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Jury deliberating punishment in case of girl locked in closet

DALLAS (AP) — A jury began deciding Tuesday on the punishment for a woman who pleaded guilty to confining her severely malnourished 8-year-old daughter in a filthy closet in their mobile home.

Barbara Atkinson of Hutchins, who pleaded guilty last week to a charge of bodily injury to a child, faces five years to life in prison.

Closing arguments wrapped up Tuesday morning in the punishment phase of the trial of Atkinson, 30. She and her former husband, Kenneth, were arrested last June after the girl, who weighed 25 pounds at 8 years old, was discovered near death.

"We have seen evil like we never knew that evil existed. This is evil," prosecutor Susan Hawk said, pointing at Atkinson. Hawk asked for a life sentence and described the girl's nightmarish conditions.

"She laid there naked in her own feces, in her own urine, praying someone might open the door," Hawk said.

Defense attorney Brad Lollar said the defendant herself suffered a traumatic childhood. He said the first three years of Atkinson's life she was neglected by her birth mother, a prostitute and drug addict, then placed with an adoptive home, where she did not feel loved.

"The person who did this has to have something mentally wrong with them," Lollar said. "She is a victimizer and a victim."

DEATHS

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Affidavit: Victim had two options — sex or jail

By KATE B. DICKSON
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

A woman who said a Pampa police officer raped her quoted the patrolman after he stopped her car as saying, "You have two options. One, go to jail or go to this motel that is right over there."

That comment and others made by the alleged victim are contained in a two-page affidavit submitted by Texas Ranger Gary Henderson when he was seeking an arrest warrant from Justice of the Peace Kurt Curtman.

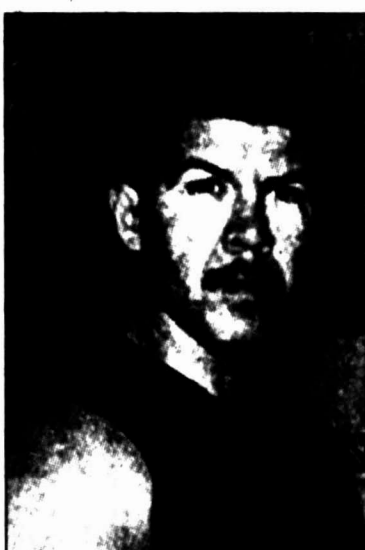
The affidavit said the 35-year-old woman picked out the photo of Heron Erasmo Garcia Jr., 34, from a photo lineup of nine Hispanic men. He is a city police officer who joined the force last May after

coming here from Cactus where he was a law enforcement officer.

Garcia, held in the Hemphill County Jail in lieu of \$102,500 in bonds, has been charged with aggravated sexual assault and official oppression. He has been placed on administrative leave without pay.

The Donley County woman told the Ranger that she got lost in the early-morning hours on Jan. 10 after she had left a bar in Pampa where she had been drinking until it closed. While driving, she said she saw police lights coming up behind her and said that she stopped.

It was after the officer she identified as Garcia walked up and looked at her driver's license that she said he gave her the choice of arrest or sex. She said she followed the



(Pampa News photo) Heron Erasmo Garcia Jr.



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Pampa firefighters battle a blazing vacant building at 510 Finch Monday. Fire officials say the fire that spread to several adjoining homes was "intentionally set."

Dead grass, wind spread fire to nearby residences

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
EDITOR

Fire officials today continue their investigation of a fire that spread to several residences in central Pampa Monday.

"It was an intentionally set fire," Fire Marshal Gary Stevens said this morning. Stevens said he wants to talk to a young man seen walking by the building shortly before 1:30 p.m. in a vacant stucco building at 510 Finch.

The man is not a suspect, he said. Witnesses Natasha Alvarez

and Jorge Silva described the man as "a white guy," approximately 18 or 19 years old.

The man was wearing black or dark blue jacket with yellow stripes on the sleeves and cut-off blue jean shorts, witnesses said.

Alvarez said she and Silva were standing in the front yard at her home on West Street when they saw the man walk down the alley, then walk in front of the vacant building.

The empty building had once been a neighborhood grocery store.

The man made a gesture toward the vacant building, she said, then continued to

walk down the street and turned onto Hobart.

Approximately two minutes later, Alvarez and Silva said they saw flames erupt inside the old store.

When firefighters arrived on the scene, fire engulfed the vacant store and was spreading to yards and neighboring houses, fueled by dry grass and a brisk wind.

Before the afternoon ended, nine firefighters and Pampa Fire Department five vehicles were needed, according to fire reports.

The firefighters battled a grass fire at 506 Finch and extinguished where the fire

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Move to Pampa meant new life for Roden family

Editor's Note: This, the first of a three-part series on the Dairy Strategies evaluation of Top O' Texas Dairy, explains events leading up to the report recently released by the Pampa Economic Development Corporation.

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

Recruited by the Pampa Economic Development Corporation, the Roden family moved to Gray County in August 2000 to build a dairy and start a new life.

Construction on the Top O' Texas Dairy, approximately seven miles east of Pampa, had begun in March of that year, and was well under way when the family members arrived.

"We'd been in the dairy business for several generations," said Ricky Roden. "My grandfather and father were both dairymen."

His wife Tara also came from a dairy background.

Ricky is general manager of the



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Over 1,650 cows are at Rodens' Top O' Texas Dairy east of Pampa. The majority of the milk cows at the dairy are Holstein while a few are Jersey.

facility while his wife is financial manager. His brother Gary is operations manager while his wife, Audra, handles the herd data records.

"We bring a lot of experience to the business," he said. Tara's father was also a dairyman, and she has always lived around dairies.

The Rodens moved to this area to begin their new life from the small town of Godley after living in the community of about 900 residents for several decades.

"Godley was the only place we'd ever lived," he said. "So, we were kind of apprehensive at first."

But the young couple said they have been pleased with the people they'd met and quality of life in the Pampa and Gray County area.

He explained the good dry air and lack of humidity was a welcome respite for the new Gray County residents. The Rodens had been accustomed to humidity in the Godley area which is about 60 miles south of Fort Worth.

The dairy facility under construction was planned to hold a capacity of 2,000 dairy cows.

The facility consists of a barn which holds all the feed for the animals, including alfalfa, corn silage, soybean meal, minerals and hay.

Cows are separated in the expansive

(See DAIRY, Page 3)

Dark clouds on the horizon

Weather change ahead

By DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

Dark blue clouds on the northern horizon mark the return of winter to the Texas Panhandle.

After balmy 75 degree weather Monday, freezing rain is forecast for Pampa tonight followed by snow Wednesday.

The National Weather Service has issued a winter storm watch for the Texas Panhandle through Wednesday night.

Weather service officials say an arctic cold

front will push through Pampa late this afternoon. Moisture is expected to flow into the panhandle tonight through early Thursday.

Four to six inches of snow are forecast for the northern Texas Panhandle.

Pampa could get one to three inches of snow. Weather officials said there could be local amounts of up to four inches in Gray County.

Officials reported a 75 degree high Monday. The high temperature today was expected to reach into the mid 60 degree range before the cold front hits. By late afternoon, temperatures are expected to drop to 30 degrees with freezing rain turning to sleet as winds shift from the

(See CLOUDS, Page 3)

DPS arrests traveler, seizes \$179,480 cash

By KATE B. DICKSON
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

There's \$179,480 in suspected drug money off Interstate 40 today as two Department of Public Safety troopers busted a Michigan man on money laundering charges.

Troopers Oscar Esqueda and Jerome Ingle made the find about 12:16 p.m.

Tuesday after stopping a westbound 1995 Mercury in Gray County near Groom on a traffic violation.

Routinely, troopers question drivers and among questions asked are if drugs or large amounts of currency are inside the vehicle, said DPS 'Sgt. Joe Medrano' of Borger.

Charged with money laun-

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ON RECORD

SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Jan. 28

Samir Mati Mikhail, 56, Hazel Park,

Mich., arrested by the DPS on a charge of money laundering. (See related story.)

Calvin Menefield, 39, Spearman, public intoxication.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro made the following runs during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Jan. 28

9:28 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC) and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony West.

12:38 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to BSAW and transported one to a local nursing facility.

