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Why should we glorify Hitler?

Something profoundly disquieting arises from the way the purported discovery and possible publication of newly-found diaries - authentic or not - of Nazi dictator Adolf Hitler have been ballyhooed in the international press. It is almost as if one of the most profoundly evil political leaders of recent history has been promoted - or demoted? - to the status of celebrity, along the lines of Liz. Dick and Farrah.

A certain tendency exists in our media-wise world to treat celebrity and notoriety as pretty much the same thing, to put all people who are well-known, for whatever reason, into a class of those who are of interest to the media. Thus the tabloids, and to some extent all media, go overboard with sensational or superficial treatment of those who are presumed to have the capacity to sell papers because they starred in a skin flick or presided over other uses of human skin, and are therefore famous.

One may deplore the sensationalism of the media, of course. But news that the issue of Stern magazine that carried the first installments of the supposed Hitler diaries sold out immediately may indicate that sometimes the media pander because the public wants pandering.

Assuming the diaries have some authenticity (if they're a fabrication, we're into something entirely different), we wouldn't begrudge a publication that came into possession of them the opportunity to make money from said possession. Nonetheless, one would have hoped that their publication could have been treated with a little more dignity.

If the Hitler diaries are authentic, they should be an interesting historical resource. However, it is unlikely that they will furnish anything startlingly new to help us understand the phenomena have been studied extensively, with varying degrees of insight. There is always more to learn, of course, but it is helpful to have a grasp of what is already known to put new information into context.

What should concern students of political history is not a titillating tidbit or two that might help us to understand "what Hitler was really like," but the mechanisms of control he erected in German society, the theoretical and practical underpinnings of his regime. The important questions are not whether he swore in private or showed despair or elation to his intimate acquaintances, but how he converted a relatively democratic society into a dictatorship and what that means today.

The tendency to trivialize dictators through concern with their personal quirks may lead us to overlook what is really important about them. For political purposes, it is not especially important whether Hitler was psychopathic in the bunker or Andropov likes modern art or Beethoven. It is terribly important that both achieved totalitarian power in societies that deserved better.

The continuing public fascination the Nazi era holds for much of the public and the media is not easy to understand. Does it arise from a desire to put Nazism into the comfortable category of "Twentieth Century Dictatorships, Deceased" and ignore dictatorships that thrive today? Are dead dictators fascinating while live ones are too fearsome (or too deserving of sympathetic understanding) to warrant extensive media treatment?

Understanding Nazism is still important. The danger is that the typical celebrity treatment accorded the new diaries may tend to convert Adolf Hitler into some kind of folk hero.

Berry's World



"You really SHOULD buy some ocean front property before it's eroded away."



"Forget the EPA, OPEC, El Salvador and Herschel Walker. Let's plant the geraniums."

Central America's reforms are just on paper

By DON GRAFF

I've been thinking about Central America and the president's speech.

I do a lot of thinking about Central America. I don't think too much, usually, of this president's speeches, particularly on this subject. But if ever there has been valid cause for making an exception, the performance before the joint session of Congress is it.

The formidable skills as a communicator were all in evidence. The case he constructed was impressive. It might even have been persuasive were it not based as much on fact as on hope.

To take a very few examples, the president spoke glowingly of the new Salvadoran government's delivery on promises "of democracy, reforms and free elections."

Fact: There is no "government of El Salvador. There are several antagonistic power centers - an assembly dominated by a right-wing terrorist, an army through which the American proconsuls work their will and a civilian president, capable and well-intentioned, but installed over the assembly's objections by the military and powerless without its support.

Reforms are mostly still on paper. The military's "death squads" continue to murder at will. About the best that can be said for the land reform program, which the president extolled, is that it has not collapsed completely. Rightists in

the assembly continue to thwart implementation of key provisions and most of the richest lands - coffee plantations owned by a wealthy few haven't been touched.

It is ludicrous to speak of democracy in the Salvadoran context. The March 1982 assembly election was carried out with numbered ballots cast into transparent urns. The voters were peasants whose only experience with elections had been to accommodate the wishes of the local commandante.

The villain of the piece, you'll recall, was Sandinista Nicaragua which the president castigated for, among other things, refusal to hold promised elections and ingratitude for American aid that immediately following the revolution was five times greater than in two years preceding the overthrow of Anastasio Somoza.

Fact: Virtually no U.S. aid went to Somoza, who could tap American and European bankers for hundreds of millions in loans almost up to the end. Most of it went into his bank accounts overseas and when he fled Managua, he left behind a bankrupt country with a \$1.6 billion foreign debt and desperately in need of outside assistance.

