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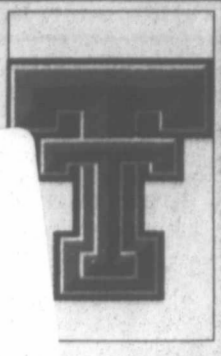
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Suit could affect groundwater regulations

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

WHITE DEER -- A ruling by a Dumas judge could have far reaching effect on groundwater regulations, although the general manager of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District doesn't think it will.

The City of Amarillo is suing Premium Standard Farms over the company's pumping of groundwater in Hartley County. A technical interpretation of a section of the Texas Water Code, however, is in an appeals court before the trial even begins.

C.E. Williams, general manager of the Panhandle Groundwater

Conservation District, which includes Pampa and Gray County, said he doesn't think the issue will balloon into a major problem for water conservation districts and enforcement of their rules.

The Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, however, is filing a brief with the appeals court in support of Amarillo.

Last May, Amarillo officials became aware that Premium Standard Farms swine and farming operation south of Dalhart was pumping more groundwater than allowed by the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District, the governing body for groundwater in the northern and western Texas

Panhandle.

Under the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District rules, property owners can pump up to two acre-feet per acre of water rights annually. The City of Amarillo in their lawsuit accuses Premium Standard Farms of pumping as much as 3,300 acre-feet of water per year from a half section, 320 acres, south of Dalhart. The groundwater district rules, Amarillo said, would normally limit the pumping to 640 acre-feet a year.

The water is apparently being used to irrigate corn, according to court documents. There is no pollution problem, Amarillo officials said.

In September, Amarillo appealed

to the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District board to enforce their rules more aggressively, but the district took no action.

The city filed their lawsuit against Premium Standard Farms Oct. 24, asking for unspecified damages and a temporary injunction to stop the company from continuing to pump water, pending a trial on the merits of the case and a requested permanent injunction.

Following a November hearing, 69th District Judge Ron Enns issued a narrow ruling concerning the measurement of water production and denied Amarillo's request for a

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Steamy sunrise



Wrapped in steam in the sub-freezing temperatures of the early morning, Pampa's Celanese Plant is reflected in a frozen pond along U.S. Highway 60. Temperatures will begin warming up with highs in the mid 50s expected for Thursday and Friday.

Drunken driving deaths still a big problem, MADD says

Even though the Christmas and New Year's holidays are over, alcohol-related traffic accidents and deaths are still a big problem. MADD, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, wants people to know about the horrible statistics of drunken driving.

In 2004, according to a MADD report, there was an alcohol-related traffic fatality in the United States every 31 minutes. An estimated 248,000 people were injured in crashes where police reported that alcohol was present, which is an average of one person injured every

two minutes.

Of the 16,694 people who died in traffic accidents in 2004, 86 percent were killed in crashes where at least one driver or non-occupant had a blood alcohol level of .08 or higher, which is above the legal limit.

The state of Texas has decreased

the number of alcohol-related deaths over the past five years, according to statistics released by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

In 2000, the percent of alcohol-

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Services provided for elderly, disabled, poor

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

Panhandle Community Services helps local residents pay rent and utility bills, weatherizes homes and provides transportation to those who need help getting around town. The Pampa office located at 411 N. Cuyler services not only Pampa, but also Canadian, Miami, McLean and Lefors. Their service area includes Hemphill, Roberts and Gray counties.

Elderly, disabled and low-income people in the 26 counties of the Panhandle benefit from the services provided by state funding to this agency. One of the services is to help pay HUD rent for those who cannot pay the entire bill, preventing evictions.

Another bill this organization can help pay is utility bills to provide the elderly with air conditioning in the summer and heat in the winter. One program that helps pay the gas

bills in winter is Sharing the Warmth provided by Atmos Energy. All Atmos customers can "round-up" their payment to the next dollar amount and that money will be put in a fund that will be given to Panhandle Community Services as well as other organizations. Then, these organizations can use that money to help pay a portion of the bill so the gas does not get shut off, leaving the residents in the cold.

Another service offered by the

Pampa office of PCS is transportation. The office has six small buses that transport people all over the area. This service can be used by any Pampa resident as long as they pay the \$1 one-way ticket. Center Coordinator Susan Weldon said they transport people to doctor's appointments either here or in Amarillo, to the grocery store, to the laundromat and to work or

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Wednesday Thursday Friday



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Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 49. Wind chill values between 19 and 29 early.
 Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 33. Wind chill values between 25 and 30.
 Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 58. West-southwest wind around 10 mph.
 Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 28. Southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.
 Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 55.
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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

ANDREWS, Chester Lyle — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
FERGUSON, Rhonda Gayle "Bop Bop" — 2 p.m., Country Chapel, Wheeler.

Chester Lyle Andrews, 89

Chester Lyle Andrews, 89, of Pampa, Texas, died Dec. 31, 2006, at Pampa.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2007, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. John Westman, pastor of St. Paul Methodist Church, officiating.

Graveside rites will be by the Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 at the Groom Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Andrews was born Sept. 21, 1917, in Quay County, N.M., to Clessie and Leslie Andrews. His family moved to Groom in 1932 where he met and later wed Ruth Godwin. In 1944, they moved to Pampa and began their own family; a daughter,

Nancy Ellen, and a son, plants. Lewis Edwin.

Chester worked many years as an oil drilling superintendent, moving his family to the oil fields of Cuba from 1955-1960. During the Castro and Batista Revolution, they were forced to leave Cuba when soldiers took over the company offices. From there, they moved to Puerto Rico and later to Australia before returning home to Pampa.

Chester then worked as a journeyman pipefitter, following large construction jobs across the country. Among these projects was the construction of several of the nation's nuclear power



Andrews

Shortly after Chester's retirement, Ruth, his wife of 41 years, passed away in 1981. In 1989, Chester married Mary Clay. She brought into Chester's family three married children; Claude Clay and wife Helen, Gwen Varnon and husband David, and Janice Hollon and husband Jerry; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Chester took great pride in his work at the Pampa Masonic Lodge, and two years ago, he was honored with the presentation of his 50-year membership pin. For the last three years, he had been a resident of the Coronado Health Care Center in Pampa. Chester was preceded in death by his brothers, Earl Andrews and

Roy Dale Andrews, and an infant son.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Andrews of Pampa and her family; his daughter, Nancy Brown and husband Jim of Borger; grandson, Shannon Brown and wife Michelle and their three sons, Jared, Ben and Jacob of Fritch; his son, Ed Andrews and wife Karen and their children Erin and Logan of Lubbock; and his sister, Mary Richardson and husband Sid of Childress.

MEMORIALS: Odyssey Hospice, The Atrium at Coulter Ridge, 6900 I-40 West, Suite 150, Amarillo, TX 79106, or a favorite charity.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will receive friend from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

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

Cecil 'Sonny' Bowers, 79

Cecil 'Sonny' Bowers, 79, of Pampa, Texas, died Jan. 1, 2007, at McLean, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Bowers was born Aug. 18, 1927, in Pampa where he had been a resident most of his life. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He worked in the oilfield as a derrick hand and also trained race horses.

He married Georgia Owens on June 7, 1982, in Pampa. She preceded him in death on Nov. 3, 2001.

Survivors include one daughter, Jackie Beck of Belton, Mo.; two brothers, Kenneth Bowers and wife Debbie of McLean and David Bowers of Pampa;

one sister, Bennie Pfeil of Amarillo; two grandchildren; two nephews, Greg Bowers of Clarendon and Rick Pfeil of Amarillo; one niece, Debra Shelton of Amarillo; and several cousins, including Tommy Bowers of Pampa.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Rowdy Bowers and Loys Bowers; his father, Silas Bowers; his mother, Sudie Bowers; and his stepmother, Jessie Albertson.

MEMORIALS: KJRT Radio Station, P.O. Box 8088, Amarillo, TX 79114

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

Rhonda Gayle Ferguson, 57

WHEELER, Texas — Rhonda Gayle 'Bop Bop' Ferguson, 57, of Wheeler, died Dec. 30, 2006, at Wheeler.

Services will be held at the Country Chapel in Wheeler, Texas, at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2007, with the Rev. Rusty Ratliff, Pastor of the MasterPlan Church of Amarillo, and Alan Morgan officiating.

Burial will be in Mobeetie Cemetery in Mobeetie, Texas, under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler, Texas.

Mrs. Ferguson was born on Dec. 7, 1949, in Shamrock, Texas, to Beuron and Frankie Lynette Stevens. She moved to Wheeler in 1960. Mrs. Ferguson graduated from Wheeler High School in 1968.

She attended Beauty School in San Angelo, Texas. She worked as a beautician in Wheeler, Shamrock, and Pampa.

She married Gene Ferguson Aug. 6, 1971, in Wheeler.

Mrs. Ferguson worked at

Hylands Pharmacy for 15 years. She was a member of the Country Chapel, P.T.A. president at Briscoe, and a former member of the Xi Epsilon Eta sorority.

