



# FBI, CIA chiefs: Al-Qaida still threat to U.S. security

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The al-Qaida terrorist network remains a "resourceful, merciless" foe dedicated to committing more attacks against the United States and its interests around the world, the head of the FBI told Congress Tuesday.

In a joint appearance before the Senate Intelligence Committee, Robert Mueller and CIA Director George J. Tenet painted a chilling portrait of a fanatical enemy that seeks to use chemical, biological and radiological weapons against Americans and might target lightly guarded places such as shopping malls or universities.

"The network is extensive and adaptable," Tenet said. "It will take years of determined effort to unravel this and other terrorist networks and stamp them out."

The testimony came 17 months to the day since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in Washington, New York and

Pennsylvania that are blamed on al-Qaida, led by Osama bin Laden. More than 3,000 people died in those attacks.

The appearance by Mueller and Tenet also coincided with a recent upgrading of the national terrorist threat level from "elevated" to "high." Tenet said intelligence points to attacks that could occur this week, possibly using a "dirty bomb" that spews out radiological material.

Even though al-Qaida's refuge in Afghanistan has been disrupted, Tenet said the group continues to have a presence there, as well as in Pakistan, Iran and Iraq. Al-Qaida, he said, "is living in the expectation of resuming the offensive."

In this country, Mueller said, the FBI suspects there are "several hundred" Muslim extremists that focus mainly on fundraising, recruitment and training. But he said the greatest threat to Americans at home are "al-Qaida cells in the United States that we have not identified."

Some of these cells, he

added, have probably been in the United States since well before Sept. 11.

"The enemies we face are resourceful, merciless and fanatically committed to inflicting massive damage on our homeland, which they regard as a bastion of evil," Mueller said. "In this war, there can be no compromise or negotiated settlement."

Both Mueller and Tenet said their agencies are far better prepared to detect and prevent terrorists than they were prior to the 2001 attacks. The new Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman, Republican Pat Roberts of Kansas, said he also is seeing signs of improvement.

"Whatever problems may have existed before," he said, "the intelligence community today is a very different place than it was before."

Mueller and Tenet were to give the committee a classified briefing on terrorism later Tuesday.

Mueller was presenting the FBI's first-ever National

Terrorist Threat Assessment, a version of which had been completed on Sept. 10, 2001. It has now been rewritten, in part to reflect the FBI's new top priority of preventing terrorism rather than catching criminals.

Evidence of al-Qaida's capabilities was demonstrated, officials say, by the October nightclub bombing in Bali, Indonesia, that killed almost 200 people and November attacks in Kenya on an Israeli

resort that left 15 dead. Many more would have died in the Kenya attack had two shoulder-fired missiles not missed a charter jetliner as it took off to take home a planeload of Israeli tourists.

## FCC chair delays vote on competition rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's top communications regulator postponed a vote on new rules governing telephone competition late Monday, opening the door for more industry lobbying and pushing the decision up against a court-ordered deadline.

The Federal Communications Commission had scheduled a vote on rules involving the leasing of telephone networks for its monthly meeting on Thursday. The unusual decision by FCC Chairman Michael Powell to postpone the meeting pushes the vote back a week to Feb. 20.

The rules under review require the regional Bell com-

panies — BellSouth Corp., SBC Communications, Verizon Communications and Qwest Communications — to provide parts of their local networks to competitors like AT&T Corp. and WorldCom Inc. at discount rates.

The Bells say the rules punish them unfairly by limiting what they can charge. Rivals worry that Powell wants to give the Bells what they want by undoing the 7-year-old rule intended to encourage competition.

Both sides have lobbied the FCC's five commissioners in recent weeks, but industry representatives and the public were required to stop communicating with the agency about

the issue last Thursday in preparation for the scheduled vote. The new timetable allows a few more days of discussion.

FCC spokeswoman Robin Pence said a number of proposals relating to the rules review came into the commission on the last day available for talks and Powell wanted more time to go over them.

"We are now able to discuss the proposals with outside parties," she said.

Industry sources familiar with the process said three of the commissioners had been leaning away from Powell's position of wanting to end the leasing requirements; the three favored letting state regulators determine local phone rules.

## OBITUARIES

### CONSTANCE 'CONNIE' PRITCHETT 1934-2003

Constance "Connie" Pritchett, 69, of Pampa, died Monday, Feb. 10, 2003. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Pritchett was born Jan. 18, 1934, at Boston, Mass. She married Bob Pritchett on Aug. 30, 1957, at Waltham, Mass.

She came to Pampa in 1976 and was a Catholic. Survivors include her husband, Bob, of the home; two daughters, Lesley Helm and Laura Pritchett, both of Pampa; a sister, Janice Martin of Cape Coral, Fla.; and two grandchildren.

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### PHYLLIS CLARK 1941-2003

Phyllis Clark, 61, of Pampa, died Monday, Feb. 10, 2003. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Clark was born Nov. 26, 1941, at Seagraves. She married Raburn Clark on Aug. 19, 1966, at Seagraves. She moved from Seagraves to Skellytown in 1982 and was a member of Skellytown First Baptist Church.

She worked as a Class A rural mail carrier for Skellytown since 1982.

Survivors include her husband, Raburn Clark, of the home; a son, Justin Clark of Skellytown; a daughter, Amber Moseley of Thousand Oaks, Calif.; and two sisters, LaNell White of Wichita Falls and Pat Nelson of Seagraves.

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## ON RECORD

### POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

#### Thursday, Dec. 12

Credit card fraud and counterfeit checks were reported to the police department.

#### Sunday, Feb. 9

Adam Scoggins, 23, 1222 Sumner, was arrested for criminal mischief over \$500 and under \$1,500 and criminal trespass with a deadly weapon.

Abel Rios, 31, 1329 N. Starkweather, was arrested for driving while intoxicated - third offense.

Michael Keith Norton, 37, 1134 S. Finley, was arrested for driving while intoxicated - second offense.

Eva Christian Moman, 39, 623 N. Russell, was arrested for theft over \$50 and under \$500.

Jana Elizabeth Turlington, 28, 1040 S. Huff, was arrested for motion to revoke probation. Original charge was theft over \$20 and under \$500.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 700 block of Lefors.

Theft was reported in the 2700 block of Cherokee. A metal mailbox valued at \$30 and a redwood mailbox cover valued at \$40 were reported stolen.

Forgery was reported to the police department.

Cruelty to animals was reported in the 2300 block of West Kentucky.

### SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Department today reported the following arrests and incidents.

#### Monday, Jan. 10

Michael Craig Knutson, 43, 1012 Terry Road, was arrested on a 31st Judicial District Grand Jury indictment for possession of a controlled substance.

Dustin Dean Herrera, 18, homeless, was arrested for bond surrender. Original charge was theft over \$50 and under \$500. He was also arrested on several municipal warrants: no drivers license, minor with tobacco, no insurance, and failure to appear.

Danta D. Qualls, 21, Honolulu, Hawaii, was arrested by Department of Public Safety troopers for possession of marijuana over four ounces and under five pounds.

Richard Anderson, 21, 1058 N. Dwight, was arrested by probation officers for credit card abuse.

Joseph Lee Penninton, 27, 1133 Juniper, was arrested by probation officers for driving with license suspended.

### FIRE

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

#### Monday, Feb. 10

10:45 a.m. - Pampa Fire Marshal served a municipal warrant in the 400 block of North Somerville.

### AMBULANCE

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

#### Monday, Feb. 10

7:53 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1700 block of North Russell on a lifting assistance call.

11:36 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th; one patient was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

12:29 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1700 block of North Russell on a lifting assistance call.