American aid was very slow in coming, repeatedly blocked in the congressional process by North Carolina's Sen. Jesse Helms and his ideological allies, and for the most part earmarked for non-governmental Nicaraguan interests. The first installment of the package was released by Jimmy Carter Sept. 12, 1980, more than a year after the revolution. Four months later, Ronald Reagan suspended

further payments. Why should he now be so surprised that the Nicaraguan government "has treated us an enemy?"

As for elections, the Sandinistas from the start said there would be none immediately, that the country was in too bad shape to do it right. A vote was tentatively set for 1985. That may have been a good thing or a bad thing, but it is fact.

The president spoke of economic aid and political reform as the basis of American policy in Central America. But it was very clear that he is still going for a military solution. Even though he has to date been given almost all he requested in this line, the situation has only worsened.

It is a "formula for failure" described by Sen. Christopher Dodd of Connecticut in the Democratic rebuttal and worse.

It puts the Communist enemy that so concerns the president in a no-lose situation. If the American effort in the field does fail, they win. And if it succeeds in suppressing the rebellion and restoring the same old interests to control, as would almost certainly be the case, they still win.

El Salvador and all of Central America would have another example of the U.S. imposing its will by force of arms. Opposition would go underground, resentment of American dominance would build and fester, and the Communists, as the obvious alternative, would be the beneficiaries.

We all ought to be thinking about that.

Here's how not to farm and make lots of money

By ART BUCHWALD

"Hello, Farmer Jones, how's business?"

"Just fine, son. Got a good crop of grain this year."

"I don't see any grain on your farm."

"It's right here on this piece of paper. The government is giving me this grain, if I promise not to raise any."

"Why would the government do that?"

"They got too much grain. So in order to use up what they got stored away, they're giving us this 'payment in kind.' It's called PIK. We get 95 percent of what we ordinarily raised, free, from Uncle Sam's warehouses."

"What are you going to do with the grain that you get from the government?"

"Sell it as fast as I can. Lots of farmers out there are walking around with PIK paper so I got to unload mine before the price drops."

"What do you do all day, now that you're not farming?"

"Ride around and make sure no one is planting anything on my land. Got to keep it clear if I want my PIK paper. Then I go down to the coffee shop and sit around with the other boys talking about what great crops we didn't raise this year."

"You deserve a rest, Farmer Jones. I hope the government doesn't get rid of its grain for awhile."

"That's their problem."

"Hello, Dealer Smith. How's the feed and fertilizer business?"

"Just awful. Ever since the government started giving away free grain, nobody wants to buy any seed or fertilizer from me. I'm about to go bankrupt."

"Sorry to hear it. Can't you get some of the PIK money going around?"

"That's only for farmers who don't raise any crops. We should get some too, because if it wasn't for us there wouldn't be any surplus grain in the government bins."

"How would the government do that?"

"Pay us for the grain and fertilizer the farmers don't use to plant anything."

"That could get expensive."

"Well, if they don't do something soon there won't be seed or fertilizer stores left when the farmers have to go back to planting again. There won't be any tractor dealers either."

"What do you do all day long without customers?"

"Hang around the coffee shop, hoping some dumb farmer doesn't want a handout from the government."

"Hello, Banker Reedy. What's going on with you?"

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, May 23, the 143rd day of 1983. There are 222 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history: On May 23, 1937, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the Social Security Act.

On this date: In 1701, Captain William Kidd was hanged in London after being convicted of piracy and murder.

In 1788, South Carolina became the eighth state of the Union.

In 1939, the British Parliament approved a plan for an independent Palestine by 1949.

And in 1960, Israel announced that former Nazi official Adolf Eichmann had been captured in Argentina and would be tried in Israel as a war criminal.

Ten years ago: The Senate confirmed the nomination of Elliot Richardson as Attorney General, clearing the way for Archibald Cox to begin work as a special Watergate prosecutor.

Five years ago: France said military forces it had sent to Zaire would leave as soon as they completed their mission of rescuing French civilians from the battle area in Shaba province.

One year ago: Britain's Defense Ministry said six Argentine aircraft were shot down in fighting over the Falkland Islands.

Today's birthdays: Singer Rosemary Clooney is 55. Actress Joan Collins is 50.