Survivors include her husband, Gene Ferguson of Wheeler; two sons, Rusty Ferguson and wife Susie of Pampa, and Landon Ferguson and wife Christi of Briscoe; one daughter, Amanda Meadows and husband Mark of Briscoe; three sisters, Joan Pennington of Athens, Texas, Juajun Stokes and husband Kenneth of Shamrock, and Jaunette O'Gorman and husband Stephen of Shamrock; one brother, Dale Stevens and wife Janet of Wheeler; five grandchildren, Landry and Tatum Meadows, Sidsey, Quinton and Colton Ferguson; and many nieces and nephews.

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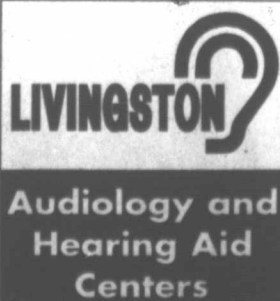
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Lala Montoya, 81

DUMAS — Lala Montoya, 81, of Dumas, died Friday, Dec. 29, 2006, in Dumas. Rosary will be said at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2007, in Morrison Memorial Chapel. Mass will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2007, in Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church with Rev. Juan Antonio Albaladejo, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Dumas Cemetery by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Montoya was born Jan. 20, 1925, in Miera, N.M. to Santanita and Lorenzo Alarid. On Nov. 29, 1941, she married Nick Montoya in Miera, N.M. They moved to Stratford in 1971 and she had been a Dumas resident since 1999. She was a member of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

She was preceded in

death by her husband, Nick Montoya, on Oct. 9, 1999; one son, Henry Montoya in 1986 and three brothers, Steve Alarid, Pete Alarid and Junior Alarid.

Survivors include three sons, Pat Montoya of Pampa, Pete Montoya of St. Francis, Kan. and Herman Montoya of Dumas; two daughters, Susie Hogan and Mary Jane Gonzales both of Dumas; three brothers, Phil Alarid, Joe Alarid and George Alarid all of Denver, Colo.; four sisters, Lucy Grine, Carol Alarid, Rose Romero and Betty Alarid all of Denver; 17 grandchildren; and 16 great grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to a favorite charity.

The family will be at 115 N. Klein in Dumas.

block of North Wells and the intersection of Tignor and Barnard streets.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 2400 block of Duncan.

An abandoned vehicle call was received from an unreported location.

Calls concerning animals were received from the 700 block of Deane Drive, the 1800 block of North Nelson, the 1600 block of Zimmers, and on three occasions from an unreported location.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 1100 block of Charles.

A welfare check was made in the 600 block of North Christy.

Civil matters were reported in the 700 block of Locust and the 100 block of South Faulkner.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1900 block of Grape, the intersection of Campbell and Reid streets, and the 12000 block of East Frederic.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1200 block of East Foster, the 200 block of East Browning, and the 1300 block of Garland.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway.

A domestic disturbance, assault, and injury to a child were reported in the 500 block of North Yeager. No medical treatment was reported to be needed in connection with the incident.

Assault was reported at the intersection of Campbell and Reid streets. No medical treatment was reported to be necessary in connection with the incident.

One open door was checked.

Theft was reported in the 1900 block of North Hobart and the 600 block of East Frederic.

Burglary of a building was reported in the 300 block of South Tignor. Taken were an air compressor, nail gun, saw, and speakers. Estimated value of loss is \$310.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 3100

block of Perryton Parkway. Doors on the driver's and passenger's sides of the vehicle were destroyed, and the vehicle's windows were shattered. Taken were a tool set, stereo, extension cord, circular saw, and a set of mixing bowls. Estimated value of damage and loss is \$670.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of Juniper. The incident involved a 1995 Cadillac Sedan de Ville valued at \$7,000.

Monday, Jan. 1

Ten traffic stops were made.

A traffic complaint was received from the 400 block of North Wells.

Motorist assistance was rendered at the intersection of 23rd Avenue and Perryton Parkway.

Calls concerning animals were received from the 1900 block of Duncan, the intersection of 23rd Avenue and Perryton Parkway, the 1100 block of North Perry, the 400 block of Lefors, and the 1200 block of East Foster.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 500 block of North Hobart and the 600 block of North Sumner.

A civil matter was reported in the 900 block of South Faulkner.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1200 block of North Hobart and the 1000 block of Neel Road.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway and the 2800 block of Charles.

A prowler was reported in the 700 block of East Francis.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block of Deane Drive, the 800 block of Davis, the intersection of Hazel and Browning streets, and the 600 block of North Roberta.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1200 block of East Kingsmill and the 1100 block of Terry Road.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 200

block of West Browning.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of Texas. A carpet and air conditioner were damaged, and syrup was poured over a stove. Total estimated cost of damage is \$1,000.

Public intoxication was reported in the 2100 block of North Sumner.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 300 block of North Wells.

A hostage situation was reported in the 1800 block of North Wells.

One burglar alarm was reported.

Theft was reported in the 900 block of South Faulkner and the police department lobby.

Credit/debit card abuse was reported in the 900 block of East Albert.

Burglary was reported in the 1100 block of Darby.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 800 block of South Faulkner.

Tuesday, Jan. 2

Five traffic stops were made.

A suspicious person call was received from the 500 block of North West.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2200 block of North Nelson.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1000 block of South Dwight. The incident involves a 1994 Geo Prizm.

Sheriff

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

Monday, Jan. 1

Ronnie Edwards Young, 52, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a bond surrender for driving while intoxicated.

Brandon Lee Baxter, 28, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a 31st District Court warrant for theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents today.

Friday, Dec. 29

Two traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were received from the 200 block of North Starkweather, the 1100 block of East Foster, and the 1400 block of North Hobart.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Calls concerning animals were received in the 2800 block of Charles, the 300 block of Anne, the 700 block of North Christy, the 2600 block of Comanche, the 300 block of South Starkweather, and an unreported location.

Found property was reported in the 600 block of North Wynne.

Warrant service was attempted on two occasions.

A civil matter was reported in the 500 block of North Faulkner.

A welfare check was made in the 700 block of Deane Drive.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 300 block of Jean.

A suspicious person call was received from the 800 block of East Francis.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway.

A prowler was reported in the police department lobby.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of North Nelson and the 700 block of East Murphy.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 2200 block of Evergreen.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 200 block of North Sumner.

Sex offender registration was reported in the 1400 block of North Banks.

One open door was checked.

Forgery was reported in the police department lobby.

Saturday, Dec. 30

Eleven traffic stops were made.

Calls concerning animals were received from the 1000 block of Mary Ellen and on six occasions from an unreported location.

Warrant service was attempted on three occasions.

A civil matter was reported in the 1100 block of Seneca.

A civil matter and assault by threat were reported in the 2400 block of Rosewood.

A suspicious person call was received from the 800 block of North Frost.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of West Kingsmill.

Public intoxication and possession of less than two ounces of marijuana was reported during a traffic stop in the 2100 block of Duncan.

Driving under the influence, and possession of an amount more than two ounces but equal to or less than four ounces of marijuana,

na, were reported during a traffic stop in the 2100 block of Duncan.

Harassment was reported in the police department lobby.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 600 block of North Christy. No injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

A domestic disturbance, assault, and interfering with an emergency 911 call were reported in the 200 block of North Nelson.

A domestic disturbance and assault were reported in the 800 block of East Denver.

Injury to a child, elderly individual or disabled individual was reported in the 400 block of North Christy.

One burglar alarm was reported.

One medical assistance alarm was reported.

Sunday, Dec. 31

Fourteen traffic stops were made, resulting in at least one arrest.

Traffic complaints were received from the 2200

block of North Wells and the intersection of Tignor and Barnard streets.

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MADD related deaths in Texas compared to total traffic deaths was 49 percent. It had decreased to 47 percent in 2002 and gone down even farther to 45 percent in 2005.

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But, even though these numbers are getting smaller, they are still too high, according to MADD.

MADD encourages everyone to make responsible decisions and get involved by writing to legislators and encouraging them to enact stricter laws and penalties.

For more information on how to get involved, visit their Web site at www.madd.org or contact the local office of Panhandle Regional Advisory Council, Trauma Service Area A, 4101 Mockingbird, Amarillo, TX 79109, or call that office at 806 358-7114.

PCS school. "Anyone can use our buses, not only the elderly or low income."

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Viewpoints

Breaking with the notion of making resolutions

My New Year's resolution this year is to not make any resolutions.

So far, I haven't broken that resolution, and it looks like this might be the easiest one to keep that I have ever made.

In previous years, I joined with others in making at least one New Year's resolution. The only problem is, it's far easier to make a resolution than it is to keep one.

Many people break their resolutions each year, which causes me to wonder why they keep on making them.

I also wondered how we got started doing something that is often so frustrating when we don't follow through with our good intentions.