12:36 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Gwendolyn and transported

one to PRMC.

1:55 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Finch on a fire standby.

4:13 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Wilcox and transported one to PRMC.

6:50 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital.

11:32 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of North Dwight; lifting assistance.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today, mostly cloudy and turning colder. Scattered showers and possibly a thunderstorm. Area coverage of rain 30 percent. Highs 60 to 65 then temperatures falling into the 30s this afternoon. Variable winds 10 to 20 mph shifting to the northeast. Tonight, cloudy with a 70 percent chance of rain and possibly a thunderstorm early. Rain changing to freezing rain, sleet or snow late. Lows in the middle 20s. Northeast to east winds 10 to 20 mph. Wednesday, cloudy with an 80 percent chance of freezing rain or sleet, then changing to snow during the afternoon. Temperatures steady in the middle to upper 20s. Northeast to east winds, 10 to 20 mph.

STATEWIDE

A cold front stalled across the northeastern Texas Panhandle early Tuesday ahead of an unseasonably warm air mass carried deep into the state from the Gulf of Mexico.

Gulf moisture continued to surge northward ahead of the front, accompanied by an upper level low-pressure system.

Early-morning temperatures ranged from the 40s and 50s except for the eastern panhandle and

extreme northeastern panhandle, with readings in the 30s, and 60s in the Concho Valley and Edwards Plateau. Some temperatures in deep South Texas approach the low 70s.

Extremes ranged from 32 degrees in the Dalhart area to 68 across the Dallas-Fort Worth area and Killeen.

Other readings included 65 at San Angelo, and 61 at Gainesville.

Winds were generally south to southwest at 5 to 20 mph, except for northeast winds behind the front.

Extensive cloudiness extended from the coast northward to the Concho Valley and the South Plains.

Warm and humid conditions with a chance of showers and thunderstorms should continue through early Wednesday with the front's passage, except for the Edwards Plateau and Concho Valley.

The National Weather Service posted a winter storm watch for the panhandle. Rain was likely by early Wednesday across the panhandle, changing to freezing rain, sleet or snow. A wintry mix should continue through Thursday.

Daytime highs were expected in the 40s to mid-70s.

Lows overnight were forecast for the 20s and 30s in the north and 60s elsewhere.

ACCIDENTS

The Pampa Police Department filed the following recent accident reports.

Friday, Jan. 25

Ingra Lynn Burger, 54, Groom, was cited for unsafe lane change when the 2001 Ford F250 pickup she was driving in the 300 block of West Brown crossed in front of and collided with a 1994 Ford F150 pickup driven by Avon Williams, 54, Amarillo, who reported a possible injury.

Sunday, Jan. 27

A 1985 Pontiac driven in the 1100 block of Willow Road by Pauline Sutton Bryant, 2700 N. Hobart, turned into a 1995 Toyota driven by Courtney Margaret Locknane, Rt. 1 Box 4-1. Bryant said bright sunlight blocked her vision. No injuries were reported.

Christopher Van Horton, 17, 1136 Sandlewood, was cited for failure to yield the right of way when the 1975 Ford he was driving at the intersection of Linda Road and North Christine collided with a 1987 Chevrolet pickup driven by Enrique Marquez, 31, 2101 Coffee. Marquez, who reported possible injuries, was cited for no liability insurance.

A hit and run accident happened at an unknown location in which there was damage to the left quarter panel of a 2001 Ford pickup driven by Kody Wayne Kirkland, 17, 820 Beryl.

FIRE

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

Monday, Jan. 28

1:32 p.m. — Five units and nine firefighters responded to a structure fire in the 500 block of Finch. A vacant building belonging to Phyllis Burns Wendt of Mangum, Okla., was fully involved when firefighters arrived. Several surrounding buildings and grass were also on fire. Pampa Fire Marshal Gary Stevens said the fire was intentionally set and is continuing to investigate the matter. (See related article and photograph on Page 1).

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		Limited	17.75	-0.59
		Williams	18.50	-5.64
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West Texas Crude 20.05

POLICE

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrest during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Jan. 28

Burglary of a habitation was reported with a \$35 loss.

Burglary of a motor vehicle in the 100 block of West Randy Matson was reported in which sunglasses, 25 CDs, a CD case, Walkman CD player, a jack and some tools were taken. Entry through passenger door.

Burglary of a building in the 600 block of South Russell was reported in which particle board, fiber board, studs and felt valued at \$1,300 were taken.

Theft of a firearm(s) was reported in the

400 block of Perry where a Ruger .22-caliber pistol, two clips, a brown case, a five-shot .38-caliber revolver, a black nylon holster and a .22-caliber "Saturday night special" were taken. No forced entry.

A burglary was reported at Vogue Cleaners, 1542 N. Hobart, in which \$100 was taken.

Unlawful entry into a motor vehicle was reported in the 600 block of West Brown.

Wednesday, Jan. 29

Vandalism under \$50 was reported in the 1600 block of North Nelson where a mailbox was damaged.

Reggie Eugene Williams, 31, 1040 Huff, theft over \$50 and under \$500.

OBITUARIES

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THOMPSON, C.F. "Cap" — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

C.F. "CAP" THOMPSON
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C.F. "Cap" Thompson, 83, of Pampa, died Monday, Jan. 28, 2002. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m., Wednesday in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Fines Marchman, pastor of First Baptist Church of Skellytown, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitely Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Thompson was born Aug. 10, 1918, at Wetumka, Okla., to Luther and Tildie Thompson. He had been a Pampa resident

since 1926. He married Audrey Boatman on Dec. 21, 1939, at Sayre, Okla.; she died in 1987. He worked as a driller in the oil-field for 30 years and was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Force, serving during World War II.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers and sisters.

Survivors include two sons, Frederic Howard Thompson of Minnesota and Don Ray Thompson of Pampa.

Ex-Enron exec's wife speaks out

HOUSTON (AP)

The wife of former Enron Corp. chairman and chief executive officer said that although they are friends with the Bush family, they are closer to some members than others.

"I can say we're closer to (President Bush's) parents than we are to him," Linda Lay said Tuesday on NBC's "Today" show. "We certainly know George W. and Laura and I have I think a very good relationship with them."

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T en to the Gray County Jail was Samir Mati Hazel Park, Mich. He was being held this morn-10,000 bond. ng consent to search, Medrano said the troopers , in bundles with rubber bands placed around e right rear door. ati told troopers he was going "to Arizona," but changed his story after the cash was found oney he was going to use for gambling in Las

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When the milking process is completed the system is flushed with water to maintain the cleanliness.

Another building is utilized to give medications to any of the cows who need it, said Tara. All newborn calves are also taken there when they are just a few hours old before they go to the nearby Cross Calf Ranch. The Crosses raise the calves which are returned to the Top O' Texas Dairy when they are eight weeks old to become part of the dairy cow herd.

The main office building is at the center of the operation. Pampa Economic Development Corporation gave the Rodens a \$500,000 grant and a \$250,000 forgivable loan to locate in the area.

Ricky said the half-million grant does not have to be repaid, and the grant will only be required to be paid back if the company does not meet the employment requirements set by the PEDC.

He said he believed the number of employees was required to be about 15 employees or more by December 2002. He and Tara said the dairy has 18 employees now. If the employment should dip below 15 employees before December, monetary payments would have to be made.

On Dec. 16, 2000, the Rodens moved in about 1,000 head of Holsteins to begin their operation.

A snow storm moved into the area on Dec. 24, dumping several inches of snow at the new dairy along with the entire area.

While the weather was not a welcome sight to the

Rodens, both Tara and Ricky said it was not the cause of problems which were getting ready to occur.

At an October board meeting of the PEDC, board members said the weather conditions were part of a high death loss at the dairy. Also identified was mastitis and a downturn in milk prices.

"The cows did fine in the weather," said Ricky. "What we were experiencing was caused by the milking equipment."

Their problem: mastitis.

Brand new milking equipment had cost the family approximately \$500,000, and there were problems, said the Rodens.

The Rodens contacted a well-known consultant in the dairy field after all other attempts to solve the problem were unsuccessful.

Ricky said Dr. David Reid is from Wisconsin and is an expert in the dairy field.