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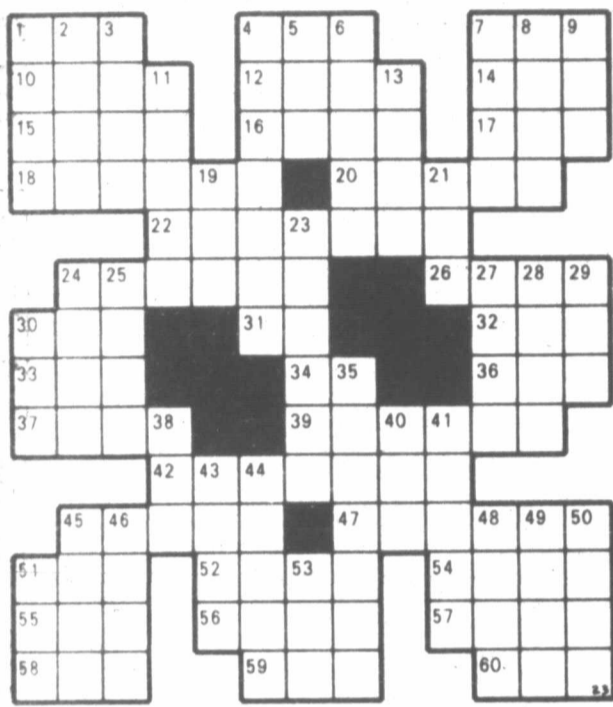
Today's Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Sob
 - 4 New Deal program
 - 7 Confederate States Army (abbr.)
 - 10 Sights
 - 12 Seeker of Moby Dick
 - 14 And so on (abbr. Lat. 2 wds)
 - 15 Bottle part
 - 16 Math term
 - 17 Payable
 - 18 Slow animals
 - 20 Trained
 - 22 Programmer's direction (2 wds)
 - 24 Grammar term
 - 26 Men's party
 - 30 Heart (Lat.)
 - 31 Singer Jolson
 - 32 Common tree
 - 33 Saratoga
 - 34 Type measure
 - 36 Toward the stern
 - 37 Far (prefix)
 - 39 City in Kansas
 - 42 Was lofty
- DOWN**
- 1 Tins
 - 2 Nothing (Fr.)
 - 3 Charitable organization
 - 4 Tapioca
 - 5 Greek letter
 - 6 Part of a poem
 - 7 Relinquish
 - 8 Collar
 - 9 Expert golfer
 - 11 Feminine garment
 - 13 Boyfriend
 - 19 Flower garland
 - 21 Mountains (abbr.)
 - 23 Strike out
 - 24 Information
 - 25 Russian lake
 - 27 Shipbuilding wood
 - 28 Phonetic "A"
 - 29 Universal time (abbr.)
 - 30 Time zone
 - 35 Standards
 - 38 Arrival-time guess (abbr.)
 - 40 Pod vegetable
 - 41 Mystery writers' award
 - 43 Christiania
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Astro-Graph
by bernice bede osol

You will have stronger self-interests this coming year, yet you will not be selfish. As you progress, you'll carry forward those you love.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Open both your heart and purse today when dealing with the less fortunate. Being generous towards others will give you as much delight as the recipients will enjoy. Order now. The NEW Astro-Graph Matchmaker wheel and booklet which reveals romantic combinations, compatibilities for all signs, tells how to get along with others, finds rising signs, hidden qualities, plus more.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

A new concept or plan you're presently toying with could be a winner. However, active measures will be required to make it a reality.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

You are capable of substantial achievements today, provided you're motivated to do something truly worthwhile for one you love.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

No matter where you are today or who you're with, you have the talent to make the best of any given situation. Don't waste this asset.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

The frail ideas of others can be ingeniously remolded by you today so that mutual benefits can be reaped where none previously existed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
Candor is essential today in your one-to-one relationships. Don't pull any punches, but by the same token, present your comments kindly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
Your organizational qualities can be put to productive uses today. Systemize situations which are now confusing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
This can be a fun day if you give priority to persons and things you like. Devote your time to pals and activities you truly enjoy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)
Your message will be more readily received today if you first set the example you wish family members to follow. Step out front early.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
You should excel in projects today requiring artistic and imaginative touches. You have both of these talents to draw upon.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Your luck is likely to be focused in material areas today. The opportunities which will present themselves will be due to the efforts of others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Positive thinking will provide you with ample evidence of its worth today if you give it half a chance. "Can't" must be eliminated from your vocabulary.