1:30 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Gray 2 1/2 and Highway 152; one patient was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

2:32 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC; one patient was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

3:18 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Neel Road; one patient was transported to PRMC.

8:20 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing home; one patient was transported to PRMC.

11:37 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of North Banks; one patient was transported to PRMC.

#### Tuesday, Feb. 11

12:23 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Garland; one patient was transported to PRMC.

4:38 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing home; one patient was transported to PRMC.

### STOCKS

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa

Wheat	3.39
Milo	3.96
Corn	4.49
Soybeans	4.85

The following show prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation

Occidental	29.15	+0.03
Fidelity Magell	NA	
Punian	NA	

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa

BP	38.34	+0.38
Celanese	20.50	+0.49
Cabot Corp.	23.42	-0.18
Cabot Oil Gas	23.57	-0.15
Coca Cola	39.71	-0.35
VLO	37.45	-0.21
Halliburton	19.78	+0.28
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NOI	21.13	+0.02
KMI	46.15	+0.08
XCEL	11.05	-0.16
Kerr McGee	40.85	-0.12
Limited	11.85	+0.10
Williams	2.88	-0.02
McDonalds	13.88	+0.18
Exxon Mobil	33.59	-0.02
Atmos	21.45	-0.05
Pioneer Nat	25.13	-0.07
Penney's	18.50	+0.07
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West Texas Crude	34.48	

## SERVICES TOMORROW

PALMER, Ralph — 10 a.m., St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Pampa.

## WEATHER FOCUS

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Today's forecast is calling for partly cloudy, with highs in the lower 60s and south winds 5 to 15 mph. Tonight...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. East winds 5 to 15 mph. Wednesday should be partly cloudy with highs in the upper 50s and southeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Wednesday night should be mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Thursday, cloudy. Chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 50s. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 40 percent. Thursday night, mostly cloudy. Slight chance of rain showers. Lows in the upper 30s.

Chance of rain 20 percent. Friday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s. Friday night, cloudy. Slight chance of rain and snow. Lows in the lower 30s. Chance of rain and snow 20 percent. Saturday, cloudy. Slight chance of rain and snow. Highs in the mid 40s. Chance of rain and snow 20 percent. Saturday night, cloudy. Chance of snow. Lows in the mid 20s. Chance of snow 30 percent. Sunday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Washington's Birthday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s.

### STATEWIDE

Unseasonably warm weather will cover the state through Saturday. By Thursday, skies will be cloudy over most of the state and rain will move into the forecast, continuing through Saturday in most areas.

Temperature extremes Monday ranged from 75 degrees at McAllen to an overnight low of 21 at Dalhart.

In West Texas it will be partly cloudy today with highs in the lower 60s north, upper 60s south. On Wednesday, skies will be mostly cloudy, and temperatures slightly cooler. Mostly cloudy skies and highs in the 50s and 60s will continue through Saturday in most areas. On Thursday, a slight

chance of rain is forecast over all of West Texas. Rain chances will diminish in the Panhandle and Permian Basin Friday, continuing elsewhere including the far west. Saturday will be cooler in the Panhandle and South Plains, with highs in the 40s and a chance of rain. Snow is possible in the Panhandle Saturday.

South Texas will see highs in the 60s and 70s through Saturday. Cloudier skies and rain chances will move into the Hill Country and central South Texas on Wednesday, and over the rest of the region on Thursday except the deep south. Rain will be likely Thursday in central South Texas. Warm temperatures and cloudy skies will continue

through Saturday, with a chance of rain except in the deep south. Gulf winds will likely necessitate small craft advisories later this week, from Corpus Christi south to Mexico.

North Texas will be mostly sunny today with highs in the 60s. On Wednesday it will be partly cloudy, with highs ranging from the upper 50s to upper 60s. Thursday through Saturday the region will see cloudy skies, a chance of showers or thunderstorms, and highs in the 60s. No severe storms are expected. On Saturday, colder temperatures will move into north-west North Texas, with highs only in the upper 40s in some areas.

## City Briefs

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# NATO's faltering unity shadows push for war

By **BARRY SCHWEID**  
AP DIPLOMATIC WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Colin Powell told a Senate panel Tuesday that what appears to be a new statement from Osama bin Laden shows why the world needs to be concerned about Iraqi ties to terrorism.

Powell said he read a transcript of "what bin Laden — or who we believe to be bin Laden" will be saying on the Al-Jazeera Arab satellite station later Tuesday, "where once again he speaks to the people of Iraq and talks about their struggle and how he is in partnership with Iraq."

But Al-Jazeera chief editor Ibrahim Hilal told The Associated Press his station has no such tape. And Powell, when asked by a reporter to comment on the station's denial, declined to do so.

"Be patient, it's coming," Powell said.

The secretary earlier told the Senate Budget Committee, "This nexus between terrorists and states that are developing weapons of mass destruction can no longer be looked away from and ignored."

At a separate hearing, CIA Director George Tenet said that he, too, was aware of a new communication from bin Laden, but told the Senate Intelligence Committee he had not been briefed on its contents. "I don't know what the contents will be," Tenet told the panel.

White House press secretary Ari Fleischer, asked about this, said Powell had "summed up what we have heard — accurately. I think this is something that you may hear more about." He said Powell "wouldn't have said what he said if he didn't have a basis for it."

Pressed during the daily news briefing to say whether the administration actually had access to the broadcast or a transcript of it, Fleischer replied, "I couldn't tell you the precise form of the knowledge of it." But the spokesman reiterated that he thought Powell had a legitimate basis for raising the issue.

The Capitol Hill appearance was Powell's second before the Senate since his presentation to the U.N. Security Council last week. At that time, he detailed his indictment of Iraq as a deceptive stockpiler of weapons of mass destruction.

Lawmakers have praised Powell's U.N. performance, but many Democrats remain skeptical about whether war is necessary, particularly if key U.S. allies remain opposed.

The split between the United States and its allies widened when France, Germany and Belgium jointly vetoed

on Monday a U.S.-backed measure to authorize NATO to make plans to protect Turkey if Iraq attacks it. Russia then joined France and Germany in demanding strengthened weapons inspections.

Responding to concerns of Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., that the United States was putting its international alliances in jeopardy over Iraq, Powell said "we're not breaking up the alliance."

Powell noted that the U.N. resolution demanding that Iraq disarm was approved unanimously by the Security Council and said it is the United Nations' responsibility to enforce the resolution.

"Who's breaking up the alliance? Not the United States," Powell said. "The alliance is breaking itself up because it will not meet its responsibilities."

Powell noted that while "much is

being said about disagreement in NATO," that 16 members — including the United States and Turkey — back the U.S. position, while three — France, Germany and Russia — oppose it.

"I think this is time for the alliance to say to the fellow alliance member, 'We agree with you and if you are concerned, we are concerned.' That's what alliances are all about and I hope NATO will be doing the right thing with respect to Turkey within the next 24 hours," he said.

Powell said the United States is prepared to work with the 14 other nations to give Turkey the help it needs if it cannot win formal NATO support.

Committee Chairman Don Nickles, R-Okla, said of France "I'm amazed at their presumption that they are controlling the (NATO) alliance, but they are not a part of the military alliance."

# People to pets, census factbook statistical smorgasbord

By **GÉNARO C. ARMAS**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — More American homes have dogs than cats, but a dog's life has one big drawback: They have to visit the vet more often.

About 85 percent of dog owners brought their pet to the doctor in 2001, compared with 67 percent of cat owners. Dogs, on average, visit the vet three times a year, one more than cats.

Those figures are among a smorgasbord of data collected in the latest Statistical Abstract of the United States, released Tuesday by the Census Bureau. The thousand-page tome is light on words but heavy on numbers about life in the United States.