"Their teats were so sore from the mastitis that they could not produce milk," said Ricky, "and they didn't seem to be getting better."

Two weeks after Dr. Reid's visit, the cows began to get

better. In the meantime, the loss of the cows had become a crisis situation.

The Rodens said Susan Triplehorn, executive director of the PEDC, helped them greatly in beginning their business and would check in with them at least once a week.

While on one of her visits, she suggested bringing in a dairy consultant to help the Rodens evaluate their operation. "We explained we didn't have the money," said Tara.

"She said she could get the PEDC to pay for it," said Ricky. The PEDC paid \$15,000 for the report.

Dairy Strategies Inc. provided a consultant's report after their evaluation of the facility saying three issues were the cause of the problems experienced at the dairy: under capitalization of the business, extremely high somatic cell counts and a system to continually monitor and improve herd performance.

But the Rodens don't agree with the report's findings.

Tomorrow: The findings of the Dairy Strategies report.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Set rules to govern EDCs

To the editor:

Here are some notes from Dr. (William J.) Weida on economic development corporations that will be of interest to your readers.

In most communities, the EDC is established by the business interests of the community and it generally serves their interests. However, the infrastructure expenses and other costs of bringing to a town the companies the EDC has recruited are funded by the taxpayers. This creates a conflict of interest that must be dealt with before the EDC begins operation. To begin, the community in which the EDC is located must be careful to construct a set of rules to govern the behavior of the organization.

Following are brief suggestions for these rules.

1. The governing board of the EDC and the members of the community should carefully analyze the organization's staffing needs and determine if it, as an official, funded organization is really required or if the EDC's establishment is simply a reaction to economic conditions that it has little hope of addressing. Because of the limited size of the economy in most rural regions, an EDC has little chance of significant recruitment successes.

2. No EDC activity should proceed until the region affected by the EDC has in place a firm, long-term growth plan and the zoning regulations necessary to enforce it.

3. No EDC activity should proceed until the region affected by the EDC has inventoried its strengths and weaknesses and has reached agreement on which of its local assets are to be preserved and which could be sacrificed if appropriate economic development resulted.

4. All EDC activities and records should be open to the public. Any EDC activity that is not strictly in compliance with the area's long-term plan should be subject to a regional vote before it is undertaken.

5. The EDC should not be allowed to "buy" new companies. Anyone who will only come to a region or community if a large incentive package is given has no allegiance to the region or to its objectives.

6. Anytime an incentive package is used by the EDC, it should be accompanied by a "claw back" agreement in which the recruited company promises (in writing) to reimburse the region for all incentives if it does not stay in the region for a stated period of time.

7. The EDC should be firmly instructed that they are not expected to recruit a quota of companies every year just to "get some jobs" or to look like they are busy. Instead, the EDC should concentrate only on those companies that match the long-term objectives of the community.

8. The EDC should spend at least as much time helping existing companies grow as it does recruiting new ones. If a conflict exists, the EDC's effort should always go to the local companies first — because most local growth comes from existing local companies.

9. The EDC should be minimally staffed and should rely on local business and community leaders to do its recruitment. It should also rely on these volunteer individuals to work with potential recruits to develop helpful networks within the area to ease settlement and operational problems. These agreements should be used in place of incentive packages.

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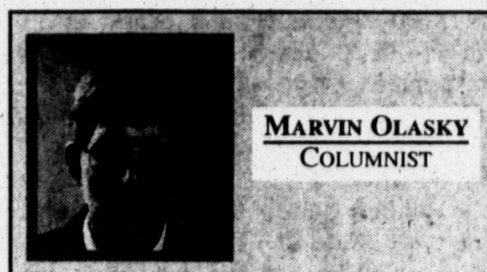
As pro-lifers march in Washington and elsewhere this week, pro-choicers are trying out a new way to knock out their toughest opponents — those who help women make an informed choice on abortion.

Some 3,000 crisis pregnancy centers (CPCs) around the country give women factual information about fetal development and the options they face, but New York Attorney General Elliot Spitzer is harassing them in a way that could damage not only pro-life efforts but the First Amendment.

Here's some background: A year ago the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League (NARAL) put out a big booklet listing lots of ways to undermine CPCs. NARAL praised one in particular: "Persuade state attorney general to bring litigation against targeted CPCs," with the goal of requiring "new operating guidelines for CPCs."

We're seeing in liberal New York how the pointed advice in NARAL's booklet — "Target: Attorney General" — works out in practice. New York's Spitzer emphatically supports abortion and has taken campaign bucks from NARAL's political action committee. Earlier this month, he delighted his backers by agreeing to a creative attack on CPCs: accuse them of practicing medicine without a license.

The accusation is not in response to any problem, says Chris Slattery, founder and president of Expectant Mother Care. EMC is one of the five New York CPC organizations that received subpoenas last month demanding information about



MARVIN OLASKY
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how the CPCs are "diagnosing and advising persons on medical options." EMC, founded in 1985, has served over 30,000 clients since then without facing any lawsuits. It now operates five centers that serve over 4,000 girls and women each year.

Nor is the accusation an attempt to help abortionists who can't help themselves. In New York City, abortionists clearly outmuscle CPCs, as even the Verizon yellow pages show: one page of "abortion alternatives" compared with seven pages for abortionists.

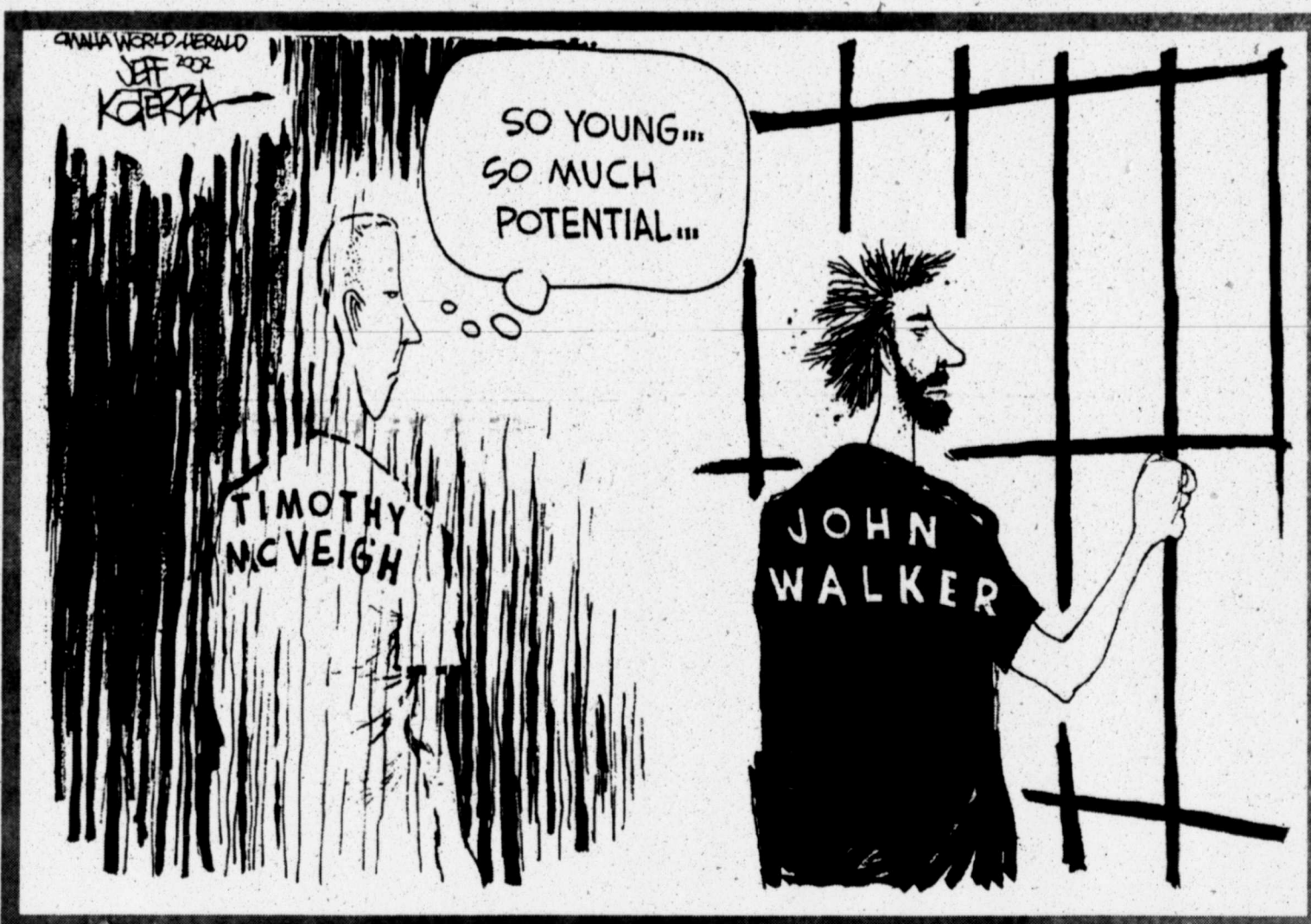
Nevertheless, if a judge goes along with the notion that counseling about abortion is illegally practicing medicine, and other judges uphold that decision, many New York CPCs will have to shut down: They don't charge anything for their counseling, and they depend on trained volunteers. If a precedent established in New York were to lead to new restrictions across the country, almost every CPC will be vulnerable. And more: Anything that touches on medical ethics could become the province of physicians, with everyone else gagged.