STEVE CANYON



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By Larry Wright



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By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

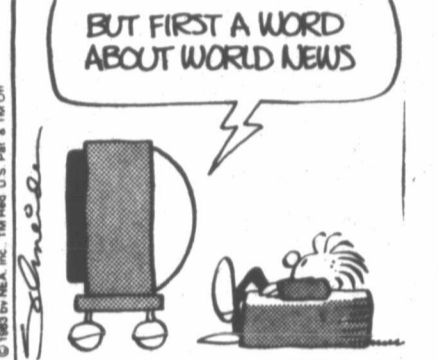


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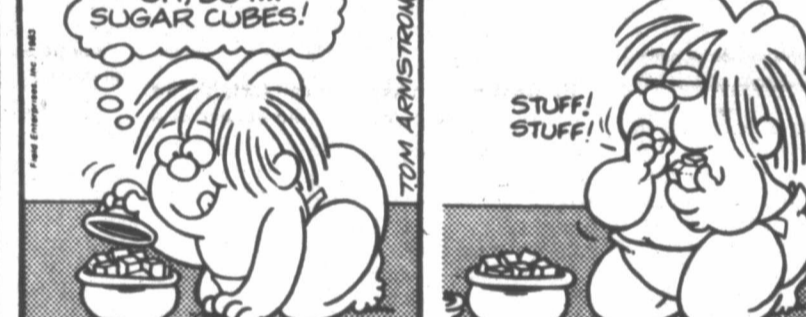
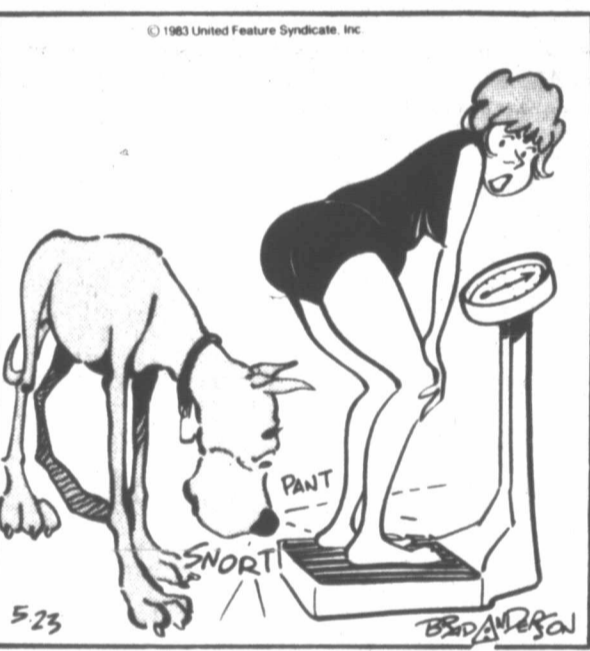


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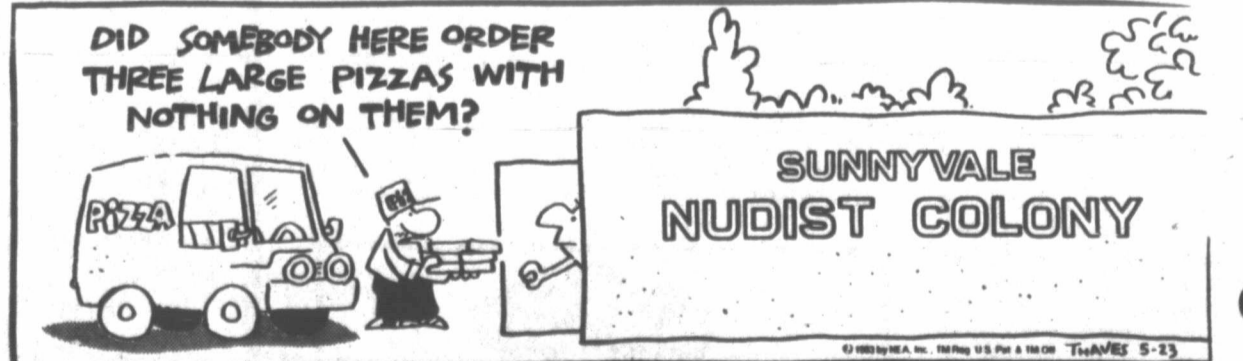
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By Bob Thaves



PEANUTS

By Charles M. Schultz



GARFIELD

By Jim Davis



CAMEL SCOREBOARD

Texas Fishing Report

AUSTIN (AP) - Here is the fishing report compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for May 18, 1983.

AMISTAD Water clear, 63 degrees, eight feet low. Black bass fair to eight pounds on cranks and grubs. Stripper good to 21 pounds. White bass good. Catfish good to eight pounds in bait holes.

RASTRAP Water clear, one foot low. Black bass fair to four pounds on Hot Spots. Channel catfish good to 15 pounds on jug lines on stink bait.

TRAVIS Water clear, 65 degrees, normal level. Black bass good from three to eight pounds on shrimp, jugs, Hellbenders, Bomber A and plastic worms. Stripper picking up from four to seven pounds on gold spoons, shrimp, shad, yellow catfish on channel. Catfish excellent to 12 pounds.