"We got all kinds of tidbits in here," said Glenn King, director of the staff that assembles the abstract. "It's America in numbers."

Among the findings:  
—The average cell phone call in 2001 lasted just under three minutes, and the average monthly bill ran \$47.37.

—In 2000, 44 percent of adults did volunteer work, contributing an average of 15 hours per month.

—U.S. residents spent over \$38 billion on lottery tickets in 2001, with about \$2 of every \$5 going toward instant scratch-off games.

—About 36 percent of homes with pets have dogs, while 32 percent have cats. Cat owners were slightly more likely to have more than one pet purring around the house.

—Nearly one in 20 pet-owning homes had a bird, and one in 50 owned a horse. Households that made at least \$55,000 a year were more likely to have a dog, cat or horse, while homes that made less than \$20,000 were more likely to have a bird.

The government puts together the fat fact book each year, compiling statistics collected by the Census Bureau as well as from private sources. The American Veterinary Medical Association supplied the data on pets.

It's not all fun and games, of course. This year's compendium includes a summary of recently released data from the 2000 census, covering income, education and poverty.

One section covers crime and law enforcement statistics. Another covers politics and voting data. Page 238 shows that George W. Bush received about 1,000 more votes for president than Al Gore in Florida in the 2000 election, according to statistics rounded off to the nearest thousand. (The final, certified tally showed Bush won by 537 votes.)

New information is added to keep up with America's changing interests. Statistics on snowboarding were first included two years ago. (More than 4.3 million people like to "get air" down the slopes.)

Tables added this year include one on alternative work schedules — about 29 per-

cent of full-time workers 16 and older who were not self-employed in 2001 said they had flexible work hours; and home schooling — 2 percent of kids age 5 to 17 with an educational level equivalent to between kindergarten and 12th grade were taught at home in 1999.

The statistical abstract is available from the U.S. Government Printing Office (\$51 for a hard-bound version, \$41 for paperback) by calling 202-512-1800.

It is also available from the National Technical Information Service (\$47 for hard-cover, \$39 for paperback) by calling 800-553-6847.

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investigation.

The Feb. 1 accident killed all seven astronauts aboard.

On Tuesday, the three men aboard the international space station spoke publicly for the first time about the Columbia accident. The three have grieved the loss of their colleagues.

"I guess the key question is the same question that all of you have is what happened?" NASA astronaut and station crew commander Kenneth Bowersox said. "We still don't know exactly. If I was on the investigation ... once we knew what happened, I would dig into why it happened. What in the system failed? Did we miss something? ... What can we do to make the system safer?"

There was a brief glimmer of hope Monday when NASA officials thought they had recovered a key computer that might have contained data from Columbia's last minutes. Less than two hours later, they retracted the claim after further analysis showed it was likely an avionics box. Columbia carried more than 300 of the boxes, which monitor and control the shuttle during flight.

"That was our hope; maybe we were hoping too much," NASA spaceflight official Bill Readdy said.

NASA also has found the cover of one of the two landing gear compartments — another potentially critical piece, given a temperature surge detected inside the left wheel well minutes before Columbia broke apart. It was not immediately clear if it was from the right or left side of Columbia.

Also Monday, NASA began trucking debris collected from across a 500-mile swath of Texas and Louisiana to Kennedy Space Center in

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Florida. The first shipments should arrive Wednesday.

The more than 12,000 pieces of debris will be cataloged and assembled in a hangar.

NASA also continues to study more than 1,500 photographs and videotaped images of Columbia as it re-entered the atmosphere after its 16-day mission. Among them are high-resolution photographs of Columbia taken by a powerful Air Force telescope camera.

One photo, taken a minute or two before Columbia broke up, is of special interest. A dark gray streak can be seen trailing the left wing, and the leading edge of that wing appears to be jagged.

NASA's deputy associate administrator for spaceflight, Michael Kostelnik, said resolution on the photos was no better than what was released to the public Friday.

NASA continues to solicit

photos, from other government agencies and the public, that might help the investigation.

The Columbia investigation board continued to meet Tuesday. It has opened an office near Johnson Space Center.

Board members are expected to leave Wednesday to spend part of the week visiting other NASA centers. There, they will study how shuttle hardware is developed, built and tested, as well as how shuttle operations are conducted, NASA spokesman Dave Youngman said.

The board's chairman is Harold Gehman Jr., a retired admiral who investigated the 2000 bombing of the USS Cole.

"I'm comfortable we'll solve it," Gehman said Tuesday. "The professional team I have here has solved accidents with less evidence."

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favor of handling the controversial situation in that manner.

City Commissioners Jeff McCormick and Bob Dixon attended Monday night's meeting, and both responded that they were not in favor of PEDC's proposed solution.

PEDC Board members Sutherland, Dalton Lewis and Bill Allison voted not to present the proposal to the city commission again. Locke and board member Steve Phillips voted in favor.

Phillips said what was confusing to him about the Section 53 property was that when he read the minutes of

previous meetings that the PEDC was attempting to sell that property just a few years ago. He said a Celanese employee was sitting on the PEDC board at the time, but said that records indicate the City of Pampa didn't want the property sold due to water rights.

Sutherland offered an alternative solution of drilling approximately five test holes on the property to determine how much water is under the property. He proposed checking the cost of such an endeavor.

When Celanese asked that the Section 53 property be excluded from the liquidation procedure following the Nov. 6, 2001, election to dissolve

the PEDC, the Pampa City Commission sought an Attorney General's opinion.

However, attorneys for the PEDC and the City of Pampa differ on the interpretation of the AG's opinion.

Allison said he was not so sure that the water rights was the only objection of the city commission. "I think the other one might be (the fear of) angering Celanese," he said.

Sutherland said that if the PEDC took care of one objection at a time that a solution could probably be worked out on the property. "We can just do one at a time," he said.

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# VIEWPOINTS

## Experiencing miracle of life

My daughter Angel called me a few weeks ago. "How long before a dog has puppies?" she asked.

I didn't really know, about 12 weeks, I thought. I knew a cat's gestation period is about nine weeks, but I hadn't much experience with pregnant dogs.

Apparently my granddog Abby, a Labrador mix, had been consorting with a red heeler and now she was expecting. Angel asked question after question, all of which I answered to the best of my ability.

As a day care proprietor, she had several young children in her care who would also be involved in this most-natural of occurrences, as well as my grandchildren, Kaitlyn and Brendan.

"Get ready for the questions," I warned her.

"Oh, I'm already getting them," she replied.

"She's really excited about this, isn't she?" Vic said after I hung up the phone.

I thought about it. Angel had never been involved in an animal pregnancy in her life, I realized. Silky, my cat, had had kittens when she was a baby, but after that, I always had my animals neutered.

Having grown up on a ranch, I was quite familiar with the life and death cycle, but Angel wasn't.

Hmmm, this could be interesting ...

This weekend, I got another phone call.

"Mom! Abby's having puppies! She's



DEE DEE LARAMORE  
EDITOR

already had four. I think there's one more," Angel said breathlessly, her voice filled with excitement.

It all started, apparently, while Abby was in her kennel in the laundry room.

Kaitlyn, 9, came running to her mother, eyes filled with tears.

"Something's wrong with Abby. She's making noises."

"She just wants out of her kennel," Angel replied.

"No, something's really wrong," Kaitlyn cried.

When she went into the laundry room, Angel found Abby licking four fat squealing puppies.

First she called her husband Chad at work.

"Abby's having puppies!" she told him.

"What do you want me to do about it?" Chad asked.

"Well, what do I do?"

"You're the one that's had babies. What did you want someone to do?"