But the counterattack is now beginning. South Carolina Attorney General

Charlie Condon has sent a letter to Spitzer criticizing the New Yorker's "ill-advised course of action." Condon notes that CPC volunteers "freely give of themselves with a helpful hand and a loving heart," and that "the heavy hand of the government investigation ... will inevitably discourage community service and volunteerism." Meanwhile, the American Center for Law and Justice and other legal groups are coming to the defense of the CPCs, calling Spitzer's action "clearly a case of discrimination and harassment."

Clearly, America remains conflicted by abortion, as it was by slavery 150 years ago, but attempts to pass gag laws then only made the situation worse. The issue of slavery could not be left just to property-management specialists, and the issue of abortion cannot be left only to doctors to decide. Whether we are pro-life or pro-choice, we should not cut off debate on this matter, or tell compassionate people they cannot offer counsel unless they are physicians.

To fight Spitzer's overreaching, we need a coalition of not only pro-lifers, but all those who value the First Amendment. For example, New York Times columnist William Safire, who is vigilant about free speech issues, should pay attention to this one in his own backyard. Sadly, some New York journalists and politicians have become Park Avenue poodles for abortionists, but maybe folks from South Carolina, Texas and elsewhere can remind them of a little thing called the Constitution.



When state of the union means state of war

By LAWRENCE L. KNUTSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush delivers his State of the Union speech tonight armed with a degree of national unity conferred on no wartime chief executive since Pearl Harbor 60 years ago.

The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, targeting Americans on American soil, lend Bush's prosecution of the war a degree of popular support denied to Harry Truman and Dwight D. Eisenhower in Korea and Lyndon B. Johnson and Richard M. Nixon in Vietnam.

Even Bush's father, President George H. W. Bush, faced division and dissent at the beginning of his effort to stop Iraqi aggression in the Persian Gulf.

Unlike Johnson in the 1960s, Bush will walk down the center aisle of the House chamber free of the emotional pressure that LBJ faced as casualties mounted in Southeast Asia and the protest chant echoed in the streets: "Hey, Hey, LBJ, How many kids did you kill today?"

Johnson had to appeal for public understanding and support throughout the war. By the end of his term he was using the State of the Union speech to underscore efforts to achieve a negotiated peace.

In 1966, Johnson offered one of the most eloquent passages by any president on the nature of war itself.

"War is always the same," he said. "It is young men dying in the fullness of their promise. It is trying to kill a man that you do not even know well enough to hate. Therefore, to know war is to know that there is still madness in the world."

But Johnson also used that speech to try to convince Congress that the nation could pay for both his war and his ambitious domestic programs.

America is strong enough "to pursue our goals in the rest of the world while building the Great Society here at home," he declared.

By the next year Johnson was facing up to a dilemma.

"... The question is whether we have the staying power to fight a very costly war, when the objective is limited and the danger to us is seemingly remote," he said on Jan. 10, 1967.

Contrast that with Franklin D. Roosevelt's State of the Union address on Jan. 6, 1942, a month after the Pearl Harbor attack, when he described the nation's Japanese and Nazi enemies as hurtling along a "bloodstained course of conquest."

Pearl Harbor, described earlier by FDR as a "day of infamy," was a blunt instrument, intended to stun and terrify America.

Roosevelt said it had failed in that purpose. "We have not been stunned; we have not been terrified or confused," he said. "... The mood of quiet, grim resolution which here prevails bodes ill for those who conspired and collaborated to murder world peace."

Truman faced a more daunting challenge on Jan. 8, 1951, as he sought backing for a "police action" to repel the communist invasion of South Korea and thwart "the threat of world conquest by Soviet Russia."

Korea, he said, was a symbol that "stands for right and justice in the world against oppression and slavery."

"The free world must always stand for these principles and we will stand with the free world," Truman said.

Growing opposition to the Korean War was one reason Truman passed up the opportunity to seek re-election in 1952. Fierce opposition to the war in Vietnam was one reason Johnson ruled

himself out in 1968.

The consequences of Johnson's unhappy experience in Vietnam were still fresh in many minds on Jan. 29, 1991 — a decade ago — when George H. W. Bush walked into the House chamber and said the nation had reached "a defining moment."

Congress had only narrowly approved U.S. involvement in a coalition to defeat Saddam Hussein's Iraq and reverse the invasion of Kuwait. The air war had just begun. There was still much skepticism about the wisdom of the president's course.

Bush accused Iraq of the "ruthless, systematic rape of a peaceful neighbor." Then he moved the regional conflict onto a larger world stage altered by signs of cracks in the Soviet Union's iron facade.

"What is at stake is more than one small country: It is a big idea — a new world order where diverse nations are drawn together in a common cause to achieve the universal aspirations of mankind: peace and security, freedom and the rule of law," he said.

Like his father, the current president can report that the nation is "on course," having rolled up the Taliban in Afghanistan and put terrorism on the defensive around the world.

But the 43rd president also must lay the foundation for a lengthy contest with an elusive foe.

In answering the question of just how long such a war might take, Bush might start by remembering Roosevelt's words six decades ago:

"Many people ask, 'When will this war end?' There is only one answer to that. It will end just as soon as we make it end, by our combined efforts, our combined strength, our combined determination to fight through and work through until the end"

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Varied activities fill PNC residents' days

Pampa Nursing Center has undergone several changes during the past few months. New renovations of wallpaper, paint and furnishings have added a facelift to the home.

All new beds for patients were received last week.

Staff members are dedicated to providing the best care possible for the patients at the facility.

Professional staff members are there to assist the patients and provide quality care to them. The staff loves the patients and their families, said Admissions Coordinator Terri Adams.

Activities for the patients are planned by Kristie Fuller. She has been Activities Director at the facility for four years.

Several of the patients recently enjoyed a day by participating in bowling. Some had bowled before then, but it had been many years while others had never engaged in the sport.

Adams said Fuller plans and supervises many activities such as Bingo for the patients through the week on a regular basis.

Patients also enjoy playing dominoes and the penny game.

Upcoming special events she is coordinating for February include a Valentine's Banquet and a Chinese New Year Celebration.

Annually the patients ride on a float in the rodeo

parade. Even though they aren't in the annual Christmas parade, many of the residents enjoy going to the parade to watch it.

One of the patients at the facility is Chinese, and is looking forward to the celebration, said Adams.

She said the local facility has Medicare beds and has the distinction that any beds at the facility are certified as Medicare.

Barbara Patrick, the assistant Director of Nursing, has shared her expertise at PNC for 16 years. She has a total of 30 years experience.

LaGayla Wheat serves as a physical therapist aide with PNC and has an excellent ratio in wound healing, said Adams. The facility also houses an Occupational Therapist and an on-call speech therapist so the residents are able to take therapy without leaving the building.

Dietary Manager Sharon Brown serves the residents with food 'just like Mama used to make,' said Adams. She said Brown also supplies substitutions for those who don't prefer the menu that day.