BUCHANAN Water clear, 66 degrees, two feet below normal. Black bass good to four pounds on white spinners early and late in coves. Stripper good early and late in ponds near dam. Crappie slow. White bass good off sand bars and rocky points. Catfish good on rod and reel. Two to five pounds on purple worms. Crappie fair. Bream good. Catfish good at night on trotline.

CALAVERAS Water murky, 73 degrees, normal level. Black bass good to nine pounds on plastic worms and cranks. Stripper fair to five pounds on shad. Crappie slow. Catfish slow.

CANYON Water clear, normal level. Black bass slow. Stripper good to

five pounds. Small mouth bass good to five pounds.

CEDAR CREEK Water slightly murky, 68 degrees, normal level. Black bass fair to five pounds on white spinners with Hellbenders and jugs. Crappie good, some in shallows but mostly in deeper water. White bass excellent all over lake up to 300 per fish per boat.

COLETO CREEK Water slightly murky, 75 degrees, normal level. Black bass good to five pounds on live minnows and spinners. Hybrid stripper good to one pound. Crappie fair on live minnows with stringers to 20 fish. White bass no report. Catfish good to eight pounds on shad.

CONROE Water off color, 66 degrees, normal level. Black bass slow. Stripper slow. Crappie good to two pounds on rod and reel.

CORPUS CHRISTI Water clear, six feet low. Black bass slow. Stripper good to eight pounds. Crappie good early with good sized stringers.

CYPRESS SPRINGS Water clear, 68 degrees, normal level. Black bass good to eight pounds on Crazy Shad and topwater lures. Crappie good to 10 fish per stringer in five feet of water. Catfish good to five pounds in live feet of water.

FALCON Water clear, 25 feet low. Black bass good in good numbers to two pounds on cranks and worms. Crappie slow. White bass good on cranks and jugs all over lake. Catfish good to four pounds on frozen shrimp in two to four feet of water.

FAYETTE Water clear, normal level.

Black bass good to 10 pounds. No once on rod and reel. Crappie slow. Catfish fair to 18 pounds on 11 inch rod and jug lines.

FORK Water clear, normal level. Black bass fair to four pounds on black lizards and worms. Crappie fair to eight to 10 feet of water. Catfish good to 10 pounds on rod and reel.

GREENBELT RESERVOIR Water clear, normal level. Black bass fair to seven pounds. Stripper slow. Walleye slow. Crappie no report. White bass good. Catfish slow.

HOUSTON COUNTY LAKE Water clear, 63 degrees, one foot above normal. Black bass good to 10 pounds, two ounce on Charlie's spinner.

LANKERS LAKE Water clear, black worms. Stripper no report. Crappie good to 10 fish in water in creeks and off piers. Catfish good on trotline to 30 pounds.

HUBBARD CREEK Water clear, 58 degrees, level down six feet. Black bass good to five pounds on worms. Stripper no report. Crappie good in 18 inches of water. Catfish good to 10 pounds on rooster tails, spinners and cranks. White bass excellent but small.

LEWISVILLE Water clear, 64 degrees, normal level. Black bass fair to four pounds on rooster tails, spinners and cranks. White bass excellent but small.

LIVINGSTON No report.

MEREDITH Water muddy, 58 degrees, normal level. Black bass good from two to five pounds on minnows and

night crawlers. Walleye good from two to five pounds. Minnows only. Crappie good with stringers to 40 fish. White bass excellent. Smallmouth bass fair to three pounds. Catfish fair to 12 pounds.

MONTICELLO Water clear, 75 degrees, normal level. Black bass good to 10 pounds on motor oil worms. Worms. Catfish good to 15 pounds on shrimp, minnows.

MURVAU Water clear, normal level. Black bass good to nine pounds. Eight ounces. Crappie fair around boat houses. Bream fair to good.

O.C. FISHER Water murky, 74 degrees, 26 feet low. Black bass fair, many undrained on deep running cranks. White bass fair on jugs near island. Crappie poor. Catfish good to seven pounds. Hybrid good to seven pounds. Still eggs on plastic worms and crawfish. Topwaters and cranks. Crappie slow in 15-18 feet of water. Catfish picking up to four pounds white drifting some on trotline.

POSSUM KINGDOM Water clear, 70 degrees, normal level. Black bass slow to four pounds. Stripper, hybrid, white bass and white bass excellent on slabs with good stringer. Crappie good in three to four feet at mass lines. Catfish good to 40 pounds on trotline.

RAY HUBBARD Water murky, 8 degrees, lake full. Black bass fair to four pounds on spinners and worms. Hybrid stripper slow. White bass excellent with stringers to 42 fish in two days. Crappie slowing down, moving back into deep water. Catfish fair to two pound while drifting.

