending champion, and

third-round leader Bubba Watson.

"The conversation kind of came to a minimum and it was time to knuckle down and get on with the job," Scott said. "It's not that I don't think of him as a friend coming down the stretch. I don't want to just lie down and give my friend a victory."

Appleby, nine years older, first met Scott in Australia when he was a precocious teenager. The two have only recently become close friends.

"All Australians are pretty good buddies," said Appleby. "We have to travel a long way to get here."

The Houston Open might as well become an honorary tournament Down Under.

Scott became the sixth Aussie to win in Houston, joining Appleby, Bruce Devlin, Bruce Crampton, David Graham and Robert Allenby. Appleby and Crampton have won it twice and the eight victories by Australians are the most in any U.S. tour event. Only the British Open (nine) has had more champions from Australia.

Appleby joked that it eased the sting of losing to know that another Aussie won.

"Marginally," Appleby said.

Scott gave Appleby a chance to win it.

Scott led by one stroke as they stood on the 18th tee, but Scott pulled his tee shot into the pond that lines the left side of the 488-yard hole, the course's most difficult.

Appleby drove into the fairway bunker, then immediately gave Scott a reprieve by hitting his approach into the water near the green.

"I knew what I had to do," Appleby said. "It's just a matter of you've got to do it. And I didn't get to do it."

Scott took his drop, hit his approach safely away from the water, then holed the par-saving putt. He pumped his

fist, Tiger Woods-style, after the ball disappeared and the crowd roared.

"It was relief, along with elation," said Scott, who earned his first win since last year's Tour Championship. "I was pretty happy for it to be all over with, because it was looking a bit messy."

Appleby took a double bogey to finish with a 69. But it was easily his best finish of the year and filled him with confidence heading to next week's Masters.

"I like the way I hit the ball," he said. "I want to get there (to Augusta) and get set for that. I'm ready to go."

Watson, searching for his first win, birdied the last hole

for a 72.

Watson was one of 27 players who came back Sunday morning to finish after storms Saturday postponed the start of the third round for six hours.

Players were allowed to lift, clean and place their balls in the fairway again on Sunday after a predawn thunderstorm dumped a half-inch of rain.

Scott spent four weeks in Europe before returning at Doral last week. He shot a final-round 80 — including a 10 on one hole — and came to Houston thirsting for some competitive pressure to get ready for Augusta.

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1045 S. Christy	\$62,500	3/2/2 - 1940 SF/GCAD
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Sierra, Summer, Michael, Matthew and Benji practice their first aid on little Macy during a Red Cross training for youth. The youth are part of the Eastern Texas Panhandle's Youth Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Bello the clown reunited with prized mini bike in NYC

NEW YORK (AP) — Bello Nock, the daredevil clown, was all smiles Sunday when he was reunited with his lost little bike.

The star of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus thanked Ricky Robinson, who found Bello's shiny foot-high, 6-inch-wide contraption Friday night outside a restaurant on Manhattan's West Side.

"Give me a hug. I need my bike. That is my bike. Thank you, buddy," Bello said, outside Madison Square Garden, where the circus was performing.

In exchange for returning the bike, Robinson, 54, will receive a \$1,000 reward, a new bicycle donated by Toys R Us, and free tickets to Knicks games and the circus show named

for Bello, "Bellobration."

The bitty bike was taken from a Manhattan street Friday. Bello and two fellow clowns had put on an impromptu show for a passing camera crew, when Bello rested his bike against a street sign and forgetfully walked away.

After reading about the lost bike and seeing a picture of it in a news-

paper, Robinson showed up at Madison Square Garden Sunday morning with the bike.

"I didn't know what it was," said Robinson, a native of Bridgeport, Conn. "I didn't know how anybody rides it."

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Pig winners



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St. Matthew's Day School student Cooper Trolinger sold the winning "Big Fat Pig" raffle ticket to Shane Stehr of Borger. Cooper won a stuffed pig and Shane won the real pig.

Marine home safe after four tours

LEAGUE CITY, Texas (AP) — The family of a 24-year-old Marine Sgt. Jorge Valdez celebrated his safe return home and the completion of four Iraq tours dating back to the beginning of the war.

Valdez, of League City, returned home this weekend and was honored at a ceremony held by family and friends.

Hilda Valdez said she was relieved to be free of the constant fear of receiving a military phone call with bad news about her son.

"There were lots of tears and lots of sleepless nights," she said. "I'd wake up in the middle of the night and check my cell phone to see if he had called."

Jorge Valdez, who enlisted in the Marines while still a Clear Creek High School student, couldn't have known what was in store when he shipped off to boot camp upon graduation in 2001, months before the terror attacks of Sept. 11.

His unit, based in Yuma, Ariz., was deployed in February 2003, the month before the American-led invasion of Iraq began.

"I understood when I enlisted that this was a possibility," Jorge Valdez said. "I didn't go through this just to play Marine. There's a responsibility that came with it. I was kind of scared, but this is what we're here for."

He said he had some harrowing experiences in Iraq — his convoy was fired upon and he lost a buddy to a bomb explosion. He said he also learned to appreciate the niceties of home, such as hot showers, toilets that flush and a comfortable bed.

"If you don't have the best job or you don't have the nicest car, just be thankful for what you got. It could be so much worse. Trust me. It could be so much worse," he said.

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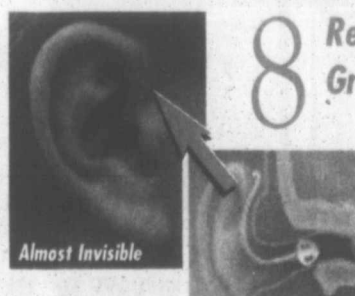
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