According to some online

information I found, the tradition of making New Year's resolutions can be blamed on the Babylonians, who were celebrating the new year as far back as 4,000 years ago. Their most popular resolution was to return borrowed farm equipment or something borrowed from a friend.

The Romans adopted the Babylonians' idea of making New Year's resolutions. The Romans' most popular resolution was to seek forgiveness from enemies.

These days, the most popular resolutions are those that will improve health, such as losing weight or exercising more. Financial resolutions are the second most popular type of modern New Year's pledge, followed

by improving relationships with others.

The celebration of the new year is the oldest holiday currently being observed. Far back in history, celebrants gave each other gifts, and in some cultures, the celebration of the new year lasted for several days.

Making resolutions is not the only tradition currently observed when the calendar year changes. It is also common to hear the song "Auld Lang Syne" and eat black-eyed peas.

Eating black-eyed peas is a tradition which has its roots in the Southern states.

Anyone who eats black-eyed peas on New Year's Day will have good luck and, some say, prosperity throughout the year.

"Auld Lang Syne" is a poem by Robert Burns, a Scottish poet who lived from 1759 to 1796. Singing the song at the stroke of midnight on New Year's became a tradition in Scotland and spread from there to various countries.

The main problem with the song, as I see it, is remembering all the words.

Some people say our National Anthem is the most difficult song to remember,

but I think "Auld Lang Syne" has "The Star-Spangled Banner" beat by a country mile.

I like black-eyed peas, so it's much easier for me to follow that New Year's tradition than to sing "Auld Lang Syne." Since I've also rejected the notion of making resolutions, I supposed I'd better make sure to eat those black-eyed peas each year, or I'll really be flirting with disaster.

By the way, "Auld Lang Syne" can be translated to mean literally "old long since" or, in other words, the distant and even not-so-distant past. The idea is to review one's life at the turn of the year.

The U.S. has added some more recent traditions of its

own to the list of those observed on New Year's. There's the aforementioned black-eyed pea consumption. But we have also made some other events into traditional New Year's fare.

Who hasn't seen the lighted ball drop at midnight New Year's Eve at Times Square in New York City? Some have witnessed this event firsthand, while most of us have watched it on television. The Times Square New Year's ball drop dates from 1907.

Fireworks are part of the American New Year's celebration, too, although not so much here as in other parts of the country.

Another New Year's event seen in person by some but

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Marilyn Powers
Staff Writer



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 2, the second day of 2007. There are 363 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 2, 1900, Secretary of State John Hay announced the "Open Door Policy" to facilitate trade with China.

On this date:

In 1492, Muhammad XI, the sultan of Granada, the last Arab stronghold in Spain, surrendered to Spanish forces.

In 1788, Georgia became the fourth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1921, religious services were broadcast on radio for the first time as KDKA in Pittsburgh aired the regular Sunday service of the city's Calvary Episcopal Church.

In 1929, the United States and Canada reached agreement on joint action to preserve Niagara Falls.

In 1935, Bruno Hauptmann went on trial in Flemington, N.J., on charges of kidnapping and murdering the 20-month-old son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh. (Hauptmann was found guilty, and executed.)

In 1942, the Philippine capital of Manila was captured

by Japanese forces during World War II.

In 1960, Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination.

In 1965, the New York Jets signed University of Alabama quarterback Joe Namath for a reported \$400,000.

In 1974, President Nixon signed legislation requiring states to limit highway speeds to 55 mph (however, federal speed limits were abolished in 1995).

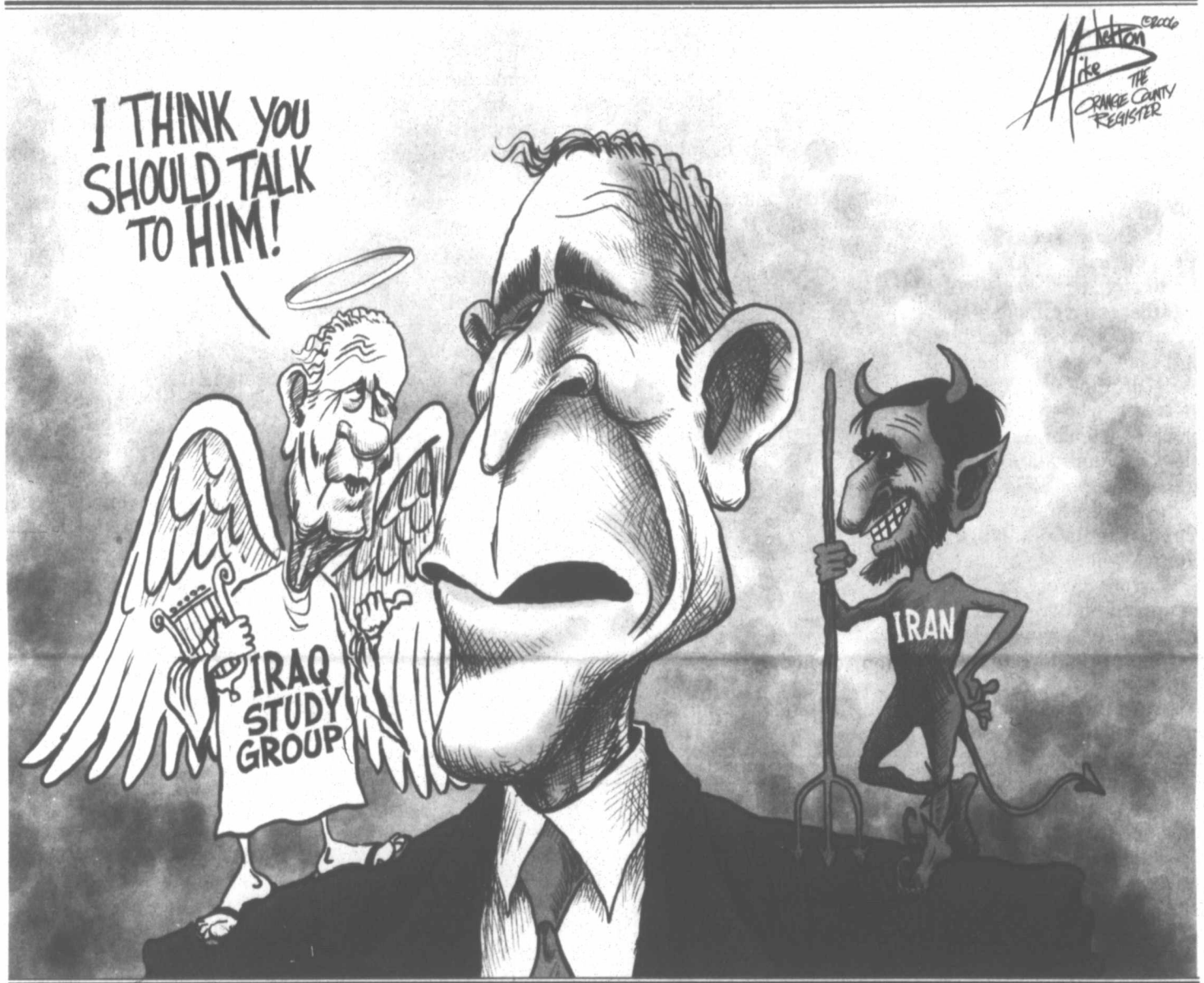
In 1986, former baseball owner Bill Veeck, remembered for his well-publicized stunts and promotional gimmicks, including an exploding scoreboard and a midget pinch-hitter, died in Chicago at age 71.

Ten years ago: Rain and melting snow swamped the West, trapping visitors in Yosemite National Park, closing casinos in Reno, Nev., and forcing the evacuation of 50,000 Californians.

Five years ago: The new Afghan government confirmed that American bombs had killed the Taliban's intelligence chief (Qari Ahmadullah).

'I am prejudiced in favor of him who, without impudence, can ask boldly. He has faith in humanity, and faith in himself. No one who is not accustomed to give grandly can ask nobly and with boldness.'

— Johann Kaspar Lavater
Swiss theologian
(1741-1801)



Reinstating the military draft bad idea

Congressman Charles Rangel is advocating the reinstatement of the military draft. He says, "There's no question in my mind that this president and this administration would never have invaded Iraq, especially on the flimsy evidence that was presented to the Congress, if indeed we had a draft and members of Congress and the administration thought that their kids from their communities would be placed in harm's way."

Rep. Rangel, D-N.Y., has it completely backward in terms of incentives created by the draft. Let's apply a bit of economic logic to it, but first get a pet peeve of mine out of the way: The term "draft" is a euphemism for

what is actually "confiscation of labor services." The Defense Department can get all the military personnel it wants on an all-volunteer basis; it could simply raise wages. Indeed, there exists a wage whereby I would volunteer my services.

The draft is needed when the military wants to pay soldiers wages lower than those earned in the non-military sector of our economy. When we did have a draft, as in 1950s, look at who was and was not drafted. The commander in chief at that

time, President Dwight Eisenhower, wasn't drafted. Neither were members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Generals and other high-ranking officers weren't drafted.