RED BLUFF Water clear, 62 degrees, two feet low. Black bass slow. Hybrid striped and white bass good. Channel catfish good to 10 pounds. Catfish good to 10 pounds.

SOMMERVILLE Water clear, 73 degrees, normal level. Black bass good to five pounds on worms and topwaters. Stripper slow. Hybrid good with stringers to 55 fish. Crappie good. White bass excellent to three pounds with stringers to 100 fish. Catfish fair but small.

SPENCE Water clear, in main lake, muddy upriver, 17 feet low. Black bass fair. Stripper slow trolling at 20 feet. White bass and crappie slow. Catfish fair.

TAWAKONI Water clear, 62 degrees, normal level. Black bass good to five pounds on Bomber slabs. Stripper good to seven pounds. Hybrid good to nine pounds. White bass fair. Channel catfish good to seven pounds.

TEXOMA Water fairly clear, 64 degrees, one foot above normal. Black bass fair to five pounds. Stripper good to 15 pounds. Crappie good to three pounds. White bass and catfish slow.

TOLEDO BEND Water clear, 63 degrees, one foot low. Black bass fair. Stripper good to 30 pounds. Crappie good. Catfish good to 27 pounds on trotline.

TWIN BUTTES Water clear, 74 degrees, 22 feet low. Black bass fair on cranks early, worms later. White bass and crappie fair off points on lake.

WELSH Water clear, 70 degrees, down six inches. Black bass slow, all fish in low water.

WHITNEY Water clear, 69 degrees, eight feet low. Black bass fair. Stripper good to 15 pounds. Crappie good. White bass good to 224 per stringer. Yellow catfish good to 37 pounds.

SALTWATER

Galveston: some sand trout and gafftops along beachfront. Redfish good to two pounds along grass beds in bay. Flounder in same area to one pound. Some specks to seven pounds in West Bay when weather permits. Smaller trout to three pounds at Baciff spillway. Good redfish jetties when weather permits. Live bait available. Water clear. Tides a high.

PORT O'CONNOR Reds to seven pounds. Specks to four pounds in good number at jetties. Trout to six pounds in back bays. Flounder small. Tides high. Live bait plentiful.

PORT ARANSAS Party boats getting snapper offshore along with some waraw and amber jack. Shart and 3-pound kingfish about 30 miles offshore. Specks average two pounds at wells in Corpus Christi Bay. Reds to three pounds in flats but hard to catch. Sheepshead good around channel and piers. Some kings offshore. Live bait available.

CORPUS CHRISTI Some small drum around Landcut. Specks scattered to three pounds. A few keeper redfish. Sheepshead to five pounds. A few sand trout. Live bait plentiful.

PORT ISABEL Several trout to seven pounds near Three Islands. Flounder to three pounds around Markers 59 and 61. Whiting and sand trout good in bay. A few red snapper from the jetties. Live bait plentiful. Surf fishing slow. Some jack, bonito, kingfish in good numbers offshore.

Murray Olderman on Sports

By Murray Olderman

Bill Russell was a great player and is a bright, perceptive man, but there's nothing in his voice, diction or delivery that qualifies him to be a national broadcaster of basketball games.

After all these years of experience, it's still amateur night when he works an NBA playoff game. I think CBS caved in to pressure to keep him on, though it's obvious someone like exiled Rick Barry is more qualified.

NOW HERE'S A team that I would like to field these spring days: pitchers Atlee Hammaker and Kent Tekulve; an infield of Dane Long, Rance Mulliniks, Douglas DeCinces and Ivan de Jesus; an outfield of Darryl Strawberry, Sixto Lezcano and Brett Butler; Biff Poceroba behind the plate. Don't ask me how good they are (though I wouldn't minimize some of their talents). I just like the ring of their names.

V.S. OF SACRAMENTO.

Calif., asked me if there has ever been a better father-son combination in the majors than Bob Kennedy and Terry Kennedy, who is currently tearing up the National League behind the plate for the San Diego Padres.

Well, I could start with Yogi Berra and his short-stop-playing son Dale Berra of the Pittsburgh Pirates. Besides Yogi, there was only one other Hall-of-Famer, George Sisler, who produced major league offspring. Dick Sisler once won a pennant for the Phillies, and his brother Dave pitched in the majors for several years.

When the California Angels bring up Dick Schofield as their shortstop of the future, he'll ultimately surpass the exploits of the elder Dick Schofield, who lasted 19 years in the National League at that same position.

I might point out that in another generation the Bagbys, Jim Sr. and Jr., were successful American League pitchers.

IT'S AMAZING how Ed Garvey, the truculent head of the NFLPA, manages to keep his power grip over the pro football players.