An 82-bed capacity facility, PNC is home to many residents from Pampa and the surrounding area. A friendly and caring environment is at the local center.

Some of the patients are at the facility temporarily while others are on a

longterm basis. Private rooms are available for the patients as are semi-private rooms.

Referrals are followed by on-site preadmission assessment. Trained professionals will counsel the family and patient through the entire admission process.

Several therapies are among the provided services including infusion, respiratory, music and pet. Other services include podiatrist, optometrist, portable diagnostics and specialty equipment.

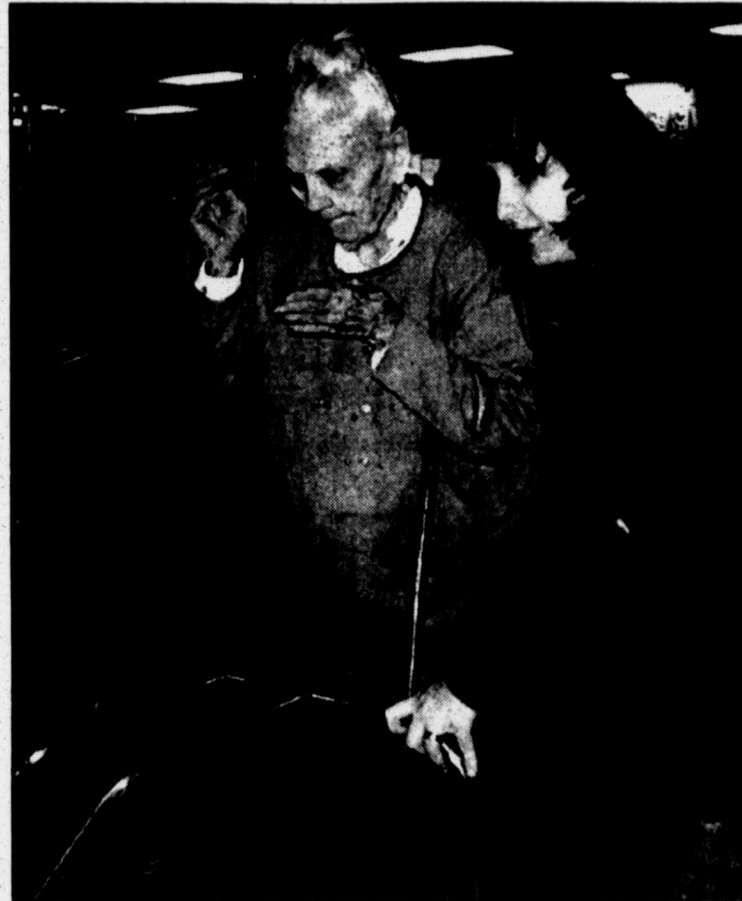
Programs offered include pain management, respite care, hospice care, medically demanding, orthopedic recovery, pulmonary management, stroke recovery and vascular/wound recovery.

Amenities which are included are a rehabilitation department, semi-private rooms, sub-acute beds, long term beds, on-site beauty salon, transportation, cable and laundry.

Admissions at PNC can be done at any time or any hour.

Coordinator of Admission Terri Adams has information available regarding the admitting process. Nancy Meers assists families with the financial aspects of nursing home life while Melinda Hillman, LVN, Medicare Coordinator, can help with any Medicare questions.

Information may be obtained by calling the staff at 669-2551 or going by the facility at 1321 W. Kentucky.



Pansy Cargile, a resident of Pampa Nursing Center, is assisted by Terri Adams, admissions coordinator at PNC, during a recreation time of bowling. They are listening for the sounds of bowling pins hitting the floor.

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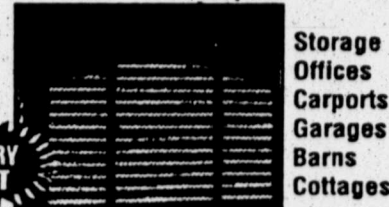
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Late Start Doesn't Concern Student Who Wants to Teach

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I feel compelled to respond to Veronica M. DeCrescio's letter about how she always wanted to be a teacher, but never went back to school to certify.

Please tell her to go for it! I am in a similar situation. I earned a B.A. in an unrelated field, but later realized I wanted to become an elementary school teacher. I am going after it — even though it means I will be a student teacher at 50.

I am in school now and have five more quarters to go. This time around, college is even more intellectually stimulating and satisfying than before. Most of the students in my program are under 30, and I am old enough to be "Mom" to several of them. Age can be an advantage — I have had life experiences these youngsters have yet to learn. Moreover, I have had the time to think about taking this life-changing step and am fully committed to my dream of becoming a teacher.

If I can do it, anyone can. We all have something of value to contribute to the field of education. Please assure Ms. DeCrescio that devotion and enthusiasm for the profession of teaching are much more important than one's age!

MS. RANDALL START,
BREMERTON, WASH.

DEAR RANDALL: True. I'm pleased to see someone with your life experience going into elementary education. People who love what they do are usually very good at it. You'll be a terrific role model for your students to emulate. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Your response to the individual who got her degree but was not certified to teach school was incomplete. If you meant she should try teaching and see if she likes it, I agree. But she should realize that substitute teaching without proper certification will get her nowhere unless she's willing to work in a private school for low pay, or work in a position where there are no health or retirement benefits.

This wanna-be teacher could, however, check with her local schools and see if they help uncertified staff go back to school. In my district, many of our teaching assistants have

obtained certification in this manner and are now working as full-fledged teachers.

She also needs to check the local colleges and find out exactly what is needed to earn her certificate. It might come as a pleasant surprise, since she already has a bachelor's degree.

Please wish her good luck from me, Abby. You were right when you emphasized the need for good teachers.

VETERAN SCHOOL SECRETARY,
SYRACUSE, N.Y.

DEAR SCHOOL SECRETARY: Let it be lost on no one that one of the most important jobs in this country is teaching. Teachers can influence and motivate an entire generation.

DEAR ABBY: I am a college freshman, extremely shy, and not the most popular guy on campus. There is a girl I like, but she hangs out with a far more popular crowd. I talk to her often — in school, online and on the phone. I would like to ask her out, but I am afraid she'll say no. What should I do?

HOPELESS FOREVER
IN NEW YORK

DEAR HOPELESS FOREVER: Ask her out for coffee. It's non-threatening and it's not a formal date. It's two friends chatting and getting to know each other. Then ask her to a movie. If she's spending time talking to you on the phone and online, she's interested in you, too. Take a deep breath, count to three — and call her now!