Who was drafted? Recruits, and it's not hard to understand why. A newly inducted recruit's pay was \$68 a month. The pay of the commander in chief, Joint Chiefs of Staff, generals and other officers were many multiples higher than a recruit's pay. It's not difficult to understand why drafting

recruits was necessary.

Some argue that depending on an all-volunteer military is too expensive. That's wrong. The true cost of having a man in the military is what society has to forgo, what economists call opportunity costs. Say a man worked producing televisions for which he was paid \$1,000 a month. If he's drafted, he's not producing \$1,000 worth of televisions. The sacrificed \$1,000 worth of televisions is part of the cost of his being in the military whether he's paid \$68 a month or nothing a month.

One effect of the draft is to understate the full cost of military operations. In 1959,

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

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Fort Worth Star-Telegram on mileage ratings:

Many car buyers are disappointed upon finding that the mileage ratings listed on window stickers for new vehicles don't match performance on the road.

The true mileage that the vehicles achieve often is 10 to 20 percent less — sometimes even 30 percent less — than those overly optimistic fantasy numbers on the stickers. That's why we've implored the Environmental Protection Agency on previous occasions to update its vehicle testing standards to

reflect the realities of today's driving and make those sticker numbers much more accurate.

We're happy to see that the EPA is finally doing just that. The new, more accurate mileage ratings will be required for 2008 models expected to come out in late 2007.

On Dec. 11, the agency issued new testing procedures that will result in mileage estimates dropping an average of 12 percent for city driving and 8 percent for highway driving for all vehicles. Gas-electric hybrids, although still among the most fuel-efficient vehicles, will see their ratings drop 20 to 30 percent for city driving and 10 to 20 percent for highway driving.

Under long-standing EPA rules, vehicle makers have been allowed to

maximize mileage ratings by testing hand-built prototype vehicles on dynamometers in labs.

That method results in artificially high ratings. It doesn't reflect today's increasingly stop-and-go urban driving in congested traffic, the higher speed limits on many of today's roads, the reduced fuel consumption resulting from increased use of air conditioning and other factors that hurt fuel economy.

Consumer Reports magazine, the AARP, the Union of Concerned Scientists and others previously have complained that the EPA ratings are grossly inflated.

The new ratings undoubtedly will

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BUSINESS REVIEW



Rasco Construction — New Deer Tower

Rasco Construction, owned by Gerald and Joyce Rasco, is located at 1000 S. Price Rd. Selling and installing overhead doors both residential and commercial as well as the door operators is one of the main functions the trained staff at Rasco Construction provides for their customers. MID-AMERICA doors and LIFT-MASTER overhead door openers may be purchased from Rasco.

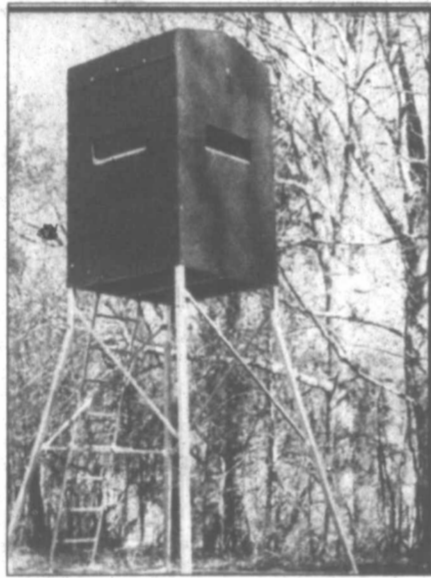
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am writing in response to the Nov. 20 letter from the computer-illiterate parents whose sons, 12 and 13, are spending hours "locked in their room" with their computer. It is time for parents to get educated on the ins and outs of the Internet. I'm a computer tech who has researched Internet safety extensively. Not only do predators stalk the social networking sites and chat rooms, but children can be exposed to cyber-bullying and inappropriate materials as well. Example: One of my friends caught her 15-year-old son watching a 14-year-old girl perform a striptease over a live video chat. No child should have a computer in the bedroom. It should be located in a common area where there is no privacy. There are numerous organizations like i-Safe (www.isafe.org) and CyberAngels (www.cyberangels.org) available to help out. — **AARON IN ST. LOUIS**

DEAR AARON: Thank you for not only lending your expert opinion, but also for mentioning some organizations that can be helpful to parents. The Internet has become a vast hunting ground for predators, and pedophiles frequently find new prey using it. And they are not the only predators out there. As you mentioned regarding the 14-year-old girl, some teens are also looking for sexual conquests. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: The parents who were told their boys "couldn't be looking at pornography" unless they had a credit card -- which they didn't -- were seriously misinformed. Touch the wrong key on your new computer and disastrous things happen. Many times I have had to call my son to come over and return my screen to normal. Sometimes the computer will not even let

me turn it off! I have two friends who complain about the same problems. In addition, my brother-in-law says he never heard my sister swear until she got her new computer. It seems that the new generation of MACs and PCs are designed chiefly for the technologically elite -- which most of us are not. — **R.H., PROFESSOR EMERITUS, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA**

DEAR R.H.: If the new generation of MACs and PCs are difficult for intelligent folks to master, then the logical answer is to sign up for computer classes, which are offered by public libraries and some high schools and community colleges. It's either that or instructional CDs, or hiring a computer whiz to give you private lessons. Children today learn to operate computers from earliest grade school and are completely proficient. If parents are not computer-literate, then they should be sure their computer is in plain view while it's being used by the children. Computers are wonderful tools, but they can also be "open windows" to -- and from -- the outside of your home. It's only common sense to supervise with whom your child is interacting and who has access to your child.

DEAR ABBY: I am 14 and, trust me, those boys probably are looking at pornography. I'd say the odds are about 8-to-1. You don't need a credit card. Sites offer previews, or "free tours" of the site, and other sites are totally free. Also, no offense to your advice, but the "history" can easily be cleared. I'm 14, and I can clear every site I have visited in a matter of seconds. I'd suggest they install something like Net Nanny on their hard drive and not tell the kids. — **HOPEFULLY HELPFUL, GREENE COUNTY, TENN.**

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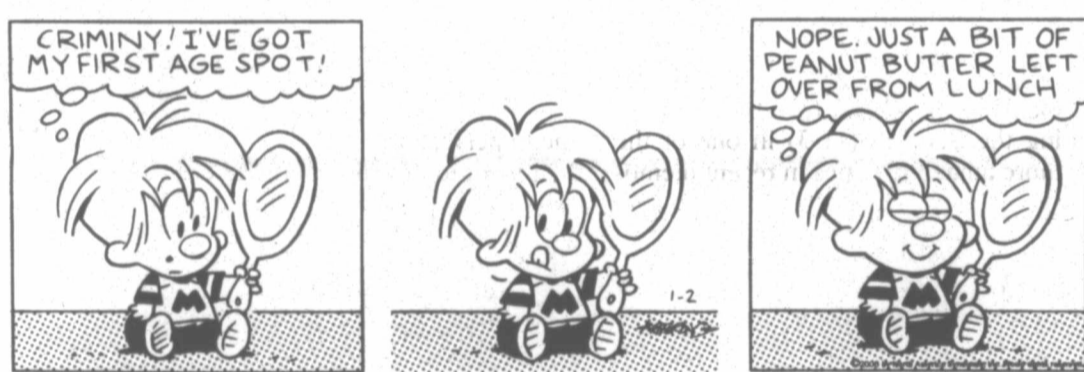
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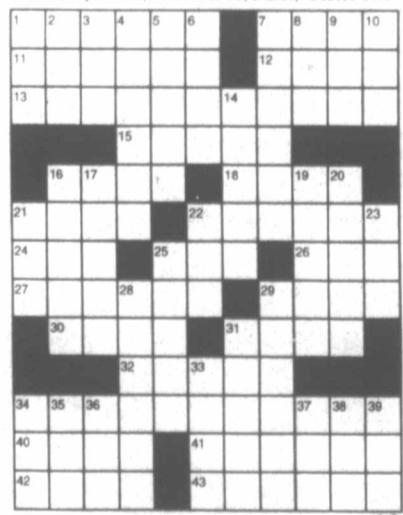
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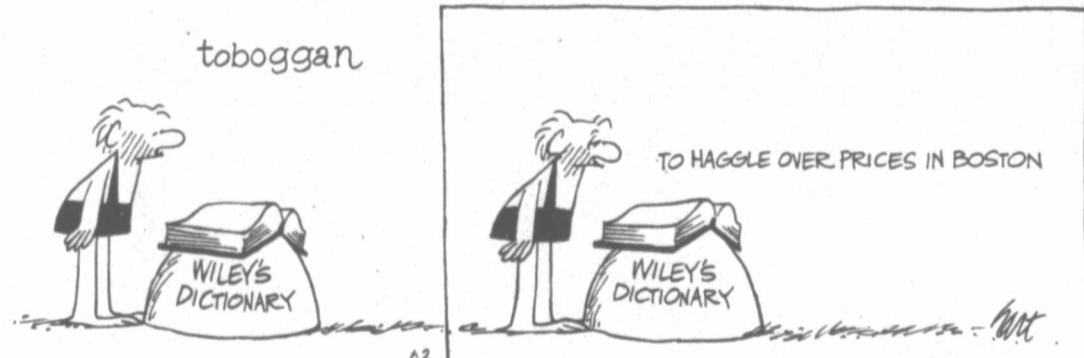


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Sports Day

Bob Knight gets back to work after 880 coaching victories

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — With the record in his name alone, Bob Knight can return to the mission he prizes more than being the winningest men's Division I basketball coach — molding his players' talents and characters.