"I wanted someone to give me pain medicine."

"Then give her pain medicine."

No help there, Angel decided. She called a day care client's dad - a farmer with a degree in animal science. He assured my distraught daughter that everything seemed to be going naturally.

Kaitlyn, so sensitive, wanted to help Abby. She was afraid her pet was hurting.

"All we can do is pray," Angel consoled her.

Still unsure, herself, Angel calls her best friend's husband, a veterinarian. She's afraid that Abby, confined in the kennel, will accidentally smother her babies.

Reassured that all is progressing as it should, Angel realizes nature must take its course.

As we are talking, she said, "Mom, I went in and there was Kaitlyn, kneeling by the kennel, praying."

Then she exclaimed into the phone, "Oh, no, I just touched Brendan and he has a fever."

Then I heard Kaitlyn come up, "Mom, I think I'm going to be sick."

"I've got to go, Mom," Angel told me, hurriedly.

Bless her heart. Bless their hearts. They all survived. Brendan's fever and Kaitlyn's nausea apparently resulted from all the excitement. Abby produced eight beautiful, healthy great-grandpuppies that will be ready for adoption in about six or seven weeks.

Let me know if you're interested.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Looking at Hereford's EDC

Let us "assume" that the former PEDC board and executive director had been as astute in recruiting business as the Hereford EDC, the \$1,765,000 allocated to the dairies would have brought 73 small companies to our area. Hereford will pay a manufacturing company, recruited to expand their operation from the east coast, \$24,000 at the end of two years provided they have 15 employees. "Assuming" that the 73 companies were to have 15 employees who each work 40 hours per week and earn \$10 per hour (semi-skilled labor rate), at the end of four years, they would contribute \$91,104,000 to the local economy. Compare that to the \$2,800,000 over four years that the former director of the defunct PEDC claims was contributed by the two dairies. "Assuming" that one half of those 73 companies failed, the contribution to the local economy would be reduced to only \$45,552,000.

Think it over.  
Jim Terry  
Pampa

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### TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 11, the 42nd day of 2003. There are 323 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 11, 1861, President-elect Lincoln departed Springfield, Ill., for Washington.

On this date:

In 1812, Massachusetts Gov. Elbridge Gerry signed a redistricting law favoring his party — giving rise to the term "gerrymandering."

In 1847, American inventor Thomas Alva Edison was born in Milan, Ohio.

In 1929, the Lateran Treaty was signed, with Italy recognizing the independence and sovereignty of Vatican City.

In 1937, a sit-down strike against General Motors ended, with the company agreeing to recognize the United Automobile Workers Union.

In 1945, President Franklin Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin signed the Yalta Agreement during World War II.

In 1972, McGraw-Hill Publishing Company and Life magazine canceled plans to publish what had turned out to be a fake autobiography of reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes.

In 1979, followers of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini seized power in Iran.

In 1986, Soviet dissident Natan Sharansky was released by the Soviet Union after nine years of captivity as part of an East-West prisoner exchange.

In 1989, The Rev. Barbara C. Harris became the first woman consecrated as a bishop in the Episcopal Church, in a ceremony held in Boston.



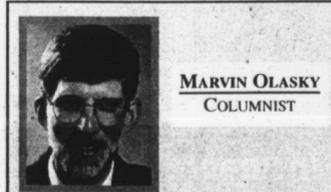
## Iraq: The unstated assumption

The Bush administration is moving forward on Iraq with the stated assumption that Saddam Hussein must and will be stopped. But an unstated assumption is equally vital.

The unstated assumption is that since people are endowed by the Creator with the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, those who live under dictatorship inevitably yearn for freedom. That familiar concept from the Declaration of Independence is crucial to the administration's calculation of how Iraq's people and ordinary soldiers will respond if a war begins and Saddam's forces suffer initial defeat.

Bush planners believe that Iraqis will not rally to Saddam's defense and make every city a maze of death-dealing booby traps. They think Iraqis will celebrate as did Afghans when U.S. forces gave them independence from Taliban oppressors. They see the "we" in the famous line, "We hold these truths to be self-evident," as referring equally to residents of Boston, Beijing and Baghdad. Since Bostonians in 1773 tossed tea into Boston Harbor, we can expect those in Beijing and Baghdad to oppose authoritarian rule as well, whenever they have the opportunity. That's who we are. It's self-evident.

Not to some journalists. When Saddam Hussein set up his referendum last fall, NBC's Keith Miller reported that Saddam was "re-elected to another seven-year term as president in a refer-



MARVIN OLASKY  
COLUMNIST

endum where he got 100 percent of the vote! The celebrations were genuine." CNN's Nic Robertson quoted with a straight face laudatory statements from Iraqis such as artist Abdul: "To paint for the president for this special day is important. It shows our love to him."

Those press accounts seemed nonsensical, but here's a wild card: Has Saddam's seven-year "Faith Campaign" to wrap himself in a green-and-white Muslim flag been successful? He spent \$7.5 million building Baghdad's Umm al-Ma-arik ("Mother of All Battles") mosque, which is surrounded by minarets shaped like Scud missiles. He has plans to build many more mosques, including the largest in the world outside of Mecca. Although Saddam rose to power as a secular semi-socialist, he is now committed to Islam, his publicists say.

Saddam purportedly donated 12 quarts of his own blood over three years for the dark red calligraphy that went on 605 gold-framed pages of a copy of the Quran exhibited in the rotunda of the Umm al-Ma-arik mosque. State-run

Iraqi television now broadcasts lengthy readings of the Quran. Talent contests feature chanting of the sacred text. Posters show Saddam praying.

How this change from the top has affected Iraq generally is hard to say. Mosque attendance is apparently up, as is the number of women wearing traditional Islamic garb. Students are flowing into the Saddam University for Islamic Studies.

The Iraqi press is stating that any who die fighting Israel or the United States have "a great status in the eyes of Allah. ... With the first drop of blood (the martyr) is given absolution and he can see his seat in paradise. He is spared the torture of the grave. He is secure from the Great Horror (of Judgment Day). He is crowned with the crown of glory. He marries black-eyed (virgins)."

How deeply is this believed among Iraqis? If they are only fighting to preserve Saddam, many will stop at the first opportunity. If death in battle will yield a guaranteed trip to Islam's heaven, they will fight hard. Which is it for many or most Iraqis?

"We hold these truths to be self-evident," the Declaration of Independence states. Will they be sufficiently self-evident in Iraq, despite all of Saddam's propaganda, to make the likely war a short one? That's the key question. The Bush administration implicitly says yes. Let's hope and pray that's the case.

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## BUSINESS REVIEW

# GoldKraft Jewelers — A Valentine's Day tradition

Each February across the country, candy, flowers and gifts are exchanged between loved ones. And everywhere you look, stores are adorned with shades of red and decorative hearts. But what is St. Valentine's Day and why are hearts and shades of red part of this tradition?

### History of Valentine's Day

The history of Valentine's Day is shrouded in mystery. But we do know that February has long been a month of romance.

One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men — his crop of potential soldiers. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death.

According to one legend, Valentine actually sent the first 'valentine' greeting himself. While in prison, it is believed that Valentine fell in love with a young girl — who may have been his jailer's daughter who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter which he signed "From your Valentine," an expression that is still in use today.

### Hearts and Shades of Red

The heart has acquired several meanings throughout history. In

ancient times, the heart was thought to be the source of all emotion. The Egyptians believed that the heart is center of life and it is your heart that is judged after death to determine your afterlife. Ancient Greeks hold the heart to be the center of the soul within the body. Early Americans associated spiritual force with the heart. And, for Christians, the sacred heart symbol stands for Jesus Christ and his love.