Pauline Phillips and her daughter Jeanne Phillips share the pseudonym Abigail Van Buren. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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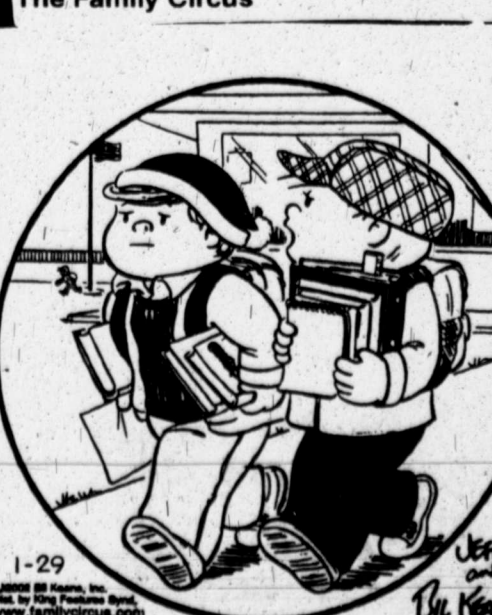
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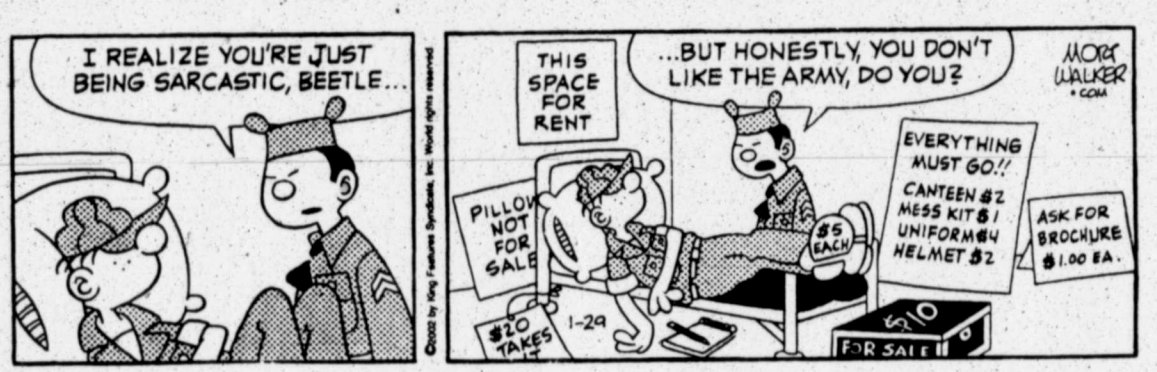
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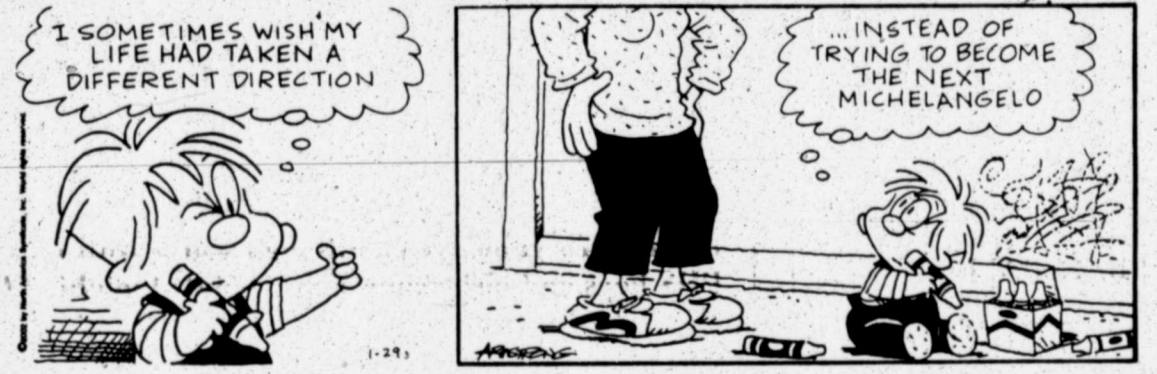
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FOOTBALL

PAMPA — Both Orlando Madrid and Jon Lambright of Pampa have been named to the Texas Sports Writers Association Class 4A All-State Football Team.

Madrid, a 6-1, 205-pound senior, was named second-team defense at linebacker. Lambright, a 6-3, 305-pound senior, was named third-team offense at center.

BASKETBALL

BRISCOE — The Fort Elliott Cougars improved to 6-0 in District 2-1A play with a 72-22 win over Higgins last weekend.

Fort Elliott's scoring leaders were Wesley Hathaway with 17 points and Monte Hand 9.

Trevor Cates led Higgins with 10 points.

Fort Elliott won by a score of 53-24 in the girls game.

Tamara Hartline was the Lady Cougars' high scorer with 18 points. Amanda Mick followed with 14.

Julie Mulkey had 11 points for Higgins.

WELLINGTON — Canadian defeated Wellington 69-49 in a District 6-2A girls game last weekend.

Jana Francis had 20 points to pace the Lady Wildcats. Wellington's high-point girl was Jessica Archie with 11.

BASEBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball management, its plans for contraction all but over, told the players' association that Montreal and Minnesota were the only teams under consideration for elimination before opening day.

Owners voted on Nov. 6 to eliminate two teams, but did not identify them. But contraction has been on hold since Nov. 16, when a Minnesota judge issued an injunction that forces the Twins to honor their 2002 lease at the Metrodome.

Management negotiators Rob Manfred and Paul Beeston told the players' association last week that if owners succeeded in their plan to eliminate teams for this season, the Twins and Expos were the only candidates, two people familiar with the talks said Monday on the condition of anonymity.

Commissioner Bud Selig has refused to rule out folding franchises for the 2002 season and maintains that no teams officially have been picked for folding.

Manfred and union head Donald Fehr refused comment. Selig and Beeston did not return telephone calls seeking comment.

Lawyers for the Twins and Selig have asked the Minnesota Supreme Court to lift the injunction, but the high court won't decide until Friday at the earliest whether to take the case. Even if the Supreme Court accepts an appeal, it's unlikely to issue a decision on the injunction before Feb. 14.

Flashback

1993: Gregg Moore scored twice as Pampa defeated Tascosa 15-12 in high school football.

Moore's TDs came on a 76-yard touchdown pass from Tony Cavalier and on a 43-yard run.

Middle linebacker Floyd White led the defense with 10 individual tackles.

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Halfway through his first season at Texas Tech, Bob Knight is still looking for the right mix of players.

"If we had a guard that could shoot like Jerry West, one that could defend like John Havlicek, and if I had Willis Reed setting screens for Magic Johnson and had Larry Bird just kind of doing whatever he wanted to do, we'd be better," Knight said recently.

Despite the absence of those superstars, Knight's Red Raiders are off to a 15-3 start — good enough to earn them the No. 20 spot in this week's AP college basketball poll.

Tech earned its first ranking in five years by beating two Top 10 teams — Oklahoma State and Oklahoma — within seven days. That's quite a feat for a team that finished tied for last in the Big 12 last season with a 3-13 record.

Has the quick turnaround exceeded the coach's expectations?

"No," Knight said Saturday following a 92-79 victory over No. 6 Oklahoma. "Exceeding yours, but not mine."

Knight last had a team ranked in 1999-00, his 29th and final season at Indiana. Texas Tech was last ranked in the 1996-97 season when it was in the poll for 10 weeks, reaching as high as 18th.

Duke (18-1), which beat Boston College and Virginia last week to extend its winning streak to six games, was a unanimous No. 1 again, receiving all 71 first-place votes from the national media panel.

Kansas, the team that was No. 1 the week Duke wasn't, was followed by Maryland, Cincinnati, Florida and Oklahoma.

But a week that saw 16 ranked teams lose — including six in the Top 10 — caused

plenty of movement throughout the rest of the poll.

Alabama, which beat Kentucky in its only game last week, jumped from 14th to No. 7 and was followed in the Top 10 by Virginia, Oklahoma State and Kentucky.

Gonzaga, at its highest ranking in school history, moved up five spots to No. 11, followed by Illinois, UCLA, Syracuse, Miami, Georgia, Connecticut, Stanford, Arizona and Texas Tech.

Pittsburgh, the week's other newcomer, Missouri, Southern California, Wake Forest and Ohio State rounded out the Top 25.

Oregon (15-5) ended a two-week stay in the poll and Texas (14-5) was bounced after just one week.

Connecticut and Arizona, whose overtime game on Saturday was one of the season's most exciting to date, had the week's biggest rise and

fall.

The Huskies, who prevailed 100-98 for the road win, jumped from 25th to No. 17. The Wildcats, the only ranked team to lose twice last week (they also lost to Arizona State), fell from No. 10 to 19th.

Texas Tech came close to being ranked several times this season. Beating Oklahoma State and Oklahoma provided the boost the Red Raiders needed.

Tech returns only four players who saw regular action last season. Two of them are now the leading scorers: four-year starter Andy Ellis (18.1 ppg) and sophomore Andre Emmett (17.9).

Knight added four junior college transfers, two freshmen and a walk-on when he arrived following a one-year layoff after being fired by Indiana. They bought into Knight's system of a motion

offense and a tenacious, hard-nosed defense.

"What he's done is continue to do what he's done during a great, great career," Kansas coach Roy Williams said. "He has coached his team to play together, play unselfish and play extremely hard, particularly on the defensive end. It's not surprising knowing his ability."

Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson took note of the changed atmosphere in Lubbock, where an arena that last season averaged fewer than 4,000 fans is close to a sellout every game.

"It's not just the team and the coach. The environment and atmosphere raises level of play. I'd like to think those 15,000-plus fans had a little bit to do with it. That fueled them," said Sampson, whose team beat the Red Raiders 98-72 two weeks earlier in Norman, Okla.