"I never really did think it was special," Knight told The Associated Press after earning victory No. 880 as Texas Tech defeated New Mexico 70-68 Monday. "I thought it was great for the players and everybody."

The longtime coach extended his streak of never needing more than two tries for any of his milestone victories after losing to UNLV last Thursday in his first attempt to best Dean Smith's 879 wins.

For someone who couldn't care less about that benchmark, Knight sure reveled in the New Year's Day party thrown for him. It was music to his ears, in fact.

'Just like [Frank Sinatra] said, I did it my way, and when I look back on it, I don't think my way was all that bad'

— Bob Knight

Texas Tech Basketball Head Coach

"I've always thought that if there's ever an occasion for a song to be played on my behalf, I wanted it to be Frank Sinatra singing 'My Way,'" said Knight, whose usually glaring facade showed hints of cracking during the outpouring of emotions. "I think I've put myself out on a limb at times, knowingly, simply because I thought what I was going to do or say was the best way to get this kid to be the best player or the best

student."

Throughout his 41-year coaching career, Knight's complexity has sculpted a conflicted image. He hit a police officer, threw a chair across the court and was accused of wrapping his hands around a player's neck. He's also never been in trouble for breaking NCAA rules, has always had a high graduation rate and gave back his Tech salary a few years ago because he didn't think he'd earned it.

All facets of Knight's personality were on display during a half-hour postgame ceremony and the nearly 20-minute soliloquy he gave instead of a news conference.

The first person to congratulate him after Monday's win was his son and successor-to-be, Pat. He later held his two grandsons from his other son, Tim. He introduced his wife, Karen, and repeatedly thanked her,

although he later broke a promise to her by cussing.

At a postgame news conference with reporters, Knight wasn't interested in answering questions. Instead, he went on a trip down memory lane filled with anecdotes and name-dropping, from the famous such as Red Auerbach, Pete Newell and Clair Bee to the obscure, such as Jake Pryne, the bus driver at Army when Knight was 24 and the nation's youngest coach.

He seemed near tears at times. Though none fell, Knight backed away from the microphone a couple of times while on the court, seemingly unable to speak.

In the coaches' locker room later, Knight was asked whether his emotions got the best of him. Gently rocking his head side to side, with his hands clasped over his white hair, he paused and said, "Well, I don't know. Maybe."

Later, Knight summoned an Associated Press reporter because he was upset that he'd forgotten to thank Dean Smith, the former North Carolina coach whose record he broke. He also had a parting piece of advice.

"You make damn sure you put Frank Sinatra's song in your article," Knight said.

The game's outcome wasn't decided until a long 3-pointer by J.R. Giddens of New Mexico (11-4) bounced off the rim at the buzzer.

Red and black confetti fell, and Sinatra's song blared. There were speeches by Knight and administrators, plus videotaped tributes from Smith, Duke's Mike Krzyzewski and Texas' Rick Barnes. Knight also received two trophies and the game ball; a banner was unfurled marking this achievement.

Also worth noting: Tennessee women's coach Pat Summitt has won the most NCAA games, 925;

and Harry Statham of NAIA McKendree College in Lebanon, Ill., has won the most men's games at a four-year college, 925.

Knight, whose career record is 880-354, won't say how much longer he'll coach, but he recently agreed to a contract extension through the 2010-11 season. That doesn't bode well for anyone hoping to break his record. Consider this: Krzyzewski has 765 wins and is 59; he'll be 64 in 2011 and might still be 100 wins behind.

"I've simply tried to do what I think is best," Knight said. "Regrets? Sure. Just like the song, I have regrets. I wish I could do things better at times. I wish I would have had a better answer, a better way, at times. But just like he said, I did it my way, and when I look back on it, I don't think my way was all that bad."

Boise State busts Sooners in wild Fiesta

GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Boise State proved it belonged in the BCS and started another lively college football debate.

The ninth-ranked Broncos completed a perfect season with an exhilarating 43-42 overtime victory over No. 7 Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl Monday night, leaving Boise State and top-ranked Ohio State as the only teams with perfect records.

The Buckeyes will play No. 2 Florida for the BCS national championship on the same field Jan. 8, but the Broncos (13-0) believe they belong in that game.

And why not? Boise State showed plenty of heart and resilience in edging the Sooners (11-3) in one of the more amazing games in recent memory.

"We went 13-0 and beat everyone on our schedule," said quarterback Jared Zabransky, selected the offensive MVP after completing 19 of 29 passes for 262 yards and three touchdowns. "We deserve a chance at the national title."

The Sooners endorse the Broncos. "They should be up there playing for a national championship — 12-0, finish the season 13-0 — and hopefully they get some more looks in the future," linebacker Zach Latimer said. "At least a chance. That's all you ask for is a chance. You never know what can happen."

If the Fiesta Bowl was any indication, it would certainly be fun to watch.

In one of the most dramatic finishes in BCS history, the Sooners and the Broncos combined for 22 points in the final 86 seconds of regulation.

Boise State blew an 18-point lead midway through the third quarter, then twice rallied from seven-point deficits.

"Yeah, another day at the office, huh?" said Boise State coach Chris Petersen, who remains undefeated as a head coach.

The Broncos appeared to be finished when Oklahoma cornerback Marcus Walker intercepted Zabransky's pass and returned it 33 yards for a touchdown to put the Sooners ahead 35-28 with 1:02 remaining.

"It would have been easy to give up on us with a minute left, but we had a lot of magic left," Zabransky said.

The magic came on a stunning 50-yard touchdown play on fourth-and-18 in the final seconds of regulation. Zabransky hit Drisan James at Oklahoma's 35, and James pitched the ball to Jerard Rabb, who raced into the end zone with 7 seconds to play.

Zabransky said the Broncos practice that play almost every day in practice but that it rarely works against the Boise State defense, which usually knows when it's coming.

Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said the Sooners were looking for a trick play. But he said the Broncos ran this one to perfection.

"I want to give them credit because I thought they executed it in a really good way," Stoops said. "It's just the circumstances, the way it happened. They hit it perfect."

That play merely set the stage for more Broncos magic.

Oklahoma's Adrian Peterson opened the overtime with a 25-yard touchdown run. It may have been the final college play for Peterson, who ran for 77 yards and two touchdowns in his first game since breaking his left collarbone Oct. 14.

The Broncos answered with Vinny Perretta's fourth-down touchdown pass to Derek Schouman. With Boise State down by a point, Petersen decided to go for the victory.

On the decisive play, Zabransky looked at three wide receivers to his right, then handed the ball behind his back to tailback Ian Johnson, who raced untouched into the end zone.

"We were trying to get to it earlier, to tell you the truth," Petersen said. "We needed a play like that to get it over with."

Moments after Johnson ended the game, he asked his girlfriend, Broncos cheerleader Chrissy Popadics, to marry him.

"There was no better time," Johnson said.

Johnson carried 23 times for 101 yards and a touchdown, and Drisan James caught three passes for 96 yards and two touchdowns.

Oklahoma's Paul Thompson threw a career-high three interceptions. He

completed 19 of 32 passes for 233 yards and two touchdowns.

The wild finish came after Boise State dominated the first 40 minutes, making it clear that the Western Athletic Conference champion deserved a BCS berth.

Oklahoma didn't go quietly. The Sooners spotted the Broncos an 18-point lead midway through the third quarter, then rallied to take a 35-28 lead on Walker's interception.

'It would have been easy to give up on us with a minute left, but we had a lot of magic left'

— Jared Zabransky
Boise State quarterback

That came one play after the Sooners tied it at 28. They Sooners cut it to 28-26 on a 5-yard pass from Paul Thompson to Quentin Chaney with 1:26 to play. After penalties on their first two 2-point conversion tries, the Sooners converted when Thompson hit Juanquin Iglesias.

Thompson completed five passes for 59 yards on the tying drive and also ran for 8 yards.

The Broncos stunned the Sooners with two quick touchdowns to take a 14-0 lead midway through the first quarter.

The first came on a 49-yard touchdown pass from Zabransky to James, a Phoenix product. Zabransky froze the defense with a play-fake to Johnson, then fired to James, who was all alone 10 yards behind cornerback Walker.