Red is supposedly the first color perceived by Man. Brain-injured persons suffering from temporary colorblindness start to perceive red before they are able to discern any other colors. In history, protective powers of

the color red against evil influence was a common belief. Red painted amulettes or red gems, such as ruby or garnet, were used as charms against the "evil eye."

Wearing a red ruby was supposed to bring about invincibility. Red has played important roles in childbirth and weddings. Red roses are a symbol of love and fidelity. Red is also the color of blood which symbolized life.

### GoldKraft Jewelers and your Valentine's Day

GoldKraft Jewelers shares in the Valentine's Day traditions. Customers enter into an environment of love and life. With cases adorned with shades of reds and pinks displaying the beau-

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# THE Pampa NEWS COMICS

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## DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

### Overprotective Father May Be Shielding His Abuse

**DEAR ABBY:** Please tell "Caught in the Middle," the mother of 15-year-old "Becky," that she needs to step in for her daughter's sake. The girl's overprotective father has gone off the deep end.

I was also raised by hyperprotective parents. When I was finally allowed to spread my wings, I went a little crazy. I wanted to catch up with my friends and see what I had been missing. The result was I became a mother at 18.

SMALL TOWN IN ILLINOIS

**DEAR S.T.:** When I published that letter, the roof caved in. I received more than a thousand letters and e-mails. Read on for a sample:

**DEAR ABBY:** The only time I was let out of the house was to go to school. I wasn't allowed to have friends call me or even attend my own senior prom. The one time a boy did call, I got the silent treatment from my stepdad for a week. I finally joined the Army to get away. I had my first date when I was 18.

The only difference between "Becky" and me is my stepfather was physically, emotionally and sexually abusing me. I am now 43 and have never married. I have a hard time trusting men. I can't stress enough how detrimental this situation can be for a young person. I'm living proof.

TRYING TO TRUST AGAIN

**DEAR TRYING:** Thank you for an important letter. I'm sorry to say that at least one-third of those who wrote to comment on that letter had stories similar to yours.

**DEAR ABBY:** I spent several years in law enforcement and had the opportunity to investigate cases of incest among family members. One of the signs we noted, time and time again, was extreme "overprotectiveness" by the fathers who had abused their daughters. (Their motive was jealousy and paranoia that the child might reveal to their friends what was happening at home.) It might be advisable for that mother to look deeper into this.

CONCERNED IN CALIFORNIA

**DEAR CONCERNED:** I agree.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a physician specializing in women's health and see many women who were sexually abused in childhood — unfortunately by their own fathers. I am concerned that Becky is being abused, and now that she has reached sexual maturity, he is making sure no one finds out. The type of jealousy described by "Caught in the Middle" can be typical of these distorted, evil relationships. Please contact that girl's mother and express my concern. This is urgent.

CONCERNED PHYSICIAN IN KENTUCKY

**DEAR CONCERNED PHYSICIAN:** The woman was afraid to give her name or address. I hope she sees this column.

**DEAR ABBY:** The same thing happened to me! I was young, sad, lonely, desperate and afraid. My father said if I told, no one would believe me. I considered suicide. I was 17 when he died, and I was finally able to tell Mom. She was devastated, but she believed me.

I have been in counseling for three years. Many women in my support group tell the same story. Becky will need counseling even if her father is not sexually abusing her.

CORNELL, WIS., READER

**DEAR READER:** That may be true. The father may also be professional counseling even if he's not an abuser. In the words of C. Knight Aldrich, M.D., professor emeritus of psychiatry and family medicine at the University of Virginia School of Medicine: "One should not think that only fathers who are sexually abusing their daughters are overprotective. Sometimes overly conscientious parents are, too. The problem is, if parents are too rigid, their worst fears can turn into a self-fulfilling prophecy."

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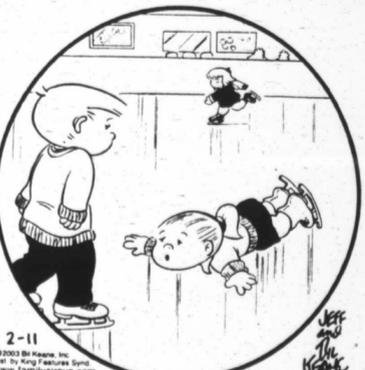
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# SPORTS

## Kids Club signups

PAMPA — Pampa Kids & Youth Club officials are urging youngsters to join the club for its second annual Roller Hockey season.

Youngsters need to bring their skates and meet Joe Anstey, the newest member of the club and acting commissioner.

The club is open to kids of all ages, elementary through high school.

Signups are as follows:

- 6-8 p.m. Wednesday: Baker Gym.
- 6-8 p.m. Thursday: Baker Gym.
- 6-8 p.m. Friday: Baker Gym.
- 10 a.m.-12 noon Saturday: Baker Gym.

For more information, contact Anstey at 669-1533 or Janet Harris at 664-3813 or 669-1838 after 5 p.m.

## Pampa rips Dons, 7-1

AMARILLO — Pampa rolled to a 7-1 win over Palo Duro in a District 3-4A soccer match Monday night.

Marc Garza and Chance Crain led the Pampa attack with two goals each.

The Harvesters are now 3-0 in district play and will play Borger, also unbeaten, at 2 p.m. Saturday at the PHS complex.

Pampa's Tristan Brown, Dannie Meza and Brodie Hall added one goal each against Palo Duro.

Carlos Medina was the Pampa goalie and the only point he allowed came on a penalty kick.

Pampa defeated Palo Duro 3-1 in the girls' match.

## Lining up



The Pampa boys' soccer team lines up to try and stop a kick by Caprock in a District 3-4A match last weekend. The Harvesters, 3-0 in district play, defeated Caprock 5-3.

## Texas ends three-year skid against OU

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Kelvin Sampson figured his Oklahoma Sooners were sometimes more lucky than good against Texas in recent years.

That luck ran out Monday night when No. 6 Texas beat No. 5 Oklahoma 67-61, sending hundreds of fans streaming onto the floor to celebrate an end to the Longhorns' eight-game losing streak against their border rival.

The skid included three Big 12 tournament losses and an overtime defeat last season in Austin during the Sooners' run to the Final Four. Texas (16-4, 7-2 Big 12) hadn't beaten Oklahoma (16-4, 7-2) since Jan. 15, 2000.

"We were lucky to win

some of those games," Sampson said. "We could've easily won this game, and they could have easily won some of those."

Texas figures it took more than luck to end the streak. It took key contributions from several players.

"We played hard, and it was a great win," said Texas guard Royal Ivey, who scored 14 points and hit the key 3-pointer to give the Longhorns a four-point lead with just over two minutes to play. "Tonight was a team effort."

Brandon Mouton added 14 points and James Thomas got his 10th double-double with 11 points and 16 rebounds. T.J. Ford had eight points and seven assists and Jason Klotz scored eight points, includ-

ing a key bucket in the final two minutes.

Even freshman Brad Buckman, playing against the Sooners for the first time, got into the act, scoring the game's first four points.

"We talked about each guy going in and affecting the game in his way. We got that tonight," said Texas coach Rick Barnes, happy to talk about what went right against the Sooners instead of what went wrong.

The Longhorns also got a boost from the Frank Erwin Center crowd of 15,783 — easily the most raucous of Barnes' five years in Austin. And when the final buzzer sounded, hundreds of students rushed the court, jumping over or running under a flimsy rope that

security personnel hoped would keep them at bay.

"This is what it's about," Barnes said. "I think the fans are really getting excited about coming to watch Texas basketball."

Hollis Price had 23 points for Oklahoma, which dropped out of a tie for first place in the conference with Oklahoma State and Kansas.