Dribble and drive



(Photo by Tess Kingcade)

Pampa's Valerie Velez looks to dribble around a Caprock player in Friday night's girls game. Velez was high scorer with 18 points in a 72-43 win. Both PHS boys and girls teams are in action tonight at Canyon, starting at 6.

Stars defeat Bluejackets

DALLAS (AP) — The way things have been going for the Dallas Stars, any win is worth celebrating, even if it comes against a struggling second-year expansion team.

Rob DiMaio broke a tie with 7:04 to play, leading the Stars to a 4-2 victory Monday night over the Columbus Blue Jackets — their first win under interim coach Rick Wilson.

"It's a small step, but it's also

a big step for our team," said DiMaio, whose third goal helped the Stars end a three-game home losing streak. "Good teams find a way to win, and we found a way."

The victory also was a relief for Wilson, who lost his debut on Friday about 12 hours after replacing Ken Hitchcock, who was fired.

Wilson was given a game puck by his players to commemorate his first win.

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Ex-Spurs star could face prison

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Former Spurs basketball star Alvin Robertson, fighting to stay out of prison, returned to court Monday with his lawyer to battle sexual abuse accusations during a probation hearing.

Robertson, a former NBA all-star guard, appeared in court Monday on accusations that he sexually assaulted his mistress at her home on Nov. 17.

Prosecutors are hoping to revoke an earlier probation term for Robertson, 39.

The former San Antonio guard has spent months trying to remain a free man. He could have been sent back to prison last summer after testing positive for cocaine.

Instead, Judge Sid Harle ordered him to complete an intensive residential drug treatment program. Court records indicate he tested positive for

drugs on at least three separate occasions last year.

Yenzer accepts Midland post

HEREFORD — Craig Yenzer, Hereford head football coach, has officially accepted the head coaching job at Midland High, it was announced Monday.

Yenzer, a Crescent, Okla. native, has been head coach of the Whitefaces for the past six years. Hereford reached the Class 4A state finals in 1999 under Yenzer's direction. His career record at Hereford is 43-24.

Yenzer takes over a program that hasn't been to the playoffs since 1951. A season ago, Midland High was 5-5.

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Will it be Brady or Bledsoe?

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Even the St. Louis Rams are talking about Drew Bledsoe and Tom Brady.

Mike Martz weighed in with an opinion on Monday as the Rams and New England Patriots arrived. He figures it'll be Bledsoe instead of Brady, who has a sprained ankle, although the Rams' coach admitted it's just a guess.

"I don't know how serious the injury to Brady is," Martz said. "I probably shouldn't say, because I don't know. I've been locked in a bunker."

As Martz handicaps it, Bledsoe has the stronger arm and Brady is more mobile. He looks forward to facing neither one of them on Sunday as the Rams seek their second Super Bowl championship in three years.

"They both run that offense very well," Martz said. "To have those two quarterbacks on the same team playing at that level is pretty special."

New England coach Bill Belichick said he would make his decision on a quarterback Wednesday. Rams middle linebacker London Fletcher said it makes no difference to him.

"We don't change how we prepare for an upcoming game based on the starting quarterback," Fletcher said. "What you see is what you are going to get."

There's no question who will play quarterback for the Rams. Team doctors told Kurt Warner he'd probably be sore on Monday, a day after he took a painkilling injection

for bruised ribs, but Warner said he felt better than he did going into the game.

Warner was sacked only once and was hit only a handful of times in the Rams' 29-24 victory over the Philadelphia Eagles. Last week, he missed almost all of one practice.

"I'm very optimistic I'm going to be 100 percent come Sunday," Warner said. "It's nice to know that you don't have to fight through things all week long to prepare."

The Rams were 14-point favorites Monday after opening at high as 15 1/2 points. They're a bit sheepish about it, just like they were when the line against Green Bay was 11 points.

"We don't care if we win by 20, if we win by 30 or if we win by one," Warner said. "Everybody says 'Oh, they're the big favorites.' Whatever."

Martz said he doesn't pay attention to point spreads.

"First of all, I'm not sure I understand how a line is made," Martz said. "If that's a large line, I have no clue. I'm the wrong guy to ask, I guess."

The Rams (16-2) have been double-digit favorites throughout the playoffs. They fell short of the expected easy time with the Eagles, but they fulfilled their role as 10-point favorites against the Green Bay Packers, winning 45-17.

St. Louis won by an average score of 31-17 in the regular season. It's the first time in NFL history to score 500 points in three consecutive seasons, beating the Panthers by 34, the Dolphins by 32 and the Falcons by 29.

The Philadelphia game was an exception. Though favored by 11 points, the Rams trailed at halftime for only the third time all season and needed a late-game interception by Aeneas Williams to snuff out Philadelphia's last drive.

The first meeting against the Patriots, a 24-17 victory in New England on Nov. 18, also was a rare tight game for the Rams. The Patriots were double-digit underdogs against the Steelers and beat them 24-17 in the AFC championship game.

The Rams enter the week with a few injury concerns on the offensive line. Tackle Orlando Pace, who missed a series with a strained right knee ligament in the NFC championship, isn't expected to miss any practice time.

"Orlando is much better than I anticipated," Martz said. "I was really concerned."

But it'll be a few days before the team knows the status of tackle Rod Jones, who injured his groin. Ryan Tucker, who hasn't started in the playoffs because of a sprained ankle, played a reserve role when Pace and then Jones were hurt.

Tucker expects to start in the Super Bowl.

The game is a homecoming for Williams and Marshall Faulk, who were the first two players off the plane when the team arrived on Monday. Martz doesn't believe it'll be a distraction.

"Obviously, you don't know these two guys," he said. "They're really squared away."

McLean, Lefors split cage games

LEFORS — Joshua Jackson scored 23 points to lead the Lefors Pirates to a 64-46 win over McLean to gain a split in the District 3-1A doubleheader last weekend.

McLean notched a 41-24 win in the girls game.

For the Pirates, their win gave them a 3-2 record in the district standings.

Andrew Johnson added 15 points to the Lefors attack.

Terrance Fite and 11 points and Tyler Hanes 10 for McLean.

Randi Riley had 14 points and Shalee Steel 11 to lead the Tigerettes in their victory.

McLean led by only three points at halftime, but the Tigerettes outscored Lefors 16-6 in the third quarter to take a 13-point lead.

Amanda Daugherty had 11 points to lead Lefors. Savannah Smith followed with 7.

McLean girls are 4-2 in district play.

GROOM — Groom swept Samnorwood in District 3-1A action last weekend.

In the boys contest, Groom scored a 43-35 victory.

C. Britten was high scorer for the Tigers with 15 points. Babcock followed with 8.

Ramos was high scorer for the losers with 19 points.

Groom defeated

Samnorwood 81-15 in the girls game.

Amanda Conrad and Candace Bohr had 16 and 15

points, respectively, for the Tigerettes.

Matthews had 9 points for Samnorwood.



(Pampa News photo)

Randi Riley had 14 points to lead McLean in scoring.

Georgetown turns back No. 14th-ranked Syracuse, 75-60

WASHINGTON (AP) — The goggles were a bad omen for Syracuse.

When Preston Shumpert walked onto the court with his eyes under wraps, it was evident he was having problems with the scratched cornea he suffered late last season.

In pain and barely able to see, Shumpert had his worst game in more than two years as the 14th-ranked Orangemen lost 75-60 to Georgetown on Monday night.

"Before the game, he really couldn't see out of it, but he thought he could go," Syracuse coach Jim Boheim said. "We need him out there. He was in more pain at halftime. It flared up, and I just didn't think he could go anymore."

Shumpert, a senior forward and the Big East's second

leading scorer, played just 19 minutes, including one minute at the start of the second half. He scored three points on 1-for-5 shooting, his worst showing since the third game of his sophomore year.

"I don't think a good player should be playing when he can't see," Boheim said. "Obviously, without him, we're not the same team."

Boheim said the eye was swollen shut when Shumpert woke up Sunday morning. The coach said the eye wasn't reinjured, and doctors have told the condition could simply clear up in two or three days.

"He's had a little bit of trouble with it, but not a lot, from time to time," Boheim said. "But this is the first time that it's flared up this bad. It's pretty ugly looking."