On the next series, defensive end Mike T. Williams sacked Sooners quarterback Paul Thompson, who fumbled. Williams recovered at Oklahoma's 9.

Two plays later, Johnson scored from 2 yards out to give the Broncos a 14-0 lead with 7:28 left in the first quarter.

Trojans return to Rose Bowl, defeat Michigan

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Whether they considered it the first game of next season or the final game of this one, Dwayne Jarrett and Southern California could certainly view the Rose Bowl as a splendid success.

Jarrett and his teammates were sensational Monday, rolling through Michigan for a 32-18 victory that helped soothe some of this season's disappointments and foreshadow even better things for the future.

"A very powerful statement for our program," coach Pete Carroll called the win.

Jarrett caught 11 passes for 205 yards and two touchdowns and now must decide whether to go pro — where he'll be an easy first-round draft pick — or come back for his senior year at USC (11-2), which showed every sign it could return to the national-title picture in 2007.

"Now that he's had a performance like this tonight, I'm sure the reins will be free on what he can do and what he can't do," linebacker Oscar Lua said of USC's star receiver. "But we hope he stays. We love him here, but the ball's in his court right now."

Jarrett said he'll talk to his family to reach the right decision. Meanwhile, the rest of the college football world better get ready. No. 8 USC, which also got 391 yards and four touchdowns passes from John David Booty, is going to be difficult to deal with next season.

"I said going into this game, USC is the best defensive team we've played, and there's no doubt in my mind that they are," Michigan coach Lloyd Carr said.

Not to be overlooked,

indeed the defense was at its suffocating best.

Brian Cushing had 2 1/2 of USC's six sacks, Lawrence Jackson came up with two turnovers and the Trojans didn't let No. 3 Michigan (11-2) past the USC 26-yard line until the game was out of hand.

USC's convincing victory came a month after a 13-9 loss to UCLA in this same stadium wrecked their chances for a third straight trip to the BCS title game. Carroll spent the down time trying to get his guys motivated for a game that was little more than an exhibition.

They put on quite a show. "Our guys know that wasn't us," Carroll said of the UCLA loss. "That was the single game out of the last 65 that stood out because it was so different and unusual. So we put it behind us."

Jarrett is the lone key underclassman who hasn't committed to coming back. If, in fact, this was his last college game, it was quite a finale.

His 62-yard touchdown behind All-American cornerback Leon Hall put USC ahead 25-11 early in the fourth and showed just how good the 6-foot-5 pass catcher can be.

For icing, Jarrett out-jumped a pair of Michigan defenders for a 29-yard gain midway through the fourth quarter. A few plays later, Booty threw his fourth touchdown pass — this one to senior Steve Smith, who finished with seven catches for 108 yards.

"He was as advertised," Hall said, referring to Jarrett. "He's a playmaker. We saw it on film, and we saw it today."

Broncos' Williams had hoped to show kids the way out of violence

DENVER (AP) — Broncos cornerback Darrent Williams wanted to save kids from violence.

Williams' mother, Rosalind, doesn't want her son's dreams to die after he was shot and killed early Monday. The player's white stretch Hummer was hit with a barrage of bullets after a nightclub dispute following a New Year's Eve party.

"I want every kid to know to live their life to the fullest," she said. "Don't let anyone say you can't do anything. Look what Dee achieved in 24 years."

Police had no motive and no indication the 24-year-old player was targeted in the

drive-by shooting, which occurred hours after Denver was eliminated from the playoffs.

"He was one of the most positive young men I've ever been around," Williams' agent Jeff Griffin said. "He lit up the room with his smile."

His former high school football coach in Texas, Anthony Criss, said Williams had gone from hanging with the wrong crowd to trying to keep kids away from gangs and violence.

"When he was younger, he always gravitated to the wrong crowd," said Criss, who coached Williams for three seasons at O.D. Wyatt

High in Fort Worth. "I remember he went to church and the minister was talking to him about needing to pray and stop hanging around with the wrong people, and he started straightening up and doing the right thing."

Williams, who has two young children in the Fort Worth area, said last month that he wanted to return to his hometown in the offseason to talk to kids about staying out of street gangs. He also had recently spoken to Criss about establishing a free football camp for young players in Fort Worth.

"He had great compassion," Criss said. "He always wanted to try to make sure

people did the right thing. He wanted to be a good parent, a good father, a good example for his kids. He will be missed."

Coach Mike Shanahan said the killing left him "speechless with sadness."

While some players went straight to the hospital where Williams' body was taken, others gathered at team headquarters, including receiver Javon Walker, who was reportedly in the limo when Williams was shot. Walker appeared to have a large blood stain smeared across his white shirt when he arrived.

A little after 2 a.m., Williams' limousine was

fired on from a vehicle that pulled up along its side, hitting three people, police spokesman Sonny Jackson said.

A man and a woman, Brandon Flowers and Nicole Reindl, were wounded. They were taken to St. Anthony Central Hospital.

Jackson said there was a dispute at a nightclub several blocks from the shooting where Williams and his group had attended a party. He said the argument didn't specifically involve Williams, according to witnesses, and the confrontation only involved taunts and didn't get physical. He also said no shots were fired from

inside the limo.

Police were searching for a white Suburban or Tahoe with dark-tinted windows. The club identified by police advertised a New Year's Eve event celebrating the birthday of Denver Nuggets basketball player Kenyon Martin. The Nuggets canceled practice Monday.

Martin told The Denver Post that he and several Nuggets left the nightclub before midnight, before any problems arose. "I was there. He was there. I left. I saw him. That was about the extent of it," Martin told the newspaper.

No. 10 Auburn holds off Nebraska at Cotton Bowl

DALLAS (AP) — The Nebraska Cornhuskers wanted a signature victory for Bill Callahan to show how close they are to being national contenders again.

They will have to wait until next season for another chance.

After a dominating opening drive at the Cotton Bowl, Nebraska didn't do much else right in its first January game in five years and was thwarted by mistakes in a 17-14 loss to No. 10 Auburn on Monday.

"We still have a ways to go. We weren't ready to be a top 10 team yet," Callahan said. "I'm awfully confident that we'll get better and we'll break through at some point."

Auburn (11-2) had only 178 total yards, but John Vaughn kicked the tiebreaking 42-yard field goal midway through the third quarter after Carl Stewart scored the only two times he touched the ball.

Stewart's touchdowns, a 9-yard reception and a div-

ing 1-yard run, came on consecutive drives in the first half after an interception and then a botched fake punt by No. 22 Nebraska set up Auburn inside the 15.

Cornhuskers got to the 30 before Zac Taylor, under heavy pressure, threw an incomplete pass on fourth down.

"That was typical Auburn, win and win ugly," said Tommy Tuberville, 71-29 after coaching his 100th Auburn game. "That's how this team has done it all year. They scrap and claw."

Even without any superstar players, Auburn played in its seventh straight bowl game under Tuberville and was the only team this season with two wins over Bowl Championship Series participants. The Tigers' 33-5 record the past three seasons is bettered only by Southern California and Texas, the last two national champions.

Despite missing out on a 10-win season, the Huskers are making progress. And they're motivated.

"I don't think it sets us back. We definitely closed the gap this year," defensive end Adam Carriker said. "It will drive the guys to lift harder, run faster, just get

better."

Callahan made drastic changes and ended his first season in 2004 with a losing record, snapping the Huskers' NCAA-record streak of 35 straight bowl appearances.

They were 8-4 last season after an Alamo Bowl victory, then finished this one as Big 12 North champions with their first Cotton Bowl appearance since 1980 — the first January game since a 37-14 loss to Miami in the 2001 Rose Bowl that gave the Hurricanes the national championship.

Callahan converted the Huskers from their storied option-oriented running game that won four national championships to a pro-style passing offense. Before Monday, they averaged 429 yards and 32 points per game — their highest totals since that last Rose Bowl team.

Nebraska started with a 15-play, 80-yard drive capped by Taylor's 13-yard TD pass to Nate Swift.

Marlon Lucky had nine runs

and two catches on the opening series that took more than half of the first quarter.

Lucky accounted for 155 of Nebraska's 230 total yards, with 25 carries for 88 yards and six catches for 67 yards. Taylor was 14-of-26 passing for 126 yards.

Brandon Jackson, the All-Big 12 tailback limited to seven carries by a hand injury sustained in the league championship game, had a 20-yard TD with 9 minutes left in the second quarter to tie the game at 14. Nebraska gained only 64 more yards the rest of the game.

In between the Nebraska scores, Karibi Dede plucked one of Taylor's deflected passes out of the air and returned the interception 52 yards to set up Stewart's 9-yard TD catch.

Then on fourth-and-1 from their own 29, the Cornhuskers tried a fake punt and fumbled on an attempted reverse for a 15-yard loss. Four plays later, Stewart dove into the end zone.