Price, who hit four 3-pointers in the first half, made it 60-59 with a 3 with 1:29 to play. After Texas called a timeout, Klotz hit a turnaround jumper and the Longhorns made 5-of-6 free throws down the stretch to seal the win.

The Sooners could only watch the final seconds tick off, but they'll get their rematch in Norman on March 8.

## Green surprises Earnhardt with pole win

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — From the time the cars came off the trucks at Daytona, Dale Earnhardt Jr. was the only driver being talked about.

Jeff Green liked it that way.

Green bumped Earnhardt off the pole Monday to earn the top starting spot for the season-opening Daytona 500.

It was a stunning victory for the often overlooked 40-year-old driver, a former Busch Series champion still seeking his first Winston Cup win.

"I enjoy people not talking about me a lot," Green said.

"When you slip up and win one of these things and slip up and win poles, it tends to make a better story. Things like that make me go, and hopefully it will keep going that way."

Green, driving the No. 30 Chevrolet owned by Richard Childress Racing, knocked Earnhardt off the pole five minutes after Earnhardt took the top spot by posting a lap at 186.606 mph.

Earnhardt, the clear favorite to win Sunday's season-opening race, went out 35th among 50 cars that made qualifying runs. He ran a lap at 186.382 mph to top Dale

Earnhardt Inc. teammate Michael Waltrip's lap of 185.460 mph.

Green was the next car to go out and bumped him off the pole.

"I said this morning that a lot of people overlooked us," Green said. "This was not a surprise to me. We have a great package for here and hopefully we'll show it in the race, too."

Green is winless in 94 career starts and has only one other pole.

He and Earnhardt were the only two drivers to lock down starting spots for Sunday's Winston Cup opener.

## Fort Worth basketball coach set to break national record for wins

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Robert Hughes is on the verge of becoming the winningest high school basketball coach in America — again.

The Fort Worth Dunbar coach will be able to keep the title longer this time.

Hughes has won 1,274 games to match Morgan Wootten for the most wins by a prep coach. Hughes has a chance to break that tie when Dunbar (29-1) plays its regular season finale Tuesday night against Fort Worth Polytechnic.

This is the second time that Hughes has tied or taken the lead in wins, having traded the mark with Wootten in the

mid-1990s. But Wootten is now retired, having left DeMatha High in Hyattsville, Md., after 46 years in November with a record of 1,274-192 and never a losing season.

Dunbar, the top-ranked Class 4A team in Texas, beat Fort Worth North Side 81-39 on Friday night to allow Hughes to tie Wootten's mark again. The stage is set for Hughes, who began coaching in 1958, to be alone at the top.

"This is just not something I think about," Hughes, 74, said Monday.

Instead, his focus is on the playoffs. This will be his 36th playoff team, but the last of Hughes' four state titles —

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## NOTEBOOK

### HOCKEY

DETROIT (AP) — Brett Hull became the sixth NHL player to score 700 regular-season goals when he beat San Jose's Evgeni Nabokov with a wrist shot.

Only Wayne Gretzky (894), Gordie Howe (801), Marcel Dionne (731), Phil Esposito (717) and Mike Gartner (708) have also accomplished the feat.

NEW YORK (AP) — New York reacquired All-Star forward Alexei Kovalev in an eight-player trade with cash-strapped Pittsburgh.

The Penguins sent Kovalev, their second-leading scorer, forward Dan LaCouture, and defensemen Janne Laukkanen and Mike Wilson to the Rangers for forwards Rico Fata and Mikael Samuelsson, defensemen Richard Lintner and Joel Bouchard, and what is believed to be about \$4 million.

OTTAWA (AP) — Rod Bryden's estimated \$130 million bid to buy back the Ottawa Senators was accepted by the team's creditors but still must be approved by the court.

### BASKETBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — Arizona moved atop the AP men's college basketball poll for the third time this season, while former No. 1 Alabama dropped out of the Top 25.

Louisville, on a 17-game winning streak, moved up three spots to second, and Kentucky also moved up three spots to third. Florida, which was No. 1 last week for the first time in school history, dropped to fourth.

NEW YORK (AP) — Connecticut remained a unanimous choice at No. 1 and the women's teams in the first 11 spots stayed the same for the third straight week in The AP poll.

### AUTO RACING

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Unheralded Jeff Green, driving for the Richard Childress Racing team for which the late Dale Earnhardt won six of his seven Winston Cup championships, beat Dale Earnhardt Jr. for the Daytona 500 pole.

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Robert Huffman won the rain-shortened NASCAR Goody's Dash Series 150, his second straight victory at Daytona International Speedway.

### Volleyball

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# Is football-biased system hurting high school sports?

Does it take 12 football coaches to run three teams during the morning athletic period?.....Count the coaches in off-season football during the school athletic period who could be teaching an academic class.

Does the importance and popularity of football to high schools create a football-biased curriculum, damaging students in both athletics and academics?

At PHS, there are at least 12 football coaches, according to our count, during the 8:13 a.m. football athletic period. Does it take this many coaches during the athletic football period to train the varsity, junior varsity and freshman teams? Or would the school system be better served if some of these coaches joined the football team after school for practice and taught another class during this first block?

The head coaches in the various sports are assistant coaches in football with football backgrounds. Notice what is happening here and the inequities such a football-biased system is causing.

**Baseball**  
Dennis Doughty, the head baseball coach, is also an assistant football coach.

The baseball athletic period starts at 1:55 p.m. at PHS. However, students who sign up for baseball, but who will also play football next fall do not go to their baseball athletic period at 1:55 p.m. They go to football at 8:13 a.m. in the morning the entire spring semester and weight train for football, not baseball. They totally miss their baseball athletic period, which is the very sport they signed up for.

How can the coach fairly judge ability between players if those players are not present to try out? This lack of a full team also compromises the experience of the students on that team. They have to wait until after school to field a full team. One year, the baseball athletic period had four varsity players. Nine players make up a baseball team.

Then, there's the "sun factor." The sun goes down early in the winter months, so when the players who are training in off-season football join the baseball team after school, there is not much daylight left to practice. Plus, it's colder.

When games start, class time is sacrificed. How does this work? The off-season



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GUEST COLUMNIST

football players are in class the last block and will have to miss that class in order to make the game, say at Amarillo. If they had gone to their baseball athletic period instead of football off-season in the morning, they would not have missed their fourth block class.

**Track, girls and boys**  
Tad Smith is the head boys' track coach, but he is also an assistant football coach. Tad was handed the twin job of head girls' track coach, as well, when Mike Lopez retired coaching girls' track before the 2001 season began. Lopez did not coach football or any other sport.

Lopez' program was phenomenal. He gave time to his students. Through 2000, he had coached his girls' track team at PHS to an astounding 13 consecutive titles. One has to wonder if this winning streak is a state record. The season after Lopez left, 2000-2001, girls' track finished fourth, then as Lopez-trained girls further exited, slid last season (2001-2002) to seventh.

Boys' track suffers the same fate as baseball. The athletes who will go to football the following fall do not get the opportunity to join the track team during the athletic period of the school day. They go to football instead where they weight to build muscle mass for football - not track. As with baseball, lifting weights for the football season, six months away, is more important than training for track, which is the sport in season.

**Girls Basketball**  
Ken Benson, a football coach at PHS and former semi-pro football player, is also the ninth grade girls' head basketball coach. Where was Ken when the girls' season began? He was with the football team. Various other coaches filled in for him until the football season ended. Is this fair to the

girls who play basketball?