His archaic notion that free agency won't work in that sport has cost the players millions of dollars in salary and parity with their peers in the other professional sports.

Every time a football player has managed to evade the conspiratorial clutch of NFL owners — as in the cases of Tom Cousineau and Eric Harris — he has shown that they'll also jack up bids sky high for free agents.

TO ANSWER A QUESTION from Tom Bof Jefferson City, Mo.:

I have no quibble with the announced All-NBA team of Julius Erving and Larry Bird at forwards, Moses Malone at center, and guards Magic Johnson and George Gervin. But personally I would substitute Sidney Moncrief of Milwaukee for San Antonio's Gervin on the basis of greater all-around value.

And if I really wanted to put together a winning combination, I'd have a point guard like Maurice Cheeks or Norm Nixon instead of either one of them.

However you look at it, there has never been such quality talent in the history of the sport when you have a second team featuring Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Marques Johnson.

FRANKLY, I'M beginning to believe Frank Kush has taken a bad rap in the John Elway case. It's obvious that the young quarterback's father, Jack, didn't want his son playing for the hard-nosed coach of the Baltimore Colts.

But Frank was smart enough to realize that and genuinely tried to deal the rights to Elway before the draft. The other NFL teams, realizing his bid, tried to snooker him with unrealistic offers (except for the Raiders).

The ludicrous guy in the case is Baltimore owner

Bob Irsay, who made the ridiculous deal with Denver all on his own.

CAN YOU BELIEVE the Kings, Billie Jean and Larry, are still trying to foist their hokey Team Tennis off on a public that's not buying? It has been a consistent license to lose money simply because tennis, like golf, is an individual endeavor and there's no reason any city should rally behind a bunch of hired Hessians imported to pick up a few bucks between stops on the tournament trail.

AS FAR AS I'M concerned, George Brett doesn't have to do any more to convince me he's up there with the great hitters in baseball history, a guy who merits rank with the likes of Ted Williams as a virtuoso of the bat.

Not only does he connect consistently — a claim which can also be made for Rod Carew — but he does it with ringing power. That quality puts him in a class by himself among today's players.

BILLY BALL (the horse) may have his adherents, but the guys in my profession are rallying behind Blackie Sherrod (also the horse).

Named for the esteemed wit of the Dallas Times-Herald, whose hair has long since turned to white, the colt recently made several of the guys in the press box at Golden Gate Fields richer to the tune of a \$104 payoff.

The original Blackie Sherrod has good staying power, too.

ON ANOTHER media note, two San Francisco columnists working on the same paper took diametrically opposing views on controversial outfielder Jack Clark after his recent annual blast at the Giants' organization. One said trade him. The other said you got to keep him.

Myself, I think the petulant, erratic Clark is not worth the million bucks they'll have to pay him next year. He makes horrible gaffs in right field. And he's strictly a streak hitter who can't carry a team consistently.

Women's State Bowling Roundup

Standings in the Texas Women's Bowling Association Tournament at San Angelo through May 8 are listed below.

Open Division
 1. Fort Worth Texans, Fort Worth, 3118 (record); 2. Four Dals & One Fort, Dallas, 2801; 3. Stadium Lane-Pro Shop, San Angelo, 2720.

Class A
 1. (tie) Big Spring Bowl A Rama, Big Spring, 2683; Mid Coast Logging & Perforating, Victoria, 2683; 2. The Farm House, Waco, 2671; 3. The Great Cover Up Co., San Antonio, 2634.

Class B
 1. First National B.C. No. One, Copperas Cove, 2603; 2. Dreyer Cigarettes, San Angelo, 2577; 3. Acme Brick, San Angelo, 2545.

Class C
 1. Party of Five, Seguin, 2488; 2. Lucky Ladies, Kingsville, 2471; 3. Pats

Sweet Shop, Schulenburg, 2435.

Class D
 1. Industrial Electric Motor Company, Longview, 2331; 2. Newtimers No. Two, San Angelo, 2322; 3. Hlavaty's, El Campo, 2306.

Class E
 1. Bionic Balls, Burleson, 2165; 2. (tie) Amber Sky Coffee Shop, Uvalde, 2154, and Samuels Hardware, San Angelo, 2154; 3. Fred's Body Shop, Denton, 2152.

Novice Division
 1. Ron Krispy Fried Chicken, El Campo, 2088; 2. One of Five, Fort Stockton, 2048; 3. St. John's Hospital, San Angelo, 2036.

DOUBLES
Open Division
 1. Pat Brown-Jan Eisenhut, San Angelo, 1143; 2. Thelma Washington-Iva Cash, Houston, 1119; 3. Donna Dillon-Linda Braswell,

Greenville, 1113.