Garnett stars in the NBA's first night with old ball

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Just before tipoff at every Charlotte home game, Bobcats officials let a kid run out onto the court and hand the game ball to the official.

Kevin Garnett liked what he saw in the boy's hands: Good ol' leather.

Monday's Minnesota-Charlotte game marked the return of the leather ball — an unprecedented midseason equipment change to appease players and coaches.

"Hallelujah for the new ball," Garnett said. "There is a God."

Garnett, one of the most vocal critics of the synthetic ball introduced at the start of the season, had the biggest night Monday in the return to leather, scoring 32 points and grabbing 14 rebounds in the Timberwolves' comeback behind 102-96 win over the Bobcats.

Garnett, who had shot 9-for-29 in the previous two game with the synthetic ball, hit 12 of 18 shots and 8 of 10 free throws for Minnesota, which trailed by 20 points in the second quarter and 12 at the beginning of the fourth.

The Bobcats won the opening tip and rookie Adam Morrison hit the first shot of the game, a runner in the lane that officially ended an embarrassing period for the league.

The gripping over the new ball, made of microfiber, began in the preseason. Miami's Shaquille O'Neal called it a toy ball. Other players said it had too much grip when dry and then would get too slippery when it got soaked in sweat. Still more complained of getting cuts on their fingertips. Coaches said the ball would die around the rim and others complained that the ball didn't always bounce true.

Coaches fired: Green, Mora the first to go

By the Associated Press

Dennis Green couldn't get the Arizona Cardinals into contention. Jim Mora couldn't keep the Atlanta Falcons in contention.

Both are now unemployed.

The first two coaching dismissals after the NFL season came quickly. Less than 24 hours after their teams concluded losing campaigns, the Cardinals canned Green and the Falcons fired Mora. Both were in their third years on the job.

No one expects the flood of movement that occurred a year ago, when 10 head coaching spots changed hands, but Monday indicates this could be a painful

January in the precarious profession.

Also in danger of being fired is Oakland's Art Shell, whose Raiders went 2-14, the worst record in the league. Just lose, baby.

Romeo Crennel has done so much losing in Cleveland that his tenure could end after two years. Tom Coughlin is under fire because his Giants have underachieved in a stunningly dysfunctional manner — despite making the NFC playoffs as a wild card.

Jon Gruden's grip in Tampa Bay is slipping. Bill Cowher is contemplating leaving the Steelers after 15 seasons. It's impossible to predict what Bill Parcells will do in Dallas in his fourth

head coaching stop.

Miami's Nick Saban has been targeted by the University of Alabama for its vacant coaching position and the school is expected to wave a crimson tide of money at him.

For now, Green and Mora are finished.

"In the final analysis, when you look at the three years of wins and losses, we didn't win enough games," said Cardinals vice president and general counsel Michael Bidwill, son of owner Bill Bidwill.

No, Green was a mere 16-32 as the latest failed coach for the Cardinals, who have had one winning season in 22 years.

Bidwill believes it won't

be difficult to find a replacement, and he identified six, including former Packers coach Mike Sherman, now the assistant head coach of the Houston Texans. Sherman will be in Tempe, Ariz., to interview on Thursday, vice president for football operations Rod Graves said.

Interviews have yet to be scheduled for Bears defensive coordinator Ron Rivera, Titans offensive coordinator Norm Chow, Colts assistant head coach and quarterbacks coach Jim Caldwell, and two Steelers assistants: Russ Grimm, assistant head coach/offensive line coach, and Ken Whisenut, offensive coordinator.

Good job as far as building the talent on this team," Bidwill said of Graves. "We've got a lot of young players that are under contract for a long, long time. I think that's part of what makes the Cardinals very attractive to many of the coaches we've talked to."

Green was out of coaching after a rather successful decade with the Minnesota Vikings that concluded in 2001. The Cardinals will pay him the \$2.5 million remaining on his four-year contract. Arizona went 6-10, 5-11 and 5-11, the 2006 season the most disappointing because the Cardinals moved into a showcase new stadium with high expectations.

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This Week: Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Very special site has been selected for a memorial for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The location is the National Mall in Washington, DC.

The National Mall is not a shopping center. It is a large park that stretches from the Potomac River to the Capitol Building. Many of Washington's famous memorials and museums surround the Mall.

The memorial will honor Dr. King's vision for all to enjoy a life of freedom, opportunity, and justice.

Follow the Map
Find your way to the Martin Luther King Monument site by following these directions on the map below.

16 + 9 = antonym
9 + 23 = homonym
17 - 6 = synonym

Standards Link: Vocabulary. Students understand grade-level appropriate vocabulary.

A Mall of Monuments
Each of these three important national monuments, located on the National Mall, honors a President of the United States. Do you know which monument is for which President? Unscramble the names above each picture. Then find and label each one on the map above using the grid location shown below each of the monuments.

NOTANSWIG MONUMENT (K-3)
NLNOLCI MEMORIAL (B-3)
FOSREFINE MONUMENT (Q-5)

Standards Link: History. Students understand how important figures reacted to their times, and why they were significant to the history of our democracy.

A MONUMENT HONORING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING

"If you want to be important - wonderful. If you want to be recognized - wonderful. If you want to be great - wonderful. But recognize that he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. That's a new definition of greatness ... it means that everybody can be great, because everybody can serve."

— from *The Drum Major Instinct*, a sermon by Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., 1968

What will the monument look like?

Stone of Hope
Mountain of Despair

The idea for the design of Martin Luther King's monument came from his 1963 "I Have a Dream" speech. In this speech, King said, "We will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope."

Visitors will pass through an entryway cut through a massive stone symbolizing the mountain of despair. Once inside, they will come upon the missing section, marking the stone of hope, which will feature a carved profile of King. The interior walls will be ringed with chiseled quotes from King's speeches and sermons.

Standards Link: History. Students know that Americans celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day to commemorate his leadership of the civil rights movement. Students know the fundamental values and principles expressed in King's "I Have a Dream" speech.

Extra! Extra!
That Sounds Familiar
Look through the newspaper for pairs of words that have the same sound, but different meanings and spellings. Cut out 10 pairs and glue them to a piece of paper. Next to each word, write or paste an example of how the word is used.

Standards Link: Vocabulary. Students understand grade-level appropriate vocabulary.

The Kid Scoop Puzzler
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Add the symbol for addition, subtraction, multiplication or division to make each row of 2s equal the number at the end of the row. There is more than one answer to each equation.

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Standards Link: Number Sense. Use basic and advanced procedures while performing the processes of computation.

Double Double Word Search

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

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N M T E L I F O R P

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

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What's it all about?
In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, look through the newspaper for pictures of people helping or serving one another. Clip one picture and write a paragraph summarizing what it is about.

Standards Link: Civics. Students understand why civic responsibility is important and recognize examples.

Write On!
Same and Different

Write about three ways you and a friend are the same, and three ways you are different from each other.

Kid Scoop Together!
Fill in the Blanks!
Read the silly story below. Fill in the blanks using the correct homonyms from the list.

HALL HAUL
WHIRLED WORLD
FLOUR FLOWER
READ RED
WEAR WHERE
HIRE HIGHER
TO TWO
WOK WALK

CRISPYTON — The hometown of the famous chef Melba Towst plans to build a park in her honor.

"It's really an honor. I don't know _____ I'd be without Crispyton and the people here. I still _____ my Crispyton High School jacket wherever I go."

"We're going _____ bake a huge cake, using more than _____ tons of _____," said project coordinator Sy Dishe. "We hope to set a new _____ record. A lot of ingredients must be _____ together."

It will take a lot of care to _____ the creation to the Crispyton banquet _____ The town may have to _____ extra workers if they hope to get the cake _____ than the second floor.

Melba will be at the opening ceremonies and will lead a _____ through the park. Later, she'll treat visitors to a delicious stir-fry meal prepared in a _____.

The statue will be painted Melba's favorite color, _____ and later, some of her earliest cookbook recipes will be _____ aloud by Crispyton mayor Anna Kettle.

Standards Link: Vocabulary. Students understand grade-level appropriate vocabulary.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's words: **MONUMENT**
The noun monument means something built in memory of a person, event or special deed.

A new monument will be built to honor Dr. Martin Luther King's work for the equal rights of all people.