Georgetown coach Craig Esherick was the first to admit

that Shumpert's absence was the key to the game for Syracuse. Still, the Hoyas (13-7, 4-4 Big East) didn't want to concede much about their first victory in seven tries against teams currently ranked in the Top 25.

"It's important for us to be able to say we beat a team like Syracuse," said Esherick, who beamed up his nonconference schedule after a disappointing NCAA seeding last year.

In the only other game involving ranked teams on Monday, No. 2 Kansas beat No. 22 Missouri 105-73.

Kevin Braswell had 16 points, six steals and five assists for the Hoyas, and Mike Sweetney had 18 points and 13 rebounds. Two freshmen had big games: Harvey Thomas scored a career-high 14 points, and Tony Bethel had 14 points and nine

rebounds. The Orangemen (17-5, 6-2) lost for the third time in four games, and their problems went beyond Shumpert's eye.

They missed eight straight free throws and were just 8-of-18 from the line for the game. They made just five baskets outside the paint and were badly outrebounded (47-22) for the fourth consecutive game.

"We have a problem there, there's no question about it," Boheim said. "This team's bigger and stronger than we are, and we've got to find a way to get a few more rebounds to be competitive."

DeShaun Williams scored 13 points to lead the Orangemen, who fell into a tie with Pittsburgh for first place in the Big East's West Division.

Georgetown didn't pull

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	30	13	6	2	68	160	116
N.Y. Islanders	25	17	5	3	58	143	137
N.Y. Rangers	25	22	4	3	57	152	161
New Jersey	21	20	7	3	52	126	127
Pittsburgh	22	22	5	2	51	121	140

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	28	15	3	7	66	154	130
Ottawa	26	17	6	3	61	160	129
Toronto	26	17	5	4	61	149	132
Montreal	22	21	8	2	54	140	142
Buffalo	22	25	4	1	49	139	136

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	22	19	9	5	58	148	162
Washington	20	25	8	1	49	146	167
Tampa Bay	19	26	5	2	45	101	124
Florida	16	29	4	3	39	106	156
Atlanta	13	30	6	4	36	127	188

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	36	9	6	2	80	167	113
Chicago	30	16	9	0	69	153	142
St. Louis	29	15	6	3	65	147	117
Nashville	19	25	9	0	47	131	142
Columbus	14	30	7	1	36	106	147

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	30	17	6	1	67	139	111
Edmonton	25	20	8	2	60	140	129
Vancouver	26	24	4	1	57	164	144
Calgary	21	21	8	2	52	122	136
Minnesota	17	22	9	5	48	126	154

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	25	16	7	3	60	146	128
Dallas	24	18	6	4	58	141	140
Los Angeles	24	19	7	2	57	141	122
Phoenix	22	19	7	4	55	128	135
Anaheim	18	29	6	3	45	122	138

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Montreal 3, San Jose 1

Buffalo 3, Washington 2, OT

Monday's Games

Boston 2, Chicago 1

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Phoenix 4, Atlanta 2

Anaheim 1, St. Louis 0

Calgary 3, Minnesota 2, OT

Dallas 4, Columbus 2

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Tuesday's Games

New Jersey at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.

Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

Buffalo at Carolina, 7 p.m.

San Jose at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Philadelphia at Ottawa, 7 p.m.

N.Y. Islanders at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.

Boston at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.

Toronto at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.

Carolina at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.

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1999 — Ron Dayne, Wisconsin

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2001 — Luke Staley, BYU

TRANSACTIONS

Monday's Sports Transactions

BASEBALL

American League

DETROIT TIGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Billy Simas on a minor league contract.

TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Agreed to terms with LHP Tom Martin, RHP Randy Galloway, C Sal Fasano, C Yarnid Haad, INF Andy Sheets and OF Emil Brown on minor league contracts.

TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Ismael Valdes and RHP Rudy Seanez on one-year contracts. Named Pedro Lopez manager, Kevin Dattola hitting coach, and Aris Tirado pitching coach of Pulaski of the Appalachian League.

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES—Signed RHP Darren Holmes to a minor league contract.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Agreed to terms with OF John Mabry on a minor league contract.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Named Larry Silverman vice president and baseball legal counsel.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

NEW JERSEY NETS—Signed G Anthony Johnson and F Donny Marshall for the remainder of the season.

UTAH JAZZ—Placed G John Croty on the injured list.

Signed G Rusty LaRue to a 10-day contract.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ATLANTA FALCONS—Fired Don Blackmon, defensive coordinator.

BUFFALO BILLS—Signed DT Demetrius Maxie.

DENVER BRONCOS—Named Ted Sundquist general manager, Neal Dahlen director of football administration, and Jim Goodman director of college scouting.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Named Tony Sparano tight

ends coach.

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Promoted Brian Wiedmeier to executive vice president and chief operating officer, Rick Spielman to senior vice president-football operations/player personnel, Harvey Greene to senior vice president-media relations and Jim Ross to senior vice president-sales and marketing.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Signed WR E.G. Green and P Tim Morgan to two-year contracts, and CB Corey Ivy, OT Brian Guber, DE Ron Warner, WR Daryl Daniel, DB Corey Chamblin, FB Leroy McFadden, TE Damien Vaughn, and WR Jermale Kelly to one-year contracts.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Named Vinny Cerrato player personnel director.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

CALGARY FLAMES—Recalled F Jason Botterill and LW Jamie Wright from Saint John of the AHL. Reassigned F Oleg Saprykin to Saint John. Placed F Chris Clark on injured reserve.

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Placed RW David Vyborny on injured reserve. Recalled C Brad Moran from Syracuse of the AHL.

DETROIT RED WINGS—Placed C Steve Yzerman on injured reserve. Recalled C Sean Avery from Cincinnati of the AHL.

FLORIDA PANTHERS—Assigned C Byron Ritchie to Lowell of the AHL.

NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Fired Larry Robinson, coach, and Slava Fetisov and Jay Leach, assistant coaches. Named Kevin Constantine coach, and John Cunniff assistant coach.

OTTAWA SENATORS—Assigned RW Jody Hull to Grand Rapids of the AHL.

PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Assigned G Neil Little to Philadelphia of the AHL.

PHOENIX COYOTES—Reassigned G Patrick DesRochers and C Jason Jaspers to Springfield of the AHL.

ST. LOUIS BLUES—Recalled C Eric Boguniecki from Worcester of the AHL.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** Finally you can instrument more of your desires. Others run with the ball, excited about your ideas. Your skills and willingness to work with others' views underscores you as a winner. Fatigue hits midday. No wonder, considering how hard you have worked. Tonight: Get some extra zzz's.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Your intuition drives a hard bargain, drawing the results you want. A previously difficult associate surprises you with his or her positive response. Be careful with the financial ramifications of any agreement. You could get the short end of the stick if you're not aware. Tonight: Find a favorite playmate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Deal with personal and domestic matters first, as they dominate your thoughts anyway. You know exactly what to do to please someone close to you. Establish a stronger bond between the two of you. An investment comes forward. Weigh the pros and cons. Tonight: Go back to the basics.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** You naturally do the right thing at the right moment. Consider opportunities that surround your work. Someone will back you with an idea. Instincts guide you all day. Avoid self-criticism

and insecurity. You can do it. Express positive energy. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Your ability to research and find answers helps convince someone about the "rightness" of your ideas and/or project. Spread good news. Sit on bad news for a while. Given time, new information comes forward. Carefully consider alternatives rather than feeding your funds into an investment. Tonight: Pay bills first.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** You might not realize the power of an investment or partnership. Your efforts pay off. Work with a partner to gain the positive results you want. Invest more time in what counts for you. A boss or higher-up pressures you. Tonight: Do your thing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** A partner directs his or her out- rage, encouraging action and brainstorming. Though your first instinct might be to back off, you don't have to. Work with this person. Don't exaggerate how you feel or make more of a situation. You will gain a better perspective soon. Tonight: Mosey on home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Work for the group. In fact, a scheduled meeting with many brings better results than individual discussions. Your never-ending efforts demonstrate that you stand behind your words. Others ultimately trust your judgment and ideas. Tonight: Where your friends are.

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1-29 CRYPTOQUOTE

RNRCCFFM NTKCGQJV, EOK
HYPNE-1PXX TKNPYJ QJ
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