Do such policies have anything to do with a girls' basketball program finishing this season 6-18 overall and 2-9 in district? Last year, the 2001-2002 season, they were 7-20 overall and 4-10 in district. In 2000-2001, they were 3-11 in district and tied for seventh. According to our records, you would have to go back to 1991-1992, when Albert Nichols coached, to find a girls' basketball team with a winning percentage. They finished 8-2 in second place.

**Boys' Basketball**  
Del Smith is an assistant football coach and the boys' 9th grade (freshman) basketball coach. Like Benson, he is busy with football and cannot coach his team at the start of the basketball season.

Is this fair to the boys' who play basketball? Overall, Pampa is today left with two fulltime basketball coaches, total, for the freshman, junior varsity and varsity boys' basketball teams.

**Classroom**  
Classrooms have a ratio of about 30 students per teacher. We count at least 12 football coaches in that 8:13 a.m. athletic period. When the season ends, they lose a few coaches, named above, to head coach other sports. Yet, there are at least 8 or 9 coaches for the three teams. This is the spring, when there no regular season games.

**Overview**  
For each sport, coaches receive a "stipend," which is a dollar amount added to their checks for the extracurricular hours they spend coaching the team. Coaches definitely earn their money.

However, one must wonder where a coach's main interest lies. Is he a football coach wanting to advance up the football coaching ladder and he happens to coach

another sport - baseball, track, girls' basketball, etc.? Is he a baseball or a track coach who happens to coach football? Is he loyal to both sports — and the student athletes and their families in those sports? Can he be? These are tough questions.

David Lovejoy, 1985 Amarillo High School graduate, is outspoken on the subject of varsity protocol. He was a varsity football and baseball player at AHS and later refereed high school football in the area. He believes many kids have had their high school sports experience ruined coaches whose burning goal is to win football games.

David looked back on his career at AHS and told us, "When baseball season started, I just came over from off-season football and told coach I wanted to play second base. (The head baseball coach was also one of David's football coaches.)

For an opinion from a university professor, we went to Dr. Charles Chase, the head of the Department of Sports and Exercise Sciences at WTAMU in Canyon. Do football coaches who also coach baseball in high school exhibit a favoritism toward their football players, as David had told us?

Chase cut to the chase when he said, "Yes.....They generate a family and they take care of their family as opposed to the overall program."

How difficult, we wondered, would it be to turn down one of your varsity football players for a varsity position on the baseball team, compared to a kid you didn't even know who just wanted to play one sport, say baseball or track? Is there a bias?

Furthermore, are we seeing a football bias develop on the PHS varsity basketball team the past few seasons? Seth Foster and Johnny Moore, both varsity football and basketball athletes, are cases in point. Seth, a sophomore in 2002-2003, is, no question, an exceptional athlete. After football season, two weeks passed. Then, in the first district game, to the surprise of discerning fans in the stands, he showed up on the varsity basketball team. At this writing, his total playing time has been precious few minutes.

One parent in the stands at McNeely Fieldhouse told us after the home game with Dumas a few weeks ago. "The tradition is developing here that if you are

good enough to play on the varsity football team, then you are good enough to play on the varsity basketball team."

Lovejoy said this was "typical" and an "ego thing." "You play varsity football, the football coaches don't want you playing junior varsity in basketball."

Last season, when Johnny Moore was a sophomore, he likewise joined the varsity for the basketball season. Would his basketball development, same as Seth, have been better served with playing time on the JV, in deference to the prestige of earning a varsity letter in basketball? Moore is likewise a very gifted athlete, probably the quickest player on the team.

**The Importance of Sports in High School**

What does sports matter, anyhow, to an education? Who cares who plays what? Is sports merely an extracurricular activity for fun or does it serve education? The web site of ERIC (Educational Resource Information Center) offers answers.

There, numerous studies show students who participate in extracurricular activities - and in one major study athletics is 70 percent of extracurricular activity - make higher grades, have better classroom attendance, are less likely to drink alcohol or take drugs, and most go on to higher levels of education, as compared to students who do not participate.

Yet, the football-biased system continues. Coaches are not fully to blame. Administrators empower the coaches, who have no certification to coach.

According to Dr. Chase, "There is no such thing as coaching certification in Texas. With the exception of Minnesota and maybe one or two more states, there is no coaching certification in the whole United States. There are no real guidelines or standards."

Sports, according to those researched studies off the ERIC site, is so connected to success in school and life, yet universities offer no guidelines or standards. Is it any wonder the system is so unjust and poor, passed down from one coach to the next, year after year, decade after decade, not just here but all across Texas and much of the nation?

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## Collegiate Baseball Top 20

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Pvs
1	Texas	5-1	494	1
2	Florida St.	5-1	493	2
3	Cal. St. Fullerton	6-0	490	7
4	Rice	0-0	489	4
5	Georgia Tech.	0-0	485	5
6	Louisiana St.	3-0	484	6
7	Arizona St.	14-1	480	9
8	South Carolina	2-1	477	8
9	Long Beach St.	3-3	474	13
10	Southern California	2-2	473	3
11	Mississippi St.	0-0	468	11
12	Stanford	3-5	462	12
13	Houston	1-2	460	10
14	Miami, Fla.	3-1	458	14
15	Wake Forest	0-0	457	15
16	Richmond	0-0	456	16
17	Baylor	2-2	450	17
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## Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2003:  
You do what is least expected this year. You might even surprise yourself. Your humor and delightful personality often surround you with many people. You meet people easily, allowing you to network and add to your immediate circle of friends. Work blooms because of your willingness to put in extra hours if need be. You gain financially because of your diligence and ideas. A relationship shines on the horizon this year. You will be more inclined to settle down in late 2003. If attached, you have a great time together, especially if your sweetie embraces your lively ways. Take on a project together. CANCER helps you get the job done.

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

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
\*\*\* You might want to step back, but events keep tossing you into the limelight. Friends and meetings add a lot of stimulus to what might be an otherwise calm day. If your instincts tell you to cocoon, do so, especially in the p.m., when you have a lot to do. Tonight: Happy at home.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
\*\*\* Continue handling-money matters with your present accuracy. You might find an associate ready to create an uproar if she or he doesn't achieve her or his goal. Discussions help this person clear her or his palette and make better decisions. Tonight: Join a friend for a get-together.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
\*\*\* Take your time making a decision, especially if you feel a bit uncomfortable with news that heads your way. Factor in new ideas carefully. New information

proves significant and critical. Think in terms of gains and long-term financial goals. Tonight: Pay bills.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
\*\*\* Assume a low profile in the morning, when others reveal much more. You might be jolted by a partner and his or her opinions. Revise your thinking. Your mind opens new doors if you allow it to. You work in the afternoon with a surge of energy. Tonight: What would make the Moon Child happy?  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
\*\*\* Take your time with a friend or in a meeting this morning. Not everything is as it should be. You quickly discover the ramifications of taking someone for granted. Sit back in the afternoon as others lay down their cards. Know that you are in a position of power. Tonight: Vanish.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
\*\*\* Bosses call on you to take charge, but considering someone's rebelliousness, you might wonder what difference you could make. Trust in your abilities. A meeting in the afternoon helps align everyone's different interests. Head in a new direction. Tonight: Let off steam with your friends.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
\*\*\* Your perspective helps keep a project in line. Reach out for others in your immediate circle, seeking out answers and new direction. Brainstorming with someone in charge helps you determine your next move. You command others' respect. Tonight: Be willing to burn the midnight oil.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
\*\*\* Dealing with a partner or associate could shake you to the core. Remember that you can only control yourself. Choose your response accordingly. Your instincts lead you in a new direction. Tune in to your inner voice and, at the same time, detach. Tonight:

Rent a movie.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
\*\*\* You work with unpredictability well, but that doesn't mean you like it. Get feedback as you determine what you feel is necessary to keep the ship steady. Work closely with an associate, and you will get the results you need. Flow with an opportunity. Tonight: Dinner for two.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
\*\*\* You might want to do something very different than you originally anticipated. Deal with a money matter head-on in order to achieve the goals you desire. Understand what associates want, and you'll hit the bull's-eye. Open up talks in the p.m. Tonight: Where the crowds are.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
\*\*\* You might want to consider some options quite suddenly. Understand that your behavior will have an impact on others whether you want it to or not. Your fun personality helps others work with your unpredictability. Focus on work and getting the job done. Tonight: Run errands on the way home.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
\*\*\* You might be motivated by a completely different force than you realize. Think twice about what you're doing and exactly where you're heading. You might do a reversal as a result. Add that touch of creativity to your work, and you'll hit a home run. Tonight: Play away.  
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# New antitrust complaint filed in Europe against Microsoft

By PAUL GEITNER  
AP BUSINESS WRITER

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — A coalition of computer, telephone and Internet companies announced a new offensive in their battle against Microsoft Corp., accusing it of violating European antitrust law with its Windows XP operating system.

The Washington-based Computer & Communications Association said Monday it filed a formal, confidential complaint Jan. 31 with the European Commission, which enforces EU competition laws.

A Microsoft spokeswoman at the company's European headquarters in Paris, Tiffany Steckler, declined to comment

directly on the complaint. She said some of the issues raised appeared to be addressed in U.S. litigation, but added "it's up to the European Commission to decide."

A Commission spokeswoman said the new complaint would be examined, but would not affect the investigation that has been underway for more

than three years into Microsoft, which officials hope to wrap up in coming months.

"I do not expect it will be delaying our conclusion of the ongoing complaint," said EU spokeswoman Amelia Torres. Competition Commissioner Mario Monti said in December he expects to close the case in the "first part" of 2003.

Torres refused to elaborate, but sources said the commission staff have yet to present their draft recommendation to Monti, who then plans to submit it to a newly created "devil's advocate" panel for review.

Microsoft also has yet to make its final presentation, although Steckler said information is exchanged "all the time."

In that case, EU investigators accuse Microsoft of abusing its dominance of the market for PC operating systems — its ubiquitous Windows software — to muscle its way into related markets for media and server software.

The new complaint focuses on Windows XP, the latest

Microsoft operating system, which was released at the end of 2001.

"Windows XP takes Microsoft's abusive practices to a new level, illegally protecting Microsoft's existing monopolies and ... illegally eliminating competition in new software and service markets," it said.

In the 260-page complaint, the group charges that:

— The program's user interface is biased toward Microsoft's own software, making life difficult for competing products;

— Microsoft is refusing to fully disclose document formats for its Office suite of applications;

— Microsoft is imposing proprietary technologies and abusive licensing to shut out competing products;

— It is leveraging its dominant positions in old markets, such as e-mail, and new ones such as handheld computing devices and smart phone software.

"Only competitive markets can deliver choice, innovation

and fair prices for consumers," said Ed Black, president and chief executive of the CCIA. "It is therefore imperative to take steps to preserve competition in these and related markets."

The CCIA's members include America Online, Kodak, Sun Microsystems, Nokia, UPS, Yahoo, Casio, Verizon and Fujitsu.

Microsoft argues that its settlement with U.S. authorities last year, combined with additional steps it has taken voluntarily, should be enough to answer the European challenge. It fears regulators will demand it remove integrated components from its Windows system, such as the Media Player.

## Birthday girl!



(Courtesy photo)

Audry Huff's daughters came to Meredith House to help celebrate her 92nd birthday: standing, Mellvinia Stocking, Virginia Horton, Audry Huff (in hat), Judy Grant; seated, Ann Banister and Moleta Clark.

## Israeli troops shoot armed Palestinian

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli troops killed an armed Palestinian in the Gaza Strip, and Israel imposed a blanket closure Tuesday on the Palestinian areas during a Muslim holiday because of warnings of possible attacks by militants.

The closure, which bars Palestinians from entering Israel, reverses a decision to ease travel restrictions during the holiday, Eid al-Adha, which begins Tuesday.

Israeli troops making arrests in the West Bank city of Nablus shot a suspected Palestinian militant as he fled, the army said. Israel Radio said the Palestinian was killed and was a member of the Tanzim militia, which is affiliated with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah party.

Activists in the militant group Islamic Jihad in Nablus said one of their leaders was shot in the head and seriously injured during a gunbattle and had been taken to a hospital.

In a renewed attempt to arrange a cease-fire, Palestinian Interior Minister Hani al-Hassan and Dov Weisglass, director general of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's office, planned to hold talks Tuesday evening.

According to the Palestinian newspaper Al-Quds, one proposal calls for the Israeli army to pull out of several West Bank towns — possibly Tulkarem, Jenin and Qalqilya — and for Palestinian police to assume control.

In the Gaza Strip shooting, a Palestinian carrying a Kalashnikov rifle near the Kissufim crossing into Israel was shot by soldiers late Monday, the army spokesman said. His body, with a bullet-proof vest, was found at daylight Tuesday, the army said.

A total of 18 Palestinians suspected of militant activity were arrested in the West Bank overnight, including a woman in Jenin, the army said. Palestinians said the woman was a 40-year-old mother of six, the wife of a Hamas activist who had been arrested a few months ago.

## Venezuela: Jimmy Carter enters fray

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Opposition leaders said they are willing to discuss two proposals made by former President Jimmy Carter on resolving Venezuela's months-long political crisis.

Carter was in Caracas in January to seek a resolution to the standoff, which culminated in a nationwide strike that opposition leaders launched Dec. 2 in a bid to oust President Hugo Chavez.

But Chavez outlasted the work stoppage, which petered out early this month, though some oil workers continue to strike.

"We have no problem in debating the two proposals made by Mr. Carter," opposition leader Timoteo Zambrano told a press conference late Monday.

Carter, who won the Nobel peace Prize last year, suggested two ideas. The first would amend Venezuela's constitution to shorten presidential and legislative terms and mandate early elections. Chavez's term would be cut from six years to four years, opening the way for balloting this year.

His second idea urged Venezuelans to prepare for a binding recall referendum at the midpoint of the pres-

ident's rule, in Chavez's case, August 19.

Amending the constitution requires that 15 percent of voters sign a petition. It must also pass congressional approval and a popular referendum.

The recall referendum, meanwhile, can only be held if organizers gathered 20 percent of the nation's 12 million registered voters.

Carter's proposal calls for the government, which has a congressional majority, to move quickly on changing the constitution.

Chavez, a leftist for lieutenant colonel, was elected in 1998 and re-elected in 2000. His term in office ends in 2007.

Zambrano is one of six opposition representatives at talks mediated by the Organization of American States. The negotiations have made little progress so far.

Since the talks began in November, Chavez's adversaries have staged hundreds of protest rallies nationwide to pressure him into accepting an early vote.

Political analysts say Chavez, downplayed the street demonstrations, may now feel that he has the upper hand in the struggle.

## Australian students get shuttle picture

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Australian high school students who sent spiders into space on board the Columbia shuttle were presented with a commemorative plaque by a U.S. diplomat and a NASA envoy on Tuesday.

U.S. Embassy deputy chief of mission Michael Owens presented a framed photograph of the space shuttle Columbia's seven crew, who died on re-entry to the earth's atmosphere last week.

"These people, in many

ways, were charting the future for all of us," Owens said of the astronauts. "And it's enormously encouraging that these students took inspiration from their example and of course, it was their experiment, spiders in space that was aboard Columbia."

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