Class A
 1. Cora Lunan-Sheila Acke, San Antonio, 1093; 2. Judie Keeton-Linda King, Odessa, 1083; 3. Linda Cox-Jennifer Koolojaco, Rosenberg-Richmond, 1060.

Class B
 1. Paula Hicks-Elaine Block, Brownwood-San Angelo, 1078; 2. Rita-Shaffer-Marjorie Jones, San Angelo, 1070; 3. Kathy Caudill-Betty Alfred, Lubbock, 1039.

Class C
 1. Shirley Middleton-Coelette Shipp, Brownwood, 1052; 2. Waynelle Couch-Joy Bunch, Hereford, 1043; 3. (tie) Betty Gooden-Jo Stewart, Fort Worth, and Bonnie Thomas-Carol Kendricks, Odessa, 1013.

Class D
 1. Patsy Goolsby-Paula Kimbrough, San Angelo,

1008; 2. Rose Boyd-Connie Simpson, Amarillo, 986; 3. Delma McCafferty-Blannie Sams, Longview, 974.

Class E
 1. Linda Donais-Judy Oakley, Amarillo, 933; 2. Dottie Love-Donna Maddox, Seguin, 892; 3. (tie) LaFayne Porter-Evelyn Studdard, Copperas Cove, 875, and Dorothea Dorrance-Lura Kelly, San Angelo, 875.

Novice Division
 1. June Davis-Patsy Gardner, Austin, 921; 2. Lisa Gann-Lena Tucker, Cameron, 893; 3. Tina Batey-Billie Splawn, San Antonio, 838.

SINGLES
Open Division
 1. Mary Etheridge, Luling, 630; 2. Sue Gregory, Dallas, 626; 3. Kat LeCroy, Fort Worth, 611.

Class A
 1. Freda Robertson,

Yoakum Co., 579; 2. Cliffla Hogue, Midland, 576; 3. Edna Lumpkin, Bryan-College Station, 575.

Class B
 1. Linda Barnes, Seguin, 595; 2. (tie) Mary Wilson, Austin, and Billie Bonds, Yoakum Co., 575; 3. Elaine Kitchens, Orange, 572.

Class C
 1. Joyce Ellis, Houston, 561; 2. Nancy Simpson, Austin, 557; 3. Cora Barnes, Austin, 552.

Class D
 1. Margie Sanders, San Angelo, 541; 2. Janet Dunham, Baytown, 528; 3. (tie) Clara Faught, Copperas Cove, 508, and Mary McCammon, San Antonio, 508.

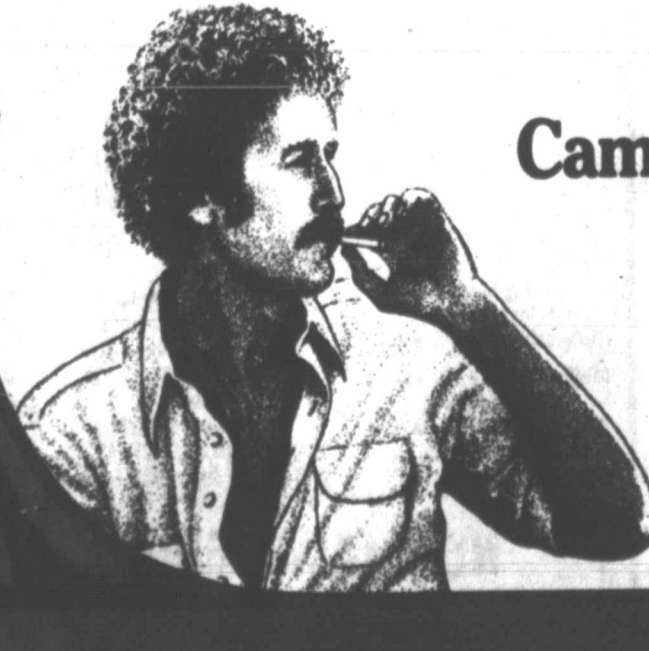
Class E
 1. Leanne Sumner, Houston, 516; 2. Melissa O'Harrow, San Angelo, 504; 3. Bobbie Ross, Amarillo, 503.

Novice Division
 1. Terry Sims, Amarillo, 463; 2. Lisa Kingsley, Hopkins, 455; 3. Dorothy Mizell, Houston, 453.

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Open Division
 1. Regina Hillier, Amarillo, 1889; 2. Donna Dillon, Greenville, 1754; 3. Jan Eisenhut, San Angelo, 1749.

Class A
 1. Louise Powell, Kerrville, 1617; 2. Eula Lavergne, Orange, 1604; 3. Melaney Gorrell, Montgomery Co., 1602.



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