Try to use the word monument in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

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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)
 ★★ You feel the undercurrent of the Full Moon. Let go of tension, and life will look better. Somehow, whatever you try falls slightly out of kilter. Be as precise as possible, and defer important matters if necessary. Tonight: Mellow out at home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★ You have the will and the right words. Still, events and reactions might not fall exactly as you would like. Let go of the outcome, and view the process. People will soon become easier to deal with. Everything can change in a day! Tonight: Swap recent tales with a pal.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★ You might want to get a money matter handled but still hit interference. What seems awful right now could be

manageable given time and space. Don't make any agreements, especially financial, at this point. Tonight: Keep it inexpensive.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★ All eyes are on you. You easily could be overwhelmed by what is coming down your path. Trust that you can manage more than many right now. Be willing to chip in. Work with what is happening knowing that you are doing your best. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★ Know when it is time to retreat (like now). Your best intentions could come off quite differently. If you can close your door or work alone, you will be much happier. Solitude will center you, whereas people could make you crazy. Tonight: Continue the vanishing act.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★ Aim for what you want. Enlist others' help. Let opinions differ, as you don't have a choice. What is important is that you have people's attention. Demands fall on deaf ears. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★ While much that occurs will drop in your lap, leave unraveling the knots until tomorrow. Understanding might not be a common asset. Dig into your creativity for different solutions, applying none of them right now. Tonight: Express caring for that special person.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★ You hear information that could cause quite a flurry. Know that you don't have the complete story yet. Find experts and ask for advice, but make no immediate decisions. A family member expresses a new type of support. Tonight: Relax your mind. Play Scrabble; surf the Internet.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★ Suddenly you find the right words and start getting the responses you want. An undercurrent of craziness might be difficult to deal with. Guard your finances. Walk the conservative path. Tonight: Let another person vent.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★ The Full Moon in your opposite sign might be quite challenging. Pull away from reactive behavior. The more detached you are, the better the end results will be. Understand that you have no control over others. Tonight: Listen to others' ideas. You might not have a choice!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★ Though you might want to be extremely verbal, what might be best is keeping your own counsel. People might not hear you right now. Setting an example serves as the best way to communicate. Focus on errands and demands. Tonight: Take a walk or fit in some tension-reducing activity.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★ Ideas seem to pop up from out of left field. Write them down rather than apply them right now. Be sensitive to someone who rarely expresses his or her feelings. Choose to do something just for yourself. You need to be indulged too! Tonight: Add some spice to whatever you are doing.

BORN TODAY
 Author J.R.R. Tolkien (1892), actor Mel Gibson (1956), actress Victoria Principal (1946)

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AXYDLBAAXR
 is LONGFELLOW

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

1-2 CRYPTOQUOTE

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EUTGX NLN CZXY
 Yesterday's Cryptoquote: ONE SWALLOW DOESN'T MAKE A SUMMER, BUT IT BREAKS A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION. — ALBERT NIMETH

Powers

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via television by most Americans is the Tournament of Roses parade in California on New Year's Day. The parade was first held in 1886.

Football follows the parade, with a full slate of bowl games scheduled throughout the day.

Our home-grown New Year's events may be perfectly suited to us, but consider some of the practices of other countries that haven't spread around the world.

The Nepalese also have a New Year's parade. The difference between ours and theirs is that theirs

lasts four days.

Romanians wish their farm animals New Year's wishes, and then listen to see if the animals talk back.

In Switzerland, one custom is to spill a drop of cream on the floor.

Neapolitans throw pots and pans out their windows. Some even throw furniture.

Puerto Rican children throw pails of water out windows to rid their houses of evil spirits.

Some nationalities even carry New Year's traditions so far as to dictate their clothing. Peruvians wear yellow underwear on the holiday, while Italians wear red underwear.

In Spain and Portugal, New Year's merrymakers hold 12 grapes in their hands, and eat one grape for each

strike of the clock at midnight New Year's Eve. Peruvians also eat grapes, but they sit under a table while doing it.

A special bread is served in Greece. A coin or charm is baked into the bread, and whoever gets the piece of bread with the little something extra in it is expected to have good luck all year long.

I may go international next New Year's Day. I can handle eating 12 grapes at midnight, and it might be fun to throw water and household furnishings out of windows, although the neighbors might not appreciate that at international cultural exchange.

I think I'll go buy some red and yellow underwear.

Ratings

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disappoint car buyers who see the lower window-sticker ratings when shopping for 2008 models next year. But it's far better that those ratings reflect the truth, and preferable that buyers know up-front what kind of fuel economy to expect. That will be especially important if gas prices jump above \$3 a gallon again.

Congress should help ensure that those sticker ratings rise in future years — without any artificial fudging on the numbers — by taking the long-overdue step of raising federal fuel economy standards for vehicle fleets.

As we have previously urged, fleet standards easily could be raised by five to 10 miles per gallon over 10 years based on proven technology. That would be a significant increase over the current average fuel economy of about 24 miles per gallon for cars and light trucks combined. (Light trucks include pickups, sport utility vehicles and minivans.)

Higher fuel-economy standards would be a boost to energy conservation, curb U.S. reliance on foreign oil and help clean the air by reducing polluting tailpipe emissions.

That sounds like a pretty good deal to us.
—www.epa.gov/fueleconomy

Williams

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prior to my being drafted, I drove a taxi for Yellow Cab Company in Philadelphia earning about \$400 a month. In August that year, I started earning \$68 a month. The military budget saw a cost of \$68 as opposed to the \$400 worth of taxi services society had to forgo. Simple economics suggests that if the cost of a resource is understated, there will be bias toward greater and more wasteful use of that

resource.

Contrary to Rep. Rangel's assertion, a draft would tend to give rise to greater, not less, use of the military. Today's all-volunteer military consists of high-quality soldiers and fewer misfits than yesteryear. I speak from experience; I was one of those misfits. Being drafted meant lower wages and a waste of my time. To make matters worse, my basic training was at Fort Jackson, S.C., and afterward, I was stationed at Fort Stewart, Ga.

This was 1959, and I didn't have a very good orientation on Southern customs and its standards for blacks. There were many self-created adjustment

problems associated with my activities, such as: organizing black soldiers to go to the post dance on the "wrong" night; sloppy soldiering; being court-martialed and winning; investigations of me, at least being tailed, by the military authorities; and at-home FBI inquiries of neighbors about Mrs. Williams. The military draft is an offense to the values of liberty, causes misallocation of resources, and there's a higher risk of getting a bunch of misfits. The all-volunteer military does none of this.

—Dr. Williams serves on the faculty of George Mason University as John M. Olin Distinguished Professor of Economics.

Suit

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temporary injunction shutting down Premium Standard Farms' wells.

The city appealed the judge's ruling to the Seventh Court of Appeals and hopes for a decision from them this month.

At issue is the wording surrounding the rate of production in Section 36.119 of the Texas Water Code.

Texas water law is based on the rule of capture, which gives a landowner the right to pump as much water from beneath his land as he wants so long as he does not waste it or pump it maliciously in order to harm his neighbor.

The Texas Legislature, however, has modified that rule through the establishment water conservation districts to protect water resources around the state. In the case of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District, initially established in 1955, it covers all or part of eight counties, Sherman, Hansford, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Dallam, Hartley, Moore and Hutchison counties.

Amarillo has about 114,000 acres of water rights in Hartley County that they initially purchased in 1954, but interspersed within those holdings is a half section where Premium Standard Farms has six wells. The wells were permitted when they were drilled in the 1970s for 1,250 gallons per minute, although they can't produce that much today.

Over the years as water tables have changed, the rules of area groundwater

districts have also changed and the Texas Water Code has been amended.

While part of the water code, Section 36.116, which deals with permitting, was changed to reflect different methods of measuring water production, Section 36.119, the section that creates private cause action, or a lawsuit, for injunctive relief and damages, was not. It still refers to water production in terms of gallons per minute for specific wells.

Premium Standard Farms argues that Section 36.119 only applies to operating a well at a higher rate of production than the rate approved, and that a 'rate of production' is limited to only a gallons per minute basis. Amarillo responds that 'rate of production' means a ratio of production and that a violation in acre-foot per acre is just a different and equivalent unit of measuring production.

Michael Booth, an Austin attorney specializing in water law and Amarillo's lead lawyer in the case, argues that simple conversion factors from common engineering tables show that water discharges measured in gallons per minute can easily be converted to acre-foot per day.

Booth, who helped most of the area groundwater districts write their rules over the past decade, also argues that Section 36.116, the section of the water code dealing with the permitting process, was rewritten in 2001 so that groundwater districts could regulate production on either a gallon per minute basis or an acre-foot per acre basis. It would be unreasonable, he said, that the Legislature did not intend Section 36.119 to recognize all those methods of regulating production when empowering a groundwater owner to file suit for violation of the district's briefs.

While Judge Enns admitted that it was a close call, he denied the city's request for a temporary injunction to prevent Premium Standard Farms from pumping from the Ogallala Aquifer.

Amarillo officials claim the ruling denies owners of groundwater rights the protection that Section 36.119 is intended to provide.

Amarillo Assistant City Manager Jarrett Atkinson said it could also lead to questions in the application of groundwater district rules that regulate production through anything other than gallons per minute.

He said that unless the argument is accepted, then Section 36.119 of the Texas Water Code does not entitle a property or groundwater rights owner to legal protection and recovery, unless the relevant groundwater conservation district regulates production solely on a gallons per minute well basis.

Williams said he thinks the issue surrounding the measurement of water production will be worked out.

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